

CLAUDIA TENNEY (NY-22) Research Report

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Key Findings

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After first not taking coronavirus seriously, Tenney then supported dangerous and unfair measures that would expose more people to infection and benefit companies. *Tenney accused Nancy Pelosi of inserting a "wish list" into coronavirus relief legislation and of abusing her power. During the coronavirus pandemic, Tenney said the United States was over-reliant on China and that it could not be trusted.*

Claudia Tenney: Embarrassment To The District

Tenney habitually makes baseless character attacks on her Democratic opponent... *Tenney has shown a willingness to stoop to new lows in order to smear those she disagrees with, including making distasteful racially charged attacks at her opponent's Italian heritage, implying that his young family would impede his ability to represent the district, and referring to him as a "sewer dweller." Tenney's campaign labeled Brindisi's family "criminal" and thuggish" in a memo shared with staff, which was later condemned. Tenney argued it had nothing to do with Brindisi's ethnicity, but that her campaign had been the victim of aggression and intimidation from the Brindisi campaign. She additionally said she was offended by accusations of being anti-Italian. Tenney alleged*

Brindisi had familial connections to organized crime through his father. Tenney repeatedly called Brindisi names, including “CreepyBiden Pelosi Puppet,” “TwoFacedTony” and a “DarkMoney Kingpin.”

...Democrats in general... *Tenney has repeatedly made outlandish comments about Democrats in general, implying that they are “un-American” and stating “many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats” – a statistic she evidently picked up from an internet meme. In 2019, Tenney said it was “patently false” that she said Democrats were mass murderers, and said it was libelous to say so. Tenney said professors at Colgate University and Hamilton College have no interest in the community, and were coming in as transients “selling socialism.”*

...the Oneida Indian Nation and its leaders... *Tenney has a longstanding feud with the Oneida Indian Nation, and represented an anti-Indian hate group in a lawsuit against them. She also has referred to local Indian leader Ray Halbritter as “Spray Tan Ray,” and claimed that he was misrepresenting his heritage. Tenney additionally accused Halbritter of not paying taxes and enriching himself at the expense of the Oneida people. In 2020, Tenney continued to demean the Oneida Indian Nation by falsely calling it a corporation that had no-tax status.*

...and the media. *Echoing Trump, Tenney has declared war on the media, calling it “the single biggest destructive force” in America, and losing her temper at a reporter on camera before yelling, “Fake news! You’re fake news!” and storming off during an interview. Tenney repeatedly attacked local newspapers. Tenney called the Courier News “a Democratic operative by George Soros” and the DCCC. Tenney called the Utica Observer-Dispatch, the main source of news in the Mohawk Valley, a disgrace and said it had no interest in investigative journalism. Tenney accused The Post-Standard of orchestrating a hit job against her with its story on her campaign contributions from Igor Fruman.*

Tenney defended indefensible behaviors and statements from Trump’s White House and members of her party. *Tenney defended alleged perpetrators of sexual harassment and domestic abuse in her party and in the Administration, saying of disgraced former White House aide Rob Porter: “I’ve seen cases where somebody hurts themselves and they go in and blame their ex-husband. Or their ex-husband to be. The person wasn’t even there.” Tenney defended Trump’s infamous “both sides” comments on the white supremacist violence in Charlottesville, at which a counter-protestor was killed. Tenney gave Trump the benefit of the doubt when he attacked her constituents in Upstate New York, saying she hoped they were “taken out of context.” Tenney staunchly defended Trump and his family against accusations of Russian interference in the 2016 election and Trump’s private interactions with Putin. Tenney was so extreme a former Republican representative of the district endorsed Brindisi.*

Tenney engaged in name-calling and arguments with former constituents and strangers on social media, and derided people who appeared to oppose her or Republicans. *Tenney said a Twitter user suffered from TDS of “Trump Derangement Syndrome.” Tenney called the mayor of Utica’s request for reimbursement for Trump’s visit the result of “sour grapes.” Tenney said any dairy farmers who supported Brindisi were not real business owners.*

Despite Losing Re-Election, Tenney Is Still Swampy As Ever

Tenney’s 2020 Congressional campaign had the full backing of Trump and other Washington Republicans as she embraced swamp behavior. *After Trump endorsed her, Tenney touted the endorsement on Twitter and added her support for Trump’s re-election. Kevin McCarthy and Steve Scalise endorsed Tenney. Tenney was added to the NRCC’s Young Guns program. Tenney launched her campaign in October 2019 after the NRCC recruited her to run the previous summer.*

Tenney remained staunchly defensive of Trump during impeachment, saying he had done nothing criminal and there was nothing wrong with his call with Ukrainian president Zelensky. *Tenney called Brindisi’s vote for impeachment a political calculation, and said he would receive campaign cash for his reelection in exchange for voting for impeachment. Tenney said she would have criticized Brindisi no matter what stance he took on impeachment. Tenney said Trump had not done anything criminal. Tenney belittled Marie Yovanovitch as “phony”*

the day of her public testimony and said she did not have any relevant knowledge. Tenney accused Brindisi of siding with New York and California after he voted to formalize the impeachment inquiry. Tenney dodged a question when asked directly whether it was wrong for the president to ask a foreign power to investigate a private citizen. Tenney called the whistleblower a “secondhand whistleblower” and expressed suspicion over whistleblower protection laws.

Tenney accepted campaign contributions from Igor Fruman, an indicted associate of Rudy Giuliani. *Tenney said she never met Igor Fruman, and accused Brindisi of engaging in “willful deceit” in the impeachment inquiry. There is no evidence that Tenney donated campaign contributions from Igor Fruman to charity as she claimed.*

Tenney Was An Ineffective, Inaccessible Representative

Tenney had an unsuccessful legislative record in Congress. *Tenney did not get any individually sponsored bills signed into law during her time in Congress. Tenney routinely complained about Brindisi’s Congressional accomplishments and took credit for them. Tenney said that Brindisi reintroduced her bills without crediting her. Tenney took credit for the SPOONSS Act which Brindisi introduced and was signed into law. Tenney did not call a recorded vote on the SPOONSS Act after it failed by voice vote.*

While in office, Tenney has repeatedly dodged her constituents. *Of holding a town hall, she said, “My job isn’t to stand in a room and in Jerry Springer Show fashion get yelled and screamed at.” In 2019, Tenney called town halls “support group shouting session for the #Resisters” Tenney didn’t agree to a fair, public debate with Brindisi because she didn’t want “300 liberal resisters” in one room. In September 2018, Tenney claimed she had held over 30 town halls or “open forums” and over 100 group meetings. In July 2018, Tenney said Democrats had “bastardized the concept of town halls” and accused Brindisi of only speaking to Democrats.*

Thematics

Tenney Works For Washington Special Interests, Not New York

Significant Findings

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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](#)]

...Wall Street Banks...

New York Times: “Financial Institutions Are Among The Biggest Winners So Far, Reaping Benefits From A Lower Corporate Rate And More Preferable Tax Treatment For So-Called Pass-Through Companies.” “The nation’s banks are finding a lot to love about the Trump administration’s tax cuts. The \$1.5 trillion tax overhaul signed into law late last year provided deep and lasting tax cuts to all types of businesses, but financial institutions are among the biggest winners so far, reaping benefits from a lower corporate rate and more preferable tax treatment for so-called pass-through companies, which include many small banks. While some of the biggest banks are reporting fourth-quarter earnings hits stemming from the new tax law, they see rich benefits over the long term, including effective tax rates that are even lower than the new 21 percent corporate rate.” [New York Times, [1/16/18](#)]

HEADLINE: The Biggest U.S. Banks Made \$2.5 Billion From Tax Law—In One Quarter. [Wall Street Journal, [4/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Bank Profits Soar To Record \$56 Billion On Tax Cuts. [Washington Examiner, [5/22/18](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$326,338 From The Securities And Investment Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$121,850 From Commercial Banks During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$75,800 From The “Misc. Finance” Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$51,427 From Finance/Credit Companies During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

...Insurance Companies...

Axios: “Large Health Insurance Companies Would Be Among The Biggest Winners Under Republicans’ Tax Overhaul Bill.” “Large health insurance companies would be among the biggest winners under Republicans’ tax overhaul bill. Nearly all of their business is based in the U.S. and they consequently pay close to the full 35% corporate tax rate. The bottom line: Cutting the corporate tax rate to 20% would instantly boost insurers’ profits.” [Axios, [12/11/17](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$162,380 From The Insurance Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

...Oil Companies...

HEADLINE: Inside the Tax Bill’s \$25 Billion Oil Company Bonanza. [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

Pacific Standard: “The Oil And Gas Industry... Are Among The Tax Bill’s Largest And Most Long-Lasting Financial Beneficiaries.” “Pacific Standard’s original analysis finds that it is the oil and gas industry, including companies that backed the presidency of Trump and whose former executives and current boosters now populate it, that are among the tax bill’s largest and most long-lasting financial beneficiaries. Just 17 American oil and gas

companies reported a combined total of \$25 billion in direct one-time benefits from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Many of the companies will also receive millions of dollars in income tax refunds this year.” [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

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Tenney Accepted \$141,940 From The Oil & Gas Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

... And Pharmaceutical 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](#)]

Career: Tenney Received \$15,950 From The Pharmaceutical Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

Tenney Donor Pfizer Pocketed A Tax Cut After The Republican Tax Scam Bill, But Ended Investment In Alzheimer’s And Parkinson’s Research

Tenney Received \$2,500 From Pfizer Inc PAC In 2018. [FEC, [9/30/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Pfizer, Pocketing A Big Tax Cut From Trump, Will End Investment In Alzheimer’s And Parkinson’s Research. [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Pfizer Said It Was Shutting Down Its Research Efforts On Treatments For Alzheimer’s And Parkinsonism, Resulting In The Loss Of 300 Jobs. “The big drug company Pfizer seems intent on being a pace-setter in cranking out the benefits of the tax cut to stakeholders who need them the least. In an announcement over the weekend, Pfizer said it was shutting down its research efforts on treatments for Alzheimer’s and Parkinsonism. The company didn’t say how much it was spending on the two conditions, but said about 300 researchers will lose their jobs as it redirects its research and development budget elsewhere.” [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Pfizer Was Expected To Be A Prime Beneficiary Of The Corporate Tax Cut; Pfizer Was Estimated To Save More Than \$5 Billion. “Pfizer is expected to be among the prime beneficiaries of the corporate tax cut. The measure allows companies to pay a tax rate as low as 8% on foreign earnings they bring home, a big discount from

the 21% top rate the law assesses on domestic earnings, itself a big cut from the previous rate of 35%. By some estimates, that could be worth more than \$5 billion to Pfizer alone, not counting any gains from the lower tax rate.” [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Pfizer Signaled It Would Apply Tax Savings To At Least \$10 Billion In Share Buybacks For Their Investors. “As it happens, Pfizer signaled how it would apply the tax savings even before the final passage of the tax bill: The company announced a \$10-billion share buyback on Dec. 18, four days before President Trump signed the tax cut into law. That buyback was on top of \$6.4 billion left to be spent from a previous buyback plan, and was accompanied by a 6% increase in the company’s stock dividend, which will be worth roughly another half-billion dollars a year.” [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Tenney Pledged Not To Vote For Any Additional Spending That Added To The Debt, But Voted To Balloon The Deficit And Raise Taxes On Middle Class New Yorkers

Tenney Said If Elected She “Will Not Vote For Any Additional Spending That Adds To The Debt”

Said She “Will Not Vote For Any Additional Spending That Adds To The Debt.” “She knows first-hand how an overreaching government can make the American dream become the impossible dream. Obama and the Washington establishment in Congress have run up over \$18 trillion in fiscal operating debt and over \$200 trillion in unfunded liabilities. The operating debt alone is larger than entire American economy. This is unsustainable and immoral. She challenged the big spenders in Albany and will do the same in Washington by bringing kitchen table common sense to their committee rooms. She will not vote for any additional spending that adds to the debt and will scour the budget to eliminate wasteful spending to protect the country’s financial health for our children’s future.” [Claudia for Congress Campaign Site, accessed [6/06/16](#)]

Wrote Op-Ed Supporting Cutting The Bureaucracy In DC. “Finally, we need to rein in DC. It’s time DC face the same struggles the rest of us do. We have over 2 million bureaucrats dictating every aspect of our lives, from the EPA to the Department of Education. Let states and local communities decide on how to educate our children and what trees we plant in our backyards.” [The Daily Caller, [4/05/16](#)]

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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](#)]

Under The Tax Scam Tenney Voted For, 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](#)]

...Including Hundreds Of Thousands Of New Yorkers

New York Times Editorial Board: “Many Taxpayers In States Like California, New Jersey And New York Will Be Hit With Higher Tax Bills When They File Their 2018 Tax Returns.” “The poll also found that high-income people were more likely to notice that their take-home pay had gone up. That’s because Republicans designed the law to principally benefit wealthy families while offering crumbs to low-income and middle class families. Those crumbs, by the way, disappear after a few years. Further, many taxpayers in states like California, New Jersey and

New York will be hit with higher tax bills when they file their 2018 tax returns and realize that they can now only deduct up to \$10,000 in state and local taxes.” [New York Times, Editorial, [2/25/18](#)]

2018: After-Tax Income Would Increase Less Than 1.5 Percent In Only Three States, Including New York. “In most states the average change in after-tax income in 2018 is close to the national average of 1.8percent (figure 1). However, the tax cut will exceed 2.1percent of after-tax income in seven states (Alaska, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming) and fall below 1.5 percent of after-tax income in three states (California, New York, and Oregon).” [Tax Policy Center, [3/28/18](#)]

2018: More Than 8 Percent Of Taxpayers In New York Would Experience A Tax Increase Under The Law. “The percentage of taxpayers with a tax increase from the major individual provisions (figure 2) will range from less than 4 percent in six states (Alaska, Indiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming) and more than 8 percent in six states (California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York), with tax increases for more than 9 percent of taxpayers in Maryland, New Jersey and the District of Columbia.” [Tax Policy Center, [3/28/18](#)]

2027: In Aggregate, Taxes Would Increase For New Yorkers Making Less Than \$121,700. In total, taxes would increase for those making less than \$121,700, while those making greater than or equal to that amount would continue to receive tax cuts.

Effects of Trump Tax Bill In New York By Income Level In 2027	
Average Income	Total Tax Change (Thousands)
\$18,900	\$124,300
\$43,600	\$109,200
\$72,000	\$38,400
\$121,700	-\$145,500
\$227,000	-\$383,300
\$607,400	-\$494,600
\$4,425,000	-\$1,450,900

[Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, accessed [6/29/18](#)]

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](#)]

Tenney’s Support Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Drew Criticism From Her Own Party At Home

Republican State Sen. Joseph Griffo Criticized Tenney’s Vote For The Republican Tax Bill. “State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-Rome, also criticized Tenney’s decision. ‘I understand the need for tax reform and relief at all levels of government — particularly the state — and am pleased that the federal government is undertaking this matter. However, taking a vote that would penalize New Yorkers isn’t in the best interest of real reform and relief,’ Griffo said in an emailed statement. ‘I was hopeful that the New York Congressional Delegation would have remained unified in its advocacy for the people of the state they represent.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [11/16/17](#)]

Tenney Lied And Said The Tax Cuts Had Already Paid For Themselves

July 2018: Tenney Claimed “The Tax Cuts Have Already Been Paid For In Six Months.” “We have already paid for the tax cuts with the growth in the economy, which is not being talked about. The tax cuts have ready been paid for in six months. Imagine if we continue to roll back regulations and continue to put the economy on overdrive like we are right now and get the employees that we need to fill these businesses and bring the jobs back.” [WUTQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Tenney’s Claim Was Rated “Four Pinocchios” By The Washington Post Fact Checker. “Tenney said Trump’s tax cuts had paid for themselves in six months and wondered why no one was covering this story. Maybe because it’s totally wrong. The congresswoman seems to have gotten her wires crossed, confusing total economic growth with tax revenue collections. Her revised claim that Trump’s tax cuts are on a 10-year path to pay for themselves is also extremely dicey, so we award Four Pinocchios.” [Washington Post, [7/11/18](#)]

Tenney Sided With Cable Companies Like Spectrum Over Her Constituents

Tenney Accepted \$31,000 From The Telecom Services Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle

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Tenney Accepted \$8,500 From The Telecommunications Industry During The 2016 Election Cycle. [The Verge, [3/29/17](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$2,500 From Charter Communications Inc. PAC On March 21, 2017. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [8/6/18](#)]

...And Voted To Let Them Sell Users’ Personal Information Without Their Consent

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Sensitive Information. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information, such as web browsing history, geolocation information, content of communications and Social Security numbers; to take reasonable measures to secure customer information; and to notify customers, the commission and law enforcement when a data breach occurs that could result in harm.” The resolution passed (thus

cleared for the president) by a vote of 215-205. A “yea” was a vote in support of the president’s position. [SJRes 34, [Vote #202](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

FCC Rule Nullified By Congress Required ISPs To Meet Industry Standards On Security, Protecting User Data From Theft And Fraud. “What is the House voting on, exactly? Technically known as ‘a joint resolution of congressional disapproval,’ the House voted on a measure that would repeal what policy experts refer to as simply the FCC’s broadband privacy rules. The measure will now go to the White House. What are these rules Republicans are trying to repeal? The broadband privacy rules do several things [...] The FCC rules require Internet providers to meet industry standards on security, protecting user data from theft and fraud. House voted to repeal the rules. What happens now? Assuming Trump signs the measure, Internet providers will be freed from those obligations, which would otherwise have taken effect later this year. With this data, Internet providers can sell highly targeted ads, making them rivals to Google and Facebook, analysts say. Internet providers also will be free to use customer data in other ways, such as selling the information directly to data brokers that target lucrative or vulnerable demographics.” [Washington Post, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$31,000 In Campaign Contributions From Telecom Companies Like Spectrum/Charter, Who Received A \$9 Billion Tax Benefit From The Bill, But Had Raised Rates On Customers

Tenney Accepted \$31,000 From The Telecom Services Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Took \$15,000 In Contributions From Charter Communications Inc. PAC In The 2018 Election Cycle. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [8/6/18](#)]

“Spectrum” Was The Brand Name For Charter Communications’ Cable TV And Broadband Services After Charter’s Acquisition Of Time Warner Cable. “But gradually, in the coming months, Charter will strip away Time Warner Cable and Bright House’s names and introduce its own branding. This means the much-maligned Time Warner Cable (TWC) name -- a piece of cable television history -- is going away. The newly enlarged Charter is now one of the biggest television providers in the country, standing alongside Comcast (CMCSA), AT&T (T) and Verizon (VZ). Charter (CHTR) calls its cable TV and broadband services ‘Spectrum.’ ‘One of our first major initiatives in implementing the Charter Playbook is to streamline our product pricing and packaging and introduce our consumer-facing brand, Spectrum,’ Charter CEO Tom Rutledge told employees in an email message.” [CNN, [5/18/16](#)]

December 2017: Many Charter Spectrum Customers Saw Up To 40% Rate Hikes In Wake Of Charter’s Acquisition Of Time Warner Cable. “Charter Spectrum is joining Cox, AT&T/DirecTV, Comcast and numerous other cable and broadband providers in raising rates in the new year. Users in our Charter forum note the company’s TV and broadband bundles will all see notable increases starting in 2018. But lest you place the blame entirely at the feet of broadcasters, Charter’s also significantly raising prices on the rates it charges to rent everything from digital adapters to DVR hardware. For good measure, Charter execs are also jacking up the company’s misleading ‘broadcast TV fee’ (which lets the company falsely advertise a lower rate) from \$7.50 per month to \$8.85 per month. This is of course on top of the rate hikes of up to 40% many users had already seen in the wake of Charter’s \$79 billion acquisition of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. Needless to say, customers that were already angry over the company’s botched handling of the merger aren’t particularly pleased.” [DSL Reports, [12/26/17](#)]

February 2018: Charter Announced Its Quarterly Profit Had “Surged Due To A \$9.3 Billion Benefit Related To” The Passage Of The Republican Tax Bill. “U.S. cable operator Charter Communications Inc (CHTR.O) said on Friday its quarterly profit surged due to a \$9.3 billion benefit related to the recent changes in U.S. corporate tax laws.” [Reuters, [2/2/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Charter Communications Profit Surges On \$9.3 Billion Tax Reform Benefit.” [Reuters, [2/2/18](#)]

Telecom Companies Will See An “Enormous Boost In After-Tax Profits.” “Telecom companies, which pay the highest effective tax rates on average, will see an enormous boost in after-tax profits, according to Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices. Companies that have already reduced their effective tax rates into the single digits, like General Electric (GE), will see little to no benefit.” [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

Tenney Voted To Cut Medicare And Social Security, Which Thousands Of Her Constituents Rely On

Tenney Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget

Tenney Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

House Budget Resolution Proposed Cutting Net Medicare Spending By \$487 Billion And Proposed Voucherizing The Program

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](#)]

AARP Called On The House To Reject A Budget Resolution That Senate Dems Said Would Cut Medicare Spending By \$473 Billion. “The AARP is calling on the House to reject potential cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and food stamps in the current budget resolution. In a letter sent to lawmakers Wednesday, AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the proposals in the budget that could result in cuts to Medicare, or change it to a defined contribution model, should be rejected. ‘We urge you not to include attempts to cut Medicare benefits or increase beneficiary costs in the upcoming budget proposal,’ the letter said. The letter comes on the heels of a report prepared by Senate Democrats that shows the budget could slash Medicare spending by \$473 billion over a decade. While the cuts would be part of the fiscal year 2018 budget resolution, they are not detailed in any of the public documents and there are no policy proposals that show how the cuts would be enacted. Instead, charts prepared for committee staff

obtained by The Hill show that the cuts would be necessary in order to achieve a balanced budget.” [The Hill, [10/4/17](#)]

AARP: House Budget Resolution Cut Medicare By \$487 Billion. “The House of Representatives passed a budget on Thursday that would cut Medicare by \$487 billion over the next decade, recommends raising the eligibility age and opens the door to transforming the health insurance plan into a voucher program.” [AARP, [10/6/17](#)]

AARP Headline: “Medicare On Chopping Block In House Budget.” [AARP, [10/6/17](#)]

House Budget Changed Medicare To A “Premium Support” Program. “Saves and strengthens Medicare by moving to a premium support system that gives seniors more control of their health care. This lowers costs for beneficiaries and the government through increased competition while also maintaining the option for traditional Medicare.” [House Budget Committee, FY18 Budget Summary, accessed [10/5/17](#)]

CBPP: FY18 Budget As Passed By House Budget Committee “Would Cut Medicare Spending By \$487 Billion Over The 2018-27 Period, Largely By Shifting More Health Care Costs To Beneficiaries.” “The 2018 budget resolution that the House Budget Committee approved this week would end Medicare’s guarantee of health coverage by converting the program to a premium support system. Overall, it would cut Medicare spending by \$487 billion over the 2018-27 period, largely by shifting more health care costs to beneficiaries. President Trump’s budget, by contrast, would spare Medicare from cuts.” [CBPP, [7/21/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House GOP budget partially privatizes Medicare, slashes Medicaid [Buffalo News, [7/20/17](#)]

2017 House Budget Plan Would “Partially Privatize Medicare.” “Perhaps most notably, the spending plan revives House Speaker Paul Ryan’s plan to partially privatize Medicare over the next decade in hopes of saving \$487 billion. [...] In essence, the GOP plan – if enacted into law in follow-up legislation – would force seniors to choose between traditional Medicare, HMO-like Medicare Advantage plans and a host of new options offered by private insurers.” [Buffalo News, [7/20/17](#)]

House Budget Resolution Cut Social Security Disability Insurance By \$4 Billion; Did Not Cut Seniors’ Benefits But Included “Fast Track” Procedure That Could Lead To Future Cuts

Center For American Progress: House Budget Resolution Proposed \$4 Billion In Cuts To Social Security Disability Insurance Over Ten Years. “President Trump’s budget broke his promise to not cut Social Security, and the House budget doubles down on this betrayal, proposing \$4 billion in cuts to Social Security benefits over the next decade. The budget targets Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Specifically, the budget proposes preventing unemployed workers with disabilities from receiving both the SSDI and unemployment insurance benefits they have earned. This proposal would reduce economic security for workers with disabilities who have lost a job through no fault of their own, as well as their families.” [Center for American Progress, [7/18/17](#)]

National Committee To Protect Social Security And Medicare: House Budget Included “Fast Track” Procedure That Could Lead To Social Security Cuts. “The House budget resolution calls for the President to submit a plan to be considered under ‘expedited procedures’ to reform Social Security if the Social Security Trustees determine the Trust Funds do not meet a 75-year actuarial balance. This ‘fast track’ procedure has been proposed previously by those seeking a way to circumvent public scrutiny of proposals to reduce Social Security programs.” [National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare, Press Release, [8/2/17](#)]

Tenney Said That Medicaid “Needs To Be Trimmed”

Tenney, 2017: “Medicaid Needs To Be Trimmed Across The Nation Because Of Our Debt.” “The federal budget and health care - two contentious issues polarizing Congress. Among those facing tough decisions is Rep.

Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford. She agrees with a plan to cut Medicare, but she wants to save other programs she said are vital to the people in her district. In President Donald Trump 's \$4.1 trillion budget proposal that was released Tuesday, programs such as Medicaid could be in line for major cuts. 'Look, we are facing a \$20 trillion debt,' Tenney said Thursday. 'Our deficit is enormous and there's areas, especially in Medicaid, where we can try to minimize the fraud, abuse and streamline the program. I don't see how it would directly hurt New York state based on our percentage share, but Medicaid needs to be trimmed across the nation because of our debt.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 5/26/17]

Tenney Voted To Repeal Health Care Protections For Her Constituents And Opposed Measures To Bring Down The Cost Of Prescription Drugs

Tenney Voted For Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

2017: Tenney Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

2017: Tenney Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law's joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims." The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Syracuse Post-Standard: Tenney, Trump And Other Republicans Celebrated AHCA Passage "As If It Were The Super Bowl." "Meanwhile, President Trump and House Republicans, including Tenney, celebrated passage of the healthcare bill as if it were the Super Bowl. But it is only the first step in a long legislative process. The Senate plans to start on its own Obamacare replacement bill with a blank sheet of paper. Alas, the wrangling has just begun." [Syracuse Post-Standard, Editorial, [5/17/17](#)]

Press & Sun-Bulletin: Tenney And Reed's Votes For AHCA Showed They Represent Trump More Than Their Constituents. "Irresponsible. We can think of no better word to define the behavior of the Southern Tier region's two members of Congress on Thursday. Rep. Tom Reed of Corning (R-23rd District) and Rep. Claudia Tenney of New Hartford (R-22nd District) voted in favor of what President Donald Trump is touting as a replacement of Obamacare. By doing so, they have shown they represent Trump — who was dying for a 'win' in his first 100 days — more than their constituents in the Southern Tier. They have turned their backs on New Yorkers who stand to lose health care under this mangled legislation." [Press & Sun-Bulletin, Editorial, [5/5/17](#)]

Tenney Said That The American Health Care Act Would Not Have A Major Impact On Health Care In New York

Tenney Said AHCA Would Not Have Had A Major Impact On Health Care In New York. In an interview with Spectrum News, Tenney stated: "The American Health Care Act as it was before, before we got to this new amendment, wouldn't have had much of an impact at all on our healthcare as it is, because it built in, we already have essential health benefits, 1-to-1 community rating. I will say on the new proposal with preexisting conditions,

if we're to allow other insurance companies to come in and compete across state lines and not have to comply, and also not to be required to cover preexisting conditions, that could actually cause an unlevel playing field in New York and we don't want that to happen to our existing companies [...] So I want to take a look at it and see what the actual impact is going to be on New York voters. I still like the amendment – again the American Health Care Act is not perfect, it's really just a repeal and replace that really just amends what was Obamacare in New York, as far as the implications for us." [Spectrum News, [4/27/17](#)]

Tenney Praised The MacArthur Amendment, But Said That She Didn't Expect It To Affect Her

Constituents. "Tenney said she also liked the MacArthur amendment, which allows states to get waivers to charge some patients more if their coverage lapses for more than 63 days, but said she doesn't expect it to affect her constituents because New York is highly unlikely to apply for a waiver. But Democrats and many health care providers have argued vehemently that pulling a major source of funding from Medicaid will spell disaster for the program and for the health care system. Critics of the health care plan also have argued that patients with pre-existing conditions could end up facing exorbitantly high costs in states that seek waivers to allow insurers to charge different premium prices to some patients. But Tenney argued that the bill protects people with pre-existing conditions and allocates billions to help them cover premiums and out-of-pockets costs. 'There's a lot of money being plugged back into this. That's why a lot of conservatives held their noses and voted for this,' she said." [Times Telegram, 5/15/17]

Tenney Supported The Collins-Faso Amendment Included In AHCA, A Cost-Shifting Scheme Targeting New York Specifically Which Would Have Led To State Tax Increases, Major Cuts To Health Care, Or Both

Tenney Supported The Collins-Faso Amendment, Which Targeted What She Described As New York's Irresponsible Management Of Its Medicaid Program. "Tenney said she was initially reluctant to vote for the act, but that she pushed for some amendments that will add more protections for seniors and the disabled. And the Collins-Faso amendment takes aim at what she described as New York's irresponsible fiscal management of its Medicaid program, the one with the third highest per capita expenditures in the country. 'It's probably the largest mandate relief to hit Oneida County in its history. It's something everyone should be supporting,' she said. The state could easily make up the county's share, she contended. The state has said that Medicaid would lose \$2.3 billion through the amendment, which only affects New York, and that the state, local governments and hospitals would lose another \$4.5 billion through other provisions in the act. An analysis released Wednesday put the toll on hospitals in Tenney's district at \$28.1 million." [Observer-Dispatch, 3/23/17]

New York Times: Faso-Collins "Could Shift Costs To State Taxpayers" And Cost New York \$2.3 Billion In Matching Federal Aid. "House Republican leaders, trying to lock down the votes of wavering upstate New York Republicans, inserted a last-minute special provision in their health care bill that would shift Medicaid costs from New York's counties to its state government. The move — one of a number of late changes designed to gain more votes — would affect New York State only. It could save county governments outside of New York City \$2.3 billion a year. But it could shift costs to state taxpayers or deny New York that same total in matching federal aid if the state continues to require those counties to contribute to the cost of Medicaid. Upstate New York Republicans, backed by local government officials, pressed for the measure over the angry opposition of New York's Democratic governor, Andrew M. Cuomo." [The New York Times, [3/20/17](#)]

Cuomo Said New York Would Require A \$2.3 Billion "Faso-Collins Federal Tax" To Replace Lost Medicaid Funds If The Amendment Became Law. "Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Monday warned of the need for a new \$2.3 billion tax to offset the cost of the state absorbing county Medicaid expenses if an add-on to federal health care legislation is signed into law. The bill currently before the U.S. Senate preserves an amendment tacked onto the House version that would require New York state — and New York state alone — to absorb county Medicaid costs beginning in 2020. Cuomo wrote in a letter to members of Congress that state taxpayers will face a "Faso-Collins Federal Tax' added onto local property taxes' if the provision makes it into law. Though the language of the letter is

a bit vague, the Daily News reported earlier Monday that the proposed new Faso-Collins tax would actually be listed as a line item on county property tax bills.” [Albany Times Union, [6/27/17](#)]

Citizens Budget Commission President Said State Would Need New Revenue Streams To Replace Medicaid Funding Cuts In Health Bill, Including Faso-Collins. “But Carol Kellermann, president of the independent Citizens Budget Commission based in New York City, said that the cuts to Medicaid funding would create a need for new revenue streams, as there would be a greater burden on the state to cover health care costs. The proposed tax is therefore not just a response to the amendment by Collins and Faso, but an attempt to find revenue to pay for all expected costs. ‘The governor isn’t just looking to the immediate \$2.3 billion,’ said Kellermann. ‘He’s probably thinking down the road of many more billions of dollars if he’s got to pick up costs.’” [City & State NY, [6/26/17](#)]

New York Began A “Monumental Medicaid Redesign” In 2011 That Is Expected To Save The State \$17.1 Billion. “New York is midway through a monumental initiative begun in 2011 to redesign the costly Medicaid program, the largest purchaser of health services in the state for its 6.2 million beneficiaries [...] New York received a waiver in 2015 from the federal government that allows the state to keep \$8 billion of \$17.1 billion in savings the state expects to see over five years from Medicaid reform. The state plans to reinvest the money in projects that seek to reduce avoidable hospital use by 25 percent and that transition most hospital and doctor Medicaid payments from fee-for-service to a value system tied to performance goals.” [The Buffalo News, [5/10/17](#)]

Medicaid Directors: “No Amount Of Administrative Or Regulatory Flexibility Can Compensate” For Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Funding Cuts. “Medicaid Directors have long advocated for meaningful reform of the program. States continue to innovate with the tools they have, but federal changes are necessary to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the program. However, these changes must be made thoughtfully and deliberately to ensure the continued provision of quality, cost-effective care. Medicaid Directors have asked for, and are appreciative of, improved working relationships with HHS and are working hard to streamline and improve the administration of the program [...] However, no amount of administrative or regulatory flexibility can compensate for the federal spending reductions that would occur as a result of this bill. Changes in the federal responsibility for financing the program must be accompanied by clearly articulated statutory changes to Medicaid to enable states to operate effectively under a cap. The Senate bill does not accomplish that. It would be a transfer of risk, responsibility, and cost to the states of historic proportions.” [National Association of Medicaid Directors, Press Release, [6/26/17](#)]

Medicaid Insurers: “There Are No Hidden Efficiencies That States Can Use To Address” Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Cuts “Without Harming Beneficiaries.” “In the case of the Senate health-care bill, some insurers didn’t even wait for the official release before expressing their concerns. This week, the heads of 10 managed care organizations — which help deliver Medicaid benefits around the country — told Senate leaders they are ‘united in our opposition to the Medicaid policies currently being debated by the Senate.’ [...] The managed care executives called this ‘an enormous cost shift to states’ that will require them to raise taxes, cut benefits, narrow eligibility or lower reimbursements to health-care providers. ‘There are no hidden efficiencies that states can use to address gaps of this magnitude without harming beneficiaries or imposing undue burden to our health care system and all U.S. taxpayers,’ the executives wrote.” [Washington Post, [6/22/17](#)]

Tenney Denied That The American Health Care Act Would Gut Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

Tenney Said Claims That AHCA Would Affect Coverage Of Pre-Existing Conditions Was “Totally Untrue.” “The most controversial change to how preexisting conditions are covered. Congresswoman Tenney however says that the changes won’t actually effect those with conditions negatively. ‘One of the most important issues that is being pushed by the opposition that’s just false is that preexisting conditions will not be covered. In fact, the opposite is true - preexisting conditions must be covered,’ Tenney said about the changes. ‘So this myth that everyone is going to lose their healthcare is totally untrue, especially in New York.’” [WKTV, [5/8/17](#)]

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](#)]

Tenney Praised The Possibility Of Eliminating Essential Health Benefits Because She Was Too Old To Need Maternity Care

Tenney Said She Was Glad To Repeal The ACA’s Benefits Requirements, Saying She Didn’t Need Maternity Care Because She Was 56 Years Old. “Tenney also said she’s especially glad to get rid of certain Affordable Care Act provisions, such as the individual mandate, requiring everyone to have a health plan; the employer mandate, requiring large employers to cover their employees; and inflexible benefits requirements. ‘I don’t really care about maternity care at 56 years old,’ Tenney said. ‘I don’t care about prostate care. ... There’s so few choices right now. I have to buy a one-size-fits-all policy.’” [Herkimer Times Telegram, [5/12/17](#)]

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](#)]

American Health Care Act Would Have Hurt “Dual Eligible” Seniors Enrolled In Both Medicare And Medicaid

Medicaid Funding Caps In AHCA Would Hurt “Dual Eligible” Seniors – Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries Who Are Also Enrolled In Medicaid. “Low-income Medicare beneficiaries who also are enrolled in Medicaid—often referred to as ‘dual eligibles’—could be disproportionately affected by congressional efforts to cut and cap federal Medicaid financing. Not only do these older adults account for one-third of all Medicaid spending, much of the Medicaid spending for low-income Medicare beneficiaries is ‘optional’ for states. The nearly three-quarters (72%) of dual eligibles who receive full Medicaid benefits are most at risk under the AHCA’s funding caps” [Commonwealth Fund, [5/17/17](#)]

Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Tend To Be In Poorer Health, And Rely On Medicaid For High Cost Services, Like Long Term Care And Nursing Homes. “They tend to be in poorer health than other Medicare (and Medicaid) beneficiaries, and rely on Medicaid for high-cost services. While Medicare covers physician, hospital, and most other acute care, Medicaid covers some of dual eligibles’ behavioral health services as well as most of their long-term services and supports, such as nursing home and home and community-based services.” [Commonwealth Fund, [5/17/17](#)]

States With Generous Medicaid Coverage For Medicare Beneficiaries Would Be Forced To Limit Eligibility. “States that have been relatively generous in their coverage of Medicare beneficiaries through their Medicaid programs may be forced to pare back that coverage. If some optional beneficiaries are particularly costly—as is the case for many Medicare beneficiaries who turn to Medicaid when they need long-term services and supports—states may have little choice but to curtail eligibility. An analysis by Virginia’s Medicaid agency shows that its aged and disabled enrollees who need long-term care will exceed the AHCA per capita limits in 2020, the first year of the cap.” [Commonwealth Fund, [5/17/17](#)]

AHCA Would Change Medicare Spending And Financing, Weakening The Program’s Financial Status And Moving Up Its Projected Insolvency Date. “According to the Congressional Budget Office, the provision in the AHCA and the BCRA to repeal the Medicare payroll surtax would reduce revenue for Part A benefits by \$58.6 billion between 2017 and 2026. Proposed changes to the ACA’s marketplace coverage provisions and to Medicaid financing in both bills would also increase the number of uninsured, putting additional strain on the nation’s hospitals to provide uncompensated care. As a result, Medicare’s disproportionate share hospital’ (DSH) payments would increase, leading to higher Part A spending between 2018 and 2026 of more than \$40 billion, according to CBO. Altogether, changes to Part A spending and financing in the AHCA and BCRA would weaken Medicare’s financial status by depleting the Part A trust fund two years earlier than under current law, moving up the projected insolvency date from 2028 to 2026, according to Medicare’s actuaries (Figure 1).” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/6/17](#)]

Tenney Celebrated Her Vote To Strip New Yorkers Of Health Care With A Party In The White House Rose Garden

Tenney Took Photo With Trump Immediately After Voting To Pass AHCA. [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/5/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Tenney Celebrates At White House After GOP Starts To Dismantle Obamacare.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/4/17](#)]

After Voting For AHCA, Tenney Took “Prime Front-Row Spot” Behind Pence And McCarthy During “Victory Lap” Press Conference In White House Rose Garden. “After the vote, Tenney joined her colleagues and boarded a bus to the White House, where dozens of House Republicans would take a victory lap in the Rose Garden with President Donald Trump. Tenney stood behind Vice President Mike Pence and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy in a prime front-row spot at a speech broadcast live by national news networks. The first-term lawmaker, making her first trip to the Rose Garden, said her position among the GOP lawmakers had nothing to do with her level of support for the bill. She was placed behind Pence by a military attache after she arrived with a group that was seated at the back of the bus.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/4/17](#)]

Tenney Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act

TENNEY: “I Think We Have To Repeal Obamacare.” “TENNEY: I think it’s harmful that we are always dependent on our employer for our healthcare, that they’ve created a mandate. As an employer of a small business that has over fifty employees, we have to provide insurance under the Obamacare mandate. When we started providing healthcare for our employees, it was a great incentive and benefit for us to attract good employees. Now it’s just a burden that is so costly we can’t provide as good healthcare as we used to. [...] SHARPE: Do you want to fix Obamacare, get rid of Obamacare, or not either. And Medicare, do you want to reform Medicare Medicaid, or can I keep it the way it is and allow for more private market? [...] TENNEY: I think we have to repeal Obamacare. And you have to have a model – you can’t just get rid of it immediately and not have something ease us into where we need to go.” [The Sharpe Way, 1:13:00, [3/9/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Wrote In An Email That Part Of Her “Mission” Was “Repealing And Replacing Obamacare.” “With this campaign, I want to hit the ground running and set my agenda first thing. Whether it’s lowering taxes and cutting back wasteful spending, creating jobs and growing our economy, or repealing and replacing Obamacare, our mission begins now.” [Claudia Tenney email, 12/14/20]

Tenney Opposed H.R.3, The Lower Drug Costs Now Act

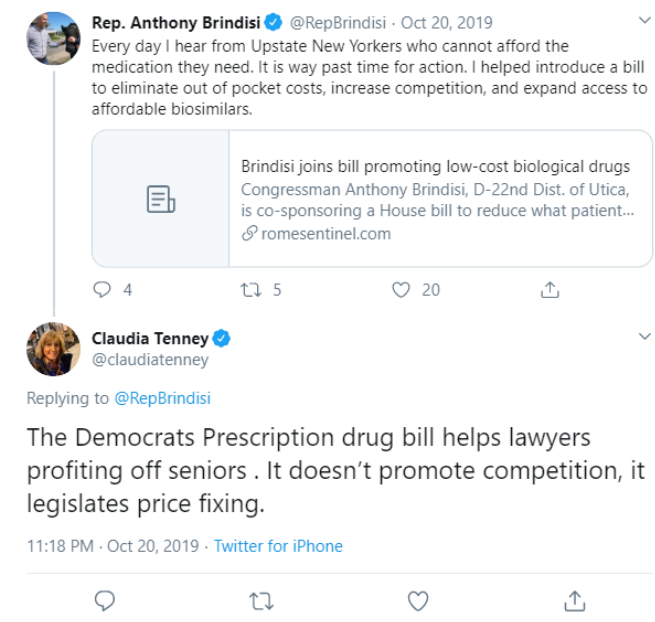
Tenney Called H.R. 3 A “Terrible Bill” And Claimed It Would Not Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs

Tenney Called H.R. 3 A “Terrible Bill” That Would Not Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs. “HR3 is a terrible bill. I would not support it. I hope the Senate prevents it from happening. It is a price fixing bill. And when you have price fixing, it’s not gonna lower the cost. A free market is what is going to lower the cost. So when you have H.R. 3 which is mandating certain price controls, you’re gonna give a preference to certain pharmaceuticals over others. Instead of having a free market model where the best, cheapest drug is going to get to the market and they’re going to be rewarded by getting that, instead it’s a price fixing scheme between government and the pharmaceutical company, which is exactly what we have now.” [Talk! 100.7 FM, WUTQ, 18:54, Vantage, [2/7/20](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Claimed Pharmaceutical Companies Would Reward Democrats For Passing H.R. 3 Through Super PAC Spending. Tenney: “Instead of having a free market model where the best, cheapest drug is going to get to the market and they’re going to be rewarded by getting that, instead it’s a price fixing scheme between government and the pharmaceutical company, which is exactly what we have now. That’s not gonna solve the problem. But you know what it’s gonna do? All that pharmaceutical money is gonna go into a super PAC and back to the Democrats. It’s all about money. That’s what HR3—” Host: “What prevents the drug prices from then being at that competitive free market price?” Tenney: “Because it’s price fixed by government. The Democrats are trying to control how the market works for doing prescription drugs. A lot of people don’t- the prescription drug issue is very complicated.

Right now we don't have a real free market. We have government intervening and actually providing, making it more expensive.” [Talk! 100.7FM, WUTQ, 19:43, Vantage, [2/7/20](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Said H.R. 3 Helped Lawyers Profit Off Seniors. “The Democrats Prescription drug bill helps lawyers profiting off seniors . It doesn't promote competition, it legislates price fixing.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/20/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/20/19](#)]

CBO: The Lower Costs Now Act Would Reduce Drug Prices By 55 Percent And Lower Health Care Premiums

CBO: H.R. 3's Negotiation Provision Would Reduce Drug Prices By 55 Percent. “CBO then estimated net spending for drugs with the international prices selected for negotiation under title I [of H.R. 3]. CBO estimates that reducing prices to 114 percent of the AIM price, on average, would reduce—by nearly 55 percent—the prices for the first group of drugs subject to negotiation.” [Congressional Budget Office, [10/11/19](#)]

The Bill Would Allow Medicare To Negotiate Lower Prices On As Many As 250 Of The Most Expensive Drugs And Apply Those Savings To Private Insurance Plans. “The CBO said the largest savings would come from the provision that allows Medicare to negotiate lower prices on as many as 250 of the most expensive drugs per year and apply those discounts to private health plans across the U.S. The legislation includes a penalty on pharmaceutical companies that refuse to negotiate or fail to reach an agreement with the U.S. government, starting at 65% of the gross sales of the drug in question.” [CNBC, [10/15/19](#)]

CBO Projected HR 3 Would Lower Health Care Premiums. “Second, while beneficiaries who instead face a copayment or coinsurance at the pharmacy may not directly see the effects of drug price negotiations, the CBO projects that they would benefit from lower premiums and cost-sharing. Third, H.R. 3 uses federal savings from negotiations to pay for a new out-of-pocket maximum for drug spending for beneficiaries in Medicare Part D. Consumers with private insurance would also save on their prescription drugs, as they would pay lower prices before meeting their plan's deductible. Moreover, lower drug prices could in turn reduce premiums or cost-sharing depending on how consumers' coverage is designed.” [Center for American Progress, [12/9/19](#)]

The Lower Drug Costs Now Act Would Cap Seniors' Out-Of-Pocket Prescription Costs

The Bill Would Cap Seniors' Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Prescription Drugs At \$2,000 Per Year. “It would also cap seniors’ out-of-pocket prescription drug costs at \$2,000 a year. And it would require drug companies that have raised their prices above the inflation rate since 2016 to either lower their prices or rebate the portion back to the U.S. Treasury.” [Washington Post, [9/19/19](#)]

CMS: The Lower Drug Costs Now Act Would Cut Health Care Spending By \$480 Billion, Including \$158 Billion In Savings For American Households

CMS: Over 10 Years, H.R. 3 Would Save American Households \$158 Billion And Cut Health Care Spending By \$480 Billion. “As shown in Table 2, the estimated impacts [of H.R. 3] include a decrease in overall spending of \$481 billion over the 10-year period, \$158 billion of which is attributable to households, \$237 billion to the Federal Government, \$39 billion to State Government, and \$46 billion to private businesses.” [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [10/11/19](#)]

CBO: The Lower Drug Costs Now Act Would Save Medicare \$345 Billion

Congressional Budget Office: H.R. 3 Would Save Medicare \$345 Billion Between 2023 And 2029. “In response to your request, the Congressional Budget Office and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) have been analyzing the effects of H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019, as introduced on September 19, 2019. This letter describes a preliminary estimate of the effects of title I of the bill on federal direct spending and revenues related to Part D of Medicare, the outpatient drug benefit. [...] CBO estimates that applying the provisions in title I to prescription drugs covered under Part D of Medicare would reduce federal direct spending for Medicare by \$345 billion over the 2023-2029 period (see Table 1).” [Congressional Budget Office, [10/11/19](#)]

Tenney Took Money From The Gun Lobby And Voted For Gun Laws Which Make Domestic Violence Victims Less Safe

Tenney Accepted At Least \$18,900 From The Gun Lobby

Tenney Accepted \$6,950 From The National Rifle Association And National Shooting Sports Foundation During The 2016 Election Cycle. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [8/16/18](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$11,950 From The National Rifle Association And National Shooting Sports Foundation During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [8/16/18](#)]

Tenney Co-Sponsored A Measure Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States

Tenney Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Cosponsored The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, Which Was Linked To A Bill Aimed At Fixing The National Background Check System. “Katko and Tenney, R-New Hartford, are co-sponsors of the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38). The bill had 210 Republican co-sponsors and three Democrats. Republicans linked the bill for a vote with a separate gun measure that received rare bipartisan support - the Fix NICS Act, which would improve the national background check system for gun purchases. Congress acted quickly on the Fix NICS Act after a mass shooting at a Texas church left 26 people dead last month. In that case, the Air Force acknowledged it failed to transmit the criminal record of shooter Devin Kelley to the FBI, which would have updated a database and likely stopped the sale of a rifle used in the massacre.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 12/8/17]

...Despite Warnings That It Could Make Her Constituents Less Safe

Local Officials And Anti-Domestic Violence Advocates Warned That Concealed Carry Reciprocity Could Make New Yorkers Less Safe, And Allow Abusers To Follow Their Victims Across State Lines With Licensed Firearms. “But Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick and Vera House Executive Director Randi Bregman warned this week that any change in existing law could have dangerous consequences for New York, which has tougher permitting requirements than most states. Bregman, who heads the shelter for victims of domestic violence in Central New York, said she asked Katko to oppose the measure. She’s concerned that domestic violence offenders could follow their victims across state lines with loaded, concealed firearms. ‘We at Vera House are absolutely terrified about the possible passage of concealed carry reciprocity,’ Bregman said. ‘We know that the presence of a gun in domestic violence situations greatly increases the risk of homicide, and many of the domestic violence victims in our community were killed by guns.’ She said domestic violence survivors often relocate to other states to escape their abusers, sometimes seeking refuge in New York and other states that have stricter gun laws. ‘Reciprocity would force every state to accept other states’ concealed carry permits,’ Bregman said, ‘even if the out-of-state concealed carry permit was issued to a domestic violence offender who would be prohibited from obtaining such a permit in the travel state.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 12/8/17]

Tenney Sais That The SHARE Act Would Not Increase Mass Shootings Because “If Somebody Really Wants To Kill Somebody, They’ll Do It.” “Tenney told The Post-Standard in an interview Tuesday that she plans to vote for the SHARE Act. She said opponents of the bill are wrong to make any link between the gun legislation and mass shootings like the one in Las Vegas. ‘One thing I’ve learned as a legal gun owner is that these are the people who tend to be the most cautious on the use of guns,’ Tenney said. ‘They’re exceedingly careful on their use of firearms.’ As for mass shootings like the one in Las Vegas, she said, ‘If somebody really wants to kill somebody, they’ll do it.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 10/4/17]

Tenney Criticized A State Law Which Protected Vulnerable Victims From Armed Domestic Abusers

A State Law Passed In 2018 Made It More Difficult For Convicted Domestic Abusers To Buy Firearms, And Allowed Law Enforcement To Take Away Firearms Upon Conviction Of A Felony. “The new New York law will require the courts to notify the state Division of Criminal Justice Services of any convicted domestic abusers. Then the state will report the abusers to the FBI - which will identify them and prohibit them from purchasing and possessing a firearm. The law will also require the courts to notify law enforcement to take away ‘firearms, rifles and shotguns’ upon a conviction on a felony or serious offense. Also, the law will ensure individuals wanted for a felony or other serious offense are not able to obtain or renew a firearm license, Cuomo said. ‘This change will make certain that the general public as well as the law enforcement who are actively seeking to arrest a wanted individual are not needlessly endangered by that individual obtaining new fire-arms,’ Cuomo’s office said. The group Prevent Child Abuse New York lauded the bill, saying it would help children and families who face domestic abuse. The group said that orders of protections in New York are at a five-year high, while intimate partner homicides increased from 64 in 2015 to 78 in 2016. ‘Children exposed to domestic violence suffer trauma that impacts the rest of their lives,’ the group said in a statement. ‘This legislation will help keep families safe and prevent greater trauma down the line.’” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 4/4/18]

Tenney Criticized The Law, Saying That It Denied People Wanted For Felonies Due Process Before Confiscating Their Guns. “But some Republicans criticized the law. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, Oneida County, criticized her Democratic challenger, Assembly-man Anthony Brindisi, for voting for the measure. Her campaign said the law will stop ‘anyone trying to obtain a gun license who is being sought by law enforcement on a warrant for a felony or ‘serious offense’ even before they receive due process.’ Tenney, a former assemblywoman, added from her campaign, ‘The bill also allows guns to be confiscated before gun owners can challenge the orders and receive a hearing.’ But Brindisi responded that Tenney was wrong. ‘It is sad that my opponent would politicize a measure meant to protect victims of domestic violence, especially given her unwillingness to support any new measures to cut down on gun violence,’ Brindisi said.” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 4/4/18]

As An Assemblywoman, Tenney Pledged To Highlight The Fight Against Domestic Violence.

“Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney announced her continued commitment to highlight the fight against domestic violence and reminded her constituents October is New York State’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month. ‘Domestic violence is a crime against the family. It affects men, women, and children throughout our state,’ said Tenney, R - New Hartford, in a news release. ‘By participating in Domestic Violence Awareness Month, New Yorkers can express their solidarity with victims of domestic violence and commit to sending a message that domestic violence is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.’ In addition to marking October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, New York also sponsors an annual Shine the Light Campaign that seeks to raise awareness and offer support to victims of domestic violence.” [Evening Times, 10/26/13]

Tenney Did Not See Anything Wrong With Civilians Owning Assault Weapons

Tenney Did Not See Anything Wrong With Civilians Owning AR-15s And AK-47s. “HOST: Beto says he wants to take away your AR-15s, your AKs. Do you agree, disagree, don’t care? TENNEY: I don’t see anything wrong with everyday civilians – one of the most commonly-used firearms is an AR-15. It’s because a lot of people in the military understand how to operate them safely, they know how to use it, they can clean it, they can fix it.” [The Sharpe Way, 35:32, [3/9/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Took Money From Anti-Choice Groups And Spoke Against Allowing Women To Make Their Own Health Decisions

Accepted \$13,725 From Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group, And Received Its Endorsement

Accepted \$6,725 From Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group. [FEC, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Accepted \$5,000 From Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group. [Tenney For Congress FEC Filing, [3/25/16](#)]

Accepted \$2,000 From Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group. [Tenney For Congress FEC Filing, [6/13/14](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Endorsed Tenney For Her 2020 Campaign. “An anti-abortion advocacy network has endorsed Claudia Tenney in her bid to reclaim New York’s 22nd Congressional District seat. The Susan B. Anthony List, or SBA List, announced the endorsement in a statement Thursday. Marilyn Musgrave, the vice president of government affairs for SBA List, cited Tenney’s ‘100% pro-life’ voting record in the endorsement. ‘During her time in the New York State Assembly, she was a pro-life champion, valiantly standing up to pro-abortion forces,’ Musgrave said, in a statement. ‘She understands that the extreme abortion agenda of New York’s elites is radically out of step with their constituents’ values and is precisely the woman the people of New York’s 22nd District deserve to fight for their pro-life, pro-Trump views.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [1/2/20](#)]

In 2016, Tenney Was Endorsed By Anti-Abortion Group. “Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion group, will endorse Republican Claudia Tenney for the open NY-22, vacated by retiring GOP Rep. Richard Hanna, and donate \$5,000 to her primary bid. ‘With the help of Susan B. Anthony List, I will continue to spearhead the pro-life, pro-woman fight in Washington by speaking up for those who do not have a voice,’ Tenney said in a statement.” [Politico, [3/23/16](#)]

Tenney Said Roe V. Wade Had No Constitutional Basis

Tenney: Roe V. Wade Was “Hard To Justify Based On The Constitution.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/5/18](#)]

Tenney: “Roe V. Wade Is Not Founded In True Constitutional Principles.” “It is undisputed by whether you’re left-leaning or conservative that Roe versus Wade is not founded in true constitutional principles. It was a, you know, and ends-justify-the-means kind of decision.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/11/18](#)]

Tenney Thought Abortion Should Be Regulated On The State Level

Tenney Disagreed With Roe V. Wade Because It Took The Decision From The State Level. “[Host: ‘Claudia, on *Roe versus Wade*, you said you disagree with the basis on which it was decided. Do you agree with the result of *Roe versus Wade*? The result, not the procedure, but the result. Do you agree with it or not?’] I think, I don’t like the result that it took the conversation away from the states to decide.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/11/18](#)]

Tenney Said Roe V. Wade Was Controversial Because It “Cut Off The Conversation.” “Listener question about overturning Roe v. Wade; “Um, it’s up to the Supreme Court. [Host: ‘I know you’re not making the choice.’] Yeah. I don’t – it’s not a – look, there’s a concept called stare decisis, which means that the Court tends to leave longstanding decisions alone, but they would, you know, they do overturn longstanding decisions. Uh, the thing with Roe v. Wade is it is hard to justify it based on the constitution, but if Roe v. Wade were overturned, it would simply go to the states and I think you’d see a, you know, the people would already vote. I mean New York has already got its own laws in place. It was already starting to happen. I think that’s part of the criticism of Roe versus

Wade; it cut off the conversation, and so now it should be something that should be done at the state level, and people say, ‘Well, we want to unify it.’” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/5/18](#)]

Tenney Said Abortion Did Not Respect Pro-Lifers’ Rights

Tenney: “What About The Rights Of” People Who Are Pro-Life. “[Host: But they became national rather than leaving them to the states, is what I’m saying...What Claudia’s saying is if you overturn *Roe versus Wade*, then you leave – each state has their own rules and regulations regarding abortion. Right, that’s what you’re saying? And I’m just asking, don’t you have a risk with that that you’re going to have some states where you’re going to have conduct which is illegal, which does suppress minorities, who have a viewpoint in that state, which is the minority, and their rights are getting trampled on, in a sense?”] Well, that, but then again, there are people now that are pro-life that feel like, uh, millions of children have been killed because of abortion, and that that wasn’t – what about the rights of those people, you know, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are founding principles- [Host: “I guess the answer to that is don’t have an abortion. I mean nobody forces anybody to have an abortion.”] Right, well, yeah, nobody forces anyone to have sex unless you’re rape, incest, or those, you know, that forcible, and those are all exemptions under the, you know, and most pro-life people accept those.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/5/18](#)]

Tenney Opposed Campaign Finance Reforms

Tenney Voted To Block Consideration Of An Amendment To Increase Transparency In Campaign Finance

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclosure Of All Bundlers. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Said H.R. 1, The For The People Act Of 2019, Would Be A “Disaster”

Tenney Said HR 1, The For The People Act Of 2019, Would Be A “Disaster.” “TENNEY: When you look at his voting record, you can perceive him as a moderate because there was a rumor that came out in July that I might run [...] All of a sudden the next day when Brindisi realized I would maybe be running, that next day he voted against holding Attorney General Barr in contempt, he voted against impeaching the president, and then he voted against raising the minimum wage, the very same minimum wage he voted to raise twice in New York state. These are votes—I look at them as—other than the minimum wage vote—they’re political votes, that you say, well he’s voting against some of the Democrats, but if you look at his policy votes on things that actually affect our district, he’s very very left. HR 1 is their election – HR 1 being what the House of Representatives – I mean, that bill on election day is going to be a disaster.” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 11:09, Vantage, 10/18/19] (AUDIO)

The For The People Act Was “Aimed At Getting Money Out Of Politics [...] Increasing Transparency Around Donors... And Expanding Voting Rights.” “House Democrats officially passed their massive anti-corruption and pro-democracy reform bill known as HR 1 on Friday. The bill passed on a final vote of 234 to 193. The sweeping bill is aimed at getting money out of politics and increasing transparency around donors, cracking down on lobbying, and expanding voting rights for Americans by implementing provisions like automatic voter registration.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

The For The People Act Would Create Voluntary 6-To-1 Match For Small Dollar Donations Up To \$200.

“Establishing public financing of campaigns, powered by small donations. Under the vision of the bill’s main sponsor, Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), the federal government would provide a voluntary 6-1 match for candidates for president and Congress, which means for every dollar a candidate raises from small donations, the federal government would match it six times over. The maximum small donation that could be matched would be capped at \$200.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

The Match Would Be Paid For By A 2.75 Percent Surcharge On Companies Or Corporate Officers Convicted Or Admitting To Federal Wrongdoing.

“An initial draft of H.R. 1 funded the public financing provisions through -taxpayer appropriations. That prompted numerous Democratic lawmakers — most of them centrists belonging to the moderate Blue Dog Coalition and Problem Solvers Caucus — to withhold their support for weeks. Party leaders eventually rewrote the bill, assessing a 2.75 percent surcharge on fines paid by companies and corporate officers who are convicted of or admit to federal wrongdoing. All 235 House Democrats are now co-sponsoring the bill.” [Washington Post, [3/7/19](#)]

Under The For The People Act, Corporate Criminals Who Are Fined—Such As Wells Fargo—Would Fund The Match Program.

“The most substantial change to HR 1 is this program now won’t be funded by taxpayer dollars as originally planned; instead, it will come from adding a 2.75 percent fee on criminal and civil fines, fees, penalties, or settlements with banks and corporations that commit corporate malfeasance (think Wells Fargo). Democrats are using this idea to push back on Republican attacks that taxpayers shouldn’t be subsidizing campaigns.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

After First Not Taking Coronavirus Seriously, Tenney Supported Dangerous And Unfair Measures That Put More People At Risk Of Infection And Benefited Companies

NOTE: Any response to COVID-19 was ongoing as of the writing of this book. Please reach out to the DCCC Research department for an up-to-date analysis of Tenney’s response to the crisis.

Tenney Wanted To Reopen Upstate New York Despite Experts Saying Relaxing Restrictions Too Soon Would Lead To More Infections

Tenney Wanted To Reopen Upstate New York. “Time to open upstate New York. Entrust our small businesses to use extreme precautions to protect our health and to ensure that we safely restore our economy before it’s irreparably destroyed. #NY22” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [4/17/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [4/17/20](#)]

Dr. Anthony Fauci Warned Against Reopening Too Early, Saying It Would Lead To More Cases. “Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said in an interview with AP Tuesday that the United States does not yet have the testing and contact tracing capacity to reopen its economy. The big picture: The Trump administration has been encouraged by data showing fewer deaths than models earlier predicted, and some aides have pushed for a May 1 reopening. But Fauci cautioned against that target, saying it’s ‘a bit overly optimistic’ for much of the country until there’s rapid testing in place. What Fauci’s saying: ‘I’ll guarantee you, once you start pulling back there will be infections. It’s how you deal with the infections that’s going count.’ Easing existing social distancing rules in much of the U.S. would need to happen on a ‘rolling’ basis, he said, rather than all at once. We have to have something in place that is efficient and that we can rely on, and we’re not there yet.” [Axios, [4/14/20](#)]

Tenney Supported Trump’s Decision To Halt Funding To The World Health Organization During A Pandemic

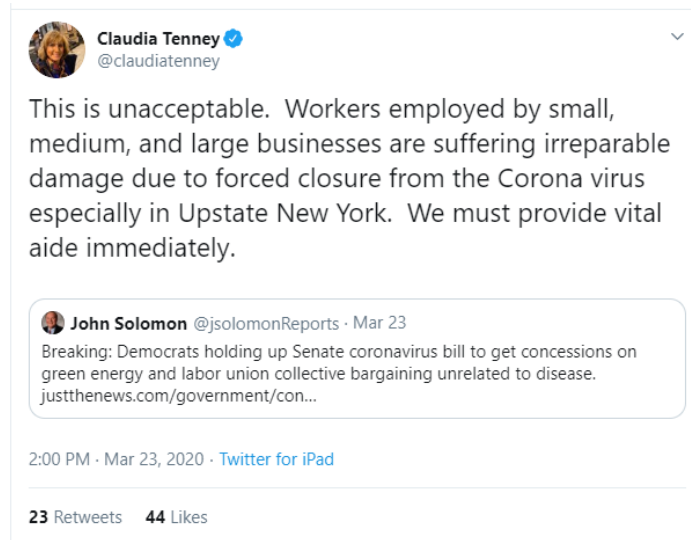
Tenney Supported Trump’s Decision To Halt Funding To the World Health Organization During A Pandemic. “I support fully President @realDonaldTrump’s effort to hold the WHO- and the CCP (their backers)-accountable for the damages they have caused during coronavirus through their misinformation about and cover-up of the outbreak.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [4/15/20](#)]



Tenney Criticized Democrats For Blocking A Coronavirus Relief Bill That Did Too Little For Ordinary Americans And Did Not Ensure Enough Transparency

Tenney Said It Was “Unacceptable” For Democrat To Block A Coronavirus Bill That Did Not Do Enough For Ordinary Americans And Did Not Have Enough Transparency. “This is unacceptable. Workers employed by small, medium, and large businesses are suffering irreparable damage due to forced closure from the Corona

virus especially in Upstate New York. We must provide vital aide immediately.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/23/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/23/20](#)]

Democrats Argued The Bill Did Not Do Enough To Help Ordinary Americans Or Ensure Transparency With Funds. “The late-night optimism was a marked turnaround from earlier in the day, when the normally staid Senate dissolved into shouting and partisan bickering before the vote, as senators sparred over the stimulus package, which is emerging as the largest in modern history. Republicans blasted Democrats for delaying desperately needed economic aid, while Democrats said the measure under discussion did too little to help ordinary Americans or to ensure that federal money would not be abused by businesses that received aid. [...] At the heart of the impasse in the Senate has been a \$425 billion fund created by the bill that the Federal Reserve could leverage for loans to assist broad groups of distressed companies, and an additional \$75 billion it would provide for industry-specific loans. Democrats raised concerns that the plan would not require sufficient transparency or enough guardrails around the funds to make sure companies do not use them to enrich themselves or take government money and lay off workers. They also argued the measure as written by Republicans would give Mr. Mnuchin too much discretion to decide which companies receive aid, calling the proposal a “slush fund” for the administration. [...] Democrats are pressing for more jobless aid and money for states as part of the agreement.” [New York Times, [3/23/20](#)]

Senate Republicans Held A Vote Without A Vote To Portray Democrats As An Obstacle. “Republicans insisted on holding the vote in the absence of an agreement, seizing an opportunity to portray Democrats as obstacles to a deal.” [New York Times, [3/23/20](#)]

Tenney Criticized Nancy Pelosi For Allegedly Inserting A “Democrat Policy Wish List” Into Coronavirus Pandemic Relief Bill

Tenney Accused Nancy Pelosi Of Inserting A “Democrat Policy Wish List” Into Coronavirus Relief Legislation. “Inserting a Democrat policy wish list in urgently needed legislation during a national emergency is not leadership, it’s a disgrace.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/23/20](#)]

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Rachel Bovard @rachelbovard · Mar 23
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When Twitter Users Pointed Out Democrats Opposed The Slush Funds The Coronavirus Relief Bill Would Give Corporations, Tenney Said That Was Not True. [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/23/20](#), [2nd Reply](#)]

Birdwing @dork0112 · Mar 23
Replying to @claudiatenney
No slush funds for corporations. Accountability required. GOP wants a free ride for corporations. Tell the whole story Claudia.



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Claudia Tenney @claudiatenney · Mar 23
We have. Read all the tweets especially specific mentions by @rachelbovard. Excellent.

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Birdwing @dork0112 · Mar 23
Now give me/us all the additional conditions the GOP is wanting in this bill.

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Kris Nilsen @KrisNielsen5 · Mar 23
Dems want Solar & Wind Power tax credits for one, McConnell addressed the Senate with the list of non-sense bs why don't you look it up and see for yourself what he had to say? It's not the GOP holding this up, it's your Aunt Nancy

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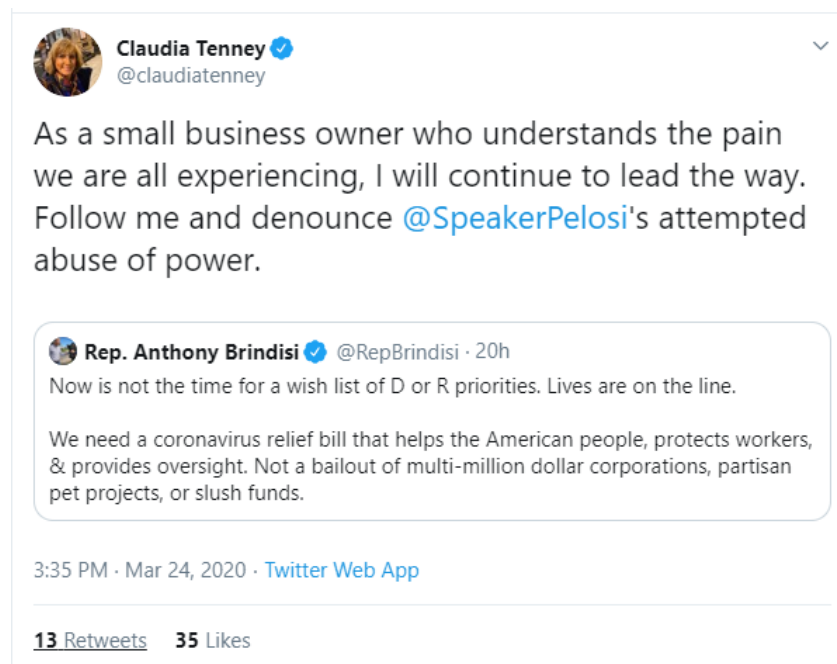
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Tenney Denied The Bill Would Provide A Bailout For Trump Properties. [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/23/20](#), [2nd Reply](#)]



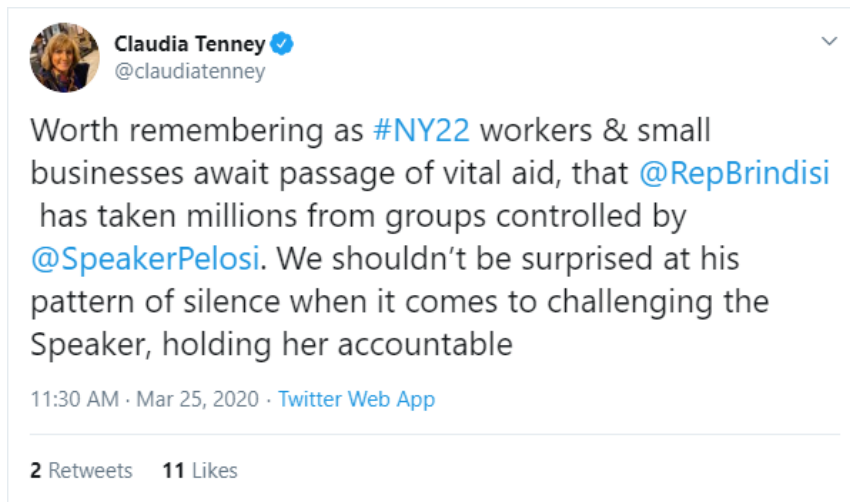
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Tenney Accused Pelosi Of Attempting To Abuse Her Power. “As a small business owner who understands the pain we are all experiencing, I will continue to lead the way. Follow me and denounce @SpeakerPelosi’s attempted abuse of power.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Tied Brindisi To Pelosi’s Blocking Of A Relief Bill. “Worth remembering as #NY22 workers & small businesses await passage of vital aid, that @RepBrindisi has taken millions from groups controlled by @SpeakerPelosi. We shouldn’t be surprised at his pattern of silence when it comes to challenging the Speaker, holding her accountable.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/25/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/25/20](#)]

During The Pandemic, Tenney Wrote The United States Was Over-Reliant On China And China Could Not Be Trusted

TENNEY OP-ED: The U.S. Had An “Over-Reliance” On China For Prescription Drugs, Even Though They Could Be Unsafe. “The coronavirus exposed many flaws in our level of preparedness for dealing with pandemics, but one of the most glaring holes it brought to light is America’s over-reliance on China for producing prescription drugs. [...] China makes 90% of all antibiotics, vitamin C, ibuprofen, and over 70% of acetaminophen (Tylenol) available in the U.S. They also make many of the ingredients and do so in unsafe and unmonitored labs and factories. In 2018, a common blood pressure medicine made in China was found to cause cancer, and 10 years earlier, a contaminated Chinese-made batch of the blood thinner heparin killed 81 people. China still makes 45% of the U.S. supply.” [Syracuse, Tenney Op-Ed, [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Wrote That China Could Not Be Trusted. “Coronavirus has shown us the Chinese cannot be trusted and they should no longer be relied on – especially for vital medical treatments and supplies. It’s not just risky for patients, it’s a threat to national security for China to be able to hold us hostage or worse, poison us. [...] When we come out of this crisis, we must move quickly to restore our industrial base, bring supply chains of national interest back to America, and punish Chinese theft and aggression. Breaking China’s grip on our country is essential for our economic survival, military strength, and American’s very health.” [Syracuse, Tenney Op-Ed, [3/24/20](#)]

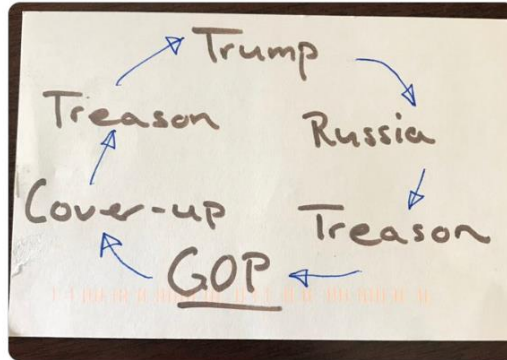
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Claudia Tenney: Embarrassment To The District

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney has shown a willingness to stoop to new lows in order to smear those she disagrees with, including making distasteful racially charged attacks at her opponent's Italian heritage, implying that his young family would impede his ability to represent the district, and referring to him as a "sewer dweller."*
 - ✓ *Tenney's campaign labeled Brindisi's family "criminal" and thuggish" in a memo shared with staff, which was later condemned.*
 - ✓ *Tenney argued it had nothing to do with Brindisi's ethnicity, but that her campaign had been the victim of aggression and intimidation from the Brindisi campaign. She additionally said she was offended by accusations of being anti-Italian.*
 - ✓ *Tenney alleged Brindisi had familial connections to organized crime through his father.*
- ✓ *Tenney repeatedly called Brindisi names, including "CreepyBiden Pelosi Puppet," "TwoFacedTony" and a "DarkMoney Kingpin."*
- ✓ *Tenney has repeatedly made outlandish comments about Democrats in general, implying that they are "un-American" and stating "many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats" – a statistic she evidently picked up from an internet meme.*
 - ✓ *In 2019, Tenney said it was "patently false" that she said Democrats were mass murderers, and said it was libelous to say so.*
 - ✓ *Tenney said professors at Colgate University and Hamilton College have no interest in the community, and were coming in as transients "selling socialism."*
- ✓ *Tenney has a longstanding feud with the Oneida Indian Nation, and represented an anti-Indian hate group in a lawsuit against them. She also has referred to local Indian leader Ray Halbritter as "Spray Tan Ray," and claimed that he was misrepresenting his heritage.*
 - ✓ *Tenney additionally accused Halbritter of not paying taxes and enriching himself at the expense of the Oneida people.*
 - ✓ *In 2020, Tenney continued to demean the Oneida Indian Nation by falsely calling it a corporation that had no-tax status*
- ✓ *Echoing Trump, Tenney has declared war on the media, calling it "the single biggest destructive force" in America, and losing her temper at a reporter on camera before yelling, "Fake news! You're fake news!" and storming off during an interview. Tenney repeatedly attacked local newspapers:*
 - ✓ *Tenney called the Courier News "a Democratic operative by George Soros" and the DCCC.*
 - ✓ *Tenney called the Utica Observer-Dispatch, the main source of news in the Mohawk Valley, a disgrace and said it had no interest in investigative journalism.*

- ✓ *Tenney accused The Post-Standard of orchestrating a hit job against her with its story on her campaign contributions from Igor Fruman.*
- ✓ *Tenney defended indefensible behaviors and statements from Trump's White House and members of her party.*
 - ✓ *Tenney defended alleged perpetrators of sexual harassment and domestic abuse in her party and in the Administration, saying of disgraced former White House aide Rob Porter: "I've seen cases where somebody hurts themselves and they go in and blame their ex-husband. Or their ex-husband to be. The person wasn't even there."*
 - ✓ *Tenney defended Trump's infamous "both sides" comments on the white supremacist violence in Charlottesville, at which a counter-protestor was killed.*
 - ✓ *Tenney gave Trump the benefit of the doubt when he attacked her constituents in Upstate New York, saying she hoped they were "taken out of context."*
 - ✓ *Tenney staunchly defended Trump and his family against accusations of Russian interference in the 2016 election and Trump's private interactions with Putin.*
 - ✓ *Tenney was so extreme a former Republican representative of the district endorsed Brindisi.*
- ✓ *Tenney engaged in name-calling and arguments with former constituents and strangers on social media, and derided people who appeared to oppose her or Republicans.*
 - ✓ *Tenney said a Twitter user suffered from TDS of "Trump Derangement Syndrome."*
 - ✓ *Tenney called the mayor of Utica's request for reimbursement for Trump's visit the result of "sour grapes."*
 - ✓ *Tenney said any dairy farmers who supported Brindisi were not real business owners.*

Tenney Habitually Makes Baseless Character Attacks On Her Democratic Opponent...

In An Apparent Dig At Her Opponent, Tenney Implied That Representatives With Families Could Not Do Their Jobs Effectively

In An Interview, Tenney Said That Representatives With Families Had Trouble Doing Their Jobs Effectively. "How do you plan on balancing your run for re-election with your congressional responsibilities? Since I've been in the Assembly with two-year terms, that's what you do. I work every single day. I don't know how anybody does this job effectively who has a family. I'm in a position where I don't have a family. I have to come home to a dog who I take care of. I know people that are serving with me that have families. If you're going to work effectively in a district like this, I think you have to sort of tell your family you're not going to be with them for a while or you have to tell your constituents - somebody's going to pay the price. For me, it's very all-consuming, especially since it's considered a competitive seat." [Interview Transcript, Times Telegram, 1/4/18]

Tenney's Democratic Opponent, Anthony Brindisi, Has Two Small Children. [Brindisi For Congress, Accessed [7/16/18](#)]

Tenney Referred To Her Opponent As A “Sewer Dweller”

Tenney Referred To Brindisi As A “Sewer Dweller,” Suggested His Family Had Mob Ties And Called Him Cuomo’s Handpicked Candidate. “Several of New York’s races have already begun to heat up, including in Utica, where the incumbent Claudia Tenney, a conservative firebrand, has been throwing sharp elbows at Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, considered to be her likely opponent next fall. Since Mr. Brindisi declared his candidacy, Ms. Tenney has referred to him as a ‘sewer dweller,’ after earlier attacks that suggested that Mr. Brindisi’s family had mob ties. She’s also said that he is the ‘handpicked candidate’ of Mr. Cuomo and Ms. Pelosi.” [New York Times, [8/29/17](#)]

Tenney Made Discriminatory Comments About Her Opponent’s Italian-American Heritage

Tenney’s Campaign Labelled Brindisi’s Family As “Criminal” And “Thuggish,” Claiming Brindisi’s Family And Campaign Were Intimidating And Aggressive Toward Tenney And Her Staff

2018: Tenney’s Campaign Continued To Attack Brindisi’s Family, Labeling Them “Criminal” And “Thuggish” In A Memo Circulated By A Consultant To Tenney’s Staff. “The Congressional race between Rep. Claudia Tenney and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi became more contentious Wednesday after a memo surfaced from Tenney’s campaign calling Brindisi’s family ‘criminal’ and ‘thuggish.’ Tenney’s Campaign Consultant Tim Edson sent the memo July 28 to her staff and volunteers warning them to watch out for their safety because of Brindisi’s family associations. The memo, which the Tenney campaign sent to the O-D, said staffers should “not go out at night alone,’ ‘be aware of strange cars,’ ‘be alert to whether you are being followed’ and ‘examine your locks’ for tampering because of the Brindisi family’s pattern of violent criminal behavior. As the Brindisi family watches Anthony’s political career end, they may return to what they know — violence and intimidation,’ the memo said. The memo goes on to list seven alleged incidents involving mostly Brindisi’s father, Louis, and one with Anthony’s brother Andrew. Most of the incidents are from the 1970s and ‘80s, with the most recent in 2014, when Andrew Brindisi was accused of attempting to kill a man with his car but was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, according to the memo.” [Observer-Dispatch, 9/20/18]

Tenney Said Her Campaign Manager, Raychel Renna, Or A Campaign Consultant Wrote The Memo.

“HOST: Claudia, let me interrupt you because there’s two big unanswered questions. Number one is who wrote that memo? TENNEY: My campaign staff. It was probably my campaign – I saw it, actually – HOST: You don’t have to say who but do you know which member of your staff wrote it? TENNEY: I’m guessing our campaign manager. I believe Tim, my campaign manager or campaign consultant wrote it, and it was because a lot of people were getting worried, and you know, when you make it – by the way, my campaign manager is Raychel Renna.” [WUTQ, [Media Appearance Memo](#), 4:40, [9/19/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney’s Campaign Said The Memo Was In Response To New Staff Beginning And Allegedly Aggressive Behavior From Brindisi’s Campaign. “Edson said the memo was in response to new staff members being hired as well as allegedly aggressive behaviors coming from the Brindisi campaign, political groups and members of the public. Edson said there have been tracking operations and a lot of incidents making the staff uncomfortable, such as people driving by the office and filming, coming into the office, people driving by and filming Tenney’s family business. ‘We have the unique situation that we should be cautious about, his family has a track record and this is going to be an intense, tough race,’ he said. ‘And as the pressure (mounts) itself on Brindisi and he watches his political career come to an end, (people) need to be vigilant because it’s possible his family members could return to the kind of intimidating behavior that’s sort of characterized the last 30 years of them being in Utica.’ One staffer potentially had a slashed tire and signs are being vandalized on peoples’ lawns or stolen on a regular basis, Edson said. The Tenney campaign has photos of signs being vandalized but none of the allegedly slashed tire.” [Observer-Dispatch, 9/20/18]

The Comments Received Widespread Condemnation. “Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente Jr. said this is not what politics is about and there should be more focus placed on moving the community forward, not personal attacks. The comments by Claudia Tenney in the New York Post were absurd, bigoted and shameful yet wholly unsurprising,” he said in a statement. “She has long-attacked people personally with no basis in fact and steeped in bizarre conspiracy theories throughout her numerous political campaigns. That is not what politics and government should be about. Campaigns should be about how candidates are going to move the community forward and in the case of Congress, how they are going to fix a system in Washington that can’t get anything done. Anyone who knows Anthony Brindisi knows he is a man of integrity and honesty who believes in this community.” State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-Rome, agreed about campaigns and said they are supposed to focus on policy and not be about personal attacks. Italian Americans are honorable, hard-working people who have made, and continue to make, meaningful contributions to America’s greatness,” he said in a statement. “Disparaging stereotypes are disappointing and unnecessary. The Tenney campaign should refrain from ethnic smear tactics. Elections should focus on policy positions and the philosophical differences between the candidates and not on personal attacks.” [Observer-Dispatch, 9/20/18]

Tenney Was “Personally Offended” That The Comments Were Construed As “Somehow Anti-Italian.”

“TENNEY: I actually feel personally offended by the comments made that these are somehow anti-Italian. [...] One of my dreams was to go to Italy and study. I loved art and architecture, and the first time I got to do that – I wanted to be an artist; I think that’s been public. In 1981 I got to go, my first study group, as a Colgate student, in Italy. We traveled all over. We were mostly in Florence, mostly in Rome, Venice, and throughout all the regions of Siena, the entire northern end all over Italy, it was a dream of mine. And I continued that, I’ve been going to Italy, studying Italian language and culture since 1981, and that’s even before many of you were born. [...] I have really good friends, part of the Italian-American business exchange. I personally get a little offended when people assume just because someone’s involved in some kind of criminal activity – I find the term mob and mobster — assuming they’re Italian, I think that’s really unfair. [...] The Italian culture is so important in the history of humankind, look at the Roman empire, look at the Venetian Empire. [...] I am still involved in an Italian-American cultural group called Ilica, which I’ve been involved with for many years. [...] So to me it’s actually insulting to Italian culture by claiming it somehow has to do with Italian. [WUTQ, [Media Appearance Memo](#), 2:44, 9/19/18] (AUDIO)

Tenney Insisted The Memo Had Nothing To Do With Her Opponent’s Ethnicity. “TENNEY: There isn’t an ethnic group in the world that isn’t somehow attached to organized crime. It has nothing to do with ethnicity.” [WUTQ, [Media Appearance Memo](#), 4:50, 9/19/18] (AUDIO)

Tenney Reiterated Brindisi’s Campaign Was Intimidating, Aggressive, And Invaded Her Privacy.

“TENNEY: They’ve got my neighbors nervous. They follow my house, or they watch my house. They take video of me coming in and out of my house. People have gone to my family business, to my employees, and called them. They’ve gone to their homes and tried to intimidate them and tell them terrible things about me and my family, and the, you know, our business, and, uh, you know, people have gone – one of my staffers had tires slashed. They’re at both my businesses, in Sherburne and my business in Clinton. They’re at our campaign offices. I have trackers who are really, really aggressive who are coming after me. HOST: So was that memo about specific about that activity or did it name your opponent? TENNEY: So my death threats have been going on. I was at a routine ribbon cutting last year at a Price Rite down in Utica...I look up and there’s Anthony Brindisi’s brother, Andy Brindisi, the one who’s had issues where he allegedly ran over some kid over on Lincoln Ave. and then turned and ran back over him, and there he is, taking pictures of me, and I was like, ‘What is Andy Brindisi taking pictures of me at just some routine ribbon cutting?’...The campaign has gotten a lot more aggressive in terms of – you can call it intimidation, and then Anthony – I just think that we need to judge this campaign by the same standards.” [WUTQ, [Media Appearance Memo](#), 6:31, 9/19/18] (AUDIO)

Tenney Alleged Anthony Brindisi Had A Familial Connection To Organized Crime Through His Father

Tenney Alleged That Anthony Brindisi, Her Opponent, Had A Familial Connection To Organized Crime Through His Father, An Attorney: “I’m Not Saying Anthony Is Any Part Of That, But That’s The Family

You Come From. “The race for the 22nd Congressional District is more than a year away, but the verbal sparring has already begun after incumbent Rep. Claudia Tenney highlighted that one of her opponents has an alleged familial connection to organized crime. In a recent interview with USA TODAY, Tenney tried to show a contrast between her own father, the late state Supreme Court Justice John R. Tenney, and state Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi’s father Louis, who she reportedly described as ‘very heavily involved with the organized crime in Utica for many years, representing them.’ (My father) fought for law and order and Anthony’s father represented some of the worst criminals in our community,’ the newspaper quoted Tenney as saying. ‘You have to question some of the things that have happened in his family. The voters make that decision. I’m not saying Anthony is part of any of that, but that’s the family you come from.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Brindisi’s Father, Louis Brindisi, Stopped Handling Criminal In Cases In 1983 After One Of His Colleagues Was Murdered Inside His Law Office. “Louis Brindisi has been an attorney since 1960, according to his company’s website, and currently is a partner in the law firm of Brindisi, Murad, Brindisi & Pearlman, which has offices in Utica and Syracuse. In 1983, his legal associate Joseph Dacquino was shot and killed inside his law office, according to prior O-D coverage. Dacquino’s hands and feet had been bound with rope, his eyes and mouth taped shut. Brindisi, who was then a criminal attorney who had previously defended individuals linked to organized crime, stopped handling criminal cases as a result.” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Louis Brindisi Called Tenney’s Comments “All Over The Place And Very Confusing.” “Asked about Tenney’s comments, Louis Brindisi responded, ‘I saw her comments. They were all over the place and very confusing. It makes you scratch your head that a member of Congress would attack where families ‘come from.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

The Brindisi Campaign Sent Out A Statement Condemning Tenney’s Words: “Anthony Brindisi Believes That Name-Calling Never Created A Job In Upstate New York.” “Anthony Brindisi’s campaign manager Ellen Foster also sent out a statement in response to Tenney’s comments. ‘Because Congresswoman Tenney can’t defend her disastrous record on health care, jobs and public education, she is resorting to attacking someone who won’t even be on the ballot - and it’s clear she already thinks she’s behind,’ she said. ‘Anthony Brindisi believes that name calling never created a job in Upstate New York. And if personal attacks are the only play in Claudia Tenney’s playbook, she will lose this election.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Tenney’s Campaign Responded That Brindisi Was “Feigning Outrage” To Distract From His Record In Office. “The Tenney campaign responded in kind. ‘Rep. Tenney simply mentioned what most people in the Utica area already know and what the Utica Observer-Dispatch has already reported,’ said campaign spokesman Tim Edson. ‘Anthony Brindisi is feigning outrage about mention of his father’s association with organized crime to distract voters from his ugly record of rubber stamping Governor Cuomo’s liberal agenda and corrupt policies, and the fact that he has been handpicked by Nancy Pelosi because she knows Brindisi will do the same thing in Washington.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Bob Piperata, Former President Of The Sons Of Italy Lodge 2054 In Utica, Called Tenney’s Comments “So Anti-Italian American That You Don’t Even Have To Read Between The Lines.” “But Bob Piperata, former president of the Sons of Italy Lodge 2054 in Utica, expressed his disapproval of Tenney’s comments, too. ‘Congresswoman Tenney’s recent statements to the media concerning where Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi ‘comes from’ were so anti-Italian American that you don’t even have to read between the lines,’ he said. ‘I am disappointed in our congresswoman. Our community is proudly diverse and accepting of all faiths, nationalities and kinds. Congresswoman Tenney should do the right thing and stop trying to divide voters by reaching for the closest stereotype. We are all fighting for the same thing here, and she, of all folks, must set the example by celebrating where each and every one of us comes from. That is what a leader does.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Tenney Launched Character Attack On Brindisi, Highlighting His Father’s Past Legal Work Representing Defendants Tied To Organized Crime. “In a re-election campaign that has barely begun, Rep. Claudia Tenney is already launching a character attack against her new opponent, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, by making an issue of his father’s ‘notorious’ background as a lawyer who decades ago represented defendants with ties to organized crime. While unloading on her Democratic challenger during a Thursday interview with USA TODAY, Tenney, R-New Hartford, N.Y., sought to highlight the ‘great contrast’ between her own father, the late state Supreme Court Justice John R. Tenney, and Brindisi’s father, Louis, who she described as ‘very heavily involved with the organized crime in Utica for many years, representing them.’” [USA Today, [7/14/17](#)]

SUNY Political Professor Said Tenney’s Accusations Were A Common Tactic For Mobilizing Anti-Italian Bias, But Tenney Leveling Them Herself Was “Unusual.” “Spreading rumors of mafia connections is not unusual in politics, said Gerald Benjamin, a political science professor at the State University of New York at New Paltz. It’s a known tactic for mobilizing anti-Italian bias. But such references typically come from surrogates, not the directly from candidates, themselves, he said. ‘The degree to which it’s unusual is its overt and direct quality,’ he said. ‘It’s often stuff that goes on in a whispery way, not overtly like that.’ Clearly, this will be a cut-throat race.” [USA Today, [7/14/17](#)]

In Same Interview Where Tenney Attacked Brindisi’s Father, She Claimed Brindisi Was “Going To Make It A Campaign That’s Not Going To Be About Issues.” “In a re-election campaign that has barely begun, Rep. Claudia Tenney is already launching a character attack against her new opponent, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, by making an issue of his father’s ‘notorious’ background as a lawyer who decades ago represented defendants with ties to organized crime [...] Tenney said she likes Brindisi, personally. ‘I think he’s a nice guy, and I’ve worked with him in the Assembly, but he’s making ridiculous accusations against me,’ she said. ‘Very unfortunately, he’s going to make it a campaign that’s not going to be about issues. It’s going to be about distorting my record. He’s already saying I’m not independent. Seriously? Someone like me?’” [USA Today, [7/14/17](#)]

Utica Resident Said He Was Offended By Tenney’s Attacks As An Italian-American And As An Attorney, Called Her A Disgrace To The Bar. “On the Keeler in the Morning Show Tuesday, callers shared their opinions – some believing her comments were relevant and appropriate, while others expressed outraged, labeling them ‘insulting’ and out of bounds. Not only was Utica Frank Policelli offended as an Italian American, he said, but also baffled at how Tenney – an attorney herself – would make such an allegation. ‘It’s amazing for me to believe how somebody that stupid could have passed the bar exam. I’ve tried cases with Lou Brindisi and we represented everybody. For her to make those kind of comments, that insinuates that criminal defense lawyers aren’t for law and order, is a disgrace as a lawyer. She disgraces the bar; She embarrasses me as a lawyer wherever I go in this state and this country because people laugh at her because she’s so stupid,’ he said.” [WIBX, [7/19/17](#)]

Tenney Repeatedly Called Brindisi Names

Tenney Called Brindisi A “CreepyBiden Pelosi Puppet”

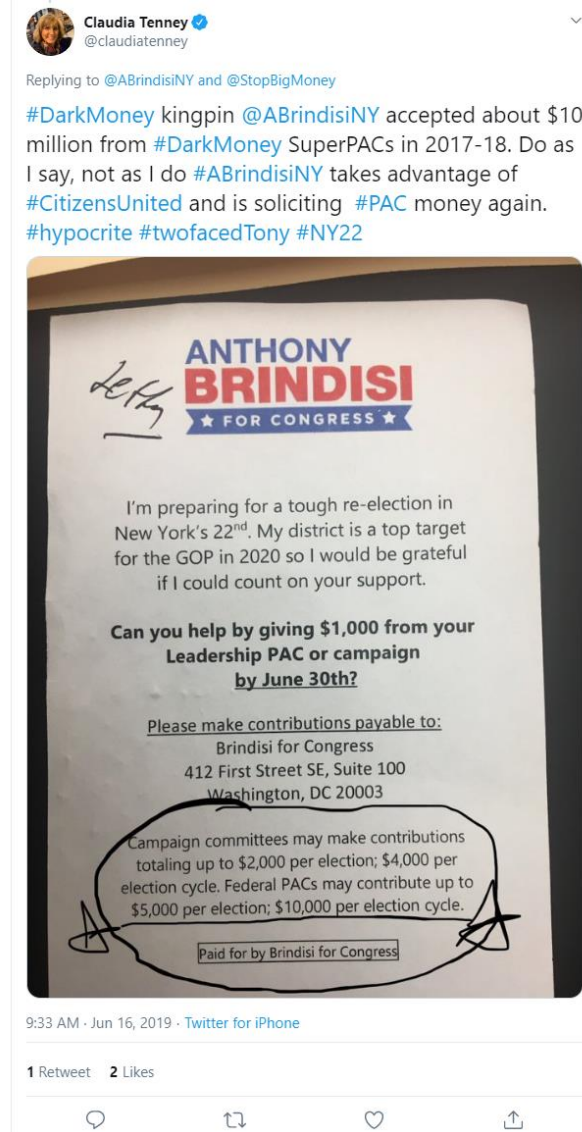
Tenney Called Brindisi A “CreepyBiden Pelosi Puppet” After A Twitter User Replied To Her. [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/15/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/15/19](#)]

Tenney Called Brindisi “TwofacedTony” And A “DarkMoney Kingpin”

Tenney Called Anthony Brindisi “TwofacedTony” And A “DarkMoney Kingpin.” “#DarkMoney kingpin @ABrindisiNY accepted about \$10 million from #DarkMoney SuperPACs in 2017-18. Do as I say, not as I do #ABrindisiNY takes advantage of #CitizensUnited and is soliciting #PAC money again. #hypocrite #twofacedTony #NY22” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/16/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/16/19](#)]

Tenney Suggested Brindisi Voted Moderately Because He Was Afraid Of Her Entering The Race

Tenney Suggested Brindisi Voted Against Democrats Because He Was Afraid Of Her Entering The Race. “TENNEY: When you look at his voting record, you can perceive him as a moderate because there was a rumor that came out in July that I might run [...] All of a sudden the next day when Brindisi realized I would maybe be running, that next day he voted against holding Attorney General Barr in contempt, he voted against impeaching the president, and then he voted against raising the minimum wage, the very same minimum wage he voted to raise twice in New York state.” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 11:09, Vantage, 10/18/19] (AUDIO)

...Democrats In General...

Tenney Said That “So Many Of These People That Commit The Mass Murders End Up Being Democrats” And Fundraised Off The Backlash Against Her Comments

Tenney Said Many Mass Murderers “End Up Being Democrats,” A Claim Tied To A Meme Circulated By Internet Conspiracy Theorists

Tenney Characterized Her Democratic Colleagues As “Un-American” For Not Applauding During Trump’s First State Of The Union Address, And Said That “So Many Of These People That Commit The Mass Murders End Up Being Democrats.” “Ms. Tenney, a first-term Republican congresswoman from Central New York, has remained an unabashed supporter of President Trump, even as his unpopularity in his home state is expected to drive Democrats to the polls in November’s midterm elections. She has criticized her Democratic colleagues for being ‘un-American’ for not applauding the president during his State of the Union address in January, suggesting that they ‘don’t love our country.’ And she has managed to exceed Mr. Trump in her criticism of those who would restrict gun rights, positing that ‘so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats.’ Her comments have ricocheted across social media and national news outlets and even landed in a Jimmy Kimmel monologue. National Democrats have sought to capitalize on her rhetoric as out of touch, even zany.” [New York Times, 5/11/18]

Tenney’s Claim Was Linked To A Debunked Meme Which Circulated In Conspiracist Areas Of The Internet. “Tenney’s remarks began circulating on social media and caused an uproar. She didn’t provide any evidence to back up her claims. An internet meme that has been circulating for years has alleged many of the gunmen involved in mass shootings or prominent assassinations are Democrats. Snopes, a fact-checking website, determined the claims were ‘mostly false.’ As an example, one of the shooters on the list is Adam Lanza. Lanza carried out the attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. While the internet meme claims he was a registered Demo-crat, news reports indicate he wasn’t registered to vote. Another shooter on the list is Jared Loughner, who killed six people and severely wounded then-U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. While the meme alleges Loughner was a Democrat, records show he was actually a registered independent.” [The Citizen, 2/23/18]

Fact Checkers And Experts Criticized Tenney’s Claim

Tenney’s Statement Tying Mass Murders To Democrats Was Roundly Debunked By Fact-Checkers. “In the interview, Tenney said she feared that legal gun owners would be targeted in the wake of the shooting, even though ‘their demographic’ has the least amount of crimes compared to other demographics. ‘It’s interesting that so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats,’ Tenney told Dicker in a statement that made national headlines. ‘But the media doesn’t talk about that.’ The statement has been debunked by fact checkers, who found that political affiliation of mass shooters is often unknown or unverified, and rarely a motivating factor in their crimes. Tenney herself later issued a statement claiming ‘we know the perpetrators of these atrocities have a wide variety of political views.’” [Times-Union, 3/2/18]

According To Experts, Mass Shooters Are Rarely Motivated By A Political Agenda. “Mass shooters are rarely motivated by a political agenda, experts told us. Mass shootings are often perpetrated by young men who are socially isolated or have a mental illness, experience a trauma or conflict that sends them reeling emotionally, and have easy access to guns, said Alan Lipman, professor at George Washington University Medical Center and founder of the Center for the Study of Violence. ‘Their motives are almost always, without exception, nonpolitical. And they don’t describe themselves as having a particular political motivation,’ Lipman said. Some - like Dylann Roof, who killed nine people at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015 - might channel their rage at a specific group of people, said James Alan Fox, criminologist at Northeastern Uni-versity and author of ‘Extreme Killing: Understanding Serial and Mass Murder.’ But that doesn’t mean they’re acting on a Republican or Democratic mission, he said.” [The Buffalo News, 3/1/18]

Tenney’s Claim Was Rated “Pants On Fire” By Politifact New York, And Drew Criticism From One Of Tenney’s Predecessors In Congress. “Congresswoman Claudia Tenney’s recent comments on mass murderers and Democrats were akin to racism, inappropriate and the ‘No. 1 Democratic fundraiser in the country,’ said her predecessors as Congressional representatives for the Utica area. On an Albany radio talk show on Wednesday, Tenney said that ‘so many of these people that commit mass murders end up being Democrats,’ a comment that has

put her in the national media spotlight. The website PolitiFact New York gave the comment a ‘Pants on Fire’ rating for accuracy. Sherwood Boehlert, a Republican who represented the district that includes Utica from 1983 until 2007, kept his criticism succinct. ‘I found her comments to be completely inappropriate and insensitive,’ he said. ‘She doesn’t get very high marks from me.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/24/18]

Local Politicians In Tenney’s Own Party Criticized Her Statement; Local Constituents Protested

Former Rep. Sherwood Boehlert Said Tenney’s False Claim That “Many” Mass Murderers Were Democrats Was “Completely Inappropriate And Insensitive.” “On an Albany radio talk show on Wednesday, Tenney said that ‘so many of these people that commit mass murders end up being Democrats,’ a comment that has put her in the national media spotlight. The website PolitiFact New York gave the comment a ‘Pants on Fire’ rating for accuracy. Sherwood Boehlert, a Republican who represented the district that includes Utica from 1983 until 2007, kept his criticism succinct. ‘I found her comments to be completely inappropriate and insensitive,’ he said. ‘She doesn’t get very high marks from me.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [2/24/18](#)]

Oneida County Executive Picente Was “Mortified” By Tenney’s Claim That “Many” Mass Murderers Were Democrats. “‘I was mortified,’ said Republican Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. today of Tenney’s initial comments. ‘They were pretty outrageous and pretty despicable.’ Picente said the focus should be about the issue of gun violence and solutions. ‘This is centered and started around 17 people losing their lives.’ He said there is ‘no place’ for comments that are ‘so partisan about guns and about people’s lives.’ He continued: ‘It’s embarrassing first of all to our region.’ He added that ‘It paints a terrible picture that I don’t think is true of the people she represents.’” [Rome Sentinel, [2/22/18](#)]

Tenney’s Comments Prompted Protests And Calls For Her To Apologize From Her Constituents. “Roughly two dozen protesters gathered outside the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs Thursday to condemn Republicans’ embrace of U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, who has come under fire for claiming that ‘so many’ mass murderers ‘end up being Democrats.’ Holding signs that read ‘Tenney Apologize!’ and ‘Misinformation 101, Prof. Tenney,’ the group paced and chanted on sidewalks outside the hotel Thursday evening, as a reception for the New York Republican state convention kicked off inside. Tenney, who recently announced she will run for re-election, was invited as a special guest. ‘Why would you say something like that?’ said Ellen Egger-Aimone, a member of Saratoga Progressive Action, referring to Tenney’s recent remarks. ‘At a time when we need rational conversation, all she has to offer is divisiveness? Sadly, that’s the kind of politics we’re seeing more and more of, and it really demeans democracy.’” [Times-Union, 3/2/18]

Tenney Fundraised Off The Backlash To Her Comments

Tenney Fundraised Off Of The Backlash Against Her Comments Tying Mass Murder To Democrats. “Tenney, whose race against Brindisi is one of the closest congressional matchups this year, has a pen-chant for controversial comments. In February, a week after a school shooting in Parkland, Florida, left 17 students dead, Tenney said, ‘It’s interesting that so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats.’ When she was roundly criticized for the comment, Tenney began fundraising off the backlash. ‘This week, Claudia called out liberals for politicizing these tragedies, rightly pointed out that big cities dominated by liberal Democrats are loaded with gun crime, and no side has a monopoly on evil or mentally ill people committing horrible crimes with guns,’ a fundraising email sent Feb. 26 read.” [The Ithaca Journal, 3/23/18]

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“INTERVIEWER: You said that mass shooters are usually Democrats [...] Do you stand by those statements?
TENNEY: They are all patently false, they are all a spliced and diced smear of me. Those are now libelous and slanderous statements. [...] The whole point that I was making [...] is that every time we have a tragic mass shooting of some kind, the Democrats, within an hour of the Parkland shooting, the Democrats are out screaming

and this is the fault of Republicans, Republican policy, the NRA is a terrorist group [...] What I was trying to say is [...] no party affiliation, nobody can say they are clean on this issue on whether there is a mass shooter. [...] They blame Republicans all the time, and in the end, if you read the quote, I said sometimes, these mass shootings end up being Democrats, many of them end up being Democrats. I didn't say 'usually,' I didn't say 'most.' The DCCC put out, Tenney says, Democrats are mass murderers. The biggest mass murder shooting in the history of our nation's history, until Nevada, the shooting that occurred in Las Vegas [...] the biggest shooting in this country's history was Orlando. The guy was a registered Democrat. [...] The whole point I was trying to say is that all mass murderers, and all these mass shootings, are not all Republicans and right-leaning. [...] I think it's actually libelous and slanderous to use against me. [...] INTERVIEWER: How is it libel to ask you about something you said on the radio? TENNEY: That's not what I said. I did not say that Democrats are mass murderers, I did not say that. What I said was that in the end not all these people are Republicans, they tend to be everything." [WAMC Interview, 22:39, Vantage, 10/2/19] (AUDIO)

Tenney Called Democrats "Un-American"

Tenney: "I Would Say It Was Un-American And They Don't Love Our Country." "Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney defends Trump's criticism of Democrats who didn't clap for his State of the Union address: 'I would say it was un-American and they don't love our country. I don't know if I'd go as far as 'treasonous'" [CNN, [2/6/18](#)] ([VIDEO](#))

Tenney Said Of Democrats: "They Don't Love Our Country." "She's also pretty tough on Democrats, sounding almost Trumpian in her remarks.' They don't love our country,' Tenney said of the minority party during a CNN interview last month about the president's State of the Union address. 'I thought it was terrible that they didn't clap for very American ideas, and why? Why not? They're just about 'resist,' and what does 'resist' mean? Obstruct.'" [The Hill, [3/13/18](#)]

Tenney Kept Assistant On Staff Who Used Fake Identity To Troll Her Opponent On Government Time, Despite Editorial Calling For His Firing As "Lesson In Honesty"

Tenney Staffer Patrick O'Brien Used A Fake Name To Write Pro-Tenney Letters To The Editor And Troll Her Opponent On Twitter. "A communications assistant for Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, used a phony name to blog, tweet and write letters to the editor of area media outlets, including the Observer-Dispatch. The name, 'Dave Garland,' was one Patrick O'Brien used to write a book, 'The Common Man's View of Political Dishonesty,' while a junior in college. O'Brien has been submitting letters to the O-D under the false name, 'Dave Garland,' for the past year. Most were pro-Tenney, and all were checked through the O-D's letter verification system whereby writers are called by a staffer, asked to identify themselves and queried briefly on letter content to be sure that they are indeed the writer [...] Garland's Twitter account retweeted Tenney, Perry said, and regularly criticized Brindisi. Meanwhile, O'Brien's LinkedIn profile lists the authorship of his book between interning for Tenney's campaign and working for her office. Perry notes that Tenney and Andrews followed 'Garland' on Twitter." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [9/15/17](#)]

Tenney Spox On Staffer Who Used Fake Name: "Unlike Rep. Tenney's Detractors, He Was Always Civil And Polite." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [9/15/17](#)]

Tenney Staffer Regularly Tweeted Under His Fake Name During Standard Business Hours. "Social media postings by Patrick O'Brien was not exclusively 'on his own time.' O'Brien regularly tweeted as 'Dave Garland' (@davegarlandusa) during standard business hours, evident in several time-stamped screen shots collected in recent weeks. This included 'Garland' and I tweeting back and forth on multiple occasions over the past few months and the promotion of his recently developed blog, Upstate NY Congressional News." [UC Public Affairs, Perry blog post, [9/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Our View: Tenney Aide Needs A Lesson In Honesty.” “It is the epitome of irony that a man who wrote a book entitled, ‘The Common Man’s View of Political Dishonesty,’ would use a phony name to promote his political agenda. Worse is that his employer — Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford — plans to keep him on staff. In a world where ‘fake news’ is a political flash point, he shamed and embarrassed her by being deceitful, and should be fired [...] But he lied. He deceived constituents of the 22nd U.S. Congressional District, and he did it on taxpayer time. Contrary to Andrews’ statement that O’Brien’s postings were done ‘on his own time,’ Perry said that they had communicated during regular business hours. Rep. Tenney doesn’t seem to have a problem with any of this. We do. And so should you.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, Editorial, [9/19/17](#)]

Patrick O’Brien Remained On Tenney’s Staff As Of August 2018. [Legistorm, accessed [8/10/18](#)]

Tenney Derided Universities In Her District, Including Her Own Alma Mater, As Liberal Bastions

Tenney Called Her Alma Mater, Colgate University, A University Located In Her District A “Left-Wing Crazy School.” “Tenney also called her alma mater, Colgate University, which is in the district, a ‘left-wing crazy school.’ Tenney at the time said an adversarial media was blowing her comments out of proportion.” [Times Union, 10/3/19]

TENNEY: Colgate Is A “Left-Wing Crazy School And Now It’s Even Worse.” “Liberal colleges generally produce liberal teachers who teach our kids from a perspective that is not in line with our concerns and values. Kids’ values of civic is terrible. I would like the idea for school vouchers brought back, a push for more conservative colleges. All of this is true, I went to Colgate, I graduated thirty-five years ago. I thought it was a left-wing crazy school and now it’s even worse.” [YouTube, [10/23/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Said Professors At Colgate University And Hamilton College Have No Interest In The Community. “You’re gonna see some of these Colgate professors who have no interest in this community...they come in and they haven’t worked the farms, they haven’t sold – been a part of our community. They come in as transients and they’re selling socialism – the same thing at Hamilton College. They’re taking over our media.” [Coffee With Claudia, [Tracking Event Memo](#), 34:41, [9/1/18](#)] (AUDIO)

...The Oneida Indian Nation And Its Leaders...

2020: Tenney Called The Oneida Indian Nation A Corporation

Tenney Called The Oneida Indian Nation A Corporation With Tax-Exempt Status. “TENNEY: It’s this game, because his base, the Democrats, vilify corporations – anyone who’s a corporation is vilified but yet Cree, and all these other corporations that are coming in that Cuomo and Brindisi support, or the Oneida Indian Nation, which is a corporation that just happens to have no-tax status...” [Talk! 100.7 FM, WUTQ, Vantage, 2/7/20] (AUDIO)

The Oneida Indian Nation Is A Federally Recognized Indian Nation. “The Oneida Indian Nation is a federally recognized Indian nation in Central New York. It is a member of the Haudenosaunee, known in English as the Six Nations or Iroquois Confederacy.” [Oneida Indian Nation, accessed [4/14/20](#)]

Federally Recognized Tribes Are Not Subject To Income Taxes... “As governmental entities, federally recognized tribes are not subject to income taxes.” [IRS, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

...However, Members Of Federally Recognized Tribes Are Still Subject To Federal Taxes As Individuals, With Exceptions. “Are members of federally recognized tribes subject to federal taxes as individuals? Yes, with important exceptions. Members of federally recognized tribes are subject to federal income taxes. In most situations, if a tribal member works for anyone, including himself, he is subject to

the appropriate federal income taxes on the income. This is also true for passive income the person might receive, from most sources.” [IRS, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

The Oneida Indian Nation Is The Largest Employer In The Region And Pays Nearly \$60 Million To The State And Surrounding Counties. “While holding fast to its traditions and culture, the Nation now enjoys a level of prosperity, through the success of its enterprises, that provides housing, education, health and cultural services to its Members. The Oneida Indian Nation Enterprises also provide stable employment and benefits for more than 4,700 workers, making the Nation the largest employer in the region. In addition, nearly \$60 million in Oneida Indian Nation payments are made annually under the settlement agreement to New York State and surrounding counties.” [Oneida Indian Nation, accessed [4/14/20](#)]

Tenney Accused Oneida Leader Halbritter Of Not Paying Taxes And Stealing Ancestral Lands

Tenney Accused Halbritter Of Not Paying Taxes And Stealing Ancestral Lands. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford — who served in the state Assembly from 2011-2016 — said she spent about 10 years and her own money fighting for the interests of the Oneida people to protect them from Halbritter, who she said was stealing their ancestral land. ‘While I am not against the jobs created by the casino, I do take serious issue with the fact that the (Gov. Andrew) Cuomo-Picente-Brindisi casino deal (in 2013) crudely sold out the taxpayers of Oneida and Madison counties by forcing them to give up an estimated \$800 million in back property and sales taxes owed from Halbritter, and an estimated \$1 billion in the future,’ she said in a statement. ‘This comes even after the U.S Supreme Court case brought by the city of Sherrill ruled that Halbritter’s highly profitable casino must pay taxes and respect the rule of law.’” [Times Telegram, 7/16/18]

Tenney Also Accused Halbritter Of Enriching Himself At The Expense Of The Oneida People

Tenney Also Accused Halbritter Of Enriching Himself At The Expense Of The Oneida People. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, said she isn’t opposed to the Nation making money, but who she is opposed to is the leader — Nation CEO and Representative Ray Halbritter. ‘The hundreds of millions in taxable annual profits should have been turned over to the local governments and public schools based on the Supreme Court decision,’ she said in a statement. ‘Instead, Ray Halbritter has enriched himself at the expense of the culture and heritage of many Oneidas. This deal ripped away critical funding from our county government, public schools, fire departments and local governments leaving Verona and the surrounding communities struggling.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/15/18]

2018: Tenney Revived Her Longstanding Feud With The Oneida Indian Nation, Calling Their Tribal Representative A “Tax Cheat” And Accused Him Of Trying To Profit From Proposed Downtown Utica Hospital

2018: The Oneida Indian Nation, Region’s Largest Employer, Criticized Tenney’s “Erratic Outbursts And Conspiracy Theories.” “The Oneida Indian Nation blasted U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, saying her recent ‘erratic outbursts and conspiracy theories’ jeopardize jobs and economic growth in Central New York.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 4/22/18]

The Statement Was Issued In Response To Tenney’s Allegation That The Indian Nation’s Representatives Was A “Tax Cheat” Bent On Using A Hospital Project For His Personal Gain. “The Oneidas, the region’s single-largest employer with 4,500 people working at its Turning Stone Resort Casino and related properties, had unusually harsh words for Tenney after she renewed an old feud Thursday with the nation. Tenney, R-New Hartford, issued a statement that called Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter a ‘tax cheat,’ and suggested that a Utica hospital proposal would be used to fuel his ambitions for a Utica casino. ‘Is the hospital project really about improving health care in our community, or is it about using the taxpayer’s money, once again,

to build a \$43 million parking garage to expand already wealthy Halbritter's cash ambitions into Utica for yet another casino?' Tenney said." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 4/22/18]

Tenney Criticized The Use Of Eminent Domain To Build A New Health Care Facility In Downtown Utica. "Congresswoman Claudia Tenney criticized the possible use of eminent domain to build a new Mohawk Valley Health System in downtown Utica. 'Politicians in the state and some on the local level have a long record of abusing taxpayer money by using that money to prop up one private business over another,' Tenney, R-New Hartford, said in a written statement. 'Declaring eminent domain -- which allows government to forcibly take privately held property from one owner and hand that property over to another private entity -- in the proposed downtown Utica hospital footprint is an equally egregious taking of constitutionally protected rights. 'The ability of our citizens to own and control private property is a cornerstone principle of our constitutional republic and this very principle preserves our freedom and sets our country apart from nearly all others.'" [Times-Telegram, 4/20/18]

Local Officials Disagreed With Tenney, Calling Her Assertions "Factually Inaccurate." "Some local officials took umbrage at Tenney's statement. 'The proposed hospital project is a transformational, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring state-of-the-art medical care and technology to our community,' said Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri in a statement. 'Congresswoman Tenney is entitled to her opinion, but she is factually inaccurate in referencing 'our shrinking tax base' as Utica's tax base has grown over the past six years due to proactive and aggressive economic development efforts.' His administration, he pledged, will keep working with and helping affected businesses instead of spreading political rhetoric. Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente Jr. also released a statement in reaction to Tenney's comments. 'Once again, Claudia Tenney speaks before thinking,' he said. 'Obviously, she doesn't care about the health care of her constituents. She doesn't know anything about this project because in between her taxpayer-funded vacations to Taiwan and Egypt, she has failed to learn anything about it.' " [Times-Telegram, 4/20/18]

Anthony Picente On Tenney's Opposition To Utica Downtown Hospital: "Obviously, She Doesn't Care About The Health Care Of Her Constituents." "Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente Jr. also released a statement in reaction to Tenney's comments. 'Once again, Claudia Tenney speaks before thinking,' he said. 'Obviously, she doesn't care about the health care of her constituents. She doesn't know anything about this project because in between her taxpayer-funded vacations to Taiwan and Egypt, she has failed to learn anything about it.'" [Utica Observer-Dispatch, 4/18/18]

The Oneidas Spent \$600,000 Against Tenney In The 2016 Republican Primary. "The Oneidas spent about \$600,000 against Tenney's campaign in a 2016 Republican primary in the 22nd Congressional District. Tenney has also criticized a 2013 casino revenue-sharing deal between Turning Stone and the state, calling it 'a corrupt bargain.' Joel Barkin, a spokesman for the Oneida Indian Nation, said Tenney's comments Thursday didn't make sense. 'The Oneida Nation has nothing to do with the hospital project, so we have no idea why Ms. Tenney is resurrecting totally unrelated issues that were resolved years ago,' Barkin said. 'However, we are deeply concerned about Ms. Tenney's behavior,' he said. 'As businesses and civic groups constructively explore ways to build our local economy, her erratic outbursts and conspiracy theories threaten to create an environment that is hostile to job creation and economic growth in this region.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, 4/22/18]

Represented Anti-Indian Hate Group As Its Attorney, Filing Multiple Lawsuits On Its Behalf; Donated To A Different Anti-Indian Hate Group In 2017

National Congress Of American Indians Condemned Upstate Citizens For Equality (UCE) And Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) As Anti-Indian Hate Groups. "The National Congress of American Indians unanimously approved last week a resolution condemning the Upstate Citizens for Equality (UCE), and other citizens groups, as hate groups. The resolution, passed at the NCAI's annual session in Spokane, condemned the UCE, the Citizens Equal Rights Alliance and the United Property Owners as hate groups. The resolution noted that 'the specific intent of this network is to eliminate Indian governments, societies and culture,' and the groups operate through 'local, state and national political elected officials to influence policy and legislative changes that would

reduce and eliminate sovereign and treaty rights.’ The NCAI was formed in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska native governments.” [Oneida Daily Dispatch, [12/05/01](#)]

December 2017: Tenney For Congress Donated \$1,200 To Upstate Citizens For Equality Inc PAC. [Federal Election Commission, Tenney for Congress Year-End Report, [1/31/18](#)]

Tenney Represented Coalition Including Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) In Lawsuit Against US Department Of The Interior Challenging Incorporation Of Oneida Nation Land Into Trust. “The woman is New York Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, who served as chief of staff and legal counsel from 2003 to 2009 to former Assemblyman David Townsend, a politician with a long history of opposing Indian sovereignty and self-determination... In pursuit of her ‘principles of fairness and equality,’ during her tenure as Townsend’s legal counsel Tenney filed a lawsuit against the federal government seeking reversal of its decision to take 13 acres of land into trust for the Oneida Nation. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA), one of a multitude of anti-Indian sovereignty organizations that popped up in the 1990s and early 2000s in response to the unprecedented success of Indian gaming.” [Indian Country Today Media Network, [11/09/13](#)]

Served As Chief Of Staff To Assemblyman Who Accused Oneida Nation Businesses Of Being Conduits For Terrorist Group Funding

Assemblyman David Townsend Sent Out Fliers Accusing Oneida Indian Nation Of Transferring Money From “Cigarette Smuggling Rackets” To Terror Groups. “Republican Assemblyman David Townsend sent a flier during the last week of July to an unknown number of households in Oneida and Oswego counties, claiming that ‘cigarette smuggling rackets originating on New York’s Indian reservations are transferring huge sums of money to Middle East terror groups.’ Townsend cites a report called ‘Tobacco and Terror: How Cigarette Smuggling is Funding our Enemies Abroad’ that purports to connect the sale of untaxed tobacco products on Indian reservations to Hezbollah, Hamas and al-Qaida, but provides little substantive evidence to support the claim. ‘America’s Indian Nations ... gambling with our security?’ the flier asks, juxtaposing that headline over a photograph of the OIN’s Turning Stone Resort and Casino, clearly implying that the nation is involved in illegal activities.” [Indian Country Today Media Network, [8/12/08](#)]

Assemblyman Townsend: “We’re Talking About The Smuggling Of Cigarettes Through Native American Businesses, Which The Turning Stone Is, Used To Fund Terrorism Around The World.” “‘We’re talking about the collection of taxes on cigarettes and we’re talking about the smuggling of cigarettes through Native American businesses, which the Turning Stone is, used to fund terrorism around the world, based on a report of the United States Congress,’ Townsend said. Not exactly. The report was not issued or endorsed by Congress. It was prepared by the Republican staff of the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security as the result of an ‘investigation’ launched by Republican Rep. Peter T. King of Long Island, the ranking minority member of the committee.” [Indian Country Today Media Network, [8/12/08](#)]

Tenney Served As Townsend’s Chief Of Staff And Legal Counsel. “The woman is New York Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, who served as chief of staff and legal counsel from 2003 to 2009 to former Assemblyman David Townsend, a politician with a long history of opposing Indian sovereignty and self-determination.” [Indian Country Today Media Network, [11/09/13](#)]

NOTE: The Oneida Indian Nation owns Four Directions Media, the parent company of Indian Country Today Media Network

Tenney Referred To Local Indian Leader As “Spray Tan Ray” And Questioned His Native American Heritage

Called Leader Of Oneida Indian Nation Ray Halbritter “Spray Tan Ray” On Twitter And Claimed He Was “Not Oneida.” “It’s no secret that Assemblywoman Claudia Tunney isn’t a fan of Oneida Indian Nation

Representative and CEO Ray Halbritter. But the Nation is crying foul over a statement Tenney made last week on her personal Twitter account. The tweet consists of a photo of Halbritter speaking at a podium, and the words ‘Spray Tan Ray looks like Davy Crockett here, not Oneida. Oops! That’s because he isn’t Oneida.’”



[Observer-Dispatch, [4/11/15](#)]

Oneida Responded By Calling The Remarks “Hate Speech.” “Claudia Tenney using the platform of her office to publicly denigrate people on the basis of their skin colour is unacceptable, and does a disservice to the vast majority of Central New Yorkers who understand there is no place in our political discourse for this type of hate speech.’ Tenney has said in the past that Halbritter isn’t a member of the Oneida Nation, but the Nation dismissed those claims.” [Observer-Dispatch, [4/11/15](#)]

Tenney Replied By Doubling Down On Remarks, Calling Halbritter A “Bully” “Fraud” And A “Cheat.” “Tenney responded by calling Halbritter ‘a fraud and a tax cheat,’ and reiterated her claims that he is not a true Oneida. She long has fought against the Oneida Nation because it does not pay state and local taxes. ‘For a man who lies, cheats and steals for a living to level these accusations is laughable,’ she wrote of the Nation’s allegations. ‘I wish the media would do its job and stand up against this bully. He is trampling the true Oneida culture and traditions, putting hard-working New Yorkers out of business, intimidating public officials and now smearing anyone who gets in his way.’” [Observer-Dispatch, [4/11/15](#)]

Admitted She’d Been Referring To Halbritter As “Spray Tan Ray” For Months. “Tenney voiced surprise that her ‘Spray Tan Ray’ tweet drew press attention, saying, ‘I’ve been calling him ‘Spray Tan Ray’ for months.’” [Daily Star, [4/14/15](#)]

Said “Spray Tan Ray” Comment Had “Nothing To Do With Race.” “In a telephone interview, Tenney, who has been locked in a long-running battle with Halbritter, stated her comment sent out on Twitter this month ‘has nothing to do with race.’” [Daily Star, [4/14/15](#)]

2013: Tenney Interrupted Oneida Nation Press Conference On Changing “Redskins” Name, Heckled Oneida CEO Ray Halbritter, Called Him A Fraud, Posted Video Of It To Her YouTube Account

Interrupted Oneida Indian Nation Press Conference On Changing The “Redskins” Name, Heckled Oneida CEO Ray Halbritter, Called Him A Fraud, Posted Video Of Event To Her Campaign YouTube Channel. In

November 2013, Tenney posted video of her October 30, 2013 interruption of an Oneida Indian Nation press conference held as part of its “Change The Name” campaign to have the NFL and Washington professional football team change the name of the team’s mascot. Tenney described the video on her campaign channel as “Claudia Tenney speaking out against Halbritter, a fraudulent bully, in defense of genuine Oneida client Melvin Phillips and his family” and categorized it as “comedy.” During the video, Tenney stands up from a seat in the middle of the press pool and argues with the press conference’s moderator while waving a copy of a document purportedly from the national archives pertaining to Oneida Nation Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter’s ancestry. Tenney repeatedly references her elected office while she and the moderator repeatedly talk over each other and she eventually argues with members of the crowd. [YouTube, Claudia Tenney -- Ousted by Halbritter Minions, recorded [10/30/13](#)]

...And The Media

Echoing Trump, Tenney Called The Media “The Single Biggest Destructive Force In Our Country”

Tenney Declared War On What She Called The “Twist And Smear” Media, Embraced Trump’s Bombastic Style As Her Own. “Rep. Claudia Tenney (R) is embracing President Trump’s confrontational style as she seeks to hold on to a hotly contested New York district considered a toss-up race in this fall’s midterm elections. While insisting that she is not tied to the president, the freshman lawmaker at times sounds like a mini-Trump. She’s declared war on the ‘twist and smear’ media, which she blamed last month for not talking about how many people who commit mass murders end up being Democrats.’ I call it twist and smear -- that’s what the media tends to do,’ said Tenney, who ran the newspaper division of Mid-York Press, Inc., her family’s commercial printing and manufacturing firm.’ Some are better than others,’ Tenney added. ‘I do think the single biggest destructive force in our country is the media. We’ve lost our way.’” [The Hill, 3/13/18]

Tenney Was Critical Of A Local Paper, Accusing Them Of “Trying To Defeat An Independent Voice.” “On education, Tenney said the state’s method of funding schools is a problem due to unfunded mandates. And with President Donald Trump, Tenney said there have been certain measures she has disagreed with, such as elements of the president’s proposed ‘skinny budget’ when it was introduced. During her remarks, Tenney was particularly critical of the Observer-Dispatch, saying the newspaper’s mission is ‘to try to defeat an independent voice.’ Nevertheless, Tenney said her own mission while in Congress has been in the interest of New York’s 22nd Congressional District, which covers Oneida, Madison, Chenango and Cortland as well as parts of Broome, Herkimer, Oswego and Tioga counties. ‘This district is very important to me. I’ve lived here my entire life,’ she said.” [Times Telegram, 9/21/17]

Tenney Yelled “Fake News!” At A Reporter Before Storming Off

[VIDEO] Tenney Became Angry At A Reporter Who Questioned Her About Her Mass Shooting Comments, Yelled “It Is Fake News!” Before Storming Off. “TENNEY: Are you going to let me answer the question? Let me answer the question. We’re not gonna – the question is, you don’t want to hear a truthful answer. You don’t want to know that this problem occurs across all sectors, with all kinds of people. It isn’t just Republicans who commit all these terrible crimes [...] And all I’m saying is everybody is guilty equally, and that’s exactly what I said if you listen to the 12 minute interview, it’s patently clear. REPORTER: That’s not what you said during the interview. You said— TENNEY: You didn’t listen to the interview. STAFFER: Go ahead, next question. TENNEY: (leaning into the camera) It’s fake news! I answered your question every which way, it is fake news! (walks away from the shot) Bye. Done. It’s ridiculous. (takes off microphone as staffer blocks the shot) I’m not talking anymore.” [YouTube, [3/5/18](#)]

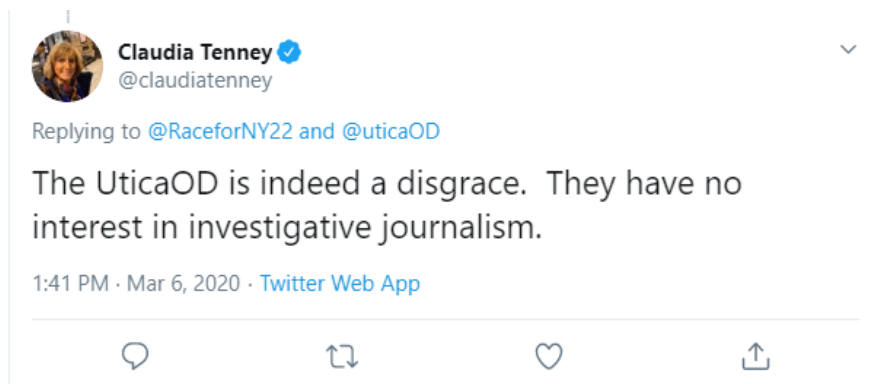
Tenney Attacked Local Newspapers

Tenney Called The Courier News Newspaper A Democratic Operative By George Soros And The DCCC

Tenney Called The Courier News Newspaper A Democratic Operative By George Soros And The DCCC After She Said It Praised Brindisi. “TENNEY: There’s this thing called the Courier News. They’re always posting these glowing praise articles about, for example, Anthony Brindisi on Twitter. And you find out the Courier press – it looks like a newspaper – is really not. You know what it is? It’s a Democratic operative funded by George Soros, the Democratic DCCC, and they plant stories to make them look like some objective news source.” [Talk! 100.7 FM, WUTQ, Vantage, 2/7/20] (AUDIO)

Tenney Repeatedly Attacked The Utica Observer-Dispatch, The Main Source Of News For The Mohawk Valley

Tenney Called The Utica Observer-Dispatch A “Disgrace.” “The UticaOD is indeed a disgrace. They have no interest in investigative journalism.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/6/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Attacked The Utica Observer-Dispatch For Not Reporting On Her Work For The Air Force Research Laboratory. “Our team actually fought for and secured the funding for #AFRL , but the @uticaOD refused to report it. #fakenews #mediashills” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/12/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/12/20](#)]

The Utica Observer-Dispatch Is The Main Source Of Print And Online News In The Mohawk Valley. [Observer-Dispatch, Facebook, accessed [3/12/20](#)]

The Utica Observer-Dispatch Did Cover Tenney’s Efforts In Support Of A Security Fence For The Facility. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, recently testified in front of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military, Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies in support of the fence, which she said would help secure the facility. The \$14.2 million project is on the subcommittee’s unfunded priority list, according to documents acquired by the Observer-Dispatch. Despite that, Tenney said she would like the Appropriations Committee to fund the fence by including it in the National Defense Authorization Act. ‘The reason it’s important is we want to ensure that Rome lab stays in Rome, we want to make sure that it doesn’t get displaced and moved back to Dayton (Ohio) or anywhere else,’ Tenney said. ‘This is a weekly fight on our side, because if we don’t advocate every week and every day for Rome lab, it could very well be moved to another part of the country because it is a world-renowned institution that does groundbreaking cybersecurity research and we just have to fight to keep it there. ... The perimeter fence would help add to the credibility of Rome lab, in terms of security and making sure in the event something does happen, we’re protected from having any kind of eventuality occur to it.’” [Observer-Dispatch, [4/22/18](#)]

The Utica Observer-Dispatch Credited Tenney With Having Advocated For Funding For The Lab During Her Term. “The lab’s funding allocation has been more than a year in the making, as former U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney advocated for the money during her term.” [Observer-Dispatch, [2/13/20](#)]

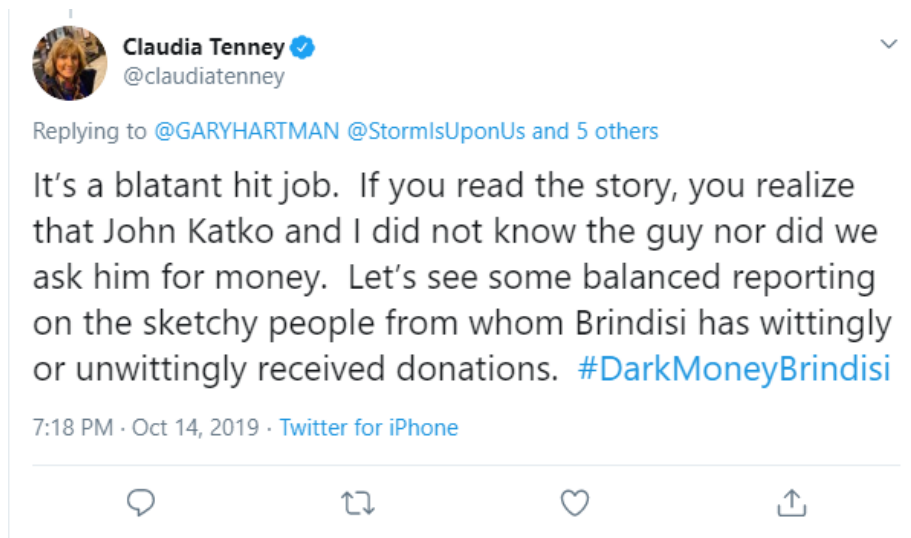
Yet, Tenney Appeared to Support The Utica Observer-Dispatch’s Coverage Other Times. [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/23/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/23/20](#)]

Tenney Accused Syracuse.com/ The Post-Standard Of Writing A Hit Job Against Her After It Reported On Her Accepting Campaign Contributions From Igor Fruman

Tenney Accused Syracuse.com/ The Post-Standard Of Writing A Hit Job Against Her Regarding Her Accepting Campaign Contributions From Igor Fruman. “It’s a blatant hit job. If you read the story, you realize that John Katko and I did not know the guy nor did we ask him for money. Let’s see some balanced reporting on the sketchy people from whom Brindisi has wittingly or unwittingly received donations. #DarkMoneyBrindisi” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]

Tenney Wrote An Opinion For Syracuse.com/ The Post-Standard During The Coronavirus Pandemic.
[Syracuse, [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Defended Indefensible Behaviors And Statements From Trump's White House And Members Of Her Party

Tenney Defended Alleged Perpetrators Of Sexual Harassment And Spousal Abuse In Congress And The Trump Administration

Tenney Refused To Return Donations She Received From Disgraced Former Congressman Pat Meehan's Leadership PAC

Tenney Refused To Return \$1,000 She Received From Accused Sexual Harasser Pat Meehan's Leadership PAC. "State Assemblyman Anthony J. Brindisi's congressional campaign is calling on U.S. Rep. Claudia L. Tenney, R-22, New Hartford, to return a \$1,000 campaign donation she received from Congressman Patrick Meehan's Political Action Committee, Patriots Leading a Majority PAC. Meehan, R-Pa., has come under political fire in light of revelations that he used taxpayer money to settle a sexual harassment complaint from a former female staffer [...] 'Talk is cheap. Claudia Tenney stood up to corrupt House Speaker Sheldon Silver and called for his resignation after it was exposed that Silver used taxpayer dollars to cover up sexual harassment claims against members of the Assembly,' said Raychel Renna, Tenney campaign manager. Anthony Brindisi voted for Speaker Silver despite the sexual harassment hush money scandal, she claimed. 'We will use those funds to help ensure Anthony Brindisi's troubling record on sexual harassment is exposed to the public, and New Yorkers are aware Brindisi's sudden concern about sexual harassment is politically motivated.'" [Rome Sentinel, [1/29/18](#)]

Tenney Defended Accused Harasser Blake Farenthold After He Used \$84,000 In Taxpayer Funds To Settle A Sexual Harassment Claim

Tenney Said Blake Farenthold Should Not Resign Over Revelations That He Used Taxpayer Money To Settle A Sexual Harassment Claim Made By A Staffer. "Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney in a Capital Tonight interview said she does not believe Texas Rep. Blake Farenthold should resign after it was revealed he used \$84,000 in taxpayer money to settlement harassment complaints leveled against him by a former aide and questioned whether the accusations against him fit the definition of sexual harassment [...] 'I think Blake

Farenthold is not an example of sexual harassment,' she said. 'From what I know he made some off-handed comments that were inappropriate, that were just boorish.'" [NY State of Politics, 12/22/17]

Tenney Voted To Reform Harassment And Discrimination Policies In Congress Which Would Have Prevented Farenthold From Leaving Taxpayers On The Hook For His Harassment Settlement. "U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, voted yes last week on two measures that will reform harassment and discrimination policies in the congressional workplace. The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 reconfigures how complaints under the Congressional Accountability Act involving sexual harassment and other discriminatory acts are investigated and resolved, according to Tenney's office. The bill requires members to personally pay for any settlements in cases where they are alleged or proven responsible for those actions. Another measure modifies the rules of the House of Representatives by explicitly prohibiting sexual harassment and forbids sexual relationships between a member and their staff, according to the announcement. The measure also requires House offices to implement anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies." [Times Telegram, 2/20/18]

Tenney On #MeToo: "A Lot Of Things Are Turning Into Sexual Harassment"

Tenney On #MeToo: "You Bump Into Someone At A Restaurant One Night And All Of A Sudden It's Sexual Harassment [...] A Lot Of Things Are Turning Into Sexual Harassment And I Think In The Long Run It May Hurt Women." [57:30] TENNEY: "I don't know the best way to put it, but some of these situations, it seems that natural human... you bump into someone at a restaurant one night, and all of a sudden it's sexual harassment. That to me, legally, is not sexual harassment. I think there has to be intent, and there has to be the intent to manipulate and control that person and use them in a way that isn't just accidental. I think a lot of things are turning into sexual harassment and I think in the long run it may hurt women. You know, why have a woman in your office because god knows, you look at her the wrong way and all of a sudden you've got a sexual harassment claim. And the same is said on both sides, it could be sexual harassment for all, whether it's homo—or any kind of relationship. I think we have to be very careful how we look at this." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, Facebook Live, [1/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Defended Accused Abuser Rob Porter

Tenney Said Physical Abuse Accusations Against White House Aide Rob Porter Could Not Lead To Him Being Blackmailed Because They Were "Not Crimes Of Character." "Informed of the fact that the FBI was looking into the allegations as part of its background check of Porter, and that there was potential concern over the possibility of the staffer being blackmailed, Tenney shot down that possibility. "Right, except blackmail and domestic situations don't really line up, they're not crimes of character," she said. "They're [crimes of] character but they're not dishonesty—know this. To me... just because somebody has been accused of these things and even if they're true that doesn't necessarily mean he's going to be dishonest and commit blackmail. I don't think it was a great hire if these are true, but again, are these true?" [The Daily Beast, [2/16/18](#)]

Tenney Cited Her Experience As Divorce Lawyer In Casting Doubt On Assault Accusations Against Porter. "Tenney cited her experience as a divorce lawyer in casting doubt on the accusations by both of Porter's ex-wives. 'I've had divorce cases where terrible abuse is going on and the person doesn't do anything about it, usually it's the wife, sometimes it's the husband,'" she said. "But in cases like this, I've seen cases where somebody hurts themselves and they go in and blame their ex-husband. Or their ex-husband to be. The person wasn't even there.'" [Huffington Post, [2/16/18](#)]

Tenney Said That She Doubted Rob Porter's Alleged Victims Were Telling The Truth About His Abuse: "I've Seen Cases Where Somebody Hurts Themselves And They Go In And Blame Their Ex-Husband." "The week before her mass shooting comments, Tenney cast doubt on allegations that then recently ousted White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter had physically abused his two ex-wives. 'I've seen cases where somebody hurts themselves and they go in and blame their ex-husband or their ex-husband-to-be,' Tenney said in an interview with

WUTQ. Porter had been unable to obtain a full security clearance because of the allegations, which his ex-wives had brought to the FBI's attention in March and July." [The Ithaca Journal, 3/23/18]

Tenney On Rob Porter: "I'm Not Saying He's Innocent, I'm Saying We Don't Know." "Tenney herself is a top-tier target of the Democratic Party in the 2018 midterm elections. She was criticized last week after she deplored the focus on domestic violence allegations against former White House staff secretary Rob Porter, who resigned after one of his ex-wives released photos of a black eye. 'I'm not saying he's innocent, but I'm saying we don't know,' Tenney said. 'He could be the worst guy in the world, but now we're getting into prosecution as far as I know. I guess there was an issue about, maybe the FBI knew about it, but really, is this what we're talking about at this point?'" [AOL News, 2/22/18]

Tenney Defended Trump's Comments On The White Supremacist Rallies In Charlottesville

Cuomo Singled Out Tenney For Criticism For Her Support Of Trump's Comments That "Both Sides" Were To Blame For Charlottesville Violence. "Cuomo singled out Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-Oneida County) for expressing support for Trump's comments. The governor, who has been raising money to help unseat Republicans in New York, called on the GOP members 'to break their silence and immediately denounce President Trump's remarks.' Tenney did not immediately respond to a request for comment [...] On Wednesday, Tenney told reporters she backed Trump's comments that 'both sides' shared blame for the violence. 'I think what the President did in condemning racism, condemning this white supremacy, condemning any kind of identity politics that are going on and this violence that is occurring on both sides, I think it's the right thing to do,' she said at the time." [New York Daily News, [8/18/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed "My District Probably Doesn't Even Know Who Steve Bannon Is." "EARHARDT: What can we expect? What is the White House going to look like without Steve Bannon? TENNEY: To be perfectly honest with you, my district probably doesn't even know who Steve Bannon is. The president got elected substantially by as I was saying earlier by 16 points in my district. So Hillary Clinton only got 39% and the president got 55%, 56%. They want to see things getting done. They want to see tax reform. They want to see Obamacare repealed. They are happy with the veterans administration overhaul legislation that we passed. As a small business owner we passed the choice act in the financial services committee where I serve. And that's going to be significant for helping our small business community get loans. So we are focused on the issues. All the drama around the White House, something my district says enough with it let's get on." [Fox & Friends, [8/21/17](#)]

WRVO Headline: "Tenney Talks About, Then Won't Talk About, Trump's Comments On Charlottesville." "Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-New Hartford) visited Binghamton Wednesday, but refused to talk to reporters about President Trump's comments on Charlottesville. Earlier in the day Wednesday, Tenney did talk about the attacks in a phone call to WUTQ in Utica. 'I condemned it immediately and I was criticized for not condemning it hard enough,' she said. 'But I think what the president is trying to say is, that there's fault to be found on both sides. And I think that there is fault to be found on both sides. I don't know all the details of Charlottesville. I was away and I'm just capturing what I can on the Internet. The tragedy of this poor girl getting killed and plowed down, it's just horrible. It's just hard to believe this is happening in modern society.' She called the president's comments 'inartful.' But by the time she got to the Broome County airport for an event Wednesday afternoon, she did not want to talk about it. 'We can discuss it some other time,' she said. 'We're trying to highlight the airport and the needs to the people in Broome County, not tracking the president.'" [WRVO, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney Released Statement Urging Trump To Condemn Racists After Democrats Criticized Her For Backing His Contention That "Both Sides" Were To Blame For Charlottesville Violence. "Rep. Claudia Tenney in a statement on Wednesday urged President Donald Trump to continue to condemn racial hatred and bigotry in the wake of the Charlottesville clashes on Saturday. The statement was released after Democrats criticized her initial reaction backing the president for suggesting 'both sides' were to blame for the violent unrest in the city." [NY State of Politics, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed It Was Unfair To Blame Trump For Rise Of Hate Groups, Saying They Were “Emboldened” Before His Election And Were “Out There All The Time.” “But Tenney said she disagrees with those who suggest Trump has emboldened hate groups or fueled their cause after he insisted Tuesday that ‘both sides’ were to blame for the violence that turned deadly. ‘Does anyone think this is the first time that white supremacists marched?’ Tenney said in an interview with [syracuse.com](#). ‘There are hate groups out there all the time.’ Tenney, a freshman House member who supported Trump in the 2016 presidential election, said it’s unfair to suggest that hate groups have been encouraged by what they perceive as Trump’s tacit approval of their actions. ‘Before Trump was president, they were emboldened,’ Tenney said. ‘They were out there at their events. I think it’s an unfair characterization. A lot of this stuff has been out there for a long time. To blame it on the president, I don’t know.’” [[Syracuse Post-Standard, 8/17/17](#)]

Tenney: “Obama Bred A Lot Of Divisiveness In People.” “She added, ‘I feel like we are more focused on what divides us than what unites us than ever before, and that began before Trump. I feel like (former president Barack) Obama bred a lot of divisiveness in people.’” [[Syracuse Post-Standard, 8/17/17](#)]

Tenney On Trump’s “Both Sides” Comment: “This Is Insane That We Are Splitting Hairs Over This Stuff. Who Likes White Supremacists?” “But based on what she read, Tenney said she believes Trump’s comment that ‘both sides’ are to blame was a reference to the state of hate speech in the nation, not specifically to suggest that protesters and counter-protesters in Charlottesville were morally equivalent. ‘I’m not trying to justify what he is saying, but this is insane that we are splitting hairs over this stuff,’ Tenney said. ‘Who likes white supremacists?’ Tenney, who has met with Trump several times since he took office, said she believes the president’s comments were about the state of hate speech in the nation in a political sense, between the left and right.” [[Syracuse Post-Standard, 8/17/17](#)]

Tenney: “There Has Been Horrible Rhetoric On Both Sides.” ‘My viewpoint is that there has been horrible rhetoric on both sides,’ Tenney said. ‘And we should be standing up against it on all sides. We should be condemning anyone who does that regardless of which side they’re on. I have never seen the dialogue that I have seen now.’ Tenney said she has been the target of hate speech all year, most recently in June when she received an email from an Oneida County resident after the shooting at a congressional baseball practice.” [[Syracuse Post-Standard, 8/17/17](#)]

Tenney Defended Trump’s “Both Sides” Comment, Blamed “Identity Politics” For Charlottesville Violence. “At that rally, members of white supremacist groups were seen violently attacking opposition. President Trump said on Tuesday that both sides of the protest are to blame. In response to the President’s comments, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney says, ‘I think that the President came out and made a statement that both sides have rhetoric or extreme positions and I think that’s what he was trying to do. I don’t think there was any malice in what he was trying to say. We all condemn racism.’ [...] Of the violent riots, Congresswoman Tenney is expressing disappointment, ‘This kind of rhetoric is exactly what’s wrong. This identity politics. Using it against people unfairly and wrongly is not the way we should be moving forward. We should be rising above it, we should be standing for our principles and supporting our communities and supporting people from all across the region.’” [[WSYR, 8/16/17](#)]

Tenney Gave Trump The Benefit Of The Doubt When He Attacked Upstate New Yorkers, Choosing Donald Trump Over Her Constituents

Tenney Said She Hoped Trump’s Comments Encouraging Upstate New Yorkers To Leave The State Were Taken Out Of Context. “Trump suggested in the Wall Street Journal interview that it might be time for Upstate New York residents to give up on waiting for the economy to rebound in the region [...] ‘I’m going to start explaining to people: When you have an area that just isn’t working like upper New York state, where people are getting very badly hurt, and then you’ll have another area 500 miles away where you can’t get people, I’m going to explain, you can leave. It’s OK. Don’t worry about your house.’ Tenney, R-New Hartford, who was one of Trump’s earliest supporters and has been a regular visitor to his White House, said she hopes his comments about

Upstate New York were taken out of context. ‘I have full confidence that President Trump understands the struggle that Upstate New York has experienced for decades, and why we need to continue to fight for policies that will revive our region,’ Tenney said.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [7/26/17](#)]

Constituents Protested At Tenney’s District Office While She Held Fundraiser At Trump Hotel In DC.

“Congresswoman Claudia Tenney hosted a fundraiser in Washington D.C. Monday, prompting a protest outside her Binghamton office. The called the protest a ‘Tenney Out of Touch Tea Party.’ It was a protest calling on Tenney to be more available to her constituents, as some question why she met with wealthy donors but has still not hosted a town hall.” [WBNG, [5/23/17](#)]

Protesters From Upstate New York Picketed Tenney’s Fundraiser At Trump Hotel In DC. “Protesters from Upstate New York greeted Rep. Claudia Tenney and her guests Monday at a \$500-per-person campaign fundraiser for the congresswoman at the posh Trump International Hotel. Before the start of the event, billed as a ‘Women’s Tea with Tenney at Trump,’ demonstrators stood in front of the hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue, a few blocks from the White House. Most of the protesters were healthcare workers from 1199 SEIU, the nation’s largest healthcare union, who wanted to draw attention to Tenney’s vote to begin repealing the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. The union believes Tenney and President Donald Trump were on the wrong side of the issue, and voted for a bill that will ultimately hurt patients, local medical providers and their employees. Mindy Berman said it adds insult to injury to see Tenney holding a campaign fundraiser for big donors at one of Trump’s hotels.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/22/17](#)]

Tenney Defended Trump Family’s Actions, Said That Media Was “Obsessed With Russia”

Tenney Defended Trump Jr.’s Attempt To Get Damaging Information On Clinton From The Russian Government, Calling It “Opposition Research.” “Tenney said investigations into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia should play out, but she dismissed the ‘obsession with Russia.’ And she defended the meeting the president’s son Donald Trump Jr. arranged during the campaign with a Kremlin-linked lawyer, promising damaging evidence against Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, even though he had been told the information would come from the Russian government. ‘I don’t know of anyone who wouldn’t accept opposition research that they could get from any source,’ Tenney said, adding that she would turn over such information if she had it to the Attorney General. The issue, she said, distracts the media and congressional leaders and has ‘nothing to do with my job.’” [Press & Sun Bulletin, [7/21/17](#)]

Tenney Said Media Was Obsessed With Russia, “Hanging On Hairs From A Couple Of Emails,” But Had “Yet To Come Up With Anything.” “TENNEY: The media is just obsessed with Russia, they’re going to continue to try to find any scrap they can, all while ignoring the relationship that previous administrations, particularly Obama’s administration. I can never forget the moment they showed over and over when Obama reached over and told the foreign minister of Russia, as soon as the election’s over, I’ll be more flexible. Hillary selling 25 percent of our uranium to Russians in exchange for money to the Clinton Foundation. This is absurd that we’re hanging on hairs from a couple of emails... HOST: Tweets. TENNEY: Screaming about this collusion for a year and they have yet to come up with anything. Why aren’t we focusing on what the American people need?” [WUTQ, [7/12/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Dismissed The “Obsession With Russia,” Defended Donald Trump, Jr.’s Meeting With A Russian Attorney. “Tenney said investigations into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia should play out, but she dismissed the ‘obsession with Russia.’ And she defended the meeting the president’s son Donald Trump Jr. arranged during the campaign with a Kremlin-linked lawyer, promising damaging evidence against Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, even though he had been told the information would come from the Russian government. ‘I don’t know of anyone who wouldn’t accept opposition research that they could get from any source,’ Tenney said, adding that she would turn over such information if she had it to the Attorney General. The issue, she said, distracts the media and congressional leaders and has ‘nothing to do with my job.’” [Press & Sun-Bulletin, [7/23/17](#)]

Tenney Changed Her Mind About The Appointment Of A Special Prosecutor

Tenney Said She Supported A Special Prosecutor To Look Into Russian Meddling In The 2016 Election.

“Congresswoman Claudia Tenney is weighing in on a number of national issues, including the firing of FBI Director James Comey, healthcare and an in-person town hall. Last night, President Donald Trump fired Comey from his position. Wednesday morning, Tenney said in a radio interview with Bob Joseph on Binghamton Now on WNBF that she supports the appointment of a special prosecutor to look into Russia’s meddling in the presidential election.” [WNBF, [5/10/17](#)]

Hours Later, Tenney Said She Would Back A Special Prosecutor Only If The House Or Senate Intelligence Committees Found Evidence Of Collusion. “But Tenney, R-New Hartford, said she also could support appointing a special prosecutor to look into possible collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign during the presidential election. Tenney said she would back such a probe only if the House or Senate Intelligence Committee found reason to proceed. ‘Congressional committees are continuing to investigate any potential Russian involvement in the election,’ Tenney said in a statement. ‘If the investigation demonstrates evidence of collusion with Russia, I would be supportive of further investigation, including the possibility of some type of special investigation. There are currently a lot of partisan allegations being thrown around, but no evidence.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/10/17](#)]

Tenney: “There Are Currently A Lot Of Partisan Allegations Being Thrown Around, But No Evidence.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/10/17](#)]

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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Gave Trump The Benefit Of The Doubt After He Sided With Putin Over American Intelligence

Tenney Admitted She Was Not Sure If She Would Deal With Putin The Way Trump Did But Claimed Trump Knew Privately How To Deal With Putin And Was Getting Good Results. “I hope that the president does what he did in the NATO summit and is very transparent and really confronts Putin in a public way with somebody there like the media, to be able to see that happen, and confront him about interfering in elections — not just ours, but in Montenegro. ... (Trump) has said in numerous meetings with us privately that he knows what Putin is and he knows that he’s a diabolical guy, but he’s got to get him to the table. It’s kind of like dealing with Kim Jong Un, you’ve got to get these people to the table and negotiate. He has his own method of doing it, I don’t know if I would have chosen the same method, but somehow he’s getting good results.” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/17/18]

Tenney Was So Extreme A Former Republican Representative Of The District Endorsed Brindisi In 2018

2018: Former NY-22 Republican Rep. Richard Hanna Endorsed Brindisi, Criticizing Tenney’s Extremism. “Hanna has endorsed Brindisi. ‘She declared herself all things Trump before Trump. She’s unabashed, unqualified and unreserved in her support of him,’ said Hanna, an outspoken Never Trumper, in an interview yesterday. ‘In 1519, Cortez’s Navy was invading Mexico and he said burn the ships. That’s Claudia. She’s burning the ships. She’s all in for Trump in every imaginable way. ... She’s had almost every member of the Trump family up here. The guy doesn’t own a dog, so she didn’t have that. But everything else.’” [Washington Post, 11/1/18]

Rep. Hanna Retired From Congress in 2016, And Passed Away In 2020. “Former U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna, a fiercely independent Republican from Upstate New York who championed LGBT and women’s rights, died Sunday at a hospital in Oneida County. He was 69. [...] Hanna, of Barneveld in Oneida County, served three terms in Congress representing an eight-county district that stretched from Lake Ontario to the Pennsylvania border. He decided to retire at the end of his term in 2016. Before leaving office, he gained national attention as the only House Republican to publicly endorse and vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.” [Syracuse.com, [3/16/20](#)]

Tenney Argued With Former Constituents And Strangers On Twitter And Derided People Who Appeared To Oppose Her Or Republicans

Tenney Called A Twitter User A “TDS Sufferer”

Tenney Called A Twitter User A “TDS Sufferer” After Being Criticized For Supporting Trump. [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/15/19](#)]

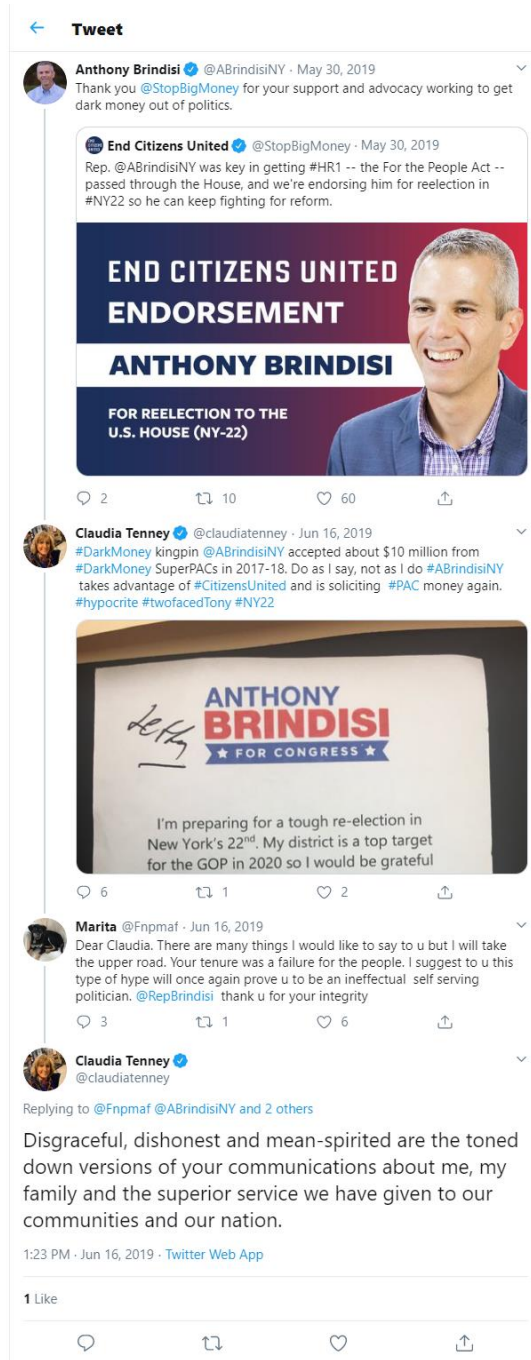
TDS Is An Abbreviation For “Trump Derangement Syndrome. “TDS is an acronym for Trump Derangement Syndrome, a term applied to people who express deep loathing and fear of President Donald Trump. It’s usually used by Trump supporters for liberals.” [Dictionary.com, accessed [3/11/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/15/19](#)]

Tenney Hypocritically Accused A Twitter User Of Being Mean-Spirited And Claimed She And Her Family Had Provided “Superior Service” To The Country

Tenney Accused A Twitter User Of Being “Disgraceful, Dishonest, And Mean-Spirited” In The Same Thread In Which She Called Anthony Brindisi “TwofacedTony” And A “DarkMoney Kingpin.” “#DarkMoney kingpin @ABrindisiNY accepted about \$10 million from #DarkMoney SuperPACs in 2017-18. Do as I say, not as I do #ABrindisiNY takes advantage of #CitizensUnited and is soliciting #PAC money again. #hypocrite #twofacedTony #NY22 [...] Disgraceful, dishonest and mean-spirited are the toned down versions of your communications about me, my family and the superior service we have given to our communities and our nation.”
 [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/16/19](#), [2nd Reply](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [6/16/19](#), [2nd Reply](#)]

Tenney Called The Mayor Of Utica’s Request For Reimbursement For Trump’s Visit The Result Of “Sour Grapes” Even Though Candidate Campaign Committees Pay For Presidents’ Campaign Activities

Tenney Called The Mayor Of Utica’s Request That The City Be Reimbursed From Trump’s Visit The Result Of “Sour Grapes.” “Tenney still maintains that the demands made by Palmieri are the result of sour grapes because he wanted his photo taken with the president. She said the city hasn’t even submitted an itemized bill to her campaign for the visit.” [Times Telegram, 9/14/18]

According To The FEC, Campaign Expenses For The President Are Paid By The Candidate’s Campaign Committee. “Under FEC rules, the president, vice president and first lady each may engage in official, political and campaign-related activities, either separately or in combination. Official expenses are paid by the U.S. government; the costs of political activities may be paid by the national party committee; and campaign expenses are paid by the candidate’s campaign committee, according to the FEC.” [Times Telegram, 9/14/18]

OP-ED: “Picking The Taxpayer’s Pocket Isn’t Illegal” “But It’s Not Always So Blatant.” “Picking the taxpayer’s pocket isn’t illegal — it happens all the time in many other ways at all levels of government — but it’s not always so blatant. Now Utica taxpayers — whether they support Tenney or not — are on the hook for \$29,696 used so she could raise money for her campaign. That should make taxpayers livid. [...] Tenney said previously that the Trump event was only meant for those who supported her and the president, adding that Palmieri does not support her as a candidate. Given that reasoning, why should people who don’t support her as a candidate pay for her fundraiser?” [Observer-Dispatch, Op-Ed, 9/16/18]

Tenney Said Any Dairy Farmers Who Supported Brindisi Was Not A Legitimate Business Owner

Tenney Said Any Dairy Farmers Who Supported Brindisi Was Not a Legitimate Business Owner. “On another call-in show last month, the congresswoman said: ‘Any dairy farmer that supports my opponent is not a legitimate business owner.’” [Washington Post, 11/1/18]

TENNEY: “Any Dairy Farmer That Supports My Opponent Is Not A Legitimate Business Owner.”
“INTERVIEWER: Did you listen to the last caller weigh in? TENNEY: He took something, I don’t know any dairy farmer that supports my opponent is not a legitimate business owner. If they – they really just don’t know anything about his record, so I don’t take these things personally.” [WUTQ, 0:30, [Media Appearance Memo, 10/3/18](#)]
(AUDIO)

Despite Losing Re-election, Tenney Is Still Swampy As Ever

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney's 2020 Congressional campaign had the full backing of Trump and other Washington Republicans as she embraced swamp behavior.*
 - ✓ *After Trump endorsed her, Tenney touted the endorsement on Twitter and added her support for Trump's re-election.*
 - ✓ *Kevin McCarthy and Steve Scalise endorsed Tenney.*
 - ✓ *Tenney was added to the NRCC's Young Guns program.*
 - ✓ *Tenney launched her campaign in October 2019 after the NRCC recruited her to run the previous summer.*
- ✓ *Tenney remained staunchly defensive of Trump during impeachment, saying he had done nothing criminal and there was nothing wrong with his call with Ukrainian president Zelensky.*
 - ✓ *Tenney called Brindisi's vote for impeachment a political calculation, and said he would receive campaign cash for his reelection in exchange for voting for impeachment.*
 - ✓ *Tenney said she would have criticized Brindisi no matter what stance he took on impeachment.*
 - ✓ *Tenney said Trump had not done anything criminal.*
 - ✓ *Tenney belittled Marie Yovonovitch as "phony" the day of her public testimony and said she did not have any relevant knowledge.*
 - ✓ *Tenney accused Brindisi of siding with New York and California after he voted to formalize the impeachment inquiry.*
 - ✓ *Tenney dodged a question when asked directly whether it was wrong for the president to ask a foreign power to investigate a private citizen.*
 - ✓ *Tenney called the whistleblower a "secondhand whistleblower" and expressed suspicion over whistleblower protection laws.*
- ✓ *Tenney accepted campaign contributions from Igor Fruman, an indicted associate of Rudy Giuliani.*
 - ✓ *Tenney said she never met Igor Fruman and accused Brindisi of engaging in "willful deceit" in the impeachment inquiry.*
 - ✓ *There is no evidence that Tenney donated campaign contributions from Igor Fruman to charity as she claimed.*
- ✓ *While in Congress, Tenney consistently voted the party line.*

Tenney's 2020 Congressional Campaign Had The Full Backing Of Trump And Republicans As She Embraced The Swamp

Tenney Bragged About Her Endorsement From Trump

Tenney Touted Her Endorsement From Trump. “We are honored to have the support of @realDonaldTrump in our race to take back #NY22 Upstate New York is excited to join President Trump in the Great American Comeback #TakeBacktheHouse” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]

February 2020: Tenney Received Trump's Endorsement

February 2020: Tenney Received Trump's Endorsement. “.@ClaudiaTenney is a fantastic candidate running in New York, where she was a Great member of Congress. She is Strong on Crime, Borders, Cutting Taxes, your #2A, and she Loves our Military and Vets. Claudia has my Complete and Total Endorsement!” [Donald Trump, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]



[Donald Trump, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]

December 2019: Majority Leader McCarthy And Majority Whip Scalise Endorsed Tenney

HEADLINE: Tenney Endorsed By Scalise, McCarthy. [Observer-Dispatch, 12/15/19]

McCarthy Endorsed Tenney In December 2019. “Claudia Tenney has received an endorsement from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy in her 2020 election bid, she announced Tuesday. Tenney is seeking to represent New York’s 22nd Congressional District, which covers all of Chenango, Cortland, Madison and Oneida counties and parts of Broome, Herkimer, Oswego and Tioga counties. She is one of four Republicans in the race thus far, along with Broome County District Attorney Steve Cornwell, George Phillips and Franklin Sager. ‘I am proud to endorse Claudia Tenney for Congress,’ McCarthy said in a statement. ‘As a small business owner and Marine mom, she has a unique perspective and insight into the needs of the people in her community. Last Congress, President Trump and I worked tirelessly alongside Claudia, who brought historic resources to Upstate New York. I am supporting Claudia Tenney so together we can get back to work and deliver real results for our country.’ U.S. Rep. Anthony Brindisi, D-Utica, has not formally announced that he plans to seek re-election.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [12/10/19](#)]

Scalise Endorsed Tenney In December 2019. “Former Congresswoman Claudia Tenney has picked up an endorsement from House Minority Whip Steve Scalise in her run to represent New York’s 22nd Congressional District, she announced Thursday. ‘Having had the privilege of working alongside Claudia last cycle, I witnessed just how much she genuinely cares for the people of NY-22,’ Scalise said in the announcement. ‘This district is her home; it’s where she spent her life, raised her Marine son as a single mom, and I know she’ll go to bat for each and every one of her constituents as their Congresswoman. Claudia has been a tireless advocate for families, veterans, farmers, and small business owners. Now, more than ever, Upstate New York needs a fighter like Claudia back in Congress, that is why I am proud to endorse her.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [12/5/19](#)]

Tenney Was Added To The NRCC’s Young Guns Program

February 2020: The NRCC Upgraded Tenney’s Candidacy To “Contender” Status In Its Young Guns Program. [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/19/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/19/20](#)]

November 2019: The NRCC Added Tenney To Its Young Guns “On The Radar” Program. “Former Rep. Claudia Tenney has been added to the National Republican Congressional Committee’s ‘Young Guns’ program, giving her ‘on the radar’ status a month after she announced her plans to win back the seat she lost a year ago. ‘I am grateful for the early recognition by the NRCC of the strong campaign we are putting together on the ground to win back NY-22. This is one of the most important races in the country and it is important we are unified going into Election Day next year,’ Tenney said in a statement.” [Spectrum, [11/7/19](#)]

October 2019: Tenney Launched Her Re-Election Campaign

Tenney Launched Her 2020 Congressional Race In October 2019. “Claudia Tenney will jump into a crowded Republican race for Congress today in New York’s 22nd Congressional District, seeking to reclaim the seat she lost to Rep. Anthony Brindisi last year. Tenney, R-New Hartford, lost to Brindisi, D-Utica, by 1 percentage point in one of the most competitive and expensive House races in the nation in 2018. Tenney plans to formally announce her bid in a video that was provided by her campaign to Syracuse.com | The Post-Standard. The video avoids political attacks, and instead focuses on Tenney’s roots in Central New York. She talks about her upbringing as one of five children who would later raise her own son as a single mother in New Hartford.” [Syracuse.com, 10/1/19]

In October 2019, “Tenney Said She Was Not Happy With Her 2018 Campaign.” “Tenney said she was not happy with her 2018 campaign. She has a brand new campaign team now, and wants to correct some mistakes from the past, by doing more town halls and telling her personal story. ‘Someone who’s lived the American dream in our area,’ Tenney said. ‘Struggled as a small business owner. Struggled to make payroll. Worked as a single parent. Took care of my parents when they were aging.’” [WRVO, [10/3/19](#)]

HEADLINE: Trump-Loyal NY Republican, Claudia Tenney, Flubs 2020 Re-Match Kickoff By Releasing Video Too Early [New York Daily News, [9/30/19](#)]

Tenney Posted Her Launch Video On Vimeo Before Announcing Her Campaigning. “Bumbling” The Campaign Accouchement. “Former upstate New York Rep. Claudia Tenney’s 2020 campaign is off to a bumbling start. Former upstate New York Rep. Claudia Tenney’s 2020 campaign is off to a bumbling start. The ex-Republican congresswoman — who lost her seat in last year’s blue wave midterms — asked a small group of advisers over the weekend for feedback on a video announcing a 2020 bid for her old post, with plans to formally kick off her campaign Tuesday, according to a source familiar with the matter. But Tenney publicly posted the

video on Vimeo and Daily News was able to review it before it was abruptly taken down Monday afternoon.” [New York Daily News, [9/30/19](#)]

July 2019: The NRCC Recruited Tenney To Run Again

Tenney Said The NRCC Recruited Her To Run Again In July 2019. “Tenney said in July that she was encouraged to run by the National Republican Congressional Committee, the campaign arm of House Republicans in Washington. ‘They know that I am the only one who can win it,’ Tenney told CNBC, explaining why she was recruited.” [Syracuse.com, 10/1/19]

Tenney Remained Staunchly Defensive Of Trump During Impeachment And Did Not Think He Had Done Anything Criminal

Tenney Thought Brindisi Was Pressured To Vote For Impeachment Based On Political And Financial Considerations

Tenney: “There Was A Lot More Political Calculus” In Brindisi Voting For Impeachment. “I know there’s been a lot of discussion about Anthony Brindisi’s vote and it being an agonizing vote, but [...] I thought it was an easy vote, to vote against it, number one. [...] I think there was another calculus...I think he didn’t want to be the only Democrat in the state of New York to vote against impeaching a republican president. He’s got a future in politics [...] and he could have drawn a primary, he could have maybe had less positive outcome since Democrats are redistricting in 2022 should he should prevail in 2020, so I think there was a lot more political calculus in it rather than it being an agonizing vote. [Binghamton, NY Radio Interview, 1:43, Vantage, 12/20/19]

Tenney Thought Brindisi Was Pressured To Vote For Impeachment Based On Campaign Financial Considerations. “Tenney told the Washington Examiner that she initially thought Brindisi would vote against impeaching the president but figured he was pressured by New York Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo and others as well as made financial considerations. ‘Impeachment brings in a lot of money for the reelection. It’s early. They have almost a year to move away, from the whole impeachment question,’ Tenney noted. ‘Democrats have built this vote up to such a crescendo that it becomes a pivotal vote, and I think that they’re going to try to walk away from it, but it is so huge vote and they’re not going to quit.’” [Examiner, 12/17/19]

Tenney Admitted She Would Have Criticized Brindisi No Matter What Stance He Took On Impeachment

Tenney Admitted She Would Have Criticized Brindisi No Matter What Stance He Took On Impeachment. “INTERVIEWER: Wouldn’t you be criticizing Brindisi if he had come out in favor of impeachment, though? [...] You’re criticizing him for the restraint, but I have a feeling that if he were in favor of impeaching the president, you’d be criticizing him for that too. TENNEY: Of course I would. But take a position. Let me tell you, he knew that Nancy Pelosi didn’t poll well. Everything Anthony Brindisi does is poll-tested.” [WAMC Interview, 11:05, Vantage, 10/2/19]

Tenney Said Trump Was Impeached “Without A Single Crime Being Committed”

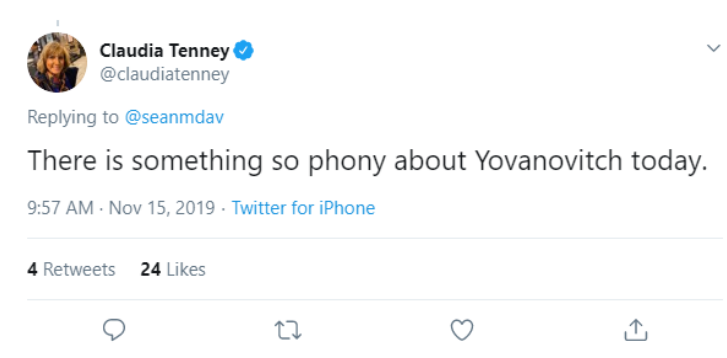
Tenney Said Trump Was Impeached “Without A Single Crime Being Committed.” “Today is a sad day for our nation. It is the first time in history a president will be impeached without a crime being committed. Democrats are stopping at nothing to erase the gains we made last Congress.” [Observer-Dispatch, 12/18/19]

Tenney Joined A “Stop The Madness” Rally While Impeachment Hearing Were Being Conducted

Tenney Joined New York Republican Chair And About A Dozen Protestors In Front Of Brindisi’s Office In Demanding Congress “Stop The Madness.” “As impeachment hearings continue in Washington D.C., congressional candidate Claudia Tenney and state Republican Chairman Nick Langworthy joined about a dozen protesters demanding Congress to ‘stop the madness.’ Their ‘Stop the Madness’ rally Wednesday in front of U.S. Rep. Anthony Brindisi’s office also protested the congressman’s vote to proceed with house impeachment rules and a \$2,000 campaign donation made by the campaign committee for Democratic U. S. Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.” [Observer-Dispatch, 11/21/19]

Tenney Belittled Marie Yovanovitch As “Phony” And Not Knowing Any Relevant Facts The Day She Publicly Testified Before Congress

TENNEY: “There Is Something So Phony About Yovanovitch Today.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]

TENNEY: “She Is A Disgruntled, Fired Bureaucrat Without Actual Knowledge Of Any Relevant Facts.” “Wow! Jeevan, this witness had nothing to talk about relative to impeachment. She is a disgruntled, fired bureaucrat without actual knowledge of any relevant facts.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]

Tenney Accused Brindisi Of Siding With New York City And California After Voting To Formalize The Impeachment Inquiry

Tenney Accused Brindisi Of Siding With New York City And California After Voting To Formalize The Impeachment Inquiry. “Just as he did as a candidate for Congress, [U.S. Rep.] Anthony Brindisi has once again chosen New York City and California donors over our community by voting to impeach the President. Brindisi continues to side with far-left leaders in Washington including Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Alexandria Ocasio Cortez over the needs of the people of Upstate New York. Democrats are obsessed with impeaching the president in order to distract from their abysmal record of doing nothing to help Upstate New York and the American people. Despite Anthony Brindisi’s claims that this opens up a fair and transparent process, the resolution is a lame attempt to save the Democrats from an unconstitutional charade being carried on by Adam Schiff in the bowels of the Capitol. Furthermore, the resolution does not afford the minority party and the President basic due process rights as guaranteed by our founding principles as enshrined in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The resolution is a sad day for the American people and our democratic principles.” [Times Union, 10/31/19]

Tenney Did Not Think There Was Anything Wrong With Trump’s Phone Call With Zelensky

October 2019: Tenney On Trump’s Phone Call With Zelensky: “Maybe Saying Some Things Probably, As A Lawyer, I Would’ve Said, Don’t Say That. But I Don’t Think There Was Anything That Was Illegal Or Impeachable In It.” “Brindisi has said he is not for the impeachment of Trump at this time, but wants to see where the facts lead. The House launched an impeachment inquiry over a whistleblower complaint and phone call between Trump and the Ukrainian president. Trump asked the Ukrainian president to investigate Trump’s potential presidential rival, Joe Biden. Tenney said the transcript of the call is typical Trump. ‘Kind of stream-of-

consciousness,' Tenney said. 'Maybe saying some things probably, as a lawyer, I would've said, don't say that. But I don't think there was anything that was illegal or impeachable in it.'" [WRVO, [10/3/19](#)]

Tenney Dodged A Question When Asked Directly Whether A President Should Ask A Foreign Power To Investigate An American Citizen And Then Made Excuses From Trump

Tenney On Whether A President Should Ask A Foreign Power To Investigate An American Citizen: "Should the president ask a foreign power to investigate US citizen, a former vice president? TENNEY: I don't think that's what the president did on the transcript, but if you look at the agreement, the treaty that Bill Clinton signed between Ukraine and the United States, they say in that treaty that we should be sharing information about criminal activity of all kinds that Ukraine is aware of. I would like to know what other presidents are saying [...] I think the language the president used was a little bit loose, maybe you could say, or typical Trump style, a little bit rambling – he's obviously not a lawyer but I don't think it was raised initially by the Ukrainian president [...] I don't know if it's totally inappropriate for the president to be engaging in a conversation like that. I'm more concerned that everything the president does and everything we do on a diplomatic basis, whether it's subpoenaing the Secretary of State and people in the Secretary of State's office [...] should everything we do as Americans be out in the public for them to see? I'd love to see the conversation between Loretta Lynch, on the tarmac, with Bill Clinton, and I'd love to see some of the conversations with Bill Clinton and other members behind the scenes. [...] I don't know, I don't think -- [...] That conversation's released, I mean you might say it was inappropriate. Is it illegal, is it criminal activity, I don't think so. [...] Is it impeachable, I don't think so." [WAMC Interview, 15:43, [10/2/19](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Called The Whistleblower A "Secondhand Whistleblower" And Said The Law Protecting Him/Her Was Suspicious

Tenney Thought The Law Protecting Whistleblowers Was Suspicious. "The whistleblower didn't see or hear anything, the whistleblower heard this secondhand, which technically means its hearsay, if you're going to look at it from our system of justice and our legal system. The law was changed, don't you think that's a little suspicious, that we have a whistleblower law that protects whistleblowers who personally witness corruption within an agency and now it doesn't have to be personally witnessed, now the whistleblower can be a secondhand whistleblower and the inspector general from the intelligence community can't really explain this, that it's a true whistleblower. So there's a shroud of real suspicion around all this, and the way that it was leaked. And that we suddenly, after all these years of intelligence, now have changed the whistleblower statute in the intelligence community – it looks very suspicious to me. [...] We have the transcript, why should we be concerned with the whistleblower –or the secondhand whistleblower [...] when you can read the transcript yourself. I don't think we need to disclose whistleblowers if we don't have to, but I do think it's very suspect that we are now allowing second and thirdhand people make comments on something they didn't personally witness and get protections from our government and our laws." [WAMC Interview, Vantage, 18:27, [10/2/19](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Dismissed The Washington Post Fact Checker Saying That Trump Told 12,000 Lies During His Presidency

Tenney Dismissed The Fact That Trump Has Told 12,000 Lies During His Presidency, Accusing The New York Times Of Not Being Credible. "Do you think the White House is credible, though? President Trump is documented as having told 12,000 lies since taking office. TENNEY: Documented by who? INTERVIEWER: Washington Post Fact Checker. TENNEY: [Scoffs] Washington Post is documented, and not to mention Washington Post, the New York Times has spread documented lies about me, things I never said, things I never did, so I don't know if some these news sources are credible. INTERVIEWER: Like what? TENNEY: There's a great interview of me, the president, during the first joint address in 2017 [...] The president got up and the Democrats wouldn't stand up for anything [...] And so I was on a news show and the host asked – well the president went to a rally out in Cincinnati and there were people out in front of the rally telling him they didn't

stand up and people were yelling, is it treasonous. And the president asked, was it treasonous, I don't know. And so the reporter on live TV asked me, do you think the Democrats were treasonous for not standing up, and I said absolutely not, it's not treasonous. I don't think anyone should have to stand up for someone they don't agree with whether it's the president or whomever. And I all said was that you just have to wonder why they didn't at least stand when the president recognized families from MS-13 who were daughters who were murdered, or maybe the flag or maybe God, maybe something like that that was universal. And the New York Times ran the piece, and this is trumpeted by DCCC, Tenney says Democrats who don't stand and clap for the president are unpatriotic, when in fact I said the opposite." [WAMC Interview, 20:16, Vantage, 10/2/19] (AUDIO)

A New York Times Article Mentioned The Incident Briefly. "Ms. Tenney, a first-term Republican congresswoman from Central New York, has remained an unabashed supporter of President Trump, even as his unpopularity in his home state is expected to drive Democrats to the polls in November's midterm elections. She has criticized her Democratic colleagues for being 'un-American' for not applauding the president during his State of the Union address in January, suggesting that they 'don't love our country.'" [New York Times, [5/10/18](#)]

Tenney: "I Would Say It Was Un-American And They Don't Love Our Country." "Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney defends Trump's criticism of Democrats who didn't clap for his State of the Union address: 'I would say it was un-American and they don't love our country. I don't know if I'd go as far as 'treasonous'" [CNN, [2/6/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Said Of Democrats: "They Don't Love Our Country." "She's also pretty tough on Democrats, sounding almost Trumpian in her remarks.' They don't love our country,' Tenney said of the minority party during a CNN interview last month about the president's State of the Union address. 'I thought it was terrible that they didn't clap for very American ideas, and why? Why not? They're just about 'resist,' and what does 'resist' mean? Obstruct.'" [The Hill, [3/13/18](#)]

Tenney Had Ties To Indicted Associates Of Rudy Giuliani, Igor Fruman And Lev Parnas

Tenney Accepted 2018 Campaign Contributions From Igor Fruman, An Indicted Associate Of Rudy Giuliani, And Did Not Appear To Have Donated The Contribution

2018: Igor Fruman Donated \$2,445.34 To Tenney Through The Protect The House Joint Fundraising Committee. "U.S. Rep. John Katko and former Rep. Claudia Tenney received campaign cash from a Soviet-born businessman indicted last week for trying to influence state and federal elections with hidden foreign money. Katko and Tenney each accepted \$2,445.34 from Igor Fruman in 2018, who used the alias Igor 'Furman' to make the donations, a violation of election law, according to the indictment and Federal Election Commission records. The donations were parceled out to Katko, Tenney and 19 other House Republicans through two donations totaling \$100,000 that Fruman made through his alias to Protect the House, a joint fundraising committee. Fruman and his business partner, Lev Parnas, a Ukrainian-born emigre, were arrested Wednesday night at Dulles Airport in Washington as they were about to leave the country with one-way international tickets." [Syracuse.com, [10/14/19](#)]

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tickets. The businessmen were also major donors to President Donald Trump’s campaign and hired Trump’s personal lawyer, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, in 2018 as a consultant.” [Syracuse, [10/14/19](#)]

2019: Tenney Claimed In A Twitter Thread With Brindisi She Never Met Fruman Or Asked Him For Money. “Just like John Katko I have never met the guy or asked him for money. Shouldn’t you be focusing on the grave Constitutional crisis in DC w/your leadership’s nontransparent impeachment crisis? Careful. Don’t say impeachment — your willful deceit could be exposed.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]

Tenney Claimed She Planned To Donate Campaign Contributions From An Indicted Associate Of Rudy Giuliani To Charity, Though Campaign Finance Reports Did Not Show Any Donation

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In January 2020, It Was Reported Tenney Said She Had Followed Through With Her Pledge And Said She Had Donated The Money To An Unnamed Charity. “Tenney, who said she forwarded Fruman’s donations to charity, is running to reclaim her seat in 2020.” [Courthouse News Service, [1/14/20](#)]

FEC Reports Did Not Indicate Whether She Actually Did Donate The Contributions To Charity. [FEC, [Post-General 2018 Report](#), [Year-End 2018 Report](#)]

Indicted Giuliani Associate Lev Parnas Attended A Tenney Fundraiser In 2018

Trump Attended A Private Fundraiser For Tenney In Utica. “Trump also supported Tenney in her unsuccessful bid to retain her House of Representatives seat in 2018. In August 2018, Trump came to a private fundraising event for Tenney at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Utica. During the private event, Trump gave a more than 30-minute speech that touched on job growth, health care, foreign affairs and the Second Amendment. Eric Trump, one of the president’s sons, later came to Tenney’s campaign office to rally volunteers in October 2018. Eric Trump also visited Revere Copper in Rome with Tenney during the same stop. Donald Trump Jr. hosted a Get Out the Vote rally for Tenney at The Beeches in Rome the eve of Election Day in 2018. He was joined by Kimberly Guilfoyle, a former Fox News host.” [Times Telegram, 2/13/20]

Tickets To The Event Ranged From \$1,000 To \$15,000. “Tickets to the Tenney event were advertised at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for invited guests.” [Observer-Dispatch, 8/13/18]

Lev Parnas Was In Attendance At The Fundraiser. “In August 2018, months before the White House Hanukkah party, Trump traveled to upstate New York to attend a fundraiser for then- Republican congresswoman Claudia Tenney. Among the handful of wealthy donors in attendance was Parnas. [CNN, [11/16/19](#)]

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While In Congress, Tenney Consistently Voted Party-Line

Tenney Voted With Her Party 92.5% Of The Time

Tenney Vote Statistics							
Year	Voting Participation	Presidential Support		Party Unity		Conservative Coalition	
		Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose
2018	99%	97%	3%	92%	8%	--	--
2017	99%	100%	0%	93%	7%	--	--

[CQ, accessed [2/26/20](#)]

Tenney Has Voted With Trump’s Positions 96.9 Percent Of The Time

Tenney Voted In Line With Trump’s Position 96.9 Percent Of The Time, The 2nd Highest Percentage Among Members Of The New York Delegation In The 115th And 116th Congresses

FiveThirtyEight: Tenney Voted In Line With Trump’s Position 96.9 Percent Of The Time, The Second Highest Percentage In The New York Delegation. [FiveThirtyEight, accessed [2/26/20](#)]

New York Delegation Votes In Line With Trump			
Member	Party	District	Trump Score
Chris Collins*	R	NY-27	99.3%
Claudia Tenney*	R	NY-22	96.9%
Tom Reed	R	NY-23	90.1%
John J. Faso*	R	NY-19	89.6%
Lee Zeldin	R	NY-1	88.1%
Daniel M. Donovan Jr.*	R	NY-11	87.2%
Peter King	R	NY-2	81.8%
Elise Stefanik	R	NY-21	78.0%
John Katko	R	NY-24	75.6%
Chuck Schumer	D	NY-Sen	24.0%
Sean Patrick Maloney	D	NY-18	22.4%
Thomas Suozzi	D	NY-3	21.8%
Kathleen Rice	D	NY-4	19.0%
Joseph Crowley*	D	NY-14	17.0%
Louise McIntosh Slaughter	D	NY-25	16.7%
Gregory W. Meeks	D	NY-5	16.1%
Brian Higgins	D	NY-26	14.5%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	D	NY-14	13.9%
Paul D. Tonko	D	NY-20	13.9%
Grace Meng	D	NY-6	12.8%
Nita Lowey	D	NY-17	12.7%
Anthony Brindisi	D	NY-22	12.5%
Kirsten Gillibrand	D	NY-Sen	12.4%
Hakeem Jeffries	D	NY-8	11.5%
Carolyn Maloney	D	NY-12	10.9%
Eliot Engel	D	NY-16	10.3%
José E. Serrano	D	NY-15	10.1%
Max Rose	D	NY-11	8.5%
Adriano Espaillat	D	NY-13	8.3%
Joseph D. Morelle	D	NY-25	8.2%
Jerold Nadler	D	NY-10	8.2%
Yvette D. Clarke	D	NY-9	7.8%
Nydia M. Velázquez	D	NY-7	7.3%
Antonio Delgado	D	NY-19	5.6%

[FiftyEight, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

* No Longer In Congress

Tenney Was An Ineffective, Inaccessible Representative

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney did not get any individually sponsored bills signed into law during her time in Congress.*
 - ✓ *Tenney routinely complained about Brindisi’s Congressional accomplishments and took credit for them.*
 - ✓ *Tenney said that Brindisi reintroduced her bills without crediting her.*
 - ✓ *Tenney took credit for the SPOONSS Act which Brindisi introduced and was signed into law.*
 - ✓ *Tenney did not call a recorded vote on the SPOONSS Act after it failed by voice vote.*
- ✓ *While in office, Tenney has repeatedly dodged her constituents.*
 - ✓ *Of holding a town hall, she said, “My job isn’t to stand in a room and in Jerry Springer Show fashion get yelled and screamed at.”*
 - ✓ *In 2019, Tenney called town halls “support group shouting session for the #Resisters”*
 - ✓ *Tenney didn’t agree to a fair, public debate with Brindisi because she didn’t want “300 liberal resisters” in one room.*
 - ✓ *September 2018: Tenney claimed she had held over 30 town halls or “open forums” and over 100 group meetings.*
 - ✓ *July 2018: Tenney said Democrats had “bastardized the concept of town halls” and accused Brindisi of only speaking to Democrats.*

None Of The Bills Sponsored By Tenney Were Signed Into Law

None Of Tenney’s Sponsored Bills Became Law

None Of Tenney’s Sponsored Bills Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Sponsorship Toplines		
Congress	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	22	0
TOTAL	22	0

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Claimed She Got Five Pieces Of Individually-Sponsored Legislation Passed, But Her Statements Were Inflation Of The Passage And/Or Bill

Tenney Claimed She Passed Five Pieces Of Individually-Sponsored Legislation. “When I was a freshman, I got legislation passed that was—I got five individual pieces of legislation, which is more than Sherry Boehlert got in 24 years, more than Richard Hanna got in six, and more than Mike Arcuri got in four. Those are individual-sponsored legislation, plus dozens of initiatives, record resources to the Rome Air Force Research Lab, I did all that as a freshman.” [Radio Interview, Vantage, 12/5/19] (AUDIO)

Tenney Had Said Previously The Bills Were Originally “Co-Sponsored.” “I actually have five bills that became law that were originally co-sponsored, not to mention numerous others that became law.” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 24:14, Vantage, 10/18/19]

SPOONSS Act

Tenney’s SPOONSS Act Was Not Passed. “TENNEY: The Barry Amendment is basically a procurement amendment for the Department of Defense that says that it has to use American-made products. What I did—I amended the Barry Amendment – our version that we called it was SPOONSS Act, support the procurement of our nation’s stainless steel. It was our bill, our unique bill. [...] Unfortunately, Mac Thornberry, who’s thankfully leaving, who was the ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee, didn’t support it so we didn’t get it passed. But that bill was an original bill that I put in that of course Anthony introduced and is now taking credit for it. And of course the news media’s giving him credit for it. HOST: Well not to the extent, but even though it initiated with you, if he’s willing to pursue that, why is that a bad thing? TENNEY: Well, it’s fine that he’s pursuing it, but I think couldn’t you at least another name or maybe change the [unintelligible]?” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 6:13, Vantage, 10/18/19]

Dodd-Frank Rollback Bills

Tenney Said She Had Two Bills Passed As Part Of The Dodd-Frank Rollback. “I’m on the Financial Services Committee. We did a rollback of the onerous Dodd-Frank bill, which actually helped community banks and credit unions. I had two bills as a freshman member of Congress that were signed into law already on that bill by President Trump.” [Fox Business Kennedy, Vantage, 9/13/18]

The Two Bills Were The Small Bank Exam Cycle Improvement Act And The Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act. ““Dodd-Frank’s one-size fits all regulatory structure put a target on the backs of community financial institutions, driving small banks to near extinction and making “big banks” even bigger.,’ she said. ‘Our groundbreaking legislation will finally allow small institutions to lend to the community once again,’ Tenney said. ‘During the roundtable, I heard firsthand about the need to realign regulatory standards by rolling back excessive regulations that have stifled community banks and credit unions,’ Tenney added. ‘The Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act will ensure this is the case. The two bipartisan bills I’ve introduced, the Small Bank Exam Cycle Improvement Act and the Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act, will ensure small institutions like Tioga National bank, the Bank of Utica, Adirondack Bank and many others can keep their doors open and compete on a level playing field,’ the first-term Republican congresswoman added.” [Rome Sentinel, [6/2/18](#)]

The Small Bank Exam Cycle Improvement Act Of 2018 Was Not Passed. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/23/20](#)]

The Community Institutions Mortgage Relief Act Passed The House And Was Not Voted Upon In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/23/20](#)]

Pre-Existing Conditions Protection Act

Tenney Said She Co-Authored An Amendment To Protect Pre-Existing Conditions. “You keep hearing about pre-existing conditions. I co-authored the amendment that would protect pre-existing conditions with Congressman Walden [ph]. These are all lies.” [Rome GOTV Event, Vantage, 11/5/18]

Tenney Co-Sponsored The Pre-Existing Conditions Protection Act Of 2017. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Said In Another Interview She Co-Sponsored The Bill. “The fact is, I co-sponsored the bill that protected pre-existing conditions, stated that insurance companies must provide insurance, cannot discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions.” [Talk! 100.7 FM, 14:40, Vantage, 2/7/20]

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](#)]

The Bill Was Never Passed. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

Air Force Perimeter Fence

Tenney Said She Got A Bill Passed To Secure A Perimeter Fence Around Griffis Research Base And The Rome Air Force Research Lab. “Let me editorialize a bit about Anthony Brindisi, who’s our current Congressman, and a little bit about my record when I was in the Congress. It seems that he has a penchant for putting in my old bills [...] A bill that I got passed and made into law that would provide a perimeter fence for Griffiss Air Force base and around Rome Air Force Research Lab in Defas.” [The Hard Truth with Claudia Tenney, 1:54, [7/14/19](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Did Testify Before Congress Advocating For The Perimeter Fence But The Bill Was Not Hers; The Funding Was A Part Of The National Defense Authorization Act. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, recently testified in front of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military, Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies in support of the fence, which she said would help secure the facility. The \$14.2 million project is on the subcommittee’s unfunded priority list, according to documents acquired by the Observer-Dispatch. Despite that, Tenney said she would like the Appropriations Committee to fund the

fence by including it in the National Defense Authorization Act. ‘The reason it’s important is we want to ensure that Rome lab stays in Rome, we want to make sure that it doesn’t get displaced and moved back to Dayton (Ohio) or anywhere else,’ Tenney said. ‘This is a weekly fight on our side, because if we don’t advocate every week and every day for Rome lab, it could very well be moved to another part of the country because it is a world-renowned institution that does groundbreaking cybersecurity research and we just have to fight to keep it there. ... The perimeter fence would help add to the credibility of Rome lab, in terms of security and making sure in the event something does happen, we’re protected from having any kind of eventuality occur to it.’” [Observer-Dispatch, [4/22/18](#)]

Several Bills And Amendments Sponsored By Tenney Did Pass Through The House, But They Were Not Voted On In The Senate

The Expanding Oversight Of Opioid Prescribing And Payment Act Of 2018 Passed The House But Was Not Voted Upon In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

The Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act Of 2017 Passed The House But Was Not Voted Upon In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

The Department Of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act Passed The House But Was Not Voted Upon In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney’s Amendment To The VA Accountability First Act Of 2017 Was Agreed To. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Introduced An Amendment To H.R. 2874 Requiring Policy Holders To “Exhaust All Administrative Remedies” Before Suing To Get Their Claims Paid. In June 2017, Tenney introduced an amendment to H.R. 2874, adding a section to the National Flood Insurance Act stating: “A policyholder of a policy for flood insurance coverage made available under this title must exhaust all administrative remedies, including submission of disputed claims to appeal under any appeal process made available by the Administrator, prior to commencing legal action on any disputed claim under such a policy.” The amendment was approved by a 31-25 vote of the Committee on Financial Services. [House Committee on Financial Services, Amendment to HR 2874, [6/15/17](#); Committee Vote #61, [6/15/17](#)]

Tenney’s Amendment Was Included In The Amended Bill Text Reported To The House Floor. [Congress.gov, HR 2874, reported in House [9/11/17](#)]

U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Wrote In Support Of The Tenney Amendment. “While the Chamber believes a reasonable claims process is important, elements of the claims provisions in this package may result in additional, unnecessary, and expensive litigation. If unaddressed, the new causes of action and penalties created by the claim’s provisions would create a litigation windfall for trial lawyers, rather than the intended protections for consumers and the NFIP. The Chamber supports possible amendments to improve this section of the legislative package, including an amendment expected to be offered by Representative Tenney.” [Letter to Reps. Hensarling & Waters, 6/14/17]

The Bill Passed The House But Was Not Voted Upon In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Falsely Stated She Had Passed More “Substantive Bills” Than Her Three Predecessors

Tenney Falsely Claimed She Had Passed More “Substantive Bills” Than Her Three Predecessors In Congress. “During the interview, Tenney compared her congressional record to that of Richard Hanna, Michael Arcuri and Sherwood Boehlert, the last three representatives of this area. ‘The truth is I’ve had more substantive bills passed and will have more substantive bills become law this year than Richard Hanna had in six years,’ she

said during the interview. “He had one. Mike Arcuri had, I think, two in four years, and Sherry Boehlert had four in 24 years.’ The congresswoman is referring to legislation sponsored by each representative that went on to become laws [...] So far, two standalone pieces of legislation sponsored by Tenney have passed the House, while a third — the Expanding Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Payment Act of 2018 — will be on the floor this week, according to Tenney’s office. None have become law. In contrast, Hanna — who served from 2011 to 2017 — saw four standalone articles of legislation become law, according to the Library of Congress website. Arcuri, a two-term Democrat, had two. Boehlert, the 24-year Republican who served from 1983 to 2007, had 11.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [6/17/18](#)]

Tenney Bragged That She Had Five Presidential Pens From Bill Signings And Cited Them As Proof Of Her Legislative Record. “You don’t get invited to a presidential bill signing and get to get a presidential pen—of which I have five—from official events, unless you’re the cosponsor or the original co-sponsor of the bill, it’s one of the honors you get. And I’ve shown you my pens, I’ve got my pens. Actually, I have six, because I got an extra one. [...] The Trump pens, I’ve three different pens. The original pen—It’s a beautiful cross pen with gold fittings. The second pen is a little different, it’s a Sharpie. And then he got a fancier Sharpie.” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 24:22, Vantage, 10/18/19]

Tenney Did Not Call A Recorded Vote On The SPOONSS Act

The SPOONSS Act Failed By Voice Vote When Introduced By Tenney. “Question is on the amendment offered by the Gentlewoman from New York. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed no. In the opinion of the chair the nos have it. The amendment is not agreed to. [House Session, C-SPAN, 8:57, [7/14/17](#)]

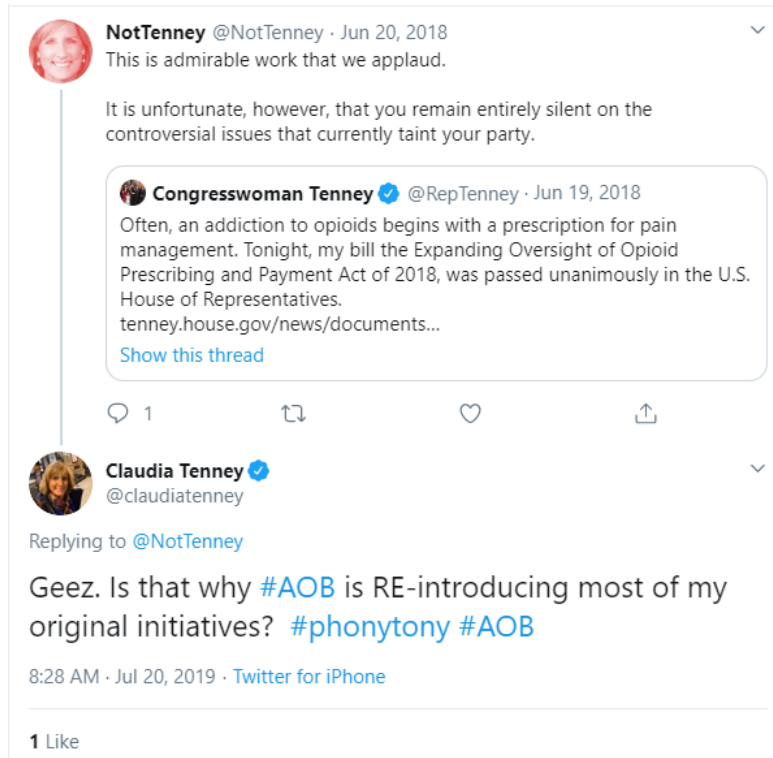
Tenney Falsely Claimed Credit For Brindisi’s Legislative Accomplishments

Tenney Routinely Complains About Brindisi Taking Credit For Bills She Introduced—But Which He Actually Passed

Tenney Complained About Brindisi Re-Introducing Her Bills

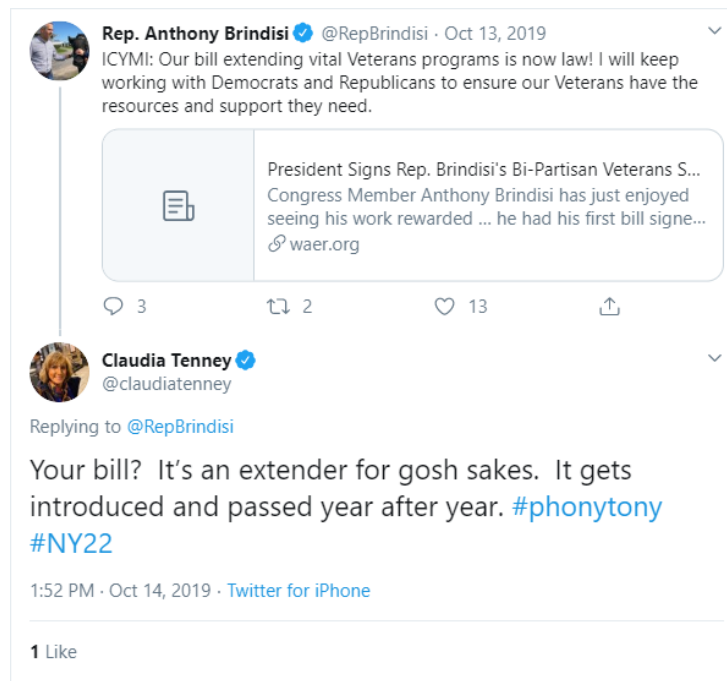
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Tenney: Brindisi Was Introducing Her “Original Initiatives.” “Geez. Is that why #AOB is RE-introducing most of my original initiatives? #phonytony #AOB.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [7/20/19](#)]



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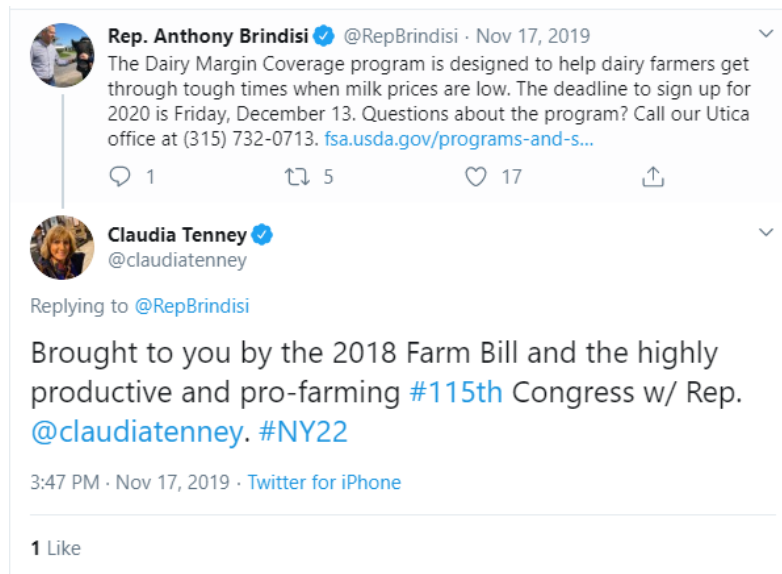
Tenney Complained About Brindisi Referencing A Bill Extending Veterans’ Programs He Introduced, Implying He Was Inflating His Claim Over The Bill Since It Got “Introduced And Passed Year After Year.”
 “Your bill? It’s an extender for gosh sakes. It gets introduced and passed year after year. #phonytony #NY22”
 [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]

Tenney Took Credit For The Dairy Margin Coverage Program After Brindisi Promoted The Program.

“@RepBrindisi: The Dairy Margin Coverage program is designed to help dairy farmers get through tough times when milk prices are low. [...] @claudiatenney: Brought to you by the 2018 Farm Bill and the highly productive and pro-farming #115th Congress w/ Rep. @claudiatenney. #NY22” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/17/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/17/19](#)]

Brindisi Hosted A Workshop For Local Farmers On Navigating The New Dairy Margin Coverage Program.

“Congressman Anthony Brindisi (NY-22) hosted a workshop for local farmers today to help them navigate the new Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program. Brindisi, a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, brought together farmers and local Farm Service Agency officers to ensure the DMC is working for local farmers. [...] The DMC program, authorized as part of the 2018 Farm Bill, offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.” [Congressman Anthony Brindisi, Press Release, [7/2/19](#)]

July 2017: Tenney Signed A Letter To the House Committee On Agriculture’s Chairman Supporting Reform For The Margin Protection Program For Dairy. [Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, [7/14/17](#)]

Tenney Supported Reforming The MPP-Dairy Program And Criticized Its Excessive Premiums. ““In the 22nd District, family farmers are the backbone of our communities and economy,” said Congresswoman Tenney. ‘That’s why I’m working to ensure that our policies help family farmers grow and compete. Excessive premiums in the MPP-Dairy program only hurt small and medium sized farmers. Reforming the MPP-Dairy program will make the program more effective and affordable for dairy farmers throughout upstate.’” [Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Press Release, [7/18/17](#)]

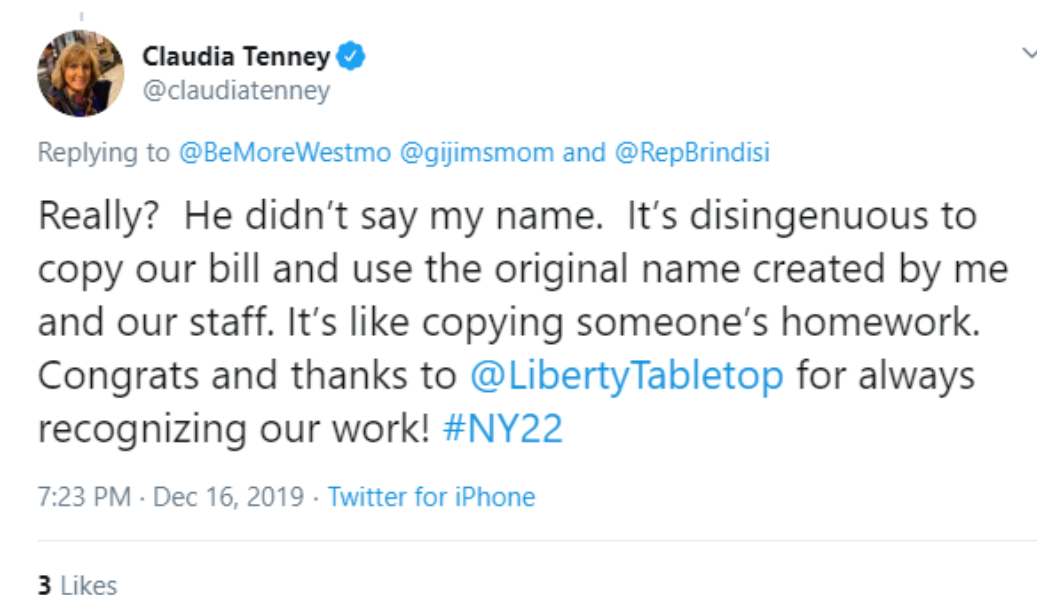
Tenney Complained Brindisi Did Not Credit Her For The SPOONSS Act When It Passed Congress

Tenney Complained The SPOONSS Act Passed Under Brindisi. “Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. #SPOONSS Act created by Team Tenney and copied w/ out attribution.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]



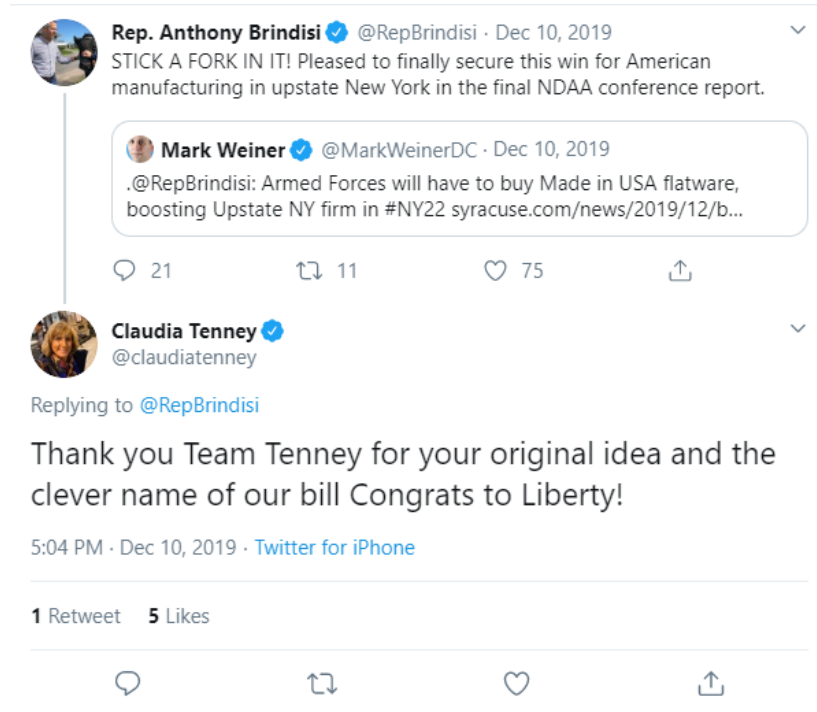
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Tenney Complained Brindisi Did Not Credit Her For The SPOONSS Act. “Really? He didn’t say my name. It’s disingenuous to copy our bill and use the original name created by me and our staff. It’s like copying someone’s homework. Congrats and thanks to @LibertyTabletop for always recognizing our work! #NY22” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [12/16/19](#)]



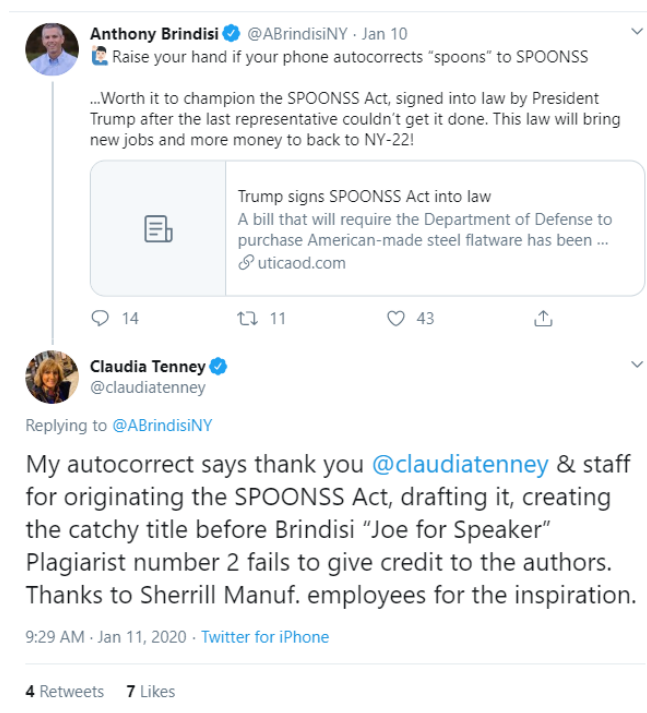
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Tenney Took Credit For The SPOONSS Act. “Thank you Team Tenney for your original idea and the clever name of our bill Congrats to Liberty!” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]

Tenney Accused Brindisi Of Plagiarizing Her Bill, The SPOONSS Act. “My autocorrect says thank you @claudiatenney & staff for originating the SPOONSS Act, drafting it, creating the catchy title before Brindisi ‘Joe for Speaker’ Plagiarist number 2 fails to give credit to the authors. Thanks to Sherrill Manuf. employees for the inspiration.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [1/11/20](#)]



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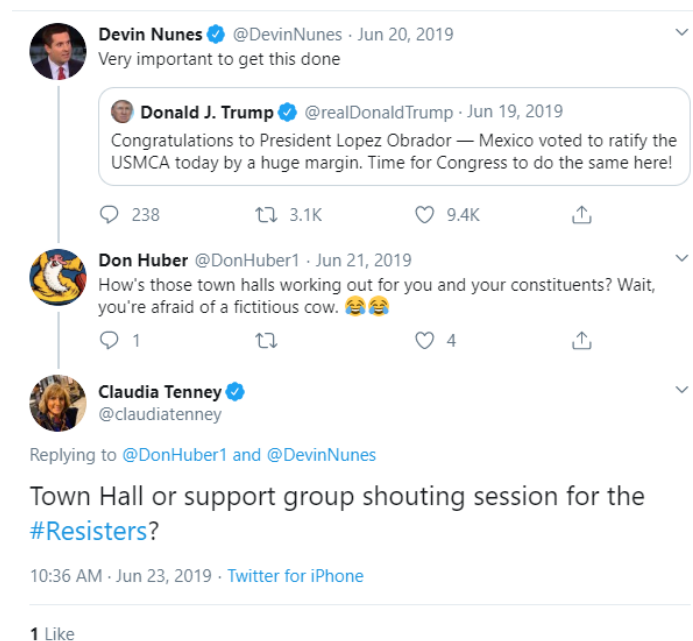
2017: Tenney Introduced HR 3293, The SPOONSS Act. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

The SPOONSS Act Was Not Passed Until Brindisi Worked To Get It Into The NDAA. “When Brindisi took office in 2019, he continued the effort and worked hard to get SPOONSS into the House version of the NDAA. He secured this provision in the NDAA, and it was approved last July. The SPOONS Act was introduced in previous years but was defeated each time it came to a vote.” [Times Telegram, 12/21/19]

Tenney Dodged Her Constituents While Holding Office

Tenney Called Town Halls “Support Group Shouting Sessions” For “Resisters” In Response To A Twitter Comment

Tenney Called Town Halls “Support Group Shouting Sessions.” “Town Hall or support group shouting session for the #Resisters?” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, accessed [3/11/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

In 2018, Tenney Didn't Agree To A Free, Public Debate Because She Didn't Want “300 Liberal Resisters” In One Room

Tenney Claimed She Wanted The Debates To Reach As Many People As Possible But Did Not Agree To A Free, Public Debate Because She Didn't Want “300 Liberal Resisters” In Room. “Oneida County residents have no chance of personally attending a free, local, public debate between their congressional candidates ahead of the Nov. 6 election. That's because the candidates — U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi — haven't agreed to one. [...] Tenney Campaign Manager Raychel Renna said the Republican incumbent wanted to reach as many people as possible at debates this year, but that she didn't want to have ‘300 liberal resisters’ in one room.” [Observer-Dispatch, 10/25/18]

July 2018: Tenney Said Democrats Had “Bastardized The Concept Of Town Halls” And Accused Brindisi Of Only Speaking To Democrats

Tenney: “My Opponent Has Completely Bastardized The Concept Of Town Halls.” Absolutely, I’ve had a number of town halls , if you want to call them that. This is a big, phony idea that’s going on. The TEA Party originated the concept of town halls where you could actually go to an event and talk and have a dialogue with your member of Congress in an open forum, so my opponent has completely bastardized the concept of town halls.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/25/18](#)]

Tenney Accused Brindisi Of Only Speaking To Democrats And Claimed She Had Held Multiple “Open Forums.” “They are campaign-engineered events. They are produced out of his campaign, coordinated with the Democratic committees wherever he goes. He tends to go to the cities, where most of the Democrats are, and he walks into an echo chamber where softball questions are thrown at him, and if anyone there who throws him a question that’s not, you know, part of what they want, they get sort of drummed out or told they have to leave or they’re not allowed to record, but meanwhile, I’ve had, I don’t know, 20 or maybe even more open forums. I call them ‘open forums’ because I think the concept of what is a real town hall has not been given, and unfortunately, the media, every time he stands in front of a group of Democrats, they call it a town hall.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/25/18](#)]

September 2017: Tenney Publicized A Town Hall Through Her Campaign Committee Instead Of Using Official Channels, Admitted That She Hoped To Keep “Paid Protesters” Out

Tenney Organized A Town-Hall Style Event Which Required RSVPs And Tickets To Attend And Attracted Detractors And Protests. “The event, which required RSVPs and tickets to attend, was hosted by her campaign, and invitations were sent out over her campaign email. But roughly half the attendees Tuesday night were still Tenney detractors, easily identified by the green and red pieces of paper they held up to indicate their support or disapproval of her statements. Tenney’s comments on issues like single-payer health care and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) - the Obama-era program that allows undocumented immigrants brought into the country as children to stay here without gaining citizenship - elicited simultaneous booing and clapping as citizens organizing against Tenney sat side by side with her strong supporters. Tenney, R-New Harford, answered presubmitted questions, drawn from a box and read aloud, on issues from funding of Planned Parenthood to her vote for the American Health Care Act (AHCA) to environmental protection, often criticizing the media for its portrayal of her positions, and saying she wanted to work with Democrats on legislation. ‘A lot of them have very great ideas,’ she said of Democrats in Congress. ‘I know a lot of Republicans in the room’ might not agree, she added. Tenney has come under criticism for not holding in-person town halls since taking office, and some attendees Tuesday said that was one of the reasons they’d come.” [Ithaca Journal, 9/21/17]

Tenney Claimed She Publicized Her Town Hall Through Her Campaign’s Email List To Avoid Spending Taxpayer Money On Security For The Event. TENNEY: “So a number of my colleagues, especially Republicans, it’s difficult to go to a place without having some kind of security, which is unfortunate in a society where we can’t respectfully disagree in many cases. So in order to do that we have to either find volunteers, which I’m happy to take, or we have to pay to ensure security is there not just for me but for the participants who are going to be there. And so this burden, should I put it on the taxpayers? Or should I pay for it out of my campaign or myself? I’ve chosen not to burden the taxpayers and my personal staff who’re on the taxpayers’ payroll to do that. I’m using my own money and my campaign funds to pay for it, that’s why, we had to have security.” [WUTQ, [9/13/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Admitted “More Money Was Given For Us” To Pay For Security For Official Congressional Events. TENNEY: “That is the kind of stuff that shouldn’t be happening, but unfortunately, I’m not going to burden the taxpayers with this. And I don’t – I haven’t hired a security team with the taxpayers’ money in my office yet, although more money was given for us to do that.” [WUTQ, [9/13/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Acknowledged She Was Looking To Keep Protesters From Attending. “Tenney acknowledges they are looking to keep protesters out, but says, ‘Unfortunately, paid field organizers from the New York Democratic Party are already working overtime to organize protesters to disrupt the event and prevent a constructive dialogue. These protesters do not want to productively discuss the issues with Rep. Tenney. Instead, they want to use the town hall as a platform for self-promotion.’” [Spectrum News, [9/12/17](#)]

Brindisi Criticized Tenney’s Decision To Announce A Town Hall Through Her Campaign.

“Congresswoman Claudia Tenney has announced her first town hall meeting since taking office; however, critics are taking issue with the plan. Tenney’s campaign for re-election announced the town hall for next Tuesday, September 19 at Nicole’s of Camden. The event listing says that tickets and advanced RSVP are required to attend the event; however, anyone living in the 22nd Congressional District can register to attend. Her opponent in next year’s election, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, issued a statement questioning her tactics. ‘It is suspicious that a question and answer session with the Congresswoman would not be sponsored by her official office, so that people attending who need help with a federal agency can receive assistance at the event by caseworkers,’ Brindisi’s statement said. ‘A campaign-sponsored event is simply not the same thing. In addition, attendees may even be screened for party affiliation or other means, since this is a campaign event.’” [Spectrum News, [9/12/17](#)]

Tenney Had Hesitated To Hold Town Halls, Claiming They Were A Rallying Point For “Paid Protestors.”

“The congresswoman had previously balked at holding town halls, arguing that similar events had become a rallying point for what she deemed ‘paid protestors’ who ‘have no interest in dialogue.’ She was referring to members of the Indivisible movement – an effort inspired by Democratic operatives and encouraged by national party leaders that has adopted Tea Party tactics to target members of Congress in their home districts to ‘resist the Trump agenda.’ The congresswoman also cited death threats she had received as another reason she had decided to forgo town halls.” [NY State of Politics, [9/12/17](#)]

Tenney Held A Town Hall For Hedge Fund Managers Months Before She Held One For Her Constituents At-Large

July 2017: Tenney Spoke To The New York Hedge Fund Roundtable In A “Town-Hall Style Setting.” “The deeply divided political landscape has focused the attention of alternative asset managers on whether sweeping reforms in such things as healthcare, taxes, carried interest, and the regulatory environment will actually take place, according to a new survey by the New York Hedge Fund Roundtable. [...] The political situation was the topic of NYHFR’s July event, in which members heard two freshmen members of Congress, Representatives Claudia Tenney & Thomas Suozzi, weighed in on the current state of politics in a town-hall style setting.” [Fin Alternatives, [8/28/17](#)]

Tenney Told Fund Managers That The Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act “Has Really Just Prevented The Free Market From Happening.” “[Dodd-Frank] didn’t touch what actually caused the financial crisis... what it created was a number of huge government agencies that now can come in and exact all kinds of regulations against people. It has really just prevented the free market from happening,’ said Tenney (R-N.Y.), who represents New York’s 22nd district, in a statement from NYHFR.” [Fin Alternatives, [8/28/17](#)]

July 2017: Tenney Said That She Didn’t Want To Hold Town Halls For Security Reasons

Tenney Said That She Didn’t Hold Town Halls For Security Reasons, And Because “My Job Isn’t To Stand In A Room And In Jerry Springer Show Fashion Get Yelled And Screamed At.” “Tenney’s Democratic challenger, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, and others have criticized her for not holding town hall meetings. She says security for her constituents is part of her concern, but she also believes the rowdy, in-person town halls aren’t as constructive as her small-group meetings and telephone town halls. ‘My job isn’t to stand in a room and in Jerry

Springer Show fashion get yelled and screamed at,' she said. 'It's a great event for media or is it an effective way of communicating and really trying to come up with solutions?'" [Press & Sun-Bulletin, 7/23/17]

Tenney Claimed Constituents Came To Meetings With Her Armed With Talking Points "That Are Meant To Scare And Intimidate People." "Tenney said the meetings were productive, however. 'I think there's been some really good questions,' she said between sessions. 'There's some people who are just coming out kind of repeating some of the talking points that are not accurate that are meant to scare and intimidate people. But for the most part I think people are really helpful. They have some good ideas. They've come up with some real interesting points and I think it's been a good discussion.'" [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [7/11/17](#)]

June 2017: Tenney Blamed Democrats For Encouraging Uncivil And Violent Behavior

Tenney Blamed Democrats For Encouraging Uncivil And Violent Rhetoric From "The Resist Movement." "Tenney attended yesterday's Congressional baseball game and sat alongside a Democratic lawmaker as a sign of unity. But in the interview with Fox News, she also blamed Democrats for the uncivil and violent rhetoric that she's been hearing. 'The resist movement, the indivisible movement, this movement that's been supported by the Democrats,' she said. In order to defeat her in the 2018 mid-term elections, Tenney said, Democrats are 'willing to do almost anything and they're encouraging people to do this, unfortunately.'" [NCPR, [6/16/17](#)]

NCPR Headline: "Tenney Says She's Received Death Threat, Blames Democrats." [NCPR, [6/16/17](#)]

Washington Examiner Headline: "Democrats 'Encouraging' Death Threats." [Washington Examiner, [6/15/17](#)]

Utica Observer-Dispatch Editorial Headline: "Tenney Needs To Stop Stalling, Hold Town Hall Meeting." "Two months later, no face-to-face town hall meetings have been held, and whether any are scheduled in the near future is not known. Several emails to both Tenney and her aide asking about town hall meetings were not immediately returned. Tenney needs to stop procrastinating and schedule a meeting. Her constituents deserve that. The congresswoman was initially reluctant to schedule a face-to-face town hall meeting because she said that she had received death threats. U.S. Capitol Police were investigating those threats. When contacted by the Observer-Dispatch, a spokeswoman for the department said they could not comment on the matter [...] There have been numerous protests at her offices, but those taking part have emphatically denied - to reporters and in letters to this newspaper - that they are being paid. They simply want answers from their representative in Congress. And they deserve them." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, Editorial, [6/7/17](#)]

May 2017: Constituents Protested Tenney's Appearances In Front Of Select Groups In Closed Meetings

Constituents Protested Tenney's Appearances In Front Of Local Groups In Lieu Of Open Town Halls. "An almost-silent protest lined the sidewalk Friday morning in front of Hart 's Hill Inn. Inside, U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, was slated to speak to a local group over breakfast. Tracing the side-walk Friday at the front of the property stood over 50 people holding signs reflecting their views on a selection of issues, predominantly American Health Care Act-related, which Tenney voted in favor of. 'Our goal here today is to do a silent, mature, on-point protest. we're not rowdy,' organizer Sarah Reeske said. 'Tenney does need to meet with her constituents. We are dissatisfied with her voting (on the health act).' Reeske said the protesters don't find it fair that Tenney is having meetings with select groups of constituents in the area and not open town halls. 'I feel like we're clawing for things that other groups have,' Reeske said. 'Everything affects everybody.' At a Thursday news conference related to the status of an amendment to the American Health Care Act, Tenney told reporters: 'I've always considered having town halls. It's just a matter of scheduling.' Tenney said she would want the town halls to be organized, efficient and conducted in a manner that everyone's viewpoint can be heard. " [Observer-Dispatch, [5/13/17](#)]

Tenney Said She Hadn't Held Town Hall Because Of Death Threats And Her "Really Aggressive Schedule" In DC. "Congresswoman Claudia Tenney is continuing to cite safety concerns as an issue in scheduling town hall-style meetings. Tenney on Wednesday said she wasn't sure when she will have a public session for constituents in the Binghamton area. Speaking on WNBF Radio's Binghamton Now program, Tenney said 'numerous death threats' have been made against her. She said 'we would like to make sure it's a safe situation.' Tenney also said she's dealing with a 'really aggressive schedule' in Washington. When asked whether she believed she could be adequately protected in a constituent meeting in Broome County, Tenney said she's not really worried about her own safety." [WNBF, [5/10/17](#)]

Tenney Suggested Holding A Town Hall Was Pointless "If They're Going To Be Shouting At Me." "When asked whether she believed she could be adequately protected in a constituent meeting in Broome County, Tenney said she's not really worried about her own safety. The congresswoman said she's 'more worried about the safety of the people that are coming in.' Tenney asked 'what are all these people going to learn in a town hall if they're going to be shouting at me.'" [WNBF, [5/10/17](#)]

Tenney's Office Warned Constituents Of "Patch Through Calls" Connecting Them To Tenney's Office

Tenney's Spokeswoman Warned Constituents Of "Patch Through Calls" Claiming To Directly Connect People To Tenney's Office, Called Them A Scam. "U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney's office says that repeated, harassing phone calls claiming to be from or directly connecting them to the New Hartford Republican's office are a scam. In a statement, Hannah Andrews, Tenney's spokeswoman, said that over the last week, constituents have contacted Tenney's office about the calls. She said that Capitol Police are investigating the matter. 'Known as 'patch through calls,' these calls begin with an operator encouraging the person answering the phone call to repeat a message provided by the operator while the line is then connected to one of our offices,' Andrews said in the statement. 'Other times, the calls immediately connect the person answering the phone to our office. The calls are confusing and mislead many people to believe they are being directly contacted by our office.' Andrews said that Tenney's office would never contact constituents in this manner." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [4/25/17](#)]

Tenney's Spokeswoman Said The Calls Were Often "Paid For By Special Interest Groups."

"Unfortunately, the calls are extremely difficult to trace back to the original source, especially since they do not comply with federal laws that would make them easier to track,' Andrews said. 'Often, the calls are paid for by special interest groups based in Washington D.C., or out-of-state organizations.' Tenney's office is working to stop the disruptive phone calls and to prevent future calls from happening, Andrews said." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [4/25/17](#)]

April 2017: Tenney Said That She Couldn't Wait To Hold In-Person Town Halls, But Held Off Because "It's Just A Shouting Match."

April 2017: Tenney Said That She Wanted To Have Town Halls In Different Parts Of Her District: "I Can't Wait To Do One." "In a wide-ranging interview with the Observer-Dispatch's Editorial Board Wednesday, Tenney said she wants to have town halls in different parts of her district, which encompasses all of Oneida, Chenango, Cortland and Madison counties, and parts of Herkimer, Broome, Oswego and Tioga counties. 'We're going to do one,' said Tenney, who took office in January. 'Actually, we're thinking of doing our first in Camden if we can schedule it, just because we want to go to people, like nobody goes to places in the rural area. They go to the city. So, we'll go to Camden and meet with people up there who get forgotten all the time.' Plans for those meetings haven't been finalized, but Tenney said that she would like to either televise the event or broadcast it on the radio. 'We're looking forward to engaging,' she said. 'I can't wait to do one.' Over the last several months, hundreds of protesters and others have flocked to town halls and local congressional offices, some in strongly Republican districts, to voice their opinions on President Donald Trump's cabinet picks, health care plans and refugee restrictions. Many members of Congress have opted not to conduct in-person town halls U.S. Rep. Tom

Reed, R-Corning, has had several town halls across his district, which spans the state's Southern Tier." [Observer-Dispatch, 4/20/17]

In The Same Interview, Tenney Repeated That She Had Delayed Holding Town Halls Due To Security Concerns, And Said That, At Times, "It's Just A Shouting Match." "It's just a shouting match. 'There comes a point where there's a balance between are you really effectively representing your constituents or are you using the town halls as a media event,' she added. 'I want to make sure people are getting the information.' Tenney said in February that death threats caused her to delay conducting a town hall. U.S. Capitol Police were investigating those threats. 'I'm not adverse to a town hall setting,' Tenney said. 'I had death threats in the (state) Assembly, which I had to go through all these processes. My staff was getting mail that was like these crazy things where they were going to cut me open and take my heart out and throw me in the river. I mean awful stuff.' On Wednesday, she said she didn't know if the threats still were being investigated. 'They don't report anything to us,' she said. 'They don't tell us you can't have town halls. They say that they want to go through the procedure. At this point, if they're not going to give us any kind of status report-because everything's open-we're like, why not do it? They just want us to make sure that we are a secure environment.' U.S. Capitol Police said Wednesday that they could not comment on ongoing investigations." [Observer-Dispatch, 4/20/17]

Tenney Said That She Delayed Town Halls Because Her Office Had Received Death Threats In February 2017. "Uncertainties about health care are prompting Clinton resident Jennifer Kemp to close her massage therapy business in the next few months after years of ownership. She works with the state due, in part, to the steadier benefits, but said her concerns still linger with the potential impact of health care changes on people she works with, who are developmentally disabled. Sitting down with the Observer-Dispatch's editorial board last month, U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, said she is going to host a town hall at some point. Death threats she received in February had then caused her to delay. 'We've been trying to get our congressional representative to do a town hall for many, many months, and she (Rep. Claudia Tenney) is just refusing to meet with us,' Kemp said. 'I think we need an opportunity to come together and hear from our representatives on the issues.'" [Times Telegram, 5/19/17]

Local Editorial Board Encouraged Tenney To Hold A Town Hall Meeting

Utica Observer-Dispatch Editorial Strongly Encouraged Tenney To Hold A Town Hall Meeting. "We solicited questions from readers in advance of Tenney's visit last Wednesday. At least 50 readers wrote in, many sending multiple questions — 150 or more in all. Such high interest from Tenney's 22nd Congressional District constituents would certainly justify her holding a town hall meeting. Tenney said she's looking forward to that. We strongly encourage her to do so. Bringing government to the people is part of the democratic process. And in the case of the federal government — where process and procedure can often be baffling to the public — meeting with representatives can nurture understanding." [Utica Observer Dispatch, Editorial, [4/25/17](#)]

Editorial Noted That Tenney Did Not Say When Her Town Hall Meetings Would Be Held. "Tenney did not say when the town hall meetings would begin, but she did say that she's likely to do the first one in Camden because the more rural spots are often ignored by big government. She said she'd like to have town halls in different parts of her district, which is huge; it includes all of Oneida, Chenango, Cortland and Madison counties, and parts of Herkimer, Broome, Oswego and Tioga counties. The congresswoman said she has met with district residents — in smaller groups — in a community setting and also in her district office. She says there's no special selection process. 'They just call in and we set up meetings,' she said. 'Whoever calls in, we line them up.' Hopefully a larger town hall session will be scheduled soon." [Utica Observer Dispatch, Editorial, [4/25/17](#)]

February 2017: Tenney Said She Would Rather Have A Tele-Town Hall Because Of Alleged "Paid Protestors"

Tenney: “My Feeling Is That If I’m Going To Go To A Town-Hall Meeting And There Are Going To Be Paid Protestors Or Even Protestors Who Have No Interest In Dialogue, We’re Going To Probably Use The Tele-Town Hall Method.” “She told the TV station: ‘I’m trying to meet with my constituents and hear from all sides. I want to have a productive conversation, though. And my feeling is that if I’m going to go to a town-hall meeting and there are going to be paid protestors or even protestors who have no interest in dialogue, we’re going to probably use the tele-town hall method, which works really well because for one you can have thousands of participants, people who are earnestly and sincerely interested in solutions and understanding the issues and trying to work with me on that. And so we can meet so many more people that way.’” [Press Connects, Editorial, [2/17/17](#); Binghamton Homepage, [2/16/17](#)] VIDEO

Local Investigative Reporter: “The More You Look Into Claims Of These Paid Protesters... The More You See There’s Not Any Truth To Them Anywhere In The Country.” “John Roby is an investigative reporter with the Press and Sun Bulletin. He and his colleagues set out to find examples of paid protestors across the state. He joined WSKG’s Gabe Altieri to talk about it. Interview Highlights: On whether there was evidence of paid protestors: John Roby: The more you look into claims of these paid protestors shouting down Congress members at town halls or attending these marches, the more you see there’s not any truth to them anywhere in the country.” [WSKG, [2/28/17](#)]

Constituents Protested To Counter Tenney’s Claims That They Were Paid Protesters. “Among the concerned citizens gathered was Rome resident Sarita Ruiz, holding a sign reading, ‘I am not paid to be here.’ ‘It’s basically just a response to her accusations we (protestors) were paid to be here,’ Ruiz said, claiming Tenney had made the statement in an early February interview. ‘I’m here representing concerned citizens. Our focus is finance, immigration and affordable care issues. It’s not just one thing. It’s an array.’ Also waiting for an audience with Tenney was Marli Stahler, from grassroots advocacy group Cazenovia Call to Action. ‘We’re interested in finding out about town hall meetings,’ Stahler said, adding she wished to hear more of the freshman Congressional representative’s platform. ‘We want to help support Tenney in the district to-ward a progressive agenda.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/11/17]

February 2017: Tenney’s New Constituents Had Trouble Contacting Her And Her Staff

February 2017: Tenney Said That She Had Been Unable To Immediately Set Up Public Offices “Due To Varied Delays.” “Tenney, R-New Hartford, said that due to varied delays, she was not able to immediately setup public access offices around the district but has kept in contact with residents to hear concerns. Friday, at her freshly painted office at 555 French Road, Suite 101, she talked issues including the current court-halted ban on immigrants from seven select countries and other actions taken by the White House and Congress. The intent of President Donald Trump’s original immigration ban, in Tenney’s eyes, was to ‘investigate the vetting process of other countries.’ ‘It wasn’t a ban,’ she said, but, ‘It didn’t look good the way it came out.’ Tenney added that she felt the federal court restraint ruling on the ban ultimately would be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. ‘I think we need more people in this country from all over the world, (but) we need to make sure we have the resources to make sure they can be resettled safely,’ she said.” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/11/17]

After Tenney’s Election, Her New Constituents Reportedly Had Difficulty Contacting Her And Her Staff. “New Congresswoman Claudia Tenney was sworn into office Jan. 3. But some of her constituents say they haven’t had any luck getting in touch with the New Hartford Republican or her staff. Frankfort resident Susan Martin is one of them. She said she wanted to get in touch with Tenney to discuss women’s health and health care, but wasn’t successful. ‘It upsets me,’ Martin said. ‘We’re paying her salary, right? It seems like I should be able to at least get through to one of her aides.’ Tenney, meanwhile, said the ‘bureaucracy of the federal government has pro-longed the process of opening our district offices,’ including one at 555 French Road in New Hartford. ‘Members of Congress are unable to use any official resources until they are sworn-in; therefore my staff and I were unable to begin the process of opening our offices until Jan. 3,’ Tenney said. ‘It is a shame that the onerous processes of the federal government continue to slow the opening of our offices.’ Former U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna, who Tenney replaced in January, declined to comment on the record when asked about the process of setting up his

congressional office. Attempts to reach former Rep. Michael Arcuri also were unsuccessful. ” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/1/17]

February 2017: Tenney Said She Was “In The Process Of Having Phone Lines Installed At Her District Office.” “Tenney said she’s in the process of having phone lines installed at her New Hartford office and that she and her staff are ‘working diligently to ensure all of the district offices are up and running as soon as possible.’ Tenney also said that she wanted to keep her office in the space that Hanna used in the 258 Building at the intersection of Genesee and Hopper streets in downtown Utica. But that space wasn’t available, so they had to find a new spot. ‘Unfortunately, also Richard Hanna’s computers were deemed by the federal government - it has nothing to do with me - to be outdated, so they needed to replace our computers and that’s what they did,’ she added. Another district office is planned for downtown Binghamton, she said, but they are waiting for a lease to be approved by the federal government before moving into the space. ” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/1/17]

Key Moments on Video and Audio

VIDEO

Tenney Yelled “Fake News!” At A Reporter Before Storming Off

[VIDEO] Tenney Became Angry At A Reporter Who Questioned Her About Her Mass Shooting Comments, Yelled “It Is Fake News!” Before Storming Off. “TENNEY: Are you going to let me answer the question? Let me answer the question. We’re not gonna – the question is, you don’t want to hear a truthful answer. You don’t want to know that this problem occurs across all sectors, with all kinds of people. It isn’t just Republicans who commit all these terrible crimes [...] And all I’m saying is everybody is guilty equally, and that’s exactly what I said if you listen to the 12 minute interview, it’s patently clear. REPORTER: That’s not what you said during the interview. You said— TENNEY: You didn’t listen to the interview. STAFFER: Go ahead, next question. TENNEY: (leaning into the camera) It’s fake news! I answered your question every which way, it is fake news! (walks away from the shot) Bye. Done. It’s ridiculous. (takes off microphone as staffer blocks the shot) I’m not talking anymore.” [YouTube, [3/5/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Called Democrats “Un-American” And Said “They Don’t Love Our Country”

Tenney: “I Would Say It Was Un-American And They Don’t Love Our Country.” “Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney defends Trump’s criticism of Democrats who didn’t clap for his State of the Union address: ‘I would say it was un-American and they don’t love our country. I don’t know if I’d go as far as ‘treasonous’” [Twitter, CNN, [2/6/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Claimed That “Entitlements Are A Huge Problem” In Praising Trump Budget Which Proposed Cutting Medicare

Tenney Claimed “Entitlements Are A Huge Problem,” Referenced \$1.7 Trillion Cut To Mandatory Spending Proposed In Trump’s FY 2019 Budget. [2:05] TENNEY: But remember what this budget does. It deals with discretionary spending. The big project coming up that the President talked about in the State of the Union is the non-dis, that was non-discretionary, we’re talking about the non-discretionary side, I mean. And that is dealing with the problem we need to start working on the entitlement issue. Entitlements are a huge problem, there’s a lot of fraud, abuse and waste. I come from New York, where the greatest fraud abuse and waste exists. And we need to start attacking that. I see in the President’s budget 1.7 trillion in cuts are anticipated coming up for that. [Fox Business News (via Mediaite), [2/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney: “We Should Not Even Have A Minimum Wage”

Tenney: “We Should Not Even Have A Minimum Wage.” In July 2014, while appearing on Neil Cavuto’s Fox Business News Show, Tenney said, “we should not have a minimum wage.” The exchange went as follows: NEIL CAVUTO: All right. Now, the solution to this - to hear some of these, Democrats I guess say you got to lift the minimum wage, and then the war on women will cease to be a war on women. CLAUDIA TENNEY: Absolutely not. CAVUTO: What’s the level at which you cease that? TENNEY: We should not even have a minimum wage, at-this-point the market should determine what the wage is. I mean, I can’t imagine looking at all the women employees that and, by the way, we are dominated by women employees and saying we’re being unfair to you. What we’re doing is giving you an opportunity. [Tenney Interview, Neil Cavuto’s Fox Business News Show, [7/04/14](#)]

Tenney Claimed That The Trump Administration Had Brought “Incredible Increases In Wages”

Tenney Said “We’ve Seen Incredible Increases In Wages” Under Trump, Adding They Were “Not Forced Through By Government.” “TENNEY: We’ve seen incredible increases in wages, naturally, through the voluntary will of employers and through competition for the first time in government, not forced through by government.” [WKTU, [1/19/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Defended Accused Harasser Blake Farenthold After He Used \$84,000 In Taxpayer Funds To Settle A Sexual Harassment Claim

Tenney Said Blake Farenthold Should Not Resign Over Revelations That He Used Taxpayer Money To Settle A Sexual Harassment Claim Made By A Staffer. “I think Blake Farenthold is not an example of sexual harassment,’ she said. ‘From what I know he made some off-handed comments that were inappropriate, that were just boorish.’” [NY State of Politics, 12/22/17; Spectrum News, [12/22/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney On #MeToo: “A Lot Of Things Are Turning Into Sexual Harassment”

Tenney On #MeToo: “You Bump Into Someone At A Restaurant One Night And All Of A Sudden It’s Sexual Harassment [...] A Lot Of Things Are Turning Into Sexual Harassment And I Think In The Long Run It May Hurt Women.” [57:30] TENNEY: “I don’t know the best way to put it, but some of these situations, it seems that natural human... you bump into someone at a restaurant one night, and all of a sudden it’s sexual harassment. That to me, legally, is not sexual harassment. I think there has to be intent, and there has to be the intent to manipulate and control that person and use them in a way that isn’t just accidental. I think a lot of things are turning into sexual harassment and I think in the long run it may hurt women. You know, why have a woman in your office because god knows, you look at her the wrong way and all of a sudden you’ve got a sexual harassment claim. And the same is said on both sides, it could be sexual harassment for all, whether it’s homo—or any kind of relationship. I think we have to be very careful how we look at this.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, Facebook Live, [1/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Claimed Wealthy People Would Not Benefit From The Tax Scam

Tenney Claimed “The Wealthy Are, Again, Not Going To Do Well” And Would “Pay More In Taxes” Under The Republican Tax Scam. “Unfortunately, the wealthy are, again, not going to do well in this bill,’ Tenney said. ‘Unlike what you’re hearing from Chuck Schumer, he’s getting an awful lot of blowback from people down in New York City who are the highest earners in our state who are very upset because they’re actually going to pay more in taxes unlike what he’s claiming when he’s on the street.’” [PolitiFact NY, [12/21/17](#); WKTU, [12/3/17](#)]

Tenney: “Thank God For The Tax Reform”

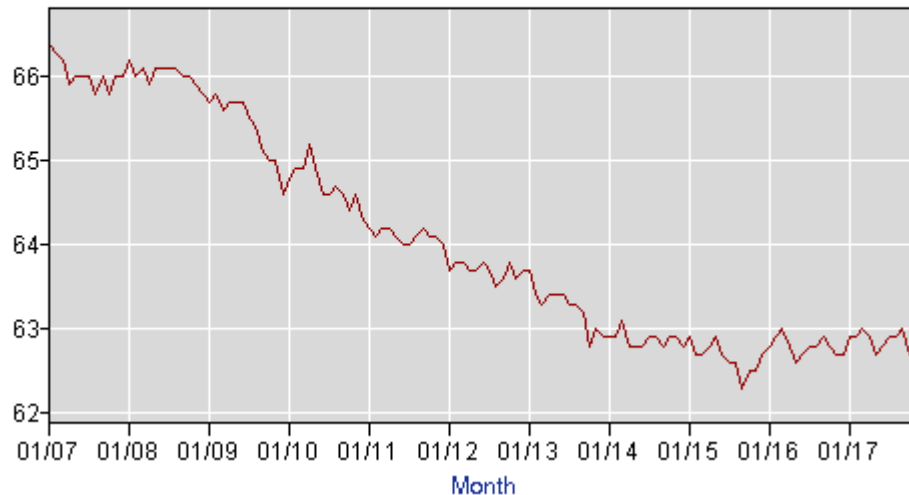
Tenney: “Thank God For The Tax Reform.” [Fox Business, [5/22/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Made False Claims About The Labor Market

Tenney Said The Labor Participation Rate Was The Highest It Had Been In Over A Decade. “TENNEY: We’ve seen the labor participation rate at the highest rate it’s been for over a decade.” [WKTU, [1/19/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Labor Dept.: National Labor Participation Rate Was 62.7% In December 2017, Down From 66.2% In January 2008; It Has Not Been Above 63% Since 2014.

Seasonally Adjusted
 Series title: (Seas) Labor Force Participation Rate
 Labor force status: Civilian labor force participation rate
 Type of data: Percent or rate
 Age: 16 years and over



[Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed [1/19/18](#)]

Tenney A Potential Government Shutdown On Democrats Trying To Stifle Growth

January 2018: Tenney Claimed Democrats Were Trying To Shut Down The Government To Stifle Economic Growth. “TENNEY: And let me add something about letting the government shut down. We’ve seen an incredible run in the stock market. We’ve seen the labor participation rate at the highest rate it’s been for over a decade. We’ve seen incredible increases in wages, naturally, through the voluntary will of employers and through competition for the first time in government, not forced through by government. And what you’re seeing is a potential threat to this growth. And that’s exactly what Chuck Schumer and the Democrats are trying to do. They’re trying to destroy the incredible success that’s been going on from cutting regulations, decreasing taxes, and really allowing our country to come back. And I think that’s just – people should be on high alert to what is going on behind the scenes in Washington.” [WKTW, [1/19/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Referred To DREAMers’ Uncertain Status As “A Great Bargaining Chip” For Trump

Tenney Called DACA And Dreamers “A Great Bargaining Chip” For Trump To “Get Us What We Didn’t Get” On Health Care And Taxes. TENNEY: “Let me be perfectly honest, DACA, Dreamers, it’s a great bargaining chip. If we have the deal-maker in chief out there, he needs to get us what we didn’t get, we didn’t get repealing and replacing Obamacare, we didn’t get tax reform, we need to get those things.” [Fox Business News, [9/15/17](#)] (VIDEO)

January 2018: Tenney Claimed To Have Done “Seven Or Eight” Town Halls

Tenney Claimed “I’ve Done Seven Or Eight Town Halls.” [12:00] TENNEY: “In spite of what my detractors say, I’ve done seven or eight town halls. But none of them really count unless they meet their exact parameters. It’s kind of like Lucy with the football.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, Facebook Live, [1/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

February 2017: Tenney Said She Would Rather Have A Tele-Town Hall Because Of Alleged “Paid Protestors”

Tenney: “My Feeling Is That If I’m Going To Go To A Town-Hall Meeting And There Are Going To Be Paid Protestors Or Even Protestors Who Have No Interest In Dialogue, We’re Going To Probably Use The Tele-Town Hall Method.” “She told the TV station: ‘I’m trying to meet with my constituents and hear from all sides. I want to have a productive conversation, though. And my feeling is that if I’m going to go to a town-hall meeting and there are going to be paid protestors or even protestors who have no interest in dialogue, we’re going to probably use the tele-town hall method, which works really well because for one you can have thousands of participants, people who are earnestly and sincerely interested in solutions and understanding the issues and trying to work with me on that. And so we can meet so many more people that way.’” [Press Connects, Editorial, [2/17/17](#); Binghamton Homepage, [2/16/17](#)]

2013: Interrupted Oneida Nation Press Conference On Changing “Redskins” Name, Heckled Oneida CEO Ray Halbritter, Called Him A Fraud, Posted Video Of It To Her YouTube Account

Interrupted Oneida Indian Nation Press Conference On Changing The “Redskins” Name, Heckled Oneida CEO Ray Halbritter, Called Him A Fraud, Posted Video Of Event To Her Campaign YouTube Channel. In November 2013, Tenney posted video of her October 30, 2013 interruption of an Oneida Indian Nation press conference held as part of its “Change The Name” campaign to have the NFL and Washington professional football team change the name of the team’s mascot. Tenney described the video on her campaign channel as “Claudia Tenney speaking out against Halbritter, a fraudulent bully, in defense of genuine Oneida client Melvin Phillips and his family” and categorized it as “comedy.” During the video, Tenney stands up from a seat in the middle of the press pool and argues with the press conference’s moderator while waving a copy of a document purportedly from the national archives pertaining to Oneida Nation Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter’s ancestry. Tenney repeatedly references her elected office while she and the moderator repeatedly talk over each other and she eventually argues with members of the crowd. [YouTube, Claudia Tenney -- Ousted by Halbritter Minions, recorded [10/30/13](#)]

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Iran Has Supported Iraqi Forces Against ISIS, Sending One Of Its Top Commanders To Coordinate Efforts Against ISIS And Direct Iranian-Trained Militias Against The Islamic State. “Since ISIS swept through northern Iraq in June, Tehran has mobilized to protect the Shiite-led government from the Sunni militant threat. General Qassim Suleimani, commander of the Quds Force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, traveled to Baghdad at the start of the crisis to coordinate the defense of the capital with Iraqi politicians and military officials.

He also directed Iranian-trained Shiite militias—including the Badr Brigade and the League of the Righteous, two notorious militias responsible for widespread atrocities against Sunnis—in the fight against ISIS. With a weakened and corrupt Iraqi military, the militias have proven crucial in stopping ISIS’ advance.” [CNN, Bazzi Commentary, [1/04/15](#)]

August 2016: Russian Warplanes Took Off From Iran To Target The Islamic State. “Russian warplanes took off on Tuesday from a base in Iran to target Islamic State fighters and other militants in Syria, the U.S. military confirmed -- a move seen as a widening of Moscow’s bombing campaign, while drawing Russia and

Iran closer as the Obama administration is seeking greater cooperation with Moscow in its fight against the radical insurgents.” [Fox News, [8/16/16](#)]

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After Parkland Massacre, Tenney Said Many Mass Shooters Were Democrats

Tenney: “So Many Of These People That Commit The Mass Murders End Up Being Democrats.”

“TENNEY: It’s interesting that so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats, but the media doesn’t talk about that either.” [WGDJ, [2/21/18](#)] (AUDIO)

2019: Tenney Said It Was “Patently False” That She Said Democrats Were Mass Murderers

“INTERVIEWER: You said that mass shooters are usually Democrats [...] Do you stand by those statements? TENNEY: They are all patently false, they are all a spliced and diced smear of me. Those are now libelous and slanderous statements. [...] The whole point that I was making [...] is that every time we have a tragic mass shooting of some kind, the Democrats, within an hour of the Parkland shooting, the Democrats are out screaming and this is the fault of Republicans, Republican policy, the NRA is a terrorist group [...] What I was trying to say is [...] no party affiliation, nobody can say they are clean on this issue on whether there is a mass shooter. [...] They blame Republicans all the time, and in the end, if you read the quote, I said sometimes, these mass shootings end up being Democrats, many of them end up being Democrats. I didn’t say ‘usually,’ I didn’t say ‘most.’ The DCCC put out, Tenney says, Democrats are mass murderers. The biggest mass murder shooting in the history of our nation’s history, until Nevada, the shooting that occurred in Las Vegas [...] the biggest shooting in this country’s history was Orlando. The guy was a registered Democrat. [...] The whole point I was trying to say is that all mass murderers, and all these mass shootings, are not all Republicans and right-leaning. [...] I think it’s actually libelous and slanderous to use against me. [...] INTERVIEWER: How is it libel to ask you about something you said on the radio? TENNEY: That’s not what I said. I did not say that

Democrats are mass murderers, I did not say that. What I said was that in the end not all these people are Republicans, they tend to be everything.” [WAMC, 22:39, Vantage, 10/2/19] (AUDIO)

Tenney Claimed The Republican Tax Scam Had Already Paid For Itself Within Six Months

July 2018: Tenney Claimed “The Tax Cuts Have Already Been Paid For In Six Months.” “We have already paid for the tax cuts with the growth in the economy, which is not being talked about. The tax cuts have ready been paid for in six months. Imagine if we continue to roll back regulations and continue to put the economy on overdrive like we are right now and get the employees that we need to fill these businesses and bring the jobs back.” [WUTQ, [7/11/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Defended Accused Domestic Abuser Rob Porter

Tenney Said Physical Abuse Accusations Against White House Aide Rob Porter Could Not Lead To Him Being Blackmailed Because They Were “Not Crimes Of Character.” “Informed of the fact that the FBI was looking into the allegations as part of its background check of Porter, and that there was potential concern over the possibility of the staffer being blackmailed, Tenney shot down that possibility. “Right, except blackmail and domestic situations don’t really line up, they’re not crimes of character,” she said. “They’re [crimes of] character but they’re not dishonesty—know this. To me... just because somebody has been accused of these things and even if they’re true that doesn’t necessarily mean he’s going to be dishonest and commit blackmail. I don’t think it was a great hire if these are true, but again, are these true?” [The Daily Beast, [2/16/18](#); WUTQ, [2/14/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Said The “Deep State” Was Responsible For HUD Secretary Ben Carson Spending \$31,000 In Taxpayer Money On Furniture

Tenney Blamed The “Deep State” For Ben Carson Spending \$31,000 In Taxpayer Money On A Dining Room Set For His Office. “During a recent appearance on Talk! Of the Town, an upstate New York local radio show, the New York Republican was asked about the decision to buy a \$31,000 dining room set for Carson’s office last year. Tenney told the hosts that the ‘Ben Carson story is so misunderstood’ before pointing to a no-named staffer of cryptic origin as the culprit. ‘First of all, I like Ben Carson a lot. I think he’s really trying to do a great job there. But his staffer, one of his key people, was in my office the other day to talk about some of the housing issues that we have in our region and we were talking about that and he said ‘you know, that’s the most...’ Tenney said trailing off. ‘Somebody in the Deep State, it was not one of his people apparently, ordered a table, like a conference room table or whatever it was for a room,’ Tenney continued. ‘And that’s what the cost was. Ben Carson tried to—he said ‘you know how hard it is to turn it back because of the way that the procurement happens?’” [The Daily Beast, [3/21/18](#); WUTQ, [3/21/18](#)] (AUDIO)

2019: Tenney Said “Deep State” Was Used As A Joke To Refer To Bureaucrats. “He picks it out and someone discloses that this table costs \$17,000 [...] They didn’t know what it was. But someone in the deep state or someone that was in the bureaucracy, maybe the architect of whoever handles the administration of the executive branch, picked it out. [...] When you look at that book, there is no price tag on it. And what I was trying to say on the radio show is – it was just a way to slander and libel me to say somehow – and what he said to me, he goes you know how the Deep State is, meaning the bureaucrats – Somebody said, you know what this table actually costs, \$17,000. And once Ben Carson found out what was happening, he cancelled the order. [...] I think that it’s really disingenuous for someone to try and turn that into some kind of Deep State – I know that Ben Carson for a fact did not know [...] INTERVIEWER: But you said the words Deep State, though, wasn’t that inflammatory for you to say Deep State brought Ben Carson this scandal? TENNEY: Not at all, in fact those are the words used by Ben Carson’s guy, you know, he laughed, he said it was the Deep State, which I did, when I was on the radio show. INTERVIEWER: So is there a Deep State? TENNEY: You sound like you’re very sinister. [...] He was sitting there, and he goes, ‘you know, the Deep State,’ and I’m like, ‘You mean the bureaucracy,’ and he says ‘Yes.’ It was exactly the way it was portrayed on the radio show, in a very

casual manner. [...] To attack Ben Carson over this, why would you? I think he was innocent.” [WAMC Interview, 27:51, Vantage, 10/2/19] (AUDIO)

Tenney Decried John McCain’s Vote Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act As “Reprehensible”

Tenney Said McCain’s Vote Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act Was “Reprehensible,” A “Disgrace,” And An Effort To “Stick It To The President.” “We sent this, our negotiating piece to the Senate, they vote it down thanks to John McCain who wanted to stick it to the President in my opinion. They voted down a bill that was much, much less onerous than bills they voted for in the past, especially it’s reprehensible that John McCain would vote no on that when he voted yes on many other bills that would be much more onerous. It was only a starting point, as you say, it was their negotiating part. It would have gone back through reconciliation, we could come up at least with something to start eroding the massive overhaul of our health care system and the destruction of it under Obamacare. Now we’ve got to revisit that. It was, John McCain was disappointing. I thought it was it was very heroic for him to step in, come in, vote for the bill on the floor, then to turn around at the last minute and really turn his back on the rest of us I thought that was a disgrace.” [WGDJ, [8/31/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Claimed Big Banks And Billionaires Opposed The Rollback Of Financial Reform

Tenney Claimed Big Banks And Billionaires Opposed The CHOICE Act, Which Would Roll Back Financial Reform And Gut The CFPB. TENNEY: “The CHOICE Act is actually not something that is liked by the big banks and the big millionaires and billionaires, they’re against it. The CHOICE Act is universally supported by the community banks, the credit unions, the small lenders, the people who’ve been left out of the equation because of big government interests, because of the Washington special interest group of the big banks, people who, 90 percent of them donated to Hillary Clinton, for example. The CHOICE Act actually opens up opportunities for lenders, auto dealers, auto lenders to actually make the loans to people, to give small banks the opportunity to lend to farmers, and small business owners. It actually takes away some of the regulatory burden from the Consumer Financial Protection Board, which was declared unconstitutional, it’s probably one of the most aggressive, onerous, disastrous parts of the Dodd-Frank bill, which has given its director huge power to go in and crush small business.” [WUTQ, [8/2/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Said Hedge Fund Managers And Investors Were Overregulated

At “Town Hall Style Meeting” With Hedge Fund Group, Tenney Said “We’ve Gone Overboard” In Regulating Hedge Fund Managers And Investors “Who’re All Pretty Sophisticated.” ““At the hedge fund level you’re regulating people who re all pretty sophisticated and they have a lot of money. I think there’s a point where we’ve gone overboard in our regulatory scheme. You’re not dealing with the couple that is retired down the road that is living on Social Security, plus maybe a modest pension. You’re dealing with people that are in another realm,” added Tenney, who serves on the House Financial Services Committee.” [New York Hedge Fund Roundtable, Press Release, [8/28/17](#); New York Alternative Investment Roundtable, [7/31/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Downplayed A Potential Government Shutdown

Tenney Downplayed The Impact Of A Government Shutdown, Saying “The Government Shuts Down Every Evening” And Calling It “Drama Over Nothing.” “I would hate to see a government shutdown but there’s a point where when you, when you call it a government shutdown, that’s really drama. I mean the government shuts down every evening, and certain non-essential parts of the government, and it shuts down every weekend. So no a total government shutdown is not gonna happen, it would only be for non-essential services, and so to me a lot of it is drama over nothing.” [WSYR, [1/10/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Derided DREAMers And Referred To Their Entry As “A Form Of Chain Migration”

Tenney Said The Fact That Dreamers Were Brought To America “Through No Fault Of Their Own” Was An “Overused Expression.” “What I object to is the fact that we are going to continue a program which encourages illegal immigration, against legal citizenship and people who are legal, and we are trying to stop that, create a fix, take care of the people who came here through DACA, and let me use the overused expression – through no fault of their own, through the fault of their parents or whomever, and make sure we know the people who have proven that they are good legal citizens, I don’t know if the person that you described came here through DACA, but we have a rule of law, we have an immigrant policy that we need to enforce. Open borders and [?] are very different today than it was in the past. Our society is different than it was and we need to address that in a modern way.” [WUTQ, [1/17/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Said DACA Recipients “Came In As Children, Without Their Parents,” And Called Their Entry “A Form Of Chain Migration.” “TENNEY: You are mischaracterizing what we are trying to do with the DACA program. These are people who came in as children, without their parents, remember. WUTQ: No they were brought in by their parents. Many of them were brought in by their parents. TENNEY: You want me to come on the show, and tell you what my viewpoint is, when I get off the show if you want to talk as the host, I appreciate you can say whatever you want on the opinion of it. I have the facts in front of me. There are people who come here, who nobody had – there’s many of them, probably a large majority of them, nobody has an issue with them becoming legalized. The problem people have is we have to figure out who these people are, we have to remember that this is a form of chain migration, which is destructive to the rule of law in this country. We have to draw the line somewhere. So everyone is proposing bills, including the Goodlatte bill which I am a cosponsor of, which deals with comprehensive immigration, including all the people who came here through the DACA program.” [WUTQ, [1/17/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Claimed Her Only Town Hall Was Organized Through Her Campaign To Avoid Spending Taxpayer Money On Security

Tenney Claimed She Publicized Her Town Hall Through Her Campaign’s Email List To Avoid Spending Taxpayer Money On Security For The Event. TENNEY: “So a number of my colleagues, especially Republicans, it’s difficult to go to a place without having some kind of security, which is unfortunate in a society where we can’t respectfully disagree in many cases. So in order to do that we have to either find volunteers, which I’m happy to take, or we have to pay to ensure security is there not just for me but for the participants who are going to be there. And so this burden, should I put it on the taxpayers? Or should I pay for it out of my campaign or myself? I’ve chosen not to burden the taxpayers and my personal staff who’re on the taxpayers payroll to do that. I’m using my own money and my campaign funds to pay for it, that’s why, we had to have security.” [WUTQ, [9/13/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Admitted “More Money Was Given For Us” To Pay For Security For Official Congressional Events. TENNEY: “That is the kind of stuff that shouldn’t be happening, but unfortunately, I’m not going to burden the taxpayers with this. And I don’t – I haven’t hired a security team with the taxpayers’ money in my office yet, although more money was given for us to do that.” [WUTQ, [9/13/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Said That Trump’s “Record Of Accomplishment” And Attempts At Bipartisanship Were “Unprecedented”

Tenney Said She’d “Never Seen A President That Is More Effective” Than Trump: “His Record Of Accomplishment [...] And His Attempts To Work With Both Sides Of The Aisle Is Unprecedented.” “I think the president has shown that he, you know some people don’t like his personality and wish he wouldn’t say certain things or do certain things on twitter. but I’ve never seen a president that is more effective, more willing to really make the hard decisions, to fulfill campaign promises, he got elected to say he’s going to do certain things and he’s

done them. and his record of accomplishment and working with congress and his attempts to work with both sides of the aisle is unprecedented.” [WSYR, [1/10/18](#)] (AUDIO)

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Tenney Repeatedly Claimed Her Missed Votes In 2014 Were Due To Caring For Her Critically Ill Mother, Eventually Admitted She Campaigned Those Days, And Hung Up On Radio Host Who Proved It

Local Radio Host Bill Keeler Discussed Tenney's Repetition Of Her Claim That She Missed Votes To Care For Dying Mother. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, host Bill Keeler discussed with contributor Jeff Monaski Tenney's repeating the claim that her missed votes in 2014 were due to her traveling back and forth to Albany to care for her dying mother. BILL KEELER: We had a debate between the three candidates for Congress, Assemblywoman Phillips, and Wells. Wells really went after Assemblywoman Tenney on the issue of missing the votes and not showing up for work that's the big – everybody had their lines their running with; Assemblywoman Tenney is charging that he's a Cuomo donator, and back and forth. But Assemblywoman Tenney really doubled down on the issue on a couple of times. Previously on the radio here on an interview that was conducted on which date? JEFF MONASKI: I believe it was Friday last week. KEELER: And then during the debate that while that was while she was missing those, she was traveling back and forth, to and from Albany, to deal with her mother who was, who was dying, and, and she was very adamant about that. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 1:50, [6/15/16](#)]

...Then Keeler Interviewed Tenney And She Repeated The Claim Again While Beginning To Acknowledge She Had Gone To “Some Campaign Events” On The Days Of Missed Votes. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler challenged her claim that she was caring for her sick mother at the time she missed votes in 2014. BILL KEELER: You know that what we came up with yesterday, that media reports and pictures, audio, it all puts you in Binghamton on that day June eighteenth. CLAUDIA TENNEY: Yeah I don't know what – honestly, I heard that you - I don't know what you put out there yeah - I know you called me a liar bunch of other things which is ridiculous. KEELER: That is not true, that is not true, I never did that. TENNEY: I have a ninety-seven percent attendance record I was running for congress in twenty-fourteen but the main reason that I missed votes was because of my mother and if you'd look I didn't get to Albany on June eighteenth, I was with her on the evening of the June eighteenth, and if you look at June 19th, which is really the last day of session, you will see that I voted and on my committee meetings, and put my votes in, as many as I could before I left. I think my last vote was at 1:16 in the afternoon on June eighteenth. June nineteenth I went back home and I went to deal with her. Remember, the primary in twenty fourteen was on June twenty-fourth, just five days later, so I was with- KEELER: I understand. TENNEY: In her house, seeing oppressive ads, yeah did I go to some campaign events? Absolutely. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 2:47, [6/15/16](#)]

...Tenney Went On To Criticize Richard Hanna For Missing Votes To Campaign Against Her Before Admitting Again That She Had Campaigned On The Days She Missed Votes. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler had been challenging Tenney's claim that she was caring for her sick mother at the time she missed votes in

2014 and Tenney attempted to shift focus to Rep. Richard Hanna's congressional attendance during his 2014 campaign before acknowledging a media appearance on one of the days in question and Keeler mentioned another. CLAUDIA TENNEY: Hey look, the worst record in this US Congress in two thousand fourteen was Richard Hanna while he was running against me in the primary in twenty-fourteen. BILL KEELER: Okay TENNEY: He missed more votes than anyone else. KEELER: Okay TENNEY: My votes missed were not because of that, apparently I was in some, apparently I was in some kind of press conference on the eighteenth but- KEELER: And there was a radio interview you did- TENNEY: I had a ninety-seven percent attendance record, it's just a fallacy and a false argument to try to say that I don't show up to vote. You know, it's all, people should know that I've introduced legislation, I spent a twelve-hour day in Albany, I'll probably do another twelve to fifteen-hour day today, and another one tomorrow. We did seven hundred votes, usually eight-hundred, seven-hundred votes, almost two-thirds to three-quarters of the votes we take in Albany are in the month of June. KEELER: I'm not questioning, I want you to know- TENNEY: I mean, Bill, honestly- KEELER: Listen, I'm not- TENNEY: To say that we weren't in session in the morning of June eighteenth and probably didn't start until noon. KEELER: Let me, let me, let me- TENNEY: To say that I was on a morning show at ten o'clock in the morning and that I wasn't there. KEELER: Well, then there was a press conference after that, let me play some audio. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 3:57, [6/15/16](#)]

...Keeler Played A Clip Of Tenney Repeating The Claim That She Missed The Votes In 2014 To Care For Her Dying Mother. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler played a clip a clip from five days earlier of Tenney claiming she missed votes in 2014 to care for her dying mother. BILL KEELER: Let me play some audio. I want you to – there are two, a couple different clips that Jeff has pulled, I want you to listen to this audio. Here we go. CLAUDIA TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): On June seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth, you will look, Steve Wells will contend I was campaigning. The truth is my mother was collapsing all three of those days from her heart issues she had a problem with her coumadin levels I literally was driving back and forth to Albany to help her because I was the only person taking care of her, she lived across the street from me. She eventually died, she collapsed of heart failure. I was in Albany, I drove home to care for her, back and forth. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 5:00, [6/15/16](#)]

...Keeler Played A Second Clip Of Tenney Repeating The Claim That She Missed The Votes In 2014 To Care For Her Dying Mother. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler played a clip from five days earlier of Tenney claiming she missed votes in 2014 to care for her dying mother. BILL KEELER: Okay, the second clip, Assemblywoman, just bear with us because we want to go through the audio of what was said then I want to talk to you about that. CLAUDIA TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): In two thousand fourteen, we did about eleven or twelve hundred bills, we did five hundred in the last three days of session, unfortunately for me, Bill, I'm the primary care provide for my mother in two-thousand fourteen, I was also running for congress, interestingly, I didn't miss that, I didn't miss any time for running for congress during that week, what I was doing was right driving back and forth just take care of my mother and we voted on five hundred bills in four days in the state assembly and I drove back and forth to Albany at my own expense to make sure I could get in as many votes as I possibly could, while my mother was in the emergency room, while my mother was suffering from a serious atrial fibrillation, where she was collapsing, she could not stand up, and I'm the only person who could care for her- KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): And that was – TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Nobody else- KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Right- TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): I'm the only one that lives at home. KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): And that was- TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): And I went back, and we stayed through the night, from June eighteenth, I remember the day well, that's a memorable day for me, we stayed the night we came back we finished two o'clock in the morning and I voted, I was there eight hours, I went back on the eighteenth, I voted in all my committee meetings, I voted on as many bills as I could before I had to leave and go back to her and then that's what it was, June seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth, I have the records, you can see how many bills it was. KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Of what year?

Is that two thousand fourteen? TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Yes. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 5:43, [6/15/16](#)]

... Keeler Played A Clip Of A Debate In Which Steven Wells Accusing Tenney Of Making Campaign Appearance On One Of The Days In Question, Which Tenney Denied. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler played a clip from a debate two days earlier during which Steven Wells accused Tenney of making media appearances on the days she claimed to be caring for her mother, which Tenney immediately denied. BILL KEELER: Okay, and then the final clip is a short one but this is from the debate just on this past Monday [6/13/16]. Listen to this forty-five second rebuttal Steven Wells. STEVEN WELLS (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Well, with all due respect, on that day on June 18th when she claims she was taking care of her mom, which anybody would understand, my mom's sick with cancer, you know, she was actually down holding press conferences in Binghamton. CLAUDIA TENNEY WELLS (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Not true. WELLS: (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Two of them, she was on the Bob Joseph show in the studio that day that she missed eighty-two votes- TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): No, I was not. WELLS (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Okay, well. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 7:12, [6/15/16](#)]

...And Tenney Hung Up The Phone Immediately After The Third Clip. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, immediately after host Bill Keeler played a debate clip of Tenney's primary opponent Steven Wells criticizing Tenney for claiming she missed votes to care for her mother when she was in fact making campaign appearances at media outlets, which Tenney denied, Tenney hung up on him. BILL KEELER: Okay, Assemblywoman. CLAUDIA TENNEY: [No response, only a dial tone.] [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 7:43, [6/15/16](#)]

...And Host Bill Keeler Listed Media Appearances She Made On The Day In Question. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney hung up on host Bill Keeler immediately after he played a clip of Tenney's primary opponent Steven Wells accusing her of having made campaign appearances on a day she claimed to have been caring for her dying mother. After Tenney hung up, Keeler listed Tenney's media appearances for the day in question. BILL KEELER: What we have here is on June 18th she was on a Townsquare station, which was our station, speaking as the Bob Joseph radio show. I believe that was a 10 a.m. interview. And then later in the day as WNBF and then later she was on, a, at a press conference and that was covered on WBNG television. All on June 18th. She doubled down on that date. We're not saying, I'm not here saying, that she doesn't vote, that she doesn't work. Those votes in most cases that she said were made up on a paper ballot. the question that we have though is when you're using to in the debate as your defense that you're there tending to your mother, and you're really at one point questioned Wells and said "what kind of a man would question a daughter taking care of her mother, that's a pretty big accusation to make toward Steven Wells. I don't really know the guy, but that's a tough thing to kinda, so, obviously we're going to go back and look at the dates. It's not an I wonder if," these are facts. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 7:58, [6/15/16](#)]

...Tenney Texted Keeler Program Director Jeff Monaski Claiming The Show Had Been Unprofessional While Also Saying She May Have Mixed Up The Dates In Question. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney hung up on host Bill Keeler after he played a clip of Tenney's primary opponent Steven Wells accusing her of having made campaign appearances on a day she claimed to have been caring for her dying mother. After Keeler had listed Tenney's media appearance on the day in question, confirming Wells' accusation, Tenney texted his program director, accusing them of having been unprofessional but saying that she may have mixed up the dates. Keeler argued there point wasn't as much her absences as the accusations she fired at Wells for his accurate claims. BILL KEELER: And I'm gonna ask you, you've been having some communication with the Assemblywoman, and what is being said. JEFF MONASKI: It was just that, she believes that we shouldn't have done, that it was unprofessional and I guess maybe I got a text that says she thinks it was actually the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth where she had previously stated

the seventeenth. KEELER: The fact is the 18th was the date that she dug- if we would never have- if the Assemblywoman would have said, “that’s just not true. This is a smear campaign. It’s just not true.” There’d be nothing to go on. We’re not going on whether she’s working, and whether she’s voting, we’re not going on that, we investigated whether that date she kept doubling down on over and over again saying, “June eighteenth, June eighteenth, June eighteenth, I was with my dying mother, how dare you question me!” We just looked into the date! Which is why I was trying to clarify last week it was in two thousand fourteen, we were tried, and if we would have found that there were no press conferences and no appearances down in Binghamton and no radio shows being done while her mother in her words was collapsing, we would have come back and reported that there that there is no evidence whatsoever that she did anything other than take care of her mother. [WIBX, Keller In The Morning, 0:00, [6/15/16](#)]

Tenney Called HR 3 A “Terrible Bill” That Would Not Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs

Tenney Called HR 3 A “Terrible Bill” That Would Not Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs. “HR3 is a terrible bill. I would not support it. I hope the Senate prevents it from happening. It is a price fixing bill.” [Talk! 100.7 FM, WUTQ, 18:54, Vantage, 2/7/20] (AUDIO)

Tenney Then Said The Money Would Go Into A Super PAC To Help Democrats. “Instead, it’s a price fixing scheme between the government and the pharmaceutical company, which is exactly what we have now. That’s not going to solve the problem, but you know what it’s going to do? All that pharmaceutical money is going to go in a super PAC and back to the Democrats. It’s all about money.” [Talk! 100.7 FM, WUTQ, 19:23, Vantage, 2/7/20] (AUDIO)

Tenney Said 95 Percent Of People In Upstate New York Got Tax Cuts

Tenney Said 95% Percent Of People In Upstate New York Got Tax Cuts. “Everyone knows how good the tax cuts are and 95% of the people that live in upstate NY in NY22 are getting a tax cut.” [Vantage, 12/17/19]

Tenney Did Not Think There Was Anything Wrong With Trump’s Phone Call With Zelensky

October 2019: Tenney On Trump’s Phone Call With Zelensky: “Maybe Saying Some Things Probably, As A Lawyer, I Would’ve Said, Don’t Say That. But I Don’t Think There Was Anything That Was Illegal Or Impeachable In It.” “Brindisi has said he is not for the impeachment of Trump at this time, but wants to see where the facts lead. The House launched an impeachment inquiry over a whistleblower complaint and phone call between Trump and the Ukrainian president. Trump asked the Ukrainian president to investigate Trump’s potential presidential rival, Joe Biden. Tenney said the transcript of the call is typical Trump. ‘Kind of stream-of-consciousness,’ Tenney said. ‘Maybe saying some things probably, as a lawyer, I would’ve said, don’t say that. But I don’t think there was anything that was illegal or impeachable in it.’” [WRVO, [10/3/19](#)]

December 2019: Tenney Said The Call Was Not Perfect But Was Not Impeachable. “I don’t think the president’s call was perfect as he says, but I don’t think it’s impeachable.” [Radio Interview, Vantage, 12/5/19]

In Trump’s July Phone Call With Zelensky, Trump Asked For Zelensky To “Do Us A Favor” And Pursue Investigations That Could Personally Benefit Trump. “In a July phone call, immediately after a discussion of military aid, Mr. Trump asked President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine to ‘do us a favor’ and pursue investigations that could give him personal political benefits.” [New York Times, [1/27/20](#)]

Republicans Argued There Was No Explicit Quid Pro Quo. “There was no explicit quid pro quo in the reconstructed transcript of the phone call, and Mr. Zelensky has said that he did not feel pressured by Mr. Trump. Mr. Trump told Gordon D. Sondland, the ambassador to the European Union working on his behalf in Ukraine, that he wanted ‘no quid pro quo’ from Mr. Zelensky.” [New York Times, [1/27/20](#)]

Trump Asked Zelensky To Investigate The Bidens. “In the White House’s record of the July phone call, Mr. Trump asked Mr. Zelensky to investigate the Bidens, based on the theory that former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. sought the removal of a Ukrainian prosecutor to protect Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company that had given a lucrative board seat to his son Hunter Biden.” [New York Times, [1/27/20](#)]

Trump Also Asked Zelensky To Look Into A Theory That Ukraine Colluded With The Democrats In 2016. “During the July phone call, Mr. Trump also asked Mr. Zelensky to look into a theory that Ukraine colluded with Democrats in the 2016 election and is in possession of a related server. Mr. Trump was warned by his own staff that there was no evidence to support the assertion that there was an organized effort by Ukraine’s government, as there was by Russia, to interfere in the 2016 U.S. election.” [New York Times, [1/27/20](#)]

Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on Tenney’s personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted at various local in Oneida County, media outlets including the *Oneida Dispatch* and local radio station WIBX, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

Claudia Tenney Was Born In New Hartford, NY On February 4, 1961. The Oneida Dispatch reported “the daughter of former N.Y. Supreme Court Justice John R. Tenney was born in 1961 in New Hartford.” On February 4, 2016 Tenney’s campaign posted on Facebook “Thanks for all the kind birthday wishes for Claudia!” [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#); Claudia Tenney For Congress Facebook Account, [2/04/16](#)]

Education

Graduated From New Hartford High School In 1979, Colgate University In 1983, And Taft College Of Law At The University Of Cincinnati. “After graduating from New Hartford High School in 1979, she went to Colgate University, her father’s alma mater... After graduating from Colgate in 1983, she went to Croatia for the summer to continue studying the language. Then it was off to the Taft College of Law at the University of Cincinnati.” [Post Standard, 3/06/11]

Graduated From Taft College of Law, University of Cincinnati In 1987. “JD, Taft College of Law, University of Cincinnati, 1984-1987.” [Project Vote Smart, accessed [8/16/16](#)]

Studied In Italy And Communist Yugoslavia. “‘I wanted to go to an international school,’ she said. ‘I talked to the study group official, and there was an opportunity in Italy. I thought about the art and traveling there, so at 19 years old, I went to study with a group in Italy.’ She loved it so much she decided to participate in a summer study group. She applied for both Italy and Yugoslavia and was accepted for both. In 1981, she headed to Yugoslavia. ‘This is such a great place,’ she thought upon reaching the former Communist country. ‘There were so many cultures. It is really beautiful and very diverse. And the people are so friendly, so hospitable.’ She said the country reminds her of the United States, because its land and people are diverse and unique. She fell in love with the Yugoslav people, country and way of life. ‘The people have been through so much,’ she said. ‘They have been taken over by so many other countries and they’ve had their own battles to try to keep themselves together. It’s an important place in the development of the his-tory of the world.’” [Post Standard, 3/06/11]

Learned Serbo-Croatian And Worked For The Yugoslav Government. “She immersed herself in the Serbo-Croatian language and in 1983, took a job at the Yugoslav consulate in New York City. She worked in the press and cultural office dealing with events and news ‘to reach out to Americans and expose them to the people and culture of Yugoslavia.’” [Post Standard, 3/06/11]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Tenney’s professional career.

Political

- Member, 101st District, New York State Assembly (2013-Present) [LinkedIn, [6/02/16](#)]
- Member, 115th District, New York State Assembly (2011-2013) [LinkedIn, [6/02/16](#)]

Professional

- Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel to Assemblyman David Townsend, New York State Assembly’s 115th District (2003-2009) [LinkedIn, [6/02/16](#)]
- Co-Host, First Look, WIBX 950 Radio (2010-2012) [LinkedIn, [6/02/16](#)]
- President, Publisher, Founder, Tenney Media Group (1997-2004) [LinkedIn, [6/02/16](#)]
- Secretary, Legal Counsel and Co-Owner, Mid-York Press Inc. (1990-Present) [LinkedIn, [6/02/16](#)]
- Attorney/Partner, Groben, Gilroy, Oster & Saunders (1988-1996) [LinkedIn, [6/02/16](#)]
- Position Unknown, LexisNexis (1987) [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#)]
- Press Liaison, Consulate General Of Yugoslavia (1984) [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#)]

Licenses

- Admitted to practice law in New York State. [New York State Unified Court System, accessed [9/08/16](#)]
- Reportedly admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court. [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#)]
- Was previously admitted to practice law in Florida in 1991, but is not currently eligible to practice and was inactive as of 2002. [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#); Florida Bar Association, accessed [9/07/16](#); Florida Bar Journal, Inactive Membership roster, 9/01/02]
- Was previously reported as having been admitted to the Connecticut Bar Association but there is no record of her membership. [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#); Connecticut Bar Association, accessed [9/08/16](#)]

Tenney Hosted A Sunday Morning Radio Show Called “The Hard Truth With Claudia Tenney” On Talk! 100.7 FM

June 2019: Tenney Began Hosting “The Hard Truth”

June 2019: Tenney’s First Show Aired June 23 At 8:00 AM. “Don’t miss Claudia Tenney’s premiere show THE HARD TRUTH on TALK! 100.7 FM starting tomorrow, June 23! Every Sunday 8-9 am, the former Congresswoman will host #TheHardTruth - she’ll talk issues, interview guests and take your phone calls!” [Talk! 1007.FM, Instagram, [6/22/19](#)]



[Talk! 1007.FM, Instagram, [6/22/19](#)]

Tenney Billed Herself On The Show As An “Independent Outsider Who’s Been In The Swamp.” “We will be setting the record straight on local, state, and national politics from an independent outsider who’s been in the swamp in Washington and Albany.” [The Hard Truth with Claudia Tenney, 0:24, [7/14/19](#)]

Tenney Advertised Local Business With Whom She Was Friendly On The Show

The Canal View Café Advertised On Tenney’s Show. “Just want to do a little pitch for our advertiser this week, the Canal View Café, established in 1977 on 9 Canal Street, Sylvan Beach, New York. [...] Your host, Jeannie Tabarrini, is a great friend and terrific person.” [The Hard Truth with Claudia Tenney, [7/7/19](#)]

Tenney Was Friendly With The Owner Of The Canal View Café. “Canal View owner Jean Tabarrini is the best!” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/18/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/18/20](#)]

The Pancake House Advertised On Tenney’s Show. “Got a great sponsor here, it’s the Pancake House in Sylvan Beach, New York, they’re phenomenal. [The Hard Truth with Claudia Tenney, [7/24/19](#)]

The Pancake House Advertised On Tenney’s Show. “I encourage everyone to go to the Pancake House. Dan and Lynn Cifonelli do a great job. It’s delicious and I really encourage everyone to try it out.” [The Hard Truth with Claudia Tenney, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Hosted The Show Until At Least September 2019, But By March 2020, It Was Unclear Whether Tenney Was Still Hosting The Hard Truth

Tenney Hosted The Show Until At Least September 2019. [Google, accessed [3/24/20](#)]



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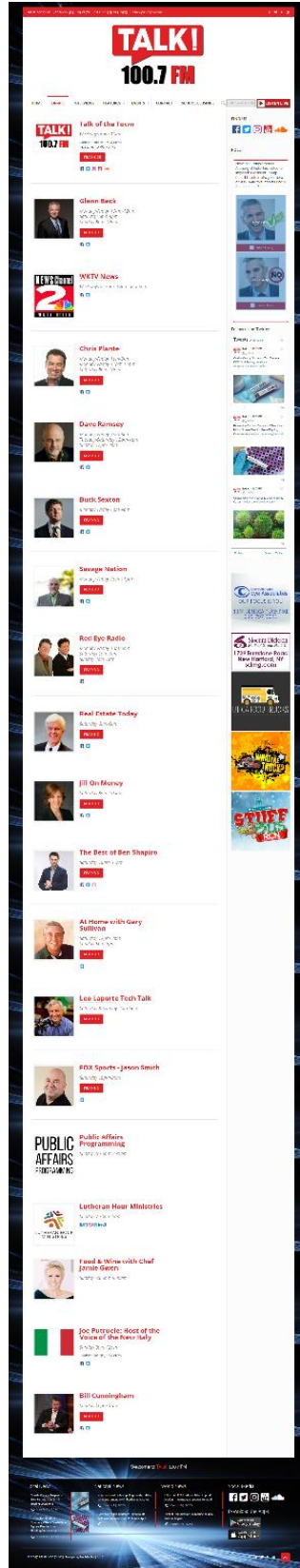


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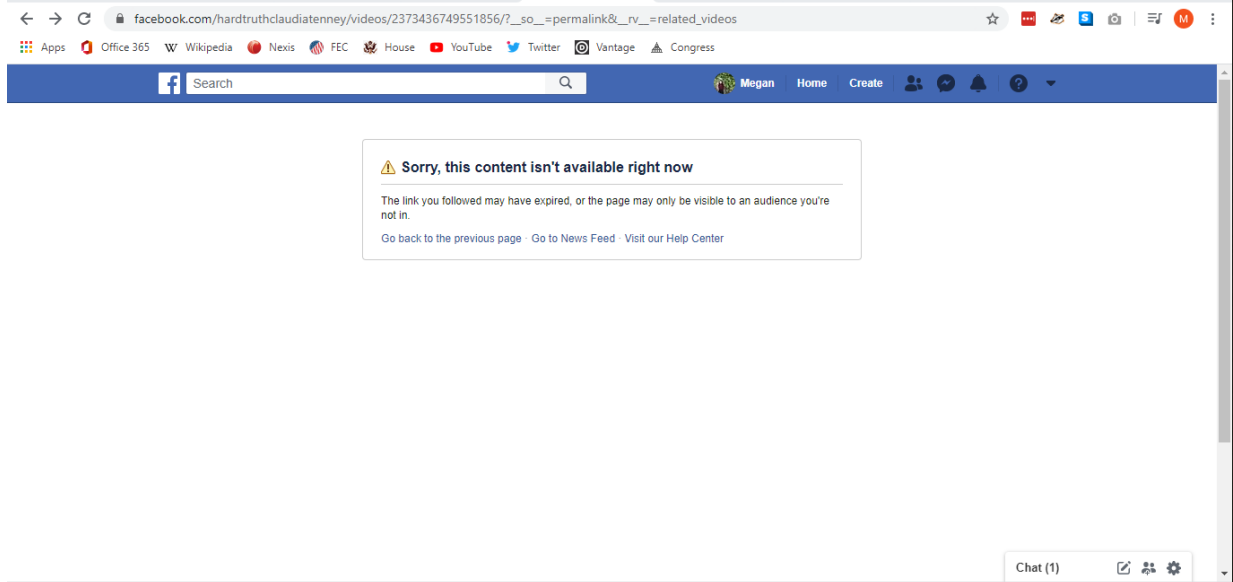
[Google, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

March 2020: The Hard Truth Was Not Listed As An On-Air Program On The Station Website And A Different Show Had Tenney's Time Slot. [Talk! 100.7 FM, accessed [3/24/20](#)]



[Talk! 100.7 FM, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

March 2020: The Facebook Page For Tenney’s Show Was Broken. [Facebook, accessed [3/24/20](#)]



[Facebook, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Mid-York Press & Tenney Media Group

Tenney Reported Earning A Regular Income From MidYork Press Inc.

2018-2019: Tenney Reported \$53,879 In Income From MidYork Press Inc. And OMP Park Inc. (Note: This Number Does Not Include Pay As A Member Of The House Of Representatives). [Tenney 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [1/29/20](#)]

2018-2019 Tenney Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$21,879
OMP Park Inc.	Salary	\$32,000

[Tenney 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [1/29/20](#)]

2019: Tenney Reported \$20,442 In Income From MidYork Press Inc. (Note: This Number Does Not Include Pay As A Member Of The House Of Representatives). [Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

2019 Tenney Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$20,442

[Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

2017: Tenney Reported \$22,865 In Income From MidYork Press Inc (Note: This Number Does Not Include Pay As A Member Of The House Of Representatives). [Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

2017 Tenney Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount

MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$22,865
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[Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

2016: Tenney Reported \$211,301 In Income From Four Sources. Sources of income included her Assembly salary, her salary from Mid-York Press, legal fees from OMP Park Inc., and “executrix fees” from her mother’s estate. [Tenney 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/17](#)]

2016 Tenney Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Previous Year
State of New York	State legislative position	\$0.00	\$87,693
OMP Park Inc.	Legal services	N/A	\$15,000
MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$52,608	\$52,608
Estate of Cynthia R Tenney	Executrix fee	N/A	\$56,000

[Tenney 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/17](#)]

Reported \$150,900 In Earned Income In 2015; Reported \$147,180 In Earned Income In 2014. Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, Tenney reported an earned income of \$150,900, \$87,766 of which came from her salary as an Assembly Member of the State of New York, \$52,634 of which came from her salary as co-owner of Mid-York Press, \$10,000 of which came from her salary with OMP Park, and \$500 of which came from her law practice client fees. She reported an earned income of \$147,180 in 2014. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

Source	Type	Amount Current Year To Filing (2015)	Amount Preceding Year (2014)
State of New York – Member of Assembly	Employment	\$87,766	\$87,766
Mid-York Press, Inc.	Employment	\$52,634	\$48,914
OMP Park, Inc.	Professional Services	\$10,000	\$10,000
Law Practice Client Fees	Legal Services	\$500	\$500
Total		\$150,900	\$147,180

[Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

Reported \$47,471.96 In Earned Income In 2014; Reported \$167,593.24 In Earned Income In 2013. Between January 1, 2014 and April 30, 2014, Tenney reported an earned income of \$47,471.96, \$27,384.56 of which came from her salary as an Assembly Member of the State of New York, \$18,087.40 of which came from her salary as co-owner of Mid-York Press, and \$2,000 of which came from her salary with OMP Park. She reported an earned income of \$167,593.24 in 2013. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Source	Type	Amount Current Year To Filing (1/01/14 – 4/30/14)	Amount Preceding Year (2013)
State of New York – Member of Assembly	Salary	\$27,384.56	\$89,000
Mid-York Press, Inc. Sherburne, NY	Salary	\$18,087.40	\$63,193.24
OMP Park, Inc. Clinton, NY	Salary/Fees	\$2,000	\$14,000
Claudia Tenney, Attorney, Clinton, NY	Legal Fees	\$0	\$1,400
Total		\$47,471.96	\$167,593.24

[Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

2016: Touted Positions As Co-Owner And Legal Counsel To Mid-York Press

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2011: Remained Co-Owner And Legal Counsel For Family’s Media Business

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2009: Mid-York Press Reported Approximately 80-86 Employees, \$3.2 Million In Gross Payroll

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Mid-York Press Was A Paperboard Packing Company For Which Tenney’s Brother, Bob Tenney, Serves As CEO And President

Mid-York Press Is A Paperboard Packing Company For Which Tenney’s Brother, Bob Tenney, Serves As CEO And President. “A \$3.1 million investment in new equipment has already paid off in eight new jobs at The Mid-York Press, Inc., and should result in higher 2008 revenue for the paperboard packaging company. Mid-York replaces its equipment every 10 years on a routine maintenance schedule, company CEO and President Robert W. Tenney says. He expected to pay about \$3 million to \$4 million to replace one of the company’s printing presses.” [The Business Journal – Central New York, [6/20/08](#)]

Tenney’s Younger Brother, Bob Tenney, Is The Current President Of Mid-York Press. “Tenney’s brother, Bob Tenney, is the current president of the their family company Mid-York Press in Sherburne.” [Oneida Dispatch, [6/24/14](#)]

Mid-York Press Identifies Itself As In The Commercial Printing/Packaging Industry. “Our Vision To be identified among the leaders in the commercial printing/packaging industry through outstanding, progressive growth, and to be a vitally profitable company.” [Mid-York Press Website, accessed [8/09/16](#)]

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Claims Mid-York Press Employed Nearly 80 People In 2016. “Mid-York Press now currently employs nearly 80 people in the Chenango County community of Sherburne.” [ClaudiaForCongress.com, accessed [8/02/16](#)]

Mid-York Press, Inc. Has Had No Liens Against It But Has Filed 68 UCC Financing Statements Which Arrange Collateral Relationships With Lenders While Never Defaulting

A UCC Financing Statement Is A Standardized Form Filed With The State By A Lender To Secure Their Interest In Collateral From A Borrower In Case Of Future Default. “UCC Financing Statement Also known as a UCC-1 Form, this is a standardized form that a lender files with the state to secure their interest in collateral from a borrower. When a lender lends money to a borrower, they often ask for collateral to secure the loan. Should the borrower default, or fail to pay back the loan, the lender is then entitled to take the collateral in place of the loan repayment. However, often it is not practicable for the lender to take physical possession of the collateral. The lender files a UCC Financing Statement with the state to announce their claim to the collateral. If the borrower takes a second loan from a second lender using the same collateral, and then defaults, the lender who filed the UCC Financing Statement will have a greater claim and will take the collateral.” [Cornell Legal Information Institute, accessed [8/09/16](#)]

Mid-York Press, Inc. Has Filed 68 UCC Financing Statements But Has Never Defaulted. Mid-York Press, Inc. has filed for 68 UCC financing statements to establish borrowing relationships but has never defaulted. These documents are included in full in Appendix V. [New York State Department of State Uniform Commercial Code Report Search, accessed [8/09/16](#)]

NOTE: For full documentation please see Appendix V

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TENNEY MEDIA GROUP, INC.	
Current Entity Name:	TENNEY MEDIA GROUP, INC.
DOS ID #:	188580
Initial DOS Filing Date:	JUNE 24, 1965
County:	ONEIDA
Jurisdiction:	NEW YORK
Entity Type:	DOMESTIC BUSINESS CORPORATION
Current Entity Status:	ACTIVE
DOS Process (Address to which DOS will mail process if accepted on behalf of the entity)	
TENNEY MEDIA GROUP, INC. 28 ROBINSON RD CLINTON, NEW YORK, 13323	
Chief Executive Officer	
CLAUDIA TENNEY 28 ROBINSON RD CLINTON, NEW YORK, 13323	
Principal Executive Office	
TENNEY MEDIA GROUP, INC. 28 ROBINSON RD CLINTON, NEW YORK, 13323	
Registered Agent	

NONE		
Filing Date	Name Type	Entity Name
MAY 18, 2005	Actual	TENNEY MEDIA GROUP, INC.
MAR 04, 1966	Actual	ONEIDA MADISON PENNYSAVERS, INC.
JUN 24, 1965	Actual	FREDLEE PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

[NYS Department of State Division of Corporations Entity Information, accessed [8/15/16](#)]

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Selected Entity Name: O. M. P. PARK, INC.

O. M. P. PARK, INC.	
Current Entity Name:	O. M. P. PARK, INC.
DOS ID #:	449468
Initial DOS Filing Date:	SEPTEMBER 27, 1977
County:	ONEIDA
Jurisdiction:	NEW YORK
Entity Type:	DOMESTIC BUSINESS CORPORATION
Current Entity Status:	ACTIVE
Selected Entity Address Information	
DOS Process	
(Address to which DOS will mail process if accepted on behalf of the entity)	
C/O CLAUDIA TENNEY, INC.	
28 ROBINSON RD	
CLINTON, NEW YORK, 13323	
Chief Executive Officer	
CYNTHIA TENNEY	
15 SLAYTONBUSH LANE	
UTICA, NEW YORK, 13501	
Principal Executive Office	
O. M. P. PARK, INC.	
28 ROBINSON RD	
CLINTON, NEW YORK, 13323	
Registered Agent	
None	
Filing Date	Name Type
AUG 15, 1985	Actual

SEP 27, 1977	Actual
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[NYS Department of State Division of Corporations Entity Information, accessed [8/15/16](#)]

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Parcel 337.000-2-29
Location: (Show Map)
Robinson Rd
Kirkland, NY
School District: Clinton Central
Owners:
Om Penny Saver Park Inc (Primary)

Property Information:

Type (Class):	Other Storage (449)
Acres:	15.00
Irregular Lot:	No

Land Assessment

Land Assessed Value:		\$43,000	
Total Assessed Value:		\$265,640	
Uniform Percent:		65%	
Full Market Value:		\$408,677	
Property Details:			
		Building 1:	
Class:	Other Storage (449)	Style:	Utility bldg pre-eng
Overall Year Built:	1977	Year Built:	1977
Desirability:	Normal	Construction Grade:	Economy
Overall Condition:	Normal	Overall Condition:	Normal
Construction Grade:	Average	No. of Stories:	1
Sewer:	Private	Gross Floor Area:	18672 sq. ft.
Water:	Private	Perimeter:	780 ft.
Utilities:	Gas & elec		

[Oneida County Assessor, [6/13/16](#)]

Handled Legal Work For Mid-York Press

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team that manages Mid-York includes Tenney as CEO; Patrick W. Dowdall, vice president and COO; and Shawn M. Aikins, vice president and plant manager.” [The Business Journal, [8/09/13](#)]

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Family Business Mid-York Press, A Printing And Packing Firm, Focused On Cosmetic And Pharmaceutical Industries; Clients Included Pharmaceuticals, But Number One Client Is Chobani

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Clients Include Pharmaceuticals, But Number One Client Is Chobani. “‘Our customer list includes national companies such as Alere, Inc. (formerly Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc.), Corium, International, and G & W Laboratories’ says Tenney. ‘These long-term customers represent a major portion of Mid-York’s sales,’ he says. Today, however, the firm’s number-one customer is Greek-yogurt maker Chobani, with operations in Chenango County and Idaho. “Our sales with Chobani are up 300 percent since 2011 ... We manufacture packaging for their 32 different flavors ... Chobani chose us for our commitment to quality and our flexibility [in scheduling],’ Tenney notes.” ... Mid-York’s financing has come largely from GE Capital, Wells Fargo, M&T Bank, and First Niagara.” [The Business Journal, [8/09/13](#)]

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2002: Identified As Inactive Member Of The Florida Bar

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Tenney Mentioned The Law Firm She Worked At Was In A Dispute With Their Landlord.

“INTERVIEWER: I think when you first practiced law we met, right? The first day you started in that office. TENNEY: Yeah, 1988. [...] I’ll tell you the truth about our law firm, remember we never had any heat? We had no heat because my law firm was in a dispute with the landlord.” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 26:48, Vantage, 10/18/19]

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1984: Served As A Liaison Between The Yugoslav Government And ABC Sports For the 1984 Winter Olympics In Sarajevo

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Never Registered As A Foreign Agent With The Department Of Justice. There are no available records of Tenney registering with the Department of Justice as a foreign agent. [FARA.gov, accessed [8/15/16](#)]

NOTE: It is not clear that Tenney would have been expected or required to register, given the nature of her work, and records from the period are limited.

As A Student Lived In Yugoslavia Starting In 1981 As Part Of Summer Study Program

Lived In Yugoslavia In 1981 As Part Of A Summer Study Group. “(Tenney) loved (studying abroad) so much she decided to participate in a summer study group...In 1981, she headed to Yugoslavia... She immersed herself in the Serbo-Croatian language and in 1983, took a job at the Yugoslav consulate in New York City.” [The Post Standard, [3/6/2011](#)]

Criminal Record

Had No Criminal Record As Of March 2020. As of March 2020, Tenney had [New York Unified Court System – Criminal Court Cases – Defendant Search: “Tenney, Claudia” or “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Hamilton County Courts: “Tenney, Claudia” or “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Nexis Criminal Record Search, 3/4/20]

Driving Record

Had No Driving Record As Of March 2020. As of March 2020, Tenney had [New York Unified Court System – Criminal Court Cases – Defendant Search: “Tenney, Claudia” or “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Hamilton County Courts: “Tenney, Claudia” or “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Nexis Criminal Record Search, 3/4/20]

Judgments or Liens

Had No Record Of Judgements Or Liens As Of March 2020. [New York Unified Court System – Local Civil Court Cases – Party Search: “Tenney, Claudia” and “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Hamilton County Courts: “Tenney, Claudia” or “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgements & Liens Search, 3/4/20]

Bankruptcy Filings

Had No Record Of Bankruptcies As Of March 2020. [New York Unified Court System – Local Civil Court Cases – Party Search: “Tenney, Claudia” and “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Hamilton County Courts: “Tenney, Claudia” or “Cleary, Claudia”, 8/09/16; Nexis Bankruptcy Filings Search, 3/4/20]

Voting History

As Of 2020, Tenney Has Consistently Voted In State, Federal, And Presidential Primaries, In Addition To General Elections, Since 2006.

Tenney Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2019	Y	Y						
2018	Y							
2017	Y							
2016	Y					Y		
2015	Y							
2014	Y	Y						
2013	Y	Y						
2012	Y	Y				Y		
2011	Y	Y						
2010	Y	Y-R						
2009	Y	Y						
2008	Y					Y		
2007	Y	Y						
2006	Y	Y						
2005	Y	Y						
2004	Y	Y						
2003	Y	Y						

2002	Y	Y						
2001	Y							
2000	Y	Y						
1999	Y							
1998	Y	Y						
1997	Y	Y						
1996	Y	Y						
1995	Y							

[VoteBuilder, accessed 3/4/20]

Key: P - At Poll, E - Early, A - Absentee, M - Mail, Q - Provisional, Y - Vote Method Unknown, D - Democratic primary, Blank - Did Not Vote

NOTE: Tenney's voting record does not state the list of elections that she missed and only goes back to 2010 at the county level.

Personal Finance

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Tenney's personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures.

Tenney's Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Tenney PFD Toplines									
Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Transactions		Liabilities	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
2018-2019	\$53,879	\$361,033	\$1,191,000	\$6,322	\$21,000	n/a	n/a	\$75,002	\$165,000
2019	\$20,442	\$358,031	\$1,365,001	\$5,120	\$18,301	\$2,002	\$30,000	\$85,002	\$180,000
2017	\$22,865	\$471,029	\$1,365,001	\$2,217	\$21,200	\$2,002	\$30,000	\$85,002	\$180,000
2016	\$211,301	\$516,031	\$1,565,000	\$2,016	\$11,200	n/a	n/a	\$160,005	\$450,000
2015	\$150,900	\$331,030	\$1,090,000	\$1,214	\$7,600	n/a	n/a	\$145,003	\$400,000
2014	\$147,180	\$331,030	\$1,090,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2013	\$167,593.24	\$451,004	\$1,015,000	\$4,504	\$10,200	n/a	n/a	\$0	\$0

[Tenney Personal Financial Disclosures, [2014](#), [2016](#), [2017](#), [2018](#), [2019](#), [2020](#)]

Taxpayer Funded Salaries

2003-2018: Tenney Earned Almost \$1.3 Million In Taxpayer-Funded Salary And Expenses For Her Work As A New York Assembly Staffer, Elected Assemblywoman, And Member Of Congress

Tenney Earned \$348,000 As A Member Of Congress

Since taken office in 2017, Tenney has earned \$348,000 in salary as a Member of Congress.

Year	Congressional Salary
2017	\$174,000
2018	\$174,000
TOTAL	\$348,000.00

[Congressional Research Service, [6/21/16](#)]

Tenney Received \$533,000 In Salary And Expense Allowance As A New York Assemblywoman

In the New York State Assembly, she received a taxpayer-funded salary of \$79,500. Tenney also received an expense allowance from New York, using \$9,000 in 2011 and 2012, and \$9,500 from 2013 through 2016. In total, Tenney has received at least \$707,000 in taxpayer-funded salary.

Tenney's New York Assembly Salary			
Year	Salary	Expenses	Total:
2011	\$79,500	\$9,000	\$88,500

2012	\$79,500	\$9,000	\$88,500
2013	\$79,500	\$9,500	\$89,000
2014	\$79,500	\$9,500	\$89,000
2015	\$79,500	\$9,500	\$89,000
2016	\$79,500	\$9,500	\$89,000
Total:	\$477,000	\$56,000	\$533,000

[Empire Center, See Through NY, accessed [1/9/18](#)]

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Tenney Compensation As Assembly Staffer 2003 To 2009		
Report Period	Title/Context	Compensation
10/01/02-3/31/03	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$10,074.56
4/01/03-9/30/03	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$28,471.56
10/01/03-3/31/04	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$28,471.56
4/01/04-9/30/04	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$28,471.56
10/01/04-3/31/05	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$34,244.84
4/01/05-9/30/05	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$30,565.86
10/01/05-3/31/06	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$30,565.86
4/01/06-9/30/06	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$30,565.86
10/01/06-3/31/07	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$32,320.22
4/01/07-9/30/07	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$32,818.63
10/01/07-3/31/08	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$32,410.82
4/01/08-9/30/08	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$32,410.82
10/01/08-3/31/09	Chief of Staff, Salary	\$21,191.69
10/01/08-3/31/09	Counsel	\$5,477.22
10/01/08-3/31/09	Five Day Deferral Payment	\$1,246.57
10/01/08-3/31/09	Lump Sum Vacation Payment	\$7,479.42
4/01/09-9/30/09	Counsel	\$2,216.97
4/01/09-9/30/09	Five Day Deferral Payment	\$521.64
	Total:	\$389,525.66

[Assemblyman David Townsend Expenditure Reports, 2003-2009]



Political Career

This section provides an overview of Tenney’s career, from 1986 to 2020.

Significant Findings

- ✓ Tenney voted with her party 92.5% of the time.
- ✓ Since her election, Tenney has repeatedly dodged her constituents. Of holding a town hall, she said, “My job isn’t to stand in a room and in Jerry Springer Show fashion get yelled and screamed at.”
 - ✓ Tenney called town halls “support group shouting sessions.”
 - ✓ In September 2018, Tenney claimed she had held over 30 town halls or “open forums” and over a hundred group meetings.
 - ✓ Tenney said Democrats had “bastardized” the concept of town halls.
- ✓ Tenney missed seven votes as a member of Congress.

Partisanship

Tenney Voted With Paul Ryan 89% Of The Time

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Tenney Voted With Her Party 92.5% Of The Time

Tenney Vote Statistics							
Year	Voting Participation	Presidential Support		Party Unity		Conservative Coalition	
		Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose
2018	99%	97%	3%	92%	8%	--	--
2017	99%	100%	0%	93%	7%	--	--

[CQ, accessed [2/26/20](#)]

Vote Comparisons

Speakership Votes

Voted For Paul Ryan For Speaker Of The House

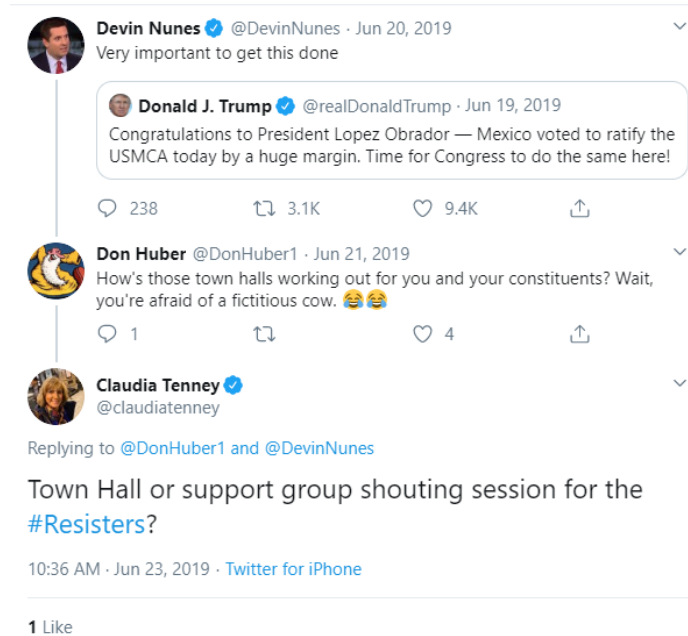
January 2017: Tenney Voted To Elect Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the Nomination of Paul D. Ryan, D-Wis., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for Speaker of House of Representatives for the 115th Congress.” Ryan was elected by a vote of 239-189. [[Vote #2](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

Town Halls & Access

Since Her Election To Congress In 2016, Tenney Has Been Dodging Her Constituents

Tenney Called Town Halls “Support Group Shouting Sessions”

Tenney Called Town Halls “Support Group Shouting Sessions.” “Town Hall or support group shouting session for the #Resisters?” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, accessed [3/11/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

September 2018: Tenney Claimed She Had Held Over 30 Town Halls Or “Open Forums” And Over 100 Group Meetings

Tenney Claimed She Had Held Over 30 Town Halls Or “Open Forums” And Over 100 Group Meetings. “The biggest thing that scares my opponent and everybody in the news media is that I literally go to events and meet people every single day. I’ve done over 30 town halls. Yes, we’ve changed them. We don’t call them ‘town halls’ anymore; we call them ‘open forums’ now, town halls and coffees. I’ve done over 100 meetings that were group meetings, whether they were coffees, roundtable discussions with dairy farmers, on opioids, with veterans, with all kinds of groups, and so those are the things. I’m trying to be as transparent and meet as many people as possible, and so what do they do? They say, ‘She doesn’t meet with her constituents.’ Well that’s just not true, and I have been coming against an awful lot of aggressive – we have death threats, a lot of those issues.” [Americans for Restoring the Constitution Candidate Forum, [Tracking Event Memo](#), [9/17/18](#)]

July 2018: Tenney Said Democrats Had “Bastardized The Concept Of Town Halls” And Accused Brindisi Of Only Speaking To Democrats

Tenney: “My Opponent Has Completely Bastardized The Concept Of Town Halls.” Absolutely, I’ve had a number of town halls, if you want to call them that. This is a big, phony idea that’s going on. The TEA Party originated the concept of town halls where you could actually go to an event and talk and have a dialogue with your member of Congress in an open forum, so my opponent has completely bastardized the concept of town halls.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/25/18](#)]

Tenney Accused Brindisi Of Only Speaking To Democrats And Claimed She Had Held Multiple “Open Forums.” “They are campaign-engineered events. They are produced out of his campaign, coordinated with the Democratic committees wherever he goes. He tends to go to the cities, where most of the Democrats are, and he walks into an echo chamber where softball questions are thrown at him, and if anyone there who throws him a question that’s not, you know, part of what they want, they get sort of drummed out or told they have to leave or they’re not allowed to record, but meanwhile, I’ve had, I don’t know, 20 or maybe even more open forums. I call them ‘open forums’ because I think the concept of what is a real town hall has not been given, and unfortunately, the media, every time he stands in front of a group of Democrats, they call it a town hall.” [WUTQ-FM, Media Appearance Memo, [7/25/18](#)]

January 2018: Tenney Claimed To Have Done “Seven Or Eight” Town Halls

Tenney Claimed “I’ve Done Seven Or Eight Town Halls.” [12:00] TENNEY: “In spite of what my detractors say, I’ve done seven or eight town halls. But none of them really count unless they meet their exact parameters. It’s kind of like Lucy with the football.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [1/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

September 2017: Tenney Publicized A Town Hall Through Her Campaign Committee Instead Of Using Official Channels, Admitted That She Hoped To Keep “Paid Protesters” Out

Tenney Organized A Town-Hall Style Event Which Required RSVPs And Tickets To Attend And Attracted Detractors And Protests. “The event, which required RSVPs and tickets to attend, was hosted by her campaign, and invitations were sent out over her campaign email. But roughly half the attendees Tuesday night were still Tenney detractors, easily identified by the green and red pieces of paper they held up to indicate their support or disapproval of her statements. Tenney’s comments on issues like single-payer health care and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) - the Obama-era program that allows undocumented immigrants brought into the country as children to stay here without gaining citizenship - elicited simultaneous booing and clapping as citizens organizing against Tenney sat side by side with her strong supporters. Tenney, R-New Harford, answered presubmitted questions, drawn from a box and read aloud, on issues from funding of Planned Parenthood to her vote for the American Health Care Act (AHCA) to environmental protection, often criticizing the media for its portrayal of her positions, and saying she wanted to work with Democrats on legislation. ‘A lot of them have very great ideas,’ she said of Democrats in Congress. ‘I know a lot of Republicans in the room’ might not agree, she added. Tenney has come under criticism for not holding in-person town halls since taking office, and some attendees Tuesday said that was one of the reasons they’d come.” [Ithaca Journal, 9/21/17]

Tenney Claimed She Publicized Her Town Hall Through Her Campaign’s Email List To Avoid Spending Taxpayer Money On Security For The Event. TENNEY: “So a number of my colleagues, especially Republicans, it’s difficult to go to a place without having some kind of security, which is unfortunate in a society where we can’t respectfully disagree in many cases. So in order to do that we have to either find volunteers, which I’m happy to take, or we have to pay to ensure security is there not just for me but for the participants who are going to be there. And so this burden, should I put it on the taxpayers? Or should I pay for it out of my campaign or myself? I’ve chosen not to burden the taxpayers and my personal staff who’re on the taxpayers payroll to do that. I’m using my own money and my campaign funds to pay for it, that’s why, we had to have security.” [WUTQ, [9/13/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Admitted “More Money Was Given For Us” To Pay For Security For Official Congressional Events. TENNEY: “That is the kind of stuff that shouldn’t be happening, but unfortunately, I’m not going to burden the taxpayers with this. And I don’t – I haven’t hired a security team with the taxpayers’ money in my office yet, although more money was given for us to do that.” [WUTQ, [9/13/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Acknowledged She Was Looking To Keep Protesters From Attending. “Tenney acknowledges they are looking to keep protesters out, but says, ‘Unfortunately, paid field organizers from the New York Democratic Party

are already working overtime to organize protesters to disrupt the event and prevent a constructive dialogue. These protesters do not want to productively discuss the issues with Rep. Tenney. Instead, they want to use the town hall as a platform for self-promotion.” [Spectrum News, [9/12/17](#)]

Brindisi Criticized Tenney’s Decision To Announce A Town Hall Through Her Campaign.

“Congresswoman Claudia Tenney has announced her first town hall meeting since taking office; however, critics are taking issue with the plan. Tenney’s campaign for re-election announced the town hall for next Tuesday, September 19 at Nicole’s of Camden. The event listing says that tickets and advanced RSVP are required to attend the event; however, anyone living in the 22nd Congressional District can register to attend. Her opponent in next year’s election, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, issued a statement questioning her tactics. ‘It is suspicious that a question and answer session with the Congresswoman would not be sponsored by her official office, so that people attending who need help with a federal agency can receive assistance at the event by caseworkers,’ Brindisi’s statement said. ‘A campaign-sponsored event is simply not the same thing. In addition, attendees may even be screened for party affiliation or other means, since this is a campaign event.’” [Spectrum News, [9/12/17](#)]

Tenney Had Hesitated To Hold Town Halls, Claiming They Were A Rallying Point For “Paid Protestors.”

“The congresswoman had previously balked at holding town halls, arguing that similar events had become a rallying point for what she deemed ‘paid protestors’ who ‘have no interest in dialogue.’ She was referring to members of the Indivisible movement – an effort inspired by Democratic operatives and encouraged by national party leaders that has adopted Tea Party tactics to target members of Congress in their home districts to ‘resist the Trump agenda.’ The congresswoman also cited death threats she had received as another reason she had decided to forgo town halls.” [NY State of Politics, [9/12/17](#)]

Tenney Held A Town Hall For Hedge Fund Managers Months Before She Held One For Her Constituents At-Large

July 2017: Tenney Spoke To The New York Hedge Fund Roundtable In A “Town-Hall Style Setting.” “The deeply divided political landscape has focused the attention of alternative asset managers on whether sweeping reforms in such things as healthcare, taxes, carried interest, and the regulatory environment will actually take place, according to a new survey by the New York Hedge Fund Roundtable. [...] The political situation was the topic of NYHFR’s July event, in which members heard two freshmen members of Congress, Representatives Claudia Tenney & Thomas Suozzi, weighed in on the current state of politics in a town-hall style setting.” [Fin Alternatives, [8/28/17](#)]

Tenney Told Fund Managers That The Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act “Has Really Just Prevented The Free Market From Happening.” “[Dodd-Frank] didn’t touch what actually caused the financial crisis... what it created was a number of huge government agencies that now can come in and exact all kinds of regulations against people. It has really just prevented the free market from happening,’ said Tenney (R-N.Y.), who represents New York’s 22nd district, in a statement from NYHFR.” [Fin Alternatives, [8/28/17](#)]

July 2017: Tenney Said That She Didn’t Want To Hold Town Halls For Security Reasons

Tenney Said That She Didn’t Hold Town Halls For Security Reasons, And Because “My Job Isn’t To Stand In A Room And In Jerry Springer Show Fashion Get Yelled And Screamed At.” “Tenney’s Democratic challenger, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, and others have criticized her for not holding town hall meetings. She says security for her constituents is part of her concern, but she also believes the rowdy, in-person town halls aren’t as constructive as her small-group meetings and telephone town halls. ‘My job isn’t to stand in a room and in Jerry Springer Show fashion get yelled and screamed at,’ she said. ‘It’s a great event for media or is it an effective way of communicating and really trying to come up with solutions?’” [Press & Sun-Bulletin, [7/23/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed Constituents Came To Meetings With Her Armed With Talking Points “That Are Meant To Scare And Intimidate People.” “Tenney said the meetings were productive, however. ‘I think there’s been some really good questions,’ she said between sessions. ‘There’s some people who are just coming out kind of repeating some of the talking points that are not accurate that are meant to scare and intimidate people. But for the most part I think people are really helpful. They have some good ideas. They’ve come up with some real interesting points and I think it’s been a good discussion.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [7/11/17](#)]

June 2017: Tenney Blamed Democrats For Encouraging Uncivil And Violent Behavior

Tenney Blamed Democrats For Encouraging Uncivil And Violent Rhetoric From “The Resist Movement.” “Tenney attended yesterday’s Congressional baseball game and sat alongside a Democratic lawmaker as a sign of unity. But in the interview with Fox News, she also blamed Democrats for the uncivil and violent rhetoric that she’s been hearing. ‘The resist movement, the indivisible movement, this movement that’s been supported by the Democrats,’ she said. In order to defeat her in the 2018 mid-term elections, Tenney said, Democrats are ‘willing to do almost anything and they’re encouraging people to do this, unfortunately.’” [NCPR, [6/16/17](#)]

NCPR Headline: “Tenney Says She’s Received Death Threat, Blames Democrats.” [NCPR, [6/16/17](#)]

Washington Examiner Headline: “Democrats ‘Encouraging’ Death Threats.” [Washington Examiner, [6/15/17](#)]

Utica Observer-Dispatch Editorial Headline: “Tenney Needs To Stop Stalling, Hold Town Hall Meeting.” “Two months later, no face-to-face town hall meetings have been held, and whether any are scheduled in the near future is not known. Several emails to both Tenney and her aide asking about town hall meetings were not immediately returned. Tenney needs to stop procrastinating and schedule a meeting. Her constituents deserve that. The congresswoman was initially reluctant to schedule a face-to-face town hall meeting because she said that she had received death threats. U.S. Capitol Police were investigating those threats. When contacted by the Observer-Dispatch, a spokeswoman for the department said they could not comment on the matter [...] There have been numerous protests at her offices, but those taking part have emphatically denied - to reporters and in letters to this newspaper - that they are being paid. They simply want answers from their representative in Congress. And they deserve them.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, Editorial, [6/7/17](#)]

May 2017: Constituents Protested Tenney’s Appearances In Front Of Select Groups In Closed Meetings

Constituents Protested Tenney’s Appearances In Front Of Local Groups In Lieu Of Open Town Halls. “An almost-silent protest lined the sidewalk Friday morning in front of Hart ‘s Hill Inn. Inside, U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, was slated to speak to a local group over breakfast. Tracing the side-walk Friday at the front of the property stood over 50 people holding signs reflecting their views on a selection of issues, predominantly American Health Care Act-related, which Tenney voted in favor of. ‘Our goal here today is to do a silent, mature, on-point protest. we’re not rowdy,’ organizer Sarah Reeske said. ‘Tenney does need to meet with her constituents. We are dissatisfied with her voting (on the health act).’ Reeske said the protesters don’t find it fair that Tenney is having meetings with select groups of constituents in the area and not open town halls. ‘I feel like we’re clawing for things that other groups have,’ Reeske said. ‘Everything affects everybody.’ At a Thursday news conference related to the status of an amendment to the American Health Care Act, Tenney told reporters: ‘I’ve always considered having town halls. It’s just a matter of scheduling.’ Tenney said she would want the town halls to be organized, efficient and conducted in a manner that everyone’s viewpoint can be heard. ” [Observer-Dispatch, [5/13/17](#)]

Tenney Said She Hadn’t Held Town Hall Because Of Death Threats And Her “Really Aggressive Schedule” In DC. “Congresswoman Claudia Tenney is continuing to cite safety concerns as an issue in scheduling town hall-style meetings. Tenney on Wednesday said she wasn’t sure when she will have a public session for constituents in the Binghamton area. Speaking on WNBF Radio’s Binghamton Now program, Tenney said ‘numerous death

threats' have been made against her. She said 'we would like to make sure it's a safe situation.' Tenney also said she's dealing with a 'really aggressive schedule' in Washington. When asked whether she believed she could be adequately protected in a constituent meeting in Broome County, Tenney said she's not really worried about her own safety." [WNBF, [5/10/17](#)]

Tenney Suggested Holding A Town Hall Was Pointless “If They’re Going To Be Shouting At Me.” “When asked whether she believed she could be adequately protected in a constituent meeting in Broome County, Tenney said she's not really worried about her own safety. The congresswoman said she's 'more worried about the safety of the people that are coming in.' Tenney asked 'what are all these people going to learn in a town hall if they're going to be shouting at me.'” [WNBF, [5/10/17](#)]

Tenney’s Office Warned Constituents Of “Patch Through Calls” Connecting Them To Tenney’s Office

Tenney’s Spokeswoman Warned Constituents Of “Patch Through Calls” Claiming To Directly Connect People To Tenney’s Office, Called Them A Scam. “U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney’s office says that repeated, harassing phone calls claiming to be from or directly connecting them to the New Hartford Republican’s office are a scam. In a statement, Hannah Andrews, Tenney’s spokeswoman, said that over the last week, constituents have contacted Tenney’s office about the calls. She said that Capitol Police are investigating the matter. ‘Known as ‘patch through calls,’ these calls begin with an operator encouraging the person answering the phone call to repeat a message provided by the operator while the line is then connected to one of our offices,’ Andrews said in the statement. ‘Other times, the calls immediately connect the person answering the phone to our office. The calls are confusing and mislead many people to believe they are being directly contacted by our office.’ Andrews said that Tenney’s office would never contact constituents in this manner.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [4/25/17](#)]

Tenney’s Spokeswoman Said The Calls Were Often “Paid For By Special Interest Groups.”

“Unfortunately, the calls are extremely difficult to trace back to the original source, especially since they do not comply with federal laws that would make them easier to track,’ Andrews said. ‘Often, the calls are paid for by special interest groups based in Washington D.C., or out-of-state organizations.’ Tenney’s office is working to stop the disruptive phone calls and to prevent future calls from happening, Andrews said.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [4/25/17](#)]

April 2017: Tenney Said That She Couldn’t Wait To Hold In-Person Town Halls

April 2017: Tenney Said That She Wanted To Have Town Halls In Different Parts Of Her District: “I Can’t Wait To Do One.” “In a wide-ranging interview with the Observer-Dispatch’s Editorial Board Wednesday, Tenney said she wants to have town halls in different parts of her district, which encompasses all of Oneida, Chenango, Cortland and Madison counties, and parts of Herkimer, Broome, Oswego and Tioga counties. ‘We’re going to do one,’ said Tenney, who took office in January. ‘Actually, we’re thinking of doing our first in Camden if we can schedule it, just because we want to go to people, like nobody goes to places in the rural area. They go to the city. So, we’ll go to Camden and meet with people up there who get forgotten all the time.’ Plans for those meetings haven’t been finalized, but Tenney said that she would like to either televise the event or broadcast it on the radio. ‘We’re looking forward to engaging,’ she said. ‘I can’t wait to do one.’ Over the last several months, hundreds of protesters and others have flocked to town halls and local congressional offices, some in strongly Republican districts, to voice their opinions on President Donald Trump’s cabinet picks, health care plans and refugee restrictions. Many members of Congress have opted not to conduct in-person town halls U.S. Rep. Tom Reed, R-Corning, has had several town halls across his district, which spans the state’s Southern Tier.” [Observer-Dispatch, [4/20/17](#)]

In The Same Interview, Tenney Repeated That She Had Delayed Holding Town Halls Due To Security Concerns, And Said That, At Times, “It’s Just A Shouting Match.” “‘It’s just a shouting match. ‘There comes a point where there’s a balance between are you really effectively representing your constituents or are you using the town halls as a media event,’ she added. ‘I want to make sure people are getting the information.’”

Tenney said in February that death threats caused her to delay conducting a town hall. U.S. Capitol Police were investigating those threats. ‘I’m not adverse to a town hall setting,’ Tenney said. ‘I had death threats in the (state) Assembly, which I had to go through all these processes. My staff was getting mail that was like these crazy things where they were going to cut me open and take my heart out and throw me in the river. I mean awful stuff.’ On Wednesday, she said she didn’t know if the threats still were being investigated. ‘They don’t report anything to us,’ she said. ‘They don’t tell us you can’t have town halls. They say that they want to go through the procedure. At this point, if they’re not going to give us any kind of status report—because everything’s open—we’re like, why not do it? They just want us to make sure that we are a secure environment.’ U.S. Capitol Police said Wednesday that they could not comment on ongoing investigations.” [Observer-Dispatch, 4/20/17]

Tenney Said That She Delayed Town Halls Because Her Office Had Received Death Threats In February 2017. “Uncertainties about health care are prompting Clinton resident Jennifer Kemp to close her massage therapy business in the next few months after years of ownership. She works with the state due, in part, to the steadier benefits, but said her concerns still linger with the potential impact of health care changes on people she works with, who are developmentally disabled. Sitting down with the Observer-Dispatch’s editorial board last month, U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, said she is going to host a town hall at some point. Death threats she received in February had then caused her to delay. ‘We’ve been trying to get our congressional representative to do a town hall for many, many months, and she (Rep. Claudia Tenney) is just refusing to meet with us,’ Kemp said. ‘I think we need an opportunity to come together and hear from our representatives on the issues.’” [Times Telegram, 5/19/17]

Utica Observer-Dispatch Editorial Strongly Encouraged Tenney To Hold A Town Hall Meeting. “We solicited questions from readers in advance of Tenney’s visit last Wednesday. At least 50 readers wrote in, many sending multiple questions — 150 or more in all. Such high interest from Tenney’s 22nd Congressional District constituents would certainly justify her holding a town hall meeting. Tenney said she’s looking forward to that. We strongly encourage her to do so. Bringing government to the people is part of the democratic process. And in the case of the federal government — where process and procedure can often be baffling to the public — meeting with representatives can nurture understanding.” [Utica Observer Dispatch, Editorial, [4/25/17](#)]

Editorial Noted That Tenney Did Not Say When Her Town Hall Meetings Would Be Held. “Tenney did not say when the town hall meetings would begin, but she did say that she’s likely to do the first one in Camden because the more rural spots are often ignored by big government. She said she’d like to have town halls in different parts of her district, which is huge; it includes all of Oneida, Chenango, Cortland and Madison counties, and parts of Herkimer, Broome, Oswego and Tioga counties. The congresswoman said she has met with district residents — in smaller groups — in a community setting and also in her district office. She says there’s no special selection process. ‘They just call in and we set up meetings,’ she said. ‘Whoever calls in, we line them up.’ Hopefully a larger town hall session will be scheduled soon.” [Utica Observer Dispatch, Editorial, [4/25/17](#)]

March 2017: Tenney Held A “Telephone Town Hall”

March 2017: Tenney Held A “Telephone Town Hall” In Which She Answered Questions Submitted Via Telephone And Facebook, But Said She Wanted To Hold An In-Person Town Hall Soon. “Freshman Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, who is leaning toward voting yes today on the Republican health care plan, wants to protect gun ownership rights and reduce the national debt. And she loves the book ‘Crime and Punishment.’ Those points were all made clear Wednesday night during an hour-long telephone town hall during which constituents were able to listen in and ask questions via telephone or Facebook. Tenney’s office said more than 50,000 people participated just by telephone. Tenney said she hopes to host an in-person town hall meeting soon. She has said that death threats have prevented her from holding town halls, but said she will as soon as she gets the all clear. The largest share of questions focused on the American Health Care Act and the Collins-Faso amend-ment that was added to it, which would relieve New York counties (outside New York City) of their

obligation to fund 13 percent of state Medicaid costs, an amendment Tenney strongly supports. The act is expected to come under debate on the House floor today.” [Observer-Dispatch, 3/23/17]

February 2017: Tenney Said She Would Rather Have A Tele-Town Hall Because Of Alleged “Paid Protestors”

Tenney: “My Feeling Is That If I’m Going To Go To A Town-Hall Meeting And There Are Going To Be Paid Protestors Or Even Protestors Who Have No Interest In Dialogue, We’re Going To Probably Use The Tele-Town Hall Method.” “She told the TV station: ‘I’m trying to meet with my constituents and hear from all sides. I want to have a productive conversation, though. And my feeling is that if I’m going to go to a town-hall meeting and there are going to be paid protestors or even protestors who have no interest in dialogue, we’re going to probably use the tele-town hall method, which works really well because for one you can have thousands of participants, people who are earnestly and sincerely interested in solutions and understanding the issues and trying to work with me on that. And so we can meet so many more people that way.’” [Press Connects, Editorial, [2/17/17](#); Binghamton Homepage, [2/16/17](#)] VIDEO

Local Investigative Reporter: “The More You Look Into Claims Of These Paid Protesters... The More You See There’s Not Any Truth To Them Anywhere In The Country.” “John Roby is an investigative reporter with the Press and Sun Bulletin. He and his colleagues set out to find examples of paid protestors across the state. He joined WSKG’s Gabe Altieri to talk about it. Interview Highlights: On whether there was evidence of paid protestors: John Roby: The more you look into claims of these paid protestors shouting down Congress members at town halls or attending these marches, the more you see there’s not any truth to them anywhere in the country.” [WSKG, [2/28/17](#)]

Constituents Protested To Counter Tenney’s Claims That They Were Paid Protesters. “Among the concerned citizens gathered was Rome resident Sarita Ruiz, holding a sign reading, ‘I am not paid to be here.’ ‘It’s basically just a response to her accusations we (protestors) were paid to be here,’ Ruiz said, claiming Tenney had made the statement in an early February interview. ‘I’m here representing concerned citizens. Our focus is finance, immigration and affordable care issues. It’s not just one thing. It’s an array.’ Also waiting for an audience with Tenney was Marli Stahler, from grassroots advocacy group Cazenovia Call to Action. ‘We’re interested in finding out about town hall meetings,’ Stahler said, adding she wished to hear more of the freshman Congressional representative’s platform. ‘We want to help support Tenney in the district to-ward a progressive agenda.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/11/17]

February 2017: Tenney’s New Constituents Had Trouble Contacting Her And Her Staff

February 2017: Tenney Said That She Had Been Unable To Immediately Set Up Public Offices “Due To Varied Delays.” “Tenney, R-New Hartford, said that due to varied delays, she was not able to immediately setup public access offices around the district but has kept in contact with residents to hear concerns. Friday, at her freshly painted office at 555 French Road, Suite 101, she talked issues including the current court-halted ban on immigrants from seven select countries and other actions taken by the White House and Congress. The intent of President Donald Trump’s original immigration ban, in Tenney’s eyes, was to ‘investigate the vetting process of other countries.’ ‘It wasn’t a ban,’ she said, but, ‘It didn’t look good the way it came out.’ Tenney added that she felt the federal court restraint ruling on the ban ultimately would be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. ‘I think we need more people in this country from all over the world, (but) we need to make sure we have the resources to make sure they can be resettled safely,’ she said.” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/11/17]

After Tenney’s Election, Her New Constituents Reportedly Had Difficulty Contacting Her And Her Staff. “New Congresswoman Claudia Tenney was sworn into office Jan. 3. But some of her constituents say they haven’t had any luck getting in touch with the New Hartford Republican or her staff. Frankfort resident Susan Martin is one of them. She said she wanted to get in touch with Tenney to discuss women’s health and health care, but wasn’t successful. ‘It upsets me,’ Martin said. ‘We’re paying her salary, right? It seems like I should be able to at least get

through to one of her aides.’ Tenney, meanwhile, said the ‘bureaucracy of the federal government has pro-longed the process of opening our district offices,’ including one at 555 French Road in New Hartford. ‘Members of Congress are unable to use any official resources until they are sworn-in; therefore my staff and I were unable to begin the process of opening our offices until Jan. 3,’ Tenney said. ‘It is a shame that the onerous processes of the federal government continue to slow the opening of our offices.’ Former U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna, who Tenney replaced in January, declined to comment on the record when asked about the process of setting up his congressional office. Attempts to reach former Rep. Michael Arcuri also were unsuccessful.” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/1/17]

February 2017: Tenney Said She Was “In The Process Of Having Phone Lines Installed At Her District Office.” “Tenney said she’s in the process of having phone lines installed at her New Hartford office and that she and her staff are ‘working diligently to ensure all of the district offices are up and running as soon as possible.’ Tenney also said that she wanted to keep her office in the space that Hanna used in the 258 Building at the intersection of Genesee and Hopper streets in downtown Utica. But that space wasn’t available, so they had to find a new spot. ‘Unfortunately, also Richard Hanna’s computers were deemed by the federal government - it has nothing to do with me - to be outdated, so they needed to replace our computers and that’s what they did,’ she added. Another district office is planned for downtown Binghamton, she said, but they are waiting for a lease to be approved by the federal government before moving into the space.” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/1/17]

On Being Sworn In, Tenney Said That She Would Make Sure That The Needs Of Her District Were Met

Tenney Released A Statement After Being Sworn In: “I Will Bring Leadership And Tenacity TO Washington To Ensure The Needs Of The 22nd District And Upstate New York Are Met.” “U. S. Rep. Claudia Tenney was sworn into the 115th Congress as the representative for the 22nd District of New York on Tuesday. Tenney said in a news release it is an ‘honor’ to be sworn-in as a House representative ‘I will bring leadership and tenacity to Washington to ensure the needs of the 22nd District and upstate New York are met,’ she said. ‘Our office will work tirelessly to give a voice to the 22nd District and will be diligent in assisting all constituents with any issue they have, along with navigating the federal government.’ Tenney won a general election for the 22nd Congressional District seat after a three-way race in November between Tenney, Democratic candidate Kim Myers and political newcomer Martin Babinec, who ran on the newly-formed Upstate Jobs Party. Those who attended Tenney’s swearing-in on Tuesday included House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin. ‘Congress has a unique opportunity this term to implement an agenda that will improve the lives of people across our great nation, especially those in upstate New York,’ she said. ‘I look forward to working with the president and my colleagues in the House and Senate to lower taxes, repeal and replace Obamacare, reel in out-of-control spending, rebuild our military, protect our veterans and secure the border.’ Tenney said in the release it is ‘humbling’ to serve as the district’s representative.” [Times Telegram, 1/5/17]

Tenney Kept Assistant On Staff Who Used Fake Identity To Troll Her Opponent On Government Time, Despite Editorial Calling For His Firing As “Lesson In Honesty”

Tenney Staffer Patrick O’Brien Used A Fake Name To Write Pro-Tenney Letters To The Editor And Troll Her Opponent On Twitter. “A communications assistant for Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, used a phony name to blog, tweet and write letters to the editor of area media outlets, including the Observer-Dispatch. The name, ‘Dave Garland,’ was one Patrick O’Brien used to write a book, ‘The Common Man’s View of Political Dishonesty,’ while a junior in college. O’Brien has been submitting letters to the O-D under the false name, ‘Dave Garland,’ for the past year. Most were pro-Tenney, and all were checked through the O-D’s letter verification system whereby writers are called by a staffer, asked to identify themselves and queried briefly on letter content to be sure that they are indeed the writer [...] Garland’s Twitter account retweeted Tenney, Perry said, and regularly criticized Brindisi. Meanwhile, O’Brien’s LinkedIn profile lists the authorship of his book between interning for Tenney’s campaign and working for her office. Perry notes that Tenney and Andrews followed ‘Garland’ on Twitter.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [9/15/17](#)]

Tenney Spox On Staffer Who Used Fake Name: “Unlike Rep. Tenney’s Detractors, He Was Always Civil And Polite.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [9/15/17](#)]

Tenney Staffer Regularly Tweeted Under His Fake Name During Standard Business Hours. “Social media postings by Patrick O’Brien was not exclusively ‘on his own time.’ O’Brien regularly tweeted as ‘Dave Garland’ (@davegarlandusa) during standard business hours, evident in several time-stamped screen shots collected in recent weeks. This included ‘Garland’ and I tweeting back and forth on multiple occasions over the past few months and the promotion of his recently developed blog, Upstate NY Congressional News.” [UC Public Affairs, Perry blog post, [9/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Our View: Tenney Aide Needs A Lesson In Honesty.” “It is the epitome of irony that a man who wrote a book entitled, ‘The Common Man’s View of Political Dishonesty,’ would use a phony name to promote his political agenda. Worse is that his employer — Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford — plans to keep him on staff. In a world where ‘fake news’ is a political flash point, he shamed and embarrassed her by being deceitful, and should be fired [...] But he lied. He deceived constituents of the 22nd U.S. Congressional District, and he did it on taxpayer time. Contrary to Andrews’ statement that O’Brien’s postings were done ‘on his own time,’ Perry said that they had communicated during regular business hours. Rep. Tenney doesn’t seem to have a problem with any of this. We do. And so should you.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, Editorial, [9/19/17](#)]

Patrick O’Brien Remained On Tenney’s Staff As Of August 2018. [Legistorm, accessed [8/10/18](#)]

Attendance Record

As Of December 2018, Tenney Had Missed 7 Votes As A Member Of Congress

Tenney Voting Attendance Record – GovTrack.US				
Time Period	Votes Eligible	Missed Votes	Percent	Percentile
2017 Jan-Mar	208	1	0.5%	23 rd
2017 Apr-Jun	136	1	0.7%	31 st
2017 Jul-Sep	199	2	1.0%	53 rd
2017 Oct-Dec	167	0	0.0%	0 th
2018 Jan-Mar	129	3	2.3%	50 th
2018 Apr-Jun	184	0	0.0%	0 th
2018 Jul-Sep	102	0	0.0%	0 th

2018 Nov- Dec	85	0	0.0%	0 th
Total:	1237	7	0.1%	

[GovTrack.us, Tenney, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

New York Assembly Attendance

2014: Missed 480 Votes Assembly Votes, 41.3 Percent Of All Those Cast And The Third Highest Total Of Any Member Of The Assembly

New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) In 2014: Claudia Tenney Missed 480 Votes, Third Most In NY Assembly. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, who ran an unsuccessful campaign for Congress this year, missed 480 votes in Albany, the third-highest of any member of the Assembly, according to a legislative analysis from the New York Public Interest Research Group. The Republican from New Hartford also voted no 25 percent of the time, the sixth highest percentage in the Assembly, the report found.” [Syracuse.com, [6/27/14](#)]

Tenney’s 480 Missed Assembly Votes Out Of 1160, Were 41.3 Percent Of All Those Cast. During the 2014 Session, Tenney missed 480 votes, 41.3 percent of the 1,160 cast during the session. [New York Public Interest Research Group 2013 Legislative Session Analysis, [6/27/14](#)]

Repeatedly Claimed Her Missed Votes In 2014 Were Due To Caring For Her Critically Ill Mother, Eventually Admitted She Campaigned Those Days, And Hung Up On Radio Host Who Proved It

Claimed She Missed Votes While Caring For Her Seriously Ill Mother. “This is getting ridiculous. I have not missed any crucial votes and every vote was made up with a paper ballot as all members are permitted to do when they are excused. My mother was seriously ill in June 2014 during the last weeks of session when we vote on hundreds (over 700 in June alone) of one house and/or local bills. I drove back and forth from Albany to get votes in and then drove back home to be with her.” [Claudia Tenney Facebook Page, [6/11/16](#)]

Local Radio Host Bill Keeler Discussed Tenney’s Repetition Of Her Claim That She Missed Votes To Care For Dying Mother. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, host Bill Keeler discussed with contributor Jeff Monaski Tenney’s repeating the claim that her missed votes in 2014 were due to her traveling back and forth to Albany to care for her dying mother. BILL KEELER: We had a debate between the three candidates for Congress, Assemblywoman Phillips, and Wells. Wells really went after Assemblywoman Tenney on the issue of missing the votes and not showing up for work that’s the big – everybody had their lines their running with; Assemblywoman Tenney is charging that he’s a Cuomo donator, and back and forth. But Assemblywoman Tenney really doubled down on the issue on a couple of times. Previously on the radio here on an interview that was conducted on which date? JEFF MONASKI: I believe it was Friday last week. KEELER: And then during the debate that while that was while she was missing those, she was traveling back and forth, to and from Albany, to deal with her mother who was, who was dying, and, and she was very adamant about that. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 1:50, [6/15/16](#)]

...Then Keeler Interviewed Tenney And She Repeated The Claim Again While Beginning To Acknowledge She Had Gone To “Some Campaign Events” On The Days Of Missed Votes. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler challenged her claim that she was caring for her sick mother at the time she missed votes in 2014. BILL KEELER: You know that what we came up with yesterday, that media reports and pictures, audio, it all puts you in Binghamton on that day June eighteenth. CLAUDIA TENNEY: Yeah I don’t know what – honestly, I heard that you - I don’t know what you put out there yeah - I know you called me a liar bunch of other things which is ridiculous. KEELER: That is not true, that is not true, I never did that. TENNEY: I have a

ninety-seven percent attendance record I was running for congress in twenty-fourteen but the main reason that I missed votes was because of my mother and if you'd look I didn't get to Albany on June eighteenth, I was with her on the evening of the June eighteenth, and if you look at June 19th, which is really the last day of session, you will see that I voted and on my committee meetings, and put my votes in, as many as I could before I left. I think my last vote was at 1:16 in the afternoon on June eighteenth. June nineteenth I went back home and I went to deal with her. Remember, the primary in twenty fourteen was on June twenty-fourth, just five days later, so I was with- KEELER: I understand. TENNEY: In her house, seeing oppressive ads, yeah did I go to some campaign events? Absolutely. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 2:47, [6/15/16](#)]

...Tenney Went On To Criticize Richard Hanna For Missing Votes To Campaign Against Her Before Admitting Again That She Had Campaigned On The Days She Missed Votes. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler had been challenging Tenney's claim that she was caring for her sick mother at the time she missed votes in 2014 and Tenney attempted to shift focus to Rep. Richard Hanna's congressional attendance during his 2014 campaign before acknowledging a media appearance on one of the days in question and Keeler mentioned another. CLAUDIA TENNEY: Hey look, the worst record in this US Congress in two thousand fourteen was Richard Hanna while he was running against me in the primary in twenty-fourteen. BILL KEELER: Okay TENNEY: He missed more votes than anyone else. KEELER: Okay TENNEY: My votes missed were not because of that, apparently I was in some, apparently I was in some kind of press conference on the eighteenth but- KEELER: And there was a radio interview you did- TENNEY: I had a ninety-seven percent attendance record, it's just a fallacy and a false argument to try to say that I don't show up to vote. You know, it's all, people should know that I've introduced legislation, I spent a twelve-hour day in Albany, I'll probably do another twelve to fifteen-hour day today, and another one tomorrow. We did seven hundred votes, usually eight-hundred, seven-hundred votes, almost two-thirds to three-quarters of the votes we take in Albany are in the month of June. KEELER: I'm not questioning, I want you to know- TENNEY: I mean, Bill, honestly- KEELER: Listen, I'm not- TENNEY: To say that we weren't in session in the morning of June eighteenth and probably didn't start until noon. KEELER: Let me, let me, let me- TENNEY: To say that I was on a morning show at ten o'clock in the morning and that I wasn't there. KEELER: Well, then there was a press conference after that, let me play some audio. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 3:57, [6/15/16](#)]

...Keeler Played A Clip Of Tenney Repeating The Claim That She Missed The Votes In 2014 To Care For Her Dying Mother. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler played a clip a clip from five days earlier of Tenney claiming she missed votes in 2014 to care for her dying mother. BILL KEELER: Let me play some audio. I want you to – there are two, a couple different clips that Jeff has pulled, I want you to listen to this audio. Here we go. CLAUDIA TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): On June seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth, you will look, Steve Wells will contend I was campaigning. The truth is my mother was collapsing all three of those days from her heart issues she had a problem with her coumadin levels I literally was driving back and forth to Albany to help her because I was the only person taking care of her, she lived across the street from me. She eventually died, she collapsed of heart failure. I was in Albany, I drove home to care for her, back and forth. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 5:00, [6/15/16](#)]

...Keeler Played A Second Clip Of Tenney Repeating The Claim That She Missed The Votes In 2014 To Care For Her Dying Mother. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler played a clip from five days earlier of Tenney claiming she missed votes in 2014 to care for her dying mother. BILL KEELER: Okay, the second clip, Assemblywoman, just bear with us because we want to go through the audio of what was said then I want to talk to you about that. CLAUDIA TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): In two thousand fourteen, we did about eleven or twelve hundred bills, we did five hundred in the last three days of session, unfortunately for me, Bill, I'm the primary care provide for my mother in two-thousand fourteen, I was also running for congress, interestingly, I didn't miss that, I didn't miss any time for running for congress during that week, what I was doing was right driving back and forth just take care of my mother and we voted on five hundred

bills in four days in the state assembly and I drove back and forth to Albany at my own expense to make sure I could get in as many votes as I possibly could, while my mother was in the emergency room, while my mother was suffering from a serious atrial fibrillation, where she was collapsing, she could not stand up, and I'm the only person who could care for her- KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): And that was – TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Nobody else- KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Right- TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): I'm the only one that lives at home. KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): And that was- TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): And I went back, and we stayed through the night, from June eighteenth, I remember the day well, that's a memorable day for me, we stayed the night we came back we finished two o'clock in the morning and I voted, I was there eight hours, I went back on the eighteenth, I voted in all my committee meetings, I voted on as many bills as I could before I had to leave and go back to her and then that's what it was, June seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth, I have the records, you can see how many bills it was. KEELER (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Of what year? Is that two thousand fourteen? TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/10/16): Yes. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 5:43, [6/15/16](#)]

... Keeler Played A Clip Of A Debate In Which Steven Wells Accusing Tenney Of Making Campaign Appearance On One Of The Days In Question, Which Tenney Denied. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney was interviewed by phone by host Bill Keeler. Keeler played a clip from a debate two days earlier during which Steven Wells accused Tenney of making media appearances on the days she claimed to be caring for her mother, which Tenney immediately denied. BILL KEELER: Okay, and then the final clip is a short one but this is from the debate just on this past Monday [6/13/16]. Listen to this forty-five second rebuttal Steven Wells. STEVEN WELLS (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Well, with all due respect, on that day on June 18th when she claims she was taking care of her mom, which anybody would understand, my mom's sick with cancer, you know, she was actually down holding press conferences in Binghamton. CLAUDIA TENNEY WELLS (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Not true. WELLS: (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Two of them, she was on the Bob Joseph show in the studio that day that she missed eighty-two votes- TENNEY (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): No, I was not. WELLS (in clip played on show from 6/13/16 Debate): Okay, well. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 7:12, [6/15/16](#)]

...And Tenney Hung Up The Phone Immediately After The Third Clip. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, immediately after host Bill Keeler played a debate clip of Tenney's primary opponent Steven Wells criticizing Tenney for claiming she missed votes to care for her mother when she was in fact making campaign appearances at media outlets, which Tenney denied, Tenney hung up on him. BILL KEELER: Okay, Assemblywoman. CLAUDIA TENNEY: [No response, only a dial tone.] [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 7:43, [6/15/16](#)]

...And Host Bill Keeler Listed Media Appearances She Made On The Day In Question. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney hung up on host Bill Keeler immediately after he played a clip of Tenney's primary opponent Steven Wells accusing her of having made campaign appearances on a day she claimed to have been caring for her dying mother. After Tenney hung up, Keeler listed Tenney's media appearances for the day in question. BILL KEELER: What we have here is on June 18th she was on a Townsquare station, which was our station, speaking as the Bob Joseph radio show. I believe that was a 10 a.m. interview. And then later in the day as WNBF and then later she was on, a, at a press conference and that was covered on WBNG television. All on June 18th. She doubled down on that date. We're not saying, I'm not here saying, that she doesn't vote, that she doesn't work. Those votes in most cases that she said were made up on a paper ballot. the question that we have though is when you're using to in the debate as your defense that you're there tending to your mother, and you're really at one point questioned Wells and said "what kind of a man would question a daughter taking care of her mother, that's a pretty big accusation to make toward Steven Wells. I don't really know the guy, but that's a tough thing to kinda, so, obviously we're going to go back and look at the dates. It's not an I wonder if," these are facts. [WIBX, Keeler In The Morning, 7:58, [6/15/16](#)]

...Tenney Texted Keeler Program Director Jeff Monaski Claiming The Show Had Been Unprofessional While Also Saying She May Have Mixed Up The Dates In Question. On a June 2016 episode of the WIBX radio show Keeler in the Morning, Tenney hung up on host Bill Keeler after he played a clip of Tenney's primary opponent Steven Wells accusing her of having made campaign appearances on a day she claimed to have been caring for her dying mother. After Keeler had listed Tenney's media appearance on the day in question, confirming Wells' accusation, Tenney texted his program director, accusing them of having been unprofessional but saying that she may have mixed up the dates. Keeler argued there point wasn't as much her absences as the accusations she fired at Wells for his accurate claims. BILL KEELER: And I'm gonna ask you, you've been having some communication with the Assemblywoman, and what is being said. JEFF MONASKI: It was just that, she believes that we shouldn't have done, that it was unprofessional and I guess maybe I got a text that says she thinks it was actually the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth where she had previously stated the seventeenth. KEELER: The fact is the 18th was the date that she dug- if we would never have- if the Assemblywoman would have said, "that's just not true. This is a smear campaign. It's just not true." There'd be nothing to go on. We're not going on whether she's working, and whether she've voting, we're not going on that, we investigated whether that date she kept doubling down on over and over again saying, "June eighteenth, June eighteenth, June eighteenth, I was with my dying mother, how dare you question me!" We just looked into the date! Which is why I was trying to clarify last week it was in two thousand fourteen, we were tried, and if we would have found that there were no press conferences and no appearances down in Binghamton and no radio shows being done while her mother in her words was collapsing, we would have come back and reported that there that there is no evidence whatsoever that she did anything other than take care of her mother. [WIBX, Keller In The Morning, 0:00, [6/15/16](#)]

Dismissed New York Public Interest Research Group, Which Released The Attendance Report, As "A Liberal Organization Looking To Attack Republicans"

Dismissed New York Public Interest Research Group And Its Research As "A Liberal Organization Looking To Attack Republicans." "In an email response to the report, Tenney said NYPIRG 'is a liberal organization looking to attack Republicans. I missed about 5 days of session all year,' Tenney said 'What people don't know is that we typically do half the bills we pass in an entire year in the last week. Most of them are one house bills and repeats.' Tenney said the Assembly votes on the same bills every year, some around for 15 years that have never had a Senate sponsor. 'They are passed to help a democratic member look good in their district,' Tenney said. 'Until this year, the only time I ever missed a vote was when my son graduated from the Naval Academy in May 2013.' Tenney also pointed out that she was running in the 22nd Congressional primary this year and that the Dream Act came before the house twice this year even though there were no changes to the bill. Bill Mahoney, research coordinator for NYPIRG, disputed that NYPIRG was a liberal organization or the analysis was a hit piece. He said they tally the data and look at all parties equally and that he wasn't sure if Tenney has read the report. 'I've been up here since 2005 and that's the silliest comment I've ever heard from a local official,' Mahoney said." [HudsonValley.com, The Frey, [7/01/14](#)]

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2013: Had Total Of 45 Missed Votes

2013: Had Total Of 45 Missed Votes. During the 2013 Session, Tenney missed 45 votes. [New York Public Interest Research Group 2013 Legislative Session Analysis, [6/28/13](#)]

2012: Had No Missed Votes Or Absences

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Support For Republican Obstruction**Claimed “The Scariest Phrase In Government Is Getting Things Done And Governing” And That She And Other Legislators “Are Not Trying To Get Things Done And Govern”**

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Said It Is “Scary” That People Think Politicians Should Be Getting Along

Said It Is “Scary” That People Think Politicians Should Be Getting Along. In December 2015, while appearing on “John Gomez Show,” Tenney said it is “scary” that people think politicians should be getting along. The response went as follows: TENNEY: The whole establishment, this establishment, ‘we’ve all got to be nice’ and we all just got to rubberstamp everything that is going on, and all get along. That is not what this country was founded on, that is not what we are about. It is a disservice to us, it is actually to me very scary that people think that way, and think that is the way politicians should be acting. [Tenney Interview, “The John Gomez Show”, [4:45](#), 12/16/15]

Tenney Called Democrats “Un-American,” Said “They Don’t Love Our Country”

VIDEO Tenney: “I Would Say It Was Un-American And They Don’t Love Our Country.” “Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney defends Trump’s criticism of Democrats who didn’t clap for his State of the Union address: ‘I would say it was un-American and they don’t love our country. I don’t know if I’d go as far as ‘treasonous’” [Twitter, CNN, [2/6/18](#)]

Tenney Said Of Democrats: “They Don’t Love Our Country.” “She’s also pretty tough on Democrats, sounding almost Trumpian in her remarks.’ They don’t love our country,’ Tenney said of the minority party during a CNN interview last month about the president’s State of the Union address. ‘I thought it was terrible that they didn’t clap for very American ideas, and why? Why not? They’re just about ‘resist,’ and what does ‘resist’ mean? Obstruct.’” [The Hill, [3/13/18](#)]

After 2014 Elections, Tenney Said It Was Important For Republicans To Obstruct Proposals Coming From Cuomo Or NY Democrats

Nov. 2014: Tenney Said It Was “Really Important” To Obstruct Initiatives From Gov Cuomo And Democrats In State Assembly. “Tenney said the Republican majority in the state Senate could make a significant difference in what business gets done in Albany. ‘It’s going to be really important that the Senate Republicans stand up and block the terrible initiatives coming from the governor and the Assembly Democrats,’ said the assemblywoman, who represents several towns in Otsego and Delaware counties.” [The Daily Star, [11/6/14](#)]

Claimed Government Shutdown Led To Victories

Claimed Government Shutdowns Led To Victories. In January 2016, while appearing on “Live From the State Capitol,” Tenney claimed government shutdowns led to victories in 2010, 2012 and 2014. The response went as follows: HOST: On that note, what do you think of this agreement that has been reached by Paul Ryan and I guess the Senate Republicans as well, with the Democrats on a new budget deal, which a lot of conservative critics are saying its lauded with Democratic programs. TENNEY: Yeah, that is the impression I am getting ... It looks like it really is more of surrender then a compromise. That is too bad. HOST: The trouble is he can’t even pass it in the House apparently though, Paul Ryan is going to need a majority of Democrats to pass it, his party won’t vote for it. TENNEY: Doesn’t that tell you something. Shouldn’t you have your own party pass it first. HOST: Of course you should ideally, but the comeback to that is if you don’t do it, you are going to have a shutdown, which is a disaster for the Republicans. It is not like he has easy choices, wouldn’t you agree? TENNEY: If it is a disaster for the Republicans after all these so called shutdowns, we have won in sweeping victories in 2010, 2014, 2012, except for the Obama position, we have now taken over the House and the Senate, unprecedented numbers of Republicans are on board across the country. [Tenney Interview, “Live From the State Capitol”, [5:40](#), accessed 6/06/16]

Said Mitch McConnell Does Not Care About The Republican Party

Said Mitch McConnell Does Not Care About The Republican Party. In January 2016, while appearing on “Live From the State Capitol,” Tenney said Mitch McConnell does not care about the Republican Party. The response went as follows: HOST: You don’t think Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan are stupid. If they thought it was in their interest, the Republican Party interest, if they personally believed it, if they thought this could help the Republican Party, don’t you think they would do it? A shut down? TENNEY: I don’t think Mitch McConnell cares a bit about the Republican Party, he cares about Mitch McConnell. I don’t think it has anything to do with, ‘Oh, the Republican Party.’ HOST: Yeah, but I am saying to you, if it would help Mitch McConnell to shut down the state, if he could pick up more seats, don’t you think he would do it. Not putting aside the Republican Party, just in their interest. TENNEY: I don’t think it has anything to do with that threat. You are assuming these people care about the Republican Party. HOST: They care about their majority. They care about staying in power. TENNEY: They care about themselves. [Tenney Interview, “Live From the State Capitol”, [7:10](#), accessed 6/06/16]

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Member	Nay Votes	Nay Vote %
Tenney	170	25.0%

[New York Public Interest Research Group 2013 Legislative Session Analysis, [6/27/14](#)]

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Member	Nay Votes	Nay Vote %
Tenney	274	25.1%

[New York Public Interest Research Group 2013 Legislative Session Analysis, [6/28/13](#)]

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Member	Nay Votes	Nay Vote %
Tenney	180	16.78%

[New York Public Interest Research Group 2012 Legislative Session Analysis, [7/02/12](#)]

2011: Voted Nay 267 Times In 2011, More Than Any Other Member Of The Assembly

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Member	Nay Votes	Nay Vote %
Tenney	267	26.38%

[New York Public Interest Research Group 2011 Legislative Session Analysis Appendix, [6/27/11](#)]

As Of July 2011 Had Voted No On One Out Of Every Three Bills The Assembly Took Up, 267 Out Of 1,012 Times. “So who voted no the most? Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, a first-year lawmaker representing parts of Oneida and Oswego counties.” [Post Standard, 7/17/11]

Committees

In the 115th Congress, Tenney served on the House Financial Services Committee. [Tenney.house.gov, accessed [8/18/18](#)]

U.S. Congress	
Name	Years
Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit	2017-2019
Appropriations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation	2017-2019
Appropriations: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade	2017-2019

[Observer-Dispatch, [1/27/17](#)]

Tenney Had A Minimum 78 Percent Attendance Rate For Committee And Subcommittee Hearings

Hearing Type	Number Of Hearings Held	Confirmed Tenney Attendance	Percentage
Full Committee	28	22	78%

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit	21	20	95%
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation	7	7	100%
Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade	19	15	78%

[Financial Services Committee, 115th Congress Hearings Archive, accessed [3/20/20](#); GovInfo, accessed [3/20/20](#)]

Electoral History Summary

2018: Lost 22nd Congressional District General Election Against Anthony Brindisi With 49 Percent Of The Vote

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22 nd Congressional District Republican Primary		
	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney	49%	123,242
Anthony J. Brindisi	51%	127,715
Total	100%	250,957

[NYS Board of Elections, [November 2018 General Results](#)]

2016: Won 22nd Congressional District General Election With 43 Percent Of The Vote

22 nd Congressional District Republican Primary		
	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney	47%	129,444
Kim A. Myers	41%	114,266
Martin Babinec	12%	34,638
Total	100%	278,348

[NYS Board of Elections, [November 2016 General Results](#)]

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22 nd Congressional District Republican Primary		
	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney	41%	9,549
Steve Wells	34%	7,985
George Phillips	25%	5,716
Total	100%	23,250

[NYS Board Of Elections, [June 2016 Primary Results](#)]

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101st Assembly District General Election

	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney (R)	76%	21,304
Christopher P. Farber (I)	24%	6,768
Total	100%	49,610

[NYS Board Of Elections, [November 2014 General Results](#)]

2014: Won 101st Assembly District Republican Primary With 67 Percent Of The Vote

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101st Assembly District Republican Primary		
	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney	63%	2,429
Brian Maher	37%	1,446
Total	100%	3,876

[NYS Board Of Elections, [September 2014 Primary Results](#)]

2014: Lost 22nd Congressional District Republican Primary As Rep. Richard Hanna Took 54 Percent Of The Vote To Tenney's 46 Percent

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22nd Congressional District Republican Primary		
	Vote Share	Votes
Richard Hanna	54%	16,119
Claudia Tenney	46%	14,000
Total	100%	5,004

[NYS Board Of Elections, [June 2014 Primary Results](#)]

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101st Assembly District General Election		
	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney (R)	65%	32,067
Daniel R. Carter (D)	35%	17,543
Total	100%	49,610

[NYS Board Of Elections, [November 2012 General Results](#)]

2012: Won 101st Assembly District Republican Primary With 65 Percent Of The Vote

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101st Assembly District Republican Primary		
	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney	65%	3,239
Brian Maher	35%	1,765
Total	100%	5,004

[NYS Board Of Elections, [September 2012 Primary Results](#)]

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2010: Won Republican Primary With 56 Percent Of The Vote

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115 th Assembly District Republican Primary		
	Vote Share	Votes
Claudia Tenney	56%	1,371
George E. Joseph	44%	1,072
Total	100%	2,443

[NYS Board Of Elections, [September 2010 Primary Results](#)]

Political Career

2020 Congressional Campaign

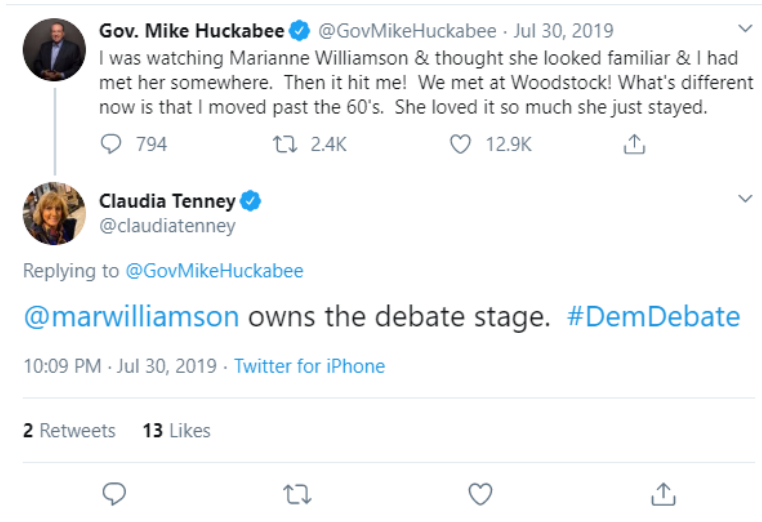
Tenney Voiced Approval Of Marianne Williamson During The 2020 Democratic Primaries

Tenney Supported Marianne Williamson. “She’s my choice. She was one of Charlie’s Angels — 80’s look and all!” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [7/30/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [7/30/19](#)]

Tenney Approved Of Williamson’s Debate Performance. “@marwilliamson owns the debate stage. #DemDebate” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [7/30/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [7/30/19](#)]

Tenney Remained A Trump Supporter During The 2020 Election

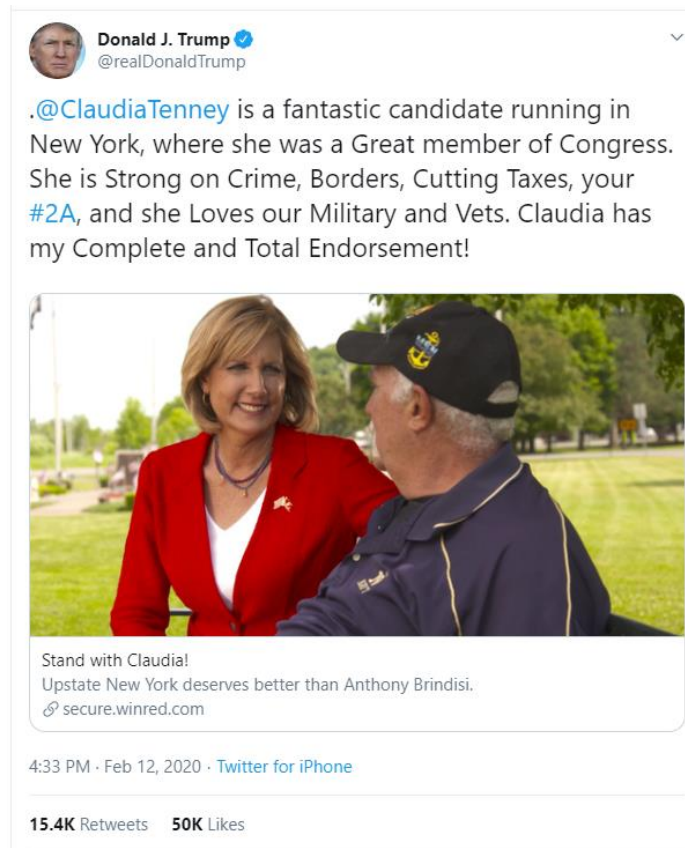
Tenney Touted Her Endorsement From Trump. “We are honored to have the support of @realDonaldTrump in our race to take back #NY22 Upstate New York is excited to join President Trump in the Great American Comeback #TakeBacktheHouse” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]

February 2020: Tenney Received Trump’s Endorsement

February 2020: Tenney Received Trump’s Endorsement. “.@ClaudiaTenney is a fantastic candidate running in New York, where she was a Great member of Congress. She is Strong on Crime, Borders, Cutting Taxes, your #2A, and she Loves our Military and Vets. Claudia has my Complete and Total Endorsement!” [Donald Trump, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]



[Donald Trump, Twitter, [2/12/20](#)]

December 2019: Majority Leader McCarthy And Majority Whip Scalise Endorsed Tenney

HEADLINE: Tenney Endorsed By Scalise, McCarthy. [Observer-Dispatch, 12/15/19]

McCarthy Endorsed Tenney In December 2019. “Claudia Tenney has received an endorsement from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy in her 2020 election bid, she announced Tuesday. Tenney is seeking to represent New York’s 22nd Congressional District, which covers all of Chenango, Cortland, Madison and Oneida counties and parts of Broome, Herkimer, Oswego and Tioga counties. She is one of four Republicans in the race thus far, along with Broome County District Attorney Steve Cornwell, George Phillips and Franklin Sager. ‘I am proud to endorse Claudia Tenney for Congress,’ McCarthy said in a statement. ‘As a small business owner and Marine mom, she has a unique perspective and insight into the needs of the people in her community. Last Congress, President Trump and I worked tirelessly alongside Claudia, who brought historic resources to Upstate New York. I am supporting Claudia Tenney so together we can get back to work and deliver real results for our country.’ U.S. Rep. Anthony Brindisi, D-Utica, has not formally announced that he plans to seek re-election.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [12/10/19](#)]

Scalise Endorsed Tenney In December 2019. “Former Congresswoman Claudia Tenney has picked up an endorsement from House Minority Whip Steve Scalise in her run to represent New York’s 22nd Congressional District, she announced Thursday. ‘Having had the privilege of working alongside Claudia last cycle, I witnessed just how much she genuinely cares for the people of NY-22,’ Scalise said in the announcement. ‘This district is her home; it’s where she spent her life, raised her Marine son as a single mom, and I know she’ll go to bat for each and every one of her constituents as their Congresswoman. Claudia has been a tireless advocate for families, veterans, farmers, and small business owners. Now, more than ever, Upstate New York needs a fighter like Claudia back in Congress, that is why I am proud to endorse her.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [12/5/19](#)]

December 2019: The Winning For Women PAC Endorsed Tenney

Tenney Was Endorsed By The Winning For Women PAC. “The Winning for Women PAC endorsed 13 candidates, including Tenney, in nationwide races. Tenney, who is running to regain New York’s 22nd Congressional District seat, said she was grateful for the recognition and endorsement. ‘It is an honor to be endorsed alongside such great candidates throughout the country,’ she said in a statement. ‘Our campaign continues to build momentum on the ground in NY-22 every day.’ The PAC is described on its website as supporting right-of-center women leaders running for federal office. [Observer Dispatch, 12/1/19]

Tenney Was Added To The NRCC’s Young Guns Program

February 2020: The NRCC Upgraded Tenney’s Candidacy To “Contender” Status In Its Young Guns Program. [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/19/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [2/19/20](#)]

November 2019: The NRCC Added Tenney To Its Young Guns “On The Radar” Program. “Former Rep. Claudia Tenney has been added to the National Republican Congressional Committee’s ‘Young Guns’ program, giving her ‘on the radar’ status a month after she announced her plans to win back the seat she lost a year ago. ‘I am grateful for the early recognition by the NRCC of the strong campaign we are putting together on the ground to win back NY-22. This is one of the most important races in the country and it is important we are unified going into Election Day next year,’ Tenney said in a statement.” [Spectrum, [11/7/19](#)]

Tenney Argued With Brindisi Over Accepting 2018 Campaign Contributions From Igor Fruman, An Indicted Associate Of Rudy Giuliani, And Accused Brindisi Of Deceit

2018: Igor Fruman Donated \$2,445.34 To Tenney Through The Protect The House Joint Fundraising Committee. “U.S. Rep. John Katko and former Rep. Claudia Tenney received campaign cash from a Soviet-born businessman indicted last week for trying to influence state and federal elections with hidden foreign money. Katko and Tenney each accepted \$2,445.34 from Igor Fruman in 2018, who used the alias Igor ‘Furman’ to make the donations, a violation of election law, according to the indictment and Federal Election Commission records. The donations were parceled out to Katko, Tenney and 19 other House Republicans through two donations totaling \$100,000 that Fruman made through his alias to Protect the House, a joint fundraising committee. Fruman and his business partner, Lev Parnas, a Ukrainian-born emigre, were arrested Wednesday night at Dulles Airport in Washington as they were about to leave the country with one-way international tickets.” [Syracuse.com, [10/14/19](#)]

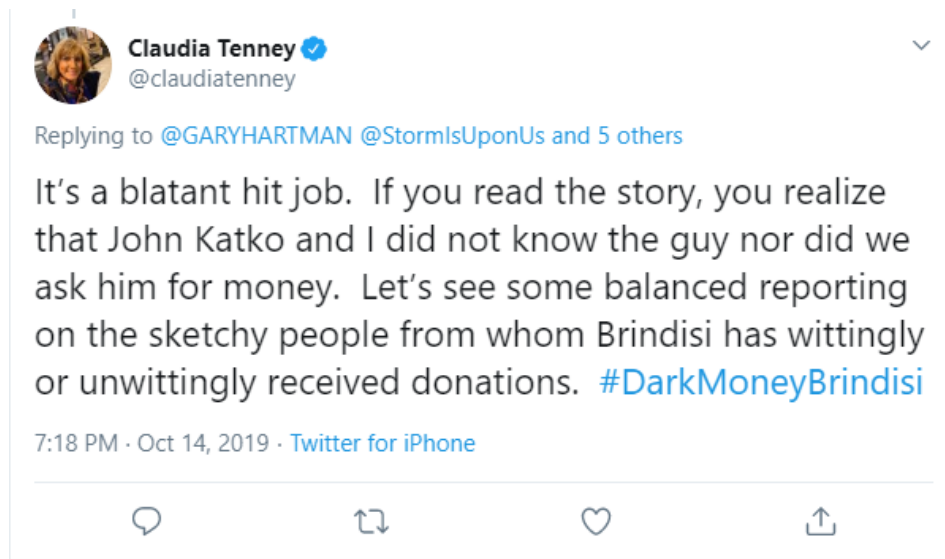
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2019: Tenney Claimed In A Twitter Thread With Brindisi She Never Met Fruman Or Asked Him For Money. “Just like John Katko I have never met the guy or asked him for money. Shouldn’t you be focusing on the grave Constitutional crisis in DC w/your leadership’s nontransparent impeachment crisis? Careful. Don’t say impeachment — your willful deceit could be exposed.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]

Tenney Said The Article About The Contributions Was A “Blatant Hit Job.” “It’s a blatant hit job. If you read the story, you realize that John Katko and I did not know the guy nor did we ask him for money. Let’s see some balanced reporting on the sketchy people from whom Brindisi has wittingly or unwittingly received donations. #DarkMoneyBrindisi” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [10/14/19](#)]

Tenney Claimed She Planned To Donate The Money To Charity. “U.S. Rep. John Katko and former Rep. Claudia Tenney received campaign cash from a Soviet-born businessman indicted last week for trying to influence state and federal elections with hidden foreign money. Katko and Tenney each accepted \$2,445.34 from Igor Fruman in 2018, who used the alias Igor ‘Furman’ to make the donations, a violation of election law, according to the indictment and Federal Election Commission records. [...] Fruman and his business partner, Lev Parnas, a Ukrainian-born emigre, were arrested Wednesday night at Dulles Airport in Washington as they were about to leave the country with one-way international tickets. [...] Tenney plans to donate the \$2,445 she received through Fruman to a local charity in the 22nd Congressional District, a campaign spokesman said Monday. The spokesman said Tenney never met Fruman and did not ask him for a contribution.” [Post Standard, 10/15/19]

In January 2020, It Was Reported Tenney Said She Had Followed Through With Her Pledge And Said She Had Donated The Money To An Unnamed Charity. “Tenney, who said she forwarded Fruman’s donations to charity, is running to reclaim her seat in 2020.” [Courthouse News Service, [1/14/20](#)]

FEC Reports Did Not Indicate Whether She Actually Did Donate The Contributions To Charity. [FEC, [Post-General 2018 Report](#), [Year-End 2018 Report](#)]

Tenney Claimed To Have Done More For Veterans Than Brindisi But Was Unsure If Her 2018 Campaign Even Reached Out To Servicemembers About Voting And Said She Didn’t Have A Lot Of Control Over It

TENNEY: “I’m Not Even Sure We Did The Military Ballots.” “INTERVIEWER: The effort to get people who are absentee voters, in terms of organizing them, do you believe that back then you or your campaign didn’t do as well in terms of focusing on those voters and is that something you want to look at differently now? TENNEY: Absolutely, I didn’t have a lot of control over that; I wish I had been on top of it more. We virtually did—Our absentee ballots did not get out in a timely way and I’m not sure we even did the military ballots, which is incredible considering my son is an active duty Marine and we did more for veterans—I mean, Anthony Brindisi talks about what he does for veterans but we actually passed the VA Mission Act, the VA Transparency Act, we changed the choice rules, we changed the GI Bill for veterans, we did a lot for veterans. Not to mention the resources that we gave to our active duty military personnel, which was historic. So yeah, we made a lot of mistakes in that area that I wasn’t even aware of because you just get caught up in the whole thing.” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 34:23, Vantage, 10/18/19]

October 2019: Tenney Launched Her Re-Election Campaign

Tenney Launched Her 2020 Congressional Race In October 2019. “Claudia Tenney will jump into a crowded Republican race for Congress today in New York’s 22nd Congressional District, seeking to reclaim the seat she lost to Rep. Anthony Brindisi last year. Tenney, R-New Hartford, lost to Brindisi, D-Utica, by 1 percentage point in one of the most competitive and expensive House races in the nation in 2018. Tenney plans to formally announce her bid in a video that was provided by her campaign to Syracuse.com | The Post-Standard. The video avoids political attacks, and instead focuses on Tenney’s roots in Central New York. She talks about her upbringing as one of five children who would later raise her own son as a single mother in New Hartford.” [Syracuse.com, 10/1/19]

In October 2019, “Tenney Said She Was Not Happy With Her 2018 Campaign.” “Tenney said she was not happy with her 2018 campaign. She has a brand new campaign team now, and wants to correct some mistakes from the past, by doing more town halls and telling her personal story. ‘Someone who’s lived the American dream in our area,’ Tenney said. ‘Struggled as a small business owner. Struggled to make payroll. Worked as a single parent. Took care of my parents when they were aging.’” [WRVO, [10/3/19](#)]

HEADLINE: Trump-Loyal NY Republican, Claudia Tenney, Flubs 2020 Re-Match Kickoff By Releasing Video Too Early [New York Daily News, [9/30/19](#)]

Tenney Posted Her Launch Video On Vimeo Before Announcing Her Campaigning, “Bumbling” The Campaign Accouchement. “Former upstate New York Rep. Claudia Tenney’s 2020 campaign is off to a bumbling start. Former upstate New York Rep. Claudia Tenney’s 2020 campaign is off to a bumbling start. The ex-Republican congresswoman — who lost her seat in last year’s blue wave midterms — asked a small group of advisers over the weekend for feedback on a video announcing a 2020 bid for her old post, with plans to formally kick off her campaign Tuesday, according to a source familiar with the matter. But Tenney publicly posted the video on Vimeo and Daily News was able to review it before it was abruptly taken down Monday afternoon.” [New York Daily News, [9/30/19](#)]

July 2019: The NRCC Recruited Tenney To Run Again

Tenney Said The NRCC Recruited Her To Run Again In July 2019. “Tenney said in July that she was encouraged to run by the National Republican Congressional Committee, the campaign arm of House Republicans in Washington. ‘They know that I am the only one who can win it,’ Tenney told CNBC, explaining why she was recruited.” [Syracuse.com, 10/1/19]

2018 Congressional Campaign

Tenney Conceded The Election A Week After It Became Clear She Would Not Have Enough Absentee Ballots To Win

Tenney Conceded In A Statement Promising To Help Brindisi Transition. “U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney on Wednesday formally conceded defeat to Anthony Brindisi in the 22nd Congressional District, a week after it became clear she would not have enough absentee votes to sway a tight race in her favor. Tenney, R-New Hartford, issued a two-paragraph statement in which she promised to work with Brindisi, D-Utica, on a smooth transition. ‘As the votes have been counted the last several weeks, it has become clear that while we remain on the right side of the issues and history, we came out on the wrong side of a very close race,’ Tenney said in the statement. [...] ‘I wish Congressman-elect Anthony Brindisi the best and my office will work with him to ensure a smooth transition and good constituent services for the people of the 22nd District,’ Tenney said. ‘We should acknowledge when Congressman-elect Brindisi does the right thing for this district, but hold him accountable for every vote he takes to advance a liberal agenda that doesn’t help our community.’” [Post Standard, 11/29/18]

Tenney's Re-Election Campaign Donors Included Far-Right Extremists, Convicted White-Collar Criminals, And Racists

Tenney Accepted Money From A Man Who Called President Obama A “Muslim N—”. “Steven Alembik, a Florida-based Republican activist who once referred to former President Barack Obama as a ‘Muslim N—’ on Twitter, contributed \$5,400 to Rep. Claudia Tenney’s (R-NY) campaign since June 2017, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission. [...] Tenney’s campaign did not respond to a request for comment from The Daily Beast about what it would do with the campaign donations. Aside from the financial boost to Tenney’s campaign, Alembik also helped organize a February event called the Truth About Israel Gala where Tenney was invited to attend.” [Daily Beast, 9/26/18]

Tenney’s Second-Largest Campaign Donor Was Richard Uihlein, A Major Donor To Far-Right Candidates Including Accused Child Molester Roy Moore. “Richard Uihlein, the founder and CEO of Illinois-based shipping supply company Uline, has contributed \$21,200 to various Tenney campaign funds, both directly and through a joint fundraising committee, the Tenney Victory Fund. Although \$21,200 is a small fraction of Uihlein’s overall contributions this election, it makes him the second-largest donor to Tenney, who is running for a second term [...] Uihlein’s spending, on the state and national level, has caught the eye of some Republicans, who worry about his support of far-right candidates, according to a Washington Post report. He has contributed to Remember Mississippi, a PAC affiliated with Mississippi State Senator Chris McDaniel, who is running for a seat in the U.S. Senate, and has made multiple controversial comments. He also has supported former Senate candidate and accused child molester Roy Moore.” [Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin, 5/25/18]

Tenney Accepted Donation From Adam Kidan, A Former Jack Abramoff Associate Who Pleaded Guilty To Fraud And Conspiracy Charges. “A former business partner of infamous lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who previously pleaded guilty to fraud and conspiracy, has quietly re-emerged on the national political scene. Adam Kidan, who currently serves as the chairman and CEO of Chartwell Staffing Solutions according to his website, donated \$30,800, according to FEC records, to seven Republican House candidates in 2017 including Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA) and Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-NY). Prior to these contributions, the last federal contributions Kidan made were in the 2001-2002 cycle. The gap in giving can be explained, in part, by the fact that Kidan went to jail. In 2005, Kidan pleaded guilty to charges of fraud and conspiracy, stemming from a 2000 incident in which he and Abramoff allegedly devised a fake wire transfer to purchase gambling boats (a different scandal from another Abramoff-related one, in which he defrauded Native American tribes).” [Daily Beast, 4/6/18]

The Victim Of Kidan’s Fraud Was Later Murdered By Men Kidan Had Hired As Consultants. “In 2005, Kidan pleaded guilty to charges of fraud and conspiracy, stemming from a 2000 incident in which he and Abramoff allegedly devised a fake wire transfer to purchase gambling boats (a different scandal from another Abramoff-related one, in which he defrauded Native American tribes). A year later, Konstantinos ‘Gus’ Boulis, who owned the SunCruz casino boat company, was killed in Fort Lauderdale. Three men were charged with killing him, two of which were reportedly hired as consultants by Kidan. Attorneys for Abramoff and Kidan said that they had no knowledge about the people who killed Boulis.” [Daily Beast, 4/6/18]

Community Leaders Called On Tenney To Return \$5,400 She Received From Daniel Loeb, A Hedge Fund Billionaire Who Made A Racist Comment About A Black State Senator. “Community leaders and advocates from the 22nd Congressional District are calling on Claudia Tenney to return \$5,400 in campaign donations from hedge fund billionaire Daniel Loeb. Trinh Truong of the Alliance for Quality Education says Loeb supports the privatization of public schools. She says private charter schools actually compete for funding with traditional public schools. Truong says Loeb also recently made a racist attack on State Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Cousins-Stewart, saying the African-American leader has done more damage to communities of color than the KKK.” [WIBX, 8/22/17]

Tenney’s Spokesperson Responded By Welcoming Brindisi To A Discussion About “His Radical Left-Wing Funders.” “A spokesperson for Congresswoman Claudia Tenney says, ‘It’s clear that in Anthony Brindisi’s world of politics governed by the rules of Cuomo, Silver and Halbritter, a campaign contribution means you have to give the donor something in return. That’s the corrupt, pay-to-play culture Claudia Tenney has always fought. Claudia always votes the interests of the district regardless of the positions of her donors. Claudia always stands up for public schools. If Anthony Brindisi wants to get into a discussion about people like Nancy Pelosi bankrolling his campaign, we look forward to it. We will use the contribution to expose Brindisi for who he really is, and his radical left-wing funders. Consider it a public service.’” [WIBX, [8/22/17](#)]

Tenney’s Fundraising Was Outpaced In The Last Quarter Of 2017 By Her Opponent, Anthony Brindisi. “In the race to represent New York’s 22nd Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney started the year with less in her campaign war chest than her opponent, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi. Year-end campaign finance reports filed to the Federal Election Commission show that Brindisi had just over \$18,000 more than Tenney on hand in his campaign war chest. He established his lead by outpacing Tenney in the last quarter of 2017 by \$100,000. ‘Claudia has been outspent in every campaign she’s ever run because the political class in Albany and Washington is committed to defeating her,’ said Raychel Renna, Tenney’s campaign manager, in a state-ment. ‘She wins because the people of Upstate New York know Claudia is fighting for them.’ Ellen Foster, Brindisi’s campaign manager, said of the filings that the campaign is ‘extremely proud of the strong support we’ve built over the past six months.’ Brindisi launched his election campaign in June.” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/10/18]

Tenney’s Re-Election Announcement Attracted Protesters

Tenney’s Re-Election Announcement Attracted Protests. “As Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, was announcing her re-election bid Saturday at Cavallo’s Restaurant, about 60 protesters gathered outside. The group held up signs and chanted various slogans. ‘We have to amplify the message,’ said Sarah Reeske of Indivisible Mohawk Valley, the group that orga-nized the protest. ‘She’s a national embarrassment to the district.’ Reeske said the protestors wanted to peacefully spread the message that Tenney was not welcome in the district. Some of the issues that protesters said they had with Tenney included the congresswoman not speaking with constituents and her votes on health care and taxes, Reeske said. Tenney briefly acknowledged the protesters during her speech, but did not seem fazed by them.” [The Evening Telegram, 3/4/18]

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo Listed Tenney’s Race As One Of His Primary Targets

Governor Cuomo Identified Tenney As One Of His Main Targets For 2018. “The six members Cuomo has identified as his main targets in 2018 -- U.S. Reps. Chris Collins, John Faso, Tom Reed, Elise Stefanik, Claudia Tenney and Lee Zeldin -- voted for the Republicans’ health care bill. There were other issues cited by Cuomo during the launch of his initiative Tuesday. But the health care bill and how it would affect New York loomed as the leading reason why he’s taking aim at these six mem-bers. ‘They said they would help their districts. They said they would help the struggling middle class,’ Cuomo said. ‘They’re doing the exact opposite.’ House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who appeared with Cuomo at Tuesday’s rally in New York City, mentioned that Democrats are aiming to defeat eight Republicans in New York. That aligns with the Demo-cratic Congressional Campaign Committee’s list of targets, which includes the six mentioned by Cuomo and two others -- Katko and U.S. Rep. Dan Donovan, a Staten Island Republican.” [The Citizen, 6/7/17]

In An Apparent Dig At Her Opponent, Tenney Implied That Representatives With Families Could Not Do Their Jobs Effectively

In An Interview, Tenney Said That Representatives With Families Had Trouble Doing Their Jobs Effectively. “How do you plan on balancing your run for re-election with your congressional responsibilities? Since I’ve been in the Assembly with two-year terms, that’s what you do. I work every single day. I don’t know how anybody does this job effectively who has a family. I’m in a position where I don’t have a

family. I have to come home to a dog who I take care of. I know people that are serving with me that have families. If you're going to work effectively in a district like this, I think you have to sort of tell your family you're not going to be with them for a while or you have to tell your constituents - somebody's going to pay the price. For me, it's very all-consuming, especially since it's considered a competitive seat." [Interview Transcript, Times Telegram, 1/4/18]

Tenney's Democratic Opponent, Anthony Brindisi, Has Two Small Children. [Brindisi For Congress, Accessed [7/16/18](#)]

Tenney Referred To Her Opponent As A "Sewer Dweller"

Tenney Referred To Brindisi As A "Sewer Dweller," Suggested His Family Had Mob Ties And Called Him Cuomo's Handpicked Candidate. "Several of New York's races have already begun to heat up, including in Utica, where the incumbent Claudia Tenney, a conservative firebrand, has been throwing sharp elbows at Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, considered to be her likely opponent next fall. Since Mr. Brindisi declared his candidacy, Ms. Tenney has referred to him as a 'sewer dweller,' after earlier attacks that suggested that Mr. Brindisi's family had mob ties. She's also said that he is the 'handpicked candidate' of Mr. Cuomo and Ms. Pelosi." [New York Times, [8/29/17](#)]

Tenney Made Discriminatory Comments About Her Opponent's Italian-American Heritage

Tenney Alleged That Anthony Brindisi, Her Opponent, Had A Familial Connection To Organized Crime Through His Father, An Attorney: "I'm Not Saying Anthony Is Any Part Of That, But That's The Family You Come From." "The race for the 22nd Congressional District is more than a year away, but the verbal sparring has already begun after incumbent Rep. Claudia Tenney highlighted that one of her opponents has an alleged familial connection to organized crime. In a recent interview with USA TODAY, Tenney tried to show a contrast between her own father, the late state Supreme Court Justice John R. Tenney, and state Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi's father Louis, who she reportedly described as 'very heavily involved with the organized crime in Utica for many years, rep-resenting them.'"(My father) fought for law and order and Anthony's father represented some of the worst criminals in our community," the newspaper quoted Tenney as saying. 'You have to question some of the things that have happened in his family. The voters make that decision. I'm not saying Anthony is part of any of that, but that's the family you come from.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Brindisi's Father, Louis Brindisi, Stopped Handling Criminal In Cases In 1983 After One Of His Colleagues Was Murdered Inside His Law Office. "Louis Brindisi has been an attorney since 1960, according to his company's website, and currently is a partner in the law firm of Brindisi, Murad, Brindisi & Pearlman, which has offices in Utica and Syracuse. In 1983, his legal associate Joseph Dacquino was shot and killed inside his law office, according to prior O-D coverage. Dacquino's hands and feet had been bound with rope, his eyes and mouth taped shut. Brin-disi, who was then a criminal attorney who had previously defended individuals linked to organized crime, stopped handling criminal cases as a result." [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Louis Brindisi Called Tenney's Comments "All Over The Place And Very Confusing." "Asked about Tenney's comments, Louis Brindisi responded, 'I saw her comments. They were all over the place and very confusing. It makes you scratch your head that a member of Congress would attack where families 'come from.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

The Brindisi Campaign Sent Out A Statement Condemning Tenney's Words: "Anthony Brindisi Believes That Name-Calling Never Created A Job In Upstate New York." "Anthony Brindisi's campaign manager Ellen Foster also sent out a statement in response to Tenney's comments. 'Because Congresswoman Tenney can't defend her disastrous record on health care, jobs and public education, she is resorting to attacking someone who won't even be on the ballot - and it's clear she al-ready thinks she's behind,' she said.

‘Anthony Brindisi believes that name calling never created a job in Upstate New York. And if personal attacks are the only play in Claudia Tenney’s playbook, she will lose this election.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Tenney’s Campaign Responded That Brindisi Was “Feigning Outrage” To Distract From His Record In Office. “The Tenney campaign responded in kind. ‘Rep. Tenney simply mentioned what most people in the Utica area already know and what the Utica Observer-Dispatch has already reported,’ said campaign spokesman Tim Edson. ‘Anthony Brindisi is feigning outrage about mention of his father’s association with organized crime to distract voters from his ugly record of rubber stamping Governor Cuomo’s liberal agenda and corrupt policies, and the fact that he has been handpicked by Nancy Pelosi because she knows Brindisi will do the same thing in Washington.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Bob Piperata, Former President Of The Sons Of Italy Lodge 2054 In Utica, Called Tenney’s Comments “So Anti-Italian American That You Don’t Even Have To Read Between The Lines.” “But Bob Piperata, former president of the Sons of Italy Lodge 2054 in Utica, expressed his disapproval of Tenney’s comments, too. ‘Congresswoman Tenney’s recent statements to the media concerning where Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi ‘comes from’ were so anti-Italian American that you don’t even have to read between the lines,’ he said. ‘I am disappointed in our congresswoman. Our community is proudly diverse and accepting of all faiths, nationalities and kinds. Congresswoman Tenney should do the right thing and stop trying to divide voters by reaching for the closest stereotype. We are all fighting for the same thing here, and she, of all folks, must set the example by celebrating where each and every one of us comes from. That is what a leader does.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/18/17]

Tenney Launched Character Attack On Brindisi, Highlighting His Father’s Past Legal Work Representing Defendants Tied To Organized Crime. “In a re-election campaign that has barely begun, Rep. Claudia Tenney is already launching a character attack against her new opponent, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, by making an issue of his father’s ‘notorious’ background as a lawyer who decades ago represented defendants with ties to organized crime. While unloading on her Democratic challenger during a Thursday interview with USA TODAY, Tenney, R-New Hartford, N.Y., sought to highlight the ‘great contrast’ between her own father, the late state Supreme Court Justice John R. Tenney, and Brindisi’s father, Louis, who she described as ‘very heavily involved with the organized crime in Utica for many years, representing them.’ ” [USA Today, [7/14/17](#)]

SUNY Political Professor Said Tenney’s Accusations Were A Common Tactic For Mobilizing Anti-Italian Bias, But Tenney Leveling Them Herself Was “Unusual.” “Spreading rumors of mafia connections is not unusual in politics, said Gerald Benjamin, a political science professor at the State University of New York at New Paltz. It’s a known tactic for mobilizing anti-Italian bias. But such references typically come from surrogates, not the directly from candidates, themselves, he said. ‘The degree to which it’s unusual is its overt and direct quality,’ he said. ‘It’s often stuff that goes on in a whispery way, not overtly like that.’ Clearly, this will be a cut-throat race.” [USA Today, [7/14/17](#)]

In Same Interview Where Tenney Attacked Brindisi’s Father, She Claimed Brindisi Was “Going To Make It A Campaign That’s Not Going To Be About Issues.” “In a re-election campaign that has barely begun, Rep. Claudia Tenney is already launching a character attack against her new opponent, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, by making an issue of his father’s ‘notorious’ background as a lawyer who decades ago represented defendants with ties to organized crime [...] Tenney said she likes Brindisi, personally. ‘I think he’s a nice guy, and I’ve worked with him in the Assembly, but he’s making ridiculous accusations against me,’ she said. ‘Very unfortunately, he’s going to make it a campaign that’s not going to be about issues. It’s going to be about distorting my record. He’s already saying I’m not independent. Seriously? Someone like me?’ ” [USA Today, [7/14/17](#)]

Utica Resident Said He Was Offended By Tenney’s Attacks As An Italian-American And As An Attorney, Called Her A Disgrace To The Bar. “On the Keeler in the Morning Show Tuesday, callers shared their opinions – some believing her comments were relevant and appropriate, while others expressed outraged, labeling them ‘insulting’ and out of bounds. Not only was Utica Frank Policelli offended as an Italian American, he said, but also

baffled at how Tenney – an attorney herself – would make such an allegation. ‘It’s amazing for me to believe how somebody that stupid could have passed the bar exam. I’ve tried cases with Lou Brindisi and we represented everybody. For her to make those kind of comments, that insinuates that criminal defense lawyers aren’t for law and order, is a disgrace as a lawyer. She disgraces the bar; She embarrasses me as a lawyer wherever I go in this state and this country because people laugh at her because she’s so stupid,’ he said.” [WIBX, [7/19/17](#)]

Tenney Made Comments Portraying Her Opponent As A Reliable Vote For Cuomo And A Reliable Vote For Pelosi

Tenney Claimed Brindisi Had Been A Reliable Vote For Cuomo As An Assemblyman And Would Be A Reliable Vote For Pelosi If Elected To Her House Seat. “12 News reached out to Claudia Tenney for a reaction to Wednesday’s campaign announcement. She released the following statement [...] ‘Anthony Brindisi isn’t who he says he is. He pretends to be a moderate when it benefits him, but when it comes down to it, Brindisi will be just another reliable vote for Nancy Pelosi, the same way he’s been a reliable vote for Cuomo in Albany. Brindisi has been a rubber stamp for the corruption and failed liberal policies that have driven record numbers of people and businesses out of our state. On the issues that matter the most for upstate New Yorkers, Brindisi isn’t there for us.’” [WBNG, [7/5/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed That Trump Had Won NY-22 With “Almost 60 Percent”

Tenney Said Brindisi Would Have An Uphill Battle Running Against Her Because “Almost 60 Percent Of This District Voted For Donald Trump.” “Tenney said she’s had a good relationship with Brindisi through her work in Congress, and surprisingly, didn’t shy away from the competition. ‘I think Anthony versus me, makes an excellent contrast for voters. I think he has an uphill battle challenge in this district which is almost 60 percent of this district voted for Donald Trump. I hope he finds a more moderate road if he’s interested in running,’ said Tenney. She will be up for re-election in 2018.” [Spectrum News, [6/12/17](#)]

Trump Won NY-22 54.8 Percent To 39.3 Percent. [Daily Kos Elections, accessed [6/20/17](#)]

Donald Trump Held A Fundraiser For Tenney

Trump Attended A Private Fundraiser For Tenney In Utica. “Trump also supported Tenney in her unsuccessful bid to retain her House of Representatives seat in 2018. In August 2018, Trump came to a private fundraising event for Tenney at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Utica. During the private event, Trump gave a more than 30-minute speech that touched on job growth, health care, foreign affairs and the Second Amendment. Eric Trump, one of the president’s sons, later came to Tenney’s campaign office to rally volunteers in October 2018. Eric Trump also visited Revere Copper in Rome with Tenney during the same stop. Donald Trump Jr. hosted a Get Out the Vote rally for Tenney at The Beeches in Rome the eve of Election Day in 2018. He was joined by Kimberly Guilfoyle, a former Fox News host.” [Times Telegram, 2/13/20]

Tickets To The Event Ranged From \$1,000 To \$15,000. “Tickets to the Tenney event were advertised at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for invited guests.” [Observer-Dispatch, 8/13/18]

Lev Parnas Was In Attendance At The Fundraiser. “In August 2018, months before the White House Hanukkah party, Trump traveled to upstate New York to attend a fundraiser for then- Republican congresswoman Claudia Tenney. Among the handful of wealthy donors in attendance was Parnas. [CNN, [11/16/19](#)]

Paul Ryan Campaigned For Tenney

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Campaigns For Claudia Tenney. [Pipe Dream, 10/18/18]

The Event Was Protested By About 40 People. “Roughly 40 community members gathered on State Street to voice their opposition to Ryan, Tenney and the Republican Party. [...] ‘Both of them voted against health care, they voted to raise the minimum age for Medicare and Medicaid, so on and so forth, tax cuts to billionaires and billion dollar companies that already betrayed our country,’ Glazowski said. ‘He’s here, we want to tell him to his face and show him to his face because he’s too busy hiding in the Capitol Building in D.C. If he’s gonna come to Binghamton, he’s coming to where I am; I’m gonna say something.’ Others, like Ralph McGrew, 72, of Binghamton, also came to express their dislike for Tenney. McGrew said Tenney is the worst congressperson Binghamton has ever had. She believes in conspiracy theories, she says that beating your wife does not reveal a character flaw, she votes the wrong way on everything and the laws that she sponsors and supports, [like] selling gun silencers to everyone who wants them, are just awful,’ McGrew said.” [Pipe Dream, 10/18/18]

Tenney Called The Mayor Of Utica’s Request For Reimbursement For Trump’s Visit The Result Of “Sour Grapes” Even Though Candidate Campaign Committees Pay For Presidents’ Campaign Activities

Tenney Called The Mayor Of Utica’s Request That The City Be Reimbursed From Trump’s Visit The Result Of “Sour Grapes.” “Tenney still maintains that the demands made by Palmieri are the result of sour grapes because he wanted his photo taken with the president. She said the city hasn’t even submitted an itemized bill to her campaign for the visit.” [Times Telegram, 9/14/18]

According To The FEC, Campaign Expenses For The President Are Paid By The Candidate’s Campaign Committee. “Under FEC rules, the president, vice president and first lady each may engage in official, political and campaign-related activities, either separately or in combination. Official expenses are paid by the U.S. government; the costs of political activities may be paid by the national party committee; and campaign expenses are paid by the candidate’s campaign committee, according to the FEC.” [Times Telegram, 9/14/18]

OP-ED: “Picking The Taxpayer’s Pocket Isn’t Illegal” “But It’s Not Always So Blatant.” “Picking the taxpayer’s pocket isn’t illegal — it happens all the time in many other ways at all levels of government — but it’s not always so blatant. Now Utica taxpayers — whether they support Tenney or not — are on the hook for \$29,696 used so she could raise money for her campaign. That should make taxpayers livid. [...] Tenney said previously that the Trump event was only meant for those who supported her and the president, adding that Palmieri does not support her as a candidate. Given that reasoning, why should people who don’t support her as a candidate pay for her fundraiser?” [Observer-Dispatch, Op-Ed, 9/16/18]

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TENNEY: “Any Dairy Farmer That Supports My Opponent Is Not A Legitimate Business Owner.” “‘INTERVIEWER: Did you listen to the last caller weigh in? TENNEY: He took something, I don’t know any dairy farmer that supports my opponent is not a legitimate business owner. If they – they really just don’t know anything about his record, so I don’t take these things personally.’” [WUTQ, 0:30, [Media Appearance Memo, 10/3/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Was So Extreme A Former Republican Representative Of The District Endorsed Brindisi

2018: Former NY-22 Republican Rep. Richard Hanna Endorsed Brindisi, Criticizing Tenney’s Extremism. “Hanna has endorsed Brindisi. ‘She declared herself all things Trump before Trump. She’s unabashed, unqualified and unreserved in her support of him,’ said Hanna, an outspoken Never Trumper, in an interview yesterday. ‘In

1519, Cortez's Navy was invading Mexico and he said burn the ships. That's Claudia. She's burning the ships. She's all in for Trump in every imaginable way. ... She's had almost every member of the Trump family up here. The guy doesn't own a dog, so she didn't have that. But everything else." [Washington Post, 11/1/18]

Rep. Hanna Retired From Congress in 2016, And Passed Away In 2020. "Former U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna, a fiercely independent Republican from Upstate New York who championed LGBT and women's rights, died Sunday at a hospital in Oneida County. He was 69. [...] Hanna, of Barneveld in Oneida County, served three terms in Congress representing an eight-county district that stretched from Lake Ontario to the Pennsylvania border. He decided to retire at the end of his term in 2016. Before leaving office, he gained national attention as the only House Republican to publicly endorse and vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election." [Syracuse.com, [3/16/20](#)]

Tenney Didn't Agree To A Free, Public Debate Because She Didn't Want "300 Liberal Resistors" In One Room

Tenney Claimed She Wanted The Debates To Reach As Many People As Possible But Did Not Agree To A Free, Public Debate Because She Didn't Want "300 Liberal Resistors" In Room. "Oneida County residents have no chance of personally attending a free, local, public debate between their congressional candidates ahead of the Nov. 6 election. That's because the candidates — U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi — haven't agreed to one. [...] Tenney Campaign Manager Raychel Renna said the Republican incumbent wanted to reach as many people as possible at debates this year, but that she didn't want to have '300 liberal resistors' in one room." [Observer-Dispatch, 10/25/18]

Tenney's Campaign Accused Brindisi Of Only Wanting To Speak In Front Of People Who Agreed With Him. "Claudia agreed to five debates with neutral moderators, including multiple televised debates,' Renna said in a statement. 'That's as many or more debates than in neighboring congressional districts. Unfortunately, Anthony Brindisi chooses to debate only in front of organizations which promote his liberal views.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 10/25/18]

However, One Of The Forums Tenney Agreed To Previously Promoted Her Campaign And Had A Conservative Leaning. "Tenney has agreed to two other events, a debate sponsored by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce and a candidate forum sponsored by an organization called Americans for Restoring the Constitution. [...] Americans for Restoring the Constitution is an organization that aims to 'teach the electorate true constitutional principles according to original intent as they relate to local, state and national issues,' according to its Facebook page. It previously promoted a Tenney campaign event on that page, and its website includes links to a variety of conservative websites." [Observer-Dispatch, 9/13/18]

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Over 75 Percent Of Tenney's Donations Were Large-Dollar Donations. "Over 75 percent of Tenney's donations were of more than \$1,000, compared with about 45 percent of Brindisi's." [City & State, 9/18/18]

Tenney Accepted Money From Several Out Of State Billionaires. "However, she also has her own group of super-rich donors, including a lobbyist at Koch Industries, Microsoft co-founder and Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen, Houston Texans owner Robert McNair, the COO of Bank of America, several members of the billionaire Schwab family, and Gary Chouest, a shipping magnate and proud owner of a \$45 million yacht named "My Girl." None of them live in the district." [City & State, 9/18/18]

2016 Congressional Campaign

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May 2016: Grow The Economy Super PAC, Funded By Oneida Indian Nation, Spent More Than \$78,000 Opposing Tenney For Congress. “A recently formed super political action committee is ramping up efforts to stop Republican state Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney of New Hartford from winning the race to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna. The recently formed Grow the Economy PAC, which primarily is funded by the Oneida Indian Nation, spent almost \$50,000 on media -- \$30,000 for a television ad and \$18,187.95 for direct mail -- earlier this month, according to a report of independent expenditures filed with the Federal Election Commission.” [Observer Dispatch, [5/11/16](#)]

Not Endorsed By Oneida County Republican Committee. “The Oneida County Republican Committee Saturday endorsed Steve Wells from Cazenovia as its candidate for the state’s 22nd Congressional District seat that is being vacated by Richard Hanna, R-Barneveld. ... Saturday’s decision did not sit well with local GOP candidate Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R,C-New Hartford. ‘I would like to thank the Oneida County Republican Committee members who had the courage to stand for our values despite the pressure, arm twisting and backroom political games,’ Tenney said.” [Observer Dispatch, [2/27/16](#)]

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Phillips and 9 percent for Cazenovia businessman Steve Wells. The poll, paid for by Tenney, found a large block of voters - 29 percent - remained undecided in the 22nd Congressional District. The poll of 400 likely voters by Barry Zepowitz & Associates, of Buffalo, was conducted by live operators on April 11 and 12. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.” [The Post Standard, Syracuse, [4/21/16](#)]

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2016: Tenney Was Snubbed By The ACU

2016: The American Conservative Union Endorsed Tenney’s Primary Opponent. “The American Conservative Union endorsed George Phillips, of Endwell, in the Republican primary in the 22nd Congressional District. The ACU is among the most influential conservative groups, and hosts the nation’s largest annual gathering of conservatives at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C. But after losing the endorsement, Tenney on Tuesday called the ACU ‘part of the failed Republican establishment’ and suggested the organization played politics by backing Phillips. Tenney noted that she has the endorsement of the Conservative Party of New York and the party’s line on the November ballot. She also has one of the most conservative voting records in the state legislature. Tenney suggested the Phillips is ‘the choice of D.C. insiders’ and benefited from a friendship with ACU Chairman Matt Schlapp. Phillips, a high school history teacher, has twice run unsuccessfully for Congress. He is in a three-way Republican primary with Tenney and Steve Wells, of Cazenovia, for the 22nd Congressional District’s GOP ballot line. The primary is June 28.” [Post Standard, 6/5/16]

Tenney Attempted To Get Her Primary Opponent Thrown Off Of The Ballot

Tenney Claimed That Her Primary Opponent Had Committed Election Fraud, And Tried To Have Him Thrown Off The Ballot, Because Two Of His Nomination Signatures Were From Caregivers Who Legally Signed On Behalf Of Their Loved Ones. “The state Supreme Court Appellate Division on Thursday rejected a claim by Tenney’s congressional campaign that Phillips committed election fraud. Tenney had attempted to have Phillips thrown off the ballot for submitting fraudulent petition signatures in order to secure a spot on the ballot. But the court accepted the explanation from the Phillips campaign that two signatures in question were from people who had the power of attorney to sign for their loved ones, who were physically incapable of doing so themselves. Phillips said, ‘Dragging these sick and elderly people into the courts infringes on their right to participate in the political process. In my opinion, voters deserve better than what she has offered.’ ” [Post Standard, 6/5/16]

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2014 Congressional Primary Campaign

Lost To District Incumbent Richard Hanna By 2,119 Votes In 2014

Total Votes For Hanna Were 16, 119 (53.5%) Vs Tenney’s Count Of 14,000 (46.5%) [New York State Board of Elections, Accessed [03/02/16](#)]

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Tenney Blamed 2014 Campaign Loss On Media; Native American Group That “Bought” Election

After Losing Primary, Tenney Blamed The Media For “Missing The Race,” Accused Native American Representative Of Buying The Race For Opponent. “State Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney on Wednesday still had not called U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna, R-Barneveld, to concede her Republican primary loss in the 22nd Congressional District. Instead, Tenney blamed the media, the Oneida Indian Nation and national conservatives who didn’t back her earlier in the campaign for her loss to Hanna by about 1,600 votes. ‘Media missed the race,’ Tenney wrote in a text message Wednesday. ‘(Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray) Halbritter bought Hanna and the race. Tragic.’ She added, ‘My team was valiant in the face of a fraudulent and abusive campaign.’” [The Post Standard, [6/26/14](#)]

Tenney Raised Only \$29,000, But Loaned Her Campaign \$100,000

Tenney Raised About \$29,000 In Individual Contributions For Her 2014 Primary Challenge, Loaned Her Campaign \$100,000—And Spent \$112,000. “Hanna had a major fundraising advantage in the race, raising almost \$1 million and spending about half that much so far, according to recent federal election records. That includes about \$350,000 from political action committees. Tenney reported raising about \$29,000 in individual contributions and lending her campaign \$100,000. She spent \$112,000.” [The Evening Telegram, 6/26/14]

Tenney Suggested Hanna Opposed E-Verify, NY Newspaper Refuted The Claim

2014: Tenney Claimed Hanna Opposed E-Verify Legislation, The Post-Standard Said Henney’s “Voting Record Backs Him Up” As Supporting It. “Tenney claims Hanna opposes E-verify legislation that would require employers to keep a list of legal workers that would be shared with other employers. Hanna denies that he opposed the program, and his voting record backs him up. In September 2012, Hanna voted to extend the E-verify program for three years.” [The Post Standard, [5/20/14](#)]

2014 Primary Challenge Backed By Evangelical NYCFPAC, Praising Tenney’s Positions On Abortion, Gay Marriage, And Second Amendment

Tenney Received Endorsement Of Evangelical-Backed New York Constitutional Freedoms PAC, Touting Her Pro-Life, Pro-Gun, Anti-LGBT Positions. “New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms PAC (NYCFPAC), New York’s Christian conservative political action committee, is pleased to announce its support for Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney ... Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, who currently represents the voters of District 101 in the New York State Assembly, has an outstanding resume and an impressive conservative record. Since being elected to the Assembly in 2010, Assemblywoman Tenney has taken consistent, principled stands by voting against the SAFE Act, late-term abortion expansion, same-sex ‘marriage,’ medical marijuana, and taxpayer funding of campaigns. The Assemblywoman has also spoken out against casino expansion and in favor of additional legal protections for victims of sex trafficking.” [NYCFPAC, Posted [2014](#)]

Considered Herself Outsider To “Republican Establishment,” Said She Had To “Earn” Her Seat

Considers Herself Someone Who Had To “Earn Her Seat” Against The Republican Establishment, Described This As An Asset That Wins Respect With Voters. “Tenney, R-New Hartford, a conservative who has received tea party support, said she is not afraid to take on Republican Party leaders, who have almost unanimously backed Hanna, R-Barneveld. ‘I think I am tough enough to take on the fight,’ Tenney said Wednesday. ‘I’ve taken a lot of bullets from party bosses and the establishment in the past, but I think people respect me for that.’ Asked what convinced her to make a primary bid, Tenney said, ‘I thought of what I have done as a Republican woman who has always had to fight against the Republican establishment and party bosses to earn my seat. I believe in individual rights and freedom. And I’m not afraid to fight the fight.’” [The Post Standard, 3/27/14]

2014: Likened Herself to Tea Party Candidate That Defeated Eric Cantor In VA Primary—Tweeted Hanna Will “Crash And Burn Like Cantor”

Likened Herself To Tea-Party Candidate That Upset Cantor In 2014, Tweeted That Hanna Will “Crash And Burn” Like Cantor. “If nothing else, Tenney has gained confidence from Cantor’s loss to a tea party-backed political novice in early June, and boasted that it’s a sure sign that she’ll prevail on Tuesday. ‘Will Hanna crash and burn like Cantor? We say YES!’ Tenney tweeted to her supporters on Thursday.” [The Post Standard, [6/22/14](#)]

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Endorsed In 2016 Primary By Laura Ingraham And Sean Hannity. “Tenney had been endorsed by conservative groups and media personalities, including radio talk show host Laura Ingraham and Sean Hannity.” [Syracuse.com, [6/28/16](#)]

Local NY Newspaper Criticized Tenney For Resorting To Tea Party “Buzzwords” In Primary Challenge Against Hanna

Daily Star Editorial Board Criticized Tenney For Sinking To Tea Party “Buzzwords” That Were “Unworthy” Of Her Past Campaigns. “Claudia Tenney, you’re better than this. When you announced that you would be running in the 22nd Congressional District Republican primary against incumbent Richard Hanna, we looked forward to an intelligent exchange of views between two of the most rational office-holders in our area. Instead, what we have received from your campaign have been ad hominem, tea party, boilerplate attacks on Hanna that frankly are unworthy of the candidate we praised so highly when you ran in the 101st Assembly District two years ago... why, Ms. Tenney, are you speaking in slogans and buzzwords now? Is it because you expect the tea party wing of the GOP to dominate the primary electorate?” [The Daily Star, Editorial, [5/3/14](#)]

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Former Gubernatorial Nominee Carl Paladino, Who Sent Emails To Supporters Depicting Pornography, Bestiality, Racially Offensive Images Of President Obama, Endorsed Tenney In 2014

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As Candidate For Governor In 2010, Paladino Sent Emails To Supporters Depicting Pornography, Bestiality, And Racially Offensive Images Of President Obama. “Republican New York gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino reportedly sent e-mails to numerous associates that included images of bestiality and derogatory characterizations of President Obama, including one offering a video clip of African tribesmen dancing that characterized the video as ‘Obama Inauguration Rehearsal’... A Tea Party darling, Paladino reportedly sent an e-mail depicting a horse having sex with a woman and another that included a pornographic video and the headline “Miss France 2008 F[***]ing.” He also reportedly sent out an e-mail depicting President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama as a pimp and prostitute and one showing an airplane landing near black men with the caption ‘Holy Sh*t. run ni**ers, run!’” [CBS News, [4/12/10](#)]

Paladino Deliberately Sought To Run An “Ugly” Campaign In 2010, Accused Cuomo Of Infidelity Despite No Evidence And His Own History Of Extramarital Affairs. “Flame-throwing Carl Paladino on Thursday backed down from his unsubstantiated claim that Democratic foe Andrew Cuomo cheated on his wife. Paladino told the Buffalo News he never intended to make the allegation, but was simply frustrated by attention on his own personal life. ‘I’m sick and tired of people asking me about if I’ve had affairs,’ said Paladino, who had an extramarital affair that resulted in a now 10-year-old love child... The controversy erupted Wednesday just hours after Tea Party darling Paladino promised the ugly campaign would get even nastier. Paladino quickly sunk the campaign to a new low, complaining to Politico that the media was too focused on his extramarital affair.” [NY Daily News, [10/1/10](#)]

Paladino Lied About His Military Record During His 2010 Candidacy. “The *New York Post* has caught Carl Paladino’s campaign in a lie... ‘Claims by Republican Carl Paladino’s campaign that he commanded 250 men at Fort Bliss, Texas, during six months of active Army service in 1971 are false, The Post has found.’ Caputo originally told *HuffPost*’s New York Editor-at-Large, Dan Collins that Paladino spent ‘six months active duty with orders for Vietnam’ and was ‘responsible for training 250 men during that time at Fort Bliss.’” [Huffington Post, [10/25/10](#)]

Despite Describing Paladino As “Over The Top”, Tenney Said Their “Core Values Are The Same.” “Carl Paladino sent state Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney a text message today wishing her luck in her campaign for the Republican line in New York’s 22nd congressional district... ‘We don’t agree on everything. Carl’s a bit over the top on some things and we have a different way of expressing ourselves,’ Tenney said. ‘But our core values are the same. We both believe in less government, getting the government out of business. We’re both business people. We know how important it is for government to be objective.’” [City and State, [6/24/16](#)]

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Called Governor Cuomo A “Bully” For Criticizing “Extreme Conservatives,” But Then Criticized Republicans Who Support Cuomo As “Self-Serving Opportunists”

Called Governor Cuomo An “Intolerant Bully” For Comments Made Against “Extreme Conservatives,” Said Pro-Life And Pro-Gun Positions Are Not Extreme. “New York’s top Republican on Tuesday insisted that Gov. Andrew Cuomo apologize for ‘divisive rhetoric’ he used when he contended there is ‘no place in the state’ for ‘extreme conservatives’ who oppose abortion rights and gay rights and favor legal assault weapons... ‘He’s an intolerant bully,’ said Tenney. ‘I don’t think people who oppose his SAFE Act (year-old legislation restricting gun ownership) are extremists. I don’t think people who are pro-life are extreme.’” [The Daily Star, [1/22/14](#)]

Said Republicans Who Supports The Democratic Governor Thereafter Are “Self-Serving Opportunists.”

“Tenney also argued that the words from the governor’s lips will have political consequences for him. ‘At this point, I don’t see how any Republican or conservative in this state could ever support him for governor,’ she said. ‘If they do, they’re just self-serving opportunists.’” [The Daily Star, [1/22/14](#)]

Supported By Rick Santorum And Sean Hannity In Primary Race Against Hanna

Sean Hannity Endorsed Tenney During Her 2014 Primary Challenge Against Hanna. “Republican Congressional Candidate Claudia Tenney received an endorsement from a nationally known radio and television host this afternoon. Conservative Sean Hannity backed Tenney in her bid to unseat two-term Congressman Richard Hanna. Tenney is a small business owner and has been in the state assembly for two two-terms.” [Binghamton Home Page, [6/20/14](#)]

Robo Call From Rick Santorum Urged Voters To Support Tenney. “The Citizens United Political Victory Fund announced Monday it was contacting 50,000 households in the congressional district using a robo-call from former GOP Sen. Rick Santorum, of Pennsylvania, urging Republicans to support Tenney.” [Press & Sun Bulletin, 06/25/14]

Said At Campaign Kickoff That She Was A Real Republican—And Hanna Lacked Leadership

Called Herself A “Real Republican” At 2014 Campaign Kickoff, Said Hanna Lacked Leadership In DC. “Calling herself a ‘a real Republican,’ Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, announced Wednesday she will challenge incumbent Rep. Richard Hanna, R-Barneveld, in the June 24 Republican primary for his 22nd Congressional District seat... ‘He hasn’t demonstrated the leadership we need in Washington,’ said Tenney, one of the most conservative lawmakers in Albany.” [The Daily Star, [3/27/14](#)]

Said Rep. Hanna Voting Record More Comparable With Pelosi Than With Republicans, Criticized Stance On Obamacare And Women’s Choice

Accused Hanna Of Voting More Like Leader Pelosi Than Republicans, Calling Him “Out Of Step” For Supporting Obamacare And Opposing Limits On Federal Abortion Funding. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, accused Rep. Richard Hanna, R-Barneveld, Monday of voting more like congressional Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi than a Republican and painted the incumbent as vulnerable to a challenge from the right in this year’s June 24 GOP congressional primary in New York. And, she confirmed, she is giving serious consideration to opposing Hanna... She asserted that Hanna is out of step with the district by voting in support of President Barack Obama’s health care legislation, known as Obamacare, after saying he would oppose it. In January, Hanna drew attention when he was the only congressional Republican who voted against a measure banning federal payments for abortions.” [The Daily Star, [3/18/14](#)]

2012 Assembly Campaign

Received Endorsement Of AFL-CIO During Her Bid For NY State Assembly.

2012: Tenney Endorsed By AFL-CIO Labor Council. “Our solidarity is paramount, and as such the council has developed an endorsement policy that the decision to support a candidate must be unanimous,” said COPE Chairman Mike Bambury in a release. ‘We are pleased to announce that we have agreed to support the candidacy of Claudia Tenney.’” [The Evening Times, 8/27/12]

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Utica Paper Describes Tenney “Consistently” Independent Or Even “Contrarian”—And Notes Tenney Saw 2012 Redistricting As Punishment. “Tenney’s current district consisted of most of Oneida County and a large chunk of Oswego County. After redistricting, all that is left is the town of New Hartford and the town of Paris...During her first term, Tenney consistently has shown an independent streak, or a contrarian streak, depending on whom you ask. She says the jigsaw district is her punishment.” [Observer-Dispatch, 08/27/12]

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Fiercely Criticized ‘Republicrats’ For A Proposal To Re-Draw Her 115th State Assembly District, Saying They “Had It Out For Her.” “Ms. Tenney said that the ‘Republicrats’ who control her county had it out for her, and that the district change doesn’t represent what’s best for the people. New Hartford, where she lives, may be the only town in her new district, she said. ‘It’s because I live there,’ she said. ‘What other reason would you take New Hartford out?’” [Watertown Daily Times, Blog Post, [1/26/12](#)]

Implied Re-Districting Was A Response To Her Conservative Record. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, faces the prospect of having to run against incumbent Republican Assembly member, Peter Lopez, to remain in the Assembly... ‘I think it’s kind of interesting,’ Tenney said, who in her first year became one of the most independent voters in the Assembly. “On Monday, I’ll be receiving the award for the most conservative member of the state Legislature” from the state’s Conservative Party.” [The Post Standard, 1/27/12]

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Said, “I Am The Poster Child For Gerrymandering[.]” “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, a Republican who lives in New Hartford, was put into the same district as Assemblyman Peter Lopez, a fellow Republican. Most of the towns that she represented were handed over to Mr. Blankenbush. ‘I am the poster child for gerrymandering if that’s the case,’ Ms. Tenney said.” [Watertown Daily Times, [1/27/12](#)]

2011 Conservative Party Nomination For 5th District Of The New York State Supreme Court

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October 2011: Declined Conservative Party Nomination For State Supreme Court. “Republican Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney’s withdrawal from the race for state Supreme Court has allowed a second

Democrat to pick up the backing of the Conservative Party. A Conservative Party committee Monday afternoon decided to name Patrick MacRae to replace Tenney on the party's slate of candidates to run for four vacancies on the state Supreme Court bench in the six-county Fifth Judicial District, according to DeWitt Conservative Party Chairman Bernie Ment. That move was made after Tenney last week declined the party nomination. Tenney, a Republican from Oneida County, said Monday she did not think it was fair to her supporters to try and win the race running only on a third-party line." [Post Standard, 10/04/11]

2010 Assembly Campaign

2010: Ran For 115th District In NY General Assembly, Worked As Incumbent's Chief Of Staff At The Time

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"115th District: Republicans George Joseph, an Oneida County legislator, and Claudia Tenney will meet in a primary." [The Post Standard, 7/28/10]

Prior To Running In 2010 She Was Chief Of Staff For Incumbent In 115th Seat. "Tenney, the chief of staff for incumbent Assemblyman David Townsend, R-Sylvan Beach, has the Independence and Conservative lines. No Democrat is running. Townsend is not running." [The Post Standard, 7/28/10]

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Defeated In 2005 And 2009 Campaigns For Oneida County Surrogate Court Judge. "County Surrogate's Court Judge Louis P. Gigliotti will keep the judicial job he was appointed to earlier this year. Democrat Gigliotti leads Republican Claudia Tenney 19,972 votes to 16,573, based on returns from 186 of 192 districts in Tuesday's balloting. Tenney is an attorney, and Gigliotti was one before becoming a judge... Tenney is the daughter the late John R. Tenney, who was a state Supreme Court justice for more than 35 years. Although she invokes that connection in her political advertising, it has been not enough win her a judicial post. She lost the Republican primary to run for Surrogate's Court judge in 2005." [Rome Sentinel, [11/04/2009](#)]

Ran For Surrogate Court Judge In 2005 And 2009 Without Republican Party Backing. "Tenney doesn't back down from a challenge. She ran for Surrogate Court judge in 2005 and 2009 without Republican Party backing." [Post Standard, 3/06/11]

Assembly Career -- Praise From Conservative Party

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Annual Rakings Rate Lawmakers On Issues That Matter Most To Conservative Party—Including Mirage, Guns. “The annual rankings weigh legislators’ votes on key issues for the Conservative Party, from increased consumer product regulations, same-sex marriage and gun tracking systems (which the party opposes) to budget cuts, according to state Conservative chairman Michael Long.” [The Post Standard, [10/6/11](#)]

Tenney “Mirrored” Conservative Party Preference On All Major Issues, Opposing Back-Seat Seatbelt Regulations, Warning Labels On Baby Bottles. “Miller and Tenney mirrored the Conservative Party’s stance in nearly all bills in the survey, including voting against making back-seat passengers wear seat belts, putting warning labels on baby bottles, banning hydraulic fracturing for mining natural gas, and increasing borrowing levels for schools and the Thruway Authority.” [The Post Standard, [10/6/11](#)]

2003-2009: Chief Of Staff

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Served As Townsend’s Legal Counsel And Chief Of Staff From 2003 To 2009. “Tenney, a Republican, worked for Townsend as his legal counsel and chief of staff from 2003-2009. She said she learned a lot from working with

him, but she is her own person. She believes her former jobs and experiences have shaped her into someone who can best serve the people of the 115th Assembly district. In fact, of all her jobs, she thinks assembly member is the best.” [Post Standard, 3/06/11]

Succeeded Former Assemblyman David Townsend In 115th District In 2011. “Tenney, 50, of New Hartford, Oneida County, took over the 115th Assembly district seat Jan. 1 from former Assemblyman David Townsend, who held the seat for 20 years. Townsend gave up the seat to run for Oneida County sheriff, an election he lost in November.” [Post Standard, 3/06/11]

2008: Earned A Salary Of \$64,822 Working For Townsend. According to the Empire Center’s See Through NY database, Tenney earned \$64,822 as Townsend’s chief of staff in 2008. [SeeThroughNY, accessed [8/22/16](#)]

Note: A request has been filed for complete compensation records for Tenney’s time as an Assembly staffer.

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted with Trump’s positions 96.9% of the time, the 2nd highest percentage among members of the New York delegation in the 115th and 116th Congresses.*
- ✓ *Tenney defended Trump’s infamous “both sides” comments on the white supremacist violence in Charlottesville, at which a counter-protestor was killed.*
- ✓ *Tenney gave Trump the benefit of the doubt when he attacked her constituents in Upstate New York, saying she hoped they were “taken out of context.”*
- ✓ *Tenney held a fundraiser at Trump’s hotel in Washington DC.*
- ✓ *Tenney thought Trump was impeached “without a single crime committed.”*
- ✓ *Tenney protested impeachment, defending Trump’s conduct with Ukraine even though she admitted she would not have told him to say what he did on his phone call with Zelensky.*
- ✓ *Tenney staunchly defended the Trump family on Russia.*
 - ✓ *Tenney changed her mind about the appointment of a special prosecutor—she first supported the idea and then said she would support one only if there was evidence of collusion.*
 - ✓ *Tenney voted for a resolution believed to be an attempt to discredit the Mueller investigation.*
 - ✓ *Tenney repeatedly voted against investigating Russian interference into the 2016 election.*
- ✓ *Tenney repeatedly voted against requiring the release of Trump’s tax returns.*
- ✓ *Tenney supported Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination to the Supreme Court.*
- ✓ *Tenney said she was “a common sense person, like Donald Trump” and that she “was a Donald Trump and Ted Cruz before they came on the scene.”*

Voting Record With Trump

Tenney Has Voted With Trump’s Positions 96.9 Percent Of The Time

Tenney Voted In Line With Trump’s Position 96.9 Percent Of The Time, The 2nd Highest Percentage Among Members Of The New York Delegation In The 115th And 116th Congresses

FiveThirtyEight: Tenney Voted In Line With Trump’s Position 96.9 Percent Of The Time, The Second Highest Percentage In The New York Delegation. [FiveThirtyEight, accessed [2/26/20](https://www.fivethirtyeight.com/2020/02/26/tenney-votes-in-line-with-trump/)]

New York Delegation Votes In Line With Trump			
Member	Party	District	Trump Score
Chris Collins*	R	NY-27	99.3%

Claudia Tenney*	R	NY-22	96.9%
Tom Reed	R	NY-23	90.1%
John J. Faso*	R	NY-19	89.6%
Lee Zeldin	R	NY-1	88.1%
Daniel M. Donovan Jr.*	R	NY-11	87.2%
Peter King	R	NY-2	81.8%
Elise Stefanik	R	NY-21	78.0%
John Katko	R	NY-24	75.6%
Chuck Schumer	D	NY-Sen	24.0%
Sean Patrick Maloney	D	NY-18	22.4%
Thomas Suozzi	D	NY-3	21.8%
Kathleen Rice	D	NY-4	19.0%
Joseph Crowley*	D	NY-14	17.0%
Louise McIntosh Slaughter	D	NY-25	16.7%
Gregory W. Meeks	D	NY-5	16.1%
Brian Higgins	D	NY-26	14.5%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	D	NY-14	13.9%
Paul D. Tonko	D	NY-20	13.9%
Grace Meng	D	NY-6	12.8%
Nita Lowey	D	NY-17	12.7%
Anthony Brindisi	D	NY-22	12.5%
Kirsten Gillibrand	D	NY-Sen	12.4%
Hakeem Jeffries	D	NY-8	11.5%
Carolyn Maloney	D	NY-12	10.9%
Eliot Engel	D	NY-16	10.3%
José E. Serrano	D	NY-15	10.1%
Max Rose	D	NY-11	8.5%
Adriano Espaillat	D	NY-13	8.3%
Joseph D. Morelle	D	NY-25	8.2%
Jerold Nadler	D	NY-10	8.2%
Yvette D. Clarke	D	NY-9	7.8%
Nydia M. Velázquez	D	NY-7	7.3%
Antonio Delgado	D	NY-19	5.6%

[FiveThirtyEight, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

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Tenney Votes In Line With Trump					
DATE	MEASURE	TRUMP POSITION	TENNEY VOTE	LIKELIHOOD OF AGREEMENT	PLUS-MINUS
December 20	Extension of government funding, including \$5.7 billion for border wall (217-185)	Support	Yes	94.4	5.6
December 20	Making changes to federal sentencing and prison laws (358-36)	Support	Yes	90.0%	10.0
December 12	The 2018 farm bill (conference committee report) (369-47)	Support	Yes	85.8%	14.2
September 28	Making permanent the individual tax reductions passed in 2017 (220-191)	Support	Yes	93.5%	6.5
September 27	Allowing new businesses to deduct more of their start-up expenses (260-156)	Support	Yes	98.8%	1.2
September 27	Making changes to savings accounts for retirement and education (240-177)	Support	Yes	98.1%	1.9

July 25	Making changes to health savings accounts, including allowing them to be used for over-the-counter medications (277-142)	Support	Yes	96.2%	3.8
July 25	Expanding eligibility for health savings accounts (242-176)	Support	Yes	98.2%	1.8
July 24	Eliminating the medical device tax (283-132)	Support	Yes	94.8%	5.2
July 19	Opposing a carbon tax (229-180)	Support	Yes	95.7%	4.3
July 18	Expressing support for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and denouncing calls for its abolishment (244-35)	Support	Yes	99.9%	0.1
June 27	Republican “compromise” immigration bill (121-301)	Support	No	36.9%	-36.9
June 22	Broad legislation to address the opioid crisis (396-14)	Support	Yes	96.0%	4.0
June 21	The 2018 farm bill (House revote) (213-211)	Support	Yes	82.8%	17.2
June 20	Changing privacy rules with regard to substance-abuse treatment (357-57)	Support	Yes	94.6%	5.4
June 20	Allowing Medicaid to pay for adults with opioid use disorder to receive treatment in mental health facilities (261-155)	Support	Yes	85.3%	14.7
June 15	Allowing the prohibition of certain synthetic drugs (239-142)	Support	Yes	90.6%	9.4
June 14	Targeting imports of opioids through the international mail system (353-52)	Support	Yes	97.5%	2.5
June 7	Rescinding previously approved but unspent funding (210-206)	Support	Yes	86.5%	13.5
May 22	Rolling back some bank regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank Act (258-159)	Support	Yes	93.8%	6.2
May 22	Allowing patients with terminal illnesses the right to try unapproved treatments (Senate version) (250-169)	Support	Yes	95.0	5.0
May 18	The 2018 farm bill (198-213)	Support	Yes	75.2%	24.8
May 16	Expanding private care options for veterans (347-70)	Support	Yes	98.3%	1.7
May 16	Making targeted attacks on law enforcement officers a federal crime (382-35)	Support	Yes	95.2%	4.8
May 8	Repeal of guidance meant to protect borrowers from discriminatory markups on auto loans (234-175)	Support	Yes	94.2%	5.8
April 12	Constitutional balanced budget amendment (233-184)	Support	Yes	91.2%	8.8
March 22	The 2018 fiscal year appropriations bill (256-167)	Support	Yes	62.7%	37.3
March 14	Funding for measures to prevent school violence, including training for officials and threat detection (407-10)	Support	Yes	97.90%	2.1

March 13	Allowing patients with terminal illnesses the right to try unapproved treatments (House version) (259-140)	Support	Yes	92.6%	7.4
February 9	Two-year budget bill (240-186)	Support	Yes	66.8%	33.2
February 6	Extension of government funding for six weeks (245-182)	Support	Yes	92.2%	7.8
January 30	Department of Defense Appropriations Act (250-166)	Support	Yes	93.6%	6.4
January 22	Extension of government funding for three weeks, ending the shutdown (266-150)	Support	Yes	93.2%	6.8
January 19	Motion to table articles of impeachment against President Trump (355-66)	Support	Yes	99.0%	1.0
January 18	Extension of government funding for four weeks (230-197)	Support	Yes	87.2%	12.8
January 11	Reauthorizing warrantless spying program as part of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (256-164)	Support	Yes	75.1%	24.9
January 11	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	70.0%	30.0
December 21	Extension of government funding for four weeks (231-188)	Support	Yes	83.8%	16.2
December 20	Overhauling the tax code (final version) (224-201)	Support	Yes	91.3%	8.7
December 19	Overhauling the tax code (conference committee version) (227-203)	Support	Yes	91.4%	8.6
December 7	Extension of government funding for two weeks (235-193)	Support	Yes	80.5%	19.5
December 6	Making concealed-carry firearm permits valid across state lines (231-198)	Support	Yes	90.1%	9.9
December 6	Motion to table articles of impeachment against President Trump (364-58)	Support	Yes	98.8%	1.2
November 16	Overhauling the tax code (House version) (227-205)	Support	Yes	90.8%	9.2
November 14	Reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program (237-189)	Support	Yes	85.6%	14.4
November 2	Eliminating the independent board tasked with keeping Medicare costs below limits (307-111)	Support	Yes	94.1%	12.1
October 26	Fiscal year 2018 budget resolution (216-212)	Support	No	82.9%	-82.9
October 24	Prohibiting Department of Justice settlements that require parties to donate money to outside groups (238-183)	Support	Yes	96.7%	3.3
October 12	Disaster relief for Puerto Rico and other areas (353-69)	Support	Yes	79.7%	20.3
October 3	Banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy (237-189)	Support	Yes	97.4%	2.6
September 28	Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization and disaster relief (264-155)	Support	Yes	92.5%	7.5

September 14	Making appropriations for various executive departments (211-198)	Support	Yes	83.8%	16.2
September 14	Giving the government more power to deport and deny admission to immigrants suspected of being in gangs (233-175)	Support	Yes	97.9%	2.1
September 8	Raising debt limit/extending government funding/Hurricane Harvey relief (316-90)	Support	Yes	71.9%	28.1
September 6	Hurricane Harvey disaster relief package (419-3)	Support	Yes	99.2%	0.8
<u>July 27</u>	<u>Making appropriations for defense and other purposes (235-192)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	91.6%	8.4
<u>July 25</u>	<u>Imposing sanctions on Russia, Iran and North Korea (419-3)</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Yes	0.8%	-0.8
<u>July 25</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule banning some financial companies from using mandatory arbitration clauses (231-190)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	95.3%	4.7
<u>July 18</u>	<u>Delaying implementation of ozone standards (229-199)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	94.3%	5.7
<u>June 29</u>	<u>Increasing penalties for undocumented immigrants who re-enter the U.S. after being convicted of certain crimes (257-167)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	96.5%	3.5
<u>June 29</u>	<u>Penalizing states and localities that have “sanctuary” laws on immigration (228-195)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.2%	2.8
<u>June 28</u>	<u>Limiting health care lawsuits related to coverage provided through a federal program (218-210)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	80.7%	19.3
<u>June 15</u>	<u>Allowing people who lose their jobs to receive tax credits under the American Health Care Act for continued coverage (267-144)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	98.2%	1.8
<u>June 13</u>	<u>Making it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to discipline employees (368-55)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	99.3%	0.7
<u>June 13</u>	<u>Withholding Affordable Care Act subsidies from people until their citizenship is verified (238-184)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.2%	2.8
<u>June 8</u>	<u>Dismantling financial regulations put in place by the Dodd-Frank Act (233-186)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	95.4%	4.6
<u>May 18</u>	<u>Making it easier to seek the death penalty for killing or attempting to kill first responders (271-143)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	93.8%	6.2
<u>May 4</u>	<u>The American Health Care Act of 2017 (217-213)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	88.1%	11.9
<u>May 3</u>	<u>The 2017 fiscal year appropriations bill (309-118)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	64.7%	35.3
<u>May 2</u>	<u>Allowing employers to offer employees time off instead of pay for overtime work (229-197)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	94.2%	5.8
<u>April 28</u>	<u>Extension of government funding for one week (382-30)</u>	<u>Support</u>	Yes	93.2%	6.8

<u>March 28</u>	<u>Repeal of an FCC rule barring internet providers from sharing data on customers' activities</u> (215-205)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	84.9%	15.1
<u>March 22</u>	<u>Allowing small businesses to provide insurance through trade and professional associations</u> (236-175)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	98.0	2.0
<u>March 22</u>	<u>Removing antitrust exemption for insurance providers</u> (416-7)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	99.8%	0.2
<u>March 16</u>	<u>Giving the secretary of veterans affairs more flexibility to discipline employees</u> (237-178)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	93.4%	6.6
<u>March 8</u>	<u>Department of Defense Appropriations Act</u> (371-48)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.3%	2.7
<u>March 2</u>	<u>Changes to rulemaking requirements for federal agencies</u> (246-176)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	94.6%	5.4
<u>March 1</u>	<u>Repeal of a Department of Labor rule regarding records of work-related injuries and illnesses</u> (231-191)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	93.2%	6.8
<u>March 1</u>	<u>Requires review of proposed regulations by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs</u> (241-184)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.8%	2.2
<u>March 1</u>	<u>Establishment of a commission to review federal regulations</u> (240-185)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	90.1%	9.9
<u>Feb. 16</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring state and local governments to distribute federal funds to qualified health centers even if they perform abortions</u> (230-188)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.3%	2.7
<u>Feb. 15</u>	<u>Repeal of a Department of Labor rule on drug testing of applicants for unemployment compensation</u> (236-189)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	98.1%	1.9
<u>Feb. 15</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule that allowed a new type of state-based retirement plan</u> (231-193)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	95.0%	5.0
<u>Feb. 15</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule that allowed a new type of retirement plan established by local governments</u> (234-191)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	96.4%	3.6
<u>Feb. 7</u>	<u>Repeal of a Department of Education rule on teacher preparation programs</u> (240-181)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	96.6%	3.4
<u>Feb. 7</u>	<u>Repeal of a Department of Education rule on school accountability</u> (234-190)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	96.3%	3.7
<u>Feb. 7</u>	<u>Repeal of changes to Bureau of Land Management planning rules</u> (234-186)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	96.5%	3.5
<u>Feb. 3</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring energy companies to reduce waste and emissions</u> (221-191)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	95.0%	5.0
<u>Feb. 2</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring the Social Security Administration to submit information to the national background-check system</u> (235-180)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.9%	2.1
<u>Feb. 2</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring some federal contractors to report labor violations</u> (236-187)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	96.8%	3.2
<u>Feb. 1</u>	<u>Repeal of the stream protection rule</u> (228-194)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	95.1%	4.9

<u>Feb. 1</u>	<u>Repeal of a rule requiring energy companies to disclose payments to foreign governments</u> (235-187)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	94.6%	5.4
<u>Jan. 24</u>	<u>Permanent ban on the use of federal funds for abortion or health coverage that includes abortions</u> (238-183)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.7%	2.3
<u>Jan. 13</u>	<u>Waiver allowing James Mattis to become secretary of defense</u> (268-151)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	95.2%	4.8
<u>Jan. 13</u>	<u>Budget resolution to repeal the Affordable Care Act</u> (227-198)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	89.4%	10.6
<u>Jan. 5</u>	<u>Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017</u> (237-187)	<u>Support</u>	Yes	97.9%	2.1

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

Support For Trump As President

Tenney Said That Trump Had A Big Heart, Was Effective, Encouraging, And Worked Across The Aisle

Tenney Said Trump Had A Big Heart. “You don’t hear about the better side of President Trump, when you get to know him, what a big heart he has, how generous he is and the things he does that don’t get talked about. And I’ll just give you a perfect example. [...] I was talking to a guy who works at Trump Hotel [...] I talked to one of the guys who’s one of managers, one of the top managers at Trump Hotel. [...] He said he is terrific. He is a fantastic boss. He gives me freedom, he empowers me, he encourages. He wants to see creativity. He is a perfectionist, but he really—he said I love him, I think he’s the greatest boss I’ve ever had, it’s tremendous.” [Talk! 100.7 FM, 5:45, Vantage, 2/7/20]

Tenney Said She’d “Never Seen A President That Is More Effective” Than Trump: “His Record Of Accomplishment [...] And His Attempts To Work With Both Sides Of The Aisle Is Unprecedented.” “I think the president has shown that he, you know some people don’t like his personality and wish he wouldn’t say certain things or do certain things on twitter. but I’ve never seen a president that is more effective, more willing to really make the hard decisions, to fulfill campaign promises, he got elected to say he’s going to do certain things and he’s done them. and his record of accomplishment and working with congress and his attempts to work with both sides of the aisle is unprecedented.” [WSYR, [1/10/18](#)] (AUDIO)

March 2017: Tenney Said That She Was “Encouraged” By Trump. “Newly-elected U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, said she was ‘encouraged’ by Trump’s speech in the House Chamber at the Capitol Building. ‘I am encouraged by President Trump’s commitment to work with members of Congress on our mission to improve the lives of the American people,’ she said in a news release Wednesday. Tenney said Trump outlined his ‘bold agenda to improve our economy and infrastructure, to bring jobs back to America, to reform our health care system and to prioritize border security and national defense.’ ‘President Trump also focused on his promise to put the government back where it belongs -- in the hands of the people,’ she said. ‘From tax reform to health care reform, the input and approval of Congress is critical in ensuring that we pass laws that work for all Americans,’ Tenney said. ‘As evidenced by the president’s heartfelt words Tuesday evening, President Trump affirmed his promise to work for the benefit of all Americans.’ ‘I am eager to get to work with President Trump and any and all willing parties in good faith,’ she said ” [Times Telegram, [3/2/17](#)]

Tenney Was Scheduled To Speak At Pro-Trump Events

Tenney Was Scheduled To Speak At A Pro-Trump Rally Billed As A “DeploraBall.” “Supporters and opponents of President Donald Trump will hold a series of rallies and protests in Central New York this weekend to mark Trump’s first 100 days in office. The first event, billed as a ‘DeploraBall,’ is expected to bring together 100

Trump supporters and U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney for a sold-out rally at 8 p.m. Friday at Cavallo's Restaurant in New Hartford. The \$20 per person event will include music, entertainment and a speech by Tenney, according to the organizers, Mohawk Valley Main Street Patriots and the Mohawk Valley/Central New York Volunteers for Trump." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [4/27/17](#)]

Tenney Was Set To Speak To A Pro-Israel Group At A Gala That Was Moved To Mar-A-Lago To Show Support For Trump. "A pro-Israel group is moving its gala marking the 45th anniversary of the Munich Massacre to President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Resort in Florida from another local venue because "we support our president," its organizer told Newsmax on Wednesday [...] Other speakers include three Republican members of Congress: Reps. Ron DeSantis and Brian Mast of Florida, and New York Rep. Claudia Tenney." [Newsmax, [8/23/17](#)]

Tenney Was Critical Of Local Media

Tenney Declared War On What She Called The "Twist And Smear" Media, Embraced Trump's Bombastic Style As Her Own. "Rep. Claudia Tenney (R) is embracing President Trump's confrontational style as she seeks to hold on to a hotly contested New York district considered a toss-up race in this fall's midterm elections. While insisting that she is not tied to the president, the freshman lawmaker at times sounds like a mini-Trump. She's declared war on the 'twist and smear' media, which she blamed last month for not talking about how many people who commit mass murders end up being Democrats.' I call it twist and smear -- that's what the media tends to do,' said Tenney, who ran the newspaper division of Mid-York Press, Inc., her family's commercial printing and manufacturing firm.' Some are better than others,' Tenney added. 'I do think the single biggest destructive force in our country is the media. We've lost our way.'" [The Hill, [3/13/18](#)]

Tenney Was Critical Of A Local Paper, Accusing Them Of "Trying To Defeat An Independent Voice." "On education, Tenney said the state's method of funding schools is a problem due to unfunded mandates. And with President Donald Trump, Tenney said there have been certain measures she has disagreed with, such as elements of the president's proposed 'skinny budget' when it was introduced. During her remarks, Tenney was particularly critical of the Observer-Dispatch, saying the newspaper's mission is 'to try to defeat an independent voice.' Nevertheless, Tenney said her own mission while in Congress has been in the interest of New York's 22nd Congressional District, which covers Oneida, Madison, Chenango and Cortland as well as parts of Broome, Herkimer, Oswego and Tioga counties. 'This district is very important to me. I've lived here my entire life,' she said." [Times Telegram, [9/21/17](#)]

[VIDEO] Tenney Became Angry At A Reporter, Called The Media And The Democratic Party "Abhorrent," And Yelled "Fake News!" At A Reporter Before Storming Off. [YouTube, [3/5/18](#)]

Tenney Defended Donald Trump's Comments On The Violence In Charlottesville

Cuomo Singled Out Tenney For Criticism For Her Support Of Trump's Comments That "Both Sides" Were To Blame For Charlottesville Violence. "Cuomo singled out Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-Oneida County) for expressing support for Trump's comments. The governor, who has been raising money to help unseat Republicans in New York, called on the GOP members 'to break their silence and immediately denounce President Trump's remarks.' Tenney did not immediately respond to a request for comment [...] On Wednesday, Tenney told reporters she backed Trump's comments that 'both sides' shared blame for the violence. 'I think what the President did in condemning racism, condemning this white supremacy, condemning any kind of identity politics that are going on and this violence that is occurring on both sides, I think it's the right thing to do,' she said at the time." [New York Daily News, [8/18/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed "My District Probably Doesn't Even Know Who Steve Bannon Is." "EARHARDT: What can we expect? wWhat is the White House going to look like without Steve Bannon? TENNEY: To be perfectly honest with you, my district probably doesn't even know who Steve Bannon is. The president got elected substantially by

as I was saying earlier by 16 points in my district. So Hillary Clinton only got 39% and the president got 55%, 56%. They want to see things getting done. They want to see tax reform. They want to see Obamacare repealed. They are happy with the veterans administration overhaul legislation that we passed. As a small business owner we passed the choice act in the financial services committee where I serve. And that's going to be significant for helping our small business community get loans. So we are focused on the issues. All the drama around the White House, something my district says enough with it let's get on." [Fox & Friends, [8/21/17](#)]

WRVO Headline: "Tenney Talks About, Then Won't Talk About, Trump's Comments On Charlottesville." "Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-New Hartford) visited Binghamton Wednesday, but refused to talk to reporters about President Trump's comments on Charlottesville. Earlier in the day Wednesday, Tenney did talk about the attacks in a phone call to WUTQ in Utica. 'I condemned it immediately and I was criticized for not condemning it hard enough,' she said. 'But I think what the president is trying to say is, that there's fault to be found on both sides. And I think that there is fault to be found on both sides. I don't know all the details of Charlottesville. I was away and I'm just capturing what I can on the Internet. The tragedy of this poor girl getting killed and plowed down, it's just horrible. It's just hard to believe this is happening in modern society.' She called the president's comments 'inartful.' But by the time she got to the Broome County airport for an event Wednesday afternoon, she did not want to talk about it. 'We can discuss it some other time,' she said. 'We're trying to highlight the airport and the needs to the people in Broome County, not tracking the president.'" [WRVO, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney Released Statement Urging Trump To Condemn Racists After Democrats Criticized Her For Backing His Contention That "Both Sides" Were To Blame For Charlottesville Violence. "Rep. Claudia Tenney in a statement on Wednesday urged President Donald Trump to continue to condemn racial hatred and bigotry in the wake of the Charlottesville clashes on Saturday. The statement was released after Democrats criticized her initial reaction backing the president for suggesting 'both sides' were to blame for the violent unrest in the city." [NY State of Politics, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed It Was Unfair To Blame Trump For Rise Of Hate Groups, Saying They Were "Emboldened" Before His Election And Were "Out There All The Time." "But Tenney said she disagrees with those who suggest Trump has emboldened hate groups or fueled their cause after he insisted Tuesday that 'both sides' were to blame for the violence that turned deadly. 'Does anyone think this is the first time that white supremacists marched?' Tenney said in an interview with syracuse.com. 'There are hate groups out there all the time.' Tenney, a freshman House member who supported Trump in the 2016 presidential election, said it's unfair to suggest that hate groups have been encouraged by what they perceive as Trump's tacit approval of their actions. 'Before Trump was president, they were emboldened,' Tenney said. 'They were out there at their events. I think it's an unfair characterization. A lot of this stuff has been out there for a long time. To blame it on the president, I don't know.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney: "Obama Bred A Lot Of Divisiveness In People." "She added, 'I feel like we are more focused on what divides us than what unites us than ever before, and that began before Trump. I feel like (former president Barack) Obama bred a lot of divisiveness in people.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney On Trump's "Both Sides" Comment: "This Is Insane That We Are Splitting Hairs Over This Stuff. Who Likes White Supremacists?" "But based on what she read, Tenney said she believes Trump's comment that 'both sides' are to blame was a reference to the state of hate speech in the nation, not specifically to suggest that protesters and counter-protesters in Charlottesville were morally equivalent. 'I'm not trying to justify what he is saying, but this is insane that we are splitting hairs over this stuff,' Tenney said. 'Who likes white supremacists?' Tenney, who has met with Trump several times since he took office, said she believes the president's comments were about the state of hate speech in the nation in a political sense, between the left and right." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney: "There Has Been Horrible Rhetoric On Both Sides." 'My viewpoint is that there has been horrible rhetoric on both sides,' Tenney said. 'And we should be standing up against it on all sides. We should be

condemning anyone who does that regardless of which side they're on. I have never seen the dialogue that I have seen now.' Tenney said she has been the target of hate speech all year, most recently in June when she received an email from an Oneida County resident after the shooting at a congressional baseball practice." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [8/17/17](#)]

Tenney Defended Trump's "Both Sides" Comment, Blamed "Identity Politics" For Charlottesville Violence. "At that rally, members of white supremacist groups were seen violently attacking opposition. President Trump said on Tuesday that both sides of the protest are to blame. In response to the President's comments, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney says, 'I think that the President came out and made a statement that both sides have rhetoric or extreme positions and I think that's what he was trying to do. I don't think there was any malice in what he was trying to say. We all condemn racism.' [...] Of the violent riots, Congresswoman Tenney is expressing disappointment, 'This kind of rhetoric is exactly what's wrong. This identity politics. Using it against people unfairly and wrongly is not the way we should be moving forward. We should be rising above it, we should be standing for our principles and supporting our communities and supporting people from all across the region.'" [WSYR, [8/16/17](#)]

Tenney Gave Trump The Benefit Of The Doubt When He Attacked Upstate New Yorkers, Choosing Donald Trump Over Her Constituents

Tenney Said She Hoped Trump's Comments Encouraging Upstate New Yorkers To Leave The State Were Taken Out Of Context. "Trump suggested in the Wall Street Journal interview that it might be time for Upstate New York residents to give up on waiting for the economy to rebound in the region [...] 'I'm going to start explaining to people: When you have an area that just isn't working like upper New York state, where people are getting very badly hurt, and then you'll have another area 500 miles away where you can't get people, I'm going to explain, you can leave. It's OK. Don't worry about your house.' Tenney, R-New Hartford, who was one of Trump's earliest supporters and has been a regular visitor to his White House, said she hopes his comments about Upstate New York were taken out of context. 'I have full confidence that President Trump understands the struggle that Upstate New York has experienced for decades, and why we need to continue to fight for policies that will revive our region,' Tenney said." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [7/26/17](#)]

Tenney Held A Fundraiser At Trump Hotel In DC

Constituents Protested At Tenney's District Office While She Held Fundraiser At Trump Hotel In DC. "Congresswoman Claudia Tenney hosted a fundraiser in Washington D.C. Monday, prompting a protest outside her Binghamton office. The called the protest a 'Tenney Out of Touch Tea Party.' It was a protest calling on Tenney to be more available to her constituents, as some question why she met with wealthy donors but has still not hosted a town hall." [WBNG, [5/23/17](#)]

Protesters From Upstate New York Picketed Tenney's Fundraiser At Trump Hotel In DC. "Protesters from Upstate New York greeted Rep. Claudia Tenney and her guests Monday at a \$500-per-person campaign fundraiser for the congresswoman at the posh Trump International Hotel. Before the start of the event, billed as a 'Women's Tea with Tenney at Trump,' demonstrators stood in front of the hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue, a few blocks from the White House. Most of the protesters were healthcare workers from 1199 SEIU, the nation's largest healthcare union, who wanted to draw attention to Tenney's vote to begin repealing the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. The union believes Tenney and President Donald Trump were on the wrong side of the issue, and voted for a bill that will ultimately hurt patients, local medical providers and their employees. Mindy Berman said it adds insult to injury to see Tenney holding a campaign fundraiser for big donors at one of Trump's hotels." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/22/17](#)]

Tenney's Embrace Of Trump Drew Criticism From Local Republicans

Former Rep. Richard Hanna: Tenney’s “Unmitigated Support Of All Things Trump” Stemmed From Her “Personal Ambition And General Extremism On All Subjects.” “That rhetoric is unusual for a swing-district Republican; typically they prefer to talk about tax cuts and other pocketbook issues. Among those alarmed that Tenney is about to hand the district to Democrats is her GOP predecessor, former Rep. Richard Hanna. ‘Her unmitigated support of all things Trump is more a function of her own personal ambition and general extremism on all subjects,’ said Hanna, a staunch Trump critic who is backing Tenney’s Democratic opponent, Anthony Brindisi. ‘Claudia is a wasted seat.’” [Politico, [4/27/18](#)]

Former Rep. Richard Hanna Criticized Tenney’s ‘Soft Bigotry’ And ‘Hate Speech’ In Radio Interview. “HANNA: it’s about her representation of our community and the pathetic way she goes about doing her job. She traffics in soft bigotry, hate speech is prevalent in everything she says, and fear. there’s a reason why she never got anything done in Albany, it’s the same reason she’ll never get anything done in washington d c, is that she makes enemies out of virtually everyone. with that ridiculous comment that she made that’s all over the country she has effectively alienated everyone in the republican party and certainly everyone in the democratic party and become a pariah to republicans. they don’t need to hear this at these times, and she makes herself someone who was basically untethered.” [WIBX, Richard Hanna interview, 2/23/18] (AUDIO)

Hanna Criticized Tenney For Voting To Repeal Obamacare, Selling “Hate Speech” To Her Base. “After acknowledging the idea of another run for Congress has crossed his mind, Hanna quickly brushed off his own comments saying he’d rather stay home with his wife and children. Instead, he hopes a ‘solid Republican or Democrat gives Ms. Tenney a race that’s thoughtful, deliberate and based on the issues, not all the hate speech that sells so easily to her base,’ he said. And, he continued holding back no criticism of Representative Tenney for her vote to repeal and replace Obamacare, saying the first version of the House bill wasn’t ‘mean enough’ for her and some other Republican members.” [WIBX, [5/30/17](#)]

Impeachment

Tenney Thought Brindisi Was Pressured To Vote For Impeachment Based On Political And Financial Considerations

Tenney: “There Was A Lot More Political Calculus” In Brindisi Voting For Impeachment. “I know there’s been a lot of discussion about Anthony Brindisi’s vote and it being an agonizing vote, but [...] I thought it was an easy vote, to vote against it, number one. [...] I think there was another calculus...I think he didn’t want to be the only Democrat in the state of New York to vote against impeaching a republican president. He’s got a future in politics [...] and he could have drawn a primary, he could have maybe had less positive outcome since Democrats are redistricting in 2022 should he should prevail in 2020, so I think there was a lot more political calculus in it rather than it being an agonizing vote. [Binghamton, NY Radio Interview, 1:42, Vantage, 12/20/19]

Tenney Thought Brindisi Was Pressured To Vote For Impeachment Based On Campaign Financial Considerations. “Tenney told the Washington Examiner that she initially thought Brindisi would vote against impeaching the president but figured he was pressured by New York Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo and others as well as made financial considerations. ‘Impeachment brings in a lot of money for the reelection. It’s early. They have almost a year to move away, from the whole impeachment question,’ Tenney noted. ‘Democrats have built this vote up to such a crescendo that it becomes a pivotal vote, and I think that they’re going to try to walk away from it, but it is so huge vote and they’re not going to quit.’” [Examiner, 12/17/19]

Tenney Admitted She Would Have Criticized Brindisi No Matter What Stance He Took On Impeachment

Tenney Admitted She Would Have Criticized Brindisi No Matter What Stance He Took On Impeachment. “INTERVIEWER: Wouldn’t you be criticizing Brindisi if he had come out in favor of impeachment, though? [...] You’re criticizing him for the restraint, but I have a feeling that if he were in favor of impeaching the president,

you'd be criticizing him for that too. TENNEY: Of course I would. But take a position. Let me tell you, he knew that Nancy Pelosi didn't poll well. Everything Anthony Brindisi does is poll-tested." [WAMC Interview, 11:05, Vantage, 10/2/19]

Tenney Said Trump Was Impeached "Without A Single Crime Being Committed."

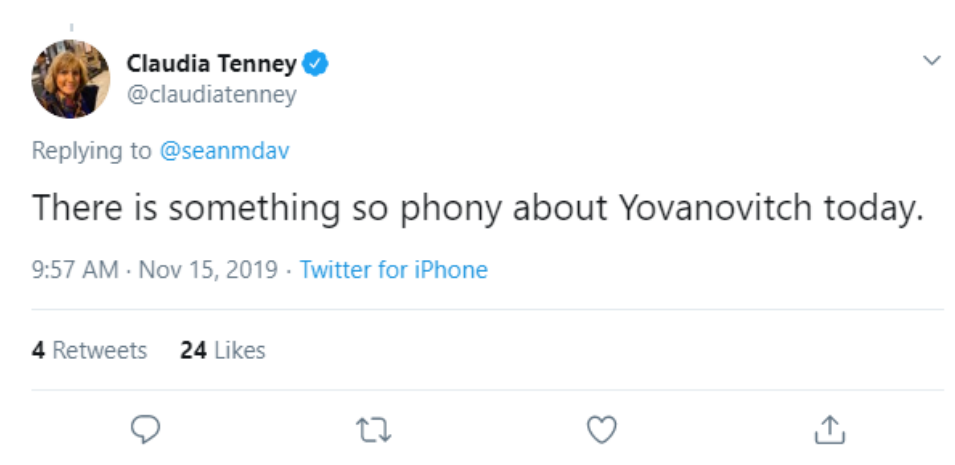
Tenney Said Trump Was Impeached "Without A Single Crime Being Committed." "Today is a sad day for our nation. It is the first time in history a president will be impeached without a crime being committed. Democrats are stopping at nothing to erase the gains we made last Congress." [Observer-Dispatch, 12/18/19]

Tenney Joined A "Stop The Madness" Rally While Impeachment Hearing Were Being Conducted

Tenney Joined New York Republican Chair And About A Dozen Protestors In Front Of Brindisi's Office In Demanding Congress "Stop The Madness." "As impeachment hearings continue in Washington D.C., congressional candidate Claudia Tenney and state Republican Chairman Nick Langworthy joined about a dozen protesters demanding Congress to 'stop the madness.' Their 'Stop the Madness' rally Wednesday in front of U.S. Rep. Anthony Brindisi's office also protested the congressman's vote to proceed with house impeachment rules and a \$2,000 campaign donation made by the campaign committee for Democratic U. S. Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee." [Observer-Dispatch, 11/21/19]

Tenney Belittled Marie Yovanovitch As "Phony" And Not Knowing Any Relevant Facts The Day She Publicly Testified Before Congress

TENNEY: "There Is Something So Phony About Yovanovitch Today." [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]

TENNEY: "She Is A Disgruntled, Fired Bureaucrat Without Actual Knowledge Of Any Relevant Facts." "Wow! Jeevan, this witness had nothing to talk about relative to impeachment. She is a disgruntled, fired bureaucrat without actual knowledge of any relevant facts." [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [11/15/19](#)]

Tenney Accused Brindisi Of Siding With New York City And California After Voting To Formalize The Impeachment Inquiry

Tenney Accused Brindisi Of Siding With New York City And California After Voting To Formalize The Impeachment Inquiry. “Just as he did as a candidate for Congress, [U.S. Rep.] Anthony Brindisi has once again chosen New York City and California donors over our community by voting to impeach the President. Brindisi continues to side with far-left leaders in Washington including Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Alexandria Ocasio Cortez over the needs of the people of Upstate New York. Democrats are obsessed with impeaching the president in order to distract from their abysmal record of doing nothing to help Upstate New York and the American people. Despite Anthony Brindisi’s claims that this opens up a fair and transparent process, the resolution is a lame attempt to save the Democrats from an unconstitutional charade being carried on by Adam Schiff in the bowels of the Capitol. Furthermore, the resolution does not afford the minority party and the President basic due process rights as

guaranteed by our founding principles as enshrined in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The resolution is a sad day for the American people and our democratic principles.” [Times Union, 10/31/19]

Tenney Did Not Think There Was Anything Wrong With Trump’s Phone Call With Zelensky

October 2019: Tenney On Trump’s Phone Call With Zelensky: “Maybe Saying Some Things Probably, As A Lawyer, I Would’ve Said, Don’t Say That. But I Don’t Think There Was Anything That Was Illegal Or Impeachable In It.” “Brindisi has said he is not for the impeachment of Trump at this time, but wants to see where the facts lead. The House launched an impeachment inquiry over a whistleblower complaint and phone call between Trump and the Ukrainian president. Trump asked the Ukrainian president to investigate Trump’s potential presidential rival, Joe Biden. Tenney said the transcript of the call is typical Trump. ‘Kind of stream-of-consciousness,’ Tenney said. ‘Maybe saying some things probably, as a lawyer, I would’ve said, don’t say that. But I don’t think there was anything that was illegal or impeachable in it.’” [WRVO, [10/3/19](#)]

Tenney Dodged A Question When Asked Directly Whether A President Should Ask A Foreign Power To Investigate An American Citizen And Then Made Excuses From Trump

Tenney Dodged A Question When Asked If A President Should Ask A Foreign Power To Investigate An American Citizen. “Should the president ask a foreign power to investigate US citizen, a former vice president? TENNEY: I don’t think that’s what the president did on the transcript, but if you look at the agreement, the treaty that Bill Clinton signed between Ukraine and the United States, they say in that treaty that we should be sharing information about criminal activity of all kinds that Ukraine is aware of. I would like to know what other presidents are saying [...] I think the language the president used was a little bit loose, maybe you could say, or typical Trump style, a little bit rambling – he’s obviously not a lawyer but I don’t think it was raised initially by the Ukrainian president [...] I don’t know if it’s totally inappropriate for the president to be engaging in a conversation like that. I’m more concerned that everything the president does and everything we do on a diplomatic basis, whether it’s subpoenaing the Secretary of State and people in the Secretary of State’s office [...] should everything we do as Americans be out in the public for them to see? I’d love to see the conversation between Loretta Lynch, on the tarmac, with Bill Clinton, and I’d love to see some of the conversations with Bill Clinton and other members behind the scenes. [...] I don’t know, I don’t think -- [...] That conversation’s released, I mean you might say it was inappropriate. Is it illegal, is it criminal activity, I don’t think so. [...] Is it impeachable, I don’t think so.” [WAMC Interview, 15:43, [10/2/19](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Called The Whistleblower A “Secondhand Whistleblower” And Said The Law Protecting Him/Her Was Suspicious

Tenney Thought The Law Protecting Whistleblowers Was Suspicious. “The whistleblower didn’t see or hear anything, the whistleblower heard this secondhand, which technically means its hearsay, if you’re going to look at it from our system of justice and our legal system. The law was changed, don’t you think that’s a little suspicious, that we have a whistleblower law that protects whistleblowers who personally witness corruption within an agency and now it doesn’t have to be personally witnessed, now the whistleblower can be a secondhand whistleblower and the inspector general from the intelligence community can’t really explain this, that it’s a true whistleblower. So there’s a shroud of real suspicion around all this, and the way that it was leaked. And that we suddenly, after all these years of intelligence, now have changed the whistleblower statute in the intelligence community – it looks very suspicious to me. [...] We have the transcript, why should we be concerned with the whistleblower –or the secondhand whistleblower [...] when you can read the transcript yourself. I don’t think we need to disclose whistleblowers if we don’t have to, but I do think it’s very suspect that we are now allowing second and thirdhand people make comments on something they didn’t personally witness and get protections from our government and our laws.” [WAMC Interview, Vantage, 18:27, [10/2/19](#)] (AUDIO)

Russia Investigation

Tenney Defended Trump Family's Actions, Said That Media Was "Obsessed With Russia"

Tenney Defended Trump Jr.'s Attempt To Get Damaging Information On Clinton From The Russian Government, Calling It "Opposition Research." "Tenney said investigations into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia should play out, but she dismissed the 'obsession with Russia.' And she defended the meeting the president's son Donald Trump Jr. arranged during the campaign with a Kremlin-linked lawyer, promising damaging evidence against Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, even though he had been told the information would come from the Russian government. 'I don't know of anyone who wouldn't accept opposition research that they could get from any source,' Tenney said, adding that she would turn over such information if she had it to the Attorney General. The issue, she said, distracts the media and congressional leaders and has 'nothing to do with my job.'" [Press & Sun Bulletin, [7/21/17](#)]

Tenney Said Media Was Obsessed With Russia, "Hanging On Hairs From A Couple Of Emails," But Had "Yet To Come Up With Anything." "TENNEY: The media is just obsessed with Russia, they're going to continue to try to find any scrap they can, all while ignoring the relationship that previous administrations, particularly Obama's administration. I can never forget the moment they showed over and over when Obama reached over and told the foreign minister of Russia, as soon as the election's over, I'll be more flexible. Hillary selling 25 percent of our uranium to Russians in exchange for money to the Clinton Foundation. This is absurd that we're hanging on hairs from a couple of emails... HOST: Tweets. TENNEY: Screaming about this collusion for a year and they have yet to come up with anything. Why aren't we focusing on what the American people need?" [WUTQ, [7/12/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Dismissed The "Obsession With Russia," Defended Donald Trump, Jr.'s Meeting With A Russian Attorney. "Tenney said investigations into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia should play out, but she dismissed the 'obsession with Russia.' And she defended the meeting the president's son Donald Trump Jr. arranged during the campaign with a Kremlin-linked lawyer, promising damaging evidence against Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, even though he had been told the information would come from the Russian government. 'I don't know of anyone who wouldn't accept opposition research that they could get from any source,' Tenney said, adding that she would turn over such information if she had it to the Attorney General. The issue, she said, distracts the media and congressional leaders and has 'nothing to do with my job.'" [Press & Sun-Bulletin, [7/23/17](#)]

Tenney Changed Her Mind About The Appointment Of A Special Prosecutor

Tenney Said She Supported A Special Prosecutor To Look Into Russian Meddling In The 2016 Election. "Congresswoman Claudia Tenney is weighing in on a number of national issues, including the firing of FBI Director James Comey, healthcare and an in-person town hall. Last night, President Donald Trump fired Comey from his position. Wednesday morning, Tenney said in a radio interview with Bob Joseph on Binghamton Now on WNBF that she supports the appointment of a special prosecutor to look into Russia's meddling in the presidential election." [WNBF, [5/10/17](#)]

Hours Later, Tenney Said She Would Back A Special Prosecutor Only If The House Or Senate Intelligence Committees Found Evidence Of Collusion. "But Tenney, R-New Hartford, said she also could support appointing a special prosecutor to look into possible collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign during the presidential election. Tenney said she would back such a probe only if the House or Senate Intelligence Committee found reason to proceed. 'Congressional committees are continuing to investigate any potential Russian involvement in the election,' Tenney said in a statement. 'If the investigation demonstrates evidence of collusion with Russia, I would be supportive of further investigation, including the possibility of

some type of special investigation. There are currently a lot of partisan allegations being thrown around, but no evidence.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/10/17](#)]

Tenney: “There Are Currently A Lot Of Partisan Allegations Being Thrown Around, But No Evidence.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/10/17](#)]

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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Expressed Sympathy For Paul Manafort, Saying People Were Getting Convicted Without Discovering Any Collusion

Tenney Expressed Sympathy For Paul Manafort, Saying People Were Getting Convicted Without Discovering Any Collusion, Which Wasn’t A Crime Anyway. “Tenney claims the Trump presidency is ‘the most successful presidency in modern history.’ Her reaction to Manafort and Cohen mirrored the president’s response. President Trump tweeted how he felt badly for Manafort, who ‘was a great man’ and that his conviction ‘doesn’t involve me’ and ‘has nothing to do with Russian collusion.’ Tenney told Talk of the Town ‘a lot of people aren’t happy with the fact we’re convicting one person after another and we’ve yet to discover any kind of so-called collusion, which isn’t a crime anyway.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 9/2/18]

Tenney Also Tried To Distance Trump From Cohen. “Tenney also claimed what Michael Cohen ‘pled guilty to doesn’t have anything to do with the president.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 9/2/18]

SUMMARY: Tenney Repeatedly Voted Against Investigating Russian Interference In The 2016 Election

- **Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election.** [HRes 600, [Vote #600](#), 11/2/17; CQ, [11/2/17](#), Congressional Record, [11/2/17](#)]

- **Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Treasury Department To Turn Over Documents Relating To Financial Ties Between Trump And Russia.** [H Res 442, Committee On Financial Services, [Vote FC-72](#), 7/25/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 7/25/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 374, [Vote #288](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Procedural Move To Bring Up Bill To Create An Independent Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 323, [Vote #259](#), 5/17/17; USA Today, [5/17/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election.** [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking The Creation Of A Commission Investigating Foreign Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election.** [HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election.** [HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [3/1/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/15/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [H Res 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** [HR 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/10/17](#)]

Tenney Repeatedly Voted Against Investigating Russian Interference In The 2016 Election

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Resolution To Require The Treasury Department To Turn Over Documents Relating To Financial Ties Between Trump And Russia. As a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, Tenney voted to block “on a party-line vote a resolution of inquiry by Democrats that would require the Treasury Department and its Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to turn over documents relating to financial ties between President Donald Trump and Russia. The committee voted 34-26 to report the resolution unfavorably to the House. The vote means the measure won’t be taken up on the floor.” [H Res 442, Committee On Financial Services, [Vote FC-72](#), 7/25/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 7/25/17]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Tenney voted for the Democratic Previous Question that “would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 228-185. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]

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The Amendment Would Repeal A Provision That Authorized The Appointment Of An Independent Counsel To Investigation That Resignation Of Michael Flynn And The President’s Alleged Collusion With Russia. “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: Kennedy, D-Mass., that would repeal a provision in current law that authorized the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the forced resignation of Michael Flynn, National Security Adviser by the President with regard to alleged collusion with Russia, as well as investigation on the President’s alleged collusion with Russia in Presidential elections, potential private business ties, and potential conflict of interests;” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

The Amendment Would Stipulate The FBI Director Could Only Be Fired For “Inefficiency, Neglect Of Duty Or Malfeasance.” “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: [...] Demings, D-Fla., that would stipulate that an FBI director could only be fired for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office;” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

The Amendment Would Repeal A Provision That Authorized The Appointment Of An Independent Counsel To Investigate The Firing Of FBI Director James Comey. “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: [...] Lieu, D-Calif., that would repeal a provision in current law that authorized the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the firing of FBI Director James B. Comey, the president’s alleged collusion with Russia in presidential elections, potential private business ties and potential conflicts of interest as a result;” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

The Amendment Would Repeal A Provision That Authorized The Appointment Of An Independent Counsel To Investigate The Firing Of Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates. “Slaughter, D-N.Y. – Amendment that would make in order amendments by: [...] and Moulton, D-Mass., that would repeal a provision in current law that authorized the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the firing of Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates and the president’s understanding of legal order at the Justice Department.” [CQ Committee Coverage, [5/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Procedural Move To Bring Up Bill To Create An Independent Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. “House Republicans blocked a vote Wednesday on legislation to create an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election. A Democratic effort to force a vote failed, with only one Republican – Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina – joining them in a procedural vote that would have allowed them to bring up the bill. But Democrats also launched a petition Wednesday that would allow them to force a vote on the bill at a later date if they get a majority of lawmakers to sign on.” [H Res 323, [Vote #259](#), 5/17/17; USA Today, [5/17/17](#)]

HEADLINE: GOP blocks House vote on independent Russia-Trump investigation [USA Today, [5/17/17](#)]

Tenney Voted To Kill A Resolution Would Require DHS To Send Information To House Homeland Security Committee Related To Hacking Or Other Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. “The House Homeland Security Committee has given an unfavorable designation to a resolution compelling the Department of Homeland Security to release documents pertaining to the Russia investigation. The resolution of inquiry, introduced by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), would require the DHS to send information to the panel related to hacking or other interference in the 2016 election. [...] Though a committee cannot table the resolution in a way that stops it from going to the floor, it can issue a recommendation of favorable or unfavorable. In this case, the committee chose the latter on a 14-12 party-line vote.” [H Res 235, Homeland Security Committee, [Committee Vote](#), 4/5/17; The Hill, [4/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election. In April 2017, Tenney voted against a “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 applying to any individual that withheld information from Congress related to an investigation regarding individuals influencing the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” The motion was rejected 228-185. [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Creation Of A Commission Investigating Foreign Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board.” A vote in favor is a vote to prevent investigation into Russia’s interference in the 2016 election. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-191. [HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 229).” A vote in favor of the motion is a vote to block consideration of a bipartisan bill, The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 233-189. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 233-190. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 227-188. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 234-179. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/10/17](#)]

Bill Would Create A 12 Member Bipartisan, Independent Commission To Examine Attempts By The Russian Government To Influence The 2016 Elections. “The bill would create a 12-member, bipartisan, independent commission empowered to interview witnesses, obtain documents, issue subpoenas, and receive public testimony to examine attempts by the Russian government and others to use electronic means to influence, interfere with, or sow distrust in this year’s U.S. elections. The commission — which would examine similar efforts by any other foreign governments or entities — would issue a final report with recommendations for future security protections to Congress and the President within 18 months of the bill’s enactment.” [Oversight Committee Democrats, Press Release, [12/7/16](#)]

2014: Tenney Claimed It Is Not “Inappropriate” To “Consider Impeach[ing]” Obama For Benghazi

Claimed It Is Not “Inappropriate” To “Consider Impeach[ing]” Obama For Benghazi. “When asked if she would support impeaching President Barack Obama over the Benghazi embassy attack and other issues, Tenney said she would not rule out the possibility. ‘I do not think it is inappropriate to consider impeachment if it is relevant when it comes to Obama’s lawless presidency,’ Tenney said. ‘At the very least, the House should use its powers to limit any funding to programs that further the unconstitutional actions of the executive.’” [The Post Standard, Syracuse, [6/11/14](#)]

Tax Returns

Tenney Said That She Was Unconcerned With Trump’s Tax Returns

Tenney On Trump’s Tax Returns: “It’s Not Something I Have A Big Interest In.” “Trump has long faced questions about secrecy and transparency given his refusal to release his federal tax returns, a decision that broke decades of tradition for presidents and presidential candidates, according to the Associated Press. Thousands of protesters recently marched across the country demanding anew that Trump release his tax returns. But the protests did little to change Trump’s thinking. White House press secretary Sean Spicer maintained that Trump was unable to make the information public because he is under audit, despite the fact that tax experts say an audit would not prevent him from releasing his taxes. ‘It’s not required,’ Tenney said. ‘It’s not something I have a big interest in. I mean, what is it going to tell me? He’s got a lot of money or he had bankruptcies when he was in Atlantic City over his casinos?’ Tenney said she doesn’t think any conflicts of interest or foreign investments would be revealed if the tax returns were released. She also said the media is getting worked up over the issue and in turn getting the public worked up. ‘I just don’t see why it’s that important of an issue,’ she said. ‘He claims he’s in an audit. I just think that we’re sitting here talking about this while the world is crumbling around us and it just seems to me like a side issue.’” [Times Telegram, 4/22/17]

SUMMARY: Tenney Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump’s Tax Returns

- **Tenney 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](#)]
- **Tenney 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](#)]

- **Tenney 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]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #311](#), 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #292](#), 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return.** [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/7/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return.** [Motion, [Vote #274](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns.** [H Res 324, [Vote #263](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/18/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return.** [Motion, [Vote #261](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/17/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Requiring Major Party Candidates For President To Release Three Most Recent Tax Returns.** [HR 305 (HRes 275), [Vote #224](#), 4/26/17; CQ, [4/26/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #219](#), 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #201](#), 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [H Res 230, [Vote #199](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege.** [Motion, [Vote #182](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #161](#), 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #128](#), 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns.** [H Res 150, [Vote #103](#), 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/28/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** [Motion, [Vote #101](#), 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act.** [H Res 55, [Vote #62](#), 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/24/17](#)]

Tenney Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump’s Tax Returns

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President’s Tax Returns. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In July 2017, Tenney 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]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Tenney voted for “motion to table (kill) the Doggett, D-Texas., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Doggett 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 227-188. [Motion, [Vote #311](#), 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Tenney voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Capuano, D-Mass., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Capuano resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-186. [Motion, [Vote #292](#), 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 375).” According to The Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The previous question carried, 228-185. [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted To Table An Amendment To Prohibit Implementation Of A Bill Until The Chairman Of Ways And Means Requested 10 Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Tenney voted for a “motion to table the Doggett motion to appeal the ruling of the chairman that the Doggett amendment to the Brady, R-Texas, substitute amendment was not germane. The Doggett amendment would prohibit implementation of any provision of the bill until the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee submits a written request to the Treasury secretary for copies of the President Donald Trump’s tax returns for the past 10 years, including each business entity disclosed on the president’s ethics form.” The motion was agreed to 22-16. [House Ways and Means Committee, [Committee Vote](#), 5/24/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to table (kill) the Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Sanchez resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s text returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed, 225-187. [Motion, [Vote #274](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Collins, 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 amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The motion passed 226-188. [H Res 324, [Vote #263](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/18/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell 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 by a vote of 229-188. [Motion, [Vote #261](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/17/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In April 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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.” The previous question passed 231-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 305 (HRes 275), [Vote #224](#), 4/26/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [4/26/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “Foxy, R-N.C., motion to table (kill) the Jeffries, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Jeffries resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, [Vote #219](#), 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries “Offered A Resolution... To Delay Consideration Of Tax Reform Legislation Until After Lawmakers Review Trump’s Tax Returns.” “House Republicans on Wednesday blocked a Democratic effort to demand President Trump’s tax returns for the sixth time in as many weeks. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) offered a resolution directing the House to delay consideration of tax reform legislation until after lawmakers review Trump’s tax returns and conclude how he could benefit from changes to the tax code.” [The Hill, [4/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted To Kill A Resolution Directing Treasury To Provide Trump’s Personal Tax Filings Over The Past Decade. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Tenney voted to report unfavorably to the House H. Res. 186, “of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide to the House of Representatives the tax returns and other specified financial information of President Donald J. Trump.” The motion passed 24-16. Reporting the resolution with an unfavorable recommendation effectively killed the legislation. [Committee on Ways and Means, [Committee Vote](#), 3/28/17]

Pascrell Resolution Requested 10 Years Of Trump’s Tax Returns, And Any Information Treasury Has Specifying Trump’s Debt And Investments In Foreign Companies And Governments. “The resolution requests 10 years of returns, from 2006 through 2015, and any information Treasury has that specifies Trump’s debts held by foreign companies and governments, investments in foreign countries and enterprises, and any ‘tax shelters, corporate structures, tax avoidance maneuvers, abatements or other loopholes to reduce or eliminate tax liability.’” [North Jersey Record, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “Flores, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Lofgren resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-190. [Motion, [Vote #201](#), 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, [3/28/17](#)]

Republicans Blocked Procedural Effort To Obtain Trump’s Tax Returns From The IRS. “House Republicans on Tuesday blocked more attempts by Democrats to obtain President Donald Trump’s tax returns

from the IRS. House Democrats tried for a third and a fourth time to use procedural votes to pry loose Trump's returns. Republicans blocked both efforts, one on the House floor and the other in the House Ways and Means Committee. The House voted 228-190 on a mostly party-line vote to block the Democrats' effort. The Ways and Means Committee voted 24-16 to oppose the effort." [Associated Press, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the "Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 230)." A vote in favor is a vote against requiring Trump to release his tax returns. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-184. [H Res 230, [Vote #199](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the "Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to table (kill) the Polis, D-Colo., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Polis 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 by a vote of 230-189. [Motion, [Vote #182](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Republican Presiding Officer Cut Off Attempt By Democrats To Force A Vote To Push Committee To Request Trump's Tax Returns. "Democrats tried but failed Monday to force a House floor vote to push a key committee to request copies of President Trump's tax returns. It was the fourth time in as many weeks that Democrats sought to force the vote. Rep. Jared Polis (D-Colo.) attempted to offer a resolution and trigger a House floor vote, but was cut off by the Republican presiding over the House." [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Rather Than Rule The Measure Was Not Privileged, Rep. Womack, The Presiding Officer, Ruled That Rep. Polis Was No Longer Able To Speak. "Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as "privileged," which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn't qualify as "privileged" by affecting the chamber's dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings. [...] But on Monday, Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.), who was presiding over the chamber, took a different approach to block the measure. He declared the House would not at that time determine whether the resolution met the requirements to be "privileged" and ruled that Polis was no longer recognized to speak. Womack then ordered the House to resume voting on an unrelated noncontroversial bill regarding the Department of Homeland Security." [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for "McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Crowley resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House." The motion passed 223-183. [Motion, [Vote #161](#), 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump's Tax Returns. "Crowley's measure is similar to resolutions Democratic Reps. Bill Pascrell Jr. (N.J.) and Anna Eshoo (Calif.) offered on the House floor in recent weeks. It includes additional language that says the American public need to know more about Trump's business interests in order to 'ensure that all policies put forward by the Trump Administration solely benefit the American public and not his corporate business partners.' As was the case in past weeks, Crowley tried to offer the resolution as 'privileged,' meaning the House would have to act on it within two legislative days. But Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), who was presiding over the House, ruled that the measure was not privileged, and the vast majority of Republicans voted to table Crowley's appeal of that ruling, 223-183." [The Hill, [3/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted To Kill An Amendment That Would Prevent Implementation Of The American Health Care Act Until A Formal Request Was Made To Treasury For Trump's Personal Tax Filings Over The Past Decade. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Tenney voted for a "motion to table the Doggett, D-

Texas, motion to appeal the ruling of the chairman that the Doggett amendment to the Brady, R-Texas substitute amendment was not germane. The Doggett amendment would bar the bill from taking effect until the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee submits a written request to the Treasury secretary for copies of the president's federal tax returns for the last 10 years. It also would require that the tax returns and any accompanying information be available for Democratic and Republican committee staff and members to examine." The motion was agreed to 23-16. [Committee On Ways and Means, [Committee Vote](#), 3/8/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [3/8/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for "McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Eshoo, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Eshoo resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House." The motion passed 227-186. [Motion, [Vote #128](#), 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump's Tax Returns. "House Democrats on Tuesday furthered their push to force Republicans to take tough votes on President Trump, offering a resolution on the House floor to request Trump's tax returns for the second time in a little over a week. The resolution was blocked on a procedural vote of 227-186. [...] Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) offered a resolution on Tuesday instructing the House to request 10 years of Trump's tax returns so that they can be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee in a closed session." [The Hill, [3/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In June 2016, Tenney voted for the "Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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." The previous question passed 224-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 150, [Vote #103](#), 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In February 2017, Tenney voted for "McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House." The motion passed 229-185. [Motion, [Vote #101](#), 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump's Tax Returns. "A House Democratic lawmaker attempted Monday to force a House floor vote on a resolution to request President Trump's tax returns, but the effort failed on a party line vote, 229-185, with two Republicans voting 'present.' The move was the latest in a series of Democratic efforts to push Congress to request Trump's tax returns, and Democrats demanded a roll call vote to force Republicans to go on the record. [...] Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) offered a resolution that would have directed the House to request 10 years of Trump's tax returns, have the House Ways and Means Committee review them in a closed session and then vote to send the information in the returns to the full House." [The Hill, [2/27/17](#)]

Democrats Offered Resolution To "Instruct The House To Request Trump's Tax Returns From The Last Decade So That The House Ways And Means Committee... Can Review Them In A Closed Session." "Democrats have offered similar resolution three other times in the last four weeks, which all resulted in procedural votes. The resolutions would instruct the House to request Trump's tax returns from the last decade so that the House Ways and Means Committee, which has oversight of the Internal Revenue Service, could review them in a closed session. The chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation have the power to request individual tax return information from the Treasury Department." [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

After Republican Presiding Officers Ruled Measure Did Not Qualify As “Privileged” Action Under House Rules, Democrats Forced Roll Call Vote To Appeal Ruling. “Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as “privileged,” which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn’t qualify as “privileged” by affecting the chamber’s dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings.” [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Mandating A Formal Request To Treasury For Trump’s Personal Tax Filings Over The Past Decade. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Tenney voted against an “amendment that would direct the chairman to submit a written request to the Treasury secretary by March 1 for copies of the tax returns of President Donald Trump for the last 10 years. The returns would be examined by bipartisan staff and reviewed in executive session for potential conflicts, violations of the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution and potential entanglements with foreign governments and foreign state-owned enterprises.” The amendment was rejected 15-23. [Committee On Ways and Means, [Committee Vote](#), 2/14/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [2/14/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amendment To Prevent Committee From Moving Any Legislation That Would Provide A Financial Benefit To President Trump. As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, Tenney voted against an “amendment that would prohibit the full committee from moving or waiving consideration of legislation that would provide any direct financial benefit to President Donald Trump, the Trump Organization or any business the president has an equity interest.” The amendment was rejected 10-17. [Homeland Security Committee, CQ Committee Coverage, [2/1/17](#)]

Republicans Voting Against Motion: Donovan (N.Y.); Duncan, Jeff (S.C.); Fitzpatrick (Pa.); Gallagher (Wis.); Garrett (Va.); Higgins, C. (La.); Hurd (Texas); Katko (N.Y.); King, P. (N.Y.); Marino (Pa.); McCaul (Texas); McSally (Ariz.); Perry (Pa.); Ratcliffe (Texas); Rogers, Mike D. (Ala.); Rutherford (Fla.); Smith, Lamar (Texas)

Amendment Was “An Attempt To Get Trump To Release His Tax Returns.” “In an attempt to get Trump to release his tax returns, New Jersey Democrat Bonnie Watson Coleman offered an amendment, rejected 10-17, that would have prohibited the full committee from moving or waiving consideration of legislation that would provide direct financial benefit to Trump, the Trump Organization or any business where he has an equity interest. She called it a ‘good government’ amendment, but McCaul said it had ‘absolutely no relevance to any of our oversight responsibilities.’” [CQ Committee Coverage, [2/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act.” The previous question passed 233-187. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 55, [Vote #62](#), 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/24/17](#)]

Supreme Court Nominations

Tenney Supported Brett Kavanaugh’s Nomination To The Supreme Court

Tenney Praised Kavanaugh’s “Commitment To Constitutional Originalism.” ““I commend President Trump for his excellent choice of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as the next member of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh’s outstanding and diverse record on the compelling constitutional issues of the day proves that he is an intellectual leader on the bench and will be a superb member of our nation’s highest court. His strong commitment to constitutional originalism will enable the Supreme Court to restore its role in American government, ensuring the court decisions are not greater or more consequential than the other two branches of our Constitutional Republic. I urge my Senate colleagues to swiftly confirm him.” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/11/18]

Tenney Also Praised Kavanaugh’s “Impeccable Record Of Impartiality” The Day After Kavanaugh And Christine Blasey Ford Testified. “U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney said Friday she’s looking forward to the Senate’s confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court and praised his ‘impeccable record of impartiality.’ Tenney, R-New Hartford, made her comments after a full day of testimony Thursday by Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accused the judge of sexually assaulting her when the two were in high school.” [Post Standard, 9/29/18]

Tenney Requested The FBI Conduct A Follow-Up Investigation Of No More Than A Week. “Tenney and Rep. John Katko, R-Camillus, issued statements before Friday’s move by the Senate Judiciary Committee to approve Kavanaugh but ask the White House for an FBI follow-up investigation of no more than a week. ‘As a lawyer, especially one who handled cases involving sexual assault, I understand the importance of hearing the testimony of both Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh,’ Tenney said in her statement. ‘Their testimonies were compelling and they both deserved to be heard. However, the politicization of this confirmation process has been alarming.’ Tenney, a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, declined through a spokeswoman to say whether the FBI should investigate the allegations. Tenney also declined to say whether she supports calls for the Senate Judiciary Committee to subpoena Mark Judge, the Kavanaugh friend who Ford testified witnessed the assault.” [Post Standard, 9/29/18]

Conflicts Of Interest

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

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- **Tenney 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](#)]
- **Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until The Director Of OGE Certified No Provision Would Benefit The President Or Any Person Appointed By The Executive Branch To Influence Federal Regulation.** [House Financial Services Committee, [HR 10, Amendment 1h, Vote FC-45](#), 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [5/4/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted Against Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until It Was Certified An Action Would Not Benefit Any Creditor Or Controlling Interest Listed On The Last Seven Years Of The President’s Tax Returns.** [House Financial Services Committee, [HR 10, Amendment 1i, Vote FC-46](#), 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [5/4/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump’s Potential Conflicts Of Interest.** [HRes 280, [Vote #229](#), 4/27/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [4/27/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests.** [HR 1004, [Vote #125](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery.** [HR 998, [Vote #113](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]
- **Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President.** [H Res 40, [Vote #32](#), 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Repeatedly Voted Against Addressing Conflicts Of Interest In Trump's Administration, And Made Excuses For Impropriety

Tenney Justified Trump's Eye-Popping Travel Expenses As "Relationship Building." "Trump's travel to his private club in Florida has cost more than an estimated \$21.6 million in his first 80 days as president, according to a CNN report from April 11. That puts the president on pace in his first year of office to surpass former President Barack Obama's spending on travel for his entire eight years. 'Obama, by contrast, spent just under \$97 million on travel in his eight years as president, according to documents reviewed by Judicial Watch, a conservative government watchdog,' according to a CNN report. 'These trips included personal trips -- including ski trips to Aspen and the Obama's annual family vacation in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts -- and work trips, like a visit to Everglades National Park on Earth Day in 2015.' Tenney said that whether you agree with Trump or not, the president is into relationship building and 'that's what he's trying to do.' 'You know we live in a society where it's all about relationships and communication,' Tenney said, 'and that's what Trump's strength is and he's meeting people in Florida versus the White House.' " [Times Telegram, 4/22/17]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until The Director Of OGE Certified No Provision Would Benefit The President Or Any Person Appointed By The Executive Branch To Influence Federal Regulation. As a member of the Financial Services Committee, Tenney voted for an "amendment to the Hensarling, R-Texas, substitute amendment that would bar the bill from taking effect until the director of the Office of Government Ethics certifies that no provision of the bill would directly benefit the president or an individual who is appointed to a position in the executive branch to influence federal regulation. It also would require the director to issue a certification listing any individuals that benefit from the bill." The amendment was rejected 26-33. [House Financial Services Committee, [HR 10, Amendment 1h, Vote FC-45](#), 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [5/4/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until It Was Certified An Action Would Not Benefit Any Creditor Or Controlling Interest Listed On The Last Seven Years Of The President's Tax Returns. As a member of the Financial Services Committee, Tenney voted for an "amendment to the Hensarling, R-Texas, substitute amendment that would bar federal departments and agencies from adopting, revising or repealing any rule or regulation pursuant to the bill, unless the departments or agencies certify that, at the time of such adoption, revision or repeal, the action would not directly or indirectly benefit any creditor listed in the president's tax returns for the seven previous years or any company in which the president owns a controlling

interest.” The amendment was rejected 26-32. [House Financial Services Committee, [HR 10, Amendment 1i, Vote FC-46](#), 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, [5/4/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump’s Potential Conflicts Of Interest. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 286 which would direct certain officials of the Trump Administration to provide information to the House of Representatives that will enable the House to meet its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the Trump Administration by investigating potential conflicts of interests of President Donald J. Trump.” **A vote yes was a vote against the Democrats’ resolution.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-193. [HRes 280, [Vote #229](#), 4/27/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [4/27/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Jayapal, D-Wash., 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 prohibit the president from making public communications that refer to a business in which the president has an equity interest and would prohibit the president from publicly advocating on behalf of such business interests.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, [Vote #125](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., 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 exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to laws governing potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosures for executive branch employees, and would exempt rules related to bribery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 998, [Vote #113](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 371, to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President.” The previous question passed 232-168. **A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered.** [H Res 40, [Vote #32](#), 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/11/17](#)]

2016 Election

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Said She Would Support Donald Trump Even After He Lashed Out At Gold Star Parents

Said She Would “Roll The Dice For” Donald Trump Against Hillary Clinton. “Did Donald Trump cross the line even for me when I try to look at what’s going on? Yes, he does. But, again, are we going to judge someone by their social appearances and what they say or are they going to be a strong, decisive leader. Now, I’m not sure. The jury is still out on Donald Trump on that issue, but I’m willing to roll the dice for him, because I know exactly what Hillary Clinton is. I know what she’s going to do. She’s going to continue to serve herself. Now, maybe Donald Trump will do that in the end, but I don’t know.” [Effective NY, [8/07/16](#)]

Washington Post: “Republican Donald Trump Lashed Out Saturday At Two Muslim American Parents Who Lost Their Son While He Served In The U.S. Military. “Republican Donald Trump lashed out Saturday at two Muslim American parents who lost their son while he served in the U.S. military in Iraq and who appeared at the Democratic National Convention last week, stirring outrage among critics who said the episode proves that Trump lacks the compassion and temperament to be president. Asked to comment on the convention speech of Khizr Khan, a Pakistani immigrant whose son, Army Capt. Humayun Khan, died in Iraq in 2004, Trump described Khan as ‘very emotional’ and said he ‘probably looked like a nice guy to me’ — then accused him of being controlled by the Clinton campaign. ‘Who wrote that? Did Hillary’s scriptwriters write it?’ he asked in an interview with ABC. Trump also questioned why Khan’s wife, Ghazala, did not speak on stage, despite the fact that she sat for an interview with MSNBC the following day.” [Washington Post, [7/30/16](#)]

Voted For Trump In Republican Primary

Voted For Trump In Republican Primary. In April 2016, while appearing on WIBX radio, Tenney said she voted for Trump. The response went as follows: TENNEY: I see identifying more with Cruz and Trump. I think I am more of a populist like Trump, and more of a constitutionalist like Cruz. But in the last analysis, although I like a lot of things Cruz stands for, I ended up voting for Trump, because he is a New Yorker and if I get elected to the 22nd Congressional district, and he is the president and he does what he says he is going to do, we are not sure of that, I know he has a conflicting record. I thought that that would be good for the 22nd Congressional district to have a president who is from New York, and understands what we need in New York. I attended his rally, I attending the Cruz rally as well, which was about the same time as the Kasich rally. I got to meet with him personally, and I talked to him a little bit about the 22nd, and the fact that I owned a manufacturing business, and that we need to do something about bringing manufacturing jobs back to New York. Whether he is, he was very sincere and very kind to me about it, and showed really that he was interested, I know he puts a different persona on stage, but I was very impressed by him one on one. I had met him before in a SAFE Act rally, an anti-SAFT act rally in 2013 when he was contemplating running for Governor. He was quite engaging, and he answered every question I asked, and said he will do whatever he can to try to help central New York and help us bring our manufacturing base back. We align on the trade issue, were both, we want fair trade, we like free trade, but we want it to be fair. We are both against TPP, and I am well documented on the issue as an owner of a manufacturing firm. So that was the reasons I took the balance of favor on Trump. [WIBX Radio Interview, WIBX YouTube, [14:30](#), 4/29/16]

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Said She Will Support The GOP Nominee For President. “Claudia Tenney (R), a 2014 candidate, said she will support whomever the GOP nominee is in the presidential race.” [National Journal, [3/30/16](#)]

Said “I Am A Common Sense Person, Like Donald Trump, Like A Ted Cruz”

Said “I Am A Common Sense Person, Like Donald Trump, Like A Ted Cruz.” In May 2016, while appearing on WUTR ABC, Tenney said, “I am a common sense person, like Donald Trump, like a Ted Cruz. The response went as follows: TENNEY: I am a common sense person, like Donald Trump, like a Ted Cruz. What we are trying to do is just help the people get jobs, retain jobs, keep those manufacturing jobs that we’ve lost in this community. Four out of five manufacturing jobs have been lost in the 22nd congressional district. [WUTR ABC Interview, Eyewitness News, 1:20, [5/02/16](#)]

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from Barneveld who is retiring at the end of the year. ‘I just know that if they don’t like (Donald) Trump, they shouldn’t like Claudia.’ [Observer-Dispatch, 8/12/16]

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Claimed She Cringes At Trump’s Rhetoric But That He’s “An Alpha Male. He Is A Warrior. He You Know, He Chews On Ice. He’s A Different Kind Of Guy Than We’ve Ever Elected.” “So I see it as, I do cringe at many of the things that Donald Trump says and the way he says them. But Donald Trump is an alpha male. He is a warrior. He, you know, he chews on ice. He’s a different kind of guy than we’ve ever elected. I do hope that he, you know, I know people don’t like his tone sometimes but at least he’s a strong person.” [WRVO, [8/13/16](#)]

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Said, “I Was A Donald Trump And Ted Cruz Before They Came On The Scene.” In May 2016, while appearing on “Capital Pressroom” with Susan Arbetter, Tenney said, “I was Donald Trump and Ted Cruz before they came on the scene. The exchange went as follows: HOST: Who do you align with in terms of presidential candidates? Do you align more with Donald Trump, do you align more with Cruz, what? TENNEY: You know it’s funny, in my polling the Cruz, Trump overwhelmingly support me, the Kasich people, which are more of the establishment Republicans not as much. For me personally, I think I have the populism of a Donald Trump, but I’m a constitutionalist conservative like Ted Cruz. HOST: So you got it both going on? TENNEY: Yeah, I was a Donald Trump and Ted Cruz before they came on the scene. In 2010 when I ran, I was a conservative, and also someone who was against trade, I’m not against trade, I’m for fair trade. [Tenney Interview, “Capitol Pressroom” with Susan Arbetter, [6:45](#), accessed 6/06/16]

Said Trump Is “Obviously A Leader”

Said Trump Is “Obviously A Leader.” In December 2015, while appearing on “John Gomez Show,” Tenney said Trump is “obviously a leader.” The response went as follows: TENNEY: I may have said this before, but I think it is worth noting that Donald Trump is an executive, he makes executive decisions ... and he’s obviously a leader. He says things that make me cringe, just like all of us. ... I don’t know if he stands for all the things he says he is. He does say the right things that conservatives want to hear. He has no proven record as a conservative, but is involving as a candidate. [Tenney Interview, “The John Gomez Show”, [9:25](#), 12/16/15]

Said Trump “Is Least Knowledgeable About Legal Issues In Government, The Constitution”

Said Trump “Is Least Knowledgeable About Legal Issues In Government, The Constitution” In February 2016, while appearing on WUTQ’s ‘Talk of the Town’, Tenney said Trump “is least knowledgeable about legal issues in government.” The exchange went as follows: HOST: Claudia, there is a lot of indication out there that

Trump is going to be the nominee. What do you think of a Trump presidency? TENNEY: Well, we'll have to wait and see. It'll be interesting. ... HOST: ... We were discussing potential running mates[.] ... I don't know if you have any thoughts on who would be good running mates for any of these candidates or not? TENNEY: If it is Trump, I think he is the least knowledgeable about legal issues in government, the constitution. He should choose someone – if it's going to be Trump – that has that kind of strong base in that area[.] [WUTQ's 'Talk of the Town, [18:10](#), 2/28/16]

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2015: Endorsed Carly Fiorina For President. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, whose district includes a string of towns in Otsego and Delaware counties, declared in a social media posting this week that Fiorina is ‘my choice for President in 2016.’ Fiorina was among the possible contenders who addressed the CPAC forum in Maryland on Thursday.” [The Daily Star, [2/27/15](#)]

Issues

Agriculture Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted for the House version of the 2018 farm bill, which harshened work requirements for SNAP recipients.*
- ✓ *2017: After voting for the Farm Bill, Tenney called for the next version of it to include changes to a safety net program for dairy producers.*

2018 Farm Bill

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Tenney Voted For The Farm Bill Conference Report, Funding Farm And Nutrition Programs Through FY 2023. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

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

Tenney Voted For The House Version Of 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

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

Tenney Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs. In May 2018, Tenney voted for preservation, 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](#)]

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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

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

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

2017: Tenney Called For Changes To Dairy Insurance Program In Next Farm Bill

Tenney Called For Changes To Dairy Insurance Program In Next Farm Bill. “Members of upstate New York’s congressional delegation are urging the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee to support reforms to a key dairy insurance program in the next farm bill. Six Republicans — U.S. Reps. Chris Collins, John Faso, John Katko, Tom Reed, Elise Stefanik and Claudia Tenney — are calling for changes to the Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers, a safety net program that’s administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program, the members of Congress say, has underperformed for New York dairy farmers since it was established two years ago. While dairy farmers have paid millions in premiums, they have received very little return on their investment from the program.” [Auburn Citizen, [7/20/17](#)]

The 2018 Farm Bill Replaced The MPP Program With A New DMC Program That Was Intended To Increase Money Paid To Dairy Farmers. “The Margin Protection Program started it. The contentious 2014 Farm Bill brought the Margin Protection Program into existence. In fact, 2014 was a revolutionary year for federal dairy policy, says Carl Zulauf, professor emeritus at Ohio State University and farm policy expert. The Margin Protection Program aimed to do something novel — compensate farmers for lost margin, calculated by the difference between aggregated national prices for milk and feed. But, despite stress in the dairy market, farmers paid into the program and received few, if any, payouts. Farmers struggled, and lawmakers heard about it. Officials would spend much of the following four years working to fix it. So, the 2018 Farm Bill replaced the MPP with the DMC, lowering the prices farmers pay in premiums and increasing coverage levels to provide greater flexibility. Lawmakers touted its benefits and pressed U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure that farmers knew the details. And the pressure was effective. More than 80% of all US dairy farms signed up for some amount of coverage under the program in 2019, which has paid producers more than \$300 million in premiums for the year.” [Farm and Dairy, [1/10/20](#)]

Budget Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney downplayed a possible government shutdown in January 2018, saying “the government shuts down every evening.”*
 - ✓ *She later downplayed the effects of the 2018-2019 shutdown after voting for a funding bill that made it more likely the government would partially shut down.*
- ✓ *Tenney praised Trump’s budget, which would have cut Medicare by \$554 billion, by describing “entitlements” as a “huge problem.”*
 - ✓ *Two days later, Tenney said she opposed Trump’s budget proposal.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for the FY2018 House budget resolution, which called for turning Medicare into a voucher-like program and proposed cutting the program by nearly half a billion dollars. The budget also called for \$4 billion in Social Security cuts.*
- ✓ *Tenney co-sponsored and voted for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which would “likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts.”*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed she “will not vote for any additional spending that adds to the debt”*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against entire 2016-2017 state budget package, which included largest middle-class tax cut in twenty years, a property tax cut, a minimum wage increase, a paid family leave provision, and funding for a range of programs including those benefiting veterans and seniors*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against Assembly budget proposal for 2016-2017, which would have increased taxes on millionaires while cutting them for middle income taxpayers*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against entire 2015-2016 state budget package, which included increased funding for Upstate economic development, education, student loan relief, and agriculture as well as a range of anti-corruption legislation*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against entire 2014-2015 state budget package, which increased funding for education, cut taxes on manufacturers, froze property taxes, reduced energy costs, and included campaign and anti-corruption reforms*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against Assembly budget proposal for 2014-2015, which would have cut taxes on manufacturers, expanded entrepreneurial assistance to veterans starting businesses, and increased funding for education, anti-domestic violence program, and veterans’ organizations*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against the 2012-2013 State Debt Service Budget, Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget, and the state agency mergers bill, but for the other eight bills of the state budget package*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against the 2011-2012 State Education, Labor and Family Assistance Budget and the State Mental Health and Hygiene Budget, but for the other eight bills of the state budget package*

Government Funding And Shutdowns

2018-2019 Government Shutdown

Tenney Downplayed The Effects Of The Government Shutdown, Saying A Large Part Of The Government Was Still Operating

Tenney Downplayed The Effects Of The Government Shutdown, Claiming Its Local Impact Was Low. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, said while she is not happy with the government being shut down, it only is a partial shutdown, which means the local impact is low. ‘I would prefer we didn’t shut the government down,’ she said. ‘There’s a large amount of the government that is functioning and operating. I think nonessential employees, and like the Department of State and certain areas, will probably be furloughed temporarily. We had to do that last year with the full government shutdown in January when Sen. Chuck Schumer shut the government down, but we’ll see.’” [Times Telegram, 12/29/18]

The Government Shutdown Meant Many Services And Groups Were Not Available. “Some parks are closed completely and some visitor services may be available, the website stated. ‘For most parks, there will be no National Park Service-provided visitor services, such as restrooms, trash collection, facilities, or road maintenance,’ the message said. [...] Other services or groups that may be affected, according to USA Today, include state and local farm service centers, small business owners, home buyers, crime victims, food inspections, public housing and the Violence Against Women Act. Departments affected include the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Agriculture, the Justice Department, the Interior Department, the State Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to CNN.” [Times Telegram, 12/29/18]

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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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

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

Tenney Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

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

Tenney Voted For The \$1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Heritage Foundation Said The Omnibus Bill Increased Deficit Spending, Represented “Yet Another Missed Opportunity By Congress To Take The National Debt Seriously.” “The bill disregards the country’s unstable fiscal path in favor of more deficit spending. It continues to fund numerous failed policies and programs that fall squarely outside the constitutional role of the government. [...] It represents yet another missed opportunity by Congress to take the national debt seriously and make meaningful spending reforms.” [Heritage Foundation, [3/22/18](#)]

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

Tenney Voted For Passing The \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Short Term Funding Bills

Tenney Blamed Democrats For The 2018 Government Shutdowns, Saying She Was “Disappointed.” “REP. CLAUDIA TENNEY (R-NY), FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: I hope it ends with us actually passing 12 appropriations bills in the Senate that we passed last September in the House and finalizing our budget. But I’m afraid we’re going to probably be stuck with a continuing resolution that we will vote on to-night and we will wait for the Democratic minority to decide if they want to shut the government down again to take money away from our community health centers, to give unpredictability to our troops, to deny our troops raises and all the things they would be doing if they shut the government down. And I’m just really disappointed that they haven’t learned from the last shutdown that this is not going to be a good thing. Not just for our citizens, but, you know, for the government’s integrity.” [CNN, Transcript, 2/6/18]

When Pressed On The Fact That Her Party Was In The Majority, Tenney Countered With “We’re Not Though, Actually.” “HILL: Obviously, you know, the pushback there is you’re the party in power. TENNEY: Yes. We’re not though, actually. Under the 60 vote rule, of course, we don’t have the extra -- we need Democrats to join along with us and vote and support those. When you say that, I would love to get rid of the 60 vote rule if we could and pass things on a simple majority, so that we can continue to grow and take care of our military to secure this country. I had a very sobering meeting recently with the Republicans in our retreat with General Mattis and our Secretary of State Rex Tillerson about the importance of predictability and funding especially for defense. My son is an active duty marine officer, who has described to me how devastating this is for our military and how much it puts our security at risk. I wish Chuck Schumer would recognize that as a fellow New Yorker.” [CNN, Transcript, 2/6/18]

January 2018: Tenney Claimed Democrats Were Trying To Shut Down The Government To Stifle Economic Growth. “TENNEY: And let me add something about letting the government shut down. We’ve seen an incredible run in the stock market. We’ve seen the labor participation rate at the highest rate it’s been for over a decade. We’ve seen incredible increases in wages, naturally, through the voluntary will of employers and through competition for the first time in government, not forced through by government. And what you’re seeing is a potential threat to this growth. And that’s exactly what Chuck Schumer and the Democrats are trying to do. They’re trying to destroy the incredible success that’s been going on from cutting regulations, decreasing taxes, and really allowing our country to come back. And I think that’s just – people should be on high alert to what is going on behind the scenes in Washington.” [WKTV, [1/19/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Downplayed The Impact Of A Government Shutdown, Saying “The Government Shuts Down Every Evening” And Calling It “Drama Over Nothing.” “I would hate to see a government shutdown but there’s a point where when you, when you call it a government shutdown, that’s really drama. I mean the government shuts down every evening, and certain non-essential parts of the government, and it shuts down every weekend. So no a total government shutdown is not gonna happen, it would only be for non-essential services, and so to me a lot of it is drama over nothing.” [WSYR, [1/10/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For House Passage Of Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Through March 23. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney voted forment 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney voted forexpected 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018 And Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bipartisan Deal To Fund The Government Through September 30, 2017 And Increase Defense Funding. In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill with an amendment that would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations through Sept. 30, 2017 for federal departments and agencies covered by the remaining 11 fiscal 2017 spending bills. Included in that total is: \$20.9 billion for Agriculture, \$56.6 billion for Commerce-Justice-Science, \$593 billion for Defense, \$37.8 billion for Energy-Water, \$21.5 billion for Financial Services, \$42.4 billion for Homeland Security (including \$772 million for improvements and maintenance to existing Customs and Border Protection infrastructure and technology), \$32.2 billion for Interior-Environment, \$161 billion for Labor-HHS-Education, \$4.4 billion for Legislative, \$53.1 billion for State-Foreign Operations, and \$57.7 billion for Transportation-HUD. The measure would authorize classified amounts of funding for fiscal 2017 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government. The measure would provide \$608 million for health benefits for retired coal miners and \$296 million for Medicaid payments to Puerto Rico.” The motion passed 309-118. [HR 244, [Vote #249](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of \$1.16 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill, with House amendment, intended to serve as the legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations for federal departments and agencies covered by the 11 unfinished fiscal 2017 spending bills.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [H.Res 308, [Vote #247](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

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.

Trump FY 2019 Budget Proposal

Tenney Claimed That “Entitlements Are A Huge Problem” In Praising Trump Budget Which Proposed Cutting Medicare By \$554 Billion

Tenney Claimed “Entitlements Are A Huge Problem,” Referenced \$1.7 Trillion Cut To Mandatory Spending Proposed In Trump’s FY 2019 Budget. [2:05] TENNEY: But remember what this budget does. It deals with discretionary spending. The big project coming up that the President talked about in the State of the Union is the non-dis, that was non-discretionary, we’re talking about the non-discretionary side, I mean. And that is dealing with the problem we need to start working on the entitlement issue. Entitlements are a huge problem, there’s a lot of fraud, abuse and waste. I come from New York, where the greatest fraud abuse and waste exists. And we need to start attacking that. I see in the President’s budget 1.7 trillion in cuts are anticipated coming up for that. [Fox Business News (via Mediaite), [2/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Trump FY2019 Budget Proposed \$554 Billion In Medicare Cuts. “For example, the budget would cut \$554 billion from Medicare spending over 10 years. Medicare is the federal program that provides health benefits to older Americans, and more than 55 million people used the program last year. The proposed changes to Medicare include changes to drug pricing. The government would reap \$47 billion in savings over a decade from a change to Medicare prescription drug plans that would have seniors progress more slowly through the coverage gap known as the ‘doughnut hole.’ Far fewer people would reach the catastrophic phase, where they pay 5 percent of the drug cost — and where Medicare is on the hook for 80 percent.” [Washington Post, [2/12/18](#)]

AARP: Trump FY2019 Budget Proposed Cutting Social Security Disability Insurance And Supplemental Security Income Programs By \$72 Billion. “The budget plan would cut \$72 billion over 10 years in the Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs. The plan includes: Getting more disability recipients to return to the workforce and tightening eligibility for these benefits.” [AARP, [2/13/18](#)]

Trump FY2019 Budget Proposed Staff Cuts At The Social Security Administration, Which Would Lead To Longer Waits And Worse Assistance For Seniors; “Retirement And Survivor Benefits Would Not Be Hit.” “For the elderly and disabled who complain about poor Social Security assistance now, these might be the good old days. President Trump’s proposed fiscal 2019 Social Security Administration (SSA) budget would cut staffing, a recipe for long waits in agency offices and on the telephone for those trying to navigate the often-difficult world of old-age, disability, survivor and Medicare benefits. Retirement and survivor benefits would not be hit. Declining service is nothing new, but under Trump, there would be fewer federal employees to deal with an increasing number of people of retirement age. His budget request calls for almost 1,000 fewer full-time-equivalent work years in 2019 than this year. A full-time-equivalent work year is the amount of work a person toiling full time would do in one year. The amount of overtime allowed staffers to keep up with demand would be less than a third of that in 2017 and just over half the 2018 estimate.” [Washington Post, Davidson column, [2/27/18](#)]

Two Days After Talking Entitlements, Tenney Announced Opposition To Trump Budget

In Press Release, Tenney Announced Opposition To Trump’s Proposed Budget. “Today, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) released the following statement on President Trump’s budget. ‘It’s been my mission in Washington to eliminate wasteful spending and ensure that government works for the people. The President’s budget in its current form does not go far enough to achieve this goal. Several of the programs proposed for elimination or significant cuts in funding, are vital to rural communities across the 22nd District. Many of my constituents depend on these important programs. Pulling the rug out from under them now would be detrimental to our most vulnerable citizens and communities,’ said Congresswoman Claudia Tenney. ‘While there are a number of wins in this proposal for our region, vital programs must be retained until we have a thriving economy in New York to support businesses, communities, and individuals who rely on these programs. Throughout the budget debate, I

will continue to fiercely advocate for key programs on which constituents in the 22nd District rely.” [Office of Rep. Claudia Tenney, [2/14/18](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Concurring With FY18 Senate Republican Budget

Tenney Voted Against Agreeing To The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided \$3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

NBC: “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.” [NBC, [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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget, Which Included \$487 Billion In Medicare Cuts And \$4 Billion In Cuts To Social Security Disability Insurance

Tenney Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

House Budget Resolution Proposed Cutting Net Medicare Spending By \$487 Billion And Proposed Voucherizing The Program

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](#)]

AARP Called On The House To Reject A Budget Resolution That Senate Dems Said Would Cut Medicare Spending By \$473 Billion. “The AARP is calling on the House to reject potential cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and food stamps in the current budget resolution. In a letter sent to lawmakers Wednesday, AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the proposals in the budget that could result in cuts to Medicare, or change it to a defined contribution model, should be rejected. ‘We urge you not to include attempts to cut Medicare benefits or increase beneficiary costs in the upcoming budget proposal,’ the letter said. The letter comes on the heels of a report prepared by Senate Democrats that shows the budget could slash Medicare spending by \$473 billion over a decade. While the cuts would be part of the fiscal year 2018 budget resolution, they are not detailed in any of the public documents and there are no policy proposals that show how the cuts would be enacted. Instead, charts prepared for committee staff obtained by The Hill show that the cuts would be necessary in order to achieve a balanced budget.” [The Hill, [10/4/17](#)]

AARP: House Budget Resolution Cut Medicare By \$487 Billion. “The House of Representatives passed a budget on Thursday that would cut Medicare by \$487 billion over the next decade, recommends raising the eligibility age and opens the door to transforming the health insurance plan into a voucher program.” [AARP, [10/6/17](#)]

AARP Headline: “Medicare On Chopping Block In House Budget.” [AARP, [10/6/17](#)]

House Budget Changed Medicare To A “Premium Support” Program. “Saves and strengthens Medicare by moving to a premium support system that gives seniors more control of their health care. This lowers costs for beneficiaries and the government through increased competition while also maintaining the option for traditional Medicare.” [House Budget Committee, FY18 Budget Summary, accessed [10/5/17](#)]

CBPP: FY18 Budget As Passed By House Budget Committee “Would Cut Medicare Spending By \$487 Billion Over The 2018-27 Period, Largely By Shifting More Health Care Costs To Beneficiaries.” “The 2018 budget resolution that the House Budget Committee approved this week would end Medicare’s guarantee of health coverage by converting the program to a premium support system. Overall, it would cut Medicare spending by \$487 billion over the 2018-27 period, largely by shifting more health care costs to beneficiaries. President Trump’s budget, by contrast, would spare Medicare from cuts.” [CBPP, [7/21/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House GOP budget partially privatizes Medicare, slashes Medicaid [Buffalo News, [7/20/17](#)]

2017 House Budget Plan Would “Partially Privatize Medicare.” “Perhaps most notably, the spending plan revives House Speaker Paul Ryan’s plan to partially privatize Medicare over the next decade in hopes of saving

\$487 billion. [...] In essence, the GOP plan – if enacted into law in follow-up legislation – would force seniors to choose between traditional Medicare, HMO-like Medicare Advantage plans and a host of new options offered by private insurers.” [Buffalo News, [7/20/17](#)]

House Budget Resolution Cut Social Security Disability Insurance By \$4 Billion; Did Not Cut Seniors’ Benefits But Included “Fast Track” Procedure That Could Lead To Future Cuts

Center For American Progress: House Budget Resolution Proposed \$4 Billion In Cuts To Social Security Disability Insurance Over Ten Years. “President Trump’s budget broke his promise to not cut Social Security, and the House budget doubles down on this betrayal, proposing \$4 billion in cuts to Social Security benefits over the next decade. The budget targets Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Specifically, the budget proposes preventing unemployed workers with disabilities from receiving both the SSDI and unemployment insurance benefits they have earned. This proposal would reduce economic security for workers with disabilities who have lost a job through no fault of their own, as well as their families.” [Center for American Progress, [7/18/17](#)]

National Committee To Protect Social Security And Medicare: House Budget Included “Fast Track” Procedure That Could Lead To Social Security Cuts. “The House budget resolution calls for the President to submit a plan to be considered under ‘expedited procedures’ to reform Social Security if the Social Security Trustees determine the Trust Funds do not meet a 75-year actuarial balance. This ‘fast track’ procedure has been proposed previously by those seeking a way to circumvent public scrutiny of proposals to reduce Social Security programs.” [National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare, Press Release, [8/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against FY2018 Republican Study Committee Budget That Cut \$10 Trillion Over A Decade And Repealed Obamacare

Tenney Voted Against An Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Balanced Budget Amendment

2018: Tenney Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution

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Tenney Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

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](#)]

Senator Corker: “Republicans Control The House, Senate And White House. If We Were Serious About Balancing The Budget, We Would Do It. But Instead Of Doing The Real Work, Some Will Push This Symbolic Measure So They Can Feel Good When They Go Home To Face Voters.” [Sen. Corker, Twitter, [3/29/18](#)]

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

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

2018: Tenney Co-Sponsored A Balanced Budget Amendment That Would Threaten Social Security And Medicare

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A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Override All Government Guarantees And Promises Written Into Law – Including Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, And Military Pensions. “In general, a balanced budget requirement in the U.S. Constitution would override any and all government guarantees and promises written into law: the guarantee to pay interest on the debt; or to pay insurance and guarantee claims for bank deposits, floods, loan defaults, and nuclear accidents; or to pay program benefits for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, veterans’ benefits, or military and civil service pensions; or to pay contractors who have delivered goods or services to the federal government.” [CBPP, [3/16/18](#)]

Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, It Would Be Unconstitutional For Social Security To Use Its Savings – What Workers Already Paid In – To Pay Promised Benefits; Benefits Could Have To Be Cut. “Currently, Social Security holds \$2.9 trillion in Treasury securities. But under the balanced budget amendment, it would essentially be unconstitutional for Social Security to draw down these savings to pay promised benefits. Instead, benefits could have to be cut, because all federal expenditures would have to be covered by tax revenues collected during that same year.” [CBPP, [3/16/18](#)]

Debt Limit Votes

Tenney Voted Two Times To Raise The Debt Limit

NOTE: The following includes all votes to raise the debt limit from 2011 to present. For previous votes, see the Congressional Research Service summary: [Votes on Measures to Adjust the Statutory Debt Limit, 1978 to Present](#)

2018: Tenney Voted For A Continuing Resolution That Suspended The Debt Limit Through March 2019. In February 2018, Tenney 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: Tenney Voted For Suspending The Public Debt Limit For Three Months. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Congressional Budget Office

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating The Budget Analysis Division Of The CBO

Tenney Voted Against An “Amendment That Would Eliminate The Budget Analysis Division Of The Congressional Budget Office”. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Cutting Funding For The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) By \$25.4 Million (A 52 Percent Cut). In July 2017, Tenney voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would decrease by \$25.4 million funding for staffing and operations at the Congressional Budget Office..” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 107-314. [HR 3219, [Vote #416](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

General Budget Positions

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Said She “Will Not Vote For Any Additional Spending That Adds To The Debt.” “She knows first-hand how an overreaching government can make the American dream become the impossible dream. Obama and the Washington establishment in Congress have run up over \$18 trillion in fiscal operating debt and over \$200 trillion in unfunded liabilities. The operating debt alone is larger than entire American economy. This is unsustainable and immoral. She challenged the big spenders in Albany and will do the same in Washington by bringing kitchen table common sense to their committee rooms. She will not vote for any additional spending that adds to the debt and will scour the budget to eliminate wasteful spending to protect the country’s financial health for our children’s future.” [Claudia for Congress Campaign Site, accessed [6/06/16](#)]

Wrote Op-Ed Supporting Cutting The Bureaucracy In DC

Wrote Op-Ed Supporting Cutting The Bureaucracy In DC. “Finally, we need to rein in DC. It’s time DC face the same struggles the rest of us do. We have over 2 million bureaucrats dictating every aspect of our lives, from the EPA to the Department of Education. Let states and local communities decide on how to educate our children and what trees we plant in our backyards.” [The Daily Caller, [4/05/16](#)]

New York Assembly**2016-2017 State Budget****Voted Against Entire 2016-2017 State Budget Package**

New York’s 2016-2017 Budget Was Divided Between 10 Area Component Budget Bill Introduced By The Governor And Followed By Counter And Compromise Versions. “Assembly Resolution No. 1047 BY: M. of A. Heastie in response to the 2016-2017 Executive Budget submission (Bill Nos. A. 9000-A, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-A, A. 9004-A, A. 9005-A, A. 9006-A, A. 9007-A, A. 9008-A and A. 9009-A) to be adopted as legislation expressing the position of the New York State Assembly relating to the 2016-2017 New York State Budget... RESOLVED, That, this resolution, together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 9000-B, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-B, A. 9004-B, A. 9005-B, A. 9006-B, A. 9007-B, A. 9008-B and A. 9009-B which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2016-2017 New York State Budget.” [E0147, [3/11/16](#)]

Voted Against The 2016-2017 State Operations Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Operations Budget which passed the Assembly 96 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line-item veto. [A09000D, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 Legislative And Judiciary Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Legislative and Judiciary Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The bill passed the Assembly 120 to 21 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06401A was substituted for A09001A [S06401A, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Debt Service Budget. In March 2016, Tenney voted against the State Debt Service Budget which passed the Assembly 105 to 33 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06402 was substituted for A9002. [S06402, [3/28/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 Aid To Localities Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 128 to 13 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06403D was substituted for A9002 [S06403D, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 Capital Project Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Capital Projects Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 118 to 22 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06404D was substituted for the original bill, A09004D. [S06404D, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Public Protection And General Government Budget. In March 2016, Tenney voted against the Public Protection and General Government Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 106 to 37 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A09005C, [3/31/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Education, Labor, Housing, And Family Assistance Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Education, Labor, Housing and Family Assistance budget for the 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 104 to 39 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06406C was substituted for the original bill, A9006C. [S06406C, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Health And Mental Hygiene Budget. In March 2016, Tenney voted against the State Health and Mental Hygiene Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The bill passed the Assembly 106 to 37 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A09007C, [3/31/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Transportation, Economic Development And Environmental Conservation Budget. In March 2016, Tenney voted against the State Transportation Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The bill passed the Assembly 113 to 30 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A09008C, [3/31/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Budget Amendment Implementing State Fiscal Plan, Amending Real Property Tax Law And Income Tax Credits. In April 2016, Tenney voted against a state budget bill which would have, among other actions, enacted “major components of legislation which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year; amends the real property tax law and the tax law, in relation to transitioning the school tax relief (STAR) exemption into a personal income tax credit... amends the tax law, in relation to providing a middle income tax cut under the personal income tax” The bill passed the Assembly 121 to 20 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06049D was substituted for A09009C. [S06049D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Included A \$4 Billion Per Year Middle Class Tax Cut Which Would Benefit 6 Million New Yorkers. “Six million middle class New Yorkers will get a \$4 billion a year income tax cut under the state budget deal announced Thursday night, but they’ll have to wait until 2018 to start benefiting. Couples filing jointly who earn \$40,000 to \$300,000 will see their tax rates drop from the current rate, 6.45 percent to 6.65 percent, down to 5.5 percent when the cuts are fully phased in by 2025, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.” [Syracuse.com, [3/31/16](#)]

Average Tax Cut In The State By 2025 Would Be Nearly \$700. “According to the governor’s budget office, the average tax cut in the state by 2025 would be nearly \$700 a year, with about a third of those taxpayers in New York City.” [NY Times, [4/12/16](#)]

NY Post: Budget’s Tax Cut Was “New York’s Biggest And Broadest Personal-Income Tax Cuts In 20 Years. “Cuomo will need to keep the lid on spending for years to come, because the budget also includes New York’s biggest and broadest personal-income tax cuts in 20 years.” [NY Post, [4/03/16](#)]

Cuomo “Touted What He Called The Lowest Tax Rate For Middle Class In 70 Years.” “At public appearances recently, Cuomo touted what he called the lowest tax rate for the middle class in 70 years.” [PolitiFact New York, [7/15/16](#)]

PolitiFact Ruled Cuomo’s Claim Was “Mostly True” While Noting The Small Exception Of The State Having No Income Tax Under Unusual Circumstances In 1958. “Governor Andrew M. Cuomo claimed new tax rates passed by lawmakers during this year’s state budget process are the lowest in the state in 70

years. Data from the Department of Taxation and Finance backs up his claim. Because of an unusual set of circumstances, there was no income tax rate in 1958 as the state implemented a new system. The first year rates will appear lower than the 1948 rates will be in 2019. We rate this claim as Mostly True.” [PolitiFact New York, [7/15/16](#)]

Budget Increased The Minimum Wage Gradually To \$15. “Minimum wage workers. They’ll get a series of raises until they hit \$15 an hour. That will happen by Dec. 31, 2018 in New York City (except at businesses 10 or fewer workers), but it will take longer in Upstate to reach \$15.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Increased Upstate New York Minimum Wage To \$9.70 At End Of 2016 And 70 Cents Each Year After Until Reaching \$12.50 By The End Of 2020. “For workers in the rest of the state, in Upstate New York, the minimum wage would increase to \$9.70 at the end of 2016, then another 70 cents each year after until reaching \$12.50 on 12/31/2020. After that, it may continue to increase to \$15 on an indexed schedule to be set by the director of the Division of Budget in consultation with the Department of Labor.” [Syracuse.com, [3/31/16](#)]

Budget Extended Hire-A-Vet Tax Credit For Two Years. “A two-year extension of the state’s Hire-A-Vet tax credit, which encourages businesses to hire veterans, is one of the highlights of the 2016-17 New York state budget.” [Corning Leader, [5/05/16](#)]

Budget Prevented A Tuition Increase At New York’s Public Colleges. “The Legislature balked at approving the SUNY 2020 plan, which would have allowed the state’s public colleges and universities to continue to raise tuition up to \$300 per year for another five years. So tuition will not increase this year.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Increased School Funding By \$1.5 Billion To A Record Level Of \$24.6 Billion. “Teachers and kids. The budget provides a record amount of school funding, \$24.6 billion, for the state’s more than 700 school districts. The \$1.5 billion increase over last year was very close to what the Republican-controlled Senate proposed.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget eliminated Gap Elimination Adjustment Which Hurt Suburban And Rural School Districts. “The Senate was also successful in eliminating the Gap Elimination Adjustment, which hit suburban and rural districts the hardest.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Permanently Eliminated The Remaining \$434 Million Of The Gap Elimination Adjustment Which Cut Funding For Schools. “The Senate succeeded in permanently eliminating the \$434 million remaining of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) cuts for schools this year as part of the final budget. The GEA education budget reductions was first imposed on New Yorkers in 2010 by former Governor David Paterson and the Democrats who controlled the Senate and Assembly. The entire Senate Republican Conference voted against these severe cuts to the bottom lines for public schools and year after year, Senate Republicans have consistently led the effort to phase-out the GEA.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Included Over \$55 Billion In Infrastructure Spending, Including \$27.14 Billion For Programs In Upstate. “Construction companies and workers in hard hats. The budget includes over \$55 billion of transportation capital projects statewide, including \$27.14 billion for state Department of Transportation and Thruway programs in Upstate and \$27.98 billion for Metropolitan Transportation Authority programs in the New York City area.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Included Paid Family Leave Of Up To 12 Weeks To Care For A New Baby Or Sick Relative, Or To Relieve Family Pressures During Active Military Service.. “Millions of New York workers will be able to take up to 12 weeks of employee-funded paid family leave to care for a new baby or sick relative under a

state budget deal reached Thursday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced...In addition to caring for a baby or a sick relative, workers can take paid family leave to relieve family pressures when someone is called to active military service, he said.” [Syracuse.com, [3/31/16](#)]

Budget’s Family Leave Program Made Employees Eligible For 12 Weeks Of Paid Leave When Caring For Family Member With Serious Health Condition, Dealing With Family Pressures From Active Military Service. “The budget agreement includes the longest and most comprehensive paid family leave program in the nation. When fully phased- in, employees will be eligible for 12 weeks of paid family leave when caring for an infant, a family member with a serious health condition or to relieve family pressures when someone is called to active military service.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release On 2016-2017 State Budget, [3/31/16](#)]

Budget Continued Funding STAR Saving, Allowing \$414 Million In Property Tax Rebate And Freeze Checks, Saving An Average Of \$350 Per Eligible Household. “This year’s budget continues providing the funds needed to implement \$3.3 billion in STAR savings for property taxpayers. This will allow \$414 million in property tax rebate and freeze checks that will be issued this year, with the average savings of \$350 per eligible household. Basic and Enhanced STAR savings will be \$2.7 billion, and New York City PIT-STAR savings will be \$618 million.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Provided \$1 Billion For The Tuition Assistance Program And Increased Funding For State And Community Colleges. “The budget provides more than \$1 billion for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and freezes SUNY and CUNY tuition this year. The new budget also boosts funding for SUNY and CUNY community colleges with an additional \$20 million, increasing the full-time equivalent (FTE) funding for the state’s community colleges by \$100 and making the base aid \$2,697 per FTE for 2016-17.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Included \$200 Million In Funding For Health Care Infrastructure For Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Home Care, And Other Facilities. “Community-based health care providers, hospitals, nursing homes, home care and other facilities statewide will be eligible to receive \$200 million in new funds from this budget to support critical capital and infrastructure improvements, as well as to integrate and further develop health systems.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Included \$166 Million In Funding To Address The Heroin And Opioid Epidemic. “The final budget includes \$166 million in funding to help address the challenging public health crisis caused by heroin and opioid abuse in communities throughout the state.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Included \$25.3 Million For Cancer Services Programs, \$5.5 Million For Rape Crisis Centers, And \$25 Million To Recruit And Attract Doctors To Underserved Communities. “The final budget restores millions of dollars in funding cut in the Executive Budget proposal for women’s and family health initiatives, among other programs. It includes \$25.3 million for Cancer Services Programs; \$26.3 million for Nutritional Information for Women, Infants, and Children; \$9.7 million for chronic disease prevention (including diabetes, asthma, and hypertension); \$5.5 million for Rape Crisis Centers; \$2.3 million for the Prenatal Care Program; \$9.65 million – a \$1 million increase – for the Doctors Across New York Program and restores \$25 million in Excess Medical Malpractice Coverage to recruit and attract physicians to underserved communities; and \$1 million to support organ donation, among other programs.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Fully Funded The State’s Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC) To Help Seniors Pay For Their Prescription Drugs. “The budget will fully fund the state’s elderly Pharmaceutical

Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program at \$131.5 million to help seniors with their prescription drug costs.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Funded Elder Abuse Prevention Initiatives, And Provided \$26.6 For Alzheimer’s Programs. “To help protect vulnerable senior citizens, the budget includes \$700,000 to support elder abuse prevention initiatives. Other highlights include \$28.9 million for Community Services for the Elderly Program; \$26.6 million for Alzheimer’s programs; \$172,000 for the New York Foundation for Seniors Home Sharing and Respite; and \$63,000 for the Senior Action Council Hotline.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Included Record \$300 Million In Funding For The Environmental Protection Fund. “The budget includes record funding of \$300 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to protect natural resources and ensure clean water and clean air. This is a 70-percent increase of \$123 million over 2015-16 funding.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Funded Pilot Program To Support Veteran-Owned Farms. “The budget includes \$115,000 in new funding for an innovative proposal by Cornell’s Small Farms Program to help establish up to five veteran-owned small farms through a first-in-the-nation pilot program. Returning veterans and those seeking a career change could be encouraged to try agriculture, utilizing benefits they’ve earned under the GI Bill to gain training and expertise to begin their own successful small business. In turn, these sites would be available to train additional veteran-farmers in future years.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Included More Than \$4 Million In Funding For Veterans Programs. “The new budget continues the Senate support for the heroic service men and women who have sacrificed so much to serve our nation by including funding for programs including: \$2.8 million for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Program; \$500,000 for the NYS Defenders Association Veteran’s Defense Program; \$500,000 for the Veterans Outreach Center in Monroe County; \$450,000 for the Veteran’s Mental Health Training Initiative; \$200,000 for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Veterans and Military Families Advocacy Project; and \$200,000 for Warrior Salute, among other initiatives.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Program Assisted Veterans “To Reduce Or Eliminate The Negative Impact That Trauma-Related Symptoms Have On Social, Occupational Or Family Functioning.” “The mission of the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Vet to Vet Support Program is to assist veterans to reduce or eliminate the negative impact that trauma-related symptoms have on social, occupational and family functioning. Rockland County is one of fifteen New York State counties participating in the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Program to provide Vet to Vet support. The program is named for Army PFC Joseph P. Dwyer from Mount Sinai, Long Island, an Iraq War Veteran, who died from the effects of PTSD in 2008.” [Rockland Independent Living Center, Accessed [8/02/16](#)]

2016-2017 Assembly Budget Proposal

Voted Against Assembly 2016-2017 Budget Proposal In Response To The Executive Budget Submission

Voted Against Assembly 2016-2017 Budget Proposal In Response To The Executive Budget Submission. In March 2016, Tenney voted against the New York Assembly Budget Proposal resolution which stated “RESOLVED, That, this resolution, together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 9000-B, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-B, A. 9004-B, A. 9005-B, A. 9006-B, A. 9007-B, A. 9008-B and A. 9009-B which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2016-2017 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 98 to 42. [E01047, [3/14/16](#)]

Assembly 2016-2017 Budget Would Have Increased Taxes On Millionaires While Cutting Taxes For Middle Income Taxpayers. “The Assembly proposes to reduce tax rates for middle income taxpayers and increase tax credits for working families by raising the state share of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit from 30 percent to 35 percent. Additionally, the current highest rate of 8.82 percent will apply to all those earning from \$1 million to \$5 million. Taxpayers earning between \$5 million to \$10 million will pay a 9.32 percent tax rate, and the highest tax rate of 9.82 percent will apply to all those earning over \$10 million annually.” [Summary of the Assembly Recommended Changes To the Executive Budget Fiscal Year 2016-2017, [March 2016](#)]

2015-2016 State Budget

Voted Against Entire 2015-2016 State Budget Package Which Included 12 Individual Bills

New York State Budget For Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Included Six Appropriation Bills, Six Article VII Bills.

“2015-16 Appropriation Bills State Operations (S2000-C/A3000-C) Chapter 50, Legislature and Judiciary (S2001-A/A3001-A) Chapter 51, Debt Service (S2002-A/A3002-A) Chapter 52, Aid to Localities (S2003-C /A3003-C) Chapter 53, Capital Projects (S2004-C/A3004-C) Chapter 54, SED Appropriation (S4612-B/A6720-B) Chapter 61. 2015-16 Article VII Bills Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) (S2006-B/A3006-B) Chapter 56 Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S2007-B/A3007-B) Chapter 57, Public Protection and General Government (PPGG) (S2005-B/A3005-B) Chapter 55, Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED) (S2008-B/A3008-B) Chapter 58, Revenue (S2009-B/A3009-B) Chapter 59, Various provisions of law related to 2015-16 Budget (S4610-A/A6721-A) Chapter 60. [New York State Division of the Budget 2015-2016 Archive, accessed [8/16/16](#)]

Voted Against 2015-16 State Budget Operations Bill. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the 2015-2016 State Operations Budget which passed the Assembly 104 to 44 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02000C, [3/31/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 Legislature And Judiciary Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the State Legislature and Judiciary Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The bill passed the Assembly 138 to 9 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02001A, [3/31/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Debt Service Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the Debt Service Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 which passed the Assembly 112 to 32 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02002A, [3/26/15](#)]

Voted Against the 2015-2016 Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget which passed the Assembly 139 to 9 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line-item veto. [A03003C, [3/30/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Capital Projects Budget. In April 2015, Tenney voted against the State Capital Project Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 31 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S02004C, [4/01/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 Department Of Corrections Budget Bill. In March 2015, Tenney voted against a bill “authorizing the commissioner of corrections and community supervision to make the final decision on medical parole for certain eligible non-violent inmates (part A); extends the effectiveness of certain provisions of law relating to criminal justice issues (part B); relates to transferring certain employees of the division of state police to the office of general services (part C); relates to eliminating certain arbitration and license fees and repeals provisions of law relating to payment of license fees (part D); amends the civil service law and correction law relating to salaries (part H); authorizes the president of the state civil service commission to establish an amnesty

period to identify dependents who are ineligible for health benefits (part J); extends the effectiveness of chapter 674 of the laws of 1993 relating to value limitations on contracts; and increases the value limitation on emergency contracts (part M); and increases the threshold of small capital projects delegated by OGS to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (part N).” The bill passed the Assembly 140 to 8 and was signed into law by governor Cuomo. [A03005B, [3/30/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Education, Labor And Family Assistance Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the State Education, Labor, Housing and Family Assistance budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year which passed the Assembly 92 to 55 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02006B, [3/31/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 Public Health Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the 2015-2016 state public health budget which amended “the public health law, in relation to physician profiles; to amend part X2 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, amending the public health law relating to allowing for the use of funds of the office of professional medical conduct for activities of the patient health information and quality improvement act of 2000, in relation to extending the provisions thereof; to amend the social services law, in relation to enhancing the quality of adult living program for adult care facilities.” The bill passed the Assembly 137 to 11 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A03007, [3/30/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 Transportation, Environment And Economic Development Budgets. In March 2015, Tenney voted against a bill implementing legislation related to the Transportation, Environment and Economic Development budgets for the 2015-2016 State Fiscal Year. The bill passed the Assembly 129 to 19 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A3008B, [3/30/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2015 Budget Bill Amending State Finance Law And The Administrative Code Of The City Of New York. In March 2015, Tenney voted against a budget bill to “amend the state finance law, the tax law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the New York city personal income tax rates (Part B); intentionally omitted (Part C); intentionally omitted (Part D); to amend the real property tax law, in relation to establishing a state-administered recoupment provision to the STAR exemption program (Part E); to amend the state finance law, in relation to making technical corrections to the school tax relief fund; and to provide one-time relief to STAR registrants who failed to file timely STAR exemption applications.” The bill passed the Assembly 112 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A03009, [3/30/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 Budget Bill Implementing State Fiscal Plan. In April 2015, Tenney voted against a budget bill implementing “the state fiscal plan for the 2015-2016 state fiscal year.” The bill passed the Assembly 99 to 47 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S04610, [4/01/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Education, Labor And Family Assistance Budget. In April 2015, Tenney voted against the state budget appropriations for the support of government bill which passed the Assembly 134 to 12 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S04612B, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included \$1.5 Billion For The Upstate Revitalization Initiative Economic Development Program. “The Budget also allocates the state’s \$5.4 billion in financial settlements to continue growing and strengthening New York’s economy as outlined by the Governor in his original Opportunity Agenda. This includes the \$1.5 billion Upstate Revitalization Initiative to jumpstart the best regional approaches to economic development.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Increased State Education Funding By \$1.3 Billion. “New York’s education system is set to implement some of its most dramatic and fundamental reforms in years through the Education Transformation Act. The Budget includes the Governor’s proposal for an increase of \$1.3 billion in state education support to take education funding to its highest level ever – \$23.5 billion.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Required Public Official Disclosures Of Outside Income, The Details Of It, And Whether There Work Had Any Connection To State Budget. “Public officials will be required to disclose all outside earned income they receive, from whom they receive it, the actual services performed to receive the income, and whether there is any connection to the state government or the office that they hold or their public duties. Specifically: All public officials must disclose the nature of each source of outside compensation in excess of \$1,000. No legislator, legislative employee or state officer may receive any kind of compensation, directly or indirectly, in connection with a pending bill or resolution. All public officials who personally provide services whether they work individually or as a member or employee of a business or firm, such as lawyers and real estate brokers, and receives compensation from a client/customer in excess of \$5,000 must disclose the name of the client/customer, the services rendered, the amount of compensation and whether the services were related to governmental action. Certain sensitive activities will be exempted from client disclosure such as child custody cases, preparation of wills, matrimonial proceedings, cases involving minors, bankruptcies, criminal proceedings and residential home closings.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included Pension Forfeiture Provision To Strip Public Officials Convicted Of Public Corruption Of Their Taxpayer-Funded Pensions. “Public officials who are convicted of public corruption should not have taxpayers pay for their retirement. The budget applies New York’s pension forfeiture law to all public officials who are convicted of public corruption, including those who entered the retirement system before enactment of the pension forfeiture law in 2011. The law allows a judge to protect an innocent spouse and minor dependent children and goes into effect after a second passage of a constitutional amendment by the legislature and voter approval in 2017.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included Reform To Ensure That Public Officials’ Claims For Per Diem Are Legitimate And Publicly Posted. “The Budget reforms per diems by establishing a new set of verification requirements including: To ensure an official is where they claim to be, the legislature will install an electronic system that verifies personal attendance of legislators at an official event. The Speaker of the Assembly and the Temporary President of the Senate will develop and implement policies to verify attendance at official events and establish standards and limits for reimbursable events. Reimbursements will be governed by federal regulations. Legislature will create a publicly accessible website showing members’ reimbursement and travel.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Prohibited Use Of Campaign Contributions For Personal Use. “The Budget bars using campaign contributions for personal use. Such personal use will be defined as expenditures that are exclusively for personal benefit of the candidate or any other individual, not in connection with a political campaign or holding of a public office or party position. The law will include an illustrative list of prohibited uses including using campaign contributions for expenses unrelated to a campaign or the holding of public office such as residential home purchases, mortgage payments, rent, clothing, tuition payments, salaries for individuals not performing campaign work, admissions to sporting events, fines and penalties and dues for country clubs and health clubs.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Expanded Disclosure Requirements For Political Independent Expenditures. “The Budget further expands the requirement for disclosing independent expenditures to include independent expenditures on communications made within 60 days before a general or special election, and 30 days before a primary election that reference a clearly identified client.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included \$50 Million To Expand And Protect Agriculture In The Southern Tier And Hudson Valley. “The Budget includes \$50 million for the Governor’s proposed Southern Tier and Hudson Valley Farm Initiatives. These will support farms in the region by helping landowners maintain and protect farmland, as well as develop and grow farm, agricultural and related businesses.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included Student Loan Relief That Would Assist An Estimated 7,100 Graduates In Its First Year And More Than 24,000 Annually By 2019-2020. “The Budget includes student loan support that is designed to help eligible New York State residents who graduate from college and continue to live in the state to pay nothing on their student loans for the first two years out of school. For graduates earning less than \$50,000 per year, the Get on Your Feet program will supplement the federal Pay As You Earn (PAYE) income-based loan repayment program. The amount a participant will benefit is based on the amount owed and their adjusted gross income. The program is estimated to assist 7,100 graduates in its first year and more than 24,000 participants annually by 2019-20.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budgeted Included \$300 Million To Create And Integrated Health Care System In Oneida County To Reduce Unnecessary Inpatient Beds And Expand Primary Care Services. “This investment includes \$700 million in capital funding to stabilize the health care delivery system of central and east Brooklyn, and \$300 million to create an integrated health care delivery system in Oneida County to reduce unnecessary inpatient beds and expand primary care services.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Increased Upstate Transit Funding By \$25 Million. “Upstate transit systems will receive an extra \$25 million this year, \$10 million in operating and \$15 million in new capital spending. This funding will help address the rising cost of operations and alleviate increases in fares and cuts in services.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included \$50 Million IN START-UP NY Funding. “The Budget also includes a \$50 million investment in an enhanced marketing effort to demonstrate the benefits of investing and doing business in New York through innovative programs like START-UP NY. START-UP NY leverages the strengths of New York’s higher education institutions by encouraging businesses to take advantage of research and development capabilities, academic programming, and job training initiatives that are part of the state’s college campuses. While the program is still in its early stages, START-UP NY has already secured commitments from 93 different companies to invest more than \$173 million and create or retain more than 2,805 new jobs.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included \$150 Million To Fund Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC). “To continue the progress of the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC), the Budget includes \$150 million to fund regional priority projects and \$70 million in State tax credits for a fifth round of the REDC awards. Since 2011, the REDCs have awarded over \$2.9 billion in State funding through a competitive process to spur job creation based on regional priorities. This new strategy has resulted in 150,000 new or retained jobs in New York.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Doubled The New York State Venture Capital Fund From \$50 million To \$100 Million To Support Technology Commercialization. “The Budget supports the expansion of the New York State Innovation Venture Capital Fund from \$50 million to \$100 million to support technology commercialization in New York by making equity investments in high-growth technology companies that leverage the state’s industrial and cluster strengths.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

2015-2016 Assembly Budget Proposal

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2015-2016 Executive Budget

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2015-2016 Executive Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the “ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION in response to the 2015-2016 Executive Budget submission (Bill Nos. A. 3000, A. 3001, A. 3002, A. 3003, A. 3004, A. 3005, A. 3006, A. 3007, A. 3008, A. 3009, A. 3010, A. 3011 and A. 3012) to be adopted as legislation expressing the position of the New York State Assembly relating to the 2015-2016 New York State Budget.” The resolution passed 97 to 44. [E0023, [3/12/15](#); Trackbill.com, [3/12/15](#)]

2014-2015 State Budget

Voted Against Entire 2014-2015 State Budget Package Which Consisted Of Eleven Bills

New York State Budget For Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Consisted Of Five Appropriations Bills And Six Article VII Bills. “2014-15 Enacted Appropriation Bills: State Operations (S6350-E/A8550-E) Chapter 50, Legislature and Judiciary (S6351-A/A8551-A) Chapter 51, Debt Service (S6352/A8552) Chapter 52, Aid to Localities (S6353-E/A8553-E) Chapter 53, Capital Projects (S6354-E/A8554-E) Chapter 54; 2014-15 Enacted Article VII Bills: Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) (S6356-D/A8556-D) Chapter 56, Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S6358-D/A8558-D) Chapter 58, Public Protection and General Government (PPGG) (S6355-D/A8555-D), Chapter 55, Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED) (S6357-D/A8557-D) Chapter 57, Revenue (S6359-D/A8559-D) Chapter 59 Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S6914/A9205) Chapter 60.” [New York State Division of the Budget, [2014-2015 Archive](#)]

Voted Against 2014-2015 New York State Operations Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the State Operations budget for 2014-2015 which passed the Assembly by a vote of 104 to 35 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A08550E, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against The 2014-2015 State Legislative And Judiciary Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the Legislative and Judiciary budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 129 to 9 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S06351A, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against The 2014-2015 State Debt Service Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the State Debt Service Budget for 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 113 to 24 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S06352, [3/19/14](#)]

Voted Against The 2014-2015 Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 131 to 7 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S06353E, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against 2014-2015 Capital Project Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 which passed the Assembly 128 to 10 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S06354E, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against 2014-2015 State Public Protection And General Government Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the “public protection and general government budget for the 2014-2015 state fiscal year” which passed the Assembly 115 to 22 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A08555D, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against Budget Amendments Focused On Education Issues. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a budget bill of amendments focused on education issues including those relating to “contracts for excellence, calculation of the gap elimination restoration amount, total foundation aid, apportionment of school aid, teachers of tomorrow teacher recruitment and retention program, school district reorganizations and real property tax rates.” The bill passed the Assembly 124 to 14 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S06356D, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against 2014-2015 State Transportation, Economic Development, And Environmental Conservation Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the state Transportation, Economic Development, and Environmental Conservation budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 133 to 5 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6357, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against A Budget Bill Which Included Amendments To Nursing Regulations And Mental Hygiene Benefit Law. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a budget bill that amended various laws including “expanding

the description of certain services which are not prohibited by statutes governing the practice of nursing (Part A); amends part A of chapter 111 of the laws of 2010 amending the mental hygiene law relating to the receipt of federal and state benefits received by individuals receiving care in facilities operated by an office of the department of mental hygiene.” The bill passed the Assembly 131 to 7 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S06358D, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against Budget Bill Implementing Tax Changes For 2014-2015 State Fiscal Year. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill to implement the state fiscal plan as part of the state’s larger budget agreement. The Assembly passed the bill 131 to 7 and Governor Cuomo signed it into law. [S06359, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against A Budget Bill Amending Social Services And Public Health Law. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a budget bill which included “amending the social services law and the public health law relating to adjustments of rates.” The bill passed the Assembly 130 to 8 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S06914, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Included Tax Cuts For Upstate, Pre-K Funding, Additional Education Funding. “As is usually the case, the governor got most of his top priorities: tax relief for upstate, tax cuts for wealthy downstate interests, money for prekindergarten (sans the tax hike on the rich sought by Mayor Bill de Blasio) and additional education funding that placated teachers’ unions.” [Crain’s New York Business, [4/06/14](#)]

Budget Included 20% Real Property Tax Credit For Manufacturing Sector. “The state’s small but growing manufacturing sector received a 20% real property tax credit.” [Crain’s New York Business, [4/06/14](#)]

Budget Lowered Income Tax On Manufactures From 5.9 Percent To Zero For 2014 And After. “Lowers the tax rate on income for all manufacturers from the current 5.9 percent to zero in 2014 and thereafter.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Included Property Tax Freeze Projected To Generate More Than \$1.5 Billion In Property Tax Relief For Nearly 3 Million Taxpayers. “Cuomo wanted to include a property tax freeze in this year’s budget and he got his wish. The goal of the program, according to Cuomo, is to encourage local governments to consolidate or share services with neighboring municipalities. Here’s how it works: - Residents will be eligible for the credit if their local government stays within the property tax cap in the first year of the program.- In the second year, the local government must stay within the cap and develop a plan to consolidate or share services that will save 1 percent of their tax levy each year for three years. The Division of Budget will be tasked with reviewing the plans. On a conference call with reporters, Cuomo said the credit would be paid out in the form of a check to the property taxpayer. The property tax freeze program is expected to generate more than \$1.5 billion in property tax relief for nearly 3 million taxpayers, according to Cuomo’s office.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Budget Provided \$1.5 Billion Over Five Years To Help School Districts Implement Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten. “The state will provide \$1.5 billion over the next five years to help school districts implement full-day pre-kindergarten programs (if they don’t have them already). School districts will be able to establish pre-k programs at their own speed. There’s no deadline or competition. The state will provide the support if a district wants to set up a pre-k program.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Budget Increased Aid For School Districts By \$1.1 Billion. “The budget contains a \$1.1 billion increase in state school aid.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Budget Included \$2.45 Million To Support Efforts At Preventing And Treating Heroin And Opioid Abuse. “With heroin abuse becoming more of a problem in New York, the state budget includes \$2.45 million to support efforts aimed at preventing heroin and opioid abuse and treatment.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Budget Accelerated Phase-Out Of Utility Assessment, Saving Businesses And Residents \$600 Million Over The Following Three Years. “The Budget accelerates the phase-out of the 18-a temporary assessment for all customers. New Yorkers pay some of the highest energy bills in the nation and the temporary utility assessment exacerbates this burden on struggling businesses and families. The Budget will save businesses and residents \$600 million over the next three years.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Included \$8 Million For Scholarships To SUNY And CUNY Schools For Top Ten Of High School Graduates Pursuing STEM Careers If They’ll Stay In New York For Five Years. “The Budget includes \$8 million in funding for a new STEM scholarship program. Full tuition scholarships to any SUNY or CUNY college or university will be offered to the top ten percent of high school graduates if they pursue a STEM career and work in New York for five years.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Established New, Higher Penalties For Public Corruption. “The Budget includes legislation to create higher penalties where state or local government property is stolen. This means an offender would face a higher penalty if the act was committed against the government. The sentence would be one level higher than for the underlying offense. A defendant, depending on the amount of property wrongfully taken, could be a guilty of a class B felony.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Granted Prosecutors New Tools To Pursue Bribery Charges Against Public Servants. “The Budget includes legislation to give prosecutors better tools to convict offenders. Under current state law, a prosecutor has to prove that there was a corrupt agreement or understanding between the person paying the bribe and the person receiving the bribe in order to seek the maximum penalty available against the bribe giver. Under the new law, the prosecutor would not be required to prove that the bribe giver shared a corrupt intent with the bribe receiver, but only that the bribe giver intended to bribe the receiver and did in fact offer a benefit to the public official. Bribe giving and bribe receiving penalties would also be increased, lowering the threshold for a Class C felony for both bribe giving and bribe receiving from \$10,000 to \$5,000, the amount of money used to bribe, and creating a new class B Felony when a bribe is for \$100,000 or more.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Increased Penalties For Defrauding The Government. “The Budget includes legislation to hold accountable anyone – whether or not they are a public official – who is found to have engaged in schemes to defraud the state or local government, and enhances penalties for all offenders convicted of defrauding the government through the crime of Corrupting the Government. Under the new law, a public servant or anybody acting in concert with a public servant who engages in a course of conduct to defraud a state or local government would be guilty of a crime ranging from the fourth degree (class E felony) to the first degree (class B felony), depending on the amount defrauded.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Banned Those Convicted Of Public Corruption Felonies From Holding Office, Registering As A Lobbyist, Or Doing Business With The State. “Permanently barring all those convicted of public corruption felonies from holding any elected or civil office, serving as a registered lobbyist, or doing business with the state, including through any organization they run. Barring individuals from bidding on or obtaining state contracts. Giving judges the option of requiring payment of up to three times the amount of the profit or gain made from an illegal transaction.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Provided Matching Funds For Campaigns. “The Budget legislation puts in place New York State’s first-ever program to provide matching funds for a political campaign thereby reducing the influence of money in politics. This comprehensive program will be initiated immediately on a pilot basis – to be in effect for the 2014 Comptroller’s race – and will be modeled after New York City’s successful 6:1 matching funds program.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Increased Disclosure Requirements For Political Donations. “Current law requires disclosure every six months to a year or, in some cases, never, of independent political expenditures. The Budget legislation plugs this loophole-laden law to increase transparency by mandating more frequent reporting of these expenditures and the sources of the contributions that make them possible, and amends the law to expand the definition of the kinds of communications that warrant such increased reporting to better reflect the reality of how politics is played today.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Established Requirement That Legislators And State Employees Disclose Their Clients Or Customers Who Have Been Referred To Them By Registered Lobbyists. “The Budget legislation includes legislation that will mandate disclosure by Legislators and other state employees of clients and customers who have been referred to those individuals or firms with which those individuals are affiliated by registered lobbyists.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Provided \$162 Million, A \$9 Million Increase, For The Environment Protection Fund Which Funds Core Environmental, Parks, And Agricultural Programs. “The Budget increases the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), maintains State funding for core environmental, parks and agricultural programs, expands outdoor recreational opportunities, and provides a new round of New York Works capital funding for environmental facilities. State agency and public authority funding will continue to make New York a leader in the clean tech economy, reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change, and allow the transformation of our transmission system to a distributed smart grid network. Environmental Protection Fund: The Budget includes \$162 million for the EPF, an increase of \$9 million from 2013-14.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Included \$3 Million For Safe Harbor For Sexually Exploited Children. “Protecting Children: The budget provides \$3 million total for Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children.” The Safe Harbor Project “was created to protect sexually exploited children from being charged with a juvenile delinquent (JD) offense, in appropriate cases. The law defines children who are involved in these crimes as victims, not perpetrators. The Safe Harbor Law provides services to children who have been sexually exploited.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#); New York State Office Of Children And Family Services, accessed [8/16/16](#)]

Budget Required Criminal History Background Checks Of Prospective Direct Care Employees Of Adult Care Facilities. “Legislation included with the Budget requires that criminal history background checks be conducted on prospective direct care employees of adult care facilities.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Expanded Eligibility For Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program (EPIC) And Funded Community Services For The Elderly. “Support for the Elderly: The budget provides \$4.1 million for the expansion of the eligibility for the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program (EPIC) and \$5 million for Community Services for the Elderly.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

2014-2015 Assembly Budget Proposal

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 8550-C, A. 8551, A. 8552, A. 8553-C, A. 8554-C, A. 8555-C, A. 8556-C, A. 8557-C, A. 8558-C, A. 8559-C and A. 8768-A which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2014-2015 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 91 to 40. [E00914, [3/12/14](#)]

Budget Would Have Expanded Entrepreneurial Assistance Program To Veterans, Providing Intensive Management And Technical Assistance For Starting New Businesses. “The Legislature expands access to the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program to include eligible veterans. Support to eligible participants includes intensive community-based management and technical assistance for starting new business ventures.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Authorized \$8 Million In Additional Low-Income Housing Credits During Both The 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Fiscal Years. “Authorize \$8 million in additional low-income housing credits in each of SFYs 2015-16 and 2016-17.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Established A Permanent 20 Percent Real Property Tax Credit For Manufacturers. “The Legislative Budget includes legislation with the following Tax Law changes: ...20 percent real property tax credit for manufacturers statewide effective January 1, 2014.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Extended The Non-Custodial Earned Income Tax Credit For Two Years. “The Legislative Budget includes legislation with the following Tax Law changes: ...Extend the non-custodial Earned Income Tax Credit for two years.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Eliminated The Business Income Tax On Manufacturers. “The Legislative Budget includes legislation with the following Tax Law changes: ... Eliminates the business income tax on manufacturers statewide effective January 1, 2014.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Allotted \$6 Million In Funding For Tax Credits To Incentivize The Hiring Of People With Developmental Disabilities. “The Legislative Budget includes legislation with the following Tax Law changes: ...Credit for the hiring of persons with developmental disabilities through tax year 2019. Fiscal: \$6 million reduction in revenues in SFY 2016-17 and for four years thereafter.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Increased Funding For Domestic Violence Related Civil And Criminal Legal Service Providers By \$1 Million. “The Legislature restores funding for the New York State Defenders Association at \$2.09 million, an increase of \$1 million from the Executive proposal.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Increased Aid To Veterans Organizations By \$800,000. “The Legislature increases aid by \$800,000 for the following organizations: o NYC Veterans Justice Project -\$100,000; o the SAGE Veterans Project - \$100,000; o Vietnam Veterans of America - \$25,000; o NYC Veterans Service organization - \$75,000; o Buffalo Veterans Service organization - \$50,000; o the Syracuse University Veterans Legal Clinic - \$250,000; and o Warrior Salute - \$200,000.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Increased General Support For Public Schools By \$1.15 Billion Over The 2013-2014 School Year To A Total of \$22.3 Billion. “The Legislature proposes an overall increase to General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) of \$1.15 billion over the 2013-14 School Year (SY), for a total of \$22.3 billion. This is an increase in formula based aids of over \$1.12 billion or 5.4 percent for the 2014-15 School Year.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Included Setting The Goal Of Five Percent Of All State Procurement Contracts Being With Businesses Owned By Service-Disabled Veterans. “Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Veterans Committee Chair Michael Benedetto today announced the recently approved Assembly budget resolution for SFY 2014-15 includes the Service-Disabled Veterans-Owned Business Act, which would set the goal of five percent for all the state’s procurement contracts to be with businesses owned by service-disabled veterans.” [Speaker Of The Assembly Press Release, [3/16/14](#)]

2013-2014 State Budget

Voted For 2013-2014 State Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget But Voted Against The Nine Other Bills Of Budget Package

New York State Budget For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Included Eleven Bills, Five Appropriations Bills And Six Article VII Bills. “2013-14 Enacted Appropriation Bills: State Operations (S2600-E/A3000-E), Chapter 50 Legislature and Judiciary (S2601-A/A3001-A), Chapter 51 Debt Service (S2602-A/A3002-A Chapter 52 Aid to Localities (S2603-E/A3003-E), Chapter 53 Capital Projects (S2604-E/A3004-E Chapter 54 2013-14 Enacted Article VII Bills Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) (S2607-D /A3007-D Chapter 57 Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S2606-D/A3006-D Chapter 56 Public Protection and General Government (PPGG) (S2605-D/A3005-D Chapter 55 Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED) (S2608-D/A3008-D Chapter 58 Revenue (S2609-D/A3009-D Chapter 59.” [New York State Division Of The Budget, [2013-2014 Archive](#)]

Voted Against The 2013-2014 State Operations Budget. In March 2013, Tenney voted against the 2013-2014 State Operations Budget which made “appropriations for the support of government.” The bill passed 135 to 8 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02600, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against The 2013-2014 State Legislative and Judiciary Budget. In March 2013, Tenney voted against the 2013-2014 State Legislative and Judiciary Budget which passed 128 to 9 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02601, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against The 2013-2014 State Debt Service Budget. In March 2013, Tenney voted against the 2013-2014 State Debt Service Budget which passed 104 to 41 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02602A, [3/20/13](#)]

Voted Against The 2013-2014 State Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2013, Tenney voted against the 2013-2014 State Aid To Localities Budget which passed 122 to 20 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S02603A, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against The 2013-2014 State Capital Projects Budget. In March 2013, Tenney voted against the 2013-2014 State Capital Projects Budget which passed 115 to 28 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S02604E, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against 2013-2014 State Public Protection And General Government Budget. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a bill “necessary for the enactment of portions of the SFY 2014-15 Public Protection and General Governments budget, as contained in the State Operations, Capital Projects and Aid to Localities appropriations bills.” The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 22 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02605D, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against Budget Bill For Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Related To Regulation And Funding For Health Care Initiatives. In March 2013 Tenney voted against a budget bill for fiscal year 2013-2014 which amended various healthcare measures and “generally Relates to the cap on local Medicaid expenditures; relates to the determination of rates of payments by certain state governmental agencies; relates to the medical assistance information and payment system; relates to managed care programs and managed long term care plans; relates to participation in the

state health insurance exchange; relates to liability for certain acts under the false claims act; relates to civil actions pursuant to the false claims act; relates to the delay of certain administrative costs; relates to the preferred drug program.” [S02606D, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against A Budget Bill Amending Various Laws Including Arbitration Processes, Worker Compensation Law, And Administrative Expenses For The State Insurance Fund. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a bill amending various laws including those relevant to “permitting a single arbitrator process; amends the workers’ compensation law, in relation to the collection of assessments for annual expenses and the investment of surplus or reserve; relates to the representation of funds, in relation to closing the fund for reopened cases; relates to administration expenses for the state insurance fund.” The bill passed the Assembly 101 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02607D, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against 2013-2014 Budget Bill Containing Major Legislative Components For Implementation Of State Fiscal Plan. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a budget bill which enacted “into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2013-2014 state fiscal year.” The Bill passed the Assembly 113 to 27 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02609, [3/28/13](#)]

...But Voted For Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget For Fiscal Year 2013-2014. In March 2013, Tenney voted for a bill amending a range of legislation including “funding for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Marchiselli program for state fiscal year 2013-2014 (Part A); relates to the statewide transmission tax and amends part U1 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003 amending the vehicle and traffic law and other laws relating to increasing certain motor vehicle transaction fees, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part B); imposes driver’s license sanctions (Part C); relates to the hours of operation of the department of motor vehicles; and provides for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Part D).” The bill passed the Assembly 129 to 8 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S0608D, [3/28/13](#)]

Budget Included A Tax Credit To Businesses Hiring Veterans. “To promote job growth and support efforts to employ more of our returning service men and women, the SFY 2013-2014 Budget provides a state tax credit to businesses that hire a post-9/11 military veteran for a new full-time job. The credit is equal to 10 percent of wages paid to the qualified veteran during the first full year of employment or 15 percent of wages if the veteran is disabled. Employers may apply the tax credit towards every new veteran that they hire for a qualifying job, without limit.” [NY Assembly Speaker Silver Press Release, [3/28/13](#)]

Budget Increased The Minimum Wage From \$7.25 To \$9 Over Three Years, Included \$300 Million In Small Business Tax Credits, \$350 Tax Rebate Check For Families. “The Assembly on Thursday gave final passage to a \$141.3 billion state budget. The 2013-14 budget holds growth in state taxpayer-supported spending to less than 2% for the third straight year, hikes the current \$7.25-an-hour minimum wage to \$9 over three years and includes \$300 million in small business tax credits, as well as a \$350 rebate check for families. It also extends for three years a tax surcharge on millionaires that was due to expire next year and includes \$90 million in cuts to programs for the developmentally disabled that were ripped by members on both sides of the aisle.” [NY Daily News, [3/29/13](#)]

Families Earning Between \$40,000 And \$300,000 Were Eligible For \$350 Child Tax Credit. “Starting 2014, families earning between \$40,000 and \$300,000 will be eligible for a \$350/year new child tax credit.” [WNYC, [4/01/13](#)]

Budget Included Tax Credits For Businesses Hiring Young People And Veterans. “The budget includes tax credits for businesses that hire youth and a permanent tax credit for those that hire veterans.” [WNYC, [4/01/13](#)]

Budget Increased Education Funding By \$1 Billion. “Education funding is increased by \$1 billion.” [WNYC, [4/01/13](#)]

Budget Included \$800 Million In Business Tax Cuts Over Three Years. “To provide tax relief to New York’s job creators, the Budget includes nearly \$800 million in tax relief for New York businesses over three years. With this tax relief, the Budget recognizes that cutting taxes sends a positive sign to the private sector that New York is pro-business and helps reverse New York’s longstanding reputation as the tax capital of the nation.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/29/13](#)]

Budget Created Tech Incubator Support, Included A \$50 Million Innovation Venture Capital Fund To Provide Seed And Early-Stage Funding To Boost New Business Formation. “The Budget provides the initial funding to launch the Innovation Hot Spots program that will create or designate ten high-tech innovation incubators at locations affiliated with higher education institutions to encourage private-sector growth. In addition, a \$50 million Innovation Venture Capital Fund that will provide critical seed and early-stage funding to incentivize new business formation and growth in New York State and facilitate the transition from ideas and research to marketable products.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/29/13](#)]

Budget Provided \$5 Million In Funding For Job Training. “New York’s workforce training is from a different era and a generic job training program does not fit today’s economy. The Budget capitalizes on the opportunity of an estimated 210,000 unfilled jobs in the state by including \$5 million for the Next Generation Job Linkage Program that works with employers to identify the job; define the skill; and provide the training for it.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/29/13](#)]

Budget Included \$150 Million In New Funding And \$70 Million In Tax Credits For Regional Economic Development Councils. “The Budget includes a third round of the Regional Economic Development Councils including \$150 million in new funding and \$70 million in tax credits.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/29/13](#)]

2013-2014 Assembly Budget Proposal

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2013-2014 Executive Budget

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 3000-C, A. 3001, A. 3002, A. 3003-C, A. 3004-C, A. 3005-C, A. 3006-C, A. 3007-C, A. 3008-C and A. 3009-C which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2013-2014 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 104 to 38. [E182, [3/11/13](#)]

Budget Restored \$609,000 In Domestic Violence Related Civil And Criminal Legal Services Support. “The Assembly restores domestic violence related civil and criminal legal services support in the Criminal Justice Improvement Account at \$609,000.” [Overview of Assembly Budget Proposal State Fiscal Year 2013-14, [March 2013](#)]

Budget Increased Funding For The Veterans Justice Project. “The Assembly provides \$100,000 in additional funding for the Veterans Justice Project.” [Overview of Assembly Budget Proposal State Fiscal Year 2013-14, [March 2013](#)]

Budget Accepted Proposal To Require A School Performance Management System Which Would Streamline School District Reporting, Increase Transparency And Accountability. “The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to require that the Education Department develop a School Performance Management

System that would streamline school district reporting and increase fiscal and programmatic transparency and accountability.” [Overview of Assembly Budget Proposal State Fiscal Year 2013-14, [March 2013](#)]

Budget Would Have Increased School Aid By \$834 Million. “The Assembly proposes a total of \$21.1 billion in school aid, an increase of \$834 million or 4.2 percent, in formula aids over 2012-13.” [Overview of Assembly Budget Proposal State Fiscal Year 2013-14, [March 2013](#)]

Budget Would Have Increased Elderly Abuse Education And Outreach Program Funding By \$500,000. “The Assembly adds \$500,000 for the Elderly Abuse Education and Outreach Program.” [Overview of Assembly Budget Proposal State Fiscal Year 2013-14, [March 2013](#)]

2012-2013 State Budget

Voted For And Against Various Elements Of New York State Budget For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Which Included Eleven Bills, Five Appropriations Bills And Six Article VII Bills

New York State Budget For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Included Eleven Bills, Five Appropriations Bills And Six Article VII Bills. “2012-13 Enacted Appropriation Bills: State Operations (S6250-D/A9050-D) Chapter 50, Legislature and Judiciary (S6251-B/A9051-A) Chapter 51, Debt Service (S6252/A9052) Chapter 52, Aid to Localities (S6253-E/A9053-E) Chapter 53, Capital Projects (S6254-D/A9054-D) Chapter 54; 2012-13 Enacted Article VII Bills: Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) (S6257-E / A9057-D) Chapter 57, Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S6256-D/A9056-D) Chapter 56, Public Protection and General Government (PPGG) (S6255-D/A9055-D) Chapter 55, Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED) (S6258-D/A9058-D) Chapter 58, Revenue (S6259-D/A9059-D) Chapter 59, State Agency Mergers (S6260-C/A9060-C) Chapter 60.” [New York State Division Of The Budget, [2012-2013 Archive](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Operations Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Operation Budget which passed the Assembly 147 to 1 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A9050, [3/30/12](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Legislative and Judiciary Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Legislative and Judiciary Budget which passed the Assembly 144 to 3 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6251, [3/30/12](#)]

Voted Against The 2012-2013 State Debt Service Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted Against the 2012-2013 State Debt Service Budget which passed the Assembly 95 to 45 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6252, [3/20/12](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Aid To Localities Budget which passed the Assembly 145 to 2 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [A9053, [3/30/12](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Capital Projects Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Capital Projects Budget which passed the Assembly 143 to 4 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A9054, [3/30/12](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Public Protection and General Government Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Public Protection and General Government Budget which passed the Assembly 145 to 1 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A9055D, [3/28/12](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Health and Mental Hygiene Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Health and Mental Hygiene Budget which passed the Assembly 143 to 4 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A9056D, [3/28/12](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Education, Labor and Family Assistance Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Education, Labor and Family Assistance Budget which passed the Assembly 141 to 6 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A9057D, [3/30/12](#)]

Voted Against The 2012-2013 State Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted against the 2012-2013 State Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget which passed the Assembly 141 to 5 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6258D, [3/28/12](#)]

Voted For The 2012-2013 State Revenue Budget Bill. In March 2012, Tenney voted for the 2012-2013 State Revenue Budget Bill which passed the Assembly 131 to 16 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A9059, [3/30/12](#)]

Voted Against The 2012-2013 State Agency Mergers Budget Bill. In March 2012, Tenney voted against the 2012-2013 State Agency Mergers Budget bill which passed the Assembly 138 to 8 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [SA9060C, [3/28/12](#)]

Budget Package Established New York Works Programs To Spend \$1.2 Billion To Accelerate Road And Bridge Repair. “The Budget funds the New York Works Program with \$232 million in state capital funds and \$917 million in new Federal funds for a total of \$1.2 billion in new spending to accelerate repair, replacement and improvement of deficient roads and bridges. This funding is over and above the \$1.6 billion already allocated this year to the core transportation capital program for roads and bridges. This program is in addition to the advancement of the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project that will inject billions more into the regional and state economy.” [New York State Division Of The Budget, Press Release, [3/30/12](#)]

Budget Package’s Provision For New York Works Fund Included \$102 Million, Leveraging More Than \$100 Million In Matching Funds, To Repair Failing Levees, Flood Walls, Dams, And Similar Structures. “The New York Works Funds will designate \$102 million, leveraging more than \$100 million in matching funds, to repair aged and otherwise failing structures, including levees, flood walls, dams, pumps and channels. The \$102 million will include \$18.5 million to repair state-owned dams, \$56 million to perform maintenance of flood control facilities such as levees, and \$27 million to implement coastal hazard and inlet navigation maintenance projects, plus over \$100 million in matching funds.” [New York State Division Of The Budget, Press Release, [3/30/12](#)]

Budget Package Increased Education Spending By \$805 Million. “The Budget includes a total of approximately \$20.4 billion for school aid, including performance grants to reward academic improvement and school district efficiencies. This represents an increase of \$805 million in total education spending, with most of the allocated increase targeted to high needs school districts. The budget includes a total of \$125 million to be allocated for performance grants, including \$50 million in continuing payments to the school districts who will receive awards in the first round of grants, and an additional \$75 million for a second round of awards to school districts.” [New York State Division Of The Budget, Press Release, [3/30/12](#)]

2012-2013 Assembly Budget Proposal

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2012-2013 Executive Budget

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2012-2013 Executive Budget. In March 2012, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive

budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 4000-C, A. 4003-C, A. 4004-B, A. 4007-B, A. 4008-B, A. 4009-C, A. 4010-B, A. 4011-B, A. 4012-B, and A. 4013-A, which are incorporated as if fully set forth in together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 9050-B, A. 9051, A. 9052, A. 9053-C, A. 9054-B, A. 9055-C, A. 9056-C, A. 9057-C, A. 9058-C, A. 9059-C and A. 9060-B which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2012-2013 New York State Budget” The resolution was adopted 93 to 49. [K1023, [3/12/12](#)]

NOTE: Due to an oddity of the legislature’s website, the bill page does not include the roll call vote tally and indicates there was no vote, but they vote can be found on date-specific searches.

Budget Restored \$609,000 In Domestic Violence Related Civil And Criminal Legal Services Support.

“The Assembly restores support for domestic violence related civil and criminal legal services programs support at \$609,000.” [Overview of Assembly Budget Proposal State Fiscal Year 2012-13, [March 2012](#)]

2011-2012 State Budget

Voted For And Against Various Elements Of New York State Budget Package For Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Which Included Ten Bills, Four Appropriations Bills And Six Article VII Bills

New York State Budget For Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Included Six Bills, Four Appropriations Bills And Six Article VII Bills. “FY 2012 Enacted Appropriation Bills State Operations (S2800-E/A4000-E) Chapter 50, Aid to Localities (S2803-E/A4003-E) Chapter 53, Capital Projects (S2804-D/A4004-D)External Link Chapter 54, Debt Service (S2802/A4002)External Link Chapter 52. FY 2012 Enacted Article VII Bills Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) (S2808-D / A4008-D) Chapter 58, Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S2809-D/A4009-D) Chapter 59, Public Protection and General Government (PPGG), (S2807-C/A4007-C) Chapter 57, Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED)(S2810-C/A4010-C) Chapter 60, Revenue (S2811-C/A4011-C) Chapter 61, State Agency Mergers (S2812-C/A4012-C) Chapter 62.” [New York State Division Of The Budget 2011-12 Archive, accessed [8/16/16](#)]

Voted For The 2011-2012 State Operations Budget. In March 2011, Tenney voted for the 2011-2012 state operations budget as it passed the Assembly 144 to 3 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02800, [3/30/11](#)]

Voted For The 2011-2012 State Capital Projects Budget. In March 2011, Tenney voted for the fiscal year 2011-2012 State Capital Projects Budget as it passed the Assembly 145 to 2 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A4005, [3/30/11](#)]

Voted For The 2011-2012 State Public Protection and General Government Budget. In March 2011, Tenney voted for the fiscal year 2011-2012 State Public Protection and General Government budget as it passed the Assembly 147 to 1 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S2807, [3/30/11](#)]

Voted Against The 2011-2012 State Education, Labor and Family Assistance Budget. In March 2011, Tenney voted against the fiscal year 2011-2012 State Education, Labor and Family Assistance Budget which passed the Assembly 144 to 5 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S2808, [3/30/11](#)]

Voted Against The 2011-2012 State Mental Health And Hygiene Budget. In March 2011, Tenney voted against the fiscal year 2011-2012 State Mental Health and Hygiene Budget which passed the Assembly 132 to 17 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S2809, [3/30/11](#)]

Voted For The 2011-2012 State Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget. In March 2011, Tenney voted for the fiscal year 2011-2012 Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget which passed the Assembly 145 to 1 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S2810, [3/29/11](#)]

Voted For The 2011-2012 State Revenue Budget Bill. In March 2011, Tenney voted for the fiscal year 2011-2012 State Revenue Budget Bill which passed the Assembly 146 to 3 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S2811, [3/30/11](#)]

Voted For The 2011-2012 State Agency Mergers Budget Bill. In March 2011, Tenney voted for a fiscal year 2011-2012 budget bill which merged state agencies and departments. The bill passed the Assembly 146 to 0 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S2812, [3/29/11](#)]

Overall Budget Led To \$350 Million Deficit. “Last week, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said the state’s current \$133 billion budget had sprung a \$350 million hole. It collected \$584 million less than expected through October.” [International Business Times, [11/24/11](#)]

Overall Budget Cut Education Funding By \$1.25 Billion. “Despite pleas from advocates and Assembly Democrats, the agreement restores only \$250 million of the \$1.5 billion cut Cuomo proposed in school aid.” [NY Daily News, [3/28/11](#)]

Overall Budget Cut Overall State Agency Operations By 10 Percent. “State operations: The Financial Plan reflects 10 percent year-to-year general fund reductions for overall state agency operations, with comparable reductions for the State and City University Systems. State operations reductions will total \$1.5 billion for 2011-12. This includes workforce cost reductions of \$450 million.” [Division OF The Budget, Press Release, [5/06/11](#)]

2011-2012 Assembly Budget Proposal

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2011-2012 Executive Budget

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2011-2012 Executive Budget. In March 2011, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 4000-C, A. 4003-C, A. 4004-B, A. 4007-B, A. 4008-B, A. 4009-C, A. 4010-B, A. 4011-B, A. 4012-B, and A. 4013-A, which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2011-2012 New York State Budget” The resolution was adopted 104 to 38. [E226, [3/15/11](#)]

Budget Opposed Governor Cuomo’s Proposal To Increase 18-A Utility Surcharge. “The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to increase the utility assessment pursuant to Section 18-a of the Public Service Law used to fund NYSERDA’s Research, Development and Demonstration Program, as well as its policy and Planning Program.” [Overview of Assembly Budget Proposal State Fiscal Year 2012-13, [March 2011](#)]

Consumer Issues & Regulations

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney took tens of thousands of dollars from internet providers, and voted to let them sell their users' personal information without their consent.*
- ✓ *Tenney strongly supported ending net neutrality, and backed a bill that would have ensured ISPs could charge fees for internet "fast lanes" and override state net neutrality laws.*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed government regulation of the internet would suppress free speech.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for a bill to allow industries to influence pending regulations without public knowledge.*
- ✓ *Tenney blamed Brindisi for giving Spectrum a monopoly, insisting she had "nothing do to with Spectrum."*

Internet Privacy

Tenney Accepted \$39,500 In Campaign Contributions From The Telecommunications Industry

Tenney Accepted \$8,500 From The Telecommunications Industry During The 2016 Election Cycle. [The Verge, [3/29/17](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$31,000 From The Telecom Services Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Customer Data

Tenney Voted To Let Internet Providers Sell Their Users' Personal Information Without Their Consent

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Reinstate FCC Rules Protecting The Privacy Of Broadband Customers. In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 299)." Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an, "amendment to the Rule, which would make in order Ms. Rosen of Nevada's bill, H.R. 1868. H.R. 1868 would reinstate the Federal Communications Commission's rules adopted on October 27, 2016 that protect the privacy of broadband customers." **A vote yes was a vote to block the Democratic amendment.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HR 1868 (H.Res 299), [Vote #240](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Sensitive Information. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information, such as web browsing history, geolocation information, content of communications and Social Security numbers; to take reasonable measures to secure customer information; and to notify customers, the commission and law enforcement when a data breach occurs that could result in harm.” The resolution passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 215-205. A “yea” was a vote in support of the president’s position. [SJRes 34, [Vote #202](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of Nullification Of A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Information. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “adoption of the rule (H Res 230) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 231-189. [H.Res 230, [Vote #200](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Sponsored Bill Limiting Freedom to Post Anonymous Comments Online, Requiring Comments To Provide Personal Information Of Contributors

Sponsored Bill Requiring Anonymous Online Comments To Be Deleted Unless Authors Provided Personal Information. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney’s support of a bill in 2012 that targeted anonymous online comments drew criticism Wednesday from U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna’s campaign. Tenney, R-New Hartford, who is challenging Hanna, R-Barneveld, in the 22nd Congressional District GOP primary, cosponsored an Assembly bill, A8688A, that would require websites ‘upon request to remove any comments posted... by an anonymous poster’ unless the author of the comments agrees to ‘attach his or her name to the post and confirms his or her IP address, legal name and home address are accurate.’” [The Citizens Blog, [4/30/14](#); A8688, [10/27/11](#)]

Net Neutrality

Tenney Strongly Supported Ending Net Neutrality

Tenney Was Characterized By A Local Paper As “Among Trump And Pai’s Strongest Supporters In Their Effort To End Net Neutrality.” “Among Trump’s and Pai’s strongest supporters in their effort to end net neutrality is U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-22, whose district includes Binghamton. ‘Since 2015, these restrictive regulations have slowed innovation and decreased investments in new tech-nologies, especially the expansion of internet into rural and undeserved areas like the 22nd District,’ she said in a statement released May 10. ‘The repeal of these stifling regulations lays the groundwork for Con-gress - rather than unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats in Washington - to further improve access and privacy through an open process that protects all consumers.’” [The Ithaca Journal, 5/11/18]

Tenney On Her Vote To Undermine Net Neutrality: “That Was Probably One Of The Best Votes That I’ve Taken In The House.” “Tenney was one of 265 members of Congress to vote in favor of removing a regulation that would keep internet service providers from selling search history without consumer knowledge. ‘That was probably one of the best votes that I’ve taken in the House,’ Tenney said. ‘We protected the internet and we protected the ability of these companies to have privacy. It was a completely misnamed, distorted bill.’ The repealed rules, according to the Associated Press, would have required companies to get customers’ permission before offering marketers a wealth of information about them, including health and financial de-tails, geographic location and lists of websites visited and apps used. Republicans and industry officials complained that the restrictions would have unfairly burdened internet providers, as advertising rivals such as Google and Facebook don’t have to abide by them. The rules had been scheduled to take effect later this year. Congress used an obscure

20-year-old law to scrap this and numerous other regulations that Republicans consider costly, burdensome or excessive.” [Times Telegram, 4/22/17]

HEADLINE: “Tenney Agrees With FCC’s Decision To Undo Net Neutrality.” “On Thursday the Federal Communications Commission voted 3-2 to undo net neutrality rules that guarantee equal access to the internet. The regulations mandated that internet service providers such as Verizon, AT&T and Comcast treat all websites equally, regardless of the content, platform or method of use. Congresswoman Claudia Tenney says she agrees with the FCC’s decision. In a provided statement she said: ‘This move subjected the internet to government control through a new and restrictive regulatory framework. Since 2015, these restrictive regulations have slowed innovation and decreased investments in new technologies, especially the expansion of internet into rural and undeserved areas.’ She went on to say that moving forward, Congress should take the next steps to further improve access and privacy through an open process that protects all consumers.” [WKTV, [12/15/17](#)]

2016: Tenney Received \$8,500 From The Telecom Industry Before Voting To Undermine Net Neutrality, And Said That The Public Would See No Change Because Of The Policy. “According to a list compiled by the National Institute on Money in State Politics, all 265 of those voting in favor of removing the regulation took donations from the telecom industry. Tenney received \$8,500 from the telecom industry in the last election cycle, according to the list. ‘I did not know that there were telecom companies giving me money until it was brought to my attention,’ Tenney said earlier this month. ‘I looked at the rule and thought about the freedom and the rights and what the actual policy is, and made a decision based on that. So I don’t even know which telecom companies gave me money... I looked at the policy.’ Tenney said Wednesday that the public would see no change.” [Times Telegram, 4/22/17]

Tenney Backed A Bill That Claimed – But Failed – To Partly Restore Net Neutrality

Tenney Co-Sponsored The Open Internet Preservation Act. “U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, is one of the latest co-sponsors on a bill designed to restore some of the net neutrality regulations that were repealed recently by the Federal Communications Commission, her office announced Tuesday. The Open Internet Preservation Act, originally sponsored by U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, would prohibit internet service providers from blocking lawful content, applications, services or non-harmful devices and impairing lawful internet traffic on the basis of internet content. The bill also requires internet service providers to make their terms of service public, according to Tenney’s office. Tenney, R-New Hartford, is one of 39 Republican co-sponsors on the bill. Describing the bill as a ‘com-promise that benefits consumers,’ Tenney said in a statement that the bill ‘lays the groundwork for Congress’ to improve access and privacy. ‘Restrictive regulations have slowed innovation and decreased investments in innovative technologies, especially the expansion of internet into rural and underserved areas,’ she said. ‘This lack of investment in rural areas like the 22nd District has prevented businesses from growing and creating jobs. Now that these regulations are off the table, we must work together to find a permanent solution.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 4/5/18]

Open Internet Preservation Act Would Prevent Blocking Or Degrading Web Traffic, But Would Allow ISPs To Charge Fees For Internet “Fast Lanes” And Override State Net Neutrality Laws. “Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) has introduced a bill in response to the FCC’s repeal of net neutrality rules, but supporters of net neutrality aren’t happy with it. The Open Internet Preservation Act would prevent blocking or degrading the quality of legal web traffic, but would also ban the FCC from making any rules that go beyond those two requirements. It would override any state net neutrality laws, like those recently proposed for California and Washington. And it firmly defines broadband as an ‘information service,’ which would mean it couldn’t be regulated more strictly as a Title II service, as it was under the newly repealed Open Internet Order. Blackburn, who chairs the House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, says the bill is supposed to provide ‘light-touch regulation so companies can invest and innovate.’ It would theoretically settle the long-running debate over net neutrality regulation, but it would allow some practices that net neutrality advocates consider unacceptable — like paid prioritization, where service providers speed up favored web traffic. ‘Blackburn’s bill would explicitly allow internet providers to demand new fees from small businesses and Internet users, carving

up the web into fast lanes and slow lanes,’ says Evan Greer, campaigns director of Fight for the Future.” [The Verge, [12/19/17](#)]

HEADLINE: The Republican Net Neutrality Bill Doesn’t Save Net Neutrality. [The Verge, [12/19/17](#)]

Tenney Said She Planned To Meet With FCC Chairman Ajit Pai To Discuss Plans To “Make Sure All Players Have Equal Access To The Internet.” “Tenney plans to meet with FCC Chairman Ajit Pai because she wants to find out how the commission plans to better balance the need for control without too much government involvement. ‘This goes to the heart of everything I stand for,’ she said. ‘We continue to make it so difficult for smaller entities ... to survive in the type of environment we have in our economy now. And to translate that into the internet where you only have five companies able to really survive dealing in the internet, I think there’s a problem. ... I think it’s really important to distinguish the difference between creating a utility -- which puts government in control -- and creating a free market where government regulates and makes sure all play-ers have equal access to the internet.’” [Times Telegram, 12/12/17]

Tenney Claimed Government Regulation Of The Internet Would Suppress Free Speech

2019: Tenney Repeated Her Statement That Net Neutrality Would Hurt First Amendment Rights. “He voted for what they call net neutrality, which actually hurts First Amendment rights, hurts cable providers, and really benefits Google and Facebook companies in Silicon Valley, which supported him probably through super PACs.” [Radio, 14:49, Vantage, 11/13/19]

Tenney Said That Government Regulation Of The Internet Could Lead To Repression Of Free Speech. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, supports the rollback because she is concerned about free speech if the government remains in control of the internet. ‘I worry about making it a utility for this reason only because the No. 1 most important thing that we stand for as Americans is freedom of speech and freedom to express our views contrary to the government,’ she said. ‘When you create a government utility out of something as important as free speech, I think you have to be careful with that. It would be like if the government takes over the newspaper industry and tells (it) what they could say or couldn’t say.’” [Times Telegram, 12/12/17]

Industry Regulation

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Allow Industries To Influence Pending Regulations Without Public Knowledge

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Spectrum

Tenney: “I Have Nothing To Do With Spectrum.”

Tenney Blamed Brindisi For Giving Spectrum A Monopoly, Insisting She Had “Nothing To Do With Spectrum.” “TENNEY: This is a state issue that was handled at the state level. [...] His consultants saw very cleverly last year that Charter Communications, which does not do business in our region, was taken over by Spectrum, a monopoly that was taken over by the state legislature for funding and the public service ecommition that Governor Cuomo pushed [...] so Spectrum was able to take over Charter and Time Warner and some of the local companies in our region that provide our internet and cable service and give them a monopoly. What’s worse for prices and quality than a monopoly? [...] He was part of that, he was in the state assembly. [...] It has nothing to do with my term in federal office, it has nothing to do with any of that. [...] He’s trying to blame me on it because Charter Communication made a donation to me back before they were even taken over by Spectrum, but let’s look at some facts. The assembly campaign committee, when he was in the assembly, took over \$150,000 from Spectrum. He took money from all kinds of assembly members, including the assembly campaign committee. [...] He took donations from the assembly from Spectrum. [...] This was a problem the governor created and Assembly Democrats approved. He tries to blame it on me, now he goes into the Congress, he runs on this – really it’s a phony issue – trying to somehow blame me for Spectrum, I have nothing to do with Spectrum.” [Radio, 13:44, Vantage, 11/13/19]

Defense Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted against prohibiting DOD funds from being used for servicemembers' gender transition*
- ✓ *Tenney urged DOD to exempt the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) from the Trump Administration's federal hiring freeze in March 2017*

Military Personnel

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender Transition

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender Transition. In July 2017, Tenney voted against: "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](#)]

Funding

FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act

Tenney Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Tenney 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

Tenney Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorized \$692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibits Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Secretary Of Defense

Tenney Voted For Granting Gen. James Mattis An Exemption On The Prohibition Of Newly-Retired Officers From Serving As Secretary Of Defense

Tenney Voted For Granting Gen. James Mattis An Exemption On The Prohibition Of Newly-Retired Officers From Serving As Secretary Of Defense. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would allow the first person to be confirmed secretary of Defense after the bill’s enactment to serve in the position, even if the individual has not been retired from the military for seven years, so long as the person has been retired for at least three years. The bill would thus provide an exemption for President-elect Donald Trump’s pick for the position, retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, from a requirement for a seven-year waiting period before former servicemembers can be appointed to Defense secretary.” The bill passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 268-151. [S 84, [Vote #59](#), 1/13/17; CQ, [1/13/17](#)]

Tenney Collaborated With Chuck Schumer To Urge The Trump Administration To Make Exemptions To The Federal Hiring Freeze For The Defense Finance And Accounting Service.

Tenney Teamed Up With Chuck Schumer To Urge The Department Of Defense To Exempt The Defense Finance And Accounting Service From The Trump Administration’s Hiring Freeze. “Sen. Charles Schumer, D-NY, and Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, may not agree on the best health care plan for the nation, but they have found other common ground. The two have teamed up to urge the U. S. Department of Defense to exempt the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and its Rome facility from a federal hiring freeze put in place by President Donald Trump on Jan. 23. The two want to assure that positions lost to attrition are refilled. The freeze allows some exceptions for national security and public safety. ‘DFAS is critical in supporting the readiness of our military,’ Tenney said in a release. ‘In the 22nd District, DFAS Rome is not only a vital employer in ou

community, but it also plays an important role in executing financial functions that support the day-to-day operations of the U. S. Army. Therefore, ensuring that DFAS is permitted to maintain their workforce will allow the facility to continue to provide the highest level of service to armed forces.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 3/18/17]

Education and Children's Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney claimed she wanted to make college more affordable but voted to slash Pell grants by more than \$75 billion while NY-22 residents were awarded 19,170 Pell grants worth \$77,131,472.*
- ✓ *Tenney spoke at event for group seeking to open a charter school in Truxton, NY*
- ✓ *Tenney expressed concern charter schools took resources from public schools.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to keep \$434 million in school funding cuts, which hit rural and suburban schools hardest*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against billions in school funding increases and \$1.5 billion to help school districts implement full-day pre-kindergarten programs over five years*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against tuition assistance programs and scholarships to make college more affordable*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against providing debt relief to recent graduates dealing with student loans*
- ✓ *Tenney opposed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, And Math) education initiatives*
- ✓ *Tenney co-sponsored legislation to end New York's participation in both Common Core Curriculum and Race to the Top initiatives*

College Affordability

Pell Grants

Students In Tenney's District Received \$159,487,832 In Pell Grants...

2017-2018: New York's 20th District Students Were Awarded 19,170 Pell Grants Worth \$77,131,472 Dollars. [National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, Federal Student Aid Programs by Congressional Districts, [2017-2018](#)]

2018-2019: New York's 22nd District Students Were Awarded 19,611 Pell Grants Worth \$82,356,360 Dollars. [National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, Federal Student Aid Programs By Congressional Districts, [2018-2019](#)]

...And Tenney Claimed She Wanted To Make College More Affordable...

Tenney Claimed She Would Work To "Help Ease The Burden" Of College Costs. "We need to be doing more as a nation to address the crippling student debt that face so many of our nation's graduates. Congress should be working together to address this issue. In Washington, Claudia will work to help ease the burden college costs on students and families." [Claudia Tenney for Congress, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

...But Tenney Still Voted To Slash Pell Grants

2017: Tenney 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](#)]

K-12 Education

Equal Opportunity

Tenney Voted For Gutting State Accountability Rules Guaranteeing Equal Opportunity For Education Under The Every Student Succeeds Act. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to define, subsequently monitor and intervene with schools deemed to be low-performing schools. Under the department’s rule, states are required to measure academic achievement through factors such as graduation rates and English proficiency rates.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-190. [HJRes 57, [Vote #84](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Teacher Certification

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Education Rule Requiring States To Annually Evaluate Teacher Certification Programs, Ensuring That New Teachers Are Prepared For The Job. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to annually evaluate the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs at higher education institutions. Programs are required to be ranked by level of performance and states would be required to provide assistance to the lowest-performing programs.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 240-181. [HJRes 8, [Vote #85](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Tenney Spoke At An Event For Supporters Of A Charter School But Later Said That She Mostly Did Not Like The Concept Of Charter Schools

Tenney Spoke At Closed Event For Supporters Of A Charter School In Truxton; Said Decision To Approve Charter School Was Up To Taxpayers. “A group fighting to open the Truxton Academy Charter School heard from an ally tonight as Congresswoman Claudia Tenney spoke at a closed event for supporters. It’s part of ongoing efforts, over the past few years, to get a proposal approved by showing community support for the idea [...] ‘It isn’t going to work in every case. I understand the arguments on both sides that charters take money, public money, away. But the taxpayers, ultimately locally, are the people who fund our schools,’ Rep. Tenney said. ‘The taxpayers have to make that decision and they get to do that every year when they vote on the school budget.’” [WSYR, [6/11/17](#)]

Tenney Was Concerned Charter Schools Took Resources From Public Schools. “Neither Tenney nor Brindisi support the idea of vouchers, and they both have concerns about charter schools, they said. Tenney expressed concern that charter schools take resources from public schools, like the Utica City School District, that need the funding. ‘It always concerns me that we have a school that was created as sort of a hybrid of the main school and given charter status and then they don’t have to comply with the same mandates as the main school district but all the resources are brought away from the school to this charter school,’ she said. ‘It’s always concerned me how Upstate New York ... does charters. I don’t like the concept of charter schools except in really unique situations, at least when it applies to New York because our education system is very different than other parts of the country.’” [Times Telegram, 10/31/18]

State Education Votes

Voted Against Eliminating \$434 Million In School Funding Cuts Which Hit Rural And Suburban Schools Hardest

Voted Against 2016-2017 Aid To Localities Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 128 to 13 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06403D was substituted for A9002 [S06403D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Permanently Eliminated The Remaining \$434 Million Of The Gap Elimination Adjustment Which Cut Funding For Schools. “The Senate succeeded in permanently eliminating the \$434 million remaining of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) cuts for schools this year as part of the final budget. The GEA education budget reductions was first imposed on New Yorkers in 2010 by former Governor David Paterson and the Democrats who controlled the Senate and Assembly. The entire Senate Republican Conference voted against these severe cuts to the bottom lines for public schools and year after year, Senate Republicans have consistently led the effort to phase-out the GEA.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Budget Eliminated Gap Elimination Adjustment Which Hurt Suburban And Rural School Districts. “The Senate was also successful in eliminating the Gap Elimination Adjustment, which hit suburban and rural districts the hardest.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against \$1.5 Billion School Funding Increase

Voted Against New York’s 2016-2017 Budget Package Which Was Divided Between 10 Area Component Budget Bills. “Assembly Resolution No. 1047 BY: M. of A. Heastie in response to the 2016-2017 Executive Budget submission (Bill Nos. A. 9000-A, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-A, A. 9004-A, A. 9005-A, A. 9006-A, A. 9007-A, A. 9008-A and A. 9009-A) to be adopted as legislation expressing the position of the New York State Assembly relating to the 2016-2017 New York State Budget... RESOLVED, That, this resolution, together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 9000-B, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-B, A. 9004-B, A. 9005-B, A. 9006-B, A. 9007-B, A. 9008-B and A. 9009-B which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2016-2017 New York State Budget.” [E0147, [3/11/16](#); A09000D, [4/01/16](#); S06401A, [4/01/16](#); S06402, [3/28/16](#); S06403D, [4/01/16](#); S06404D, [4/01/16](#); A09005C, [3/31/16](#); S06406C, [4/01/16](#); A09007C, [3/31/16](#); A09008C, [3/31/16](#); S06409D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Increased School Funding By \$1.5 Billion To A Record Level Of \$24.6 Billion. “Teachers and kids. The budget provides a record amount of school funding, \$24.6 billion, for the state’s more than 700 school districts. The \$1.5 billion increase over last year was very close to what the Republican-controlled Senate proposed.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against Increasing Aid For School Districts By \$1.1 Billion

Voted Against New York State Budget Package For Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Which Consisted Of Five Appropriations Bills And Six Article VII Bills. “2014-15 Enacted Appropriation Bills: State Operations (S6350-E/A8550-E) Chapter 50, Legislature and Judiciary (S6351-A/A8551-A) Chapter 51, Debt Service (S6352/A8552) Chapter 52, Aid to Localities (S6353-E/A8553-E) Chapter 53, Capital Projects (S6354-E/A8554-E) Chapter 54; 2014-15 Enacted Article VII Bills: Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) (S6356-D/A8556-D) Chapter 56, Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S6358-D/A8558-D) Chapter 58, Public Protection and General Government (PPGG) (S6355-D/A8555-D), Chapter 55, Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental

Conservation (TED) (S6357-D/A8557-D) Chapter 57, Revenue (S6359-D/A8559-D) Chapter 59 Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) (S6914/A9205) Chapter 60.” [New York State Division of the Budget, [2014-2015 Archive](#); A08550E, [3/31/14](#); S06351A, [3/31/14](#); S06352, [3/19/14](#); S06353E, [3/31/14](#); S06354E, [3/31/14](#); A08555D, [3/31/14](#); S06356D, [3/31/14](#); S06358D, [3/31/14](#); S06359, [3/31/14](#); S06914, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Increased Aid For School Districts By \$1.1 Billion. “The budget contains a \$1.1 billion increase in state school aid.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Voted Against Increasing State Education Funding By \$1.3 Billion, Providing \$1 Billion For Tuition Assistance Programs And Increased Funding For State And Community Colleges

Voted Against 2015-16 State Budget Operations Bill. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the 2015-2016 State Operations Budget which passed the Assembly 104 to 44 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02000C, [3/31/15](#)]

Voted Against the 2015-2016 Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget which passed the Assembly 139 to 9 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line-item veto. [A03003C, [3/30/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Capital Projects Budget. In April 2015, Tenney voted against the State Capital Project Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 31 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S02004C, [4/01/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Education, Labor And Family Assistance Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the State Education, Labor, Housing and Family Assistance budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year which passed the Assembly 92 to 55 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02006B, [3/31/15](#)]

Budget Increased State Education Funding By \$1.3 Billion. “New York’s education system is set to implement some of its most dramatic and fundamental reforms in years through the Education Transformation Act. The Budget includes the Governor’s proposal for an increase of \$1.3 billion in state education support to take education funding to its highest level ever – \$23.5 billion.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Voted Against \$1.5 Billion In Funding Over Five Years To Help School Districts Implement Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Voted Against The 2014-2015 Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 131 to 7 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S06353E, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Provided \$1.5 Billion Over Five Years To Help School Districts Implement Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten. “The state will provide \$1.5 billion over the next five years to help school districts implement full-day pre-kindergarten programs (if they don’t have them already). School districts will be able to establish pre-k programs at their own speed. There’s no deadline or competition. The state will provide the support if a district wants to set up a pre-k program.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Voted Against Providing \$1 Billion In Funding For The Tuition Assistance Program And Increased Funding For State And Community Colleges

Voted Against 2016-2017 Aid To Localities Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 128 to 13 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06403D was substituted for A9002 [S06403D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Provided \$1 Billion For The Tuition Assistance Program And Increased Funding For State And Community Colleges. “The budget provides more than \$1 billion for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and freezes SUNY and CUNY tuition this year. The new budget also boosts funding for SUNY and CUNY community colleges with an additional \$20 million, increasing the full-time equivalent (FTE) funding for the state’s community colleges by \$100 and making the base aid \$2,697 per FTE for 2016-17.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Voted Against \$8 Million In Funding For Scholarships To SUNY And CUNY Schools For Top Ten Of High School Graduates Pursuing STEM Careers If They’ll Stay In New York For Five Years

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 8550-C, A. 8551, A. 8552, A. 8553-C, A. 8554-C, A. 8555-C, A. 8556-C, A. 8557-C, A. 8558-C, A. 8559-C and A. 8768-A which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2014-2015 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 91 to 40. [E00914, [3/12/14](#)]

Budget Included \$8 Million For Scholarships To SUNY And CUNY Schools For Top Ten Of High School Graduates Pursuing STEM Careers If They’ll Stay In New York For Five Years. “The Budget includes \$8 million in funding for a new STEM scholarship program. Full tuition scholarships to any SUNY or CUNY college or university will be offered to the top ten percent of high school graduates if they pursue a STEM career and work in New York for five years.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against Student Debt Relief That Would Assist An Estimated 7,100 Graduates In Its First Year And More Than 24,000 Annually By 2019-2020

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Budget Included Student Debt Relief That Would Assist An Estimated 7,100 Graduates In Its First Year And More Than 24,000 Annually By 2019-2020. “The Budget includes student loan support that is designed to help eligible New York State residents who graduate from college and continue to live in the state to pay nothing on their student loans for the first two years out of school. For graduates earning less than \$50,000 per year, the Get on Your Feet program will supplement the federal Pay As You Earn (PAYE) income-based loan repayment program. The amount a participant will benefit is based on the amount owed and their adjusted gross income. The program is estimated to assist 7,100 graduates in its first year and more than 24,000 participants annually by 2019-20.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Voted Against Preventing A Tuition Increase At New York’s Public Colleges

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Education, Labor, Housing, And Family Assistance Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Education, Labor, Housing and Family Assistance budget for the 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 104 to 39 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06406C was substituted for the original bill, A9006C. [S06406C, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Prevented A Tuition Increase At New York’s Public Colleges. “The Legislature balked at approving the SUNY 2020 plan, which would have allowed the state’s public colleges and universities to continue to raise tuition up to \$300 per year for another five years. So tuition will not increase this year.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Opposed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineer, And Math) Education Initiatives

Opposed STEM Education Initiatives. “Tenney believes states should be helping districts develop curriculum for their students with teacher input, rather than providing incentives for them to apply generalized modules. She also said she does not support STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives, and believes students should be ‘learning what the world is all about, and shouldn’t be programmed for specific jobs.’ She wants to see more local control over education, and not this push of federal mandates that are putting a burden on small school districts.” [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#)]

Voted Against \$3 Million In Funding For A Project Focused On Protecting Sexually Exploited Children From Being Treated As Perpetrators Instead Of Victims

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Budget Included \$3 Million For A Project Focused On Protecting Sexually Exploited Children From Being Treated As Perpetrators Instead Of Victims. “Protecting Children: The budget provides \$3 million total for Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children.” The Safe Harbor Project “was created to protect sexually exploited children from being charged with a juvenile delinquent (JD) offense, in appropriate cases. The law defines children who are involved in these crimes as victims, not perpetrators. The Safe Harbor Law provides services to children who have been sexually exploited.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#); New York State Office Of Children And Family Services, accessed [8/16/16](#)]

Co-Sponsored Legislation To Remove Common Core Curriculum And Race To The Top Initiative As Well As Another Bill To Give Parents Common Core Testing Opt Out Option

Co-Sponsored Legislation To Remove Common Core Curriculum. “Some legislators are looking at some kind of reform of these standards, including Graf who, along with 24 other legislators, put in a bill in June to withdraw New York from the Common Core curriculum and Race to the Top initiative. Both Butler and Tenney have co-sponsored the bill.” [Observer-Dispatch, [12/02/13](#)]

Said, “Kids Hate Going To School Because Of Common Core”. “Seward, Lopez and Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, who represents parts of Otsego and Delaware County, said they were all disappointed that efforts to rein in the Common Core curriculum did not succeed. ‘Kids hate going to school because of Common Core,’ Tenney said. ‘Our teachers have been reduced to robots.’” [The Daily Star, 6/14/14]

Co-Sponsored Bill Giving Parents Choice To Opt Out Of Mandated Common Core Testing. As of June 2016, Tenney opposed Common Core, and co-sponsored bill giving parents the choice to opt out of mandated Common Core testing. “Claudia has spent countless hours meeting with teachers, parents and students and is very familiar with the challenges facing our education system. As a member of the Assembly Education Committee, she has

stood with parents, teachers and school administrators to push for meaningful reforms in our education system and opposed the rollout of federally mandated Common Core in New York. She also co-sponsored a bill that would give parents the choice to opt out of excessive, mandated Common Core testing. In Washington, Claudia will continue the fight to roll back Common Core and end federal interference in educational decisions, which are better left to local school districts and parents.” [Claudia for Congress Campaign Site, accessed [6/06/16](#)]

Opposed “Unfair” Proposal To Provide College Education For Incarcerated Felons, Accused Cuomo Of “Pandering” For Votes

Opposed Governor’s 2014 Proposal To Fund College Education For Incarcerated Felons, Saying Bill Was “Unfair” To Law-Abiding Citizens And He Was “Pandering” For Votes. “Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s proposal to use public dollars to fund college educations for incarcerated felons has ignited strong opposition from the region’s elected officials serving in Albany. Also standing squarely against the proposal is Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney... Tenney, a gun rights advocate who has also been strident in her criticism of year-old gun restrictions known as the New York SAFE-Act, called the latest Cuomo proposal ‘absurd.’ ‘He is pandering to a certain group for votes,’ Tenney said. In elaborating on her reference, she said, ‘the people who think they have been wrongfully put in jail.’ Tenney said Cuomo’s proposal is also unfair to law-abiding college students, many of whom have racked up tens of thousands of dollars in debt before they graduate.” [The Daily Star, [2/19/14](#)]

Economy & Jobs

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney introduced a bill to encourage American manufacturing but was unable to pass it.*
- ✓ *Tenney falsely claimed the labor participation rate was the highest it had been in over a decade*
- ✓ *Tenney twice failed to pass legislation requiring the Defense Department to buy flatware from a manufacturer in her district*
- ✓ *In 2014, voted against initial funding for Nano Tech Utica, the “key element of the region’s recovery plan” which was projected to create 1,500 jobs.*
 - ✓ *Republican Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente criticized Tenney’s vote stating, “How do you not vote to bring jobs and growth to your area? What are you doing for the people who voted you into office?”*
 - ✓ *Picente also said of Tenney, “I understand that there are times when you need to vote no, but ‘no’ on everything doesn’t create jobs and it doesn’t create an environment that grows the area’s economy”*
 - ✓ *Rep. Richard Hanna also criticized Tenney’s vote against Nano Tech funding*
- ✓ *Voted against reappropriation of Nano Tech Utica funding in 2015 and 2016*
- ✓ *Voted against \$55 billion in infrastructure spending, including \$27.14 billion in Upstate*
- ✓ *Voted against \$1.5 billion in Upstate economic development funding*
- ✓ *Voted against building a new pharmacy school at SUNY Binghamton*
- ✓ *Voted against \$50 million in funding to expand and protect Southern Tier and Hudson Valley agriculture*
- ✓ *Voted repeatedly against eliminating income taxes on manufacturers*
- ✓ *Voted against increasing Upstate transit funding*

American Manufacturing

Tenney Introduced The SPOONSS Act To Support American Manufacturing But Her Successor, Brindisi Was The One Who Got It Signed Into Law Helped Pass It

2017: Tenney Introduced The SPOONSS Act To Require The Defense Department To Buy American-Made Stainless Steel Flatware. “The SPOONSS Act would restore an earlier requirement under the Berry Amendment that the Department of Defense only buy American-made stainless steel flatware. Since Sherrill Manufacturing is the only flatware manufacturer left in the United States, the company could become the sole provider of silverware for the U.S. military. [...] . It was Tenney who first introduced the SPOONSS Act in 2017.” [Times Telegram, 12/21/19]

The Bill Was Not Passed Until Brindisi Worked To Get It Into The NDAA. “When Brindisi took office in 2019, he continued the effort and worked hard to get SPOONSS into the House version of the NDAA. He secured this provision in the NDAA, and it was approved last July. The SPOONS Act was introduced in previous years but was defeated each time it came to a vote.” [Times Telegram, 12/21/19]

Tenney Made False Claims About The Labor Market

January 2018: Tenney Said The Labor Participation Rate Was The Highest It Had Been In Over A Decade

Tenney Said The Labor Participation Rate Was The Highest It Had Been In Over A Decade. “TENNEY: We’ve seen the labor participation rate at the highest rate it’s been for over a decade.” [WKTV, [1/19/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Labor Dept.: National Labor Participation Rate Was 62.7% In December 2017, Down From 66.2% In January 2008; It Has Not Been Above 63% Since 2014.

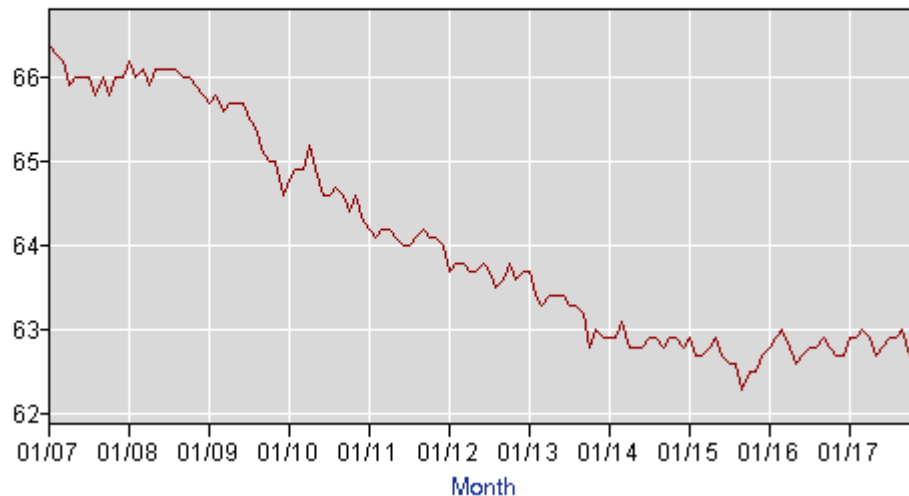
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Series title: (Seas) Labor Force Participation Rate

Labor force status: Civilian labor force participation rate

Type of data: Percent or rate

Age: 16 years and over



[Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed [1/19/18](#)]

Jobs Bills

Apprenticeships

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Promote Effective Apprenticeships. In July 2017, Tenney 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 effective apprenticeships bill.** The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 440, [Vote #354](#), 7/13/17; CQ, [7/13/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [7/13/17](#)]

Outsourcing

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Bring Jobs Home Act. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 392) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1873).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis offered an amendment for “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 the bill encouraging domestic insourcing and discouraging foreign outsourcing.** The previous question carried, 229-186. [H Res 392, [Vote #312](#), 6/21/17; CQ, [6/21/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/17](#)]

Local Defense Jobs

Tenney Denied That The NDAA Could Cut Local Jobs

Tenney Denied NDAA Could Cut 200 Local DFAS Jobs, Citing Amendment That Brindisi Called A “Fake Fix.” “The potential reduction through the NDAA could mean the loss of over 200 local DFAS jobs, said Edward Abounader, president of the American Federation of Government Employees local that represents DFAS employees; he joined Brindisi for today’s announcement. Tenney, though, noted she co-sponsored an amendment, called the Poliquin Amendment after Maine Congressman Bruce Poliquin, which she said ‘protects DFAS’ and stipulates for ‘cannot reduce the size of DFAS.’ [...] But Brindisi, D-119, Utica, called for an ‘all-out push’ in the U.S. Senate to eliminate the proposed cut that he said is in the bill; the NDAA is still being considered by the Senate. His announcement said the Poliquin amendment is a ‘fake fix’ in the NDAA version approved by the House, and is ‘being held up as a solution to the bad NDAA bill when in reality it doesn’t even stop the 25 percent cut to DFAS. It simply ‘clarifies’ that Congress does not have any ‘intention’ of hurting DFAS.’” [Rome Sentinel, [5/30/18](#)]

Tenney Failed Twice To Pass Legislation Requiring The Government To Buy From A Manufacturer In Her District

Tenney’s Amendment That Would Have Boosted Sales For An Oneida County Manufacturer Was Rejected By A Voice Vote After The Heritage Foundation Called For Its Rejection. “The House of Representatives on Friday rejected Rep. Claudia Tenney’s legislation that would have forced the military to buy American-made eating utensils, a move that could have boosted sales for Sherrill Manufacturing in Oneida County. Tenney, R-New

Hartford, proposed an amendment to a defense policy bill that would have required the Department of Defense to purchase domestically-sourced stainless steel flatware. Sherill Manufacturing, which took over the former Oneida Ltd. plant in Sherrill, is the only American manufacturer to make and source 100 percent of its flatware in the United States. But the House rejected the amendment by voice vote after the advocacy arm of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, encouraged Republicans to reject the measure. Tori Whiting of the Heritage Foundation wrote that Tenney's proposal is 'a textbook example of the type of government cronyism that plagues Washington.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, [7/14/17](#)]

Brindisi Said Tenney Made Mistake By Not Asking For A Recorded Vote On The Amendment. "A Democrat seeking to challenge Tenney in the 2018 election was critical of her handling of the amendment. Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, D-Utica, said Tenney made a mistake by not asking for a recorded vote on the legislation, a move that he said would have prevented 'no' votes from hiding in the shadows. 'It's important to know who supports U.S. manufacturing in the House, but the congresswoman gave up the perfect chance,' Brindisi said. 'It's an unfortunate day for this company, and for residents of the Sherrill area. She should have fought harder for this law.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, [7/14/17](#)]

Tenney Introduced Standalone Legislation After Her NDAA Amendment Failed. "Tenney, R-New Hartford, took advantage of her chance to speak by inviting Trump to visit the Sherrill Manufacturing plant in the former Oneida Ltd. plant in the city of Sherrill. She also asked the president to put his support behind a House bill she introduced Wednesday that would require the Department of Defense to buy 100 percent American-made tableware for its installations around the world. Tenney introduced the SPOONSS (Support Procurement of our Nation's Stainless Steel) Act after an earlier effort fell short as an amendment to a defense policy bill last week." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [7/20/17](#)]

May 2018: Tenney Failed Again To Pass A Bill Requiring DoD To Buy Flatware From Sherill Manufacturing. "House lawmakers served up defeat on two amendments Wednesday that would have required the military to buy only U.S.-made dinnerware and stainless steel flatware [...] The first, by Rep. David McKinley, D-W.Va., focused on domestic dinnerware, while a second by Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-N.Y., concerned stainless steel. McKinley's measure failed 160-252. Tenney's amendment managed to scrape up more yes votes, coming in at 174-239 [...] Tenney, in her remarks, made the issue less about safety and more about protecting American jobs. Her district includes Sherill Manufacturing, a flatware maker." [Washington Examiner, [5/23/18](#)]

2019: The Bill Was Not Passed Until Brindisi Worked To Get It Into The NDAA. "When Brindisi took office in 2019, he continued the effort and worked hard to get SPOONSS into the House version of the NDAA. He secured this provision in the NDAA, and it was approved last July. The SPOONS Act was introduced in previous years but was defeated each time it came to a vote." [Times Telegram, 12/21/19]

Nano Tech Utica

2014: Drew Criticism From Local Republicans For Voting Against Funding For Nano Tech Utica, The "Key Element In The Region's Recovery Plan" Which Was Projected To Create 1,500 Jobs

2014: Was One Of Only Ten Assembly Members To Vote Against Economic Development Budget Which Funded Nano Tech Utica. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the state's 2014-2015 Capital Projects Budget which included the appropriation "Nano Utica Project: The sum of \$180,000,000 is hereby appropriated for services and expenses related to a nano Utica project, including the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2014." The bill passed the Assembly 128 to 10 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [New York Capital Projects Budget, S6354E, [3/31/14](#)]

WIBX Called Nano Tech Utica The “Key Element In The Region’s Recovery Plan.” “Local leaders are questioning Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney’s judgement after Tuesday night’s budget vote. Tenney voted ‘no’ on all 10 budget bills, including the portion of the budget that will fund the Nano Tech Utica project, the key element in the region’s recovery plan.” [WIBX, [4/01/14](#)]

Nano Tech Facility At SUNY In Marcy Was Expected To Create More Than 1,500 Jobs. “In October, Governor Cuomo announced \$1.5 billion dollars in funding to create a Nano Tech facility at SUNY in Marcy. The first phase of the construction was completed in February and more than 1500 jobs are expected when the project is complete.” [WIBX, [4/01/14](#)]

Marcy Is In New York 22nd Congressional District. According to Cortland County, New York government, Marcy is New York’s 22nd Congressional district. [Cortland County Government, accessed [8/05/16](#)]

Republican Oneida County Executive On Tenney’s Vote: “How Do You Not Vote To Bring Jobs And Growth To Your Area, What Are You Doing For The People Who Voted You Into Office?” “How do you not vote to bring jobs and growth to your area,’ asked Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente. ‘What are you doing for the people who voted you into office?’” [WIBX, [4/01/14](#)]

Republican Oneida County Executive: “I Understand There Are Times When You Need To Vote No, But ‘No’ On Everything Doesn’t Create Jobs.” “I understand that there are times when you need to vote no,” said Picente, ‘but, ‘No’ on ‘everything doesn’t create jobs and it doesn’t create an environment that grows the area’s economy.’” [WIBX, [4/01/14](#)]

Hanna Criticized Tenney For Vote Against Marcy Nanotech Again In 2016. “She’s voted against the [Marcy] Nanocenter, a farm bill to help farmers, flood protection,’ Hanna said during an event in Mexico, NY. ‘If you want to be a brand in this business and you want to be on Fox News, you can do that. And that’s fine - it’s not fine, but a lot of people do. But this job is about the people you can help, the district you can serve and how you reflect that.’” [WRVO, [7/22/16](#)]

2015: Was One Of 31 Assembly Members To Vote Against The Reappropriation Of \$180 Million For Nano Tech Utica

April 2015: Was One Of 31 Assembly Members To Vote Against The Reappropriation Of \$180 Million For Nano Tech Utica. In April 2015, Tenney voted against New York’s 2015-2016 Capital Projects Budget which reappropriated “The sum of \$180,000,000 is hereby appropriated for services and expenses related to a nano Utica project, including the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2014. All or a portion of the funds appropriated hereby may be suballocated or transferred to any department, agency, or public authority (91071409) 180,000.” The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 31 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto.[New York Capital Projects Budget, S02004, [4/1/15](#)]

2016: Was One Of 22 Assembly Members To Vote Against \$638 Million For Economic Development At The Utica Nanotechnology Site, Reappropriation Of \$160 Million For Site

2016: Was One Of 22 Assembly Members To Vote Against \$638 Million For Economic Development At The Utica Nanotechnology Site. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 which stated “Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, for services and expenses, loans, grants, and costs associated with program administration, of projects and purposes authorized below, including the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2016. All or a portion of the funds appropriated hereby may be suballocated or transferred to any department, agency, or public authority, according to the follow-ing:... The sum of \$638,000,000 is hereby appropriated for services and expenses of economic projects at Nano Utica.” The bill passed the Assembly 118 to 22 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [New York Capital Projects Budget, S06404, [4/1/16](#)]

Capital Projects Budget Included Reappropriation Of \$160 Million For The Utica Nanotechnology Facility. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 which stated “The sum of \$180,000,000 is hereby appropriated for services and expenses related to a nano Utica project, including the payment of liabilities incurred prior to April 1, 2014. All or a portion of the funds appropriated hereby may be suballocated or transferred to any department, agency, or public authority (91071409) 180,000,000 (re. \$160,000,000).” [New York Capital Projects Budget, S06404, [4/1/16](#)]

Upstate Economic Investment

Voted Against \$55 Billion In Infrastructure Spending, Including \$27.14 Billion For Programs In Upstate

Voted Against 2016-2017 Capital Project Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Capital Projects Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 118 to 22 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06404D was substituted for the original bill, A09004D. [S06404D, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Transportation, Economic Development And Environmental Conservation Budget. In March 2016, Tenney voted against the State Transportation Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The bill passed the Assembly 113 to 30 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A09008C, [3/31/16](#)]

Budget Included Over \$55 Billion In Infrastructure Spending, Including \$27.14 Billion For Programs In Upstate. “Construction companies and workers in hard hats. The budget includes over \$55 billion of transportation capital projects statewide, including \$27.14 billion for state Department of Transportation and Thruway programs in Upstate and \$27.98 billion for Metropolitan Transportation Authority programs in the New York City area.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against \$1.5 Billion In Funding For Upstate Economic Development

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Capital Projects Budget. In April 2015, Tenney voted against the State Capital Project Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 31 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S02004C, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included \$1.5 Billion For The Upstate Revitalization Initiative Economic Development Program. “The Budget also allocates the state’s \$5.4 billion in financial settlements to continue growing and strengthening New York’s economy as outlined by the Governor in his original Opportunity Agenda. This includes the \$1.5 billion Upstate Revitalization Initiative to jumpstart the best regional approaches to economic development.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Was One Of Only Ten Assembly Members To Vote Against \$10 Million Appropriation To Build A Pharmacy School At SUNY Binghamton

Was One Of Only Ten Assembly Members To Vote Against \$10 Million Appropriation To Build A Pharmacy School At SUNY Binghamton. In March 2014, Tenney voted against New York’s 2014-2015 Capital Projects budget which advanced “for the cost of studies, site acquisitions, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, and equipment necessary to establish a school of pharmacy at the state university of New York at Binghamton (28F11408) 10,000,000 [New York Capital Projects Budget, S08554E, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against \$50 Million To Expand And Protect Agriculture In The Southern Tier And Hudson Valley

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Budget Included \$50 Million To Expand And Protect Agriculture In The Southern Tier And Hudson Valley. “The Budget includes \$50 million for the Governor’s proposed Southern Tier and Hudson Valley Farm Initiatives. These will support farms in the region by helping landowners maintain and protect farmland, as well as develop and grow farm, agricultural and related businesses.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Statewide Economic Investments

Voted Repeatedly Against Eliminating Income Tax On Manufacturers

Voted Against Budget Bill Implementing Tax Changes For 2014-2015 State Fiscal Year. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill to implement the state fiscal plan as part of the state’s larger budget agreement. The Assembly passed the bill 131 to 7 and Governor Cuomo signed it into law. [S06359, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Lowered Income Tax On Manufacturers From 5.9 Percent To Zero For 2014 And After. “Lowers the tax rate on income for all manufacturers from the current 5.9 percent to zero in 2014 and thereafter.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 8550-C, A. 8551, A. 8552, A. 8553-C, A. 8554-C, A. 8555-C, A. 8556-C, A. 8557-C, A. 8558-C, A. 8559-C and A. 8768-A which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2014-2015 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 91 to 40. [E00914, [3/12/14](#)]

Budget Would Have Eliminated The Business Income Tax On Manufacturers. “The Legislative Budget includes legislation with the following Tax Law changes: ... Eliminates the business income tax on manufacturers statewide effective January 1, 2014.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Voted Against 20 Percent Real Property Tax Credit For Manufacturers

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Budget Included 20% Real Property Tax Credit For Manufacturing Sector. “The state’s small but growing manufacturing sector received a 20% real property tax credit.” [Crain’s New York Business, [4/06/14](#)]

Voted Against Increasing Funding For Upstate Transit By \$25 Million

Voted Against 2015-16 State Budget Operations Bill. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the 2015-2016 State Operations Budget which passed the Assembly 104 to 44 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02000C, [3/31/15](#)]

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Capital Projects Budget. In April 2015, Tenney voted against the State Capital Project Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 31 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S02004C, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Increased Upstate Transit Funding By \$25 Million. “Upstate transit systems will receive an extra \$25 million this year, \$10 million in operating and \$15 million in new capital spending. This funding will help address the rising cost of operations and alleviate increases in fares and cuts in services.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Ethics, Campaign Finance, and Election Law

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney blamed Ben Carson's abuse of taxpayer funds on unnamed "Deep State" bureaucrats*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against measures to prevent Cabinet officials from improperly spending taxpayer money on private air travel*
- ✓ *Tenney said HR 1, the For The People Act of 2019, would be a disaster.*
 - ✓ *HR 1 was an anti-corruption and democratic reform bill that would get help get money out of politics and increase transparency.*
- ✓ *Tenney accepted contributions from Igor Fruman, an indicted associate of Rudy Giuliani.*
 - ✓ *Tenney said she would donate Fruman's donation to charity.*
 - ✓ *Tenney claimed she had never met Fruman.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to block consideration of an amendment to increase transparency in campaign finance.*
- ✓ *Voted against stripping public officials convicted of corruption of their taxpayer-funded pensions*
- ✓ *Voted against banning those convicted of public corruption of holding office, registering as a lobbyist, or doing business with the state*
- ✓ *Voted against increasing penalties for defrauding the government*
- ✓ *Voted against banning the use of campaign contributions for personal use*
- ✓ *Voted against increasing penalties for public corruption*
- ✓ *Voted against requiring public officials to disclose outside income, the details of it, and whether that work had any connection to the state budget*
- ✓ *Voted against ensuring that public official per diem claims are legitimate*
- ✓ *Voted against expanding disclosure requirements for political independent expenditures*
- ✓ *Voted for stand-alone pension reform measure and repeatedly publicly called for ethics reforms similar to those she voted against in 2015*
- ✓ *Called for resignations of Sheldon Silver and Dean Skelos over ethics and corruption issues*
- ✓ *Called for Governor Cuomo to resign over alleged interference with Moreland Commission*

Tenney Said That Ben Carson's Abuse Of Taxpayer Funds Was Actually Done By The Deep State

Tenney Said That Ben Carson's Extravagant Office Purchases Were Actually Made By The "Deep State," Instead Of Carson Or His Staff. "Congresswoman Claudia Tenney said Wednesday a member of the 'deep state' was responsible for purchasing a \$31,000 dining room table set for Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson's of-ice. The comment, made on WUTQ, a Mohawk Valley radio station, contradicted Carson's own testimony Tuesday in front of the House Oversight Committee, where he said he had left the decorating to his wife, Candy Carson, and was not involved in the decision. That testimony, in turn, contradicted emails showing the secretary and Candy Carson had picked out the set. Those emails also showed HUD aides tried to find a way to skirt the \$5,000 limit on decoration of cabinet members' offices. But Tenney said it wasn't possible that Carson himself had authorized the purchase. 'That Ben Carson story is so misunderstood,' she said on the station's morning 'Talk of the Town' pro-gram. 'His staffer was in my office the other day to talk about some of the housing issues we have in our region, and we were talking about that, and he said, you know, that's the most - somebody in the 'Deep State,' it was not one of his people, apparently, ordered a table, like a conference room table or whatever it was.'" [Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin, [3/22/18](#)]

Tenney: "I Know That Ben Carson Did Not Order That Table...He Comes From, You Know, Poverty." "In the interview, Tenney also blamed the federal procurement system and a culture of litigation in the U.S. 'I know that Ben Carson did not order that table,' she said. 'He comes from, you know, poverty. He wasn't a guy that'd be that lavish.' In a statement Thursday, Anthony Brindisi, her Democratic opponent in the race for New York's 22nd Congressional District, said the comments had 'embarrassed our area.'" [The Ithaca Journal, [3/23/18](#)]

The Hill: "The 'Deep State' Refers To A Conspiracy Theory." "Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-N.Y.) on Wednesday dismissed the controversy surrounding the purchase of a \$31,000 dining set for Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson's office, blaming the decision on the so-called deep state. Speaking on the 'Talk! of the Town' radio show in upstate New York, Tenney said the controversy had been 'misunderstood,' and that it was unfair to place blame on Carson for ordering the lavish dining set. 'Somebody in the deep state - it was not one of his people apparently - ordered a table, like a conference room table or whatever it was for a room, and that's what the cost was,' Tenney said. The 'deep state' refers to a conspiracy theory that deeply entrenched government employees are working to undermine President Trump and his agenda." [The Hill, [3/21/18](#)]

Cabinet Officials' Air Travel

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

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

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

Tenney Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials. In October 2017, Tenney voted

against: “O’Halloran, 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](#)]

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

For The People Act Of 2019

Tenney Said HR 1, The For The People Act Of 2019, Would Be A “Disaster”

Tenney Said HR 1, The For The People Act Of 2019, Would Be A “Disaster.” “TENNEY: All of a sudden the next day when Brindisi realized I would maybe be running, that next day he voted against holding Attorney General Barr in contempt, he voted against impeaching the president, and then he voted against raising the minimum wage, the very same minimum wage he voted to raise twice in New York state. These are votes—I look at them as—other than the minimum wage vote—they’re political votes, that you say, well he’s voting against some of the Democrats, but if you look at his policy votes on things that actually affect our district, he’s very very left. HR 1 is their election – HR 1 being what the House of Representatives – I mean, that bill on election day is going to be a disaster.” [Talk of the Town, WUTQ, 11:09, Vantage, 10/18/19] (AUDIO)

The Bill Would Implement Multiple Reforms, Including Automatic Voter Registration, Requiring Nonpartisan Congressional Maps, And Making Election Day A Holiday

The Bill Was “Aimed At Getting Money Out Of Politics [...] Increasing Transparency Around Donors... And Expanding Voting Rights.” “House Democrats officially passed their massive anti-corruption and pro-democracy reform bill known as HR 1 on Friday. The bill passed on a final vote of 234 to 193. The sweeping bill is aimed at getting money out of politics and increasing transparency around donors, cracking down on lobbying, and expanding voting rights for Americans by implementing provisions like automatic voter registration.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

The Bill Would Require Automatic Voter Registration, At Least 15 Days Of Early Voting, And Same-Day Voter Registration. “Called the ‘For the People Act,’ HR 1 is a sweeping bill that contains nearly 600 pages of changes to laws aimed to make it easier to vote, increase election security and improve campaign finance transparency. [...] The new bill would require states to take several steps to make it easier for people to vote. It would require local election officials to do the following: Offer online voter registration; Establish automatic voter registration; Allow voter registration on the day of a federal election; Allow voters to correct their registration information at the polls; Restore voting rights to felons after they leave prison; Offer at least 15 days of early voting; and, Follow new rules before purging voters from registration lists.” [Politifact, [2/8/19](#)]

The Bill Would Require States To Implement A Nonpartisan Process To Draw Congressional Districts. “Election law experts said that Congress is within its power to issue more directions to local officials. ‘It is true that the bill shifts more power to the federal government, such as by requiring states to use some kind of nonpartisan process for drawing congressional districts,’ said Rick Hasen, a professor of law and political science at the University of California. ‘But the Elections Clause in Article I of the Constitution specifically gives Congress the power to regulate federal elections, even over the objections of the states.’” [Politifact, [2/8/19](#)]

The Bill Would Make Election Day A Holiday For Federal Employees And Encourage Private Businesses To Do The Same. “HR 1 covers three main planks: campaign finance reform, strengthening the government’s ethics laws, and expanding voting rights. Here’s the important part of each section, briefly explained. [...] Making Election Day a holiday for federal employees and encouraging private sector businesses to do the same, requiring poll workers to provide a week’s notice if poll sites are changed, and making colleges and universities voter registration agencies (in addition to the DMV, etc.), among other updates.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

Corporate Malfeasance, Not Taxpayers, Funded The For The People Act's Public Funding Provision

The For The People Act Would Provide Campaigns With A \$6-To-\$1 Public Match For Small Donations.

“House Democrats are poised to endorse an expansive system to publicly finance congressional campaigns, a forceful statement against the influence of wealthy donors in politics. The plan to funnel billions of dollars in public funds to candidates each election cycle is at the core of a sweeping ethics and elections bill, H.R. 1, that Democrats plan to pass Friday. [...] The public financing provision would give candidates up to \$6 for every dollar raised from small donors and also establish a pilot program to give voters \$25 campaign vouchers to be donated to any candidate. It has attracted outside scrutiny from Republicans, who are attacking it as ‘taxpayer funding’ for campaigns — more specifically, Democratic campaigns.” [Washington Post, [3/7/19](#)]

The For The People Act Would Create Voluntary 6-To-1 Match For Small Dollar Donations Up To \$200.

“Establishing public financing of campaigns, powered by small donations. Under the vision of the bill’s main sponsor, Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), the federal government would provide a voluntary 6-1 match for candidates for president and Congress, which means for every dollar a candidate raises from small donations, the federal government would match it six times over. The maximum small donation that could be matched would be capped at \$200.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

The Match Would Be Paid For By A 2.75 Percent Surcharge On Companies Or Corporate Officers Convicted Or Admitting To Federal Wrongdoing.

“An initial draft of H.R. 1 funded the public financing provisions through -taxpayer appropriations. That prompted numerous Democratic lawmakers — most of them centrists belonging to the moderate Blue Dog Coalition and Problem Solvers Caucus — to withhold their support for weeks. Party leaders eventually rewrote the bill, assessing a 2.75 percent surcharge on fines paid by companies and corporate officers who are convicted of or admit to federal wrongdoing. All 235 House Democrats are now co-sponsoring the bill.” [Washington Post, [3/7/19](#)]

Under The For The People Act, Corporate Criminals Who Are Fined—Such As Wells Fargo—Would Fund The Match Program.

“The most substantial change to HR 1 is this program now won’t be funded by taxpayer dollars as originally planned; instead, it will come from adding a 2.75 percent fee on criminal and civil fines, fees, penalties, or settlements with banks and corporations that commit corporate malfeasance (think Wells Fargo). Democrats are using this idea to push back on Republican attacks that taxpayers shouldn’t be subsidizing campaigns.” [Vox, [3/8/19](#)]

Campaign Finance

Tenney Voted To Block Consideration Of An Amendment To Increase Transparency In Campaign Finance**Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclosure Of All Bundlers.**

In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Accepted Donations From Igor Fruman, An Indicted Associate Of Rudy Giuliani

Igor Fruman Donated \$2,445.34 To Tenney In 2018 Through The Protect The House Joint Fundraising Committee. “U.S. Rep. John Katko and former Rep. Claudia Tenney received campaign cash from a Soviet-born businessman indicted last week for trying to influence state and federal elections with hidden foreign money. Katko and Tenney each accepted \$2,445.34 from Igor Fruman in 2018, who used the alias Igor ‘Furman’ to make the donations, a violation of election law, according to the indictment and Federal Election Commission records. The donations were parceled out to Katko, Tenney and 19 other House Republicans through two donations totaling \$100,000 that Fruman made through his alias to Protect the House, a joint fundraising committee. Fruman and his business partner, Lev Parnas, a Ukrainian-born emigre, were arrested Wednesday night at Dulles Airport in Washington as they were about to leave the country with one-way international tickets.” [Syracuse.com, [10/14/19](#)]

In October 2019, Tenney Said She Planned To Donate The Donation From Fruman To Charity. “Tenney plans to donate the \$2,445 she received through Fruman to a local charity in the 22nd Congressional District, a campaign spokesman said Monday. The spokesman said Tenney never met Fruman and did not ask him for a contribution.” [Syracuse.com, [10/14/19](#)]

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Ethics Bills

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The No Pensions For Corrupt Politicians Act Of 2017 Did Not Pass. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

The Bill Was Last Referred To The Committee On House Administration And The Committee On Oversight And Government Reform. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/17/20](#)]

The Upholding Integrity Of Public Officials Act Of 2017 Did Not Pass. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

The Bill Was Last Referred To The House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee On Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/17/20](#)]

New York State Ethics

Voted Against Stripping Public Officials Convicted Of Corruption Of Their Taxpayer-Funded Pensions

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Education, Labor And Family Assistance Budget. In March 2015, Tenney voted against the State Education, Labor, Housing and Family Assistance budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year which passed the Assembly 92 to 55 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02006B, [3/31/15](#)]

Budget Included Pension Forfeiture Provision To Strip Public Officials Convicted Of Public Corruption Of Their Taxpayer-Funded Pensions. “Public officials who are convicted of public corruption should not have taxpayers pay for their retirement. The budget applies New York’s pension forfeiture law to all public officials who are convicted of public corruption, including those who entered the retirement system before enactment of the pension forfeiture law in 2011. The law allows a judge to protect an innocent spouse and minor dependent children and goes into effect after a second passage of a constitutional amendment by the legislature and voter approval in 2017.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Voted Against Banning Those Convicted Of Public Corruption Felonies From Holding Office, Registering As A Lobbyist, Or Doing Business With The State

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Budget Banned Those Convicted Of Public Corruption Felonies From Holding Office, Registering As A Lobbyist, Or Doing Business With The State. “Permanently barring all those convicted of public corruption felonies from holding any elected or civil office, serving as a registered lobbyist, or doing business with the state, including through any organization they run. Barring individuals from bidding on or obtaining state contracts. Giving judges the option of requiring payment of up to three times the amount of the profit or gain made from an illegal transaction.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

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Budget Increased Penalties For Defrauding The Government. “The Budget includes legislation to hold accountable anyone – whether or not they are a public official – who is found to have engaged in schemes to defraud the state or local government, and enhances penalties for all offenders convicted of defrauding the government through the crime of Corrupting the Government. Under the new law, a public servant or anybody acting in concert with a public servant who engages in a course of conduct to defraud a state or local government would be guilty of a crime ranging from the fourth degree (class E felony) to the first degree (class B felony), depending on the amount defrauded.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

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Budget Prohibited Use Of Campaign Contributions For Personal Use. “The Budget bars using campaign contributions for personal use. Such personal use will be defined as expenditures that are exclusively for personal benefit of the candidate or any other individual, not in connection with a political campaign or holding of a public office or party position. The law will include an illustrative list of prohibited uses including using campaign contributions for expenses unrelated to a campaign or the holding of public office such as residential home purchases, mortgage payments, rent, clothing, tuition payments, salaries for individuals not performing campaign work, admissions to sporting events, fines and penalties and dues for country clubs and health clubs.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

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Budget Established New, Higher Penalties For Public Corruption. “The Budget includes legislation to create higher penalties where state or local government property is stolen. This means an offender would face a higher penalty if the act was committed against the government. The sentence would be one level higher than for the underlying offense. A defendant, depending on the amount of property wrongfully taken, could be a guilty of a class B felony.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

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Budget Granted Prosecutors New Tools To Pursue Bribery Charges Against Public Servants. “The Budget includes legislation to give prosecutors better tools to convict offenders. Under current state law, a prosecutor has to prove that there was a corrupt agreement or understanding between the person paying the bribe and the person receiving the bribe in order to seek the maximum penalty available against the bribe giver. Under the new law, the prosecutor would not be required to prove that the bribe giver shared a corrupt intent with the bribe receiver, but only that the bribe giver intended to bribe the receiver and did in fact offer a benefit to the public official. Bribe giving and bribe receiving penalties would also be increased, lowering the threshold for a Class C felony for both bribe giving and bribe receiving from \$10,000 to \$5,000, the amount of money used to bribe, and creating a new class B Felony when a bribe is for \$100,000 or more.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

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Budget Required Public Official Disclosures Of Outside Income, The Details OF It, And Whether There Work Had Any Connection To State Budget. “Public officials will be required to disclose all outside earned income they receive, from whom they receive it, the actual services performed to receive the income, and whether there is any connection to the state government or the office that they hold or their public duties. Specifically: All public officials must disclose the nature of each source of outside compensation in excess of \$1,000. No legislator, legislative employee or state officer may receive any kind of compensation, directly or indirectly, in connection with a pending bill or resolution. All public officials who personally provide services whether they work individually or as a member or employee of a business or firm, such as lawyers and real estate brokers, and receives compensation from a client/customer in excess of \$5,000 must disclose the name of the client/customer, the services rendered, the amount of compensation and whether the services were related to governmental action. Certain sensitive activities will be exempted from client disclosure such as child custody cases, preparation of wills, matrimonial proceedings, cases involving minors, bankruptcies, criminal proceedings and residential home closings.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

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Budget Included Reform To Ensure That Public Officials' Claims For Per Diem Are Legitimate And Publicly Posted. “The Budget reforms per diems by establishing a new set of verification requirements including: To ensure an official is where they claim to be, the legislature will install an electronic system that verifies personal attendance of legislators at an official event. The Speaker of the Assembly and the Temporary President of the Senate will develop and implement policies to verify attendance at official events and establish standards and limits for reimbursable events. Reimbursements will be governed by federal regulations. Legislature will create a publicly accessible website showing members’ reimbursement and travel.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

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Budget Established Requirement That Legislators And State Employees Disclose Their Clients Or Customers Who Have Been Referred To Them By Registered Lobbyists. “The Budget legislation includes legislation that will mandate disclosure by Legislators and other state employees of clients and customers who have been referred to those individuals or firms with which those individuals are affiliated by registered lobbyists.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

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Budget Expanded Disclosure Requirements For Political Independent Expenditures. “The Budget further expands the requirement for disclosing independent expenditures to include independent expenditures on communications made within 60 days before a general or special election, and 30 days before a primary election that reference a clearly identified client.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Wrote Letter Supporting Ethics Reform In State Assembly, Including Term Limits, Cutting Legislative Pay In Half, And Reducing Legislative Session

Supported Ethics Reform In State Assembly, Including Term Limits, Cutting Legislative Pay In Half, And Reducing Legislative Session. “State Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney wrote a letter to Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie on Tuesday calling on him to enact substantial reforms to the state Assembly rules, which she said will lead to an open and accountable government. ... Tenney has put forward a number of her own reforms to the Assembly rules, which would hold legislators accountable and restore what she says are Thomas Jefferson’s ideal of the citizen-legislator: Enact term limits on the speaker and committee chairs to six years. Allocate all staff funding equally to each member of the Assembly, regardless of seniority. This will eliminate the speaker’s power use staff

allocations to punish members who don't fall in line. Empower the committee process by allowing standing committees to decide if bills should come to the floor for a vote, without interference from the speaker. Require committees to have the autonomy to vet issues and to seek input from the public. Prevent the speaker from removing committee chairs for mere policy disagreements. Require receipts for all per diems submitted by members before reimbursement. Cut legislative pay in half by reducing the legislative session and closing session on April 1, instead of dragging it out until the end of June. Enact term limits on legislators to five terms. This will begin the process of changing entrenched Albany interests and providing true citizen legislators." [Times Telegram, [12/02/15](#)]

Times Union, Claudia Tenney Op-Ed Headline: Lawmakers' Pay Should Be Based On Job Performances.
[Times Union, Tenney Op-Ed, [11/19/14](#)]

Supported Lifetime Ban On Elected Officials And Staff Working As Lobbyists

Supported Lifetime Ban On Elected Officials And Staff Working As Lobbyists. "We also need to make it harder for politicians and their aides to push through the revolving door between lobbying and politics. There should be a lifetime ban on elected officials and staff working as lobbyists. Public service shouldn't be a training ground for the next generation of influence-peddlers." [New York Post, Tenney Op-Ed, [5/05/16](#)]

Called For Cutting Legislator Pay By Half And Removing Legislators From The State's Defined Benefit Pension System

Called For Cutting Legislator Pay By Half And Removing Legislators From The State's Defined Benefit Pension System. "In order to end the corruption and the career politician we need to cut legislative pay in half and remove politicians from the defined benefit pension plan. I will re-introduce those bills as well." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [9/08/12](#)]

2015: Said She Supported Eliminating Pensions For State Officials Turned Criminals

2015: Supported Eliminating Pensions For State Officials Turned Criminals. "With the recent convictions of former state Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos and former state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, the biggest issue on everyone's minds is ethics reform, Tenney said. The New Hartford Republican ... also is pushing for changes to the state legislators' taxpayer-funded pensions and to replace them with defined contribution plans such as those used in the private sector. She also supports legislation that would strip a legislator who is convicted of a felony involving moral depravity or corruption from receiving a taxpayer subsidized pension. 'The pension system has become too easy for legislators to manipulate for their own benefit to the detriment of taxpayers,' she said." [Observer-Dispatch, [12/16/15](#)]

2015-2016: Voted Twice For Bill Allowing For The Reduction Or Revocation Of Public Pensions Of Public Officers Convicted Of A Felony Involving The Breach Of Public Trust

Voted Twice For Bill Allowing For The Reduction Or Revocation Of Public Pensions Of Public Officers Convicted Of A Felony Involving The Breach Of Public Trust. In June 2015 and again in June 2016, Tenney voted for a bill which "provides that certain state and local officers convicted of a felony involving breach of public trust be subject to forfeiture of pension benefits." The bill passed the Assembly 132 to 13 in June 2015 and 139 to 0 in April 2016. The bill was referred to the Senate Rules Committee in Both June 2015 and June 2016, dying there both times. [A07704, [6/16/15](#); A07704, [6/16/16](#)]

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Authored NY Post Op-Ed Arguing For Ethics Reform, Claiming New York “Is By Far The Most Corrupt Political System In The Country.” “New York is by far the most corrupt political system in the country (outside of Washington, DC). Not only is Sheldon Silver going to jail but so is his Republican counterpart, former state Senate leader Dean Skelos. Dozens of other so-called public servants in Albany have been convicted, fined or implicated in crimes against the public trust. To add to this disgusting spectacle, every one of these convicted felon politicians and their moneymen will keep their taxpayer-funded ‘gold watch’ — generous state pensions. The disgraced speaker will take home almost \$80,000 a year while Skelos will get over \$95,000 even when he’s behind bars. But the corruption, we now know, goes right to the feet of Gov. Cuomo and New York City Mayor de Blasio. In a true farce, Cuomo announced last week that he’ll investigate his own office for conflicts of interest and improper lobbying by his own staff.” [NY Post, Tenney Op-Ed, [5/05/16](#)]

Argued For Barring Those Seeking State Contracts From Making Contributions

Argued For Barring Those Seeking State Contracts From Making Contributions. “We should also bar individuals and corporations seeking state contracts from contributing to candidates for public office. A simple fix would be to bar candidates from accepting any entity’s or individual’s contribution in the five years before a contract is awarded and in the five years after a contract’s conclusion. Pay-to-play politics is rooted in the fact that companies give generously to career politicians both before and after contracting and budget allocations. It’s no wonder that the lobbyists and cronies who give the most to politicians land lucrative contracts and special carve-outs.” [New York Post, Tenney Op-Ed, [5/05/16](#)]

2015: Voted For Attorney Preet Bhara For New York Assembly Speaker, Praised Him As An Excellent Choice

2015: Voted For Attorney Preet Bhara For New York Assembly Speaker, Praised Him As An Excellent Choice. “One local Assembly member didn’t vote for Carl Heastie as the new Assembly Speaker. Assemblywoman Claudia Tenny, along with Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin of Troy, cast their votes for Preet Bharara. Tenney says the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York is rooting out corruption and his indictment of Sheldon Silver is just the tip of the iceberg. She says Bharara would be an excellent choice to lead the Assembly in its most important endeavor — restoring the public’s trust in their elected representatives.” [WIBX950, [2/03/15](#)]

2015: Wrote National Review Article On Sheldon Silver’s Corruption Scandal

2015: Wrote National Review Article On Sheldon Silver’s Corruption Scandal. “The charges against Silver? Engineering a massive \$6 million pay-for-play scheme from the speaker’s office for the past 15 years. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara seized a whopping \$3.4 million from Silver’s bank accounts as the ax fell. It’s enough to make Boss Tweed blush. As a New Yorker and a member of the state assembly, I find Silver’s conduct disgusting but not surprising. He’s been a kleptocrat and tyrant for over two decades. He is a successful lawyer and a shrewd operator in Albany and New York City who knows the political and legal system inside and out.” [National Review, [1/26/15](#)]

2015: Called On Speaker Silver To Resign Multiple Times; Wrote Multiple Op-Eds Criticizing Silver

2015: Called On Silver To Resign; Claimed She Was First Elected Official To Call For Silvers Resignation. “Following the news of Sheldon Silver’s arrest for corruption, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R, 101st District) speaks out. Tenney has accused Silver of corruption for years and has been calling for his resignation. ‘Well, this is

an earthquake for New York. Hopefully it will be the turning of a new chapter for New York,' Tenney says. 'Nearly twenty years as speaker. If ever there was a case for term limits, this is it.' 'I renew my call for Silver to step down,' Tenney continues. According to Tenney's office, Tenney was the first elected official to call for Silver's resignation in 2012 after it emerged that Silver orchestrated pay-offs to the victims of former Assemblyman Vito Lopez. Tenney said then, 'Speaker Silver's complete disregard for the ethics rules and hard-working taxpayers of New York is a disgrace. He should step down from his office immediately ... The pattern of bad behavior, secrecy, corruption and theft of taxpayer money suggests that these may not be isolated instances.'" [WKTV, [1/22/15](#)]

National Review, Tenney Op-Ed Headline: Shelly Silver's Career Politician Syndrome [National Review, [1/26/15](#)]

2015: Called On Dean Skelos To Step Down

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2014: Called On Governor Cuomo To Resign For Alleged Incident Involving Ethics Panel Established By Cuomo To Investigate Wrongdoings By Public Officials

2014: Called On Governor Cuomo To Resign For Alleged Incident Involving Ethics Panel Established By Cuomo To Investigate Wrongdoings By Public Officials. "Cuomo's office has come under suspicion for alleged interference with the Moreland Commission, an ethics panel the governor established to investigate wrongdoing by public officials. The New York Times reported last week that Cuomo's office opposed the commission's targeting groups with political ties to the governor. After the report, some commissioners issued statements defending the investigation, but now the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York is calling into question the validity of those statements. According to the New York Times, the U.S. Attorney sent a letter earlier this week to the governor's office that warning of possible obstruction of justice and witness tampering. ... Some state lawmakers have called on Cuomo to resign over the new allegations. Republican Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney alleged the entire Moreland Commission was used as a stick to coerce lawmakers' votes to line up with the governor's' agenda. 'He should resign immediately, his Modus Operandi has been to bully and intimidate his opponents and now it's come to light that he's been interfering with his own ethics commission. It's a disgrace,' Tenney said." [CNN, [8/01/14](#)]

2013: Called For Rep. Silver To Resign As Speaker

2013: Called For Rep. Silver To Resign As Speaker. "Capitalizing on an Albany sexual harassment scandal, Otsego County Chairwoman Sheila Ross called on Assemblyman William Magee, D-Nelson, Thursday to take a public stand on whether Speaker Sheldon Silver should continue to lead the lower house of the state Legislature. ... Silver has admitted approving a \$103,000 payout to female legislative aides who were the victims of harassment allegedly perpetrated by Vito Lopez, then an assemblyman from the Bronx. He resigned his legislative seat this month in the wake of scathing reports from a special prosecutor and a state ethics board. Contacted in Albany by The Daily Star, Magee noted Silver has instituted new procedures to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace and has vowed to confront further such episodes with vigor. ... Silver's actions were strongly criticized by the New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women, which assailed the powerful Democrat for 'his shameful cover-up and protection of a serial harasser.' The New York Times editorial board has also called for Silver to be replaced as speaker. ... Another local legislator, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, whose district includes several towns in Otsego and Delaware counties, was among the first to call for Silver to step down, taking that position last August." [The Daily Star, 6/01/13]

Wrote Op-Ed With Other Republican Assemblywomen Calling On His Resignation. “In an editorial published in the Albany Times Union, four Republican assemblywomen called for the removal of the all-powerful Sheldon Silver from his speaker’s post on the grounds that he ‘has presided over as hostile a workplace as one can imagine.’ Signed by Jane Corwin, Nicole Malliotakis, Annie Rabbitt and Claudia Tenney, the editorial pointed to the Lopez scandal and two other sex-related cases that Silver ‘overlooked, quieted or muffled.’” [The Journal News, 5/26/13]

The Times-Union Headline, Op-Ed: Silver’s As Tainted As Lopez. [The Times-Union, [5/23/13](#)]

2013: Called On Democratic Majority To Call For A Vote To Elect New Speaker

2013: Called On Democratic Majority To Call For A Vote To Elect New Speaker. “As female members of the Assembly, we hope that our colleagues in the Democratic majority will call for a vote and elect a new speaker,’ the lawmakers, Jane Corwin, Nicole Malliotakis, Annie Rabbit and Claudia Tenney, wrote, ‘someone untarnished by the corrupt culture of Albany and who will not tolerate abuses toward women.’” [Gannett Albany Bureau, [5/23/13](#)]

2012: Called For NY Assembly Speaker To Resign After Sexual Harassment Scandal, Called Cover-Up The Behavior Of A “Banana Republic”

Called For NY Assembly Speaker To Resign After Sexual Harassment Scandal, Called Cover-Up The Behavior Of A “Banana Republic.” “The calls for the speaker’s resignation come after the New York Times reported that Silver authorized a secret payment of \$103,080 to quietly settle sexual harassment claims against Assemblyman Vito Lopez, D-Brooklyn...’Silver’s actions were disgraceful and an improper use of public funds,’ Tenney said in a news release. ‘To protect a personal friend and political ally from the consequences of his disgraceful behavior, Silver used public funds as hush money,’ she said. ‘It’s the behavior of a banana republic, not the representatives of the Empire State.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 9/1/12]

Voted Against Authorizing Early Voting

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Voted Against Increasing Disclosure Requirements For Political Donations

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Budget Increased Disclosure Requirements For Political Donations. “Current law requires disclosure every six months to a year or, in some cases, never, of independent political expenditures. The Budget legislation plugs this loophole-laden law to increase transparency by mandating more frequent reporting of these expenditures and the sources of the contributions that make them possible, and amends the law to expand the definition of the kinds of communications that warrant such increased reporting to better reflect the reality of how politics is played today.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against Providing Matching Funds For Political Campaigns

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Budget Provided Matching Funds For Campaigns. “The Budget legislation puts in place New York State’s first-ever program to provide matching funds for a political campaign thereby reducing the influence of money in politics. This comprehensive program will be initiated immediately on a pilot basis – to be in effect for the 2014 Comptroller’s race – and will be modeled after New York City’s successful 6:1 matching funds program.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Energy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted for an energy appropriations bill that cut renewable energy programs and rolled back clean water protections.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for streamlining the pipeline approval process.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against curbing the eminent domain authority of pipeline projects.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for establishing a new system for the approval and permitting of border-crossing oil and gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against a motion requiring iron and steel products used in the border-crossing facility to be produced in the United States.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for protecting oil and gas companies from publicly disclosing payments to foreign governments.*
- ✓ *Tenney praised fracking as a “better” polluter and said it caused a cleaner atmosphere.*
- ✓ *Tenney said fracking would lower taxes.*
- ✓ *Tenney said she supported fracking.*
- ✓ *2013: Tenney voted against a three-year fracking moratorium despite saying she opposed fracking over monitoring concerns five months earlier.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against accelerating the phase-out of energy utility surcharge even though it was projected to save businesses and residents \$600 million over three years*
- ✓ *Tenney repeatedly voted against establishing a solar incentives and financing program*

Renewable Energy

Tenney Voted For Energy Appropriations Bill That Cut Renewable Energy Programs And Rolled Back Clean Water Protections

Tenney Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Oil & Gas

Tenney Voted For Streamlining The Pipeline Approval Process

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Tenney Voted Against Curbing The Eminent Domain Authority of Pipeline Projects

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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](#)]

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Tenney Voted For Protecting Oil & Gas Companies From Publicly Disclosing Payments To Foreign Governments

2017: Tenney Voted For Protecting Oil & Gas Companies From Having To Publicly Disclose Payments To Foreign Governments. In February 2017, Tenney voted for "passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that requires companies that develop oil, natural gas or minerals to publicly report in detail payments to foreign governments or to the U.S. government totaling at least \$100,000 annually per project for extraction, exploration or export of these resources." The resolution passed by a vote of 235-187. [HJRes 41, [Vote #72](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Fracking

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Tenney Said Fracking Would Lower Taxes

Tenney Said Fracking Would Lower Taxes. "INTERVIEWER: Do you think that our taxes in New York State would be lower if we allowed fracking, if we allowed the go get on natural gas, would they come down? TENNEY: Absolutely, we finally have an influx in our community with some commerce. Right now in the southern tier, which is part of my district, the Binghamton area, we have some of the richest shale reserves in the nation, and we

can't touch them. It would be a huge boon to our community. Right across the border, we call it the Berlin Wall, you can go into Pennsylvania, and people are living much better, our farmers are doing much better, so yes, of course." [Varney & Company, 0:35, Vantage, 8/14/18]

Tenney Said That She Supported Fracking

Citing A Vague Study, Tenney Said That She Supported Fracking. "Tenney said she supports fracking, which is a method to extract gas or oil from underground shale rock. 'I think we can do it in a safe and responsible way as the technology advances,' Tenney said. 'I've been to every seminar on it -- I've gone to Cornell's, Duke's, a number of them -- (and) listened to all sides. Initially it was the water, we're going to lose all this water. And then Cornell came out with a study that said ... when you burn the natural gas the water comes back into the atmosphere.' A search of Cornell University's website for the phrase 'hydrofracking AND study' brought up roughly 100 results -- some critical of fracking and others citing benefits -- so it was not immediately clear to which study Tenney was referring." [Times Telegram, 4/22/17]

Tenney Said That Alternative Energy Sources Would Not Make Up For Fossil Fuel Usage. "But fracking opponents cited economic concerns in banning the drilling practice, noting costs in cleaning up potential spills and setbacks to tourism. 'With the technology we have now, solar alone with hydropower is not going to make up for our fossil fuel usage or nuclear,' Tenney said. 'So I think we have to weigh these interests at some point in a reasonable way.'" [Times Telegram, 4/22/17]

2013: Voted Against Three-Year Fracking Moratorium Despite Saying She Opposed Fracking Over Monitoring Concerns Five Months Earlier

March 2013: Voted Against Three-Year Fracking Moratorium. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a bill to "impose a moratorium on the issuance of certain natural gas drilling permits" by prohibiting "horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing for natural gas or oil drilling for three years." The bill passed the Assembly 103 to 40 but died in the Senate Rules Committee. [A5424, [3/06/13](#)]

October 2012: Opposed To Hydro Fracking Until State Had Funds To Properly Monitor Operations. "Incumbent Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, will face off against Democrat Daniel Carter for the new 101st Assembly seat Tuesday. Here are their responses to questions regarding the new district and what their plans are if elected. What is your position on hydrofracking? Should the state move forward and allow it? Tenney: 'Right now no, not until we have the money to properly monitor it. The Department of Environmental Conservation does not have the funding or the manpower to monitor it, especially above-ground operations.'" [The Patriot Ledger, [10/30/12](#)]

New York State Issues

Voted Against Accelerated Phase-Out Of Energy Utility Surcharge Projected To Save Businesses And Residents \$600 Million Over Three Years

Voted Against 2014-2015 State Transportation, Economic Development, And Environmental Conservation Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the state Transportation, Economic Development, and Environmental Conservation budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 133 to 5 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6357, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Accelerated Phase-Out Of Energy Utility Assessment, Saving Businesses And Residents \$600 Million Over The Following Three Years. "The Budget accelerates the phase-out of the 18-a temporary assessment for all customers. New Yorkers pay some of the highest energy bills in the nation and the temporary utility assessment exacerbates this burden on struggling businesses and families. The Budget will save

businesses and residents \$600 million over the next three years.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

2013-2014: Voted Repeatedly Against Establishing A Solar Energy Incentives And Financing Program

2013-2014: Voted Repeatedly Against Establishing A Solar Energy Incentives And Financing Program. In June 2013, and again in June 2014, Tenney voted against establishing “a solar incentive program that includes an extension of certain existing programs.” The bill passed the Assembly 118 to 24 in June 2013 and again by a vote of 110 to 24 in June 2014. Both times the bill died in Senate committees. [A5060, [6/20/13](#); A5060, [6/10/14](#)]

Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney was named to the League of Conservation Voters' "Dirty Dozen" list.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to delay new air quality standards for ozone pollution for eight years.*
- ✓ *Tenney praised Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord.*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed climate change was not a significant threat to the planet.*
- ✓ *Tenney criticized the EPA during Obama's administration for pushing a radical agenda.*
 - ✓ *Tenney blamed the EPA under the Obama administration for the drinking water crisis in Flint.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for bills that would gut the Environmental Protection Agency.*

Advocacy Groups

League Of Conservation Voters

Tenney Was Named To The League Of Conservation Voters' "Dirty Dozen" List. "The League of Conservation Voters Victory Fund has named U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, to its 'Dirty Dozen' list. The League of Conservation Voters works to turn environmental values into national, state and local priorities, according to its website. The 'Dirty Dozen' list includes those candidates it feels are the most anti-environmental candidates running for office across the country. During her first term in Congress, Tenney earned a failing 6 percent score on LCV's National Environmental Scorecard, which the group says is widely considered the gold standard for evaluating members of Congress' record of voting on environmental issues, according to a news release. 'Claudia Tenney puts corporate special interests ahead of her constituents' public health,' said Pete Maysmith, LCV Victory Fund's senior vice president for campaigns, in the release. 'She voted to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions like diabetes and asthma, while letting corporate polluters spew more toxins into our air and water. Central New York deserves better.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 11/3/18]

Pollution

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management "Methane Rule" To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management "Methane Rule" To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land. In February 2017, Tenney voted for "a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify the Bureau of Land Management's rule to limit the release of methane from oil and gas operations on federal land. [...] The Interior Department's BLM finalized the venting and flaring rule - also known as the methane rule - in November. It requires oil and gas operators to control releases of waste methane - a potent greenhouse gas - by adopting new technologies, more frequently inspecting for leaks and replacing outdated equipment that discharges large amounts of natural gas." The resolution was passed by a vote of 221-191. [HJRes 36, [Vote #78](#), 2/3/17; CQ News, [2/3/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting The EPA From Enforcing The “Methane Rule.” In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Delaying Clean Air Standards

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Climate Change

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Claimed Climate Change Is Not A Threat To Our Planet

Claimed Climate Change Is Not A Threat To Our Planet. In May 2016, while being interviewed by The Signal, Tenney claimed climate change is not a threat to our planet. The exchange went as follows: INTERVIEWER: Do you believe climate change is a significant threat to the planet? If so, how do we address it? If not, what other energy-related issues are more concerning to you? TENNEY: No, I do not believe that climate change is a significant threat to our planet. The climate has always continuously changed and as of today there are no steps we could take that would reduce the global temperature. The biggest energy issue America faces is our dependence on Middle Eastern oil and our high cost of energy. High energy prices drive jobs to Mexico or China, where energy is cheaper and it's more affordable for businesses to operate. We need to work towards harvesting the abundant energy resources we already have here in America to create affordable and environmentally friendly energy technologies, which will in turn create American jobs and provide for America an economic future. I do believe that we must always strive to protect the planet through science and research, not rhetoric that merely advances a cause or a political agenda. [Tenney Interview, The Signal, [5/24/16](#)]

Environmental Protection

Tenney Criticized The EPA During Obama's Administration For Pushing A Radical Agenda

Tenney Claimed The EPA During Obama's Administration Was More About Pushing A Radical Agenda Than Environmental Protection, While Trump Was Putting Ideology Aside. "When it comes to defunding the EPA, Tenney, who was unavailable for comment, said in a previous statement that federal funding wasn't the issue. 'Under President Obama's tenure, the EPA was more focused on pushing a radical ideological agenda and shutting down the coal industry than protecting the environment,' Tenney said in a statement. 'We had a crisis in Flint (Michigan) where residents did not have access to clean, drinkable water while the EPA fumbled. President Trump's EPA is putting ideology aside and protecting our air and water.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 9/30/18]

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Tenney Voted For Reducing EPA Funding

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Proposal. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Bills That Would Gut The EPA

HEADLINE: The Transparency Bills That Would Gut the EPA [The Atlantic, [3/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of a bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board. The bill would require the board’s members represent a variety of scientific and technical viewpoints. It would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities. It would require the board to generally avoid making policy determinations or recommendations to the EPA.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-193. [HR 1431, [Vote #208](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Bill Was Opposed By Clean Water Action, Earthjustice, League of Conservation Voters (LCV), Natural Resources Defense Council And Sierra Club. [Clean Water Action, Letter In Opposition, [3/29/17](#)]

NRDC Called The Bill A “Gift To The Chemical Industry” That Would Make It Much More Difficult To Hold Polluting Industries Accountable. “Another gift to the chemical industry is being wrapped with a bow by the Republican Congress. The EPA Science Advisory Board is meant to provide scientific advice to the EPA, such as reviewing its chemical hazard assessments. But this new Republican Science Advisory Board Act (SAB Act) would instead invite the chemical and regulated industries to help characterize the science of harm about their own hazardous products. This, ultimately, would make it much more difficult to hold polluting industries accountable.” [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

NRDC Said The Bill Would “Encourage Industry Conflicts In The Review Of Scientific Materials” And Hamper The Work And Effectiveness Of The Board, “Undermin[Ing] Important Public Health, Safety And Environmental Measures.” “In short, due to these and other provisions, the ‘EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017’ would alter the nature of the SAB, which has been largely successful in providing the EPA expert review of key scientific and technical questions, and would encourage industry conflicts in the review of scientific materials. It would also pile new and burdensome requirements on the Board, severely hampering its work and effectiveness. The result would be to further stall and undermine important public health, safety and environmental measures.” [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Providing For House Consideration The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board. The bill would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 232-188. [HRes 233, [Vote #204](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Any Member Of The EPA Science Advisory Board From Being Employed By Any Interests Before The Board During That Person’s Term And For Three Years After. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Foster, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill the House

Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit, both during and for three years following a term on the board, Science Advisory Board members from being employed by any entity with interests before the board.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-233. [HR 1431, [Vote #207](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment (HONEST) Act, Prohibiting The EPA From Proposing A Rule Unless The Scientific Information Backing It Up Is Publicly Available. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule, regulation or standard unless the scientific and technical information on which the EPA’s decisions relied is publicly available for independent analysis. It would require any personally identifiable information, trade secrets or sensitive business information to be redacted prior to the publication of the scientific information.” The bill was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HR 1430, [Vote #206](#), 3/29/17, CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

The HONEST Act Would Bar Many Kinds Of Scientific Evidence From Consideration, Including Studies That Included Medical Records, Which Cannot Legally Be Released, And Greatly Increase Costs To Enforce. “For example, it would stop the EPA from crafting public health protections based on studies that use medical records, which are confidential and cannot be legally released. [...] The aides I spoke to denied that the process would be unmanageable, noting that every federal agency already redacts plenty of confidential information. But the Congressional Budget Office estimated that old iterations of the HONEST Act would take \$250 million a year to enforce, and the new version only allocates an extra \$1 million to the added burden of redaction—all while Trump is planning to cut the EPA’s budget.” [The Atlantic, [3/15/17](#)]

HEADLINE: The E.P.A. Says It Wants Research Transparency. Scientists See an Attack on Science. [New York Times, [3/26/18](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Exempting EPA Actions Related To Public Health Threats From The Bill’s Requirement That The Scientific Information Behind The EPA’s Actions Must Be Publicly Available. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “McEachin, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt EPA actions taken in response to a public health threat from the bill’s requirement that the scientific information that influenced the EPA’s actions must be publicly available.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1430, [Vote #205](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Voted Against Increasing New York Environmental Protection Fund Budget By \$9 Million

Voted Against 2014-2015 Capital Project Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 which passed the Assembly 128 to 10 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S06354E, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Provided \$162 Million, A \$9 Million Increase, For The Environment Protection Fund Which Funds Core Environmental, Parks, And Agricultural Programs. “The Budget increases the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), maintains State funding for core environmental, parks and agricultural programs, expands outdoor recreational opportunities, and provides a new round of New York Works capital funding for environmental facilities. State agency and public authority funding will continue to make New York a leader in the clean tech economy, reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change, and allow the transformation of our transmission system to a distributed smart grid network. Environmental Protection Fund: The Budget includes \$162 million for the EPF, an increase of \$9 million from 2013-14.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Rule Banning Hunters In Alaska Wildlife Refuges From Shooting Animals From A Helicopter, Shooting Wolf Puppies At Point Blank Range, And Killing Hibernating Bears

Tenney Voted For Killing A Rule Banning Hunters In Alaska Wildlife Refuges From Shooting Animals From A Helicopter, Shooting Wolf Puppies At Point Blank Range, And Killing Hibernating Bears. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Interior Department rule that prohibits certain predator control methods on federal lands in Alaska. The rule prevents Alaska, which typically has the authority to manage hunting and trapping practices on federal lands within the state, from allowing certain non-subsistence hunting practices on national wildlife refuges. Under the rule, prohibited practices include using traps to hunt bears and the taking of wolves and coyotes during denning season.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 225-193. [HJRes 69, [Vote #98](#), 2/16/17; CQ, [2/16/17](#)]

Mining Communities

Pollution

Tenney Voted For Nullifying The Stream Protection Rule Which Protected The Drinking Water, Health, And Environment Of People In Appalachia Who Live Near Mountaintop Removal Mining Sites. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement rule that requires surface coal mining operations, to the extent possible, to avoid disturbing streams and land within 100 feet of the streams. The rule also includes provisions related to data collection and restoration and requires native trees and plants to be used to replant reclaimed mine sites.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HJRes 41, [Vote #73](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Mine Safety

Tenney 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, Tenney 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 And Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney introduced an amendment to the bill reauthorization the National Flood Insurance Program that would have blocked homeowners' ability to get their flood insurance claims paid, and would have increased the cost of their policies.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for the reauthorization bill that included her amendment, even though stakeholders and even House Republicans warned it could lead to "unaffordable premiums and a foreclosure crisis"*
- ✓ *Tenney's staffer's father chaired a major insurance association that lobbied on the flood insurance bill*

Disaster Relief

2017 Supplemental Disaster Funding

Tenney Voted For \$81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Tenney 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, Tenney Voted For A Bill That Inadequately Funded Firefighting While Repealing Environmental Protections And Regulations On The Logging Industry

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Tenney 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: Tenney Voted For \$7.9 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding To Cover The Costs Of Responding To Hurricane Harvey. In September 2017, Tenney 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

Tenney Voted For A Six Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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

Tenney Voted For Making \$36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

National Flood Insurance Program

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized. In November 2017, Tenney voted against: “Pascarell, 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

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Tenney Said Homeowners Often Were Forced To Buy Flood Insurance That Didn't Cover Their Flood Damages. TENNEY: "We have passed a bill in the House of Representatives, hoping the Senate does something with it, that actually changes FEMA, and the regulation of how we interpret what a flood zone is, and flood mapping, it addresses the flood insurance issue not as much as I would like it to, I want to do another bill on that. One of the biggest problems is many people are forced to buy flood insurance by their lenders, so they end up buying flood insurance and it doesn't cover their flooding." [WUTQ, [8/2/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Called For State, Federal Agencies To Help Local Governments Address Recent Floods In Herkimer County

Tenney Called For State, Federal Agencies To Help Local Governments Address Recent Floods In Herkimer County. "In a news conference in Hart's driveway, Tenney called on state and federal agencies to aid local governments in Herkimer County to help address the flooding issues 'once and for all.' 'We're going to advocate as hard as we can to make sure we get the support we need because the local governments simply do not have the resources to handle this problem on their own,' she said. Similar advocacy efforts have been made by other elected officials. Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, D-Utica, who is challenging Tenney in her seat for Congress, said in a statement that he sent a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, asking the governor to request a major damage declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Mohawk Valley and Central New York. Tenney, R-New Hartford, also sent a letter to Cuomo with a request for a federal disaster declaration. She was joined by several Herkimer County officials and community members." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [7/7/17](#)]

Tenney Flood Insurance Amendment

Tenney Introduced And Voted For Legislation Blocking Homeowners' Ability To Get Flood Insurance Claims Paid And Increasing The Cost Of Flood Insurance

Tenney Introduced An Amendment To H.R. 2874 Requiring Policy Holders To "Exhaust All Administrative Remedies" Before Suing To Get Their Claims Paid. In June 2017, Tenney introduced an amendment to H.R. 2874, adding a section to the National Flood Insurance Act stating: "A policyholder of a policy for flood insurance coverage made available under this title must exhaust all administrative remedies, including submission of disputed claims to appeal under any appeal process made available by the Administrator, prior to commencing legal action

on any disputed claim under such a policy.” The amendment was approved by a 31-25 vote of the Committee on Financial Services. [House Committee on Financial Services, Amendment to HR 2874, [6/15/17](#); Committee Vote #61, [6/15/17](#)]

Tenney’s Amendment Was Included In The Amended Bill Text Reported To The House Floor.

[Congress.gov, HR 2874, reported in House [9/11/17](#)]

U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Wrote In Support Of The Tenney Amendment. “While the Chamber believes a reasonable claims process is important, elements of the claims provisions in this package may result in additional, unnecessary, and expensive litigation. If unaddressed, the new causes of action and penalties created by the claims provisions would create a litigation windfall for trial lawyers, rather than the intended protections for consumers and the NFIP. The Chamber supports possible amendments to improve this section of the legislative package, including an amendment expected to be offered by Representative Tenney.” [Letter to Reps. Hensarling & Waters, 6/14/17]

The Bill Passed The House But Was Not Voted Upon In The Senate. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Voted For H.R. 2874, Which Would Increase Flood Insurance Premiums And Surcharges For Primary Residences. In June 2017, Tenney voted for H.R. 2874, which would “Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 for five years until Sept. 30, 2022. It would authorize \$225 million annually through fiscal 2022 for flood mitigation activities. The bill would decrease the cap on annual rate increases from 18 percent to 15 percent and increase the minimum average chargeable risk premium within a particular risk classification to 8 percent from 5 percent. It also would [...] increase annual surcharges from \$25 to \$40 for all primary residences; reduces annual surcharges from \$250 to \$125 for non-owner occupied rental properties that are currently subject to Preferred Risk Policy premium rates; and increases the annual surcharges from \$250 to \$275 for all other non-primary residences.” The bill was approved by a 30-26 vote of the Committee on Financial Services. [House Committee on Financial Services, HR 2874, Committee Vote #62, [6/15/17](#); CQ Committee Coverage, [6/15/17](#)]

H.R. 2874 Would Increase Flood Insurance Costs For 500,000 Or More Households By Phasing Out “Grandfathering” Of Premiums. “At issue is the insurance program’s practice of “grandfathering” premiums, which allows homeowners to continue paying relatively low insurance rates even when the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, changes its maps to account for newly discovered risks. The practice is based on the concept that people with homes built to the required codes at the time of purchase shouldn’t be penalized when those codes change. Under Duffy’s bill, as now written, no new grandfathering would be allowed after four years, and premiums on existing grandfathered policies would rise 8 percent yearly until they reach full-risk rates. No one knows for sure how many households could be affected by the change, but Duffy said FEMA has told him it could number 500,000 or higher. The increased premium costs could be sizable.” [Miami Herald, [7/14/17](#)]

H.R. 2874 Would Prevent Any New Structures Built In Flood Hazard Zones From Participating In The National Flood Insurance Program. “Picking up where it left off last week, the House Financial Services Committee will resume mark-up of flood insurance legislation at 10 a.m. today. Last week, the committee signed off on a bill by Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wis., which would reform the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and move towards a more private approach to flood insurance. Duffy’s measure would phase out government-backed coverage for new construction in high-risk areas and cap compensation for insurance firms participating in the NFIP’s ‘Write Your Own’ program.” [National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions, [6/21/17](#)]

Miami Herald Headline: “Flood Insurance Rates Could Rise For Hundreds Of Thousands Of Homeowners Under Proposal.” “Congress is considering sweeping changes to the debt-laden National Flood Insurance Program that could jack up flood insurance rates for hundreds of thousands of homeowners under a bill that a Florida real estate group called ‘devastating.’ The proposal, part of a flood-insurance package with a Sept. 30 deadline, could

prove costly to homeowners in flood-prone regions [...] No one knows for sure how many households could be affected by the change, but Duffy said FEMA has told him it could number 500,000 or higher. The increased premium costs could be sizable. For example, FEMA's rate tables show that a home in an 'A Zone' of Special Flood Hazard Area — typically near a lake, river or coastline — that now costs \$3,000 a year in insurance premiums could rise to \$5,000 a year if FEMA determined that expected flood elevations were two feet higher than previously mapped." [Miami Herald, [7/14/17](#)]

Stakeholders And House Republicans Warned The Flood Insurance Bill Could Lead To “Unaffordable Premiums And A Foreclosure Crisis”

Stakeholders Warned That H.R. 2874 “Could Lead To Unaffordable Premiums And A Foreclosure Crisis.”

“House Republicans’ plan to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) could lead to unaffordable premiums and a foreclosure crisis, according to real estate agents and bankers. The concerns are aimed at H.R. 2874, the 21st Century Flood Reform Act, introduced by Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.), chairman of the House Financial Services Housing and Insurance Subcommittee. The bill would strip federal flood insurance eligibility from certain properties that flood repeatedly, some expensive properties, and new properties built in designated flood zones. The measure was approved by the full committee 30-26 on June 15, with all Democrats and one Republican opposed.” [Bloomberg BNA, [6/20/17](#)]

July 2017: Republican Representatives From New York And Other States Wrote In Opposition To The Overall Package Of Flood Insurance Bills In Its Current Form. A letter from 26 members of the House including Reps. Peter King (NY-02) and Dan Donovan (NY-11) to Speaker Paul Ryan and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy stated: “While we appreciate the hard work of the committee on this issue and are supportive of some provisions within the package, we are concerned that the package will make flood insurance unaffordable for our constituents, will stall development and construction, and increase exposure to the Federal Treasury [...] We cannot support the package as is and will be unable to support a bill if it were to come to the House floor in its current form.” [Letter to Speaker Paul Ryan and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, [7/14/17](#)]

Tenney’s Legislative Director’s Father Was The Chair Of A Major Insurance Association That Lobbied Congress On H.R. 2874

Ryan Rusbuldt Was Tenney’s Legislative Director, Previously Served As Legislative Assistant For The House Committee On Financial Services. According to his LinkedIn page, Ryan Rusbuldt was Legislative Director for Congresswoman Claudia Tenney as of August 2017: “Serving New Yorks 22nd Congressional district by seeking new legislation and tracking the advancement of bills through the legislative process. Helping monitor and identify district specific issues to bring before the Financial Services Committee.” Rusbuldt previously served as a legislative assistant to Rep. Frank Guinta from 2015-17 and to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services from 2012-15. According to Legistorm, Rusbuldt has served on Tenney’s staff since February 1, 2017. [LinkedIn, Ryan Rusbuldt, accessed [8/10/17](#); Legistorm, Ryan Anderson Rusbuldt, accessed [8/10/17](#)]

Rusbuldt’s Father, Robert Rusbuldt, Has Been CEO Of Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers Of America, Inc. Since 2001. “Mr. Robert A. Rusbuldt, also known as Bob, has been the Chief Executive Officer of Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers Of America, Inc. since 2001 and serves as its President. Mr. Rusbuldt serves as the Chairman and Executive Officer of Consumer Agent Portal, LLC. He joined Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers Of America, Inc. in 1986. During his time at IIABA, he has earned recognition as one of the leading lobbyists on tax, banking, insurance and financial services issues in Washington, D.C.” [Bloomberg Executive Profile, accessed [8/10/17](#)]

Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers Of America, Inc. Lobbied The House, Senate And Executive Branch On Insurance Issues Including “All Provisions” Of H.R. 2874. According to a lobbying disclosure, between April-June 2017 the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America lobbied the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and multiple executive branch agencies on insurance-related issues including “HR 2874-

21st Century Flood Reform Act (all provisions).” [Senate Lobbying Disclosure Database, Lobbying Report, filed [7/13/17](#)]

Financial Protections & Wall Street

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney took over a million dollars from the finance, insurance and real estate sector, including over \$490,000 from FIRE sector PACs*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for multiple bills repealing key parts of Wall Street reform while claiming big banks and billionaires opposed those rollbacks, saying they would end “taxpayer funded big bank bailouts.”*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was “unconstitutional.”*
- ✓ *Tenney spoke at a “town hall style meeting” with a hedge fund group where she argued hedge fund managers were overregulated.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted repeatedly to weaken rules regulating mortgage lenders.*

Wall Street Reform

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Career: Tenney Received \$491,983 In Campaign Contributions From Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Industry PACS. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

2017-2018: Tenney Received \$924,647 In Campaign Contributions From Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Interests. As of March 2020, Tenney had disclosed \$924,647 in contribution from the FIRE sector including \$451,748 from individuals and \$472,899 from PACS. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

2017-2018: Tenney Received \$472,899 In Campaign Contributions From Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Industry PACS. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

Tenney Voted To Roll Back Key Parts Of Wall Street Reform And Raise The Minimum Amount At Which Banks Are Subject To Stringent Regulations To Those With \$250 Billion In Assets

Tenney 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 To \$250 Billion. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The CHOICE Act, Which Repealed Many Provisions Of Dodd-Frank

2017: Tenney Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.” In June 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department’s April 2016 “fiduciary” rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients.” The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, [Vote #299](#), 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms [CNBC, [6/8/17](#)]

New York Times: CHOICE Act “To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations,” Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And “Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” “The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. [...] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity requirements from many of Dodd-Frank’s restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank’s method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [New York Times, [6/8/17](#)]

Tenney Said She Was Happy That The House Passed Legislation To Unravel Dodd-Frank. “A member of the House Financial Services Committee, Tenney says she’s happy the House passed the Financial Choice Act, legislation she promoted that would unravel many of the Dodd-Frank banking reforms responding to the 2008 financial crisis. She stood with Trump in April when the president signed presidential directives designed to dismantle financial regulations - and then gave Tenney one of her personal high-lights in office by chatting on the phone with her son, a U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant bound for Iraq. ” [Press & Sun-Bulletin, 7/23/17]

2017: Tenney Voted For Consideration Of The CHOICE Act That Would Repeal Many Provisions Of The Dodd-Frank Law. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 375) that would overhaul

financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency, modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain, and repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading.” The rule was adopted, 231-188. [H Res 375, [Vote #291](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed Big Banks And Billionaires Opposed The CHOICE Act, Which Would Roll Back Financial Reform And Gut The CFPB. TENNEY: “The CHOICE Act is actually not something that is liked by the big banks and the big millionaires and billionaires, they’re against it. The CHOICE Act is universally supported by the community banks, the credit unions, the small lenders, the people who’ve been left out of the equation because of big government interests, because of the Washington special interest group of the big banks, people who, 90 percent of them donated to Hillary Clinton, for example. The CHOICE Act actually opens up opportunities for lenders, auto dealers, auto lenders to actually make the loans to people, to give small banks the opportunity to lend to farmers, and small business owners. It actually takes away some of the regulatory burden from the Consumer Financial Protection Board, which was declared unconstitutional, it’s probably one of the most aggressive, onerous, disastrous parts of the Dodd-Frank bill, which has given its director huge power to go in and crush small business.” [WUTQ, [8/2/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Under The CHOICE Act, Big Banks Would Face Less Scrutiny And Allow Them To Make Certain Risky Financial Bets, Boosting Their Profits By An Estimated \$2 Billion The Following Year. “Big banks, from Goldman Sachs to Bank of America, would face less scrutiny, and other large financial institutions, such as insurance giant MetLife, could escape tougher rules alltogether under the legislation approved largely along party lines. [...] Instead, the Financial Choice Act would offer the industry other types of relief: Institutions would have to undergo fewer stress tests to prove they could survive another economic disaster, and they would get more information upfront about what they would be judged on, for example. The Volcker Rule, which restricts big banks’ ability to make certain risky financial bets, would be repealed. Doing away with that provision alone could boost profits at big banks by more than \$2 billion next year, according to Nomura.” [Washington Post, [6/9/17](#)]

The CHOICE Act Stripped The CFPB Of Its Ability To Write Major Rules Or Fine Financial Institutions For “Unfair” Or “Deceptive” Practices. “Hensarling’s bill would strip the agency of some of its most important powers. It would no longer be able to write major rules regulating consumer financial companies, such as debt collectors, without getting approval from Congress. The agency would lose some of its independence because its director would serve at the pleasure of the president. And it would also no longer be able to levy hefty fines against financial institutions for ‘unfair’ or ‘deceptive’ practices. The CFPB used those powers to fine Wells Fargo \$100 million last year for opening up to 2 million accounts customers did not ask for or know about.” [Washington Post, [6/9/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed The CFPB Was “Unconstitutional” And “The Most Powerful, Unaccountable Agency In U.S. History.” “Second, to protect consumers from Washington overreach, the Financial CHOICE Act restructures the unconstitutional Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Created by Democrats and given the authority to act without Congressional oversight, the CFPB is effectively the most powerful, unaccountable agency in U.S. history. Under the CFPB’s watch, consumer costs have increased while access to services has decreased. The CFPB has made credit increasingly difficult to access and outright unaffordable for those who need it the most, contributing to the reduction of nearly 85 million credit card accounts. Additionally, the CFPB has attempted to change the \$905 billion auto loan market with a faulty set of guidance that both Republicans and Democrats agree should be repealed. This flawed guidance by the CFPB will lead to higher interest rates for consumers, in some cases up to \$600 on the life of the loan.” [Real Clear Markets, Tenney op-ed, [6/8/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed The Financial CHOICE Act “Ends Tax-Payer Funded Big Bank Bailouts.” “Next, the Financial CHOICE Act ends tax-payer funded big bank bailouts by holding failing financial institutions accountable through bankruptcy, not bailouts. As long as Dodd-Frank’s bailout fund is law, ‘too big to fail’

institutions can practice all the risky behavior they want, knowing full well that you and I are right there as taxpayers to pick up the tab for their recklessness. Holding these big banks accountable and requiring them to be strongly capitalized will make them less susceptible to failure, laying the groundwork for a more stable financial system that can support a robust economy. The Congressional Budget Office reported that ending this practice will save the taxpayers nearly \$30 billion.” [Real Clear Markets, Tenney op-ed, [6/8/17](#)]

Tenney Said Hedge Fund Managers And Investors Were Overregulated

At “Town Hall Style Meeting” With Hedge Fund Group, Tenney Said “We’ve Gone Overboard” In Regulating Hedge Fund Managers And Investors “Who’re All Pretty Sophisticated.” “A Town Hall Style Meeting with Congressional Representatives Claudia Tenney & Thomas Suozzi,” was the topic of the New York Hedge Fund Roundtable’s July event, where the two freshmen members of Congress weighed in on the current state of politics in the U.S. -from the American Health Care Act, to taxes, immigration, Dodd-Frank and the economy. ‘[Dodd-Frank] didn’t touch what actually caused the financial crisis... what it created was a number of huge government agencies that now can come in and exact all kinds of regulations against people. It has really just prevented the free market from happening,’ said Tenney (R-N.Y.), who represents New York’s 22nd district -a seat she secured after winning one of the most expensive races in the country. ‘At the hedge fund level you’re regulating people who re all pretty sophisticated and they have a lot of money. I think there’s a point where we’ve gone overboard in our regulatory scheme. You’re not dealing with the couple that is retired down the road that is living on Social Security, plus maybe a modest pension. You’re dealing with people that are in another realm,’ added Tenney, who serves on the House Financial Services Committee.” [New York Hedge Fund Roundtable, Press Release, [8/28/17](#)]

Financial Protections

Mortgage Regulation

Tenney Voted For Allowing Certain Lenders To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Sponsored Bill Exempting Mortgage Lenders With Less Than \$50 Billion In Assets From CFPB Escrow And Impound Rules. “During the hearing, the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee also discussed a number of other bills, including the ‘Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017.’ That bill, which is set to be formally introduced by Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New York, would amends the Truth in Lending Act to direct the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to ‘exempt from certain escrow or impound requirements a loan secured by a first lien on a consumer’s principal dwelling if the loan is held by a creditor with assets of \$50 billion or less.’ The bill would also require the CFPB to provide certain exemptions to the mortgage loan servicing and escrow account administration requirements of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act for servicers of 30,000 or fewer mortgages.” [HousingWire, [9/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Tenney 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

- ✓ *Tenney wrote during the coronavirus pandemic that the United States was over-reliant on China and that “the Chinese cannot be trusted.”*
- ✓ *2017: Tenney voted for blocking consideration of a repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of military force.*
- ✓ *Tenney opposed the Iran deal.*
 - ✓ *Tenney falsely claimed Iran sponsored ISIS.*
- ✓ *Tenney remained open to using military action against North Korea.*
- ✓ *Tenney supported Trump imposing sanctions on Russia but was critical of his meeting with Putin in Helsinki.*
- ✓ *Tenney supported Brexit and said it would give the United Kingdom more freedom.*

China

During The Coronavirus Pandemic, Tenney Said The US Was Over-Reliant On China For Prescription Drugs And That “The Chinese Cannot Be Trusted”

TENNEY OP-ED: The U.S. Had An “Over-Reliance” On China For Prescription Drugs, Even Though They Could Be Unsafe. “The coronavirus exposed many flaws in our level of preparedness for dealing with pandemics, but one of the most glaring holes it brought to light is America’s over-reliance on China for producing prescription drugs. [...] China makes 90% of all antibiotics, vitamin C, ibuprofen, and over 70% of acetaminophen (Tylenol) available in the U.S. They also make many of the ingredients and do so in unsafe and unmonitored labs and factories. In 2018, a common blood pressure medicine made in China was found to cause cancer, and 10 years earlier, a contaminated Chinese-made batch of the blood thinner heparin killed 81 people. China still makes 45% of the U.S. supply.” [Syracuse, Tenney Op-Ed, [3/24/20](#)]

Tenney Wrote That China Could Not Be Trusted. “Coronavirus has shown us the Chinese cannot be trusted and they should no longer be relied on – especially for vital medical treatments and supplies. It’s not just risky for patients, it’s a threat to national security for China to be able to hold us hostage or worse, poison us. [...] When we come out of this crisis, we must move quickly to restore our industrial base, bring supply chains of national interest back to America, and punish Chinese theft and aggression. Breaking China’s grip on our country is essential for our economic survival, military strength, and American’s very health.” [Syracuse, Tenney Op-Ed, [3/24/20](#)]

Global War On Terror

2017: Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Military Force

2017: Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Military Force. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Afghanistan

Tenney Said That “We Have A Huge Drug Trade Being Originated Out Of Afghanistan”

Tenney: “We Have A Huge Drug Trade Being Originated Out Of Afghanistan.” “TENNEY: Actually I was in Afghanistan earlier this year around February. It’s a very complex place. I would say both administrations, the past two, maybe didn’t handle it as well as they should have. It’s not an easy place to be. history has proven that. Right now we’ll try to refocus. We’ll see what president has to say. You have 14 different -- at least 14 different terrorist organizations finding safe haven there. We have a huge drug trade being originated out of Afghanistan. It’s very complex. I think a vacuum for -- without any U.S. presence at all is a problem but we have to come up with middle ground.” [MSNBC, [8/21/17](#)]

Iran

Tenney Approved Of The Killing Of Qasem Soleimani

Tenney Praised The Killing Of Qasem Soleimani As Having Made The World A “Safer Place.” “Decisive, targeted, lethal action by @POTUS, US Military and Special Forces to eliminate key Iranian terrorist leaders operating in Iraq has made the world a safer place and opened a door of hope for freedom seekers throughout the world.” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [1/2/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [1/2/20](#)]

Tenney Denounced The Iran Deal

Tenney Called The Iran Deal A “Disaster” And A “Terrible Deal.” On January 21, 2016 independent consultant Michael Vass interviewed Tenney while she visited an event at Endicott, NY VFW Post 1449. “MICHAEL VASS: Let’s talk about the military and war, not generally on the military, but more broadly international policy which is an issue for 2017. ISIS is obviously a problem, it’s affecting everyone, in terms of national safety, it concerns that. Probably the two biggest issues on that right now have been the Iran nuclear deal- CLAUDIA TENNEY: A disaster. VASS: Okay, that’s part of the point of the question, is it a disaster, the second question being in reference to the Syrian refugees which is ongoing right now in Congress and which a lot of people have very different opinions on. So, taking either one first, how do you feel about those issues. TENNEY: Well, the Iran deal was a terrible deal, it was a devastating deal, even though they claimed we were going to lose anyway...” [Interview with MV Consulting Inc. at VFW Post 1449 , 12:43, Recorded 1/21/16]

Opposed Iran Nuclear Agreement

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Tenney Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials

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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](#)]

Mistakenly Claimed That Iran Sponsored ISIS Even Though It Is Has Been Supporting The War Against ISIS Since At Least 2014

Opposed Iran Nuclear Agreement And Mistakenly Claimed That Iran Sponsored ISIS. On January 21, 2016 independent consultant Michael Vass interviewed Tenney while she visited an event at Endicott, NY VFW Post 1449. Vass asked Tenney about her views on the nuclear agreement the United States had reached with Iran and the Syrian refugee crisis. Tenney responded with a meandering answer that included her denouncing the Iran nuclear deal while accusing Iran of sponsoring ISIS. CLAUDIA TENNEY: The Iran nuclear deal allows one of the greatest sponsors, the biggest sponsor in the world of terrorism, in sponsoring ISIS, and providing them with money to unleash a hundred billion dollars that we had wrapped up in a freeze of Iranian assets and to allow Iran to now come in and use those assets and use that to sponsor more terrorism against the US. I would never have supported the deal. [Interview with MV Consulting Inc at VFW Post 1449 , 14:25, Recorded [1/21/16](#)]

Iran Has Supported Iraqi Forces Against ISIS, Sending One Of Its Top Commanders To Coordinate Efforts Against ISIS And Direct Iranian-Trained Militias Against The Islamic State. “Since ISIS swept through northern Iraq in June, Tehran has mobilized to protect the Shiite-led government from the Sunni militant threat. General Qassim Suleimani, commander of the Quds Force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard

Corps, traveled to Baghdad at the start of the crisis to coordinate the defense of the capital with Iraqi politicians and military officials. He also directed Iranian-trained Shiite militias—including the Badr Brigade and the League of the Righteous, two notorious militias responsible for widespread atrocities against Sunnis—in the fight against ISIS. With a weakened and corrupt Iraqi military, the militias have proven crucial in stopping ISIS’ advance.” [CNN, Bazzi Commentary, [1/04/15](#)]

August 2016: Russian Warplanes Took Off From Iran To Target The Islamic State. “Russian warplanes took off on Tuesday from a base in Iran to target Islamic State fighters and other militants in Syria, the U.S. military confirmed -- a move seen as a widening of Moscow’s bombing campaign, while drawing Russia and Iran closer as the Obama administration is seeking greater cooperation with Moscow in its fight against the radical insurgents.” [Fox News, [8/16/16](#)]

North Korea

Tenney Remained Open To Military Action Against North Korea

Tenney Remained Open To Military Action Against North Korea Until It Began Denuclearization. “Tenney previously said she believes all options, including military action, should remain on the table until North Korea takes verifiable steps toward denuclearization.” [Times Telegram, 8/20/18]

Russia

Tenney Supported Trump’s Imposing Sanctions On Russia But Was Critical Of His Meeting With Putin In Helsinki

Tenney Approved Of Trump’s Approach To Sanctions For Russia. “While Tenney agrees that Russia is not a friend, she believes Trump is handling things the right way as far as sanctions are concerned. Tenney voted to impose sanctions against Russia in response to the meddling it did in the 2016 elections and she supported recent sanctions in response to the poisoning case in Britain.” [Times Telegram, 8/20/18]

However, Tenney Was Critical Of Trump’s Meeting With Putin In Helsinki. “President Donald Trump met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Helsinki, Finland, on Monday, and his praise of his Russian counterpart after the summit invoked criticism from many in Congress, even Republicans who are often quiet after he exhibits norm-breaking behavior. [...] Tenney has embraced Trump as she faces a challenge from Democratic Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi this fall. However, she was critical of the meeting, saying that ‘strength is the one thing that a man like Putin understands and I support the U.S. leading our NATO allies to stand strong against Russian aggression.’” [City & State, 7/16/18]

Syria & ISIS

Asked About Syrian Refugees, Tenney Said Obama Had Weakened Our Military

Asked About Syrian Refugees, Tenney Said “If Were Strong, If We Had A Strong Military, If We Were Strong Economically, Obama Could Take A Leading Role In Syria... We’ve Weakened Our Military, We Need To Be Strong.” On January 21, 2016 independent consultant Michael Vass interviewed Tenney while she visited an event at Endicott, NY VFW Post 1449. “CLAUDIA TENNEY: A disaster. VASS: Okay, that’s part of the point of the question, is it a disaster, the second question being in reference to the Syrian refugees which is ongoing right now in Congress and which a lot of people have very different opinions on. So, taking either one first, how do you feel about those issues. TENNEY: Well, the Iran deal was a terrible deal, it was a devastating deal, even though they claimed we were going to lose anyway, if we were strong, if we had a strong military, if we were

strong economically, Obama could take a leading role in Syria and we had the red line they kept crossing it, and crossing it and crossing it and we never enforced it and so, to me, we've weakened our military, we need to be strong, I strongly believe that our government, our federal government, was created for two main purposes when we were the colonies: we had to have strong national defense and border security. So you're talking about those two issues when you're talking about the Constitution. A strong military and a strong policy on a strong foreign policy against ISIS and other groups who are going to try to destroy the United States and our freedom." [Interview with MV Consulting Inc. at VFW Post 1449, 12:43, Recorded [1/21/16](#)]

Israel

Tenney Voted For Opposing President Obama's Decision To Abstain On A United Nation's Vote Condemning Israeli Settlements

2017: Tenney Voted For Expressing The House's Opposition To A U.N. Security Council Resolution Criticizing Expansion Of Israeli Settlements In Unoccupied Areas. In January 2017, Tenney voted for "adoption of the resolution that would express the House's opposition to a U.N. Security Council resolution that criticized continued expansion of Israeli settlements in occupied areas" on the grounds that the U.N. Security Council Resolution was an obstacle to Israel-Palestinian peace. A yes vote was a vote to block criticism of the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 342-80. [H.Res 11, [Vote #11](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/5/17](#)]

Brexit

Tenney Supported Brexit And Said It Gave "More Freedom"

Tenney Supported Brexit As Giving More Freedom. "The best part is the school marm like character who cuts them off for the sin of waving the British flags. A great, exclamation point symbolizing the freedom gained by exiting. #Brexit" [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [1/29/20](#)]



Michael Heaver @Michael_Heaver · Jan 29
Nigel's last speech in Parliament: powerful, emotional, inspirational.
We raised our flags with great pride.
Brexit is finally happening! 🇬🇧

Claudia Tenney @claudiatenney
Replying to @Michael_Heaver and @GayRepublicSwag
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United Nations

Tenney Voted For Defunding The United Nations Human Rights Council

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney falsely claimed many mass murderers “end up being Democrats” following the Parkland mass shooting, then fundraised off the backlash to her comments.*
- ✓ *Tenney complained about New York not allowing unrestricted concealed carry licenses.*
- ✓ *Tenney took thousands from the NRA and voted for concealed carry reciprocity, the NRA’s highest priority in Congress, despite warnings it could make New Yorkers at risk of domestic violence less safe*
- ✓ *Tenney received an endorsement from the NRA in 2018 and was rated an A.*
- ✓ *Tenney received NRA Victory Fund endorsement for June 2016 Republican Primary and held an A rating from the NRA the same cycle.*
- ✓ *Tenney held an A+ rating from the NRA in 2014*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed she was in favor of background checks but voted against gun-safety measures.*
- ✓ *Tenney supported allowing people on the no-fly list to purchase guns and criticized Rep. Hanna for supporting a measure to ban suspected terrorists from doing so*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against and has consistently opposed the NY SAFE Act gun control bill on the grounds of its impact on gun owners and gun manufactures.*
- ✓ *Tenney did not see anything wrong with civilians owning assault weapons.*

Mass Shootings

Tenney Said That “So Many Of These People That Commit The Mass Murders End Up Being Democrats” And Fundraised Off The Backlash Against Her Comments

Tenney Said Many Mass Murderers “End Up Being Democrats,” A Claim Tied To A Meme Circulated By Internet Conspiracy Theorists

Tenney Characterized Her Democratic Colleagues As “Un-American” For Not Applauding During Trump’s First State Of The Union Address, And Said That “So Many Of These People That Commit The Mass Murders End Up Being Democrats.” “Ms. Tenney, a first-term Republican congresswoman from Central New York, has remained an unabashed supporter of President Trump, even as his unpopularity in his home state is expected to drive Democrats to the polls in November’s midterm elections. She has criticized her Democratic colleagues for being ‘un-American’ for not applauding the president during his State of the Union address in January, suggesting that they “don’t love our country.’ And she has managed to exceed Mr. Trump in her criticism of those who would restrict gun rights, positing that ‘so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats.’ Her comments have ricocheted across social media and national news outlets and even landed in a Jimmy Kimmel monologue. National Democrats have sought to capitalize on her rhetoric as out of touch, even zany.” [New York Times, 5/11/18]

Tenney's Claim Was Linked To A Debunked Meme Which Circulated In Conspiracist Areas Of The Internet. "Tenney's remarks began circulating on social media and caused an uproar. She didn't provide any evidence to back up her claims. An internet meme that has been circulating for years has alleged many of the gunmen involved in mass shootings or prominent assassinations are Democrats. Snopes, a fact-checking website, determined the claims were 'mostly false.' As an example, one of the shooters on the list is Adam Lanza. Lanza carried out the attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. While the internet meme claims he was a registered Demo-crat, news reports indicate he wasn't registered to vote. Another shooter on the list is Jared Loughner, who killed six people and severely wounded then-U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. While the meme alleges Loughner was a Democrat, records show he was actually a registered independent." [The Citizen, 2/23/18]

Fact Checkers And Experts Criticized Tenney's Claim

Tenney's Statement Tying Mass Murders To Democrats Was Roundly Debunked By Fact-Checkers. "In the interview, Tenney said she feared that legal gun owners would be targeted in the wake of the shooting, even though 'their demographic' has the least amount of crimes compared to other demographics. 'It's interesting that so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats,' Tenney told Dicker in a statement that made national headlines. 'But the media doesn't talk about that.' The statement has been debunked by fact checkers, who found that political affiliation of mass shooters is often unknown or unverified, and rarely a motivating factor in their crimes. Tenney herself later issued a statement claiming 'we know the perpetrators of these atrocities have a wide variety of political views.'" [Times-Union, 3/2/18]

According To Experts, Mass Shooters Are Rarely Motivated By A Political Agenda. "Mass shooters are rarely motivated by a political agenda, experts told us. Mass shootings are often perpetrated by young men who are socially isolated or have a mental illness, experience a trauma or conflict that sends them reeling emotionally, and have easy access to guns, said Alan Lipman, professor at George Washington University Medical Center and founder of the Center for the Study of Violence. 'Their motives are almost always, without exception, nonpolitical. And they don't describe themselves as having a particular political motivation,' Lipman said. Some - like Dylann Roof, who killed nine people at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015 - might channel their rage at a specific group of people, said James Alan Fox, criminologist at Northeastern University and author of 'Extreme Killing: Understanding Serial and Mass Murder.' But that doesn't mean they're acting on a Republican or Democratic mission, he said." [The Buffalo News, 3/1/18]

Tenney's Claim Was Rated "Pants On Fire" By Politifact New York, And Drew Criticism From One Of Tenney's Predecessors In Congress. "Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's recent comments on mass murderers and Democrats were akin to racism, inappropriate and the 'No. 1 Democratic fundraiser in the country,' said her predecessors as Congressional representatives for the Utica area. On an Albany radio talk show on Wednesday, Tenney said that 'so many of these people that commit mass murders end up being Democrats,' a comment that has put her in the national media spotlight. The website PolitiFact New York gave the comment a 'Pants on Fire' rating for accuracy. Sherwood Boehlert, a Republican who represented the district that includes Utica from 1983 until 2007, kept his criticism succinct. 'I found her comments to be completely inappropriate and insensitive,' he said. 'She doesn't get very high marks from me.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 2/24/18]

Local Politicians In Tenney's Own Party Criticized Her Statement; Local Constituents Protested

Former Rep. Sherwood Boehlert Said Tenney's False Claim That "Many" Mass Murderers Were Democrats Was "Completely Inappropriate And Insensitive." "On an Albany radio talk show on Wednesday, Tenney said that 'so many of these people that commit mass murders end up being Democrats,' a comment that has put her in the national media spotlight. The website PolitiFact New York gave the comment a 'Pants on Fire' rating for accuracy. Sherwood Boehlert, a Republican who represented the district that includes Utica from 1983 until 2007, kept his criticism succinct. 'I found her comments to be completely inappropriate and insensitive,' he said. 'She doesn't get very high marks from me.'" [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [2/24/18](#)]

Picente Was “Mortified” By Tenney’s Claim That “Many” Mass Murderers Were Democrats. “‘I was mortified,’ said Republican Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. today of Tenney’s initial comments. ‘They were pretty outrageous and pretty despicable.’ Picente said the focus should be about the issue of gun violence and solutions. ‘This is centered and started around 17 people losing their lives.’ He said there is ‘no place’ for comments that are ‘so partisan about guns and about people’s lives.’ He continued: ‘It’s embarrassing first of all to our region.’ He added that ‘It paints a terrible picture that I don’t think is true of the people she represents.’” [Rome Sentinel, [2/22/18](#)]

Tenney’s Comments Prompted Protests And Calls For Her To Apologize From Her Constituents. “Roughly two dozen protesters gathered outside the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs Thursday to condemn Republicans’ embrace of U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, who has come under fire for claiming that ‘so many’ mass murderers ‘end up being Democrats.’ Holding signs that read ‘Tenney Apologize!’ and ‘Misinformation 101, Prof. Tenney,’ the group paced and chanted on sidewalks outside the hotel Thursday evening, as a reception for the New York Republican state convention kicked off inside. Tenney, who recently announced she will run for re-election, was invited as a special guest. ‘Why would you say something like that?’ said Ellen Egger-Aimone, a member of Saratoga Progressive Action, referring to Tenney’s recent remarks. ‘At a time when we need rational conversation, all she has to offer is divisiveness? Sadly, that’s the kind of politics we’re seeing more and more of, and it really demeans democracy.’ ” [Times-Union, 3/2/18]

Tenney Fundraised Off The Backlash To Her Comments

Tenney Fundraised Off Of The Backlash Against Her Comments Tying Mass Murder To Democrats. “Tenney, whose race against Brindisi is one of the closest congressional matchups this year, has a pen-chant for controversial comments. In February, a week after a school shooting in Parkland, Florida, left 17 students dead, Tenney said, ‘It’s interesting that so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats.’ When she was roundly criticized for the comment, Tenney began fundraising off the backlash. ‘This week, Claudia called out liberals for politicizing these tragedies, rightly pointed out that big cities dominated by liberal Democrats are loaded with gun crime, and no side has a monopoly on evil or mentally ill people committing horrible crimes with guns,’ a fundraising email sent Feb. 26 read.” [The Ithaca Journal, 3/23/18]

Tenney Defended Her Comments, Saying That She Was “Fed Up With The Media And Liberals Attempting To Politicize Tragedies”

Tenney: “I Am Fed Up With The Media And Liberals Attempting To Politicize Tragedies And Demonize Law Abiding Gun Owners And Conservative Americans Every Time There Is A Horrible Tragedy.” “Tenney, who is an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment, was responding to a point made by Dicker that the majority of gun victims come from the inner cities, not in mass shootings. Tenney said she supports taking a look at the federal background check system and argued that the shooting should not change the dynamics of the debate over gun control in her district which encompasses cities like Utica, Rome and Binghamton. When asked specifically what statistics she was referring to, her campaign later issued a statement. ‘I am fed up with the media and liberals attempting to politicize tragedies and demonize law-abiding gun owners and conservative Americans every time there is a horrible tragedy,’ Tenney said in the statement. ‘While we know the perpetrators of these atrocities have a wide variety of political views, my comments are in response to a question about the failure to prosecute illegal gun crime. I will continue to stand up for law-abiding citizens who are smeared by anti-gun liberal elitists.’” [ABC News, 2/22/18]

Following Her Statement Tying Democrats To Mass Shootings, Tenney Faced Criticism From Her Opponent, Anthony Brindisi, And Local Officials Within In Her Own Party. “‘This toxic rhetoric is shameful coming from an elected official and is a new low even for Claudia Tenney,’ Brindisi said in a statement. ‘She has disrespected the office she holds. Inserting politics into a national tragedy is beyond the pale and disgusting. She should apologize immediately to spare our region any more national embarrassment.’ Oneida County Executive

Anthony Picente Jr., who is a Republican, was un-happy that after a national tragedy, when 17 people were killed, this region’s representative has chosen to blame it on partisan politics. ‘I find that her comments are outrageous, pathetic and really despicable in terms of her answer to this problem,’ Picente said. ‘Seventeen people lost their lives, let’s keep our eye on what’s going on here. This is not the place for political nonsense.’ During the interview with Dicker, Tenney said there weren’t mass shootings when she went to school despite fewer regulations on guns and people actually bringing guns to school with them. ” [Observer-Dispatch, 2/22/18]

Tenney Said She Feared Lawful Gun Owners Would Be “Targeted,” Even Though “In Their Demographic They Have The Least Amount Of Crimes Of Virtually Any Other Demographic”

Tenney Stated Her Fear That Lawful Gun Owners Would Be “Targeted,” Even Though “In Their Demographic They Have The Least Amount Of Crimes Of Virtually Any Other Demographic.” “Ms. Tenney made her sweeping claim on the ‘Focus on the State Capitol’ radio program hosted by Fred Dicker. Ms. Tenney said she feared lawful gun owners ‘are going to be targeted now’ even though ‘in their demographic they have the least amount of crimes of virtually any other demographic.’ Mr. Dicker jumped in: ‘But they tend to be Republican. They tend to be white. Most gun crimes are occurring in what’s euphemistically called the inner cities involving minorities and they’re the ones the Democrats generally are going to bend over backwards to protect.’ Ms. Tenney eventually continued, ‘Obviously there’s a lot of politics in it. And it’s interesting that so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats. But the media doesn’t talk about that either.’ ” [New York Times, 2/23/18]

Tenney Opined That Mass Shootings Were Caused By “Changed Social Dynamics” And Smart Phones

Tenney Asserted That Increases In Mass Shootings Were Caused By “Changed Social Dynamics” And “Antisocial Behavior” Caused By Social Media. “During the interview with Dicker, Tenney said there weren’t mass shootings when she went to school despite fewer regulations on guns and people actually bringing guns to school with them. She said now there is a ‘very changed social dynamic with people in our communities.’ ‘We have this antisocial behavior, which is part of what I think social media has caused, a lack of interaction with people -- people tend to hide behind their computers or their phones,’ Tenney said. ‘We also have a different kind of society; there’s a lot of violence. We’ve created these gun-free zones right in schools and the facts show that in the Parkland shooting, this kid waited to go in when the guard wasn’t there, so he could go past them.’ She went on to suggest that President Donald Trump’s infrastructure bill would help schools become more solidified and get metal detectors and be safer. ” [Times Telegram, 2/23/18]

Tenney Suggested Mass Shootings Did Not Take Place Decades Ago, When There Were Fewer Gun Restrictions, But That Social Media And A Culture Of Isolation Increased Violent Behavior. “In her radio interview with Dicker, Tenney also suggested that mass shootings did not take place decades ago, when fewer gun restrictions existed. Some students even brought guns to school with them in those days, she said. Today, she said, there is a different ‘social dynamic’ within communities. She argued that gun-free zones in schools, social media and a culture of isolation have played roles in increasing violence. ‘We have this antisocial behavior, which is part of what I think social media has caused, a lack of interaction with people,’ Tenney said. ‘People tend to hide behind their computers or their phones.’ ” [Washington Post, 2/22/18]

Tenney Said That She Was Increasing Security In The Wake Of The Congressional Baseball Shooting, And Blamed Democrats For Threats Of Violence And Death Against Her

After The Congressional Baseball Shooting, Tenney Said That She Had Been Targeted With Death Threats And Planned To Increase Her Security. “Tenney has reported being the subject of threats and her staff says her office receives them about once or twice a week. On the morning of a shooting at a Republican Congressional baseball practice, she received a chilling email with a subject line reading, ‘One down, 216 to go,’ a possible a

reference to the number of House Republicans who voted for the health care bill. House Majority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana re-mains hospitalized following the June 14 attack. Tenney said she plans to beef up her security. After the shooting, the House increased members' allow-ances by \$25,000 for that purpose. ” [Press & Sun-Bulletin, 7/23/17]

According To Tenney’s Staff, She “Pretty Regularly” Received Death Threats. “Tenney, who took office in January from a centrist district in upstate New York, receives threats ‘pretty regularly,’ her spokeswoman said. When she participated in a Memorial Day motorcycle ride, one writer on social media expressed hope that she would break her neck. Another hoped her son, a Marine, came home ‘bagged.’ One caller left 70 office voice mails in a single night, railing on multiple topics. ” [Daily Press, 6/16/17]

Tenney Implied That Democrats Were Responsible For Encouraging Threats Of Violence And Death Against Her: “...They’re Willing To Do Almost Anything And They’re Encouraging People TO Do This Unfortunately.” “The Washington Examiner (6/15, Langille, 400K) reports that Rep. Claudia Tenney, ‘the House Republican who received a threatening email Wednesday that warned ‘one down, 216 to go’ after’ Wednesday’s shooting, ‘argued Democrats are willing to do anything to make sure she loses in 2018.’ Tenney told Fox News (6/15, 11.07M), ‘They want me to lose and they want to put somebody else in place. So they’re willing to do almost anything and they’re encouraging people to do this unfortunately. I think this has reached a level that violence in the situation has been normalized. I have to say that the Resist movements, the Indi-visible movements, this movement that has been supported unfortunately by the Democrats.’ ” [The Fronrunner, 6/16/17]

Tenney Said That Her Constituents Were Afraid To Come To Her Events Because “We’re Afraid Something’s Going To Happen.” “What were your biggest challenges of 2017? As far as the biggest challenge, (it’s) getting coverage in the media about really important things happen-ing in Washington. The best part about the job is the fact that we have just so many great people that are in the district that I’ve gotten to meet and find out what they’re doing, why they stay here and why they struggle to try to make this place a better place. I think that’s been the driving force for me to continue to fight the fight. All that while my staff, in some cases, is almost being abused by some people in the resist movement. I haven’t had any real problems in the Oneida County office. They’ve been pretty decent. In Binghamton, I’ve had some really aggressive people coming in and really personally attacking my staff, taking pictures of them and putting them on Facebook and threatening them. People threatening my life -- I’ve had death threats consistently, but I continue to go out and go to events.... I’m not worried about me ... People are afraid. They come into my office, like seniors, and say they’re afraid to go to these events because we’re afraid something’s going to happen. ” [Interview Transcript, Times Telegram, 1/4/18]

Tenney Told The Press That She Had Received A Message Expressing Hope That Her Son, A U.S. Marine “Comes Back Bagged.” “Messages like that one - Tenney said the ‘disappointing message’ references those who voted for the American Health Care Act - appear to have become common place for the freshman representative of the 22nd Congressional District. ‘For us, everyone’s been asking me you must have been shocked and I said, ‘Well, actually this is kind of along the course of many of the messages we’ve received,’ Tenney said. ‘The one that still bothers me the most is the one where we put out a nice Memorial Day message and a person on my Facebook said, ‘I hope (your son who is a U.S. Marine) comes back bagged,’ meaning in a body bag - then also hopes that I would break my neck and die on my Memorial Day message on (the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom),’ she added. ‘Some of them are just awful.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/15/17]

Tenney: There Has Been An “Incredible Amount Of Angst That I’ve Never Seen Before.” “Tenney said that there has been an ‘incredible amount of angst that I’ve never seen before.’ ‘I think today. the message of (Speaker Paul Ryan) and even (Democratic) Leader (Nancy) Pelosi today on the floor was, ‘Look, an attack against any one of us is an attack against all of us and that we need to lead the way and to change the discourse and to get people to go back to what this country was founded on,’ Tenney said. ‘The First Amendment is the most important right that we have as Americans, all as-pects of it, and that in order to preserve it, we have to have a robust exchange of ideas as has been de-scribed throughout the centuries and we need to respect the views of others without resorting to this violent type of dialogue and threatening behavior.’ ” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/15/17]

Tenney Said That Efforts Such As The Resist Movement Had “Normalized This Violent Dialogue.” “Efforts such as the Resist movement, an anti-Donald Trump initiative, have ‘normalized this violent dialogue.’ Tenney said. ‘I think it’s unfortunate when you see Kathy Griffin showing off a bloody, decapitated picture of the president,’ she said. ‘You see a Broadway play where the president is assassinated and killed. Can you imagine if that was done when we had Obama or Bill Clinton as president? It would have been unacceptable.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/15/17]

Tenney Blamed Democrats For Encouraging Uncivil And Violent Rhetoric From “The Resist Movement.” “Tenney attended yesterday’s Congressional baseball game and sat alongside a Democratic lawmaker as a sign of unity. But in the interview with Fox News, she also blamed Democrats for the uncivil and violent rhetoric that she’s been hearing. ‘The resist movement, the indivisible movement, this movement that’s been supported by the Democrats,’ she said. In order to defeat her in the 2018 mid-term elections, Tenney said, Democrats are ‘willing to do almost anything and they’re encouraging people to do this, unfortunately.’” [NCPR, [6/16/17](#)]

NCPR Headline: “Tenney Says She’s Received Death Threat, Blames Democrats.” [NCPR, [6/16/17](#)]

Washington Examiner Headline: “Democrats ‘Encouraging’ Death Threats.” [Washington Examiner, [6/15/17](#)]

Government Research

Tenney Dismissed The Need For Government Research On Gun Violence

Tenney Dismissed Need For Government-Funded Research On Gun Violence. “Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-N.Y.), the lawmaker who came under fire recently for her dubious claim that Democrats are more prone to be mass shooters, says the federal government has better things to spend money on than research about gun violence. ‘We have so many outside groups and independent groups that do that already. You know, should we be spending taxpayer money on something like that? I’m not sure that’s the best use of taxpayer money,’ Tenney said in a local radio interview on Wednesday [...] ‘There are ways we can spend our money other than doing studies that are, look like they may be, and I could be wrong, they may be duplicitous [sic],’ Tenney said in the interview. The first-term congresswoman appeared to have less concern for government spending in supporting two recent bills that are projected to add boatloads to the debt.” [Huffington Post, [3/7/18](#)]

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Said “More Gun Control Only Helps The Illegal Gun Owners And Will Result In More Shootings.” “Asked by a mother about the need for more gun control, rather than less, Tenney said she sees no need for more laws. ‘More gun control only helps the illegal gun owners and will result in more shootings,’ Tenney said. ‘The states with the toughest gun control laws have the worst illegal gun crimes.’” [The Post Standard, Syracuse, [6/11/14](#)]

Concealed Carry

Tenney Complained About New York Not Allowing Unrestricted Concealed Carry Licenses

Tenney Complained About New York Not Allowing Unrestricted Concealed Carry Licenses. “TENNEY: I think sometimes the standard is ridiculous. I live in Oneida County, New York. Most people cannot get an unrestricted concealed carry license, for no reason. If my son came in and wanted to get an unrestricted concealed carry license, he’s an active duty Marine. He can’t purchase guns in Pennsylvania and go into New York State as an active duty Marine because the waivers aren’t there.” [The Sharpe Way, 37:01, [3/9/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Co-Sponsored A Measure Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States

Tenney Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Cosponsored The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, Which Was Linked To A Bill Aimed At Fixing The National Background Check System. “Katko and Tenney, R-New Hartford, are co-sponsors of the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38). The bill had 210 Republican co-sponsors and three Democrats. Republicans linked the bill for a vote with a separate gun measure that received rare bipartisan support - the Fix NICS Act, which would improve the national background check system for gun purchases. Congress acted quickly on the Fix NICS Act after a mass shooting at a Texas church left 26 people dead last month. In that case, the Air Force acknowledged it failed to transmit the criminal record of shooter Devin Kelley to the FBI, which would have updated a database and likely stopped the sale of a rifle used in the massacre.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 12/8/17]

...Despite Warnings That It Could Make Her Constituents Less Safe

Local Officials And Anti-Domestic Violence Advocates Warned That Concealed Carry Reciprocity Could Make New Yorkers Less Safe, And Allow Abusers To Follow Their Victims Across State Lines With Licensed Firearms. “But Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick and Vera House Executive Director Randi Bregman warned this week that any change in existing law could have dangerous consequences for New York, which has tougher permitting requirements than most states. Bregman, who heads the shelter for victims of domestic violence in Central New York, said she asked Katko to oppose the measure. She’s concerned that domestic violence offenders could follow their victims across state lines with loaded, concealed firearms. ‘We at Vera House are absolutely terrified about the possible passage of concealed carry reciprocity,’ Bregman said. ‘We know that the presence of a gun in domestic violence situations greatly increases the risk of homicide, and

many of the domestic violence victims in our community were killed by guns.’ She said domestic violence survivors often relocate to other states to escape their abusers, sometimes seeking refuge in New York and other states that have stricter gun laws. ‘Reciprocity would force every state to accept other states’ concealed carry permits,’ Bregman said, ‘even if the out-of-state concealed carry permit was issued to a domestic violence offender who would be prohibited from obtaining such a permit in the travel state.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 12/8/17]

Tenney Sais That The SHARE Act Would Not Increase Mass Shootings Because “If Somebody Really Wants To Kill Somebody, They’ll Do It.” “Tenney told The Post-Standard in an interview Tuesday that she plans to vote for the SHARE Act. She said opponents of the bill are wrong to make any link between the gun legislation and mass shootings like the one in Las Vegas. ‘One thing I’ve learned as a legal gun owner is that these are the people who tend to be the most cautious on the use of guns,’ Tenney said. ‘They’re exceedingly careful on their use of firearms.’ As for mass shootings like the one in Las Vegas, she said, ‘If somebody really wants to kill somebody, they’ll do it.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 10/4/17]

NRA & Gun Rights Groups

Tenney Took Thousands Of Dollars In Campaign Contributions From The NRA

Tenney Took \$9,900 From The NRA In The 2018 Cycle. [FEC, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Took \$5,950 From The NRA In 2016, After Criticizing Them For Endorsing Her Opponent, Incumbent Rep. Hanna, In The 2014 Republican Primary. “The NRA PAC donated \$5,950 to Tenney in the 2016 election cycle, and she has received \$1,000 from gun rights advocates in 2018. She obtained the NRA’s endorsement in 2016, two years after she criticized them for endorsing her opponent, incumbent Rep. Richard Hanna, in the Republican primary. With Hanna’s re-retirement and Tenney vying for a now-open seat, she accepted the support and the ‘A’ rating from an organization she once accused of putting ‘politics over principles.’ Tenney has described herself as a ‘life member of the NRA, gun owner and shooting sports enthusiast.’ The freshman congresswoman tweeted on the day of the Parkland shooting that she was ‘Praying for everyone involved in today’s terrible tragedy in Florida.’ A week later, she said in a radio interview that many mass shooters ‘end up being Democrats.’ She later doubled down on that comment, accusing ‘the media and liberals’ of demonizing gun-owners and saying her comments were ‘in response to a question about the failure to prosecute illegal gun crime.’” [City & State, 2/21/18]

April 2020: According To The Center For Responsive Politics, The NRA Had Not Contributed To Tenney’s Campaign. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [4/17/20](#)]

2018: Endorsed By The NRA And Rated “A”

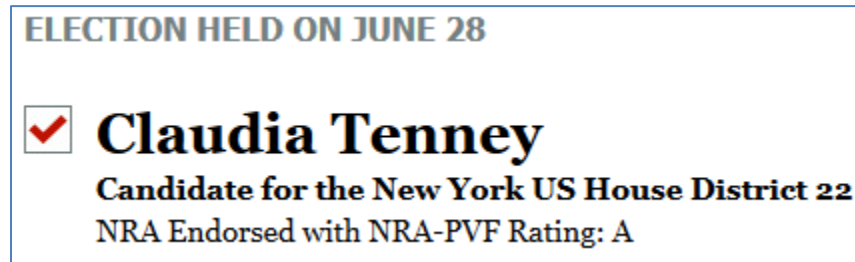
2018: Tenney Was Endorsed By The NRA. “U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney and NRA President Oliver North on Monday promoted the Second Amendment at the Binghamton Rifle Club, where a notorious mass murderer practiced his marksmanship before killing 13 in 2009 at the American Civil Association. North was in Binghamton on Monday to announce the NRA’s endorsement of the incumbent Republican candidate. ‘Congresswoman Claudia Tenney has always been an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment,’ North said. ‘Claudia Tenney has always stood with law-abiding gun owners and defended the Second Amendment against those who don’t understand the meaning of the words ‘shall not be infringed.’” [Ithaca Journal, 10/30/18]

Tenney Was Rated As An “A” By The NRA. “For this election, the NRA has rated Tenney as an ‘A’ on their list of politicians.” [PressConnects, [10/29/18](#)]

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2016: Tenney Had An “A” Rating And Was Endorsed By The NRA. “When running for Congress, Tenney was endorsed by the National Rifle Association, which gave her an ‘A’ rating. She has described herself as a ‘life member of the NRA, gun owner and shooting sports enthusiast’ who is committed to defending the Second Amendment. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 2016 and was previously a member of the state Assembly.” [Washington Post, 2/22/18]

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[NRA-PVF, [2016](#)]

Held A+ Rating From NRA In 2014

Held An A+ Rating From NRA, As Well As Reputation Of “Top Conservative” In Legislature. “Tenney is serving her second term in the state Assembly and represents the 101st District... She has been rated the top ‘Conservative’ and ‘Most Independent Member’ in the Legislature and has an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association and the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association.” [The Evening Telegram, 3/27/14]

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Pro-Gun Advocacy Group, Shooters Committee On Political Education, Awarded Tenney “Legislator Of The Year.” “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney has been awarded the Shooters Committee on Political Education 2014 Legislator of the Year for her ‘understanding and commitment to the second amendment,’ a release from the Tenney campaign said.” [Observer-Dispatch, 8/16/14]

Shooters Committee On Political Education Focuses On Anti-Gun Regulation Laws And Candidates.

“We are (an)...organization dedicated to preserving the 2nd amendment rights for the residents of New York State. We accomplish this by: Monitoring New York State and local governments for gun legislation.

Supporting pro-2nd Amendment politicians. Tirelessly making every effort to educate anti-gun politicians.”

[S.C.O.P.E., About Us, Visited [3/8/14](#)]

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The New York State Rifle And Pistol Association Political Victory Fund Endorsed Tenney’s State Assembly Run In 2012, Attacking Opponent For Joining Mayors Against Illegal Guns. “The New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Political Victory Fund has announced their endorsement of Claudia Tenney in the Republican primary in the new 101st Assembly District. The endorsement is based upon her voting record in the legislature and her willingness to stand up for Second Amendment civil rights on the floor of the Assembly. ‘By contrast, during his tenure as Mayor of Walden, challenger Brian Maher joined the so-called Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition whose primary legislative agenda includes prohibiting citizens from carrying firearms for self-defense... The choice is clear: We strongly encourage all gun owners to support Claudia Tenney.’” [The Evening Telegram, [9/4/12](#)]

Mental Health

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Tenney Voted For Prohibiting A Veterans Affairs Department Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit a Veterans Affairs Department determination that an individual is mentally incompetent from being used as basis for that individual’s inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would thereby prevent the individual from purchasing a gun. Under the measure, an individual could not be considered to be mentally defective without a judicial authority’s finding that the individual poses a danger to himself or herself or others.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-175. [HR 1181, [Vote #169](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Bill Would Prevent The VA From Submitting Records Of Veterans With Severe Mental Illnesses To The Federal Criminal Background Check System. “The second measure — which passed 240-175 — would prohibit VA officials from submitting records of veterans with severe mental illnesses to the federal criminal background check system, thereby preventing them from purchasing firearms. Exceptions would be made for court orders mandating the conditions be reported.” [Military Times, [3/16/17](#)]

The Bill Was Supported By The NRA, But Opposed By A Coalition Of Retired General, Who Said It Put Vulnerable Veterans In Harm’s Way. “The National Rifle Association supports the change, while gun control activists have opposed it. [...] Earlier in the week, a coalition led by retired Gens. Stanley McChrystal, David Petraeus, Peter Chiarelli, and Wesley Clark wrote a letter to lawmakers saying the proposal would ‘put America’s veterans who need our support the most in harm’s way, by providing them with easy access to firearms.’” [Military Times, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Rule Keeping Firearms Out Of The Hands Of People Deemed Mentally Incompetent By The Social Security Administration

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Rule Keeping Firearms Out Of The Hands Of People Deemed Mentally Ill By The Social Security Administration. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Social Security Administration rule that outlines reporting of information by the agency for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for gun purchases about certain non-elderly individuals with mental impairments who receive disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits and use a “representative payee” because they cannot manage their benefit payments.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 235-180. [HJRes 40, [Vote #77](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

AP: Rule Would Have “Prevented An Estimated 75,000 People With Mental Disorders From Being Able To Purchase A Firearm.” “The Obama rule would have prevented an estimated 75,000 people with mental disorders from being able to purchase a firearm. It was crafted as part of Obama’s efforts to strengthen the federal background check system in the wake of the 2012 massacre of 20 young students and six staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.” [Associated Press, [2/15/17](#)]

Resolution To Block Rule Was Supported By The NRA. “The National Rifle Association ‘applauded’ Trump’s action. Chris Cox, NRA-ILA executive director, said the move ‘marks a new era for law-abiding gun owners, as we now have a president who respects and supports our arms.’” [NBC News, [2/28/17](#)]

Background Checks And Loopholes

Tenney Claimed She Was In Favor Of Background Checks But Voted Against Gun-Safety Measures

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Tenney Claimed She Had Tried To Strengthen Background Checks. “What gun safety measures or other legislation would you advocate for in Congress to protect students, church groups and concertgoers from gun violence? For example, would you support a ban on bump stocks? Claudia Tenney: ‘I’ve already said I would support a ban on bump stocks, but that’s not really the problem,’ she said. ‘One thing we’ve done is we’ve tried to strengthen background checks. Bipartisan legislation that passed through the House was signed into law by President (Donald) Trump called the (Fix NICS Act of 2017), and that strengthened background checks so terrible tragedies and school violence wouldn’t happen.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 11/2/18]

Tenney Voted To Block Consideration Of Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In March 2018, Tenney 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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Opposed Preventing People On No-Fly List From Purchasing Guns, Criticized Rep. Hanna For Supporting Measure

Criticized Rep. Hanna For Supporting Measure Stopping Those On No-Fly List From Getting Guns. “State Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R) criticized Rep. Richard Hanna (R) for voicing support for a measure to stop those on the no-fly terrorism watch list from getting guns. Hanna was asked on a radio show about what could be done to stop attacks like the one in San Bernardino and presented such a measure as a middle ground. ... ‘The people on the no-fly list, for example, can get guns. That seems to me to be something we ought to be looking at[,]’ [said Hanna.] ... ‘In the wake of this week’s horrific terrorist attacks, the usual anti-gun politicians and now Richard Hanna want to take away Second Amendment rights first and ask questions later. It is wrong when leaders

in Washington exploit these tragedies for political expediency,' Tenney said in a statement." [National Journal, [12/08/15](#)]

Criticized No-Fly List In Statement On Measure. "Obama has used the terrorist attack in San Bernardino to demand more gun control, including preventing those on the no-fly list from purchasing guns. However, the no-fly list has been controversial, secretive and includes many innocent people. A report found that 72 employees from the Department of Homeland Security are on the no-fly list. Journalists, U.S. representatives and children have even appeared on the no-fly list. Removing your name from this list, even if it has been wrongly added, has proven to be nearly impossible. Obama's call to strip those who have been added to the no-fly list of their Second Amendment rights is a misguided infringement on our constitutionally protected freedoms." [Claudia For Congress Press Release, [12/07/15](#)]

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Called Obama's Executive Actions On Gun Control "Gross Overreach Of Executive Power" And "Direct Violation Of Constitutional Separation Of Powers." "Obama has once again acted unilaterally and bypassed the Constitution and will of the people by issuing an executive order that diminishes the Second Amendment rights of law abiding Americans,' said Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, in a news release. 'This executive action is a direct violation of Constitutional separation of powers and will strip law abiding citizens of fundamental freedoms. Executive action of this nature, unchecked by Congress, is tyrannical and puts liberty guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and our Constitutional Republic in peril.' Tenney, who is also candidate for New York's 22nd Congressional District seat, said she calls upon Congress 'to stand together to take action to prevent this gross overreach of executive power. If they don't, we must again rely on the judicial branch to stop this unconstitutional power grab much like the halt on executive action on immigration.'" [Times Telegram, [1/06/16](#)]

Dismissed "Microstamping" As A Ploy Of Anti-Gun Groups Like Mayors Against Illegal Guns; Voted Against Requiring Firearms To Have Microstamping Technology

Called Microstamping "Signature Issue" Of Anti-Gun Groups, Said Mayors Against Illegal Guns Opposed Second Amendment Rights. "No, I do not support microstamping and have been a major advocate against this unproven costly technology. After wasting over \$44 million in taxpayer money on the Combined Ballistic Identification System (CoBIS), not a single crime was solved. Pro-microstamping is the signature issue of Anti-Second Amendment groups such as Mayor Bloomberg's Mayors against Illegal Guns (MAIG)...(MAIG is) using microstamping as a stealth mechanism to take away our Second Amendment rights." [Observer-Dispatch, Candidate Q &A, [9/9/12](#)]

Voted Against Requiring Firearms To Have Microstamping Technology. In June 2012, Tenney voted against a bill "that requires semiautomatic pistols to be manufactured with microstamp technology." The bill passed 85-60. [Vote Smart, A1157B – Requires Firearms to Have Microstamping Technology, [6/19/12](#)]

March For Our Lives

Tenney Skipped A Town Hall Organized By March For Our Lives Demonstrators

March For Our Lives Drew Approximately 2000 Protesters To The Streets Of Downtown Binghamton, And Local Activists Organized A Town Hall. "Two weeks ago, 2,000 community members took to the streets of Downtown Binghamton, joining the national March for Our Lives movement. On Saturday, inside the United Presbyterian Church of Binghamton on Chenango Street, a much smaller group of activists gathered with the same goals. On the altar sat three local representatives: State Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Broome County

Executive Jason Garnar and Bob Weslar, Brome County legislator for the 13th District, which includes parts of the First Ward and West Side. ” [Pipe Dream (Binghamton University) 4/8/18]

Tenney Did Not Attend The Town Hall Organized By Her Constituents, Who Left An Empty Chair On The Stage With Her Name On It. “To the politicians’ left was an empty straight-backed chair, labeled with a sign bearing Congresswoman Claudia Tenney’s name. Tenney’s absence was noted at several points throughout the town hall. Community members asked questions addressed to her, and mentioned the amount of money she received from the National Rifle Association in the 2016 election cycle, \$5,950. Three days prior to the town hall, the Broome County chapter of the High School Democrats of America (HSDA) held a press conference in which it called on Tenney to attend the discussion. ‘We want a public and open dialogue between Rep. Tenney and her constituents,’ said Benjamin Reynolds, president of the Broome County HSDA and a senior at Johnson City High School. ‘It’s a representative’s obligation to hear from her constituents and we don’t feel like she’s been doing a very good job.’ A spokeswoman answering the phone at Tenney’s office on Wednesday said the congresswoman didn’t have plans to be in the district on Saturday. ” [Pipe Dream (Binghamton University) 4/8/18]

Silencers

Tenney Contradicted A Police Chief And Said That Silencers Don’t Actually Reduce The Sound Of Gunshots

Tenney Contradicted A Tucson Police Chief, Saying That Silencers Don’t Substantially Reduce The Sound Of A Gun: “Really What It Does Is Move The Sound Away From The Ears Of The Person Shooting. It Doesn’t Reduce The Sound That Much.” “‘Silencers distort the sound of gunfire and diminish the muzzle flash of firearms, two things that help police locate active shooters,’ Tucson Police Chief Chris Magnus wrote last month in an op-ed in the Arizona Daily Star. ‘Since the 1930s, silencers have been responsibly regulated by the federal government, which has helped keep them from falling into the wrong hands,’ Magnus wrote. ‘Now, some members of Congress want to undermine these protections and let more than 1.3 million silencers flood into communities like ours by selling them without a background check through private sales.’ Tenney, who shoots sporting clays, disputes those claims and said the suppressors don’t substantially reduce the sound produced by a firearm. ‘I shot a gun last year at an NRA shoot with a suppressor on it,’ Tenney said. ‘Really what it does is move the sound away from the ears of the person shooting. It really doesn’t reduce the sound that much.’ Syracuse police this year planned to begin a pilot program using technology called ShotSpotter that uses sound sensors to pinpoint the exact location of a gunshot and relay the coordinates to nearby police. The devices will cover an area of 3 square miles. The system costs \$300,000. ” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 10/4/17]

SAFE Act

Tenney Said She Was First Assembly Member To Submit Full Repeal Of SAFE Act In 2014

Claimed To Be The First Assembly Member To Submit A Repeal Of NY’s SAFE Act In 2014, Calling It An “Optics” Bill. “State Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R/I/C-101 of New Hartford, said she was the first to submit a repeal to the SAFE Act, and that similar bills have also been submitted to the assembly. ‘One thing about [the SAFE ACT] is it is aimed at legal gun ownership,’ said Tenney, who also attended. ‘It’s an optics bill, rather than a gun control bill.’ Tenney said the legislation also interferes with the Second Amendment. ‘With the governor, he said it doesn’t take ten bullets to kill a deer. But it’s not about hunting. It’s about the right to bear arms,’ she said.” [The Evening Telegram, 1/14/14]

Huffington Post: Safe Act Is Collection Of “The Most Comprehensive Gun Laws In The Nation” That Regulate Magazine Capacity, Background Checks, And Mental Health Reporting.

“Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced legislation Monday, called the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (NY SAFE ACT), to give New York State the most comprehensive gun

laws in the nation, which will keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous mental health patients and ban high capacity magazines and assault weapons. This bill does not affect rifles and shotguns used by traditional sportsmen and hunters.” [Huffington Post, [1/15/13](#)]

Voted Against The New York Secure Ammunition And Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act

Voted Against The New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act. In January 2013, Tenney voted against the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013. The measure passed the Assembly by a vote of 104 to 43 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02230, [1/15/16](#)]

The SAFE Act Expanded The State Ban On Assault Weapons And High-Capacity Magazines, Established Broader Background Checks And Tougher Penalties On Gun Crimes. “The measure included an expanded ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, as well as a broader requirement for background checks, and tougher penalties for gun crimes.” [NY Times, [10/25/14](#)]

The SAFE Act Barred 34,500 People From Having Guns Due To Mental Illness. “The legislation also sought to keep guns out of the hands of people with mental illnesses by requiring mental health professionals to report to the authorities any patient who was likely to be dangerous. As a result, about 34,500 people in New York are now barred from having guns; some mental health advocates have expressed concern that too many people have been categorized as dangerous.” [NY Times, [10/25/14](#)]

Feared That The SAFE Act Would Force Arms Manufacturers To Relocate, Suggested Law Punished Law-Abiding New Yorkers

Tenney Worried That The Safe Act Would Force Arms Manufacture To Relocate, Put Burden On Law-Abiding New Yorkers. “At least five states have contacted the parent company of Remington Arms to encourage the gun manufacturer to relocate in response to New York’s new, tougher gun control laws...Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney said Wednesday the fears of Remington leaving are ‘realistic.’ ‘These law-abiding and hard-working New Yorkers truly fear, not only for the future of their company, but also for their families and generations who have called New York home,’ Tenney, R - New Hartford, wrote in a letter addressed to Gov. Andrew Cuomo.” [The Evening Telegram, [2/1/13](#)]

Admitted To Owning Remington-Made Shotgun, Praised Its Quality And Fact It Was Manufactured By New Yorkers. “‘It is my hope that, as a self-professed owner of a Remington-made shotgun, you also take equal pride in a quality product made by the hard-working residents of New York state,’ wrote Tenney.” [The Evening Telegram, [2/1/13](#)]

Argued SAFE Act Hurt Upstate Economy Through Impact On Manufacturers Like Remington Arms

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coming out with his tougher gun laws a couple days later.’ She also says the state’s poor business climate and strict rules may cause the nearly 200 year-old gun manufacturer, Remington Arms, to leave the state, taking more than 1,300 jobs with it.” [WIBX950, [2/01/13](#)]

Blamed Job Cuts At Remington Arms On Gun-Safety Laws And Cuomo

2014: Tenney Blamed The Closure Of 100 Arms Manufacturing Jobs On The SAFE Act, Saying It Should Be Repealed. “Herkimer County officials vowed to help affected Remington Arms employees Monday afternoon as news spread the gun manufacturer will lay off more than 100 of its employees by the end of the week...Tenney, like Butler, blamed the move on the SAFE Act. ‘We cannot forget what has pushed Remington to this point -- the so-called SAFE Act, ...The SAFE Act should be repealed before it does any more damage to our businesses, communities and freedoms,’ she said. Tenney said in a news release she is the sponsor of legislation in the Assembly to fully repeal the SAFE Act.” [The Evening Telegram, 8/19/14]

Tenney Blamed Cuomo On Twitter When Arms Manufactures Closed Jobs. “Tenney sent out the following tweet on Twitter on Tuesday afternoon, shortly after the news was confirmed (that Remington Arms is closing 126 jobs): “Thanks Cuomo for killing NY manufacturing. 126 layoffs at Remington today. @ RemingtonArms is oldest manufacturer in NY. #iconicremington.” [The Evening Telegram, 11/12/14]

Tenney Blamed New York Gun Laws For Layoffs At Remington Arms. “Gun manufacturer Remington Arms is laying off 55 workers, a move Rep. Claudia Tenney in a statement blamed on the state’s gun control policies. At the same time, firearms manufacturers have struggled with less demand in recent months with the change in presidential administration [...] ‘I know many employees at Remington personally and am saddened to hear this news,’ Tenney said. ‘The failed economic and anti-Second Amendment policies of New York have continued to burden Remington’s Ilion facility.’” [NY State of Politics, [9/8/17](#)]

Tenney Was Endorsed By Remington Arms Union

Endorsed By Remington Arms Union. “The United Mine Workers of America Local 717, the Remington Arms employee’s union, Wednesday, endorsed Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney R, New Hartford, for Congress.” [Observer Dispatch, [5/04/16](#)]

January 2013: Spoke Out On Behalf Of Remington Arms. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney is speaking out on behalf of Remington Arms in Ilion. According to the lawmaker, in a letter addressed to Empire State Development President, Kenneth Adams, Manhattan senator, Liz Krueger, called for the end of subsidies to the longtime firearm manufacturer. Krueger allegedly claimed Remington’s subsidies are inappropriate and that the products can not be sold or owned by New Yorkers. Tenney says Krueger’s statements contain several misconceptions and wrong facts.” [WIBX950, [1/08/13](#)]

Signed Letter Of Support For Remington Arms; Claimed It Was One Of Most Iconic Brands In The World

Signed Letter Of Support For Gun Manufacturing Company, Remington Arms; Claimed One Of Most Iconic Brands In The World. “Six local state legislators recently showed their support for Remington Arms and its continued presence in Ilion through a letter sent to the company’s chairman and chief executive officer. ... The letter states: ‘We write to reaffirm, in no uncertain terms, our interest in working with you and your team to ensure Remington’s continued viability and its enduring presence in Herkimer County as the premier manufacturer of firearms and outdoor products for the sporting, defense, law enforcement and personal markets.’ State Sen. James L. Seward, state Sen. Hugh Farley, state Sen. Joseph Griffo, state Assemblyman Marc Butler, state Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney and state Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi all signed the letter. ... Tenney, R/I/C-New Hartford, said Remington is one of the most ‘iconic brands in the world,’ and that ‘... it is a top priority that

we join together to ensure that Remington Arms will continue to maintain its historic and highly productive manufacturing facility in central New York.” [The Evening Telegram, 10/26/14]

Assault Weapons

Tenney Did Not See Anything Wrong With Civilians Owning Assault Weapons

Tenney Did Not See Anything Wrong With Civilians Owning AR-15s And AK-47s. “HOST: Beto says he wants to take away your AR-15s, your AKs. Do you agree, disagree, don’t care. TENNEY: I don’t see anything wrong with everyday civilians – one of the most commonly-used firearms is an AR-15. It’s because a lot of people in the military understand how to operate them safely, they know how to use it, they can clean it, they can fix it.” [The Sharpe Way, 35:32, [3/9/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In January 2020, Tenney said Obamacare should be repealed and that the mandate requiring employers to provide health insurance was a burden.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for the American Health Care Act, which she vigorously defended in the face of bipartisan criticism, and celebrated her vote to endanger her constituents with a party in the White House Rose Garden.*
 - ✓ *Tenney praised the AHCA's measures ending essential health benefits protections because she was too old to need maternity care coverage*
 - ✓ *Tenney explicitly supported the AHCA's cuts to Medicaid, even though 31,000 of her constituents would lose coverage and though it would worsen the opioid crisis*
 - ✓ *Tenney supported the AHCA's Collins-Faso amendment, which specifically targeted New York State and would have led to state tax increases, major health care cuts, or both*
- ✓ *Tenney took thousands of campaign contributions from big pharma and then voted for the Republican Tax Scam Bill, a "major victory" for big pharma investors.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for comprehensive opioid bill, but voted against an amendment to appropriate additional funding for states to combat the opioid crisis.*
- ✓ *Tenney sponsored a measure to require increased reporting on opioids prescribed through Medicare.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for sentencing guidelines for distributing synthetic opioids that Democrats warned would impose mandatory minimums for low-level offenders, rather than expanding treatment.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against considering an amendment to prohibit restrictions on medical malpractice lawsuits for "grossly negligent" prescription of opioids.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted in the state legislature against \$166 million in funding to address the heroin and opioid epidemic*

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

In January 2020, Tenney Said "I Think We Have To Repeal Obamacare."

TENNEY: "I Think We Have To Repeal Obamacare." "TENNEY: I think it's harmful that we are always dependent on our employer for our healthcare, that they've created a mandate. As an employer of a small business that has over fifty employees, we have to provide insurance under the Obamacare mandate. When we started providing healthcare for our employees, it was a great incentive and benefit for us to attract good employees. Now it's just a burden that is so costly we can't provide as good healthcare as we used to. [...] SHARPE: Do you want to fix Obamacare, get rid of Obamacare, or not either. And Medicare, do you want to reform Medicare Medicaid, or can I keep it the way it is and allow for more private market? [...] TENNEY: I think we have to repeal Obamacare.

And you have to have a model – you can't just get rid of it immediately and not have something ease us into where we need to go.” [The Sharpe Way, 1:13:00, [3/9/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney: “Our Most Vulnerable Citizens – Seniors, The Hardworking Middle Class, And Veterans – Are In Worse Shape Now Than They Were Before [Obamacare]”

Tenney: “Our Most Vulnerable Citizens – Seniors, The Hardworking Middle Class, And Veterans – Are In Worse Shape Now Than They Were Before [Obamacare].” “In the wake of the House of Representatives’ decision to cancel the vote on the repeal of the Affordable Care Act and its subsequent replacement, the American Health Care Act, on Friday, March 24, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (R - New Hartford) of New York’s 22nd Congressional District released the following statement in regards to how she believes Congress should now proceed and why. ‘Although the vote on the American Health Care Act was cancelled [on March 24], I remain committed to repealing Obamacare and replacing it with a high quality, patient centric plan that will improve and restore our healthcare system for all,’ said Congresswoman Tenney. She continued, ‘Under Obamacare, American families are spending a larger share of their income on premiums and deductibles than ever before. Patients have been hurt, doctors have been burdened, and families and taxpayers are being crushed by this terrible law and its thousands of pages of onerous regulations. Our most vulnerable citizens - seniors, the hardworking middle-class, and veterans - are in worse shape now than they were before.’ Tenney said going forward, Congress should find a plan that won’t leave anyone behind - especially those who are most vulnerable and in need. ‘Throughout this process, I will continue to listen to the concerns of my constituency and bring their feedback to Congress,’ concluded Tenney.’” [Evening Sun, 3/28/17]

Tenney Supported Repealing ACA And Claimed She Will Vote To Defund It, Saying Nothing Has Been “Singularly More Devastating” To Small Businesses Than Obamacare

Tenney Opposed To Obamacare; Claimed She Will Vote To Defund Obamacare. As of June 2016, Tenney said she is opposed to Obamacare, and said she will vote to defund Obamacare. “Claudia opposes Obamacare and knows how devastating it has been for families and small businesses in New York - it isn’t working; premiums, deductibles and co-pays have skyrocketed; New Yorker’s are losing their doctors. In the New York Assembly, Claudia has consistently voted against New York’s efforts to entrench Obamacare. In Washington, Claudia will vote to defund Obamacare and advocate for free-market, patient centric healthcare allowing New Yorker’s to once again have the right to choose an affordable medical insurance that works for them and indeed, to keep their doctor.” [Claudia for Congress Campaign Site, accessed [6/06/16](#)]

Tenney Said Nothing Has Been “Singularly More Devastating” To Small Businesses Than Obamacare. In July 2014, while appearing on Neil Cavuto’s Fox Business News Show, Tenney said nothing has been “singularly more devastating” to small businesses than Obamacare. The exchange went as follows: CLAUDIA TENNEY: You don’t need government to come in, especially Obamacare. Nothing has been singularly more devastating to our small business than Obamacare and it has been a disaster, raising rates on our businesses. We’ve had to go partial self-insurance plan. That causes us to (INAUDIBLE) lay off people. [Tenney Interview, Neil Cavuto’s Fox Business News Show, [7/04/14](#)]

American Health Care Act (AHCA)

Tenney Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

2017: Tenney Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

2017: Tenney Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the

current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law's joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims." The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Tenney Said That The American Health Care Act Would Not Have A Major Impact On Health Care In New York

Tenney Said AHCA Would Not Have Had A Major Impact On Health Care In New York. In an interview with Spectrum News, Tenney stated: "The American Health Care Act as it was before, before we got to this new amendment, wouldn't have had much of an impact at all on our healthcare as it is, because it built in, we already have essential health benefits, 1-to-1 community rating. I will say on the new proposal with preexisting conditions, if we're to allow other insurance companies to come in and compete across state lines and not have to comply, and also not to be required to cover preexisting conditions, that could actually cause an unlevel playing field in New York and we don't want that to happen to our existing companies [...] So I want to take a look at it and see what the actual impact is going to be on New York voters. I still like the amendment – again the American Health Care Act is not perfect, it's really just a repeal and replace that really just amends what was Obamacare in New York, as far as the implications for us." [Spectrum News, [4/27/17](#)]

Tenney Denied That The American Health Care Act Would Gut Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

Tenney Said Claims That AHCA Would Affect Coverage Of Pre-Existing Conditions Was "Totally Untrue." "The most controversial change to how preexisting conditions are covered. Congresswoman Tenney however says that the changes won't actually effect those with conditions negatively. 'One of the most important issues that is being pushed by the opposition that's just false is that preexisting conditions will not be covered. In fact, the opposite is true - preexisting conditions must be covered,' Tenney said about the changes. 'So this myth that everyone is going to lose their healthcare is totally untrue, especially in New York.'" [WKTV, [5/8/17](#)]

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](#)]

Tenney Said The MacArthur Amendment Was Unlikely To Affect Her Constituents Because New York Would Likely Not Seek A Waiver...

Tenney Praised The MacArthur Amendment, But Said That She Didn't Expect It To Affect Her Constituents. "Tenney said she also liked the MacArthur amendment, which allows states to get waivers to charge

some patients more if their coverage lapses for more than 63 days, but said she doesn't expect it to affect her constituents because New York is highly unlikely to apply for a waiver. But Democrats and many health care providers have argued vehemently that pulling a major source of funding from Medicaid will spell disaster for the program and for the health care system. Critics of the health care plan also have argued that patients with pre-existing conditions could end up facing exorbitantly high costs in states that seek waivers to allow insurers to charge different premium prices to some patients. But Tenney argued that the bill protects people with pre-existing conditions and allocates billions to help them cover premiums and out-of-pocket costs. 'There's a lot of money being plugged back into this. That's why a lot of conservatives held their noses and voted for this,' she said. "[Times Telegram, 5/15/17]

...But Praised The Possibility Of Eliminating Essential Health Benefits Because She Was Too Old To Need Maternity Care

Tenney Said She Was Glad To Repeal The ACA's Benefits Requirements, Saying She Didn't Need Maternity Care Because She Was 56 Years Old. "Tenney also said she's especially glad to get rid of certain Affordable Care Act provisions, such as the individual mandate, requiring everyone to have a health plan; the employer mandate, requiring large employers to cover their employees; and inflexible benefits requirements. 'I don't really care about maternity care at 56 years old,' Tenney said. 'I don't care about prostate care. ... There's so few choices right now. I have to buy a one-size-fits-all policy.'" [Herkimer Times Telegram, [5/12/17](#)]

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](#)]

Tenney Said Republicans Were Looking To Commission Analysis Of AHCA To Refute CBO Score.

"Meanwhile, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office this week projected that the American Health Care Act would result in 23 million additional people going without insurance in 2026, including 14 million next year [...] Tenney also said Thursday that she and others were getting information that the office's numbers were off. She said Republicans are looking to do their own analysis, which she said would provide a 'better road map for where we're going in the future.' 'CBO is an estimate. It's not the gospel,' Tenney said. 'I think people have to understand that the Democrats criticize CBO as much as we do, and CBO, one thing they are very consistent at, is they are almost always wrong. So we'd like to say some of their points that they're making our positive, but I can't be sure even the positives are there.'" [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [5/26/17](#)]

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](#)]

AHCA Would Have Hurt “Dual Eligible” Seniors Enrolled In Both Medicare And Medicaid

Medicaid Funding Caps In AHCA Would Hurt “Dual Eligible” Seniors – Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries Who Are Also Enrolled In Medicaid. “Low-income Medicare beneficiaries who also are enrolled in Medicaid—often referred to as ‘dual eligibles’—could be disproportionately affected by congressional efforts to cut and cap federal Medicaid financing. Not only do these older adults account for one-third of all Medicaid spending, much of the Medicaid spending for low-income Medicare beneficiaries is ‘optional’ for states. The nearly three-quarters (72%) of dual eligibles who receive full Medicaid benefits are most at risk under the AHCA’s funding caps” [Commonwealth Fund, [5/17/17](#)]

Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Tend To Be In Poorer Health, And Rely On Medicaid For High Cost Services, Like Long Term Care And Nursing Homes. “They tend to be in poorer health than other Medicare (and Medicaid) beneficiaries, and rely on Medicaid for high-cost services. While Medicare covers physician, hospital, and most other acute care, Medicaid covers some of dual eligibles’ behavioral health services as well as most of their long-term services and supports, such as nursing home and home and community-based services.” [Commonwealth Fund, [5/17/17](#)]

States With Generous Medicaid Coverage For Medicare Beneficiaries Would Be Forced To Limit Eligibility. “States that have been relatively generous in their coverage of Medicare beneficiaries through their Medicaid programs may be forced to pare back that coverage. If some optional beneficiaries are particularly costly—as is the case for many Medicare beneficiaries who turn to Medicaid when they need long-term services and supports—states may have little choice but to curtail eligibility. An analysis by Virginia’s Medicaid agency shows that its aged and disabled enrollees who need long-term care will exceed the AHCA per capita limits in 2020, the first year of the cap.” [Commonwealth Fund, [5/17/17](#)]

AHCA Would Change Medicare Spending And Financing, Weakening The Program’s Financial Status And Moving Up Its Projected Insolvency Date. “According to the Congressional Budget Office, the provision in the AHCA and the BCRA to repeal the Medicare payroll surtax would reduce revenue for Part A benefits by \$58.6 billion between 2017 and 2026. Proposed changes to the ACA’s marketplace coverage provisions and to Medicaid financing in both bills would also increase the number of uninsured, putting additional strain on the nation’s hospitals to provide uncompensated care. As a result, Medicare’s disproportionate share hospital’ (DSH) payments would increase, leading to higher Part A spending between 2018 and 2026 of more than \$40 billion, according to CBO. Altogether, changes to Part A spending and financing in the AHCA and BCRA would weaken Medicare’s financial status by depleting the Part A trust fund two years earlier than under current law, moving up the projected

insolvency date from 2028 to 2026, according to Medicare’s actuaries (Figure 1).” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/6/17](#)]

Tenney Supported The AHCA’s Cuts To Medicaid, Even Though 31,000 Constituents Would Lose Health Coverage And Experts Said It Would Worsen The Opioid Crisis

Tenney Defended AHCA’s Medicaid Cuts: “We Can’t Just Keep Putting People On Medicaid [...] We Don’t Want Them To Have To Choose Medicaid Instead Of Going To Work.” “Tenney argues that people are losing access to doctors and affordable insurance policies under Obamacare, as more insurers raise premiums or leave the market. She said she wants to help those who are ‘truly needy’ with Medicaid and give those who can work affordable, private health care insurance. The House bill begins that process, she said. ‘We can’t just keep putting people on Medicaid,’ she said. ‘You’re denying people the right to have an existence, to work and to have a chance. We don’t want them to have to choose Medicaid instead of going to work.’” [Press & Sun Bulletin, [7/21/17](#)]

Tenney Said She Didn’t See How Medicaid Cuts In Trump Budget Would Directly Hurt New York. “In President Donald Trump’s \$4.1 trillion budget proposal that was released Tuesday, programs such as Medicaid could be in line for major cuts. ‘Look, we are facing a \$20 trillion debt,’ Tenney said Thursday. ‘Our deficit is enormous and there’s areas, especially in Medicaid, where we can try to minimize the fraud, abuse ... and streamline the program. I don’t see how it would directly hurt New York state based on our percentage share, but Medicaid needs to be trimmed across the nation because of our debt.’ In New York, the federal government pays 51 percent of the costs, the state pays 35 percent and the counties (including New York City) contribute 13 percent, according to the Empire Center, an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank based in Albany.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [5/26/17](#)]

Tenney: “Medicaid Needs To Be Trimmed Across The Nation Because Of Our Debt.” “The federal budget and health care - two contentious issues polarizing Congress. Among those facing tough decisions is Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford. She agrees with a plan to cut Medicare, but she wants to save other programs she said are vital to the people in her district. In President Donald Trump’s \$4.1 trillion budget proposal that was released Tuesday, programs such as Medicaid could be in line for major cuts. ‘Look, we are facing a \$20 trillion debt,’ Tenney said Thursday. ‘Our deficit is enormous and there’s areas, especially in Medicaid, where we can try to minimize the fraud, abuse and streamline the program. I don’t see how it would directly hurt New York state based on our percentage share, but Medicaid needs to be trimmed across the nation because of our debt.’” [Observer-Dispatch, [5/26/17](#)]

AHCA Would Cut \$880 Billion From Medicaid Over 10 Years, Leading States To Roll Back Their Expansion, Kick Millions Off The Program – Including 31,000 In NY-22 – And Cutting Services For Others

AHCA Would Cut \$880 Billion From Medicaid Over 10 Years. “Some of the gains for the most well off will come at the expense of the vulnerable. Health insurers will be allowed to once again increase premiums on older customers who are more likely to require medical services. Over the next 10 years, \$880 billion in federal funding for Medicaid would be cut.” [New York Times, [3/15/17](#)]

Fourteen Million People Were Likely To Be Uninsured Due To Provisions Rolling Back Medicaid Expansion. “Fourteen million more people are still likely to end up uninsured under provisions rolling back Obamacare’s Medicaid expansion and enacting deep cuts to the program serving low-income and disabled Americans.” [Politico, [5/24/17](#)]

An Estimated 31,100 People Would Lose Medicaid Coverage In New York’s 22nd District If The AHCA Became Law. [Center for American Progress, [5/25/17](#)]

Vox: “Cuts Of That Scale Will Necessitate Kicking Millions Of People Off” Medicaid. “The cumulative effect, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, is a \$370 billion cut to federal funding to

Medicaid over 10 years. Some of that money could be made up for by states, but most of it won't be. And because Medicaid is already the cheapest insurance there is in America — cheaper per person than either Medicare or private insurance — cuts of that scale will necessitate kicking millions of people off the program.” [Vox, [3/10/17](#)]

Huffington Post: “No Serious Analyst Thinks It’s Possible To Take That Much Money Out Of The Program Without People Losing Access.” “Under the Republican proposal, the federal government would phase out funding for expanded Medicaid eligibility — and then, going forward, change the formula for calculating federal support for the program. The result would be \$839 billion in cuts over the next 10 years. Republicans frequently insist that these Medicaid cuts won't hurt anybody, because the program needs reform anyway and the cuts would encourage states to innovate. But Medicaid's shortcomings have as much to do with underfunding as waste. (Many doctors won't see patients at such low reimbursement rates, making it hard for some Medicaid recipients to find specialists.) No serious analyst thinks it's possible to take that much money out of the program without people losing access.” [Huffington Post, [5/2/17](#)]

AHCA Phase Out Of Medicaid Expansion Would Cut “One Of The Most Important Tools” In Combatting The Opioid Crisis

Medicaid Expansion Allowed Program To Act As “One Of The Most Important Tools” To Combat The Opioid Crisis, Providing Insurance To 700,000 People In Ohio Alone Since 2014. “But in recent years, the safety-net program has emerged as one of the most important tools in the opioid crisis, as Obamacare funding allowed states to open Medicaid to poor, working-age adults, a population traditionally not eligible for coverage. In Ohio, more than a third of the approximately 700,000 people who enrolled in Medicaid after the expansion began in 2014 reported some drug or alcohol dependence, according to a recent study by the state. The vast majority did not previously have health insurance.” [Los Angeles Times, [6/21/17](#)]

AP: AHCA Phase Out Of Medicaid Expansion Would “Hit Hard In States Deeply Affected By The Addiction Crisis.” “The Republican campaign to roll back Barack Obama's health care law is colliding with America's opioid epidemic. Medicaid cutbacks would hit hard in states deeply affected by the addiction crisis and struggling to turn the corner, according to state data and concerned lawmakers in both parties. The central issue is that the House health care bill would phase out 'Obamacare's' expanded Medicaid, which allows states to provide federally backed insurance to low-income adults previously not eligible.” [Associated Press, [6/21/17](#)]

STAT News: Experts Warned AHCA's Dramatic Cuts To Medicaid “Could Worsen The Nation's Growing Opioid Crisis,” Rescinding About \$4.5 Billion In Funds That Currently Cover Addiction Treatment. “Addiction experts have warned that Republican proposals to dramatically cut Medicaid funding could worsen the nation's growing opioid crisis. So a pair of GOP senators is pushing for a solution: a massive influx of money for treatment to help stave off those effects. But that makeshift effort may also fall flat, advocates in the recovery community say. [...] Medicaid currently pays for about 1.2 million adults to receive opioid addiction treatment, according to an analysis from Harvard and New York University researchers. Repealing the expansion, those researchers found, would rescind about \$4.5 billion in annual funds that currently cover addiction treatment.” [Stat News, [6/21/17](#)]

Harvard Medical School Professor: Ending Medicaid Expansion Will Leave People Struggling With Addiction Without Care [The Hill, Richard G. Frank op-ed, [6/20/17](#)]

HEADLINE: How Repealing Obamacare Could Make Addiction Treatment Unaffordable for Millions [Time, [7/11/17](#)]

Tenney Said That Funding For Opioid Programs Was Important, Despite Her Earlier Vote To Dismantle The ACA. “In order to maintain successful treatment programs, Tenney said funding is needed. She held the event to discuss ways to sustainably invest in opioid treatment, and answered questions from community members, many of whom expressed their dismay at her vote to begin repealing the Affordable Care Act earlier this year. Mark

Walker, a 65-year-old physician in the city of Binghamton, was one of several constituents who disagreed with Tenney's vote. '[Tenney is being] disingenuous and hypocritical because she voted ... to repeal the [Affordable Care Act] which is ... the only thing we've got now through Medicaid supporting 1.3 million people for mental health care and opioid abuse,' Walker said. Others also appeared to disapprove of Tenney's vote against the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act. The event ended with a call by Pleus to stop the criminalization of drug use, a stance that is at odds with Tenney's political views." [Pipe Dream (Brighampton University), 10/18/17]

2017: Tenney Held A Forum To Discuss The Effects Of The Broome County Opioid Epidemic.

"Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (R-22) held a forum to discuss the effects of the Broome County opioid epidemic on Tuesday night. The forum, held in Symposium Hall at the Center of Excellence at Binghamton University, was meant to raise awareness on the challenges of combating addiction. A panel answered questions from the community attendees. The panel included Jill Alford-Hammitt, the manager of the alcohol and drug education prevention team at Lourdes Hospital and member of Broome Opioid Abuse Council; Alan Wilmarth, administrative director of behavioral health at United Health Services Hospitals; Alexis Pleus, chief rainmaker at Truth Pharm, a nonprofit that attempts to decrease the stigma associated with addiction; and Jessica Dube, an addiction survivor." [Pipe Dream (Brighampton University), 10/18/17]

Tenney Said The AHCA Was A "Kinder Version Of Obamacare"

Tenney Called AHCA A "Kinder Version Of Obamacare" In Response To A Question About Trump Calling It "Mean." "Rep. Claudia Tenney has been a strong supporter of President Trump's agenda. But she's not about to let him tell her the GOP health care bill she voted for is 'mean.' The president's characterization of the unpopular House bill seemed to rankle the New Hartford Republican when asked about it recently during a wide-ranging interview. She vigorously defended the American Health Care Act — her most consequential vote yet — as a 'kinder version of Obamacare,' even as Democrats are hammering her for it and the president called for a bill 'with heart.' 'The president has an interesting use of words,' she said, during an interview in her Washington, D.C. office. 'What's really mean is meeting people every single day who have cancer, who have other deadly diseases, who don't have access to healthcare as an employee, and have to be in the private insurance market and are nearly going bankrupt because they don't have an affordable private option. That's what's really mean and Obamacare is mean, really.'" [Press & Sun Bulletin, [7/21/17](#)]

Tenney Claimed AHCA Would Have Provided Additional Funding To Federal Health Care Facilities.

"While the Affordable Care Act mandates health insurance, Tenney says there's a big difference between holding an insurance card and actually having access to care. 'We didn't solve the problem with the ACA. We need to solve the problem now. I don't care what we call it again. It's semantics. It has to be done. This is federal health care that is being provided to people who are truly needy, which we've done and will continue to do.' Tenney says the American Health Care Act, which did not pass the Senate, would have provided additional funding to federal health care facilities." [WAER, [8/16/17](#)]

Tenney Celebrated Passage Of The AHCA With Trump

Syracuse Post-Standard: Tenney, Trump And Other Republicans Celebrated AHCA Passage "As If It Were The Super Bowl." "Meanwhile, President Trump and House Republicans, including Tenney, celebrated passage of the healthcare bill as if it were the Super Bowl. But it is only the first step in a long legislative process. The Senate plans to start on its own Obamacare replacement bill with a blank sheet of paper. Alas, the wrangling has just begun." [Syracuse Post-Standard, Editorial, [5/17/17](#)]

Tenney Took Photo With Trump Immediately After Voting To Pass AHCA. [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/5/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Tenney Celebrates At White House After GOP Starts To Dismantle Obamacare." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/4/17](#)]

After Voting For AHCA, Tenney Took “Prime Front-Row Spot” Behind Pence And McCarthy During “Victory Lap” Press Conference In White House Rose Garden. “After the vote, Tenney joined her colleagues and boarded a bus to the White House, where dozens of House Republicans would take a victory lap in the Rose Garden with President Donald Trump. Tenney stood behind Vice President Mike Pence and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy in a prime front-row spot at a speech broadcast live by national news networks. The first-term lawmaker, making her first trip to the Rose Garden, said her position among the GOP lawmakers had nothing to do with her level of support for the bill. She was placed behind Pence by a military attache after she arrived with a group that was seated at the back of the bus.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/4/17](#)]

Analysts Said Tenney’s Vote For AHCA Was In Line With Her Persona, As Someone Who “Said She Was Trump Before Trump.” “Political analysts say Tenney’s calculation is in line with her persona: she was elected to the state Assembly as part of the 2010 Tea Party wave and has counted the right-wing of the GOP as her base. But it could be out of step with her district, analysts and the Republican who preceded her said. ‘As a member of a New York congressional district none of them should have voted for this, and I give Katko credit for saying no,’ Richard Hanna, who bested Tenney in a 2014 primary but opted not to seek a fourth term last year, told POLITICO. ‘In this district, with Trump running, he carried the district quite comfortably and I think Claudia tapped into that. ... She said she was Trump before Trump. Whether or not she can do that next time — the Republican Party in New York State is in trouble, I think.’” [Politico, [5/6/17](#)]

Press & Sun-Bulletin Editorial: Tenney’s Vote For AHCA Showed She Represented Trump More Than Their Constituents. “Irresponsible. We can think of no better word to define the behavior of the Southern Tier region’s two members of Congress on Thursday. Rep. Tom Reed of Corning (R-23rd District) and Rep. Claudia Tenney of New Hartford (R-22nd District) voted in favor of what President Donald Trump is touting as a replacement of Obamacare. By doing so, they have shown they represent Trump — who was dying for a ‘win’ in his first 100 days — more than their constituents in the Southern Tier. They have turned their backs on New Yorkers who stand to lose health care under this mangled legislation.” [Press & Sun-Bulletin, Editorial, [5/5/17](#)]

Tenney Supported The Collins-Faso Amendment Included In AHCA, A Cost-Shifting Scheme Targeting New York Specifically Which Would Have Led To State Tax Increases, Major Cuts To Health Care, Or Both

Tenney Supported The Collins-Faso Amendment, Which Targeted What She Described As New York’s Irresponsible Management Of Its Medicaid Program. “Tenney said she was initially reluctant to vote for the act, but that she pushed for some amendments that will add more protections for seniors and the disabled. And the Collins-Faso amendment takes aim at what she described as New York’s irresponsible fiscal management of its Medicaid program, the one with the third highest per capita expenditures in the country. ‘It’s probably the largest mandate relief to hit Oneida County in its history. It’s something everyone should be supporting,’ she said. The state could easily make up the county’s share, she contended. The state has said that Medicaid would lose \$2.3 billion through the amendment, which only affects New York, and that the state, local governments and hospitals would lose another \$4.5 billion through other provisions in the act. An analysis released Wednesday put the toll on hospitals in Tenney’s district at \$28.1 million.” [Observer-Dispatch, [3/23/17](#)]

New York Times: Faso-Collins “Could Shift Costs To State Taxpayers” And Cost NY \$2.3 Billion In Matching Federal Aid. “House Republican leaders, trying to lock down the votes of wavering upstate New York Republicans, inserted a last-minute special provision in their health care bill that would shift Medicaid costs from New York’s counties to its state government. The move — one of a number of late changes designed to gain more votes — would affect New York State only. It could save county governments outside of New York City \$2.3 billion a year. But it could shift costs to state taxpayers or deny New York that same total in matching federal aid if the state continues to require those counties to contribute to the cost of Medicaid. Upstate New York Republicans, backed by local government officials, pressed for the measure over the angry opposition of New York’s Democratic governor, Andrew M. Cuomo.” [The New York Times, [3/20/17](#)]

Cuomo Said New York Would Require A \$2.3B “Faso-Collins Federal Tax” To Replace Lost Medicaid Funds If The Amendment Became Law. “Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Monday warned of the need for a new \$2.3 billion tax to offset the cost of the state absorbing county Medicaid expenses if an add-on to federal health care legislation is signed into law. The bill currently before the U.S. Senate preserves an amendment tacked onto the House version that would require New York state — and New York state alone — to absorb county Medicaid costs beginning in 2020. Cuomo wrote in a letter to members of Congress that state taxpayers will face a ‘Faso-Collins Federal Tax’ added onto local property taxes’ if the provision makes it into law. Though the language of the letter is a bit vague, the Daily News reported earlier Monday that the proposed new Faso-Collins tax would actually be listed as a line item on county property tax bills.” [Albany Times Union, [6/27/17](#)]

Citizens Budget Commission President Said State Would Need New Revenue Streams To Replace Medicaid Funding Cuts In Health Bill, Including Faso-Collins. “But Carol Kellermann, president of the independent Citizens Budget Commission based in New York City, said that the cuts to Medicaid funding would create a need for new revenue streams, as there would be a greater burden on the state to cover health care costs. The proposed tax is therefore not just a response to the amendment by Collins and Faso, but an attempt to find revenue to pay for all expected costs. ‘The governor isn’t just looking to the immediate \$2.3 billion,’ said Kellermann. ‘He’s probably thinking down the road of many more billions of dollars if he’s got to pick up costs.’” [City & State NY, [6/26/17](#)]

New York Began A “Monumental Medicaid Redesign” In 2011 That Is Expected To Save The State \$17.1 Billion. “New York is midway through a monumental initiative begun in 2011 to redesign the costly Medicaid program, the largest purchaser of health services in the state for its 6.2 million beneficiaries [...] New York received a waiver in 2015 from the federal government that allows the state to keep \$8 billion of \$17.1 billion in savings the state expects to see over five years from Medicaid reform. The state plans to reinvest the money in projects that seek to reduce avoidable hospital use by 25 percent and that transition most hospital and doctor Medicaid payments from fee-for-service to a value system tied to performance goals.” [The Buffalo News, [5/10/17](#)]

Medicaid Directors: “No Amount Of Administrative Or Regulatory Flexibility Can Compensate” For Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Funding Cuts. “Medicaid Directors have long advocated for meaningful reform of the program. States continue to innovate with the tools they have, but federal changes are necessary to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the program. However, these changes must be made thoughtfully and deliberately to ensure the continued provision of quality, cost-effective care. Medicaid Directors have asked for, and are appreciative of, improved working relationships with HHS and are working hard to streamline and improve the administration of the program [...] However, no amount of administrative or regulatory flexibility can compensate for the federal spending reductions that would occur as a result of this bill. Changes in the federal responsibility for financing the program must be accompanied by clearly articulated statutory changes to Medicaid to enable states to operate effectively under a cap. The Senate bill does not accomplish that. It would be a transfer of risk, responsibility, and cost to the states of historic proportions.” [National Association of Medicaid Directors, Press Release, [6/26/17](#)]

Medicaid Insurers: “There Are No Hidden Efficiencies That States Can Use To Address” Republican Healthcare Bill’s Medicaid Cuts “Without Harming Beneficiaries.” “In the case of the Senate health-care bill, some insurers didn’t even wait for the official release before expressing their concerns. This week, the heads of 10 managed care organizations — which help deliver Medicaid benefits around the country — told Senate leaders they are ‘united in our opposition to the Medicaid policies currently being debated by the Senate.’ [...] The managed care executives called this ‘an enormous cost shift to states’ that will require them to raise taxes, cut benefits, narrow eligibility or lower reimbursements to health-care providers. ‘There are no hidden efficiencies that states can use to address gaps of this magnitude without harming beneficiaries or imposing undue burden to our health care system and all U.S. taxpayers,’ the executives wrote.” [Washington Post, [6/22/17](#)]

Tenney’s Stance On The AHCA Drew Backlash In New York

Tenney's Stance On The AHCA Drew Online Ire From Her Constituents. "First-term representative Claudia Tenney, R-22, who represents most of Broome and Chenango counties, echoed the philosophy preached by the Republican leadership. 'Upstate New Yorkers deserve health care options that empower them, their families and their doctors while preserving coverage protections and peace of mind,' Tenney stated. 'Under Obamacare, Americans across the country have lost access to the affordable, quality health care they deserve.' Yet, their statements did little to quell the bitter constituent reaction that was evident on their respective Facebook pages. Outraged constituents were typically upset with what they see as the gutting of protections for pre-existing conditions. 'This is an outrage the legislation is trash,' commented Herkimer resident Tyler Lyon on Tenney's Face-book page. 'You all know it. None of the things you highlighted while talking outweighed the bad this bill is going to bring. Don't expect my vote in 2018.' By Friday afternoon, there were more than 1,500 comments on Tenney's Facebook wall and more than 700 in reaction to Reed's explanation." [Ithaca Journal, 5/6/17]

Tenney Claimed To Have Read The Entire Bill

May 2017: Tenney Said That She Had Read The Entire AHCA And Posted A Description On Facebook. "Tenney said she, unlike some members of Congress, has read the entire bill and even posted a plain language description of each provision on her Facebook page along with the actual bill. She said she was lured to a yes vote by two amendments. The Collins-Faso amendment prohibits New York from making its counties pay 13 percent of Medicaid expenses, as they do now. The amendment pro-vides relief to New York counties who are bearing the brunt of what she sees as state mismanagement of Medicaid. Another amendment created invisible risk pools that let people with high-cost medical conditions get the same insurance at the same price as healthier people with the pool paying the insurer for some of the patients' high care costs." [Times Telegram, 5/15/17]

Tenney Said She Waited To Make Decision On AHCA Vote So She Could Read Entire Bill. "Both of Central New York's House members - Reps. John Katko, R-Camillus, and Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford -- say they read the 126-page American Health Care Act and its amendments before Thursday's vote. Katko and Tenney are lawyers and have spent decades reading legal documents. Tenney said one reason she took until the final day to decide how to vote is that she wanted to read the entire bill and last-minute amendments." [Syracuse Post-Standard, [5/8/17](#)]

Tenney Decried John McCain's Vote Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act As "Reprehensible"

Tenney Said McCain's Vote Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act Was "Reprehensible," A "Disgrace," And An Effort To "Stick It To The President." "We sent this, our negotiating piece to the Senate, they vote it down thanks to John McCain who wanted to stick it to the President in my opinion. They voted down a bill that was much, much less onerous than bills they voted for in the past, especially it's reprehensible that John McCain would vote no on that when he voted yes on many other bills that would be much more onerous. It was only a starting point, as you say, it was their negotiating part. It would have gone back through reconciliation, we could come up at least with something to start eroding the massive overhaul of our health care system and the destruction of it under Obamacare. Now we've got to revisit that. It was, John McCain was disappointing. I thought it was it was very heroic for him to step in, come in, vote for the bill on the floor, then to turn around at the last minute and really turn his back on the rest of us I thought that was a disgrace." [WGDJ, [8/31/17](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Voted For Beginning The Process Of Repealing Affordable Care Act

Tenney Voted For Beginning The Process Of Repealing Affordable Care Act. "The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as 'budget reconciliation' to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top

Republican leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [S Con Res 3, [Vote #58](#), 1/13/17; CNN, [1/3/17](#)]

Coronavirus

March 2020: Tenney Held A Tele-Town Hall On Coronavirus

March 2020: Tenney Held A Telephone Town Hall On Coronavirus. “It was my pleasure to host an informative tele-town hall tonight; speaking with thousands of voters across #NY22 about protecting our workers & small business owners and working with @realDonaldTrump to get our economy moving again. Look forward to speaking with you again soon!” [Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]



[Claudia Tenney, Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

Medicare For All

Tenney Said Medicare For All Would Be “The Total Destruction Of Our Society”

TENNEY: Medicare For All Would Be “The Total Destruction Of Our Society.” “TENNEY: Going the Medicare For All way is just the total destruction of our society. It’s the end of small business, it’s the end of any kind of negotiating. You’re gonna just be consumed with debt and government’s gonna control everything, and government’s gonna control your healthcare decisions. They’re gonna decide who gets to get their medicine and who doesn’t based on what, you’re gonna be reading a code on a chart, which is antithetical to what this country stands for and what the Constitution is about.” [The Sharpe Way, 1:14:38, [3/9/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Big Pharma

Tenney Voted For The Republican Tax Scam Bill – “A Major Victory” For Big Pharma Investors

Tenney Voted For The Republican Tax Scam Bill

Tenney 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](#)]

Career: Tenney Took \$15,950 In Campaign Cash From Big Pharma

Career: Tenney Received \$15,950 From The Pharmaceutical Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [3/11/20](#)]

Tenney A Received Campaign Contribution From Pfizer, Which Faced Numerous Lawsuits For Questionable Marketing

Tenney Received \$2,500 From Pfizer Inc PAC In 2018. [FEC, [9/30/18](#)]

2016: Pfizer Reached An Agreement With The City Of Chicago To Disclose All Of Its Promotion Materials. “In a surprising move, Pfizer (PFE) reached an agreement with the city of Chicago to follow a code of conduct for marketing opioids that officials hope will become standard practice for other companies. The drug maker agreed last week to disclose in all promotional materials that opioids carry a risk of addiction and not to promote them for any unapproved uses. Moreover, Pfizer must make clear that there is insufficient research about the effectiveness of opioids if used beyond 12 weeks, a nod to concerns that the drugs are too often used on a long-term basis, which can lead to addiction. [...] Pfizer appears to have avoided being drawn into the litigation by providing city officials with documents and other evidence useful to the lawsuit.” [Stat, [7/6/16](#)]

Pfizer Settled Four Illegal Marketing Cases Between 2002 And 2009. “The fundamental claim against the drugmakers is that they took legitimate products — strong painkillers — and allegedly marketed them to too big a group of potential patients while understating the risks involved — in this case physical addiction so compelling that many people turned to the street when their legal supply ran out. A less deadly version of this dynamic underpinned a string of scandals that saw Pfizer settle four separate illegal marketing cases between 2002 and 2009, and GSK pay a record \$3bn in 2011. In one of the worst examples, Warner-Lambert (later bought by Pfizer) made \$2bn annually marketing the epilepsy drug Neurontin for uses that were not approved and not medically effective. The company eventually paid \$945m in settlements, but critics point out that it came out ahead.” [Financial Times, [7/21/19](#)]

Pfizer Pocketed A Tax Cut After The Republican Tax Scam Bill, But Ended Investment In Alzheimer’s And Parkinson’s Research

HEADLINE: Pfizer, Pocketing A Big Tax Cut From Trump, Will End Investment In Alzheimer’s And Parkinson’s Research. [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Pfizer Said It Was Shutting Down Its Research Efforts On Treatments For Alzheimer’s And Parkinsonism, Resulting In The Loss Of 300 Jobs. “The big drug company Pfizer seems intent on being a pace-setter in cranking out the benefits of the tax cut to stakeholders who need them the least. In an announcement over the weekend, Pfizer said it was shutting down its research efforts on treatments for Alzheimer’s and Parkinsonism. The company didn’t say how much it was spending on the two conditions, but said about 300 researchers will lose their jobs as it redirects its research and development budget elsewhere.” [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Pfizer Was Expected To Be A Prime Beneficiary Of The Corporate Tax Cut; Pfizer Was Estimated To Save More Than \$5 Billion. “Pfizer is expected to be among the prime beneficiaries of the corporate tax cut. The measure allows companies to pay a tax rate as low as 8% on foreign earnings they bring home, a big discount from the 21% top rate the law assesses on domestic earnings, itself a big cut from the previous rate of 35%. By some estimates, that could be worth more than \$5 billion to Pfizer alone, not counting any gains from the lower tax rate.” [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Pfizer Signaled It Would Apply Tax Savings To At Least \$10 Billion In Share Buybacks For Their Investors. “As it happens, Pfizer signaled how it would apply the tax savings even before the final passage of the tax bill: The company announced a \$10-billion share buyback on Dec. 18, four days before President Trump signed the tax cut into law. That buyback was on top of \$6.4 billion left to be spent from a previous

buyback plan, and was accompanied by a 6% increase in the company's stock dividend, which will be worth roughly another half-billion dollars a year." [Los Angeles Times, [1/18/18](#)]

Tenney Received A Campaign Contribution From Amgen, Which Settled A Case For \$124.7 Million That Alleged The Company Illegally Subsidized The High Cost Of The Companies' Drugs At The Expense Of the American Taxpayers

Tenney Received \$2,500 From Amgen Inc PAC In 2017. [FEC, [9/30/17](#)]

Astellas And Amgen Agreed To Pay \$124.75 Million To Resolve Allegations That They Violated The False Claims Act By Illegally Paying The Medicare Copays For Their Own Products, Through Purportedly Independent Foundations That The Companies Used As Mere Conduits. "The Department of Justice announced today that two more pharmaceutical companies – Astellas Pharma US Inc. (Astellas) and Amgen Inc. (Amgen) – have agreed to pay a total of \$124.75 million to resolve allegations that they each violated the False Claims Act by illegally paying the Medicare copays for their own products, through purportedly independent foundations that the companies used as mere conduits." [United States Department of Justice, [4/25/19](#)]

The United States Attorney Claimed Amgen's Actions Undermined The Structure Of The Medicare Program And Illegally Subsidized The High Costs Of The Companies' Drugs At The Expense Of American Taxpayers. "According to the allegations in today's settlements, Astellas and Amgen conspired with two copay foundations to create funds that functioned almost exclusively to benefit patients taking Astellas and Amgen drugs," said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. "As a result, the companies' payments to the foundations were not 'donations,' but rather were kickbacks that undermined the structure of the Medicare program and illegally subsidized the high costs of the companies' drugs at the expense of American taxpayers. We will keep pursuing these cases until pharmaceutical companies stop engaging in this kind of behavior." [United States Department of Justice, [4/25/19](#)]

Tenney Received Campaign Contribution From Drug Company Genetech

Tenney Received \$2,000 From Genetech Inc. PAC In 2017. [FEC, [7/25/17](#)]

Genetech Was A Pharmaceutical Manufacturer And Marketer. "Genetech, Inc. manufactures and markets pharmaceutical products. The Company offers medicines for prevention of oncology, immunology, metabolism, monoclonal antibodies, small molecules, tissue repair, and virology, as well as conducts scientific research to produce biologic medicines. Genetech serves customers worldwide." [Bloomberg, accessed [12/10/19](#)]

Opioid Epidemic

Tenney Voted For Comprehensive Opioid Bill, But Voted Against Amendment To Appropriate Additional Funding For States To Combat The Opioid Crisis

Tenney Voted For The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amending An Opioid Bill To Appropriate \$995 Million, Over Three Years, For Opioid Grant Programs. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Sponsored A Measure To Require Increased Reporting On Opioids Prescribed Through Medicare

Tenney Sponsored A Unanimous Measure To Require Increased Reporting On Opioids Prescribed Through Medicare. “The House of Representatives voted unanimously this week to pass a bill sponsored by U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney to require more reporting on how -- and why -- opioid treatments are prescribed through Medicare. The Expanding Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Payment Act calls for the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to report to Congress on how Medicare pays for opioid and nonopioid pain management treatments, any incentives for prescribing opioid and nonopioid treatments under Medicare payment systems and how opioid use is tracked and monitored through Medicare. As part of the bill, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission is further required to submit recommendations to address any adverse incentives with prescribing opioid and nonopioid treatments as well as any potential ways to improve Medicare monitoring of opioid use.” [Observer-Dispatch, 5/22/18]

Tenney’s Bill Was Intended To Explore Non-Opioid Options For Medicare Patients And Examine Factors Contributing To The Overprescription. ““The 114 individuals that died last year due to opioids in New York’s 22nd Congressional District constituted nearly 10 percent of the total opioid deaths across the state,” Tenney, R-New Hartford, said in a statement. She said opioid addiction typically starts with prescriptions. ‘Medicare and other insurance providers often do not cover non-opioid alternatives for pain, and my bipartisan, common-sense legislation seeks to understand why this is the case,’ she said. ‘It recognizes barriers that have inhibited the use of non-opioid alternatives and identifies current practices preventing the use of non-opioid treatments for pain management while determining incentives that have unintentionally led to the over-prescription of opioids. I will continue to work to ensure we bring forth meaningful solutions that will end this epidemic and make our families and communities whole again.’ Tenney is a member of the House’s Heroin Task Force. Her bill was co-sponsored by U.S. Reps. David McKinley, R-West Virginia; James Renacci, R-Ohio; Mark Sanford, R-South Carolina; and Suzan DelBane, D-Washington.” [Observer-Dispatch, 5/22/18]

Tenney Voted For Sentencing Guidelines For Distributing Synthetic Opioids That Democrats Warned Would Impose Mandatory Minimums For Low-Level Offenders, Rather Than Expanding Treatment

Tenney Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Considering An Amendment To Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

CHIP

Extending CHIP

Tenney Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney voted forexpected 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Modifying The Medicare Advantage Payment System To Offset The Cuts In The CHAMPION Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Health Care

Tenney Voted For Authorizing \$400 Million A Year For The Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Tenney Voted For Authorizing \$400 Million A Year For The Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Remove A Requirement That States Track Whether The Home Visit Program Increases Employment And Earnings. In September 2017, Tenney 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 #536](#), 9/26/17; CQ, [9/26/17](#)]

New York Assembly Votes

Voted Against \$200 Million In Funding For Health Care Infrastructure Including Hospitals And Nursing Homes

Voted Against 2016-2017 Capital Project Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Capital Projects Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 118 to 22 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06404D was substituted for the original bill, A09004D. [S06404D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Included \$200 Million In Funding For Health Care Infrastructure For Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Home Care, And Other Facilities. “Community-based health care providers, hospitals, nursing homes, home care and other facilities statewide will be eligible to receive \$200 million in new funds from this

budget to support critical capital and infrastructure improvements, as well as to integrate and further develop health systems.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Voted Against \$300 Million In Funding To Create And Integrated Health Care System In Oneida County To Reduce Unnecessary Inpatient Beds And Expand Primary Care Services

Voted Against 2015-2016 State Capital Projects Budget. In April 2015, Tenney voted against the State Capital Project Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The bill passed the Assembly 115 to 31 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S02004C, [4/01/15](#)]

Budget Included \$300 Million To Create And Integrated Health Care System In Oneida County To Reduce Unnecessary Inpatient Beds And Expand Primary Care Services. “This investment includes \$700 million in capital funding to stabilize the health care delivery system of central and east Brooklyn, and \$300 million to create an integrated health care delivery system in Oneida County to reduce unnecessary inpatient beds and expand primary care services.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [4/01/15](#)]

Voted Against \$166 Million In Funding To Address The Heroin And Opioid Epidemic

Voted Against New York’s 2016-2017 Budget Package Which Was Divided Between 10 Area Component Budget Bills. “Assembly Resolution No. 1047 BY: M. of A. Heastie in response to the 2016-2017 Executive Budget submission (Bill Nos. A. 9000-A, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-A, A. 9004-A, A. 9005-A, A. 9006-A, A. 9007-A, A. 9008-A and A. 9009-A) to be adopted as legislation expressing the position of the New York State Assembly relating to the 2016-2017 New York State Budget... RESOLVED, That, this resolution, together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 9000-B, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-B, A. 9004-B, A. 9005-B, A. 9006-B, A. 9007-B, A. 9008-B and A. 9009-B which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2016-2017 New York State Budget.” [E0147, [3/11/16](#); A09000D, [4/01/16](#); S06401A, [4/01/16](#); S06402, [3/28/16](#); S06403D, [4/01/16](#); S06404D, [4/01/16](#); A09005C, [3/31/16](#); S06406C, [4/01/16](#); A09007C, [3/31/16](#); A09008C, [3/31/16](#); S06409D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Included \$166 Million In Funding To Address The Heroin And Opioid Epidemic. “The final budget includes \$166 million in funding to help address the challenging public health crisis caused by heroin and opioid abuse in communities throughout the state.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Voted Against \$2.45 Million For Programs Preventing And Treating Heroin And Opioid Abuse

Voted Against The 2014-2015 Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 131 to 7 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S06353E, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Included \$2.45 Million To Support Efforts At Preventing And Treating Heroin And Opioid Abuse. “With heroin abuse becoming more of a problem in New York, the state budget includes \$2.45 million to support efforts aimed at preventing heroin and opioid abuse and treatment.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Voted Against \$25.3 Million In Funding For Cancer Services Programs, \$5.5 Million For Rape Crisis Centers, And \$25 Million To Recruit And Attract Doctors To Underserved Communities

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Budget Included \$25.3 Million For Cancer Services Programs, \$5.5 Million For Rape Crisis Centers, And \$25 Million To Recruit And Attract Doctors To Underserved Communities. “The final budget restores millions of dollars in funding cut in the Executive Budget proposal for women’s and family health initiatives, among other programs. It includes \$25.3 million for Cancer Services Programs; \$26.3 million for Nutritional Information for Women, Infants, and Children; \$9.7 million for chronic disease prevention (including diabetes, asthma, and hypertension); \$5.5 million for Rape Crisis Centers; \$2.3 million for the Prenatal Care Program; \$9.65 million – a \$1 million increase – for the Doctors Across New York Program and restores \$25 million in Excess Medical Malpractice Coverage to recruit and attract physicians to underserved communities; and \$1 million to support organ donation, among other programs.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Called For Medicaid Cuts

Called For Medicaid Cuts. “To her, one of the simplest ways to reduce taxes and spending comes in the form of Medicaid cuts. ‘We need to be talking more about eligibility changes and reduction of optional services. We as a state offer all possible services, not just the basic needs.’” [Oneida Dispatch, [6/11/14](#)]

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Co-Sponsored Bill In 2015 To Shift All Non-Federal Medicaid Costs To The State, Instead Of Dividing Them Between The State And Municipalities. “This bill would require that the state will pay one hundred percent of the non-federal share of costs for Medicaid services that are not required to be provided under federal law...New York is among a small minority of states that pass on its share of Medicaid costs not paid by the federal government to county governments. Escalating Medicaid costs are placing a great burden on the financial resources of all counties in New York State and causing many to raise taxes and cut other services.” [A05289, [2/17/16](#)]

Said Her First Piece Of Legislation If Re-elected To Assembly In 2012 Would Put The Full Cost Burden Of Funding Medicaid Entirely On The State

Said First Bill She’d Introduce After Re-Election Would Put The Full Cost Burden Of Funding Medicaid On The State Instead Of Federal Government. “Tenney: (My first action if re-elected) would reintroduce a bill that would reform Medicaid. The bill would give Medicaid back to the state. Right now, the federal government pays 50

percent of the bill and the state passes on 25 percent to local municipalities. My bill would gradually, over eight years, put that burden back on the state.” [Observer-Dispatch, [10/30/12](#)]

Voted Against Establishing New York Health Benefit Exchange In Conformance With Obamacare

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Tenney Supports A “Consumer Driven” And “Free Market” Approach For Healthcare

Tenney Supports A ‘Consumer Driven’ And ‘Free Market System’ For Healthcare. “Unlike Hanna, Tenney opposes abortion and gay marriage. She also is against the Affordable Health Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare. ‘I think we need a true free-market system,’ she said of health care. ‘We need to make it consumer driven and allow the freedom to select appropriate health care.’” [Observer-Dispatch, [6/22/14](#)]

Said Cuomo Was A Narcissist For Using Exec. Authority To Provide Medical Marijuana For NY Hospitals; Skeptical Of Health Benefits As Pain Reliever

Called Governor “Narcissistic” For Wanting To Use Executive Authority To Provide Medical Marijuana At Select Hospitals, Expressed Some Skepticism Against Benefits For Pain Relief. “Cuomo’s plan to use his executive authority to allow medical marijuana to be dispensed at 20 hospitals was questioned by Tenney. ‘He’s so narcissistic that he wants to take credit for everything,’ said Tenney. She said that while she is willing to consider allowing medical marijuana, she has concerns about unintended consequences of dispensing marijuana as a pain reliever, including whether the cannabis could include carcinogens.” [The Daily Star, [1/7/14](#)]

Immigration Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney called DREAMers “a great bargaining chip” for Trump to win concessions on the wall and other restrictionist priorities*
- ✓ *Tenney voted for the hardline Goodlatte immigration bill, and against the “compromise” bill sponsored by Goodlatte and other Republicans*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to kill an effort to bring the DREAM Act up for a vote in the House, voting a total of 18 times to block the DREAM Act*
- ✓ *Tenney voted three times against blocking Trump’s Muslim ban*
- ✓ *Tenney would not say if she was against family separation.*

DACA, DAPA & The DREAM Act

Tenney Derided DREAMers And Referred To Their Status As “A Great Bargaining Chip” For Trump

Tenney Said The Fact That Dreamers Were Brought To America “Through No Fault Of Their Own” Was An “Overused Expression.” “What I object to is the fact that we are going to continue a program which encourages illegal immigration, against legal citizenship and people who are legal, and we are trying to stop that, create a fix, take care of the people who came here through DACA, and let me use the overused expression – through no fault of their own, through the fault of their parents or whomever, and make sure we know the people who have proven that they are good legal citizens, I don’t know if the person that you described came here through DACA, but we have a rule of law, we have an immigrant policy that we need to enforce. Open borders and [?] are very different today than it was in the past. Our society is different than it was and we need to address that in a modern way.” [WUTQ, [1/17/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Said DACA Recipients “Came In As Children, Without Their Parents,” And Called Their Entry “A Form Of Chain Migration.” “TENNEY: You are mischaracterizing what we are trying to do with the DACA program. These are people who came in as children, without their parents, remember. WUTQ: No they were brought in by their parents. Many of them were brought in by their parents. TENNEY: You want me to come on the show, and tell you what my viewpoint is, when I get off the show if you want to talk as the host, I appreciate you can say whatever you want on the opinion of it. I have the facts in front of me. There are people who come here, who nobody had – there’s many of them, probably a large majority of them, nobody has an issue with them becoming legalized. The problem people have is we have to figure out who these people are, we have to remember that this is a form of chain migration, which is destructive to the rule of law in this country. We have to draw the line somewhere. So everyone is proposing bills, including the Goodlatte bill which I am a cosponsor of, which deals with comprehensive immigration, including all the people who came here through the DACA program.” [WUTQ, [1/17/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Called DACA And Dreamers “A Great Bargaining Chip” For Trump To “Get Us What We Didn’t Get” On Health Care And Taxes. TENNEY: “Let me be perfectly honest, DACA, Dreamers, it’s a great bargaining chip. If we have the deal-maker in chief out there, he needs to get us what we didn’t get, we didn’t get

repealing and replacing Obamacare, we didn't get tax reform, we need to get those things." [Fox Business News, [9/15/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Said That While She Didn't Agree With Continuing DACA, It Was "A Great Bargaining Chip For The President." TENNEY: "I think DACA is going to be a great bargaining chip for the president. I think he needs to use it to get the things he would like to have [...] I think the president can use DACA. It's something that I think a lot of people agree on. I don't think we should continue the policy of DACA. I think that people should be coming here legally. I don't want to give encouragement to people to come across the border. And also the idea of giving them citizenship, I don't support. Because guess what happens? We go through the family plan. You go through the getting everybody else in. It isn't just 700,000 people. It becomes millions." [MSNBC, [9/15/17](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Voted Against Republican Immigration "Compromise" With A Path To Citizenship For A Limited Number Of DREAMers And \$25 Billion For A Border Wall

Tenney Voted Against 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, Tenney voted against: "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

misdeemeanor 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing Attempt To Bring DREAM Act And Bipartisan Immigration Bill To A Vote

Tenney Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Did Not Sign The Discharge Petition That Would Have Brought Four Immigration Bills To The Floor For A Vote. [Discharge Petition No. 10, filed [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](#)]

Tenney Voted Eighteen Times To Block The DREAM Act

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Tenney 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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Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Tenney did not vote on “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

As A Candidate, Tenney Stated She “Will Immediately Vote To End Obama’s Illegal Amnesty”

As A Candidate, Tenney Appeared To Oppose DACA And DAPA, Stating She “Will Immediately Vote To End Obama’s Illegal Amnesty.” In November 2015, while announcing her run for Congress, Tenney said she “will immediately vote to end Obama’s illegal amnesty. The response went as follows: TENNEY: When I say we need to secure our borders, you know I will immediately vote to end Obama’s illegal amnesty and I will secure our borders. [Tenney Campaign Kickoff Speech, YouTube, [8:20](#), 11/17/15]

As A Candidate, Tenney Opposed To Amnesty, Called For Securing The Border

Opposed To Amnesty, Called For Securing The Border. “We must ensure the security of our nation’s border immediately. Claudia knows we must stop the flow of illegal-immigrants that is putting our nation’s security at risk and placing a financial burden on American citizens. In Washington she will work to protect our sovereignty and our citizens by securing the border and preserving taxpayer resources for Americans and immigrants who respect and follow our laws and choose to come here legally. She will put New York and American workers first by not voting for amnesty.” [Claudia for Congress Campaign Site, accessed [6/06/16](#)]

The Border Wall

Border Wall Funding

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Border Wall Funding From The Security Minibus. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Defense Authorization From Being Used To Plan, Develop, Or Constrict A Border Wall. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

ICE

Tenney Voted Against Funding Body-Worn Cameras For ICE Agents

Tenney Voted Against Funding Body-Worn Cameras For ICE Agents. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney: “ICE Is No Different Than Any Other Important Law Enforcement Agency.”

Tenney: “ICE Is No Different Than Any Other Important Law Enforcement Agency.” “ICE is no different than any other important law enforcement agency that we have in this country that are keeping us safe. Something like 76,000 arrests were made in 2017 alone for dangerous drug offenses and thousands of others of serious crimes that are committed by illegal aliens that are in this country, so why would you want to abolish an agency that’s keeping Americans safe.” [Lou Dobbs Tonight, 29:41, Vantage, 7/18/18] (VIDEO)

Sanctuary Cities

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Kate’s Law

Tenney Voted For Kate’s Law

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

The Muslim Ban

Tenney Voted Three Times Against Blocking Trump’s Muslim Ban

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 70).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-183. [HRes 70, [Vote #68](#), 1/30/17; CQ, [1/30/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/30/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act To Nullify Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 71).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-191. [HRes 71, [Vote #70](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 74).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would bring up HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act, offered by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, which would give the Republican Congress a second chance in as many days to defund and rescind President Trump’s unconstitutional and dangerous ban.” A vote for the previous question was a

vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 74, [Vote #74](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/2/17](#)]

Tenney Defended Trump’s Muslim Ban “Tenney said that the president’s first executive order restricting travel from seven nations was not well executed, but she thinks the second one is truly meant to keep Americans safe. ‘I think the issue here that the Trump administration is trying to look into not our own vetting process but to complete the loop on the vetting process, we need to make sure that the data we are getting from the host country is going to be adequate,’ she said.” [Observer-Dispatch, 3/23/17]

January 2017: Tenney Supported Trump’s Ban On Refugee Entry To The United States, Accused Protesters Of “Hysteria”. “U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney says she supports President Donald Trump’s decision to temporarily block U.S. entry to immigrants from seven Muslim nations and refugees from around the world, and views mass protests this weekend as an overreaction to his executive order. ‘I don’t think the hysteria right now is justified,’ Tenney, R-New Hartford, told Syracuse.com, adding the order provides exceptions that will help keep families together [...] Trump’s order suspends for 120-days the entry of all refugees from any country to the United States. It also bans travelers from six Muslim-majority nations for 90 days (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen) and indefinitely bans most travelers from Syria.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [1/30/17](#)]

June 2017: Tenney Tweeted In Recognition Of World Refugee Day. “On #WorldRefugeeDay we recognize the millions of refugees who have made endless contributions to our communities and our culture.” [Twitter, @RepTenney, [6/20/17](#)]

Opposed Allowing Syrian Refugees To Enter The United States Until More Thorough Vetting But Only Specifically Stated Her Support For Protections For Syrian Christians

Opposed Allowing Syrian Refugees To Enter The United States Until More Thorough Vetting But Only Specifically Stated Her Support For Protections For Syrian Christians. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, who Tuesday announced she would seek Hanna’s seat next year, said she supports some sort of protections for Syrian Christians, such as finding a safe place for them to remain during their country’s upheaval, but not bringing them to the U.S. as refugees yet. She was less clear about how Syrian Muslims should be treated. ‘Until we are able to vet them, I am opposed to them being migrated here,’ she said.” [Observer-Dispatch, [11/18/15](#)]

Family Separation

Tenney Would Not Say Whether She Was Against Family Separation

Tenney Questioned Why Parents Would Bring Their Children To The Border Or Give Them To Traffickers. “TENNEY: “Think about this every day: child protective services takes children from parents every day, parents who can’t handle their children. When I went back to my community after this whole—” BALL: “So you support children being separated from their parents?” TENNEY: “In certain cases, I – we don’t know – who – what parent would allow their child to be sent, and remember, these children are coming from South and Central America. They’re not necessarily coming from Mexico. They’re at the California, Texas, Mexican, you know, that border. These children have come how many thousands of miles through that border. How many of those children – who would do that? I mean, I’m a single mom.” [crosstalk] BALL: “Do you think these are bad parents because they brought their children to this country?” TENNEY: “You’re trying to say, ‘They’re all bad parents.’” I think we can look and say, ‘There are many of these children we’ve found out are not with their parent and they’re young children who are vulnerable.’ Why would you – as a mom, why would I give my child up to someone and say, ‘Get my child across the border’ and not really think about the fact that they might be a human trafficker?” BALL: “I think it speaks to the potential desperation of the situation.” [Hill TV, 8:05, [7/25/18](#)] (VIDEO)

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

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

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

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Foreign Work Visas

Opposed Increasing The Number Of H-1B And H-2B Visas

Opposed Increasing The Number Of H-1B And H-2B Visas “I didn’t support the Omnibus [Spending Bill] because it increased the number of H1b and H2b visas both and that can be devastating to our workforce in the US.” [Binghamton Political Buzz Examiner, [1/23/16](#)]

H-1B Visas Are Used By Businesses To Employ Foreign Workers In Specialty Occupations That Require Specialized Knowledge. “U.S. businesses use the H-1B visa program to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require the theoretical or practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge, including but not limited to scientists, engineers, or computer programmers.” [US Citizenship and Immigration Services, accessed [8/17/16](#)]

H-2B Visas Are Used By Businesses To Employ Foreign Workers In Temporary Nonagricultural Jobs Within Specific Regulatory Requirements. “The H-2B program allows U.S. employers or U.S. agents who meet specific regulatory requirements to bring foreign nationals to the United States to fill temporary nonagricultural jobs.” [US Citizenship and Immigration Services, accessed [8/17/16](#)]

Labor & Working Family Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney argued, “We should not even have a minimum wage” and repeatedly voted against minimum wage increases*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to undermine worker protections by allowing private-sector employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time”*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed to support family leave but said businesses needed to be protected at the same time.*
- ✓ *Tenney introduced a bill in the Assembly to repeal laws protecting workers from wage theft and other labor violations*

Minimum Wage

2014: Tenney Said “We Should Not Even Have A Minimum Wage,” Implied Eliminating The Minimum Wage Would Give Women More Job Opportunities

Tenney Said “We Should Not Even Have A Minimum Wage,” Implied Eliminating The Minimum Wage Would Give Women More Job Opportunities. In July 2014, while appearing on Neil Cavuto’s Fox Business News Show, Tenney said, “we should not have a minimum wage.” The exchange went as follows: NEIL CAVUTO: All right. Now, the solution to this - to hear some of these, Democrats I guess say you got to lift the minimum wage, and then the war on women will cease to be a war on women. CLAUDIA TENNEY: Absolutely not. CAVUTO: What’s the level at which you cease that? TENNEY: We should not even have a minimum wage, at-this-point the market should determine what the wage is. I mean, I can’t imagine looking at all the women employees that and by the way, we are dominated by women employees and saying we’re being unfair to you. What we’re doing is giving you an opportunity. [Tenney Interview, Neil Cavuto’s Fox Business News Show, [7/04/14](#)]

Tenney Asserted That The New York Minimum Wage Hurt Farmers

Tenney Asserted That Statewide Regulations And Minimum Wage Put New York Farmers At A Disadvantage. “Small farms face land challenges, with the spread of suburbanization, central agriculture production and environmental issues, Perdue said. Rep. Tenney placed the blame on state government. ‘We have some of the highest property taxes. Farmers rely on having large tracts of land. ... Some farm-ers mentioned the enormous minimum wage that has been imposed on farms in New York that is higher than the national wage and higher than our neighboring states and people that fall under a similar milk order determination,’ Tenney said. ‘They are putting our farmers at a huge disadvantage.’” [Daily Courier-Observer, 11/16/17]

Tenney Claimed That The Trump Administration Had Brought “Incredible Increases In Wages”

Tenney Said “We’ve Seen Incredible Increases In Wages” Under Trump, Adding They Were “Not Forced Through By Government.” “TENNEY: We’ve seen incredible increases in wages, naturally, through the voluntary will of employers and through competition for the first time in government, not forced through by government.” [WKTV, [1/19/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tenney Was A Longtime Opponent Of Minimum Wage Increases, Stating In 2014: “We Should Not Even Have A Minimum Wage.” “NEIL CAVUTO: All right. Now, the solution to this - to hear some of these, Democrats I guess say you got to lift the minimum wage, and then the war on women will cease to be a war on women. CLAUDIA TENNEY: Absolutely not. CAVUTO: What’s the level at which you cease that? TENNEY: We should not even have a minimum wage, at-this-point the market should determine what the wage is. I mean, I can’t imagine looking at all the women employees that and by the way, we are dominated by women employees and saying we’re being unfair to you. What we’re doing is giving you an opportunity.” [Tenney Interview, Neil Cavuto’s Fox Business News Show, [7/04/14](#)]

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

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Said That Raising The Minimum Wage Hurts Small Businesses. “Tenney said raising the minimum wage hurts small businesses, allowing bigger corporate entities that can afford the increase to take over a market. Likewise, the congresswoman said a Medicare-for-all plan would have a similar impact. ‘I think it would destroy our small business community forever,’ she said.” [Times Telegram, 9/21/17]

Tenney: “You Know, Minimum Wage Has Been A Killer.” “TENNEY: Well, I’d like to see somebody provide a balance for labor relation, obviously, it’s a big issue. We’d like to see open markets and we’d like to see some freedom, but I come from a state that’s very union rich and we have good relationships with a lot of unions in New York state. So, I’d like to see a balance there, but I’d also like to allow us to have free markets and to allow us to continue to grow our base and really provide benefits that are good for workers. Not so much for union leaders, but actually for the workers. And we have a very strong union base in New York. BARTIROMO: Does that mean you want to see \$15 -- you want to see \$15 across the country mini-mum wage? TENNEY: Absolutely not. I don’t support government-based controls on pricing and wages. You know, minimum wage has been a killer. Imposed high minimum wages for New York state. We have a three-tier minimum wage in New York right now which is going to be in the long run, I think destructive -- the minimum wage in upstate New York is smaller. It impacts small businesses like mine and family firms which are going to be devastated by this wage forced in by Andrew Cuomo.” [Fox Business News, Transcript, 2/16/17]

2016: Voted Against Gradually Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Education, Labor, Housing, And Family Assistance Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Education, Labor, Housing and Family Assistance budget for the 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 104 to 39 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06406C was substituted for the original bill, A9006C. [S06406C, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Increased The Minimum Wage Gradually To \$15. “Minimum wage workers. They’ll get a series of raises until they hit \$15 an hour. That will happen by Dec. 31, 2018 in New York City (except at businesses 10 or fewer workers), but it will take longer in Upstate to reach \$15.” [Syracuse.com, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Increased Upstate New York Minimum Wage To \$9.70 At End Of 2016 And 70 Cents Each Year After Until Reaching \$12.50 By The End Of 2020. “For workers in the rest of the state, in Upstate New York, the minimum wage would increase to \$9.70 at the end of 2016, then another 70 cents each year after until reaching \$12.50 on 12/31/2020. After that, it may continue to increase to \$15 on an indexed schedule to be set

by the director of the Division of Budget in consultation with the Department of Labor.” [Syracuse.com, [3/31/16](#)]

2015: Voted Against Gradually Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour

Voted Against Gradually Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour. In May 2015, Tenney voted against a bill to “raise the statutory minimum wage to \$10.50 in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties and \$9.75 in the rest of the State on July 1, 2016; to \$12.00 in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties and \$10.75 in the rest of the state on December 31, 2016; to \$13.50 in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties and \$11.75 in the rest of the state on December 31, 2017; to \$15.00 in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties and \$12.75 in the rest of the state on December 31, 2018; to \$13.75 in the rest of the state on December 31, 2019; to \$14.50 in the rest of the state by December 31, 2020; and to \$15.00 in the rest of the state by December 31, 2021. On and after December 31, 2018 in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties and December 31, 2021 in the rest of the state the minimum wage would be indexed to the rate of inflation.” The bill passed the Assembly 97 to 43 but died in the Senate. [A07257, [5/04/15](#)]

March 2013: Voted Against Increasing The Minimum Wage From \$7.25 To \$9 Over Three Years

Voted Against A Budget Bill Amending Various Laws Including Arbitration Processes, Worker Compensation Law, And Administrative Expenses For The State Insurance Fund. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a bill amending various laws including those relevant to “permitting a single arbitrator process; amends the workers’ compensation law, in relation to the collection of assessments for annual expenses and the investment of surplus or reserve; relates to the representation of funds, in relation to closing the fund for reopened cases; relates to administration expenses for the state insurance fund.” The bill passed the Assembly 101 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02607D, [3/28/13](#)]

Budget Increased The Minimum Wage From \$7.25 To \$9 Over Three Years, Included \$300 Million In Small Business Tax Credits, \$350 Tax Rebate Check For Families. “The Assembly on Thursday gave final passage to a \$141.3 billion state budget. The 2013-14 budget holds growth in state taxpayer-supported spending to less than 2% for the third straight year, hikes the current \$7.25-an-hour minimum wage to \$9 over three years.” [NY Daily News, [3/29/13](#)]

2013: Voted Against Increasing Minimum Wage To \$9 Per Hour And Claimed It Would “Hurt The Little Guy”

2013: Rejected Increasing Minimum Wage To \$9 Per Hour, Saying It Would “Hurt The Little Guy.” “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney said she doesn’t believe the minimum wage should be increased. ‘If the minimum wage goes up to \$9 an hour...The government is only going to hurt the little guy the most by making this change,’ said Tenney, R-New Hartford.” [The Evening Telegram, 05/09/13]

2013: Voted Against Increasing State’s Minimum Wage To \$9.00. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a bill “Would raise the statutory minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9.00 per hour on and after January 1, 2014 and provide that on each January 1st thereafter, the rate shall be indexed to inflation.” The bill passed the Assembly 102 to 44 and died in the Senate. [A38, [3/05/13](#)]

2013: At Swearing In Ceremony In 2013 Opposed Raising The State Minimum Wage, Saying It Would Damage Competitiveness—Said NY Should Be More Business Friendly Instead

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also addressed supporters and well-wishers after Tuesday's ceremony and said as a small business owner, her focus will be on building private sector jobs. 'We need to work on being more competitive as a state, because if we raise the minimum wage and increase costs to business owners, we are going to find ourselves falling in competitiveness,' she said. 'All of us need to do our part to make New York state more business friendly.'" [The Evening Times, 01/03/13]

2013: Opposed Gov. Cuomo's 2012 Minimum Wage Hike, Said It Hurts Small Business While Giving Large Companies Like Walmart A Competitive Edge. "Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed in his State of the State address that New York raise the minimum wage by \$1.50 an hour to \$8.75. But the idea isn't getting much support among area legislators....Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, also saw an effect on the number of people employed. 'I just worry that we're going to deny opportunities for employment to people who otherwise would just be sitting on unemployment or be unemployed,' she said. She added that small businesses would suffer. 'Walmart, the big-box stores, the big companies, they're not affected by the minimum-wage increase, because most of them are certainly not paying the minimum wage,' she said. 'If anything, they're for it, because all it does is make it harder for their smaller competitors.'" [The Daily Star, 1/22/13]

2012: Spoke In Opposition To And Voted Against Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$8.50 Per Hour And Index Future Increases To The Consumer Price Index

Voted Against Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$8.50 Per Hour And Index Future Increases To The Consumer Price Index. In May 2012, Tenney voted against a bill to "increase the minimum wage to \$8.50/hour and index future annual increases to the CPI." The bill passed the Assembly 98 to 49 before dying in the Senate Labor Committee after arriving in May 2012. [A9148, [5/15/12](#); [New York State Business Council 2012 Voter Guide](#)]

Opposed Raising The Minimum Wage To \$8.50 Over Three Years, Saying It Would Destroy Small Business. "Tenney: Entrepreneurs and small business owners are the only entities which will thrust New York state back to prosperity... Raising the minimum wage would wipe out most of the small business owners and family farms in the state. The giant companies relish the idea of raising the minimum wage because it kills off their competition. A strong market economy without excessive government interference would provide everyone with a well-paying job." [Observer-Dispatch, [9/9/12](#)]

Said "Nothing Destroys And Kills Small Business Like An Increase In The Minimum Wage"

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Overtime, Comp Time

Tenney Voted For Undermining Worker Protections By Allowing Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For 'Comp Time'

Tenney Voted For Allowing Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For 'Comp Time.' In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused

compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill's provisions would sunset five years after enactment." The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, [Vote #244](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.” “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time,” a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. [...] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don’t like this bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers’ rights, blasted the bill as a ‘disgrace.’” [NBC News, [5/3/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Receive Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. In May 2017, Tenney voted against “Scott, D-Va., 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 exempt from the bill’s provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, [Vote #243](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time. In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), [Vote #241](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Paid Sick Leave

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave. In May 2017, Tenney 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 previous question would allow for “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the amendment for paid sick leave. The previous question carried, 231-188. [H Res 352, [Vote #275](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Paid Family Leave

Tenney Claimed To Support Family Leave But Said Businesses Needed Protection

Tenney Said She Was Supportive Of Family Leave But That Businesses Needed Protection. “You know, we want – we are supportive of family leave, but we have to understand one thing: when you’re coming from a small business perspective like I did, if you – family leave is great, but you also have to protect the businesses who have vital employees that if they go out on a family leave, for example, if you have two or three out in the same time period, the value of those jobs and those people and the expertise they provide to a job, who replaces them in the short term while they’re on family leave? And that’s gonna be something I want to talk to Ivanka about today is,

you know, we are all supportive of people for growing their families, helping out their dependent, whether it's a child or a senior citizen, or a family member, a father, aunt, uncle, whomever, you know, a spouse, but they need to be able to understand that a small business may not be able to survive without a key employee, so how do we make that happen so those small businesses can continue to thrive and not lose their key employees for periods of time that would make it, you know, threaten the viability of the business?" [WUTQ, Media Appearance Memo, [7/11/18](#)]

2016: Voted Against Establishing Paid Family Leave Of Up To 12 Weeks To Care For A New Baby Or Sick Relative, Or To Relieve Family Pressures During Active Military Service

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Education, Labor, Housing, And Family Assistance Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Education, Labor, Housing and Family Assistance budget for the 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 104 to 39 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06406C was substituted for the original bill, A9006C. [S06406C, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Included Paid Family Leave Of Up To 12 Weeks To Care For A New Baby Or Sick Relative, Or To Relieve Family Pressures During Active Military Service.. "Millions of New York workers will be able to take up to 12 weeks of employee-funded paid family leave to care for a new baby or sick relative under a state budget deal reached Thursday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced...In addition to caring for a baby or a sick relative, workers can take paid family leave to relieve family pressures when someone is called to active military service, he said." [Syracuse.com, [3/31/16](#)]

Budget's Family Leave Program Made Employees Eligible For 12 Weeks Of Paid Leave When Caring For Family Member With Serious Health Condition, Dealing With Family Pressures From Active Military Service. "The budget agreement includes the longest and most comprehensive paid family leave program in the nation. When fully phased- in, employees will be eligible for 12 weeks of paid family leave when caring for an infant, a family member with a serious health condition or to relieve family pressures when someone is called to active military service." [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release On 2016-2017 State Budget, [3/31/16](#)]

2015-2016: Voted Twice Against Providing Paid Family Leave For Causes Including Injury, Sickness, Or Pregnancy

Voted Twice Against Providing Paid Family Leave For Causes Including Injury, Sickness, Or Pregnancy. In March 2015 and again in February 2016, Tenney voted against a bill to "to amend the workers' compensation law and the insurance law, in relation to providing benefits for injury or sickness, pregnancy or family leave." In March 2015 the bill passed the Assembly by a vote of 97 to 48 and again in February 2016 by a vote of 97 to 44. The bill was referred to the Senate Labor Committee in February 2016. [A03870, [3/17/15](#); A03870, [2/02/16](#)]

2014: Voted Against Expanding Worker Paid Leave Laws Of Up To 12 Weeks To Care For A New Baby Or Sick Relative

Voted Against Expanding Worker Paid Leave Laws. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill "guarantees 12 weeks of unpaid leave to many workers to care for a sick relative or bond with a new child." The bill passed the Assembly by a vote of 89 to 44 and died in the Senate Labor Committee. [A1793, [3/05/14](#)]

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Unemployment Insurance

Tenney Voted For Allowing States To Expand The Use Of Drug Testing For Unemployment Benefits

Tenney Voted For Allowing States To Expand The Use Of Drug Testing For Unemployment Benefits. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that limits the occupations for which states can require drug tests for individuals applying for unemployment benefits. Under the rule, an individual can be required to be tested for drugs if an individual’s typical employment is an occupation for which state or federal laws require an employee to be tested for controlled substances.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 236-189. [HJRes 42, [Vote #97](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Protection Labor Law Violators

Tenney 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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Overturning An Obama-Era National Labor Relations Board Ruling That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors

Tenney Voted For Overturning An Obama-Era National Labor Relations Board Ruling That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Tenney 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 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.” [Hill, [11/7/17](#)]

Introduced A Bill To Repeal Laws Protecting Workers From Labor Violations Including Employers Failing To Pay All Due Wages

Introduced A Bill To Repeal Legislation Laws Protecting Workers From Labor Violations Including Employers Failing To Pay All Due Wages. In January 2015, Tenney introduced a bill to repeal “the wage theft

prevention act, amending various provisions of the labor law relating to the payment of wages.” As of May 2016, the bill had been held for consideration by the Assembly Labor Committee. [A03876, [1/27/15](#)]

Wage Theft Protection Action Gave Greater Protection To Workers And Changed The Way They Were Notified Of Their Pay Rates And Wages. “A new law, effective April 9, 2011, gives greater protection to workers, and makes changes in the way they are notified of their pay rates and receive wage statements.” [New York Department of Labor, [Wage Theft Prevention Act Frequently Asked Question](#)]

Wage Theft Prevention Act Forces Employers Failing To Pay Full Wages To Publicly Post Notice Of Violations. “What is New? Public Notice of Violations - If an employer breaks certain parts of the law, the New York State Department of Labor (DOL) may post the violation in a place where employees can see it for up to a year. For a willful failure to pay all wages under this law, DOL may post a summary of violations in a place where the public can see it, for up to 90 days. It is a misdemeanor to remove or tamper with this notice without permission.” [New York State Department of Labor, [Wage Theft Prevention Act Fact Sheet](#)]

Wage Theft Prevention Act Made It Illegal To Retaliate Against Whistleblowing Employees Who Made Complaints Over Labor Conditions. “It was always illegal to discharge, penalize and/or discriminate against an employee who makes a complaint. Threats are now included as a form of retaliation. • In the past, we could only cite employers for retaliation. Now, it is illegal for any person to retaliate.” [New York State Department of Labor, [Wage Theft Prevention Act Fact Sheet](#)]

Wage Theft Prevention Act Increased Penalties For Employees Breaking Labor Law By Underpaying Workers. “The WTPA provides for higher penalties when an employer fails to pay the wages required by law.” [New York State Department of Labor, [Wage Theft Prevention Act Fact Sheet](#)]

Davis-Bacon

Tenney Repeatedly Voted Against Rolling Back Davis-Bacon Wage Protections

Tenney Voted Against Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In July 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September

2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

National Security & Terrorism

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted for passage of the FY2019 bill providing appropriations to the Department of Defense for military activities.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to reauthorize FISA.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to allow the politicization of the National Security Council.*

Funding

FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act

Tenney Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Reauthorization

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA

Tenney Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702, Which Conducts Surveillance On Foreign Targets’ Communications

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702, Which Conducts Surveillance On Foreign Targets’ Communications. In January 2018, Tenney 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: Section 702 Permitted The Government To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance On Communications Of Foreigners Abroad, “Even When They Are Talking To Americans.” “A years long

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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Political Appointees

Tenney Voted To Allow Politicization Of The National Security Council

Tenney Voted To Allow Individuals With Primary Political Functions To Sit On The National Security Council

2017: Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Members Of The Administration Whose Primary Function Is Political From Being Appointed To The National Security Council. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 99).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the National Security Act of 1947 to prohibit any individual whose primary responsibility is political in nature from being designated a member of the Council. Further, the bill expresses the sense of Congress that the Director of National Intelligence or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should not be prevented from attending Principals Committee meetings.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-189. [H.Res 99, [Vote #88](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

January 2017: President Trump Designated Political Advisor Steve Bannon To A Full Seat On The “Principals Committee” Of The National Security Council, Elevating His Informal Rank To The Equivalent Of A Cabinet-Level Secretary. “The whirlwind first week of Donald J. Trump’s presidency had all the bravura hallmarks of a Stephen K. Bannon production. [...] But the defining moment for Mr. Bannon came Saturday night in the form of an executive order giving the rumpled right-wing agitator a full seat on the “principals committee” of the National Security Council — while downgrading the roles of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of national intelligence, who will now attend only when the council is considering issues in their direct areas of responsibilities. It is a startling elevation of a political adviser, to a status alongside the secretaries of state and defense, and over the president’s top military and intelligence advisers. In theory, the move put Mr. Bannon, a former Navy surface warfare officer, admiral’s aide, investment banker, Hollywood producer and Breitbart News firebrand, on the same level as his friend, Michael T. Flynn, the national security adviser, a former Pentagon intelligence chief who was Mr. Trump’s top adviser on national security issues before a series of missteps reduced his influence.” [New York Times, [1/29/17](#)]

LGBTQ Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted against marriage equality and criticized Rep. Richard Hanna for joining a gay rights caucus*
- ✓ *Tenney voted repeatedly against prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity or expression*
- ✓ *Tenney took thousands of dollars in contributions from the radically anti-LGBTQ Family Research Council*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed she supported transgender people in the military and voted against banning them from serving.*

Marriage Equality

Tenney Voted Against Legalizing Gay Marriage In 2011, Criticized Hanna For Joining Gay Rights Caucus

Tenney Voted Against Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage In NY State Assembly, And Criticized Hanna For Joining A Pro-Gay Rights Caucus In Congress. “Before Tenney decided to move forward with her primary bid, she criticized Hanna for joining a gay rights caucus in Congress. Tenney also voted in 2011 against a bill to legalize same-sex marriage in New York.” [The Post Standard, 6/8/14]

Voted Against New York’s Marriage Equality Enactment. In June 2011, Tenney voted against a bill “that authorized same-sex marriage[.]” The bill passed 80-62 and became law. [Vote Smart, A8354 – Marriage Equality Enactment, [6/15/11](#)]

Tenney Said Masterpiece Cake Shop V. Colorado Civil Rights Commission Was Not A Matter Of LGBTQ Discrimination But Religious Rights

Tenney: “He Wasn’t Objecting To...Serving [...] Same-Sex Couples,” It Was “Against His Religion.” “Question about *Masterpiece Cake Shop*; v. Wade; “Well, it’s a First Amendment issue because it wasn’t that he was objecting to...serving, you know, same-sex couples. He was to having to perform and be part of a religious ceremony that was against his religion. It was very different. Had they just denied service and the restaurant, then that would be a civil rights issue, and I think the Supreme Court would have voted, gone in a different direction, so I think there’s a big distinction there, and I think it’s good that we have these conversations.” [WUTQ, Media Appearance Memo, [7/5/18](#)]

2018: The Supreme Court Ruled In Favor Of A Baker Who Refused To Sell Cake To A Same-Sex Couple. [The Atlantic, [6/4/18](#)]

Gender Identity

2011-2012: Voted Twice Against Prohibiting Discrimination Based On Gender Identity Or Expression

2011-2012: Voted Twice Against Prohibiting Discrimination Based On Gender Identity Or Expression. In June 2011 and again in April 2012, Tenney voted against a bill that “Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines “gender identity or expression” as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of offenses subject to treatment as hate crimes.” The bill passed the Assembly 89 to 55 in June 2011 and again 81 to 59 in April 2012 but died in the Senate both times. [A5039, [6/14/11](#); A5039, [4/30/12](#)]

Family Research Council

Accepted \$2,500 In Contributions From The Family Research Council

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Accepted \$500 From Family Research Council. [Tenney For Congress FEC Filing, [6/10/14](#)]

Family Research Council Claimed Roe v. Wade Was “Wrongfully Decided” And “Look Forward To The Day When This Grave Error Will Be Corrected.” “The Roe v. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, declaring abortion to be a constitutional ‘right’ was without foundation in the text of the Constitution and thus was wrongly decided, and we look forward to the day when this grave error will be corrected.” [Family Research Council Webpage, accessed [12/14/15](#)]

Family Research Council Claimed “Homosexual Conduct Is Harmful” And It “Oppose[d] The Vigorous Efforts Of Homosexual Activists To Demand That Homosexuality Be Accepted.” “Family Research Council believes that homosexual conduct is harmful to the persons who engage in it and to society at large, and can never be affirmed. ... We oppose the vigorous efforts of homosexual activists to demand that homosexuality be accepted as equivalent to heterosexuality in law, in the media, and in schools. ... Sympathy must be extended to those who struggle with unwanted same-sex attractions, and every effort should be made to assist such persons to overcome those attractions, as many already have.” [Family Research Council Webpage, accessed [12/15/15](#)]

Family Research Council Webpage: “FRC Believes The Context For The Full Expression Of Human Sexuality Is Within The Bonds Of Marriage Between One Man And One Woman.” [Family Research Council Webpage, accessed [12/14/15](#)]

Family Research Council Webpage: “FRC Supports Healthy Marriage And Family Formation Education To Youth In Conjunction With Abstinence Until Marriage Education, Where Marriage Between One Man And Woman Is Promoted As The Expected Context For Sexual Behaviors And As The Best Family Structure For Raising Children.” [Family Research Council Webpage, accessed [12/14/15](#)]

Family Research Council Webpage: “Evidence Suggests Children Raised By Homosexuals Are More Likely To Experience Gender And Sexual Disorders.” [Family Research Council Webpage, accessed [12/15/15](#)]

Transgender Military Ban

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Claimed She Supported Transgender People In The Military. “How would you strengthen federal protections against discrimination committed toward transgender and gender nonconforming people? Claudia Tenney: ‘First of all, I am one of the few people — I got targeted for it — but I was one of the few people that supported the transgenders in the military and I voted against the amendment that would eliminate them and not make them able to serve in our military,’ she said. ‘I thought it was something that should be left up to Gen. (James) Mattis, our secretary of defense, in pursuing that policy. ... I’ve been a leader on that, actually, in the Republican Party, and I’ve taken a lot of heat for it, but I’m very proud to stand on my vote. ... I think it’s important that we respect all people from wherever they come from.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 11/2/18]

Tenney Blocked A Republican Bill That Would Stop The Pentagon From Paying For Any Medical Treatment Related To Gender Transition. “U.S. Reps. John Katko and Claudia Tenney are among 24 Republicans who broke ranks with the party to help defeat a GOP measure that would have denied certain medical care to transgender members of the military. All told, five Upstate New York Republican lawmakers opposed the amendment that would have required the Pentagon to stop paying for any medical treatment related to gender transition, including hormone therapy.” [Syracuse, [7/14/17](#)]

Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted for a Republican budget that would gut Medicare, even though over 50,000 of her constituents received some Medicare benefits.*
- ✓ *Tenney bragged about getting an award from a group that advocated privatization of Medicare and Social Security*
- ✓ *Tenney repeatedly voted against funding for New York's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) which helps seniors with their prescription drug costs*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against funding for elder abuse prevention initiatives and Alzheimer's programs*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against requiring criminal background checks for adult care facility employees*
- ✓ *Tenney voted against expanding eligibility for EPIC*

Medicare

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Tenney Voted For A Republican Budget That Would Gut Medicare

Tenney 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](#)]

Medicare Part D

2017: Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors

Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors. In January 2017, Tenney voted against: the “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors' out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to

an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules." The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, [Vote #44](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Support From Privatization Advocates

Tenney Bragged About Getting An Award From A Group That Advocated Privatizing Medicare And Social Security

Tenney Bragged About Receiving An Award From The 60 Plus Association, Claimed It Was For Fighting To Protect Medicare And Social Security. "Jim Martin and Saul Anuzis from the 60 Plus Association presented me with the Guardian of Seniors Right Award. This award is presented to Members of Congress who fight for seniors and protect key programs such as Medicare and Social Security." [Twitter, Rep. Claudia Tenney, [6/29/18](#)]

FactCheck.org: 60 Plus Association Supported Privatizing Social Security. "The 60 Plus Association was founded in 1992 and describes itself as 'a non-partisan seniors advocacy group with a free enterprise, less government, less taxes approach.' It claims that it is 'often viewed as the conservative alternative to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).' [...] 60 Plus advocates the permanent repeal of the estate tax (which it refers to as the 'death tax'), opposes the Affordable Care Act, and supports creating personal retirement accounts within Social Security." [FactCheck.org, [4/4/14](#)]

2005: 60 Plus Association Supported George W. Bush's Social Security Privatization Plan. "Martin said 60 Plus became the first seniors' group 10 years ago to endorse reform [...] Martin lauded President Bush for his strong leadership on the issue, saying 'promises made, promises kept' best summarizes his thoughts. 'The President ran on Social Security reform and he is now delivering, the mark of a true leader,' Martin said." [60 Plus Association, [2/2/05](#)]

2011: 60 Plus Association Ran Ad Supporting Paul Ryan's Plan To Privatize Medicare. "The 60 Plus Association — a well-moneyed group that advocates for conservative safety net policies — is running a new ad, starring House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI), to defend the GOP plan to phase out Medicare and replace it with private insurance." [Talking Points Memo, [6/17/11](#)]

State-Run Retirement Plans

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations, Taking Power Away From States Helping Their Citizens Prepare For Retirement. In February 2017, Tenney voted for "Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain local government-administered retirement savings plans for non-government employees from select federal regulations governing pension plans. Under the rule, a city or county must have a population at least as large as the least populated state in the nation, and must administer a retirement plan for its own employees for the program to qualify for the exemption." The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-191. [HJRes 67, [Vote #95](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Voted Against Fully Funding New York's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Which Helps Seniors With Their Prescription Drug Costs

Voted Against The 2016-2017 State Operations Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the State Operations Budget which passed the Assembly 96 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [A09000D, [4/01/16](#)]

Voted Against 2016-2017 Aid To Localities Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 128 to 13 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06403D was substituted for A9002 [S06403D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Fully Funded The State's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC) To Help Seniors Pay For Their Prescription Drugs. "The budget will fully fund the state's elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program at \$131.5 million to help seniors with their prescription drug costs." [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Voted Against Funding For Elder Abuse Prevention Initiatives, And Providing \$26.6 Million For Alzheimer's Programs

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Budget Funded Elder Abuse Prevention Initiatives, And Provided \$26.6 Million For Alzheimer's Programs. "To help protect vulnerable senior citizens, the budget includes \$700,000 to support elder abuse prevention initiatives. Other highlights include \$28.9 million for Community Services for the Elderly Program; \$26.6 million for Alzheimer's programs; \$172,000 for the New York Foundation for Seniors Home Sharing and Respite; and \$63,000 for the Senior Action Council Hotline." [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Voted Against Requiring Criminal History Background Checks For Adult Care Facility Employees

Voted Against The 2014-2015 Aid To Localities Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The bill passed the Assembly 131 to 7 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. [S06353E, [3/31/14](#)]

Budget Required Criminal History Background Checks Of Prospective Direct Care Employees Of Adult Care Facilities. "Legislation included with the Budget requires that criminal history background checks be conducted on prospective direct care employees of adult care facilities." [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Voted Against Expanding Eligibility For Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program (EPIC) And Funded Community Services For The Elderly

Voted Against 2014-2015 New York State Operations Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against the State Operations budget for 2014-2015 which passed the Assembly by a vote of 104 to 35 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A08550E, [3/31/14](#)]

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Budget Expanded Eligibility For Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program (EPIC) And Funded Community Services For The Elderly. "Support for the Elderly: The budget provides \$4.1 million for the

expansion of the eligibility for the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program (EPIC) and \$5 million for Community Services for the Elderly.” [State of New York Division of the Budget Press Release, [3/31/14](#)]

Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted for the 2017 Republican tax bill, a bill which ballooned the federal deficit and raised taxes on ordinary New Yorkers.*
- ✓ *Tenney accepted thousands of dollars from industries that got some of the bill's largest tax breaks, including Wall Street banks, insurance companies, telecom companies, and oil & gas companies.*
- ✓ *Tenney signed Americans for Tax Reform pledge, thus promising to protect tax breaks for outsourcers*
- ✓ *As a member of the New York Assembly, Tenney:*
 - ✓ *Voted to extend New York's biggest income tax increase in 50 years*
 - ✓ *Voted against \$4 billion middle class tax cut, New York's largest in 20 years, which benefitted 6 million families and reduced the income tax rate on middle class families to its lowest levels in more than half a century*
 - ✓ *Voted against \$414 million in property tax relief which saved the average eligible household \$350*
 - ✓ *Voted against property tax freeze projected to save 3 million homeowners a total of \$1.5 billion*
 - ✓ *Voted against a \$350 per year child tax credit for families earning between \$40,000 And \$300,000*
 - ✓ *Voted against cutting taxes on middle class families while increasing taxes on millionaires*
- ✓ *Tenney claimed to have never voted to raise taxes as a member of the Assembly despite having voting to raise local taxes twenty-two times*

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

Tenney Continued To Defend The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

January 2020: Tenney Touted Her Vote On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act In An Email To Supporters. ““I worked with President Trump to deliver historic tax reform, reduce burdensome and unnecessary regulations, increase funding to the Air Force Research Lab and other defense assets and so much more.” [Claudia Tenney, email, 1/25/20]

November 2018: Tenney Claimed She Had Yet To Meet Anyone Who Did Not Get A Tax Cut Besides Wealthy People. “TENNEY: I traveled around the 50 -- around at least 50 businesses and I have yet to meet an individual who is not getting a tax cut, except wealthy people, they are not benefiting from the tax cuts because we took the lifeline away from wealthy people. We limited the state and local tax deduction, so the wealthiest do not have their loopholes that they had for a long time. 95% of the people will end up with a tax cut and 5% of the wealthiest will get it.” [CSPAN, 1:51:27, Vantage, 11/2/18]

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

Tenney Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

The Bill Would Reduce Federal Revenues By Over \$630 Billion Over FY2019-2028 And Almost \$3.2 Trillion Over FY2029-2038. “The Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts Act of 2018 extends major individual income and estate tax provisions from 2017’s Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that are currently scheduled to expire at the end of 2025. The bill would reduce federal revenues by \$631 billion within the budget window (fiscal years 2019–28) and by almost \$3.2 trillion over the subsequent decade (fiscal years 2029–38).” [Tax Policy Center, Urban Institute & Brookings Institution, [9/12/18](#)]

Taxes Would Generally Decline Across All Income Groups In 2026, But Higher Income Households Would Generally Receive Larger Average Tax Cuts. “In 2026, taxes would decline on average across all income groups, but higher income households would generally receive larger average tax cuts as a percentage of after-tax income. About two-thirds of taxpayers would receive a tax cut and about 9 percent would face a tax increase.” [Tax Policy Center, Urban Institute & Brookings Institution, [9/12/18](#)]

Tenney Voted For Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

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Tenney Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney: “Thank God For The Tax Reform.” [Fox Business, 4:05, [5/22/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests Who Bankrolled Tenney’s Campaign...

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](#)]

Including Wall Street Banks...

New York Times: “Financial Institutions Are Among The Biggest Winners So Far, Reaping Benefits From A Lower Corporate Rate And More Preferable Tax Treatment For So-Called Pass-Through Companies.” “The nation’s banks are finding a lot to love about the Trump administration’s tax cuts. The \$1.5 trillion tax overhaul signed into law late last year provided deep and lasting tax cuts to all types of businesses, but financial institutions are among the biggest winners so far, reaping benefits from a lower corporate rate and more preferable tax treatment for so-called pass-through companies, which include many small banks. While some of the biggest banks are reporting fourth-quarter earnings hits stemming from the new tax law, they see rich benefits over the long term, including effective tax rates that are even lower than the new 21 percent corporate rate.” [New York Times, [1/16/18](#)]

HEADLINE: The Biggest U.S. Banks Made \$2.5 Billion From Tax Law—In One Quarter. [Wall Street Journal, [4/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: Bank Profits Soar To Record \$56 Billion On Tax Cuts. [Washington Examiner, [5/22/18](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$326,338 From The Securities And Investment Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$121,850 From Commercial Banks During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$75,800 From The “Misc. Finance” Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$51,427 From Finance/Credit Companies During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

...Insurance Companies...

Axios: “Large Health Insurance Companies Would Be Among The Biggest Winners Under Republicans’ Tax Overhaul Bill.” “Large health insurance companies would be among the biggest winners under Republicans’ tax overhaul bill. Nearly all of their business is based in the U.S. and they consequently pay close to the full 35% corporate tax rate. The bottom line: Cutting the corporate tax rate to 20% would instantly boost insurers’ profits.” [Axios, [12/11/17](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$162,380 From The Insurance Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

...Telecom Companies Like Spectrum/Charter...

Telecom Companies Will See An “Enormous Boost In After-Tax Profits.” “Telecom companies, which pay the highest effective tax rates on average, will see an enormous boost in after-tax profits, according to Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices. Companies that have already reduced their effective tax rates into the single digits, like General Electric (GE), will see little to no benefit.” [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$31,000 From The Telecom Services Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

HEADLINE: “Charter Communications Profit Surges On \$9.3 Billion Tax Reform Benefit.” “U.S. cable operator Charter Communications Inc (CHTR.O) said on Friday its quarterly profit surged due to a \$9.3 billion benefit related to the recent changes in U.S. corporate tax laws.” [Reuters, [2/2/18](#)]

Tenney Took \$15,000 In Contributions From Charter Communications Inc. PAC In The 2018 Election Cycle. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [4/17/20](#)]

...And Oil Companies

HEADLINE: Inside the Tax Bill’s \$25 Billion Oil Company Bonanza. [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

Pacific Standard: “The Oil And Gas Industry... Are Among The Tax Bill’s Largest And Most Long-Lasting Financial Beneficiaries.” “Pacific Standard’s original analysis finds that it is the oil and gas industry, including companies that backed the presidency of Trump and whose former executives and current boosters now populate it, that are among the tax bill’s largest and most long-lasting financial beneficiaries. Just 17 American oil and gas companies reported a combined total of \$25 billion in direct one-time benefits from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Many of the companies will also receive millions of dollars in income tax refunds this year.” [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

Just 17 Oil And Gas Companies Reported A Combined \$25 Billion In One Time Benefits From The Tax Bill, Not Including Corporate Tax Cuts Going Forward. “Just 17 American oil and gas companies reported a combined total of \$25 billion in direct one-time benefits from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Many of the companies will also receive millions of dollars in income tax refunds this year. Looking forward, the Tax Act then reduces all corporate annual tax bills by a minimum of 40 percent every year in perpetuity, while adding new benefits that function as government subsidies for the oil and gas industry.” [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

Tenney Accepted \$141,940 From The Oil & Gas Industry During The 2018 Election Cycle. [Open Secrets, accessed [3/25/20](#)]

Under The Tax Scam Tenney Voted For, 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](#)]

...Including Hundreds Of Thousands Of New Yorkers

New York Times Editorial Board: “Many Taxpayers In States Like California, New Jersey And New York Will Be Hit With Higher Tax Bills When They File Their 2018 Tax Returns.” “The poll also found that high-income people were more likely to notice that their take-home pay had gone up. That’s because Republicans designed the law to principally benefit wealthy families while offering crumbs to low-income and middle class families. Those crumbs, by the way, disappear after a few years. Further, many taxpayers in states like California, New Jersey and New York will be hit with higher tax bills when they file their 2018 tax returns and realize that they can now only deduct up to \$10,000 in state and local taxes.” [New York Times, Editorial, [2/25/18](#)]

2018: After-Tax Income Would Increase Less Than 1.5 Percent In Only Three States, Including New York.

“In most states the average change in after-tax income in 2018 is close to the national average of 1.8percent (figure 1). However, the tax cut will exceed 2.1percent of after-tax income in seven states (Alaska, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming) and fall below 1.5 percent of after-tax income in three states (California, New York, and Oregon).” [Tax Policy Center, [3/28/18](#)]

2018: More Than 8 Percent Of Taxpayers In New York Would Experience A Tax Increase Under The Law.

“The percentage of taxpayers with a tax increase from the major individual provisions (figure 2) will range from less than 4 percent in six states (Alaska, Indiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming) and more than 8 percent in six states (California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York), with tax increases for more than 9 percent of taxpayers in Maryland, New Jersey and the District of Columbia.” [Tax Policy Center, [3/28/18](#)]

2027: In Aggregate, Taxes Would Increase For New Yorkers Making Less Than \$121,700. In total, taxes would increase for those making less than \$121,700, while those making greater than or equal to that amount would continue to receive tax cuts.

Effects of Trump Tax Bill In New York By Income Level In 2027	
Average Income	Total Tax Change (Thousands)
\$18,900	\$124,300
\$43,600	\$109,200
\$72,000	\$38,400
\$121,700	-\$145,500
\$227,000	-\$383,300
\$607,400	-\$494,600
\$4,425,000	-\$1,450,900

[Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, accessed [6/29/18](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt \$1.9 Trillion – 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](#)]

HEADLINE: “A Leading Republican Urges Reform For Medicare And Social Security As Deficits Balloon After The GOP’s Tax Cut.” “Rep. Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, has the toughest job in politics right now: trying to stop a Democratic ‘blue wave’ at the polls this fall. Stivers, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, sat down to talk to CNBC’s John Harwood about the campaign and other factors [...] Harwood: No misgivings about a tax cut that was not paid for, that’s allowing debt and deficits to rise like it is now? Stivers: I do think we need to deal with our some of our spending. We’ve got to try to figure out how to spend less. Harwood: Entitlements? Social Security, Medicare? Stivers: Yeah.” [CNBC, [8/20/18](#)]

Ryan: “We Have To Address Entitlements. Otherwise, We Can’t Really Get Our Handle On Our Future Debt.” “NORAH O’DONNELL: --will Congress take up entitlement spending next year? REPRESENTATIVE PAUL RYAN: Yes. We will. And Bob and I actually see a lot of these things very similarly. We have to address entitlements. Otherwise, we can’t really get our handle on our future debt. There’s two things you need to do to get the debt under control so that our kids and grandkids get a debt-free nation. Number one, grow the economy. This tax cut bill will help do that. Number two, reform entitlement programs. We’re-- it’s unfortunate that our health care bill which passed the House last May didn’t get through the Senate, but we need to revisit that issue because that’s key entitlement reform. And then back to the welfare issue.” [CBS This Morning, [12/20/17](#)]

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](#)]

US News: “The Most Likely Targets For Cuts And Restructuring In The Coming Months Are Likely To Be Medicare And Social Security Benefits.” “Instead, the most likely targets for cuts and restructuring in the coming months are likely to be Medicare and Social Security benefits. Rubio last week indicated ‘the driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.’ Ryan issued a similar assessment just a few days later, noting that ‘health care entitlements . . . are the big drivers of our debt.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

...But Tenney Lied And Said The Tax Cuts Had Already Paid For Themselves

July 2018: Tenney Claimed “The Tax Cuts Have Already Been Paid For In Six Months.” “We have already paid for the tax cuts with the growth in the economy, which is not being talked about. The tax cuts have ready been paid for in six months. Imagine if we continue to roll back regulations and continue to put the economy on overdrive like we are right now and get the employees that we need to fill these businesses and bring the jobs back.” [WUTQ, [7/11/18](#)]

Tenney’s Claim Was Rated “Four Pinocchios” By The Washington Post Fact Checker. “Tenney said Trump’s tax cuts had paid for themselves in six months and wondered why no one was covering this story. Maybe because it’s totally wrong. The congresswoman seems to have gotten her wires crossed, confusing total economic growth with tax revenue collections. Her revised claim that Trump’s tax cuts are on a 10-year path to pay for themselves is also extremely dicey, so we award Four Pinocchios.” [Washington Post, [7/11/18](#)]

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](#)]

<p>Tenney Previously Advocated For Keeping The State And Local Tax Deduction, But The Final Bill Capped The Deduction, Hurting New York Families</p>

Tenney Signed Letter Urging Trump Administration To Keep State And Local Tax Deduction. “A bipartisan group of lawmakers is urging the Trump administration to keep the deduction for state and local taxes, after the White House proposed eliminating it in its tax plan. Reps. Leonard Lance (R-N.J.), Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) and 68 other House members from high-tax states argued that eliminating the deduction would disproportionately burden their constituents [...] The tax plan House Republicans released last year similarly would scrap the state and local deduction. But the letter shows that Republicans are not completely united on every tax-reform issue. Besides Lance, several other Republican lawmakers signed the letter, including Reps. Tom MacArthur (N.J.), Rodney Frelinghuysen (N.J.) and Claudia Tenney (N.Y.).” [The Hill, 6/19/17]

Politifact On New York Republicans Who Voted For Trump’s Tax Bill: “If Anyone Didn’t ‘Put Up A Fight’ In New York, It Could Have Been The Republicans Who Could Have Used Their Influence As Members Of The Majority Party To Push To Eliminate The Cap, But Voted In Favor Of The Tax Legislation.” “President Donald Trump called out New York on Twitter, asserting the state did not fight a provision in the 2017 tax law backed by Republicans. The provision, a \$10,000 limit on deductions of state and local taxes, has a negative impact for some filers largely in high-tax states like New York, New Jersey and California. [...] New York Republicans voting in favor of it were Reps. Chris Collins, Tom Reed, Claudia Tenney and John Katko. Some of the New York and New Jersey Republicans who favored the law told the New York Times that they blamed state government, not the tax bill, for the problems the SALT cap would create. [...] New York elected officials have been speaking out against it since the time it was proposed, in the news media, in meetings with Trump, and in Congress. While the majority of New York’s representatives in Congress voted against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, four Republican New York House members voted for it. The Democrats who were vocal in speaking against the SALT cap were in the minority party and had little influence in the White House, House of Representatives and Senate, all controlled by Republicans. If anyone didn’t ‘put up a fight’ in New York, it could have been the Republicans who could have used their influence as members of the majority party to push to eliminate the cap, but voted in favor of the tax legislation.” [PolitiFact, [5/22/19](#)]

State And Local Tax Deductions Were The Largest Deductions Claimed By New Yorkers, Who Deducted \$72 Billion In SALT Taxes From Their Federal Returns In 2015

New York Comptroller: State And Local Tax Deductions Were Categorically The Largest Deductions Taken By New Yorkers. “New Yorkers reported more than \$72 billion in such deductions in 2015, including \$51.7 billion for income taxes and \$20.9 billion for property taxes, 13.5 percent of all state and local tax deductions reported nationwide in 2015. State and local income taxes and real estate taxes also represent the categories with the highest levels of deductions that New Yorkers reported on their federal income taxes.” [New York Office of the Comptroller, [October 2017](#)]

October 2017: The Initial House Budget Threatened \$72 Billion In SALT Deductions Taken By New Yorkers. “Democrats in New York have railed for months about Republicans’ plan to do away with the state and local tax deductions, saying it unfairly targets New York and other high-tax states that send more money to Washington than they get back. New Yorkers could lose \$72 billion in deductions under the proposals in Washington, Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said in a report Thursday.” [Democrat & Chronicle, [10/26/17](#)]

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Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

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Tenney Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

HEADLINE: “Claudia Tenney, Lobbied By VP Mike Pence, Agrees To Vote For GOP Tax Plan.” [Syracuse Post-Dispatch, [11/16/17](#)]

Syracuse Post-Dispatch: Tenney Decided To Vote For The Tax Bill “After Weeks Of Intense Lobbying By House Republican Leaders, Culminating With A 14-Minute Phone Call Wednesday Afternoon From Vice President Mike Pence.” “Tenney said she made her decision after weeks of intense lobbying by House Republican leaders, culminating with a 14-minute phone call Wednesday afternoon from Vice President Mike Pence. Tenney had been considered a key undecided GOP vote as House Republicans try to round up the 218 votes they need to pass the tax measure. The vote is scheduled after 2 p.m. today. In making her decision, Tenney decided not to follow the path of five of her New York Republican colleagues who openly split with

the GOP over the tax plan. The five GOP members object to the plan's cuts to the state and local tax deduction, which disproportionately impact high-tax states like New York. Tenney will join fellow Upstate New York Reps. John Katko, R-Camillus, Tom Reed, R-Corning and Chris Collins, R-Clarence, in voting for the bill." [Syracuse Post-Dispatch, [11/16/17](#)]

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Tenney Voted In Favor Of House Passage Of Tax Bill, But Said She Still Had Concerns, Especially On The State And Local Tax Deduction. "Though she voted in favor of Thursday's federal tax reform bill, U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney said she still has concerns. The House of Representatives' Tax Cuts and Jobs Act would eliminate state and local tax deductions - something Tenney said she was concerned about when she voted against a GOP budget resolution last month that paved the way for the bill. Following Thursday's vote, Tenney said in a statement that reforming the current tax code, which she called 'broken,' is a priority and why she voted in favor of the bill 'to move the debate forward.' With the new bill, Tenney said low-to middle-income families could benefit from an increased simplicity with the tax code through a doubled standard deduction for individuals and families, a simplified bracket structure and lower rates. '(The bill) is a step in the right direction,' she said in her statement. 'While this bill is not perfect in its current form and there are changes I will continue to advocate for, especially on the (state and local taxes) front, I strongly believe that passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is a critical step to move this important process forward and ensure our tax code reflects the values of fairness and hard work.'" [Observer-Dispatch, 11/17/17]

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](#)]

Tenney’s Support Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Drew Criticism From Her Own Party At Home

Republican State Sen. Joseph Griffo Criticized Tenney’s Vote For The Republican Tax Bill. “State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-Rome, also criticized Tenney’s decision. ‘I understand the need for tax reform and relief at all levels of government — particularly the state — and am pleased that the federal government is undertaking this matter. However, taking a vote that would penalize New Yorkers isn’t in the best interest of real reform and relief,’ Griffo said in an emailed statement. ‘I was hopeful that the New York Congressional Delegation would have remained unified in its advocacy for the people of the state they represent.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [11/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Interest Groups

Signed Americans For Tax Reform Taxpayer Protection Pledge Which Included Protecting Tax Breaks For Outsourcers

Signed Americans For Tax Reform Taxpayer Protection Pledge Opposing Higher Taxes. “Claudia Tenney (R-NY), candidate for Congress in New York’s 22nd Congressional District, has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to the American People. The Pledge is a written commitment to the constituents of the 22nd Congressional District and the American people to oppose higher taxes. Tenney is running to replace Rep. Richard Hanna, who is retiring at the end of his current term.” [Americans for Tax Reform, [4/20/16](#)]

ATR Said Removing Tax Breaks For Job Outsourcers Violated Their Pledge. In 2010, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) opposed a House Democratic proposal that would end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. The Washington Post explained that the bill “would also eliminate tax breaks for some multinational corporations based in the United States that have operations abroad — a centerpiece of a House Democratic campaign to promote domestic manufacturing and discourage companies from shipping jobs overseas.” In a statement explaining their opposition, ATR wrote that “The tax increases in question are all tax hikes on U.S. employers doing business overseas.” [Americans for Tax Reform, [8/09/10](#); Washington Post, [8/05/10](#)]

New York State Tax Votes

Voted To Extend New York’s Biggest Income Tax Increase In 50 Years As Part Of December 2011 Budget Overhaul To Address 2011-2012 Budget Shortfall

Voted For December 2011 Tax Overhaul. In December 2011, Tenney voted for a bill “enacting into law major components of law necessary to the state; relates to tax rates and exclusions under the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax.” The bill passed the Assembly 132 to 8 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S50002, [12/07/11](#)]

Tax Overhaul Raised Revenue By \$1.9 Billion. “The plan will raise about \$1.9 billion in new revenue, less than the \$4 billion generated by the millionaire’s tax, which expires Dec. 31. About \$400 million will be spent on flood recovery and a youth-employment program, and the remaining \$1.5 billion will be put toward the deficit, said Morris Peters, a Budget Division spokesman.” [Bloomberg, [12/08/11](#)]

Empire Center: Deal Extended “New York’s Biggest Income Tax Increase In 50 Years.” “On Dec. 6, 2011, Gov. Cuomo and legislative leaders announced a deal to extend New York’s biggest income tax increase in 50 years, targeting earners of \$1 million and more for what will be the third highest income tax rate imposed by any major state. About one quarter of the \$2.6 billion tax hike will be redistributed in the form of tax cuts for middle-class filers, and the rest will be spent.” [Empire Center, accessed [7/19/16](#)]

Voted Against \$4 Billion Middle Class Tax Cut, New York’s Largest In 20 Years, Which Benefited 6 Million Families

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Budget Amendment Implementing State Fiscal Plan, Amending Real Property Tax Law And Income Tax Credits. In April 2016, Tenney voted against a state budget bill which would have, among other actions, enacted “major components of legislation which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year; amends the real property tax law and the tax law, in relation to transitioning the school tax relief (STAR) exemption into a personal income tax credit... amends the tax law, in relation to providing a middle income tax cut under the personal income tax” The bill passed the Assembly 121 to 20 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06049D was substituted for A09009C. [S06409D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Included A \$4 Billion Per Year Middle Class Tax Cut Which Would Benefit 6 Million New Yorkers. “Six million middle class New Yorkers will get a \$4 billion a year income tax cut under the state budget deal announced Thursday night, but they’ll have to wait until 2018 to start benefiting. Couples filing jointly who earn \$40,000 to \$300,000 will see their tax rates drop from the current rate, 6.45 percent to 6.65 percent, down to 5.5 percent when the cuts are fully phased in by 2025, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.” [Syracuse.com, [3/31/16](#)]

Average Tax Cut In The State By 2025 Would Be Nearly \$700. “According to the governor’s budget office, the average tax cut in the state by 2025 would be nearly \$700 a year, with about a third of those taxpayers in New York City.” [NY Times, [4/12/16](#)]

NY Post: Budget’s Tax Cut Was “New York’s Biggest And Broadest Personal-Income Tax Cuts In 20 Years.” “Cuomo will need to keep the lid on spending for years to come, because the budget also includes New York’s biggest and broadest personal-income tax cuts in 20 years.” [NY Post, [4/03/16](#)]

Cuomo “Touted What He Called The Lowest Tax Rate For Middle Class In 70 Years.” “At public appearances recently, Cuomo touted what he called the lowest tax rate for the middle class in 70 years.” [PolitiFact New York, [7/15/16](#)]

PolitiFact Ruled Cuomo’s Claim Was “Mostly True” While Noting The Small Exception Of The State Having No Income Tax Under Unusual Circumstances In 1958. “Governor Andrew M. Cuomo claimed new tax rates passed by lawmakers during this year’s state budget process are the lowest in the state in 70 years. Data from the Department of Taxation and Finance backs up his claim. Because of an unusual set of circumstances, there was no income tax rate in 1958 as the state implemented a new system. The first year rates will appear lower than the 1948 rates will be in 2019. We rate this claim as Mostly True.” [PolitiFact New York, [7/15/16](#)]

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Budget Continued Funding STAR Saving, Allowing \$414 Million In Property Tax Rebate And Freeze, Saving An Average Of \$350 Per Eligible Household. “This year’s budget continues providing the funds needed to implement \$3.3 billion in STAR savings for property taxpayers. This will allow \$414 million in property tax rebate and freeze checks that will be issued this year, with the average savings of \$350 per eligible household. Basic and Enhanced STAR savings will be \$2.7 billion, and New York City PIT-STAR savings will be \$618 million.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Voted Against Property Tax Freeze Projected To Generate More Than \$1.5 Billion In Property Tax Relief For Nearly 3 Million Taxpayers

Voted Against Budget Bill Implementing Tax Changes For 2014-2015 State Fiscal Year. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill to implement the state fiscal plan as part of the state's larger budget agreement. The Assembly passed the bill 131 to 7 and Governor Cuomo signed it into law. [S06359, [3/31/14](#)]

Included Property Tax Freeze Projected To Generate More Than \$1.5 Billion In Property Tax Relief For Nearly 3 Million Taxpayers. “Cuomo wanted to include a property tax freeze in this year’s budget and he got his wish. The goal of the program, according to Cuomo, is to encourage local governments to consolidate or share services with neighboring municipalities. Here’s how it works: - Residents will be eligible for the credit if their local government stays within the property tax cap in the first year of the program.- In the second year, the local government must stay within the cap and develop a plan to consolidate or share services that will save 1 percent of their tax levy each year for three years. The Division of Budget will be tasked with reviewing the plans. On a conference call with reporters, Cuomo said the credit would be paid out in the form of a check to the property taxpayer. The property tax freeze program is expected to generate more than \$1.5 billion in property tax relief for nearly 3 million taxpayers, according to Cuomo’s office.” [The Citizen, [4/01/14](#)]

Voted Against \$350 Per Year Child Tax Credit For Families Earning Between \$40,000 And \$300,000

Voted Against 2013-2014 Budget Bill Containing Major Legislative Components For Implementation Of State Fiscal Plan. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a budget bill which enacted “into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2013-2014 state fiscal year.” The Bill passed the Assembly 113 to 27 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02609, [3/28/13](#)]

Families Earning Between \$40,000 And \$300,000 Were Eligible For \$350 Child Tax Credit. “Starting 2014, families earning between \$40,000 and \$300,000 will be eligible for a \$350/year new child tax credit.” [WNYC, [4/01/13](#)]

Voted Against Cutting Taxes On Middle Class Families While Increasing Taxes On Millionaires

Voted Against Assembly 2016-2017 Budget Proposal In Response To The Executive Budget Submission. In March 2016, Tenney voted against the New York Assembly Budget Proposal resolution which stated “RESOLVED, That, this resolution, together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 9000-B, A. 9001, A. 9002, A. 9003-B, A. 9004-B, A. 9005-B, A. 9006-B, A. 9007-B, A. 9008-B and A. 9009-B which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2016-2017 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 98 to 42. [E01047, [3/14/16](#)]

Assembly 2016-2017 Budget Would Have Increased Taxes On Millionaires While Cutting Taxes For Middle Income Taxpayers. “The Assembly proposes to reduce tax rates for middle income taxpayers and increase tax credits for working families by raising the state share of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit from 30 percent to 35 percent. Additionally, the current highest rate of 8.82 percent will apply to all those earning from \$1 million to \$5 million. Taxpayers earning between \$5 million to \$10 million will pay a 9.32 percent tax rate, and the highest tax rate of 9.82 percent will apply to all those earning over \$10 million annually.” [Summary of the Assembly Recommended Changes To the Executive Budget Fiscal Year 2016-2017, [March 2016](#)]

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Claimed To Have Never Voted To Raise Taxes As A Member Of The State Assembly. "I have never voted to raise taxes as a member of the state Assembly," Tenney said. "As a member of Congress, I would push to reduce the income tax. ... I think if we had enough Republicans and a like-minded president, we could finally get that done." [Times Telegram, [6/22/16](#)]

Voted To Authorize Delaware County To Impose A One Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax

Voted To Authorize Delaware County To Impose A One Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill authorizing "the county of Delaware to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes." The bill passed the Assembly 101 to 35 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A5831, [6/13/13](#)]

Voted To Authorize Fulton County To Impose A One Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax

Voted To Authorize Fulton County To Impose A One Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax. In June 2013., Tenney voted for a bill authorizing "the imposition of additional sales tax in Fulton County until 2015." The bill passed the Assembly 101 to 35 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A6572, [6/13/13](#)]

Voted To Extend The Period During Which The County Of Orleans Is Authorized To Impose Additional Rates Of Sales And Compensating Use Tax

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Voted To Authorize Otsego County To Impose A One Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax

Voted To Authorize Otsego County To Impose A One Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill authorizing "additional sales tax in the county of Otsego until 2015." The bill passed the Assembly 102 to 34 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A6050, [6/13/13](#)]

Voted To Extend The Authorization For Rockland County To Impose An Additional Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes Until November 20, 2015

Voted To Extend The Authorization For Rockland County To Impose An Additional Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes Until November 20, 2015. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill extending "the authorization for the county of Rockland to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes until November 20, 2015." The bill passed the Assembly 103 to 33 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S4635, [6/13/13](#)]

Voted To Authorize Erie County To Impose An Additional One Percent And Three-Quarters Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax

Voted To Authorize Erie County To Impose An Additional One Percent And Three-Quarters Percent Sales And Compensating Use Tax. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill authorizing "Erie County to impose an additional one percent and three-quarters percent sales and compensating use tax." The bill passed the Assembly 98 to 38 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A6533, [6/13/13](#)]

Voted To Extend Steuben County's Authorization To Impose An Additional One Percent Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes

Voted To Extend Steuben County's Authorization To Impose An Additional One Percent Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill extending "from November 30, 2013 to November 30, 2015, the authorization granted to the county of Steuben to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes." The bill passed the Assembly 99 to 37 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A6243, [6/13/13](#)]

Voted To Authorize The Extension Of Orange County's Authorization To Impose Additional Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes Until November 30, 2015

Voted To Authorize The Extension Of Orange County's Authorization To Impose Additional Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes Until November 30, 2015. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill authorizing "Orange county to impose an additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2015." The bill passed the Assembly 101 to 38 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A6739, [6/17/13](#)]

Voted To Authorize Additional Sales And Compensating Use Tax In Herkimer County

Voted To Authorize Additional Sales And Compensating Use Tax In Herkimer County. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill authorizing "the imposition of additional sales and compensating use tax in Herkimer county." The bill passed the Assembly 98 to 39 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A6614, [6/19/13](#)]

Voted To Authorize Livingston County To Increase Its Sales Tax One Percent To A Four Percent Tax

Voted To Authorize Livingston County To Increase Its Sales Tax One Percent To A Four Percent Tax. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill authorizing "the county of Livingston to impose an additional one percent sales tax to the three percent rate." The bill passed the Assembly 90 to 37 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A7267, [6/21/13](#)]

Voted To Extend Warren County's Additional Mortgage Recording Tax Authorization

Voted To Extend Warren County's Additional Mortgage Recording Tax Authorization. In June 2011, Tenney voted to extend "Warren county's additional mortgage recording tax authorization until December 1, 2014." The bill passed the Assembly 106 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S5075, [6/20/11](#)]

Voted To Extend Authorization For The Yates County Mortgage Recording Tax

Voted To Extend Authorization For The Yates County Mortgage Recording Tax. In June 2011, Tenney voted for a bill to extend "provisions of law relating to the mortgage recording tax in the county of Yates." The bill passed the Assembly 104 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S4482, [6/16/11](#)]

Voted To Extend The Authorization For An Additional Green County Mortgage Recording Tax

Voted To Extend The Authorization For An Additional Green County Mortgage Recording Tax. In June 2012, Tenney voted for a bill to extend "the authorization for the county of Greene to impose an additional mortgage recording tax until 2014." The bill passed the Assembly 105 to 40 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6313, [6/19/2012](#)]

Voted To Extend Cattaraugus County's Mortgage Recording Tax

Voted To Extend Cattaraugus County's Mortgage Recording Tax. In June 2012, Tenney voted to extend "Cattaraugus county's mortgage recording tax through December 1, 2015." The Bill passed the Assembly 109 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6602, [6/19/12](#)]

Voted To Extend The Authorization Of Essex County To Impose An Additional Mortgage Recording Tax

Voted To Extend The Authorization Of Essex County To Impose An Additional Mortgage Recording Tax. In June 2012, Tenney voted for a bill to extend "from December 1, 2012 to December 1, 2015, the expiration of the authorization to the county of Essex to impose an additional mortgage recording tax." The bill passed 106 to 39 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6771, [6/19/12](#)]

Voted To Extend The Provisions Of The Wyoming County Mortgage Recording Tax

Voted To Extend The Provisions Of The Wyoming County Mortgage Recording Tax. In June 2012, Tenney voted for a bill to extend "provisions of the Wyoming county mortgage recording tax from December 1, 2012 until December 1, 2014." The bill passed 106 to 39 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6788, [6/19/12](#)]

Voted To Extend The Authorization Of Albany County To Impose A Mortgage Recording Tax

Voted To Extend The Authorization Of Albany County To Impose A Mortgage Recording Tax. In June 2012, Tenney voted for a bill to extend "the effectiveness of chapter 405 of the laws of 2005 for two years which chapter authorizes the county of Albany to impose a county mortgage recording tax." The bill passed 108 to 36 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S6176, [6/19/12](#)]

Voted To Extend The Authorization Of The County Of Chenango To Impose A Sales And Compensating Use Tax

Voted To Extend The Authorization Of The County Of Chenango To Impose A Sales And Compensating Use Tax. In May 2011, Tenney voted for a bill to extend "the authorization of the county of Chenango to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes until November 30, 2013." The bill passed 107 to 37 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S2752, [5/23/11](#)]

Voted To Extend Authorization For Real Estate Transfer Tax In Columbia County

Voted To Extend Authorization For Real Estate Transfer Tax In Columbia County. In June 2011, Tenney voted to extend "the authorization for an additional real estate transfer tax in Columbia county until 2013." The bill passed 106 to 34 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S4711, [6/16/11](#)]

Voted To Authorize Chautauqua County Hotel And Motel Tax For Two Additional Years

Voted To Authorize Chautauqua County Hotel And Motel Tax For Two Additional Years. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill extending "from November 30, 2013 to November 30, 2015, the expiration of the 5% hotel and motel tax in the county of Chautauqua; provides for the disposition of 2/5 of the revenue derived from the imposition of such tax." The measure passed 95 to 32 and was signed into law by governor Cuomo. [A7431, [6/21/13](#)]

Voted To Authorize Nassau County To Impose Hotel And Motel Taxes

Voted To Authorize Nassau County To Impose Hotel And Motel Taxes. In June 2013, Tenney voted for a bill to extend “the authority of the county of Nassau to impose hotel and motel taxes.” The bill passed 100 to 27 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [A8029, [6/21/13](#)]

Voted To Extend The Fulton County Mortgage Recording Tax

Voted To Extend The Fulton County Mortgage Recording Tax. In June 2011, Tenney voted for a bill amending “chapter 489 of the laws of 2004, relating to the mortgage recording tax in the county of Fulton, to extend the effectiveness of such chapter.” The bill passed 109 to 31 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S3721, [6/16/11](#)]

Cosponsored Bill That Would Have Eliminated Sales Tax Exemption On Circus Tickets

Cosponsored Bill That Would Have Eliminated Sales Tax Exemption On Circus Tickets. Tenney cosponsored a bill introduced in February 2014 which would “generate revenue for the animal cruelty compensation fund by removing the sales tax exemption circus tickets.” The last action on the bill was its being held for consideration in the Ways and Means Committee. [A08710, [6/17/14](#)]

Called 2013 Passage Of Tax Caps A “Victory” For NY Farmers, Saying Benefits Would Trickle To Consumers

2013: Cheered The Passing Of Tax Caps On Farmland In New York As A “Victory” For Farmers, Saying NY Farmers Are Overtaxed And Relief Good For Consumers. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney called a new law that imposes a tax cap on farmland a victory for New York’s farmers. ‘This represents a great victory for New York’s farmers,’ said Tenney, R - New Hartford, in a news release. ‘Farmers in New York, especially upstate, have suffered under an incredible tax burden for years, and this new law will help relieve that. I am proud to have cosponsored this legislation and happy to see it signed into law...High property taxes for farmers means higher prices for consumers at the market,’ said Tenney. ‘Tax relief for farmers helps keep the price of food down at the grocery store.’” [The Evening Telegram, [11/15/13](#)]

Voted Against Tax Reform Budget Bill Which Included New York Youth Works Tax Credit

Voted Against Tax Reform Budget Bill Which Included New York Youth Works Tax Credit. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill to “enhance the New York Youth Works Tax Credit.” The bill passed the Assembly by a vote of 131 to 7 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S06359, [3/31/14](#); The Business Council Legislative Memo, [2/14/14](#)]

The New York State Business Council Supported The Bill. “The Business Council supports the Executive Budget proposal to enhance the New York Youth Works Tax Credit. The youth tax credit has been very well received by employers, and has resulted in additional job opportunities for at-risk youth in economically challenged communities.” [The Business Council Legislative Memo, [2/14/14](#)]

Voted Against Extending The Non-Custodial Earned Income Tax Credit For Two Years

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 8550-C, A. 8551, A. 8552, A. 8553-C, A. 8554-C, A. 8555-C, A. 8556-C, A. 8557-C, A. 8558-C, A. 8559-C and A. 8768-A which are

incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2014-2015 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 91 to 40. [E00914, [3/12/14](#)]

Budget Would Have Extended The Non-Custodial Earned Income Tax Credit For Two Years. “The Legislative Budget includes legislation with the following Tax Law changes: ...Extend the non-custodial Earned Income Tax Credit for two years.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

The NYS Non-Custodial Earned Income Tax Credit Is A Tax Credit For Noncustodial Parents Over Eighteen With Incomes Up To Approximately \$34,450. “New York’s Noncustodial Parent EITC is equal to the greater of 2.5 times the Federal EITC for no qualifying children or 20 percent of the Federal EITC for custodial parents with one child. The credit is offered on a sliding scale to those noncustodial parents ages 18 and over with incomes up to approximately \$34,450.” [US Department of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, accessed [8/18/16](#)]

Trade Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney said she had “mixed emotions” about Trump’s steel and aluminum tariffs*
- ✓ *Tenney thought tariffs should be eliminated worldwide*
- ✓ *Tenney supported the USMCA*
- ✓ *Tenney opposed Trans-Pacific Partnership, NAFTA, and Trade Promotion Authority*

Tariffs

Tenney Said She Had Mixed Emotions About Trump’s Steel And Aluminum Tariffs

Tenney Admitted That She Had “Mixed Emotions” About Trump’s Tariffs On Steel And Aluminum, But Declined To Sign A Letter Urging Him To Abandon Them. “Trump defied GOP orthodoxy last week when he slapped steep tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, in-furiating members of his own party. Tenney admitted she has ‘mixed emotions’ about the proposal, pointing out that she considers herself a free-trade Republican. But she was not a vocal critic of the tariff plan and did not sign on to a Republican-led letter urging Trump to abandon the idea perhaps a sign of the popular-ity of Trump’s position on trade in her district.’ Trump won in our district largely because of the trade issue and the trade imbalance,’ Tenney said. ‘We’ve got to save our base and people that work in our communi-ties.’ ” [The Hill, 5/4/18]

Tenney Said Tariffs Should Be Eliminated Worldwide

Tenney Said An Increase In Tariffs Should Lead To Their Elimination Worldwide. “What Tenney sees as the end game with the increase in tariffs is to eliminate them worldwide and have a free economy. ‘We do have to get rid of tariffs ultimately on both sides,’ she said. ‘Why do we have tariffs at all if it’s truly a free market? We shouldn’t be imposing a tariff and they shouldn’t be imposing a tariff on our goods. We should be trading at an equal footing.’ For now, though, the country needed to get back on a new level and equalize how it trades with other countries, Tenney said.” [Times Telegram, 9/3/18]

Trade Deals

Supported The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)

Tenney Said The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Was “A Little Better” Than NAFTA. “Now the president as redesigned NAFTA, it’s a little better, the USMCA, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, it’s a little better.” [The Hard Truth with Claudia Tenney, 34:03, [7/14/19](#)]

Opposed The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Trade Deal

Opposed The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Trade Deal. As of June 2016, Tenney claimed on her campaign website that she is against the TPP trade deal. “The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal puts the U.S. on an uneven playing field by opening up trade with countries that cheat, manipulate currency, violate labor laws, pay

low-wages, dump goods below production costs and ignore agreed-upon rules. America cannot afford the harmful consequences of this trade agreement. Claudia Tenney knows that we must reject the TPP so we can preserve American jobs and the sovereignty of our country. The TPP harms the American worker and benefits cronyist, multinational companies who cheat and violate trade laws.” [Claudia for Congress Campaign Site, accessed [6/06/16](#)]

Tenney Op-Ed In Washington Times Headline: Selling Out The Constitution And Main Street On Trade. [Washington Times, Tenney Op-Ed, [5/01/15](#)]

Criticized TPA Fast Track Authority As Cause For Concern For Those With Values Rooted In The Constitution As She Claimed It Limited The Power Of Congress

Criticized TPA Fast Track Authority As Cause For Concern For Those With Values Rooted In The Constitution As She Claimed It Limited The power Of Congress. “The multinational corporations that finance the political class in Washington are lobbying hard for Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) or Fast Track, immediately followed by the passage of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), an agreement with 11 other nations to open their markets to the ‘free’ flow of goods and services. Why do companies like Wal-Mart and Apple want free trade so badly with these Pacific Rim countries? The answer is simple: so they can export jobs and import cheap goods at the expense of the American worker. Both the Fast Track and the TPP should worry average Americans who root their values in the Constitution and want an economy that works for those that work hard and play by the rules. First, President Obama wants Fast Track authority to limit the power of Congress.” [Washington Times, Claudia Tenney and Brain O’Shaughnessy Op-Ed, [5/01/15](#)]

Criticized TPP And NAFTA As Poorly Drafted

Criticized TPP And NAFTA As Poorly Drafted. “I will not surrender principles or support policies like poorly drafted trade agreements like (TPP and NAFTA) that will kill jobs and hurt family farms in upstate New York.” [Oneida Dispatch, 6/28/16]

Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney asked Gov. Cuomo not to reject I-81 tunnel simply because it was the more expensive option; Tenney received campaign contribution from executive at company that favored the tunnel.*

Amtrak

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating Funding For Grants To Amtrak In The FY 2018 Omnibus

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating Funding For Grants To Amtrak In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Funding

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating Crucial Funding For Rural Airports

Tenney Voted Against Decreasing Funding To The Essential Air Service Program Which Provides Subsidized Commercial Flights To Small Communities That Would Otherwise Lack Access To Air Transportation In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

As A Congresswoman, Tenney Asked New York Governor Cuomo Not To Reject I-81 Tunnel Based On Its Expense

Tenney Signed Letter Urging Cuomo Not To Reject I-81 Tunnel Simply Because It Was The More Expensive Option. “U.S. Rep. John Katko is among six members of Congress from Upstate New York who suggest the state’s redevelopment plan for Interstate 81 in Syracuse shouldn’t rule out a tunnel costing up to \$3.1 billion simply because it’s too expensive. Katko, R-Camillus, and his Upstate colleagues sent a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo urging him not to let costs discourage the state from choosing the best alternative to replace the elevated 1.4-mile stretch of I-81 in Syracuse [...] In the letter led by Katko, the Upstate House members emphasized their willingness to fight for federal funding for the project. The letter was co-signed by Reps. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford; Chris Collins, R-Clarence; Elise Stefanik, R-Willsboro; Tom Reed, R-Corning; and Sean Patrick Maloney, D-Cold Spring.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [8/3/17](#)]

Tenney Received \$5,400 Contribution From Executive Of Company That Favored The Tunnel Option. “The developer of the Destiny USA mall in Syracuse and some local hotel owners have come out in favor of a tunnel-boulevard option that would keep traffic flowing past the mall and local businesses. All six House members who signed the letter represent congressional districts that include or neighbor shopping malls owned or operated by Destiny USA’s developer, the Syracuse-based Pyramid Companies [...] One Pyramid executive, Brue Kenan of Skaneateles, has donated at least \$122,100 to candidates for federal office or party committees dating back to 1997, the records show. Among Kenan’s contributions this year was a \$10,000 donation on

March 2 to the National Republican Congressional Committee, which supports GOP candidates running for election to the House. Kenan also donated \$5,400 to Katko on Feb. 28 and \$5,400 to Tenney on May 31.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, [8/3/17](#)]

Veterans' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney voted for an appropriations bill that would transition the VA Choice program from mandatory to discretionary spending, leaving it open to cuts*
- ✓ *Repeatedly voted against tax credits for companies that hire veterans*
- ✓ *Voted against millions in funding for programs supporting veterans, including organizations providing support for mental health and trauma conditions*
- ✓ *Voted against program to help veterans start new businesses*
- ✓ *Voted against program to help veterans starting farms*
- ✓ *Sponsored seven of her own bills on veterans issues but none became law*

Department Of Veterans' Affairs

Tenney Voted For An Appropriations Bill That Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts

Tenney Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration’s Hiring Freeze

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration’s Hiring Freeze. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259).” According to Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), a vote for the motion was a vote to block “an amendment to the rule to bring up HR 696, Representative Schrader’s bill to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from Donald John Trump’s hiring freeze. As we have already discussed, my amendment to allow the VA Secretary to fill vacant positions, regardless of whether they were vacated before or after the hiring freeze, was blocked last night in the Rules Committee. There are nearly 47,000 vacant positions within the VA, and we should not be limiting the VA’s authority to fill these positions, especially as we continue to work towards reducing patient wait times.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [HRes 198, [Vote #162](#), 3/16/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/16/17](#); Congressional Record, H2099, [3/16/17](#); CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund

Tenney Voted For Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Participated In A Motorcycle Ride In Washington, DC To Honor Veterans

Tenney Joined A Motorcycle Ride In Honor Of US Veterans In Washington, DC. “U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, a longtime Harley-Davidson owner, plans to join more than 500,000 motorcyclists today in Washington, D.C., for the Rolling Thunder ‘Ride for Freedom,’ a tribute to POW and MIA service members. Tenney (R-New Hartford), the mother of a U.S. Marine serving in Iraq, was invited to ride next to Harley-Davidson CEO Matthew Levatich for the 30th annual ride from the Pentagon to Lincoln Memorial. The ride draws motorcyclists in a massive display of support for American veterans, with a focus on those listed as missing in action and prisoners of war. The riders, in lines of four, drive across the Potomac River in a procession that can last five hours or more. ‘I signed up because I thought it would be a nice way to honor the veterans,’ Tenney said in an interview. ‘It’s huge. I thought it would be a really nice experience to be on a motorcycle for something like this.’” [Syracuse Post Standard, 5/28/17]

State Legislature

2016: Voted Against Granting Tax Credits To Companies That Hire Veterans

Voted Against 2016-2017 State Budget Amendment Implementing State Fiscal Plan, Amending Real Property Tax Law And Income Tax Credits. In April 2016, Tenney voted against a state budget bill which would have, among other actions, enacted “major components of legislation which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year; amends the real property tax law and the tax law, in relation to transitioning the school tax relief (STAR) exemption into a personal income tax credit... amends the tax law, in relation to providing a middle income tax cut under the personal income tax” The bill passed the Assembly 121 to 20 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. S06049D was substituted for A09009C. [S06409D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Extended Hire-A-Vet Tax Credit For Two Years. “A two-year extension of the state’s Hire-A-Vet tax credit, which encourages businesses to hire veterans, is one of the highlights of the 2016-17 New York state budget.” [Corning Leader, [5/05/16](#)]

2013: Voted Against Granting Tax Credits To Companies That Hire Veterans

Voted Against 2013-2014 Budget Bill Containing Major Legislative Components For Implementation Of State Fiscal Plan. In March 2013, Tenney voted against a budget bill which enacted “into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2013-2014 state fiscal year.” The Bill passed the Assembly 113 to 27 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo. [S02609, [3/28/13](#)]

Budget Included A Tax Credit To Businesses Hiring Veterans. “To promote job growth and support efforts to employ more of our returning service men and women, the SFY 2013-2014 Budget provides a state tax credit to businesses that hire a post-9/11 military veteran for a new full-time job. The credit is equal to 10 percent of wages paid to the qualified veteran during the first full year of employment or 15 percent of wages if the veteran is disabled. Employers may apply the tax credit towards every new veteran that they hire for a qualifying job, without limit.” [NY Assembly Speaker Silver Press Release, [3/28/13](#)]

Voted Against More Than \$4 Million In Funding For Veterans Programs, Including Organizations Providing Mental Health And Trauma Support To Returning Veterans

Voted Against 2016-2017 Aid To Localities Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 128 to 13 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06403D was substituted for A9002 [S06403D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Included More Than \$4 Million In Funding For Veterans Programs. “The new budget continues the Senate support for the heroic service men and women who have sacrificed so much to serve our nation by including funding for programs including: \$2.8 million for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Program; \$500,000 for the NYS Defenders Association Veteran’s Defense Program; \$500,000 for the Veterans Outreach Center in Monroe County; \$450,000 for the Veteran’s Mental Health Training Initiative; \$200,000 for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Veterans and Military Families Advocacy Project; and \$200,000 for Warrior Salute, among other initiatives.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Program Assisted Veterans “To Reduce Or Eliminate The Negative Impact That Trauma-Related Symptoms Have On Social, Occupational Or Family Functioning.” “The mission of the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Vet to Vet Support Program is to assist veterans to reduce or eliminate the negative impact that trauma-related symptoms have on social, occupational

and family functioning. Rockland County is one of fifteen New York State counties participating in the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Program to provide Vet to Vet support. The program is named for Army PFC Joseph P. Dwyer from Mount Sinai, Long Island, an Iraq War Veteran, who died from the effects of PTSD in 2008.” [Rockland Independent Living Center, Accessed [8/02/16](#)]

Voted Against Expanding Entrepreneurial Assistance Program To Veterans And Increased Aid To Veterans Organizations

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 8550-C, A. 8551, A. 8552, A. 8553-C, A. 8554-C, A. 8555-C, A. 8556-C, A. 8557-C, A. 8558-C, A. 8559-C and A. 8768-A which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2014-2015 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 91 to 40. [E00914, [3/12/14](#)]

Budget Would Have Expanded Entrepreneurial Assistant Program To Veterans, Providing Intensive Management And Technical Assistance For Starting New Businesses. “The Legislature expands access to the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program to include eligible veterans. Support to eligible participants includes intensive community-based management and technical assistance for starting new business ventures.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Budget Would Have Increased Aid To Veterans Organizations By \$800,000. “The Legislature increases aid by \$800,000 for the following organizations: o NYC Veterans Justice Project -\$100,000; o the SAGE Veterans Project - \$100,000; o Vietnam Veterans of America - \$25,000; o NYC Veterans Service organization - \$75,000; o Buffalo Veterans Service organization - \$50,000; o the Syracuse University Veterans Legal Clinic - \$250,000; and o Warrior Salute - \$200,000.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Voted Against Funding Pilot Program To Support Veteran-Owned Farms

Voted Against 2016-2017 Aid To Localities Budget. In April 2016, Tenney voted against the Aid to Localities Budget for 2016-2017 which passed the Assembly 128 to 13 and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo with his line item veto. S06403D was substituted for A9002 [S06403D, [4/01/16](#)]

Budget Funded Pilot Program To Support Veteran-Owned Farms. “The budget includes \$115,000 in new funding for an innovative proposal by Cornell’s Small Farms Program to help establish up to five veteran-owned small farms through a first-in-the-nation pilot program. Returning veterans and those seeking a career change could be encouraged to try agriculture, utilizing benefits they’ve earned under the GI Bill to gain training and expertise to begin their own successful small business. In turn, these sites would be available to train additional veteran-farmers in future years.” [NY State Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DeFrancisco Press Release, [4/04/16](#)]

In New York Legislature, Tenney Sponsored Seven Bills Benefitting Veterans Or Veterans Groups, But None Have Become Law

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Bill Number	Summary	Last Action	Date of Last Action
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A03771	Allows certification of disability by the United States veterans' administration	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03784	Includes the war on terrorism within the definition of "period of war" for purposes of the veterans alternative property tax exemption	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16
A03827	Extends real property exemption for veterans' organizations to include property occupied by any person although not also entitled to exemption	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16
A03862	Extends certain educational benefits to eligible veterans	Held for consideration in higher education	5/25/16
A03907	Creates a veterans' clearinghouse for purposes of identifying veterans eligible for benefits	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16
A04017	Authorizes the creation of the veteran assistance lottery game	Referred to racing and wagering	1/06/16
A04032	Declares the Vietnam Veterans of America to be benevolent orders	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16

[Claudia Tenney Assembly Member Page, accessed [8/14/16](#)]

Voted Against Setting The Goal Of Five Percent Of All State Procurement Contracts Being With Businesses Owned By Service-Disabled Veterans

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill which "together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 8550-C, A. 8551, A. 8552, A. 8553-C, A. 8554-C, A. 8555-C, A. 8556-C, A. 8557-C, A. 8558-C, A. 8559-C and A. 8768-A which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2014-2015 New York State Budget." The resolution was adopted 91 to 40. [E00914, [3/12/14](#)]

Budget Included Setting The Goal Of Five Percent Of All State Procurement Contracts Being With Businesses Owned By Service-Disabled Veterans. "Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Veterans Committee Chair Michael Benedetto today announced the recently approved Assembly budget resolution for SFY 2014-15 includes the Service-Disabled Veterans-Owned Business Act, which would set the goal of five percent for all the state's procurement contracts to be with businesses owned by service-disabled veterans." [Speaker Of The Assembly Press Release, [3/16/14](#)]

Women's Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney co-sponsored a 20-week abortion ban at both the state and federal levels*
- ✓ *Tenney said Roe v. Wade had no constitutional basis.*
- ✓ *Tenney thought abortion should be regulated on the state level.*
- ✓ *Tenney said abortion did not respect pro-lifers' rights.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to make it easier for states to defund Planned Parenthood*
- ✓ *Tenney said people could use sexual harassment as a weapon.*
- ✓ *Tenney voted to repeal safeguards preventing sexual harassment of employees of government contractors*
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- ✓ *Tenney defended Blake Farenthold after he used taxpayer money to settle a sexual harassment claim*
- ✓ *Tenney repeatedly voted against bills requiring equal pay for equal work at the state level*
- ✓ *Tenney said that "women deserved to be paid on merit and not based on some government regulation."*
- ✓ *Tenney received a 100% rating from NYS Right to Life and accepted thousands of dollars from anti-choice Susan B. Anthony List*

20 Week Abortion Ban

2017: Tenney Co-Sponsored And Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban

Tenney Was A Cosponsor Of H.R. 36, The Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, Which Banned Abortions After 20 Weeks. "Today, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) voted in support of H.R 36, the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This bill would restrict abortions after 20 weeks, as substantial scientific evidence has proven that abortions inflict pain on unborn children at this age. Currently, the United States is one of only seven countries that allow abortions after 20 weeks. 'The Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act imposes commonsense restricts on late term abortions to protect the most vulnerable in our society. Scientific evidence has shown that abortions are particularly painful for unborn children after 20 weeks. At 20 weeks, an unborn child is developed enough to respond to sound and feel pain. These children deserve to be protected and deserve a chance at life,' said Congress-woman Claudia Tenney. 'During my time as a member of the New York State Assembly, I was the prime sponsor of the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and was honored to champion this bill in an effort to protect the sanctity of life. I'm honored to continue this fight in Congress by cosponsoring and voting in support of H.R 36 today.'" [Press Release, Office of Rep. Claudia Tenney, 10/11/17]

Tenney Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Tenney 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 So 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Tenney 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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20 Week Abortion Ban Was 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](#)]

HEADLINE: 20-Week Abortion Bans: Still Unconstitutional After All These Years [Rewire, [5/12/15](#)]

In New York Legislature, Sponsored A Bill To Ban Abortions After 20 Weeks With Exceptions For Rape, Incest, And The Life Of The Woman

Sponsored A Bill To Ban Abortions After 20 Weeks With Exceptions For Rape, Incest, And The Life Of The Woman. In June 2015, Tenney introduced the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act which would “make it illegal to abort an unborn child that has reached the age of twenty weeks or great-er, with certain exceptions, including protections for the mother in cases of rape, incest or when an abortion is necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman.” The bill was referred to the House Health Committee in June 2015 and again in January 2016. [A08078, [6/05/15](#)]

Abortion Regulations

Tenney Said *Roe V. Wade* Had No Constitutional Basis

Tenney: *Roe V. Wade* Was “Hard To Justify Based On The Constitution.” [WUTQ, Media Appearance Memo, [7/5/18](#)]

Tenney: “*Roe V. Wade* Is Not Founded In True Constitutional Principles.” “It is undisputed by whether you’re left-leaning or conservative that *Roe versus Wade* is not founded in true constitutional principles. It was a, you know, and ends-justify-the-means kind of decision.” [WUTQ, Media Appearance Memo, [7/11/18](#)]

Tenney Thought Abortion Should Be Regulated On The State Level

Tenney Disagreed With *Roe V. Wade* Because It Took The Decision From The State Level. “[Host: ‘Claudia, on *Roe versus Wade*, you said you disagree with the basis on which it was decided. Do you agree with the result of *Roe versus Wade*? The result, not the procedure, but the result. Do you agree with it or not?’] I think, I don’t like the result that it took the conversation away from the states to decide.” [WUTQ, Media Appearance Memo, [7/11/18](#)]

Tenney Said *Roe V. Wade* Was Controversial Because It “Cut Off The Conversation.” “Listener question about overturning *Roe v. Wade*; “Um, it’s up to the Supreme Court. [Host: ‘I know you’re not making the choice.’] Yeah. I don’t – it’s not a – look, there’s a concept called *stare decisis*, which means that the Court tends to leave longstanding decisions alone, but they would, you know, they do overturn longstanding decisions. Uh, the thing with *Roe v. Wade* is it is hard to justify it based on the constitution, but if *Roe v. Wade* were overturned, it would simply go to the states and I think you’d see a, you know, the people would already vote. I mean New York has already got its own laws in place. It was already starting to happen. I think that’s part of the criticism of *Roe versus Wade*; it cut off the conversation, and so now it should be something that should be done at the state level, and people say, ‘Well, we want to unify it.’” [WUTQ, Media Appearance Memo, [7/5/18](#)]

Tenney Said Abortion Did Not Respect Pro-Lifers’ Rights

Tenney: “What About The Rights Of” People Who Are Pro-Life. “[Host: But they became national rather than leaving them to the states, is what I’m saying... What Claudia’s saying is if you overturn *Roe versus Wade*, then you leave – each state has their own rules and regulations regarding abortion. Right, that’s what you’re saying? And I’m

just asking, don't you have a risk with that that you're going to have some states where you're going to have conduct which is illegal, which does suppress minorities, who have a viewpoint in that state, which is the minority, and their rights are getting trampled on, in a sense?'] Well, that, but then again, there are people now that are pro-life that feel like, uh, millions of children have been killed because of abortion, and that that wasn't – what about the rights of those people, you know, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are founding principles- [Host: "I guess the answer to that is don't have an abortion. I mean nobody forces anybody to have an abortion."'] Right, well, yeah, nobody forces anyone to have sex unless you're rape, incest, or those, you know, that forcible, and those are all exemptions under the, you know, and most pro-life people accept those." [WUTQ, Media Appearance Memo, [7/5/18](#)]

Tenney Said That The Pro-Life Movement Was “Winning On Facts”

Tenney Said That The Anti-Choice Movement Was “Winning On Facts.” “Now, the pro-life movement has successfully brought their scientific rallying cry to Capitol Hill. In a recent promotional video for the Charlotte Lozier Institute, Republican legislators spoke warmly about how data helps make the case for limiting abortion. ‘When we have very difficult topics that we need to talk about, the Charlotte Lozier Institute gives credibility to the testimony and to the information that we’re giving others,’ said Tennessee Representative Diane Black. Representative Claudia Tenney of New York agreed: ‘We’re winning on facts, and we’re winning hearts and minds on science.’ This, above all, represents the shift in America’s abortion debate: An issue that has long been argued in normative claims about the nature of human life and women’s autonomy has shifted toward a wobbly empirical debate. As Tenney suggested, it is a move made with an eye toward winning-on policy, on public opinion, and, ultimately, in courtrooms.” [The Atlantic, 1/18/18]

Tenney Supported Measures To Reduce Access To Abortion Through Employer Health Plans

Tenney Supported Measures To Reduce Access To Abortion Through Employer Health Plans. “‘The House of Representatives voted Tuesday to expand restrictions on abortion, prohibiting individuals and small businesses from claiming federal tax credits through the Affordable Care Act if their health plan includes abortion coverage. Existing federal legislation under the Hyde Amendment already prevents federal funding from being used to pay for abortions. Central New York’s two House members - U.S. Reps. John Katko (R-Camillus) and Claudia Tenney (R-New Hartford) - joined Republicans who voted unanimously to pass the No Taxpayer for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2017. Only three Democrats supported the bill. The final vote was 238 to 183 on a bill that has now passed the House at least three times in the past three years, but never made it into law under former President Barack Obama. This year, President Donald Trump has supported the legislation. ’” [Post-Standard, 1/25/17]

Tenney Voted For Requiring Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions

Tenney Voted For Requiring Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care practitioners to provide care to an infant born alive during a failed abortion that is equivalent 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Making The Hyde Amendment Permanent To Eliminate Abortion Coverage On Any Private Health Insurance Plan Participating In The Affordable Care Act

Tenney Voted For Making The Hyde Amendment Permanent And Eliminate Abortion Coverage On Any Private Health Insurance Plan Participating In The Affordable Care Act. In January 2017, Tenney voted for: “passage of the bill that would permanently prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for abortion services or health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. It also would prohibit the District of Columbia from using its own local funds to provide or pay for abortions. Individuals and small businesses also could not receive tax credits under the 2010 health care law related to purchases of health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that, starting in 2018, no multistate qualified health plan offered in a state insurance exchange provides coverage that includes abortion. The provisions would not apply to pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, or to situations where the woman would die unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 7, [Vote #65](#), 1/24/17; CQ, [1/24/17](#)]

2015-2016: Voted Twice Against Bill To Guarantee Reproductive Choice By Codifying Right To Abortion As Established In Roe v. Wade

2015-2016: Voted Twice Against Bill To Guarantee Reproductive Choice By Codifying Right To Abortion As Established In Roe v. Wade. In March 2015 and again in June 2016, Tenney voted against a bill that “provides that the state shall not deny a woman’s right to obtain an abortion as established by the United States Supreme Court in the decision Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973).” The bill passed the Assembly in March 2015 by a vote of 95 to 51 and in June 2016 by a vote of 92 to 50. As of July 2016, the bill had been referred to the Senate Health Committee. [A06221, [3/25/15](#); A06221, [6/07/16](#)]

Claimed Strong Support For “Sanctity Of Life”

Claimed Strong Support For “Sanctity Of Life.” As of June 2016, Tenney claimed strong support for “sanctity of life.” “Claudia Tenney believes strongly in the sanctity of life and has taken the lead to protect it by sponsoring many bills in the New York Assembly that would limit the expansion of abortion, including the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, of which she is the prime sponsor. She has consistently voted against bills that advocate late term abortion and taxpayer funding of late term abortion.” [Claudia for Congress Campaign Site, accessed [6/06/16](#)]

Planned Parenthood

Tenney Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood

Tenney Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. In February 2017, Tenney voted for overturning “an Obama-era rule banning states from denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood and other health care providers that perform abortions. The rule was designed to prohibit states from withholding family planning funding from providers for reasons other than their ability to offer family-planning services.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HJRes 43, [Vote #99](#), 2/16/17; USA Today, [2/16/17](#)]

Tenney Said That Community Health Centers Would Be Able To Cover Low-Income People Displaced By Planned Parenthood’s Defunding. “Regarding options for low-income women should the Graham-Cassidy Bill pass, Tenney said there are more federally funded facilities in the community than Planned Parenthood equivalents, citing more than 13,000 throughout the United States. She said an increase in funding by \$1 billion for federal services “more than make up” for the services provided by Planned Parenthood.” [Times Telegram, 9/21/17]

Declared Opposition To Planned Parenthood Funding And Obamacare While Calling For Investigation Of Planned Parenthood

Against Funding Planned Parenthood And Obamacare. In November 2015, while announcing her run for Congress, Tenney said we need to say “no” to Planned Parenthood and Obamacare. The response went as follows: TENNEY: Now is the time for a true outsider, a citizen legislator Someone who will go to Washington ... say no to funding Obamacare and Planned Parenthood, which uses our tax money to engage in the immoral sale of baby parts. [Tenney Campaign Kickoff Speech, YouTube, [5:45](#), 11/17/15]

Planned Parenthood Provided More Than 10.6 Million Services From October 2012 To September 2013, Including Cancer Screenings, Birth Control Consultations, And Test And Treat STIs. “The group does indeed deliver essential screening and treatment services to millions of women — many of whom would not have any access to such services if their local Planned Parenthood shut down. From October 2012 to September 2013 alone, Planned Parenthood performed about 900,000 pap smears and breast cancer screenings, 3.5 million birth control consultations, and 4.5 million appointments to test for or treat sexually transmitted infections. Abortion services were just 3 percent of the 10.6 million services Planned Parenthood provided that year, according to its annual report.” [Think Progress, [2/25/16](#)]

2015: Called Upon Governor Cuomo To Conduct Investigation Of Planned Parenthood

2015: Called Upon Governor Cuomo To Conduct Investigation Of Planned Parenthood. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C—New Hartford) wrote a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo requesting that he conduct an investigation into Planned Parenthood facilities in New York. The call follows the release of a video Tuesday by the Center for Medical Progress alleging Planned Parenthood’s involvement in the sale and trafficking of aborted fetus parts and organs.” [Albany Update, [7/17/15](#)]

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Criticized Rep. Hanna For Opposing Bill TO Defund Planned Parenthood, Praised Votes To Defund Planned Parenthood As “Courageous.” “Richard Hanna stood nearly alone when he voted to give taxpayer money to Planned Parenthood after undercover videos revealed that this organization was engaging in the amoral sale of human body parts. He criticized his colleagues for voting against giving Planned Parenthood over a half billion dollars in taxpayer money and arrogantly dismissed their courageous votes as nothing more than ‘political theater.’ Hanna was the only Republican in the nation to accept money from Planned Parenthood in the 2014 cycle and he accepted its Congressman of the Year Award in 2012.” [ClaudiaForCongres.com, accessed [7/18/16](#)]

Sexual Harassment And #MeToo

Tenney Said People Could Use Sexual Harassment As Weapon

Tenney: Sexual Harassment Accusations Could Run People “Literally Into Bankruptcy.” “There might be someone in your office that’s wrongly accused, and it also could be used as a weapon, and I’ll just give you a perfect example: if we had a Member of Congress who is wrongly accused, and they had to pay for litigation, and they weren’t someone, like me, who’s not one of the wealthy members – you know, a lot of Members of Congress don’t even take their pay – so, the question is: you can accuse anybody...you can accuse anyone of sexual harassment and you could run them literally into bankruptcy without having an adjudication, so it’s not that simple of an issue.” [Americans for Restoring the Constitution Candidate Forum, [Tracking Event Memo](#), 1:01:14, [9/17/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Wondered Why Christine Blasey Ford Waited Until Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court Nomination Before Speaking Out About Her Sexual Assault

Tenney Thought It Was Suspicious Christine Blasey Ford Speak About Her Sexual Assault Until Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court Nomination. “TENNEY: I do think it's a little suspect that it came in so late. She didn't bring it up 12 years ago when he was before the Senate for the second-most, arguably, the second-most important court in the country, which is the D.C. Circuit Court, and there was no discussion then, and I do think a lot of this is a little suspect [...]” [WUTQ, [Media Appearance Memo](#), 9:01, [9/26/18](#)] (AUDIO)

Tenney Thought Ford Was Not A Convincing Witness. “But I do think there's – I watched part of the testimony of Dr. Ford. I watched part of Brett Kavanaugh. I didn't get to see them as the entirety of both of them, so I think you have to look at them – I'd like to sit down and see the entire tape of both; I just haven't had time to do that yet, but the impression that I got from just what I saw is though people said she was very believable, and as I said on your show, I think credibility is the issue, though, to corroborate this. I know she really is not very specific about it, and trust me, I've never met a victim who doesn't know literally every circumstance. It lives with you for the rest of your life. I mean you know a lot more detail, even if, and she said she only had one beer – you remember these things. These are serious. I'm not saying that it didn't happen to her, but I wasn't convinced that it was even Judge Kavanaugh, so when I came back Friday from D.C., after the delay, then I went around to the district.” [WUTQ, [Media Appearance Memo](#), 6:34, [10/3/18](#)]

Tenney Voted For Repealing A Rule Requiring Businesses To Disclose Harassment Violations When Bidding On Large Federal Contracts

Tenney Voted For Potentially Exposing Hundreds Of Thousands Of American Workers To Sexual Harassment By Repealing A Rule Requiring Businesses To Disclose Harassment Violations When Bidding On Large Federal Contracts. In February 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Defense Department, General Services Administration and NASA rule that requires companies that bid for federal contracts of more than \$500,000 to disclose whether they have been determined in the previous three years to have violated certain federal labor laws and equivalent state laws.” The resolution passed 236-187 and was signed into law on March 27, 2017. [[H J Res 37](#), [Vote #76](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

Politico: A Vote For The Resolution Was A Vote To Endanger “Hundreds Of Thousands Of American Workers” By Repealing Safeguards Against Sexual Harassment. “Not long before a deluge of sexual harassment claims engulfed Capitol Hill, congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump quietly repealed safeguards to protect hundreds of thousands of American workers from such harassment. Their target was an August 2016 regulation issued by the Obama Labor Department that required businesses to disclose certain labor violations — including sexual harassment — whenever they bid on large federal contracts. The vote last year is especially relevant now that Congress, under immense public pressure, is weighing legislation to outlaw the very same secrecy agreements that it voted to keep legal less than a year ago.” [Politico, [1/2/18](#)]

Politico: The Obama Era Regulation “Required Businesses To Disclose Certain Labor Violations — Including Sexual Harassment — Whenever They Bid On Large Federal Contracts.” “Their target was an August 2016 regulation issued by the Obama Labor Department that required businesses to disclose certain labor violations — including sexual harassment — whenever they bid on large federal contracts.” [Politico, [1/2/18](#)]

Tenney Refused To Return Donations She Received From Pat Meehan's Leadership PAC

Tenney Refused To Return \$1,000 She Received From Accused Sexual Harasser Pat Meehan's Leadership PAC. “State Assemblyman Anthony J. Brindisi's congressional campaign is calling on U.S. Rep. Claudia L.

Tenney, R-22, New Hartford, to return a \$1,000 campaign donation she received from Congressman Patrick Meehan's Political Action Committee, Patriots Leading a Majority PAC. Meehan, R-Pa., has come under political fire in light of revelations that he used taxpayer money to settle a sexual harassment complaint from a former female staffer [...] 'Talk is cheap. Claudia Tenney stood up to corrupt House Speaker Sheldon Silver and called for his resignation after it was exposed that Silver used taxpayer dollars to cover up sexual harassment claims against members of the Assembly,' said Raychel Renna, Tenney campaign manager. Anthony Brindisi voted for Speaker Silver despite the sexual harassment hush money scandal, she claimed. 'We will use those funds to help ensure Anthony Brindisi's troubling record on sexual harassment is exposed to the public, and New Yorkers are aware Brindisi's sudden concern about sexual harassment is politically motivated.'" [Rome Sentinel, [1/29/18](#)]

Tenney Defended Accused Harasser Blake Farenthold After He Used \$84,000 In Taxpayer Funds To Settle A Sexual Harassment Claim

Tenney Said Blake Farenthold Should Not Resign Over Revelations That He Used Taxpayer Money To Settle A Sexual Harassment Claim Made By A Staffer. "Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney in a Capital Tonight interview said she does not believe Texas Rep. Blake Farenthold should resign after it was revealed he used \$84,000 in taxpayer money to settlement harassment complaints leveled against him by a former aide and questioned whether the accusations against him fit the definition of sexual harassment [...] 'I think Blake Farenthold is not an example of sexual harassment,' she said. 'From what I know he made some off-handed comments that were inappropriate, that were just boorish.'" [NY State of Politics, 12/22/17]

Tenney Voted To Reform Harassment And Discrimination Policies In Congress Which Would Have Prevented Fahrenthold From Leaving Taxpayers On The Hook For His Harassment Settlement. "U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, voted yes last week on two measures that will reform harassment and discrimination policies in the congressional workplace. The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 reconfigures how complaints under the Congressional Accountability Act involving sexual harassment and other discriminatory acts are investigated and resolved, according to Tenney's office. The bill requires members to personally pay for any settlements in cases where they are alleged or proven responsible for those actions. Another measure modifies the rules of the House of Representatives by explicitly prohibiting sexual harassment and forbids sexual relationships between a member and their staff, according to the announcement. The measure also requires House offices to implement anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies." [Times Telegram, 2/20/18]

Tenney On #MeToo: "A Lot Of Things Are Turning Into Sexual Harassment"

Tenney On #MeToo: "You Bump Into Someone At A Restaurant One Night And All Of A Sudden It's Sexual Harassment [...] A Lot Of Things Are Turning Into Sexual Harassment And I Think In The Long Run It May Hurt Women." [57:30] TENNEY: "I don't know the best way to put it, but some of these situations, it seems that natural human... you bump into someone at a restaurant one night, and all of a sudden it's sexual harassment. That to me, legally, is not sexual harassment. I think there has to be intent, and there has to be the intent to manipulate and control that person and use them in a way that isn't just accidental. I think a lot of things are turning into sexual harassment and I think in the long run it may hurt women. You know, why have a woman in your office because god knows, you look at her the wrong way and all of a sudden you've got a sexual harassment claim. And the same is said on both sides, it could be sexual harassment for all, whether it's homo—or any kind of relationship. I think we have to be very careful how we look at this." [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [1/12/18](#)] (VIDEO)

Domestic Violence

Tenney Defended Accused Abuser Rob Porter

Tenney Said Physical Abuse Accusations Against White House Aide Rob Porter Could Not Lead To Him Being Blackmailed Because They Were "Not Crimes Of Character." "Informed of the fact that the FBI was

looking into the allegations as part of its background check of Porter, and that there was potential concern over the possibility of the staffer being blackmailed, Tenney shot down that possibility. “Right, except blackmail and domestic situations don’t really line up, they’re not crimes of character,” she said. “They’re [crimes of] character but they’re not dishonesty—know this. To me... just because somebody has been accused of these things and even if they’re true that doesn’t necessarily mean he’s going to be dishonest and commit blackmail. I don’t think it was a great hire if these are true, but again, are these true?” [The Daily Beast, [2/16/18](#)]

Tenney Cited Her Experience As Divorce Lawyer In Casting Doubt On Assault Accusations Against Porter.

“Tenney cited her experience as a divorce lawyer in casting doubt on the accusations by both of Porter’s ex-wives. ‘I’ve had divorce cases where terrible abuse is going on and the person doesn’t do anything about it, usually it’s the wife, sometimes it’s the husband,’ she said. ‘But in cases like this, I’ve seen cases where somebody hurts themselves and they go in and blame their ex-husband. Or their ex-husband to be. The person wasn’t even there.’” [Huffington Post, [2/16/18](#)]

Tenney Said That She Doubted Rob Porter’s Alleged Victims Were Telling The Truth About His Abuse: ‘I’ve Seen Cases Where Somebody Hurts Themselves And They Go In And Blame Their Ex-Husband.’

“The week before her mass shooting comments, Tenney cast doubt on allegations that then recently ousted White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter had physically abused his two ex-wives. ‘I’ve seen cases where somebody hurts themselves and they go in and blame their ex-husband or their ex-husband-to-be,’ Tenney said in an interview with WUTQ. Porter had been unable to obtain a full security clearance because of the allegations, which his ex-wives had brought to the FBI’s attention in March and July.” [The Ithaca Journal, 3/23/18]

Tenney On Rob Porter: “I’m Not Saying He’s Innocent, I’m Saying We Don’t Know.” “Tenney herself is a top-tier target of the Democratic Party in the 2018 midterm elections. She was criticized last week after she deplored the focus on domestic violence allegations against former White House staff secretary Rob Porter, who resigned after one of his ex-wives released photos of a black eye. ‘I’m not saying he’s innocent, but I’m saying we don’t know,’ Tenney said. ‘He could be the worst guy in the world, but now we’re getting into prosecution as far as I know. I guess there was an issue about, maybe the FBI knew about it, but really, is this what we’re talking about at this point?’” [AOL News, 2/22/18]

Tenney Criticized A State Law Which Protected Vulnerable Victims From Armed Domestic Abusers

A State Law Passed In 2018 Made It More Difficult For Convicted Domestic Abusers To Buy Firearms, And Allowed Law Enforcement To Take Away Firearms Upon Conviction Of A Felony. “The new New York law will require the courts to notify the state Division of Criminal Justice Services of any convicted domestic abusers. Then the state will report the abusers to the FBI - which will identify them and prohibit them from purchasing and possessing a firearm. The law will also require the courts to notify law enforcement to take away ‘firearms, rifles and shotguns’ upon a conviction on a felony or serious offense. Also, the law will ensure individuals wanted for a felony or other serious offense are not able to obtain or renew a firearm license, Cuomo said. ‘This change will make certain that the general public as well as the law enforcement who are actively seeking to arrest a wanted individual are not needlessly endangered by that individual obtaining new fire-arms,’ Cuomo’s office said. The group Prevent Child Abuse New York lauded the bill, saying it would help children and families who face domestic abuse. The group said that orders of protections in New York are at a five-year high, while intimate partner homicides increased from 64 in 2015 to 78 in 2016. ‘Children exposed to domestic violence suffer trauma that impacts the rest of their lives,’ the group said in a statement. ‘This legislation will help keep families safe and prevent greater trauma down the line.’” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 4/4/18]

Tenney Criticized The Law, Saying That It Denied People Wanted For Felonies Due Process Before Confiscating Their Guns. “But some Republicans criticized the law. Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, Oneida County, criticized her Democratic challenger, Assembly-man Anthony Brindisi, for voting for the measure. Her campaign said the law will stop ‘anyone trying to obtain a gun license who is being sought by law

enforcement on a warrant for a felony or ‘serious offense’ even before they receive due process.’ Tenney, a former assemblywoman, added from her campaign, ‘The bill also allows guns to be confiscated before gun owners can challenge the orders and receive a hearing.’ But Brindisi responded that Tenney was wrong. ‘It is sad that my opponent would politicize a measure meant to protect victims of domestic violence, especially given her unwillingness to support any new measures to cut down on gun violence,’ Brindisi said.” [Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 4/4/18]

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As An Assemblywoman, Tenney Pledged To Highlight The Fight Against Domestic Violence. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney announced her continued commitment to highlight the fight against domestic violence and reminded her constituents October is New York State’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month. ‘Domestic violence is a crime against the family. It affects men, women, and children throughout our state,’ said Tenney, R - New Hartford, in a news release. ‘By participating in Domestic Violence Awareness Month, New Yorkers can express their solidarity with victims of domestic violence and commit to sending a message that domestic violence is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.’ In addition to marking October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, New York also sponsors an annual Shine the Light Campaign that seeks to raise awareness and offer support to victims of domestic violence.” [Evening Times, 10/26/13]

Tenney Participated In A Take Back The Night Rally In 2013. “She also participates in Take Back the Night sponsored by the YWCA in Utica. ‘Awareness is vitally important to preventing domestic violence,’ said Tenney in the release. ‘Friends, family, neighbors and co-workers should be vigilant and feel free to express their concerns about a potentially violent relationship. It could mean the difference between life or death.’ Tenney encourages all residents of her district to participate in Shine the Light and Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities. New York State’s Office for the Prevention of Domestic violence serves as a resource for anyone wrestling domestic violence situations or issues.” [Evening Times, 10/26/13]

Voted Against Increasing Funding For Domestic Violence Related Civil And Criminal Legal Service Providers By \$1 Million

Voted Against Assembly Resolution Recommending Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget. In March 2014, Tenney voted against a bill which “together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 8550-C, A. 8551, A. 8552, A. 8553-C, A. 8554-C, A. 8555-C, A. 8556-C, A. 8557-C, A. 8558-C, A. 8559-C and A. 8768-A which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2014-2015 New York State Budget.” The resolution was adopted 91 to 40. [E00914, [3/12/14](#)]

Budget Would Have Increased Funding For Domestic Violence Related Civil And Criminal Legal Service Providers By \$1 Million. “The Legislature restores funding for the New York State Defenders Association at \$2.09 million, an increase of \$1 million from the Executive proposal.” [NY Assembly Recommended Changes To 2014-2015 Executive Budget, [March 2014](#)]

Pay Equity

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2015-2016: Voted Twice Against A Bill To Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees Based On The Employee’s Or Dependent’s Reproductive Health Decisions

Voted Twice Against A Bill To Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees based On The Employee’s Or Dependent’s Reproductive Health Decisions. In June 2015 and again in June 2016, Tenney voted against a bill “to prohibit employers from discriminating against employees based on the employees’ or dependent’s reproductive health decisions, and to provide remedies for such violations.” [A01142, [6/16/15](#); A01142; [6/07/16](#)]

2013-2014: Repeatedly Voted Against The Women’s Equality Act Which Protected Right To Choose, Advanced Pay Equity, Supported Efforts Against Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking

Voted Against Women’s Equality Act In June 2013. In June 2013, Tenney voted against the Women’s Equality Act as it passed the Assembly 98 to 47. The bill died in the senate. [A08070, [6/20/13](#)]

Voted Against Women’s Equality Act In January 2014. In January 2014, Tenney voted against the Women’s Equality Act as it passed the Assembly 88 to 43. The bill died again in the Senate upon its second passage. [A08070, [1/27/14](#)]

Bill Would Codify A Woman’s Right To Choose, Attempt To Reduce The Gender Pay Gap, And Strengthen Protections For Abuse Survivors. “On Monday, the New York State Assembly passed an omnibus bill known as the Women’s Equality Act, a ten-point agenda that would codify a woman’s right to choose an abortion, attempt to reduce gender-based pay discrimination, and strengthen protections for survivors of abuse. The same bill was introduced and passed the state assembly last year, but it failed in the face of anti-choice opposition in the state senate. Anti-choice Democrats joined Republicans to split the bill into ten parts and pass only nine, leaving out the abortion plank. Assembly members then refused to allow a vote on the remains of the act because some considered it an unacceptably watered-down version.” [Rewire, [1/29/14](#)]

Bill Would Extend Sexual Harassment Protections To Those Working At Businesses With Fewer Than Four Employees. “Another measure would extend sexual harassment protections to those who work at small businesses with fewer than four employees. Ossorio noted that such businesses make up 60 percent of private employers in New York state, and that “it’s precisely the women who are working in tiny offices where there is no human resources department or an immediate supervisor who you can go to” who need the most protection.” [Rewire, [1/29/14](#)]

Bill Would Increase Penalties Against Human Traffickers, Ensure Rights Of Trafficking Survivors, Would Allow Establish Additional Rights For Victims Of Domestic Violence. “Several provisions address domestic violence or abuse situations. One would increase penalties against human traffickers and ensure that human trafficking survivors can use their victimization as a defense against prostitution charges. Other measures would allow survivors of intimate partner violence to testify in court remotely and to gain access to fair housing.” [Rewire, [1/29/14](#)]

Bill Would Ensure Right To An Abortion Within 24 Weeks Of Pregnancy, Or To Protect The Woman’s Life Or Health, Even If Roe v. Wade Were Overturned By SCOTUS. “The abortion provision ensures that

women can get an abortion within 24 weeks of pregnancy or to protect her life or health, even if Roe v. Wade is overturned in the Supreme Court and women nationwide no longer have a constitutional right to an abortion. It also protects physicians who perform abortions from criminal prosecution.” [Rewire, [1/29/14](#)]

2015 And 2016: Voted Twice Against The New York State Fair Pay Act Which Banned Discrimination In Wages Based On Sex, Race, And/Or National Origin

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Tenney: “Women Deserved To Be Paid Based On Merit And Not Based On Some Government Regulation”

Tenney: “Women Deserved To Be Paid Based On Merit And Not Based On Some Government Regulation” “TENNEY: Currently, we don’t have any women operating a press book. When I was running the division in our company, we did have a woman running a press and she was fabulous. And she got paid based on merit, not based on some government intervention into how we should pay people. And I think women deserved to be paid based on merit and not based on some government regulation.” [FOX, 1:54, Vantage, 7/4/14]

Tenney: “We Already Have Laws In Place That Are Neutral To Gender”

Tenney: “We Already Have Laws In Place That Are Neutral To Gender.” In 2013, while responding to Governor Cuomo’s 2013 State of State Address, Tenney said, “We already have laws in place that are neutral to gender.” The response went as follows: TENNEY: I thought it was a little odd to choose, he always has to choose a major social issue, so to choose women equality, as a women I thought that was unnecessary. I know a lot of women aren’t going to like hear me say that, but we already have all these laws in place that are neutral to gender. Women obviously need to continue to strive and do better in our workplace, and we need to continue to encourage

them and open doors for them. But I think that is the job for people in my position and other women leaders to continue to mentor young women, and to continue to improve our economic state in our country. [Tenney Response, Gov. Cuomo's 2013 State of State Address, 1:25, [1/09/13](#)]

Human Trafficking

May 2014: Promoted Legislation To Combat Human Trafficking In Wake Of Boko Haram Kidnapping Of More Than 200 Girls

Promoted Legislation To Combat Human Trafficking In Wake Of Boko Haram Kidnapping Of More Than 200 Girls. “Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney hosted a press conference to promote legislation to combat human trafficking. Tenney says the bill is an important piece of legislation, especially in the wake of the tragic kidnapping of more than 200 girls in Nigeria. The legislation would increase penalties for those who engage in human trafficking, expand the scope of certain ‘promoting prostitution’ crimes along with the crime of compelling prostitution and create an affirmative defense in prostitution prosecution when the defendant’s participation was a result of having been a trafficking victim.” [WIBX950, [5/13/14](#)]

Interest Groups

2020: Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Abortion Advocacy Group

Susan B. Anthony List Endorsed Tenney. “An anti-abortion advocacy network has endorsed Claudia Tenney in her bid to reclaim New York’s 22nd Congressional District seat. The Susan B. Anthony List, or SBA List, announced the endorsement in a statement Thursday. Marilyn Musgrave, the vice president of government affairs for SBA List, cited Tenney’s ‘100% pro-life’ voting record in the endorsement. ‘During her time in the New York State Assembly, she was a pro-life champion, valiantly standing up to pro-abortion forces,’ Musgrave said, in a statement. ‘She understands that the extreme abortion agenda of New York’s elites is radically out of step with their constituents’ values and is precisely the woman the people of New York’s 22nd District deserve to fight for their pro-life, pro-Trump views.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [1/2/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted Susan B. Anthony List’s Endorsement. “Tenney said she was excited to announce SBA list’s support for her campaign for Congress in the endorsement announcement. ‘Throughout my time in Albany and Washington I have been a leader on the issue of life and protecting mothers,’ Tenney said, in a statement. ‘I am looking forward to partnering with SBA List once again in this important fight.’ Tenney previously received endorsements from the Winning for Women PAC and Oswego County GOP Committee in November. Last October, Tenney announced she would be running to reclaim the Congressional seat she held for a single two-year term after she was elected in 2016. Former Broome County District Attorney Steve Cornwell, George Phillips and Franklin Sager are also seeking the Republican nomination. The district covers Chenango, Cortland, Madison and Oneida counties, as well as parts of Broome, Herkimer, Oswego and Tioga counties.” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, [1/2/20](#)]

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Accepted \$6,725 From Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group. [FEC, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Accepted \$5,000 From Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti- Choice Group. [Tenney For Congress FEC Filing, [3/25/16](#)]

Accepted \$2,000 From Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti- Choice Group. [Tenney For Congress FEC Filing, [6/13/14](#)]

Endorsed By Anti-Abortion Group. “Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion group, will endorse Republican Claudia Tenney for the open NY-22, vacated by retiring GOP Rep. Richard Hanna, and donate \$5,000 to her primary bid. ‘With the help of Susan B. Anthony List, I will continue to spearhead the pro-life, pro-woman fight in Washington by speaking up for those who do not have a voice,’ Tenney said in a statement.” [Politico, [3/23/16](#)]

Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2018-2019: Tenney Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$196,033 To \$1,115,998

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Earned Income

2018-2019: Tenney Reported \$53,879 In Earned Income

2018-2019: Tenney Reported \$53,879 In Income From MidYork Press Inc. And OMP Park Inc. (Note: This Number Does Not Include Pay As A Member Of The House Of Representatives). [Tenney 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [1/29/20](#)]

2018-2019 Tenney Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$21,879
OMP Park Inc.	Salary	\$32,000

[Tenney 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [1/29/20](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2018-2019: Tenney Reported Between \$6,322 And \$21,001 In Unearned Income

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2018-2019 Tenney Assets & Unearned Income								
SP/ DC /JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income (Current To Year Of Filing)		Amount Of Income (Preceding Year)	
		Min	Max		Min	Max	Min	Max
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct American Beacon Large Cap Value (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct AMG Managers Fairpointe Mid Cap (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dodge & Cox Income Fund (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dodge	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000

	& Cox International Fund (MF)							
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dreyfus Ins Deposit Program (BA)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Europacific Grwth Fd CL A (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Europacific Grwth Fd CL F-2 (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$1	\$200
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Fidelity Small Cap Discovery Fund (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Invesco American Value Fund (BA)	None		Capital Gains, Dividends	\$2,501	\$5,000	\$2,501	\$5,000
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct IShares TR Russell 2000ETF (EF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
	Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Acct IShares TR Russell Mid-Cap ETF (EF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200		
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fd (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,001	\$201	\$1,000
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Metropolitan West Unconstrained Bd Fd	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1,001	\$2,500	\$1,001	\$2,500
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct MFS Growth Fund CL I (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct OakMark Fund Investor Class Fund (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Templeton Global Bond Fund (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Vanguard Inded FDS S & P 500 ETF Shs (EF)	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	\$1,001	\$2,500	\$201	\$1,000
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Vanguard S-T Investment Grade Fd (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000
	Bank of Utica (BA)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000



MidYork Press Inc. 401K Account American Funds Europacific (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred				
MidYork Press Inc. 401K account American Funds Growth Fnd (EF)	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-deferred				
MidYork Press Inc. 401K account BMO Small-Cap value Fund (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred				
MidYork Press Inc. 401K account Prudential High Yield Fund (EF)	None		Tax-deferred				
MidYork Press Inc. 401K account Vanguard Midcap Index Fund Adm (EF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-deferred				
MidYork Press Inc. 401K account Voya Corporate Ldrs 100Fd	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-deferred				
MidYork Press Inc. 401 K account Voya Intermediate Bond Fund (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred				
Morgan Stanely Investment Acct Clearbridge Apprec C (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Clearbridge Appreciation A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200		
Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Clearbridge Appreciation C [EF]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-deferred				
Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Morgan Stanley Bank NA [BA]	\$1	\$1,000	Tax-deferred	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Berkshire Hathaway CL B New [MF]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-deferred				
Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Aggressive Grwth Fd [EF]	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred				
Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Appreciation A	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred				
Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Intl Value A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-deferred				
Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Value Trust A [EF]	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred				
Total:	\$361,033	\$1,191,000	Total:	\$6,322	\$21,001	\$5,320	\$18,300

[Tenney 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [1/29/20](#)]

Liabilities

2018-2019 Tenney Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
[Blank]	Key Bank NA	April 2013	Home Mortgage	\$50,001 - \$100,000
[Blank]	Community Bank NA	September 2017	Auto Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000

[Blank]	Americu Credit Union	August 2015	Motorcycle Loan	\$10,000 - \$15,000
			TOTAL	\$75,002 - \$165,000

[Tenney 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [1/29/20](#)]

2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

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2019: Tenney Reported \$20,442 In Income From MidYork Press Inc. (Note: This Number Does Not Include Pay As A Member Of The House Of Representatives). [Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

2019 Tenney Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$20,442

[Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Tenney Reported Between \$5,120 And \$18,301 In Unearned Income

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2019 Tenney Assets & "Unearned" Income							
SP/DC/JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income		Tx. > \$1,000
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	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct American Beacon Large Cap Value (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	1000	
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	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct OakMark Fund Investor Class Fund (MF)	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Templeton Global Bond Fund (MF)	\$1,0001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Vanguard Inded FDS S & P 500 ETF Shs (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Vanguard S-T Investment Grade Fd (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Bank of Utica (BA)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$201	\$1,000	
	MidYork Press Inc. 401K Account American Funds Europacific (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred			

	MidYork Press Inc. 401K account American Funds Growth Fnd (EF)	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-deferred			
	MidyOrk Press Inc. 401K account BMO Small-Cap value Fund (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred			
	MidYork Press Inc. 401K account Prudential High Yield Fund (EF)						
	MidYork Press Inc. 401K account Vanguard Midcap Index Fund Adm (EF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-deferred			
	MidYork Press Inc. 401K account Voya Corporate Ldrs 100Fd	\$50,001	\$100,00	Tax-deferred			
	MidYork Press Inc. 401 K account Voya Intermediate Bond Fund (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred			
	Morgan Stanely Investment Acct Clearbridge Apprec C (MF)	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Morgan Stanley Bank NA (BA)	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Berkshire Hathaway CL B New (MF)	\$1001	\$15,000	Tax-deferred			
	Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Aggressive Grwth Fd (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred			
	Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Aprpreciation A (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred			
	Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Intl Value A	\$1	\$1,000	Tax-deferred			
	Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Value Trust C (EF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-deferred			
	Total:	358,031	1,132,000	Total:	5,120	18,301	

[Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

Transactions

2019: Tenney Reported Between \$2,002 And \$30,000 In Transactions

2019: Tenney Reported Between \$2,002 And \$30,000 In Transactions. [Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

2017 Tenney Transactions						
SP/DC/JT	Asset	Type	CG > \$200 ?	Date	Amount Of Transaction	
					Min	Max
	Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Acct Fidenlity Sm Cap Discovery Fd	S		10/23/18	\$1,001	\$15,000

	Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Acct Invesco Amer Value Fund Cl Y	S		10/23/18	\$1,001	\$15,000
				TOTAL:	\$2,002	30,000

[Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

Liabilities

2019 Tenney Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
[Blank]	Key Bank NA	April 2013	Home Mortgage	\$50,001 - \$100,000
[Blank]	Community Bank NA	September 2017	Auto Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
[Blank]	Key Bank NA	April 2013	Home Mortgage	\$50,001 - \$100,000
[Blank]	Americu Credit Union	August 2015	Motorcycle Loan	\$10,000 - \$15,000
[Blank]	Mini Financial Services	May 2015	Car Loan	\$10,000 - \$15,000
[Blank]	Community Bank NA	September 2017	Auto Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
			TOTAL	\$85,002-\$180,000

[Tenney 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/1/19](#)]

2018 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2017: Tenney Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$291,029 And \$1,279,999

2017: Tenney Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$291,029 And \$1,279,999. [Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

Earned Income

2017 Tenney Reported \$22,865 In Earned Income

2017: Tenney Reported \$22,865 In Income From MidYork Press Inc (Note: This Number Does Not Include Pay As A Member Of The House Of Representatives). [Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

2017 Tenney Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$22,865

[Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2017: Tenney Reported Between \$2,217 And 21,200 In Unearned Income

2017: Tenney Reported Between \$2,217 And 21,200 In Unearned Income. [Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

2017 Tenney 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. > \$1,00 0
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct American Beacon Large Cap Value (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct AMG Managers Fairpointe Mid Cap	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dodge & Cox Income Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dodge & Cox International Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dreyfus Ins Deposit Program	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Europacific Grwth Fd CL A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Europacific Grwth Fd CL F-2	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Fidelity Small Cap Discovery Fund	[Blank]					
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Invesco American Value Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,0000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Metropolitan West Unconstrain Bd Fd	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct MFS Growth Fund CL I	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	None		
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct OakMark Fund Investor Class Fund	\$50,001	\$100,001	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Templeton Global Bond Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	x

Vanguard Index FDS S & P 500 ETF Shs							
Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Vanguard S-T Investment Grade Fd	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000		
Bank of Utica	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$201	\$1,000		
Mid_York Press Inc. 401K Account American Funds EuroPacific	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred				
Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account American Funds Growth Fnd	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred				
Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account BMO Small-Cap Value Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred				
Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Prudential High Yield Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred				
Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Vanguard Midcap Index Fund Adm	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax Deferred				
Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Voya Corporate Ldrs 100FD	\$50,000	\$100,000	Tax-Deferred				
Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Voya Intermediate Bond Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred				
Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Clearbridge Apprec C	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200		
Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Morgan Stanley Bank NA	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200		
Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Berkshire Hathaway CL B New	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends				
Morgan Stanley Trad IRA Clearbridge Agressive [sic] Grwth FD	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax-Deferred				
Morgan Stanley Trad IRA Clearbridge Appreciation A	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax Deferred				
Morgan Stanley Trad IRA Clearbridge Intl Valye A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax Deferred				
Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Value Trust C	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax Deferred				
Total:	471,029	1,365,001	Total:	2,217	21,200		

[Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

Transactions

2018: Tenney Reported Between \$2,002 And \$30,000 In Transactions

2018: Tenney Reported Between \$2,002 And \$30,000 In Transactions. [Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

2017 Tenney Transactions						
SP/ DC /JT	Asset	Type	CG > \$200 ?	Date	Amount Of Transaction	
					Min	Max
	Adirondeck Financial Serviced Invest Acct Metro West Unconstr Bd Fd	P		4/3/17	\$1,001	\$15,000
	Vanguard Short Term Inv Gr Fd	P		4/3/17	\$1,001	\$15,000
				TOTAL:	\$2,002	30,000

[Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

Liabilities

2017 Tenney Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
[Blank]	Key Bank NA	April 2013	Home Mortgage	\$50,001 - \$100,000
[Blank]	Americu Credit Union	August 2015	Motorcycle loan	\$10,000 - \$15,000
[Blank]	Mini Financial Services	May 2015	Car Loan	\$10,000 - \$15,000
[Blank]	Community Bank NA	September 2017	Auto Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
			TOTAL	\$85,002-\$180,000

[Tenney 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/14/18](#)]

2017 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2016: Tenney Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$66,031 And \$1,404,995

2016: Tenney Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$66,031 And \$1,404,995. [Tenney 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/17](#)]

Earned Income

2016: Tenney Reported \$211,301 In Earned Income

2016: Tenney Reported \$211,301 In Income From Four Sources. Sources of income included her Assembly salary, her salary from Mid-York Press, legal fees from OMP Park Inc., and “executrix fees” from her mother’s estate. [Tenney 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/17](#)]

2016 Tenney Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Previous Year
State of New York	State legislative position	\$0.00	\$87,693
OMP Park Inc.	Legal services	N/A	\$15,000
MidYork Press Inc	Salary	\$52,608	\$52,608
Estate of Cynthia R Tenney	Executrix fee	N/A	\$56,000

[Tenney 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/17](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income
2016: Tenney Reported Between \$516,031 And \$1,565,000 In Assets, And Between \$2,016 And \$11,200 In Unearned Income

NOTE: Multiple assets appear to have been double-counted on Tenney's 2017 PFD form – duplicate assets are not included in this analysis.

2017 Tenney Assets & "Unearned" Income							
SP/ DC /JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income		Tx. > \$1,000
		Min	Max		Min	Max	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct American Beacon Large Cap Value (MF)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct AMG Managers Fairpointe Mid Cap	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Acct Aston Fairpoint Mid Cap	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dodge & Cox Income Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dodge & Cox International Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Dreyfus Ins Deposit Program I	\$100,001	\$250,000	None			
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Europacific Grwth Fd CL A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Europacific Grwth Fd CL F-2	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Fidelity Small Cap Discovery Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Invesco American Value Fund CL Y	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	

	Metropolitan West Unconstrain Bd Fd						
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct MFS Growth Fund CL I	\$15,001	\$50,000	None			
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct OakMark Fund Investor Class Fund	\$50,001	\$100,000	None			
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Templeton Global Bond Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Vanguard Index FDS S & P 500 ETF Shs	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	x
	Adirondeck [sic] Financial Services Invest Acct Vanguard S-T Investment Grade Fd	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	
	Mid_York Press Inc. 401K Account American Funds EuroPacific	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax- Deferred			
	Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account American Funds Growth Fnd	\$50,001	\$100,000	Tax- Deferred			
	Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account BMO Small-Cap Value Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax- Deferred			
	Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Prudential High Yield Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax- Deferred			
	Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Vanguard Midcap Index Fund Adm	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax Deferred			
	Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Voya Corporate Ldrs 100FD	\$50,000	\$100,000	Tax- Deferred			
	Mid_York Press Inc 401K Account Voya Intermediate Bond Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax- Deferred			
	Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Clearbridge Aggressive Growth C	\$1,001	\$15,000	None			
	Morgan Stanley Investment Acct Clearbridge Apprec C	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Morgan Stanley Investment Acct MFS Utilities C	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	
	Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Berkshire Hathaway CL B New	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends			
	Morgan Stanley Trad IRA Clearbridge Aggressive Grwth FD	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax- Deferred			

	Morgan Stanley Trad IRA Clearbridge Appreciation A	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax Deferred			
	Morgan Stanley Trad IRA Clearbridge Intl Value A	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax Deferred			
	Morgan Stanley Trad. IRA Clearbridge Value Trust C	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax Deferred			
	Total:	\$516,031.00	\$1,565,000.00	Total:	\$2,016	\$11,200	

[Tenney 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/17](#)]

Liabilities

Tenney Reported Between \$160,005 And \$450,000 In Liabilities

NOTE: Multiple liabilities appear to have been double-counted on Tenney's 2017 PFD form – duplicate assets are not included in this analysis.

2017 Tenney Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
[Blank]	Key Bank NA	Refinance of home – date unk.	Home Mortgage	\$100,001 - \$250,000
[Blank]	Americu Credit Union	August 2015	Motorcycle loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
[Blank]	Mini Financial Services	May 2015	Car Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
[Blank]	OMP Park, Inc.	2014	Personal note	\$15,001 - \$50,000
[Blank]	Community Bank NA	September 2017	Auto Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
			TOTAL	\$160,005 - \$450,000

[Tenney 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/13/17](#)]

2016 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Reported Between \$331,030 And \$1,090,000 In Assets And Between \$1,214 And \$7,600 In Unearned Income

Reported Between \$331,030 And \$1,090,000 In Assets And Between \$1,214 And \$7,600 In Unearned Income. Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, Tenney reported assets valued between \$331,030 and \$1,090,000 and unearned income between \$1,214 and \$7,600. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

Asset	Value of Asset	Type of Income	Amount of Income (1/01/15 – 12/31/15)	Amount of Income (2014)
American Beacon Large Cap Value (Adirondack Financial Services Invest Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
ebAston Fairpoint Mid Cap (Adirondack Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Dodge & Cox Income Fund (Adirondack Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Dodge & Cox International Fund (Adirondack Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000

Dreyfus Ins Deposit Program 1 (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		
Europacific Growth Fund Class A (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Europacific Growth Fund Class F-2 (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
Fidelity Small Cap Discovery Fund (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Invesco American Value Fund Class Y (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Metropolitan West Tot Retirement Bd (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Metropolitan West Unconstrained Fund (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
MFS Growth Fund Class I (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		
Templeton Global Bond Fund (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
The Oakmark Fund Class I (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$50,001 - \$100,000	None		
Vanguard Short Term Invest Grade (Adirondeck Financial Services Invest Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000
American Funds Europacific (Mid- York Press 401K Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
American Funds Growth Fund (Mid-York Press 401K Account)	\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
BMO Small-Cap Value Fund (Mid- York Press 401K Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Prudential High Yield Fund (Mid- York Press 401K Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Vanguard Midcap Index Fund Adm (Mid-York Press 401K Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Voya Corporate Ldrs 100 Fund (Mid-York Press 401K Account)	\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Voya Intermediate Bond Fund (Mid-York Press 401K Account)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Clearbridge Aggressive Growth C (Morgan Stanley Investment Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		
Clearbridge Apprec C (Morgan Stanley Investment Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
MFS Utilities C (Morgan Stanley Investment Account)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Berkshire Hathaway Class B New (Morgan Stanley Trade IRA)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		

Clearbridge Aggressive Growth Fund (Morgan Stanley Trade IRA)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Clearbridge Appreciation A (Morgan Stanley Trade IRA)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Clearbridge International Value A (Morgan Stanley Trade IRA)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Clearbridge Value Trust C (Morgan Stanley Trade IRA)	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Total	\$331,030 - \$1,090,000		\$1,214 - \$7,600	\$1,214 - \$7,600

[Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

Reported Between \$145,004 And \$400,000 In Liabilities

Reported Between \$145,004 And \$400,000 In Liabilities. Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, Tenney reported liabilities between \$145,004 and \$400,000, which came from a home mortgage, motorcycle loan, car loan, and a personal note. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount of Liability
First Niagara Bank	Refinance of home – date unknown	Home Mortgage	\$100,001 - \$250,000
America Credit Union	August 2015	Motorcycle Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
Mini Financial Services	May 2015	Car Loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
OMP Park, Inc.	2014	Personal Note	\$15,001 - \$50,000

[Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

Reported \$150,900 In Earned Income In 2015; Reported \$147,180 In Earned Income In 2014

Reported \$150,900 In Earned Income In 2015; Reported \$147,180 In Earned Income In 2014. Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, Tenney reported an earned income of \$150,900, \$87,766 of which came from her salary as an Assembly Member of the State of New York, \$52,634 of which came from her salary as co-owner of Mid-York Press, \$10,000 of which came from her salary with OMP Park, and \$500 of which came from her law practice client fees. She reported an earned income of \$147,180 in 2014. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

Source	Type	Amount Current Year To Filing (2015)	Amount Preceding Year (2014)
State of New York – Member of Assembly	Employment	\$87,766	\$87,766
Mid-York Press, Inc.	Employment	\$52,634	\$48,914
OMP Park, Inc.	Professional Services	\$10,000	\$10,000
Law Practice Client Fees	Legal Services	\$500	\$500
Total		\$150,900	\$147,180

[Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [2/09/16](#)]

2014 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

NOTE: A further detailed analysis of her assets are available online on the House Clerk’s website. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Reported Between \$451,004 And \$1,015,000 In Assets And Between \$404 And \$2,400 In Unearned Income

Reported Between \$451,004 And \$1,015,000 In Assets And Between \$404 And \$2,400 In Unearned Income. Between January 1, 2014 and April 30, 2014, Tenney reported assets valued between \$451,004 and \$1,015,000 and unearned income between \$404 and \$2,400. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Asset	Value of Asset	Type of Income	Amount of Income (1/01/14 – 4/30/14)	Amount of Income (2013)
Pershing Advisor	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$2,501 - \$5,000
Morgan Stanley	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1,001 - \$2,500
Mid York Press Inc (Savings and Retirement Plan)	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	\$1,001 - \$2,500
Bank of Utica (Checking and Savings)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Rent	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Total	\$451,004 - \$1,015,000		\$404 - \$2,400	\$4,504 - \$10,200

[Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Holds Agreement With New York State For Legislative Pension Plan. Additionally, Tenney listed an agreement with the state of New York for the “Legislative Pension Plan New York State,” which will be “vested” in 2014. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Reported Compensation Over \$5,000 From OMP Park, Inc And Mid-York Press. Additionally, Tenney reported compensation over \$5,000 from OMP Park for legal and management fees, and from Mid-York Press for legal fees and salary. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Reported No Liabilities

Reported No Liabilities. Between January 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014, Tenney reported no liabilities. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Reported \$47,471.96 In Earned Income In 2014; Reported \$167,593.24 In Earned Income In 2013

Reported \$47,471.96 In Earned Income In 2014; Reported \$167,593.24 In Earned Income In 2013. Between January 1, 2014 and April 30, 2014, Tenney reported an earned income of \$47,471.96, \$27,384.56 of which came from her salary as an Assembly Member of the State of New York, \$18,087.40 of which came from her salary as co-owner of Mid-York Press, and \$2,000 of which came from her salary with OMP Park. She reported an earned income of \$167,593.24 in 2013. [Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

Source	Type	Amount Current Year To Filing (1/01/14 – 4/30/14)	Amount Preceding Year (2013)
State of New York – Member of Assembly	Salary	\$27,384.56	\$89,000
Mid-York Press, Inc. Sherburne, NY	Salary	\$18,087.40	\$63,193.24
OMP Park, Inc. Clinton, NY	Salary/Fees	\$2,000	\$14,000
Claudia Tenney, Attorney, Clinton, NY	Legal Fees	\$0	\$1,400
Total		\$47,471.96	\$167,593.24

[Claudia Tenney Personal Financial Disclosure Form, filed [5/21/14](#)]

2015 – State Personal Financial Disclosure

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney’s 2015 Disclosure Of Positions

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2015 Disclosure Of Positions.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2015 Disclosure Of Positions		
Entry#	Category	Disclosed
4	Other Positions Held	Director, Mid-York Press, Inc. Inc. w/ Secretary of State
5	Other Occupation	Solo Practitioner "Claudia Tenney Attorney at Law" licensed in NY since 1989. 28 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323 315-883-3023
5	Other Occupation	OMP Park, Inc. Real Est. company solely owned by Est. of Cynthia Tenney. 28 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323 (1099)
5	Other Occupation	Mid-York Press, Inc. Rt. 80 West, Sherburne, NY 13460 (W-2)
7	Political Position	Committeeperson, Oneida County Republican Committee (New Hartford)
8	Legal Areas in Other Occupation	Attorney at Law, private practice. Provides legal counsel and representation to family business including drafting leases, reviewing [? Illegible] and handling legal matters generally. Clients outside the business include an occasional real estate, closing [?], will preparation, lease agreements, appearances in court for minor traffic infractions, one estate was settled in 2015. None of entirety of legal practice outside business exceeded \$5,000.00

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Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2015 Disclosure Of Holdings
Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2015 Disclosure Of Holdings.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2015 Disclosure Of Holdings			
Entry#	Description	Income Or Holding Value	Text
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Self - Mid-York Press Inc. Employee ("W-2")
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$1,000 to under \$5,000	Solo Law Practice
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$1,000 to under \$5,000	OMP Park Inc. Attorney + Bldg. Real estate Mgr. ("1099")
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$250,000 to under \$350,000	Adirondack Financial Services (mixed assets, mutual funds)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$20,000 to under \$50,000	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (mixed funds)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$20,000 to under \$50,000	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (IRA)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	Bank of Utica Savings + Checking

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2014 – State Personal Financial Disclosure
Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2014 Disclosure Of Positions
Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2014 Disclosure Of Positions.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2014 Disclosure Of Positions		
Entry#	Category	Disclosed
4	Other Positions Held	Director, Mid-York Press, Inc. Incorporated with Secretary of State

5	Other Occupation	Solo Practitioner "Claudia Tenney Attorney" licensed in NY since 1989. 28 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323 315-883-3023
5	Other Occupation	OMP Park, Inc. Real Estate Corp -- solely owned by my mother. 28 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323 (1099) --> incorp. w/ NY Secretary of State
5	Other Occupation	Mid-York Press, Inc. Rt. 80 West, Sherburne, NY 13460 (W-2)
7	Political Position	Committeeperson, Town of New Hartford/Oneida County Republican Committee
8	Legal Areas in Other Occupation	Attorney at Law, private practice.
8	Legal Areas in Other Occupation	Legal Council and Director - co owner of Mid-York Press. (see above) - Real Estate + financing for Family business interests. Provides personal legal service to clients such as preparation of wills, attendance at real estate closings and occasional appearance in court for minor civil matters
8	Client List	Mid-York Press Inc. Corporate Counsel CT

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Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2014 Disclosure Of Holdings

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2014 Disclosure Of Holdings.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2014 Disclosure Of Holdings			
Entry#	Description	Income Or Holding Value	Text
11	Trust, estate or other beneficial interest	\$150,000 to under \$250,000	Mid-York Press Retirement Plan. Private employer
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Mid-York Press, Inc Employee ("W-2")
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$1 to under \$1000	Solow law practice
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	OMP, Park, Inc. (Attorney + Bldg. Mgr.) ("1099")
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$250,000 to under \$350,000	Self - Adirondack Financial Services (mixed assets - mutual funds)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$20,000 to under \$50,000	Self - Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$75,000 to under \$100,000	Self - Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	Bank of Utica - savings + checking
8	Client List		NONE

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2013 – State Personal Financial Disclosure

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2013 Disclosure Of Positions

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2013 Disclosure Of Positions.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2013 Disclosure Of Positions

Entry#	Category	Disclosed
4	Other Positions Held	Director/Mid-York Press, Inc. - only state activity known of is as incorporated within the state through Secretary of State
5	Other Occupation	Corporate Attorney - Mid-York Press, Inc. Rt. 80 West, Sherburne, NY 13460. Licensed attorney in the State of New York since 1989
7	Political Position	Committeeperson - Town of New Hartford/Oneida County Republican Committee
8	Legal Areas in Other Occupation	Corporate Counsel Mid-York Press, Inc. (see above) Business law, Wills, Estates, Trusts, General Practice
8	Client List	Mid-York Press, Inc. Corporate Counsel

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Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2013 Disclosure Of Holdings

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2013 Disclosure Of Holdings.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2013 Disclosure Of Holdings			
Entry#	Description	Income Or Holding Value	Text
11	Trust, estate or other beneficial interest	\$150,000 to under \$250,000	Mid-York Press Retirement Plan, Sherburne, New York 13460, Private employer
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Mid-York Press, Inc.
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$1 to under \$1000	Law Practice
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	OMP Park, Inc.
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$250,000 to under \$350,000	Adirondack Financial Services (mixed assets, mutual funds)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$20,000 to under \$50,000	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	Bank of Utica Savings/Checking Acct
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Mid-York Press, Inc., Shareholder + Employee "W-2"
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$1 to under \$1000	Solo Law Practice Claudia Tenney, Atty.
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	OMP, Park, Inc. (Attorney + Building Manager) "1099"
5	Other Occupation	\$1 to under \$1000	Solo Practitioner, "Claudia Tenney, Attorney" 28 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323 - [?] - Since 1997. Member of NY, Connecticut and Florida Bar Assn's since (1989, 1988 + 1991)
5	Other Occupation	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	OMP Park, Inc. Real Estate Corp. Solely owned by my mother. 29 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323. Dept. of State. Incorpor. 1969?

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2012 – State Personal Financial Disclosure
Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2012 Disclosure Of Positions
Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2012 Disclosure Of Positions.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2012 Disclosure Of Positions		
Entry#	Category	Disclosed
4	Other Positions Held	N/A. Director/Mid-York press, Inc. - only State activity known of is as incorporated within the State through Secretary of State
5	Other Occupation	Corporate Attorney - Mid-York Press, Inc. Rt. 80 West, Sherburne, NY 13460. Licensed attorney in the State of New York since 1989
7	Political Position	Committeeperson - Town of New Hartford/Oneida County Republican Committee
8	Legal Areas in Other Occupation	Corporate Counsel Mid-York Press, Inc. (see above) Business law, Wills, Estates & Trusts, General Practice, Federal, State practice
8	Client List	Mid-York Press, Inc. Corporate Counsel

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Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2012 Disclosure Of Holdings
Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2012 Disclosure Of Holdings.

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney's 2012 Disclosure Of Holdings			
Entry#	Description	Category	Text
11	Trust, estate or other beneficial interest	\$100,000 to under \$150,000	Mid-York Press Retirement Plan, Sherburne, New York 13460, Private employer
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Mid-York Press, Inc.
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$1,000 to under \$5,000	Law Practice
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	OMP Park, Inc.
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$250,000 to under \$350,000	Adirondack Financial Services, Inc. Peshing Investments (Investment Account, mixed assets, Mutual Funds)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$20,000 to under \$50,000	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (IRA)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (Individual Account/Mutual Funds)
16	Securities in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	Bank of Utica (Savings/Checking Account [Real Estate taxes])
5	Other Occupation	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Corporate Attorney - Mid-York Press, Inc. Rt. 80 West, Sherburne, NY 13460. (employee W-2) (Director officer owner) (Dept. of State since 1946)

5	Other Occupation	\$1,000 to under \$5,000	OMP Park, Inc. (attorney/Building mgr (1099)). 28 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323 (Dept. of State since 1969?)
5	Other Occupation	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	Claudia Tenney. Solo practice Attorney at Law. 28 Robinson Road, Clinton, NY 13323 (since 1977). (NY Bar Assoc. FL + CT)
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$50,000 to under \$75,000	Mid-York Press Inc, Employee "W-2"
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$1,000 to under \$5,000	Solo Law Practice Claudia Tenney, Atty.
13	Nature and amount of income in excess of \$1k	\$5,000 to under \$20,000	OMP Park, Inc. (attorney & Bldg. Mgr.) "1099"

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Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Significant Findings

- ✓ *As of March 2020, Tenney raised \$325,402.86 and spent \$114,469.49 for her 2020 re-election bid.*
- ✓ *As of the second quarter of 2018, Tenney raised \$1.6 million for her 2018 re-election bid, and spent just over \$1 million. Her top contributing sectors were leadership PACs and securities & investment interests.*
- ✓ *Tenney raised only \$71,699 during losing 2014 primary campaign, and loaned herself \$119,000 while spending \$183,178*
- ✓ *Tenney raised \$127,951 over the course of three Assembly campaigns while giving herself another \$83,000*

Campaign Fundraising History

2020: Tenney’s Campaign Raised \$325,402.86 And Spent \$114,469.49

Tenney 2020 Congress Campaign Committee Funds								
Total Contributions					Total Disbursements			
Year	Total	Indivs	Other Cmtes	Party Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds	
							Indivs	Cmtes
2020	\$301,389.44	\$241,389.44	\$60,000	\$0.00	\$114,469.49	\$58,549.42	\$3,020.07	\$0.00

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

Tenney’s Leadership PAC Raised \$10,000 And Spent \$14,931.77

2020 Tenacious PAC Funds							
Total Contributions						Total Disbursements	
Year	Total	Indivs	Transfers from Affiliated Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Party Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts
2020	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,931.77	\$3,231.77

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

2018: Tenney’s Campaign Raised \$3,327,756.14 And Spent \$3,338,189.50

Tenney 2018 Congress Campaign Committee Funds								
Total Contributions					Total Disbursements			
Year	Total	Indivs	Other Cmtes	Party Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds	
							Indivs	Cmtes
2018	\$2,604,032.13	\$1,225,514.02	\$1,370,420.95	\$8,097.16	\$3,338,189.50	\$3,14,893.71	\$12,676.47	\$6,416.67

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

Tenney’s Leadership PAC Raised \$241,228.31 And Spent \$177,933.37

2018 Tenacious PAC Funds

Year	Total Contributions					Total Disbursements	
	Total	Indivs	Transfers from Affiliated Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Party Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts
2018	\$80,500.00	\$10,000	\$156,128.31	\$70,500	\$0	\$177,933.37	\$5,533.37

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

Top Overall Industries

Tenney Career Top Contributors By Industry		
Rank	Industry	Total
1	Industry	Total
2	Leadership PACs	\$407,523
3	Securities & Investment	\$326,338
4	Retired	\$176,171
5	Insurance	\$162,380
6	Real Estate	\$158,752
7	Oil & Gas	\$141,940
8	Commercial Banks	\$121,850
9	Misc Manufacturing & Distributing	\$102,656
10	Lawyers/Law Firms	\$82,540

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

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 Overall Sectors

NOTE: Includes campaign committee and leadership PAC.

Tenney Career Top Contributors By Sector			
Sector	Total	Individual	PACs
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$975,647	\$491,748	\$483,899
Ideological/Single-Issue	\$710,026	\$163,439	\$546,587
Misc Business	\$308,671	\$204,172	\$104,499
Other	\$231,892	\$231,892	\$0
Energy & Natural Resources	\$172,290	\$102,590	\$69,700
Agribusiness	\$127,161	\$92,911	\$34,250

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

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 Overall Contributors

Tenney Career Top Contributors (Campaign Committee & LPAC Combined)			
Rank	Contributor	Total	Individuals
1	Susan B. Anthony List	\$47,755	\$41,755

2	Empire Recycling	\$27,800	\$27,800
2	Castle Harlan Inc	\$20,800	\$20,800
4	PricewaterhouseCoopers	\$20,000	\$0
5	Majority Cmte PAC	\$20,000	\$0
6	Fountainhead Group	\$18,100	\$18,100

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

Top Campaign Committee Contributors

Tenney Career Top Contributors To Campaign Committee				
Rank	Contributor	Total	Indivs	Other Cmtes
1	Susan B. Anthony List	\$47,755	\$41,755	\$6,000
2	Jane Street Capital	\$16,200	\$16,200	\$0
3	Bank of America	\$15,400	\$5,400	\$10,000
3	Goldman Sachs	\$15,400	\$5,400	\$10,000
5	Empire Recycling	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$0
6	JW Childs Assoc	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$0
7	Fountainhead Group	\$13,100	\$13,100	\$0
8	Koch Industries	\$12,700	\$2,700	\$10,000
9	Locheed Martin	\$11,750	\$1,750	\$10,000

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/27/20](#)]

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](#)]

2016 Congressional Campaign: Raised \$911,509.10, Loaned Her Campaign \$60,000, Spent \$885,895

2016 Congressional Campaign Raised \$197,041, Loaned Her Campaign \$60,000, Spent \$885,895 And Finished With \$87,416.16 On Hand.

Tenney For Congress 2016 Cycle Receipts, Expenditures, And Disbursements			
Total Contributions	Candidate Loans	Operating Expenditures	Ending Cash On Hand
\$911,509.10	\$60,000	\$885,895.44	\$87,416.16

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/18/18](#)]

2014 Congressional Campaign: Raised \$71,699, Loaned Her Campaign \$119,000, Spent \$183,178

2014 Congressional Campaign: Raised \$74,803, Loaned Her Campaign \$119,000, Spent \$183,178.

Tenney For Congress 2014 Cycle Receipts, Expenditures, And Disbursements					
Total Contributions	Candidate Loans	Loans Repayment	Operating Expenditures	Ending Cash On Hand	Debts Owed To Candidate
\$71,669	\$119,000	\$7,000	\$183,178		\$112,000

[FEC.gov, accessed [8/11/16](#)]

Assembly Campaigns 2010-2014: Raised \$127,951 While Contributing Additional \$83,000 To Own Campaigns.

Assembly Campaigns 2010-2014: Raised \$127,951 While Contributing Additional \$83,000 To Own Campaigns.

Year	District	Raised From Other Contributors	Self-Funded
2014	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 101	\$28,156	\$9,000
2012	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 101	\$62,031	\$29,000
2010	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 115	\$37,764	\$45,000
Total		\$127,951	\$83,000

[National Institute For Money In State Politics, accessed [8/08/16](#)]

Appendix III – Revolving Door

Top Lines

4 Of Tenney’s Staffers Entered The Revolving Door

Tenney Had 4 Staffer Who Entered The Revolving Door. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Teresa Jean Dorn

Dorn Worked On Capitol Hill Before Lobbying For The National Roofing Contractors Association

2017-Present: Dorn Was Director Of Federal Affairs For The National Roofing Contractors Association

2017-Present: Dorn Was Director Of Federal Affairs For The National Roofing Contractors Association. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2017-2019: Dorn Lobbied For The National Roofing Contractors Association

2017-2019: Dorn Lobbied For The National Roofing Contractors Association. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2017: Dorn Was Executive Assistant/Scheduler For Rep. Claudia Tenney

2017: Dorn Was Executive Assistant/Scheduler For Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2016-2017: Dorn Was Deputy Chief Of Staff For Rep. Reid Ribble

2016-2017: Dorn Was Deputy Chief Of Staff For Reid Ribble. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2011-2016: Dorn Was Executive Assistant For Rep. Reid Ribble

2011-2016: Dorn Was Executive Assistant For Reid Ribble. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2001-2004: Dorn Was Executive Assistant For The House Budget Committee

2001-2004: Dorn Was Executive Assistant For The House Budget Committee While Working For Rep. Jim Nussle. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

1999-2001: Dorn Was Scheduler/Office Manager For Rep. Jim Gibbons

1999-2001: Dorn Was Scheduler/Office Manager For Jim Gibbons. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Dorn Was An Intern For Sam Brownback

Dorn Was An Intern For Sam Brownback. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/5/20](#)]

Teresa Jean Dorn Employment History

Employer	Position	Date of Employment
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National Roofing Contractors Association	Director of Federal Affairs	May 2017-Present
National Roofing Contractors Association	Lobbyist	2017-2019
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Executive Assistant/Scheduler	Jan. 2017-May 2017
Rep. Reid Ribble (WI-08)	Deputy Chief of Staff	Mar. 2016-Jan. 2017
Rep. Reid Ribble (WI-08)	Executive Assistant	Jan. 2011-Mar. 2016
House Budget Committee	Executive Assistant	Jun. 2001-Oct. 2004
Rep. Jim Gibbons (NV-02)	Scheduler/Office Manager	1999-Jun. 2001
Sam Brownback	Intern	Unknown

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/5/20](#)]

Teresa J. Dorn's Clients – 2017-2019	
Year	Client
2017-2019	National Roofing Contractors Association

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Received \$0 From Dorn's Clients

Tenney Received \$0 From The National Roofing Contractors Association Roof PAC. [FEC, accessed [3/5/20](#)]

Jason Phelps

Phelps Worked On Capitol Hill For Democrats And Republicans After Lobbying For Advance CTE

2019-Present: Phelps Was District Deputy Director For Democratic Rep. Anthony Brindisi

2019-Present: Phelps Was District Deputy Director For Rep. Anthony Brindisi. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2017-2019: Phelps Was Constituent Services Director For Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney

2017-2019: Phelps Was Constituent Services Director For Rep. Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2011-2017: Phelps Was Veterans Outreach Director For Republican Rep. Richard Hanna

2011-2017: Phelps Was Veterans Outreach Director For Rep. Richard Hanna. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2007-2011: Phelps Was Field Representative/Caseworker For Democratic Rep. Mike Arcuri

2007-2011: Phelps Was Field Representative/Caseworker For Rep. Mike Arcuri. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2003-2007: Phelps Was Staff Assistant For Republican Rep. Sherry Boehlert

2003-2007: Phelps Was Staff Assistant For Rep. Sherry Boehlert. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2001-2002: Phelps Lobbied For Advance CTE

2001-2002: Phelps Lobbied For Advance CTE. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

CTE Was A National Non-Profit Organization Formerly Known As The National Association Of State Directors Of Vocational Technical Educational Consortium. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Jason Phelps Employment History		
Employer	Position	Date of Employment
Rep. Anthony Brindisi (NY-22)	District Deputy Director	Jan. 2019-Present
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Constituent Services Director	Jan. 2017-Jan. 2019
Rep. Richard Hanna (NY-22)	Veterans Outreach Director	Jan. 2011-Jan. 2017
Rep. Mike Arcuri (NY-22)	Field Representative/Caseworker	Jan. 2007-Jan. 2011
Rep. Sherry Boehlert (NY-24)	Staff Assistant	Mar. 2003-Jan. 2007
Advance CTE	Lobbyist	2001-2002

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Jason Phelps' Clients – 2001-2002	
Year	Client
2001-2002	Advance CTE

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Received \$0 From Phelps' Clients

Tenney Received \$0 From Advance CTE. [FEC, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Ryan Rusbuldt

Rusbuldt Worked On Capitol Hill Before Lobbying For The National Association Of Realtors

2019-Present: Rusbuldt Lobbied For The National Association Of Realtors

2019-Present: Rusbuldt Lobbied For The National Association Of Realtors As A Federal Legislative Representative. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2018-2019: Rusbuldt Was Outreach And Member Services Director For The House Financial Services Committee

2018-2019: Rusbuldt Was Outreach And Member Services Director For The House Financial Services Committee While Working For Rep. Jeb Hensarling. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2017-2018: Rusbuldt Worked For Rep. Claudia Tenney

December 2017-June 2018: Rusbuldt Was Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director For Rep. Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

June 2017-December 2017: Rusbuldt Was Legislative Director For Rep. Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

February 2017-June 2017: Rusbuldt Was Senior Legislative Assistant For Rep. Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2014-2017: Rusbuldt Was Legislative Assistant For Rep. Frank Guinta

2014-2017: Rusbuldt Was Legislative Assistant For Rep. Frank Guinta. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

2011-2014: Rusbuldt Was Worked For The House Financial Services Committee

June 2014-December 2014: Rusbuldt Was Legislative Assistant For The House Financial Services Committee While Working For Rep. Jeb Hensarling. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

January 2013-May 2014: Rusbuldt Was Staff Assistant For The House Financial Services Committee While Working For Rep. Jeb Hensarling. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

January 2012-January 2013: Rusbuldt Was Staff Assistant For The House Financial Services Committee While Working For Rep. Spencer Bachus. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

May 2011-August 2011: Rusbuldt Was An Intern For The House Financial Services Committee While Working For Rep. Jeb Hensarling. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Ryan Rusbuldt Employment History		
Employer	Position	Date of Employment
National Association of Realtors	Federal Legislative Representative/Lobbyist	Feb. 2019-Present
House Financial Services Committee/Rep. Jeb Hensarling (TX-05)	Outreach and Member Services Director	Jun. 2018-Jan. 2019
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Dec. 2017-Jun. 2018
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Legislative Director	Jun. 2017-Dec. 2017
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Senior Legislative Assistant	Feb. 2017-Jun. 2017
Rep. Frank Guinta (NH-01)	Lobbyist	Dec. 2014-Jan. 2017
House Financial Services Committee/Rep. Jeb Hensarling (TX-05)	Legislative Assistant	Jun. 2014-Dec. 2014
House Financial Services Committee/Rep. Jeb Hensarling (TX-05)	Staff Assistant	Jan. 2013-May 2014
House Financial Services Committee/Rep. Spencer Bachus (AL-06)	Staff Assistant	Jan. 2012-Jan. 2013)
House Financial Services Committee/Rep. Jeb Hensarling (TX-05)	Intern	May 2011-Aug. 2011

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Ryan Rusbuldt Clients – 2019-Present	
Year	Client
2019-Present	National Association of Realtors

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Claudia Tenney Received \$6,000 From Rusbuldt’s Clients

Contributions To Tenney By Rusbuldt’s Clients		
Client	Year	Total
National Association of Realtors Political Action Committee	2017	\$500

National Association of Realtors Political Action Committee	2017	\$2,000
National Association of Realtors Political Action Committee	2017	\$2,500
National Association of Realtors Political Action Committee	2017	\$1,000
TOTAL		\$6,000

[FEC.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Robert Simpson

Simpson Worked On Capitol Hill Before Registering As A Lobbyist For Siff And Associates PLLC And Lobbying For Several Clients

2019-Present: Simpson Registered As A Lobbyist For Siff And Associates PLLC

2019-Present: Simpson Was Public Policy Director And A Lobbyist For Siff And Associates. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2020: Simpson Lobbied For The Sergeants Benevolent Association

2020: Simpson Lobbied For The Sergeants Benevolent Association. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2020: Simpson Lobbied For Fidelity Investments

2020: Simpson Lobbied For Fidelity Investments. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2020: Simpson Lobbied For Signatory Wall And Ceiling Contractors Alliance

2020: Simpson Lobbied For Signatory Wall And Ceiling Contractors Alliance. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2019: Simpson Lobbied For Koch Cos. Public Sector LLC

2019: Simpson Lobbied For Koch Cos. Public Sector LLC. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2019: Simpson Lobbied For The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

2019: Simpson Lobbied For The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2017-2019: Simpson Worked For Rep. Claudia Tenney

June 2018-January 2019: Simpson Was Deputy Chief Of Staff/Legislative Director For Rep. Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

April 2018-June 2018: Simpson Was Senior Legislative Assistant For Rep. Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

August 2017-April 2018: Simpson Was Legislative Assistant For Rep. Claudia Tenney. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2013-2017: Simpson Worked For Sen. Pat Toomey

February 2015-August 2017: Simpson Was Legislative Correspondent For Sen. Pat Toomey. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

January 2014-February 2015: Simpson Was Constituent Services Advocate For Sen. Pat Toomey. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

June 2013-December 2013: Simpson Was Staff Assistant For Sen. Pat Toomey. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

January 2013-May 2013: Simpson Was An Intern For Sen. Pat Toomey. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

2012: Simpson Was An Intern For The Philadelphia Republican Party

2012: Simpson Was An Intern For The Philadelphia Republican Party. [Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

Robert Simpson Employment History		
Employer	Position	Date of Employment
Siff and Associates PLLC	Public Policy Director	Jan. 2019-Present
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Jun. 2018-Jan. 2019
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Senior Legislative Assistant	Apr. 2018-Jun. 2018
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Legislative Assistant	Aug. 2017-Apr. 2018
Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22)	Legislative Correspondent	Feb. 2015-Aug. 2017
Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)	Constituent Services Advocate	Jan. 2014-Feb. 2015
Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)	Staff Assistant	Jun. 2013-Dec. 2013
Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)	Intern	Jan. 2013-May 2013
Philadelphia Republican Party	Intern	Aug. 2012-Dec. 2012

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Robert Simpson Clients – 2019-Present	
Year	Client
2019-Present	Sergeants Benevolent Association
2019-Present	Fidelity Investments
2019-Present	Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance
2019-Present	Koch Cos. Public Sector LLC
2019-Present	Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Received \$10,000 From Simpson’s Clients

Contributions To Tenney By Simpson’s Clients		
Client	Year	Total
Koch Industries, Inc. Political Action Committee (KochPAC)	2018	\$2,500
Koch Industries, Inc. Political Action Committee (KochPAC)	2017	\$2,500
Koch Industries, Inc. Political Action Committee (KochPAC)	2017	\$2,500
Koch Industries, Inc. Political Action Committee (KochPAC)	2017	\$2,500
TOTAL		\$10,000

[Legistorm, accessed [3/9/20](#)]

Appendix IV – Paid Media Summary

The following outlines paid media for and against Tenney.

NOTE: Audio and video of the ads below is available from the DCCC Research Department.

2020 Ads

American Action Network

Title: [Clear](#) (30 seconds – Digital/Television)

Date: 11/18/19

AOC: This is about preventing a potential disastrous outcome from occurring next year.

VO: Now it's crystal clear.

VO: Their partisan impeachment...

SUPER: Partisan Impeachment

VO: ...is a politically motivated charade.

SUPER: Politically Motivated

VO: Anthony Brindisi promised to be different, but he's not.

SUPER: Rep. Anthony Brindisi

VO: Instead of working to secure our border, fix health care, and pass a new trade deal with our neighbors that creates real jobs...

VO: ...he supported the partisan impeachment investigation.

SUPER: Partisan Impeachment

VO: Tell Anthony Brindisi: let the voters decide elections. Vote "no" on impeachment and get to work.

SUPER: Call Rep. Anthony Brindisi

SUPER: Let The **Voters**

Decide Elections

SUPER: Tell Him Vote **No**

On Impeachment

SUPER: PAID FOR BY AMERICAN ACTION NETWORK

Title: ["Paying the Price"](#)

Airdate: 12/10/19

Katie Bolduan (CNN anchor): Impeaching the President is, of course, going to overshadow any other agenda item.

VO: Anthony Brindisi told us that he "wasn't supportive of impeachment" --

Super: Rep. Anthony Brindisi. "I'm not supportive of impeachment".

VO: But voted to launch the investigation anyway.

Super: Launched partisan impeachment investigation.

VO: Letting the politicians decide who the President is. Not the voters.

Super: Denying the voters a choice.

VO: And now we're paying the price for their political charade.

Super: Political charade.

VO: No progress on healthcare, securing the border, or job creating trade deals.

VO: No progress for us.

Super: No progress for us.

VO: Tell Congresswoman Brindisi to vote no on impeachment --

Super: Call Rep. Anthony Brindisi: 315-732-0713. Tell him to vote **NO** on impeachment.

VO: And get to work on the issues that matter.

Super: Get to **Work** on issues that matter. Paid for by the American Action Network.

Title: [Ignored Us](#)

Date: 12/18/19

Lester Holt: The impeachment showdown went live (overlapping chatter from other TV hosts)

VO: Enough. Anthony Brindisi ignored us and voted to impeach the president, a politically motivated charade that lets the Washington elites decide the election, not us. It's time they stop ignoring the issues we care about, like combatting the opioid crisis, securing the border, and helping our veterans. Tell Congressman Brindisi- enough with the partisan games. Get to work on the issues that matter to us.

Title: [Focus](#) (30 seconds – Digital/Television)

Date: 1/17/20

Around here, we focus on what matters. Like taking care of our families. But Washington gets so focused on all the wrong things, like impeachment. Anthony Brindisi said he'd be different, but then voted to impeach the president. Why not fix the opioid crisis? Or secure the border? There's so many issues they should be working on. It's so disappointing. I just wish that Anthony Brindisi would let us decide the elections and get to work on the issues that matter.

Presidential Coalition

Title: Stop Impeachment Now

Date: 11/18- 12/22

The economy- booming. America's military- strengthened. Our borders- defended. And the world's most wanted terrorist- dead. President Trump getting the job done. And what have the Democrats done? They're wasting millions on a partisan witchhhunt to reverse the 2016 election. They know they can't compete so they try to impeach. President Trump has been fighting for us, now it's time to fight for him. Tell Congressman Anthony Brindisi it's time to stop impeachment now.

America First Policies

Title: ?

Date: ?

Investigations. Lies. A Witchhunt. The radical left will stop at nothing to impeach President Trump. Better trade deals – delayed, stronger borders – obstructed. Funding for our troops – incomplete. A do-nothing Congress focused on a witch hunt, and your congressman, Anthony Brindisi, is siding with them. So call Congressman Brindisi. Tell him to end the witchhunt. Oppose impeachment. Put America first.

2018 Ads

Claudia Tenney

TITLE: [Fail or Succeed](#) (30)

DATE: 7/19/18

NARRATOR: Nancy Pelosi and Anthony Brindisi's liberal agenda is too extreme for upstate New York.

Under Nancy Pelosi and Anthony Brindisi, our economy crashed.
Reckless spending. Devastating unemployment. Higher taxes.
Claudia Tenney is fighting for President Trump's agenda in Washington.
Stopping bad trade deals. Better jobs. Higher wages. A growing economy. Middle class tax cuts.
Claudia Tenney is standing with President Trump and fighting against Nancy Pelosi and the Washington liberals.
TENNEY: I'm Claudia Tenney and I approved this message.
DISCLAIMER: Approved by Claudia Tenney. Paid for by the NRCC and Claudia Tenney for Congress.

TITLE: [Anthony Brindisi Stands With Nancy Pelosi On Illegal Immigration](#) (30)

DATE: 7/31/18

TENNEY: I'm Claudia Tenney and I approved this message.
NARRATOR: Nancy Pelosi and the Washington liberals' stance on illegal immigration is reckless and dangerous.
Open borders. Abolishing ICE. Sanctuary cities. Taxpayer benefits for illegal immigrants. Putting families at risk.
Yet Anthony Brindisi sides with Pelosi on illegal immigration.
In Albany, Brindisi voted to give taxpayer benefits to illegal immigrants, but voted against ten bills to help our Upstate veterans.
Anthony Brindisi: Illegal immigrants before upstate New Yorkers.
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TITLE: [Brindisi-Pelosi Dangerously Wrong On Illegal Immigration](#) (30)

DATE: 8/7/18

NARRATOR: Nancy Pelosi and Washington liberals bankroll Anthony Brindisi's campaign because he'll support their radical immigration agenda.
Sanctuary cities. Taxpayer benefits for illegals.
Pelosi, Washington liberals and Anthony Brindisi: Dangerously wrong on illegal immigration.
Claudia Tenney is working with President Trump to ban sanctuary cities, secure our border, and end taxpayer benefits for illegal immigrants.
Keeping our upstate families safe. Putting America first.
Claudia Tenney and President Trump.
TENNEY: I'm Claudia Tenney and I approved this message.
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TITLE: [Obamacare](#) (30)

DATE: 8/14/18

NARRATOR: Nancy Pelosi and Washington liberals gave us Obamacare, skyrocketing prices, 800 billion in Medicare cuts.
Now, Pelosi is at it again, pushing a dangerous Medicare-for-all scheme that could bankrupt Medicare, and Anthony Brindisi supports Pelosi's plan.
In Albany, Brindisi championed corrupt Speaker Sheldon Silver's government healthcare takeover, massive tax hikes, free healthcare for illegal aliens.
Brindisi rubber stamped Silver's agenda. He'll do the same for Pelosi.

TITLE: ["Pelosi and Brindisi Would Jeopardize Medicare"](#) (typo in original)

DATE: 8/20/18

NARRATOR: Nancy Pelosi and Anthony Brindisi schemed to give everyone Medicare – even illegal aliens.

Ending Medicare as we know it. Costing 32 trillion. Doubling the debt.

Pelosi, Brindisi and Washington liberals would jeopardize Medicare.

Claudia Tenney and President Trump are safeguarding the benefits seniors depend on.

Protecting Medicare. Strengthening Social Security.

Claudia Tenney and President Trump are fighting for benefits you worked a lifetime to earn.

TENNEY: I'm Claudia Tenney and I approve this message.

VISUAL: Approved by Claudia Tenney. Paid for by the NRCC and Claudia Tenney for Congress.

TITLE: “[Family](#)” (30)

DATE: 8/28/18

CLAUDIA TENNEY: Honesty, ethics and compassion.

My parents lived by those words, and so do I.

That's why I fought corruption in Albany and Washington.

My mother worked in the family business, the same one we own today.

That's why I fight bad trade deals that kill upstate jobs.

I struggled as a single parent.

That's why I helped pass tax cuts for the middle class and expanded the child tax credit.

VISUAL: \$1,455 middle class tax cut

\$2,000 child tax credit

TENNEY: I'm Claudia Tenney, and I approve this message because family comes first.

TITLE: “[Breaks My Heart](#)” (30)

DATE: 8/28/18

VISUAL: Claudia Tenney sitting on a motorcycle in front of an abandoned factory, wearing a Harley-Davidson jacket

CLAUDIA TENNEY: It breaks my heart to see the abandoned factories and shattered storefronts.

The America we grew up in is disappearing, thanks to self-serving politicians.

But there's hope for the middle class. It's not too late.

That's why I'm fighting for middle class tax cuts, requirements that government buy products made in America, a secure border, and an end to bad trade deals.

I'm Claudia Tenney, and I approve this message because upstate is home, and I'll never stop fighting for it.

TITLE: “[Peggy](#)” (30)

DATE: 9/12/18

PEGGY ROTTON: I've known Claudia since she was a teenager.

Claudia Tenney is a genuine, caring, honest person.

She took care of her parents when they got old and sick.

Claudia's parents depended on Medicare and on Social Security.

Claudia understands seniors have earned their benefits.

And I think she is very aware of all the things that we need.

I certainly think that Claudia Tenney will do a fine job for us, and I'm very proud of her.

TITLE: “[Fran](#)” (30)

DATE: 9/12/18

FRAN MADORE: If Remington Arms ever closed, this whole area would be devastated.

35 years I worked there, it's provided jobs for everybody.

Nobody else has supported us more than Claudia Tenney.
She stood up to Governor Cuomo, demanding to repeal the SAFE Act.
She's a strong player for not only the Second Amendment, for everyday people.
Claudia Tenney is a fighter. Period. And that's what we need, we need a fighter.
New York needs Claudia Tenney as our Congresswoman.

TITLE: "Cuomo's Crony" (30)

DATE: 9/19/18

NARRATOR: Anthony Brindisi is lying about Claudia Tenney on Spectrum Cable.

Why? To distract you.

Brindisi did nothing to stop Cuomo's dirty deal that gave Spectrum a monopoly on our cable service, which ripped us off.

Anthony Brindisi is Governor Cuomo's corrupt crony.

ANTHONY BRINDISI: The Governor has been very good for our area.

NARRATOR: WRONG.

Skyrocketing taxes. Lost jobs. Corruption.

BRINDISI: The Governor has been very good for our area.

NARRATOR: Anthony Brindisi: Albany liberal. Cuomo's crony. We can't trust him.

TITLE: "[How Could He](#)" (30)

DATE: 9/27/18

ROBIN CLARK: Claudia Tenney was the first leader to demand Speaker Silver's resignation for covering up sexual harassment in the state Assembly.

VAL LUTZ: Claudia was courageous. Brindisi betrayed women.

Anthony Brindisi voted for Sheldon Silver for speaker.

Even after it came out that Silver used taxpayer money to cover up the sexual harassment scandal.

Total hypocrite. Can't trust him.

Anthony Brindisi: Shame on you.

TITLE: "Beth" (30)

DATE: 9/28/18

BETH MARTIN: My family's been shattered by opioid addiction.

My grandson was ripped away from his mother, and raising him has been trying and costly.

Claudia Tenney's helping families like mine.

But while Claudia's fighting the epidemic... Anthony Brindisi's profiting from it.

Brindisi's law firm has a government contract to sue opioid manufacturers.

VISUAL: BRINDISI USING POLITICAL CONNECTIONS TO MAKE MILLIONS FROM THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

MARTIN: Brindisi will make millions while victims get pennies.

VISUAL: NEW YORK DEM'S FAMILY FIRM GETS OPIOID CRISIS CONTRACT DESPITE DRUG CRIME HISTORY [The Daily Caller, 3/8/18]

MARTIN: Worse, Brindisi's law partner was arrested for drug crimes.

I don't trust Anthony Brindisi.

TITLE: "Cuomo-Pelosi Puppet" (30)

DATE: 10/10/18

NARRATOR: Millions in special interest-funded dishonest ads.

Anthony Brindisi's trying to distract you.

Brindisi donated big bucks to Hillary.
And Brindisi's bankrolled by Pelosi.
In Albany, Brindisi voted with Cuomo and Silver 97 percent of the time.
Free health care for illegal aliens.
And a government registry of gun owners.
Brindisi even supported taxpayer-funded late-term abortions.
That's extreme.
Don't be fooled.
Anthony Brindisi is a Cuomo-Pelosi puppet.

TITLE: "Endless Lies" (30)

DATE: 10/19/18

NARRATOR: Telling endless lies about Claudia Tenney on Spectrum and health care.
Anthony Brindisi can't run on his record.
In Albany, Brindisi rubber-stamped Cuomo's New York City agenda.
In Congress, Brindisi would work for Pelosi.

VISUAL: NRA Rating: F

NARRATOR: Attacking the Second Amendment.
Giving amnesty to illegal aliens.
Even impeaching President Trump.
Liberal Anthony Brindisi is a Cuomo-Pelosi puppet.
Claudia Tenney fights for us.
Growing our economy.
Protecting seniors' health care.

VISUAL: Endorsed by the NRA

NARRATOR: Defending our Constitutional rights.
And standing with President Trump.

TITLE: "Fighting for What's Right" (30)

DATE: 10/31/18

CLAUDIA TENNEY (dte): Fighting for what's right isn't easy.
Holding powerful politicians accountable has earned me enemies in politics.
I stood against Cuomo's corruption and was the first to demand the resignation of convicted Speaker Sheldon Silver.

That's why corrupt politicians are attacking me.
Running false ads, hoping to replace me with one of their own.

VISUAL: "*Albany Liberal Anthony Brindisi*"

TENNEY: Republican or Democrat, it doesn't matter.

I'll never stop fighting to make sure government is serving the people, not the powerful.

TITLE: "Rewind" (30)

DATE: 10/31/18

NARRATOR: America's comeback is in full swing. Jobs, opportunity, hope.
But Anthony Brindisi wants to rewind the clock. Siding with Pelosi.
Supporting policies that hiked our taxes and sent jobs to China.
Tenney and Trump fight for us.

CLAUDIA TENNEY: Through tax cuts and real reform, we've fought to unleash the American Dream.
Jobs are coming back, our economy is booming, and families are seeing real results.

I'm Claudia Tenney, and I approve this message because America's comeback is just getting started, and we can't risk going back.

Anthony Brindisi

TITLE: "[Cool Jobs](#)" (30)

DATE: 7/20/18

LILY BRINDISI: This is our dad.

ANTHONY BRINDISI JR.: Anthony Brindisi.

LILY: In the Assembly, he worked with Democrats...

ANTHONY JR.: ...and Republicans...

LILY: ...to bring cool companies here.

ANTHONY JR.: And that means really cool jobs.

LILY: Like the 350 jobs at Tractor Supply Company.

ANTHONY JR.: Medical jobs like treating ALS.

LILY: Testing out high-tech drones.

ANTHONY JR.: Dad even helped bring the Comets to Utica.

LILY: In Congress he'll bring even more jobs.

ANTHONY JR.: Next time, let's show them the supercomputer.

ANTHONY BRINDISI (v/o): I'm Anthony Brindisi and I approved this message.

TITLE: "[Independent](#)" (30)

DATE: 7/20/18

NARRATOR: Claudia Tenney's attack ad is false.

Anthony Brindisi has always been independent.

In Albany, he took on corruption in his own party, forcing Sheldon Silver to resign.

VISUAL: *Daily Sentinel* newspaper headlined "Report: Brindisi among small group that helped oust Silver" (*Daily Sentinel, Rome, N.Y., Friday, January 30, 2015, Page 3*)

NARRATOR: In Congress, Anthony Brindisi won't support Nancy Pelosi.

VISUAL: *Post-Standard* newspaper headlined "Brindisi won't support Pelosi for Dems' leader" (*The Post-Standard, Sunday, May 6, 2018*)

ANTHONY BRINDISI: I've never been afraid to take on my own party when I think they're wrong, and I reach across the aisle to bring Democrats and Republicans together to actually get things done.

I think it's time for new leadership on both sides of the aisle in Washington, and that's why I won't support Nancy Pelosi.

TITLE: "[Baseball](#)" (30)

DATE: 7/24/18

ANTHONY BRINDISI: This is where I played baseball as a kid.

I'm Anthony Brindisi, and now, it's where my kids play.

This is Anthony Jr. And that's Lily.

Erica and I were high school sweethearts. And after college, we moved back upstate to start our family.

I think every family should be able to stay here if they want.

That's why I worked with Democrats and Republicans to attract new jobs.

And prepare young people for the good jobs we already have.

I approve this message... for all our kids.

TITLE: Another False Attack (30)

DATE: 8/3/18

NARRATOR: Another false attack from Claudia Tenney.

Anthony Brindisi is “not calling for abolishing” ICE ... he wants “more border security.”

He “voted against the measure” to make New York a sanctuary state.

And Anthony Brindisi “won’t support Nancy Pelosi.”

BRINDISI: “I’ve never been afraid to take on my own party when I think they’re wrong and I reach across the aisle to bring Democrats and Republicans together to actually get things done.

I think it’s time for new leadership on both sides of the aisle in Washington and that’s why I won’t support Nancy Pelosi.”

TITLE: [Spectrum](#) (30)

DATE: 8/6/18

ANTHONY BRINDISI: if you’re watching this ad on spectrum cable, you’re getting ripped off. spectrum has jacked up rates almost double.

i’m anthony brindisi, and it’s why i fought to have the state take legal action against spectrum.

congress needs to go after them, too. but claudia tenney’s campaign is bankrolled by spectrum.

she even voted to give spectrum a nine billion dollar tax cut, while they were raising our rates.

claudia tenney won’t hold spectrum accountable.

i approved this message, because i will.

TITLE: [Anyone](#) (30)

DATE: 8/21/18

REPORTER 1: One of the most powerful men in Albany, Sheldon Silver, arrested today.

REPORTER 2: Facing corruption-related charges of mail fraud, wire fraud, and extortion.

NARRATOR: Democrats were instructed to remain in support of Silver, and warned not to speak to reporters.

But Anthony Brindisi stood up to his party leaders, and helped to orchestrate Sheldon Silver’s ouster.

ANTHONY BRINDISI: It didn’t matter it was my own party. The corruption had to stop.

In Congress, I’ll work with anyone who wants to get things done.

But I’ll also stand up to anyone who wants to hurt New York.

TITLE: “[Matters](#)” (30)

DATE: 8/24/18

ANTHONY BRINDISI: I’m Anthony Brindisi, and Claudia Tenney just keeps making up attacks. They’re ridiculous. In Congress I’ll protect Medicare.

And of course I don’t support giving Medicare to illegal immigrants.

Claudia Tenney voted to cut \$473 billion dollars from Medicare.

VISUAL: *Claudia Tenney voted to cut \$473 billion dollars from Medicare [H Con Res 71, Vote #557, 10/5/17; AARP, 10/6/17]*

BRINDISI: And after taking over one hundred thousand dollars from insurance companies...

VISUAL: *Claudia Tenney took \$114,000 from insurance companies [FEC]*

BRINDISI: ...Claudia Tenney voted to let them charge people 50 and over five times more than younger people.

VISUAL: *Claudia Tenney voted to let them charge people 50 and over five times more [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; AARP, 3/20/17]*

BRINDISI: I approve this message because the truth matters.

TITLE: “Refuses” (30)

DATE: 9/4/18

NARRATOR: It's the Anthony Brindisi TV spot Spectrum refused to air. Spectrum doesn't want you to know they're bankrolling Claudia Tenney's campaign. Or that Claudia Tenney voted to give Spectrum a nine billion dollar tax break. While Spectrum raised your rates almost double. Thankfully, Spectrum has now been ordered to run the ad.

ANTHONY BRINDISI: I'm Anthony Brindisi and I approve this message because you deserve to know the truth.

I'm fighting to hold Spectrum accountable, and Claudia Tenney is helping them rip you off.

Visual: Approved by Anthony Brindisi. Paid for by Brindisi for Congress.

TITLE: "[Right Skills](#)" (30)

DATE: 9/8/18

ANTHONY BRINDISI: When I visited upstate businesses I kept hearing the same thing.

STEVEN NAEGELE, President, CTM Corp, Frankfort, NY: I told Anthony that we have jobs available, we just need people with the right skills.

BRINDISI: So I worked with Republicans AND Democrats to help create a new technical education diploma.

So high school students can graduate with technical skills leading directly to a job.

NAEGELE: Now, a hundred thousand students are taking these classes.

And the first graduates have already started working.

BRINDISI: We can solve these problems, if we work together.

TITLE: "We Know" (30)

DATE: 9/20/18

DAIRY FARMER: Anthony Brindisi has always been independent.

TEACHER: Anthony Brindisi stood up to Governor Cuomo to protect teachers and our students.

FIREFIGHTER: He stood up to his own party and forced Sheldon Silver to resign.

REPUBLICAN MAYOR OF FRANKFORT, NY: He worked with both parties to bring in good jobs, like 350 jobs at Tractor Supply Company.

DAIRY FARMER: And he won't support Nancy Pelosi.

TEACHER: We know Anthony Brindisi will be independent...

MAYOR: Because he always has been.

DAIRY FARMER: He always has been.

TEACHER: He always has been.

TITLE: "Chopping Block" (30)

DATE: 9/21/18

NARRATOR: A total lie from Claudia Tenney.

Anthony Brindisi will protect Social Security and Medicare.

AARP says Claudia Tenney voted to put "Medicare on the chopping block."

Claudia Tenney voted for the budget that cuts Medicare by half a trillion dollars.

"Transforming Medicare into a voucher program" and "raising the eligibility age."

Look it up yourself at AARP.org.

Claudia Tenney put Medicare on the chopping block and her attack ads won't change that.

TITLE: "Got Something Done" (30)

DATE: 10/3/18

TOM WILCOX SR.: People don't realize, firefighters have a higher rate of cancer. I had cancer twice. In New York, volunteer firefighters who got cancer from the job did not receive disability benefits.

ANTHONY BRINDISI: It wasn't right. So I worked with Republican State Senator Joe Griffo to fix it.

WILCOX: Anthony passed a law to give cancer benefits to volunteer firefighters.

He helped a hundred thousand volunteer firefighters from across New York.

I'm a Republican, and I'm supporting Anthony Brindisi, because he got something done.

TITLE: "Double" (30)

DATE: 10/8/18

WOMAN: When Spectrum took over they raised my rates.

MAN 1: Well the rate doubled from the first of the year.

MAN 2: I can't afford 203 dollars, that's a lot of money for TV.

ANTHONY BRINDISI: Spectrum Cable has jacked up rates almost double.

And Claudia Tenney is letting them get away with it.

Her campaign is bankrolled by Spectrum.

She even voted to give Spectrum a nine billion dollar tax break.

I'm Anthony Brindisi, and I approve this message because I'm fighting to have the state take legal action against Spectrum.

In Congress, I can do a lot more to hold them accountable.

TITLE: "[Three Hundred Thousand](#)" (30)

DATE: 10/18/18

NARRATOR: What did it take for Claudia Tenney to sell out 300,000 constituents with pre-existing conditions?

\$120,000 dollars.

Claudia Tenney took \$120,000 dollars from the insurance industry.

And voted to let them discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions.

The American Cancer Society said Claudia Tenney voted to leave cancer survivors without quality health insurance.

For Claudia Tenney, the money was more important.

TITLE: "Tractor Supply" (30)

DATE: 10/20/18

VISUAL: *Mayor Rick Adams – Republican, Frankfort*

RICK ADAMS: My name is Rick Adams, I'm the mayor of the Village of Frankfort.

We had a great opportunity to have Tractor Supply bring a bunch of jobs to upstate New York.

When I reached out to Anthony, it didn't matter that he was a Democrat and I'm a Republican.

It was all about bringing jobs to the area.

Anthony rolled up his sleeves and located some funding to help get this accomplished.

VISUAL: *350 good jobs*

ANCHOR: Soon, hundreds of employees will call Tractor Supply Company their home.

ADAMS: I'm a Republican, and I'm supporting Anthony Brindisi, because he gets things done.

TITLE: "Sold You Out" (30)

DATE: 10/25/18

NARRATOR: How Claudia Tenney sold you out to the drug companies:

First, Claudia Tenney took a bunch of their money... obviously.

Then, Claudia Tenney voted to give the drug companies a fifty billion dollar tax break.
But the new tax law blows up the national debt.
So how does Claudia Tenney plan to pay for it?
Claudia Tenney voted to cut Medicare... by half a trillion dollars.
That is how Claudia Tenney sold you out to the drug companies.

TITLE: “Very Differently” (30)

DATE: 10/27/18

ANTHONY BRINDISI: I’m Anthony Brindisi. Claudia Tenney and I see things very differently.
For me, it doesn’t matter if an idea comes from a Republican or a Democrat.

If it’s a good idea, I’ll support it. Like bringing jobs upstate.

VISUAL: *CNY Central – Tractor Supply distribution facility could come to Herkimer Co., bring 350 jobs*

BRINDISI: I’ve never been afraid to stand up to my party. Like forcing Sheldon Silver to resign.

VISUAL: *Rome Sentinel – Report: Brindisi among small group that helped oust Silver*

BRINDISI: And I’m taking on special interests. Like Spectrum Cable.

VISUAL: *Rome Sentinel – Brindisi calls for investigations into Spectrum cable TV, internet price hikes*

BRINDISI: I approve this message because Claudia Tenney just does what the special interests want, and it’s hurting upstate New York.

DCCC

TITLE: Part of the Swamp

DATE: 8/13/18

Announcer VO: She was supposed to clean it up.

But instead, Congresswoman Tenney became part of the Washington special interest swamp.

After Spectrum Cable gave her thousands in campaign contributions, Tenney voted to give them over nine billion in tax breaks.

Worse, Tenney took thousands from Internet corporations and voted to let them profit from selling our personal information.

Congresswoman Tenney. The worst of Washington.

TITLE: At Risk (30)

DATE: 9/20/18

Announcer VO: It’s outrageous.

Internet corporations -- acquiring and selling your and your family’s most personal information.

Without even telling you.

Congresswoman Tenney voted to allow corporations to do just that -- after taking thousands from them.

Tenney sided with Internet corporations, putting us at risk for identity theft -- even financial fraud.

Congresswoman Tenney puts corporate special interests -- ahead of us.

TITLE: “Deeper” (30)

DATE: 10/15/18

Announcer VO: Congresswoman Tenney’s gone deeper and deeper into the Washington special interest swamp.

She enjoys Cadillac health care at taxpayer expense.

But voted to increase our premiums and take coverage away from millions of Americans -- entirely.

Worse, she’d allow insurance companies to impose what the A R P calls an “age tax” charging older Americans five times more for their care.

Tenneys' the worst of Washington.

TITLE: "Cozies Up" (30)

DATE: 10/27/18

Announcer VO: When Congresswoman Tenney cozies up to the special interests -- what do they talk about?

How she took over a million from them -- including insurance interests?

Or how -- even though nearly three hundred thousand people have pre-existing conditions...

Tenney voted to allow insurance companies to gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions

Whatever Tenney and the special interests talk about, it probably isn't you.

Congressional Leadership Fund

TITLE: [Big Lie](#) (30)

DATE: 8/7/18

VO: Politician Anthony Brindisi is already lying about his liberal agenda.

ANTHONY BRINDISI: I won't support Nancy Pelosi.

VO: That's Brindisi's big lie.

Brindisi has already taken fourteen grand of campaign cash from Pelosi.

Pelosi is bankrolling Brindisi's dishonest campaign because he'll rubber stamp her liberal agenda.

Higher taxes on middle-class families.

Trillions wasted on liberal handouts.

Brindisi will vote with Pelosi for all of it.

TITLE: [Tax and Spend](#) (30)

DATE: 8/14/18

VO: Liberal politician Anthony Brindisi is a tax and spend rubber stamp.

On the Utica school board, Brindisi voted for a massive property tax hike.

In Albany, Brindisi rubber-stamped Cuomo and Silver's liberal spending.

Now Nancy Pelosi is bankrolling Brindisi's campaign because he opposed the middle-class tax cut.

Liberal politician Anthony Brindisi.

Another tax and spend rubber stamp.

TITLE: [Silver](#) (30)

DATE: 8/21/18

NEWS ANCHOR: A jury has convicted former New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver of public corruption charges.

NARRATOR: Democrat Sheldon Silver – one of the most corrupt politicians in New York history. And Anthony Brindisi was his go-to guy in Albany.

Brindisi voted for Silver’s agenda over 90 percent of the time.

VISUAL: *Brindisi voted with Silver over 90% of the time [2014 Session Analysis, New York Public Interest Research Group, 6/27/14]*

NARRATOR: Supporting bigger government and higher taxes.
Liberal politician Anthony Brindisi and Sheldon Silver fleeced New York taxpayers.

TITLE: [Marcy](#) (30)

DATE: 8/28/18

VO: Politicians Andrew Cuomo and Anthony Brindisi made a big promise.
Five-hundred-million of our tax dollars would turn Upstate New York into a tech hub.
But fraud and corruption killed their deal, and wasted our money.

NEWS ANCHOR: “The area is still recovering from what local leaders are calling a blow to the stomach ... AMS is no longer interested in the Marcy Nanocenter.”

VO: Andrew Cuomo. Anthony Brindisi. Lost money. Lost jobs.

TITLE: [Alarm](#) (30)

DATE: 9/4/18

JASON TIFFIN: I’m an EMS worker in Upstate.
I’ve dedicated my life to serving our communities.
That’s why I’m sounding the alarm on Anthony Brindisi.
Brindisi is another tax and spend Albany politician.
Brindisi wasted our money on Cuomo’s Marcy Nanocenter scam.
Brindisi supported Cuomo’s Buffalo Billion debacle.
Now Brindisi wants to join Pelosi to raise our taxes.
Brindisi fleeced us in Albany...
...and he’ll rip us off in Washington.

TITLE: [Albany](#) (30)

DATE: 9/4/18

VO: Albany’s corruption is worse than Washington’s...
...and politician Anthony Brindisi is part of the racket.
Brindisi supported Cuomo’s scandalous waste of tax dollars on the Marcy Nanocenter...
...and backed the Buffalo Billion rip off.
All while voting for Cuomo’s budgets that increased state spending by thirty-five billion dollars.

ANTHONY BRINDISI: “The Governor’s been very good for our area.”

VO: Wrong.
Politician Anthony Brindisi ripped off New York taxpayers.

TITLE: [“Sheldon & Nancy”](#) (30)

DATE: 9/18/18

NARRATOR: In Albany, Anthony Brindisi rubber stamped Silver’s and Cuomo’s agenda over 90 percent of the time.

Brindisi voted for single-payer health care and a \$200 billion dollar tax hike.
Now Brindisi wants to rubber stamp Nancy Pelosi’s agenda.

Supporting a \$32 trillion dollar government takeover of health care, nearly doubling the debt.
Anthony Brindisi is a tax-and-spend rubber stamp.

TITLE: "[Sherry](#)" (30)

DATE: 9/18/18

SHERRY MENNINGER: I earned my Social Security and Medicare benefits.
And I want Washington to keep their hands off them.
That's why I can't support Anthony Brindisi.
Brindisi wants to make everyone eligible for Medicare.
That's a 32 trillion dollar budget buster.
Brindisi's plan would end Medicare as we know it and explode the national debt.
Wrecking Medicare for seniors, raising taxes on everyone.
Anthony Brindisi doesn't get my vote.

TITLE: "[Silver Enabler](#)" (30)

DATE: 10/2/18

VO: Democrat Sheldon Silver.

One of the most liberal and corrupt politicians in New York history.

Anthony Brindisi was Silver's go-to guy in Albany.

Brindisi backed Silver for speaker, even after Silver was caught using tax dollars to cover up a sexual harassment scandal.

Higher taxes and wasteful spending.

Hush money to hide sexual harassment.

Anthony Brindisi was a Sheldon Silver enabler.

TITLE: "[Veterans](#)" (30)

DATE: 10/2/18

VO: In Albany, Anthony Brindisi rubber-stamped Sheldon Silver's agenda over ninety percent of the time.

Brindisi voted with Silver to kill ten bills that honored the sacrifice of veterans.

Yet Brindisi supported a government-run health care plan that gave taxpayer-funded benefits to illegal immigrants.

Stiffing veterans. Raising taxes. Giving health care to illegals.

Liberal Anthony Brindisi was part of Sheldon Silver's racket.

TITLE: "[Trump-Tenney](#)" (30)

DATE: 10/16/18

NARRATOR: Trump-Tenney or Pelosi-Brindisi?
That's the choice for Congress.

Claudia Tenney is standing with President Trump to secure the border, strengthen ICE and deport criminal illegal aliens.

In Albany, Anthony Brindisi voted with Cuomo to give taxpayer-funded benefits to illegals.

In Washington, Brindisi would vote with Pelosi to give amnesty to illegal immigrants.

Trump-Tenney or Pelosi-Brindisi.

The choice is easy.

TITLE: “[Lost Jobs](#)” (30)

DATE: 10/23/18

VO: Unemployment at a fifty-year low.

Manufacturing confidence at an all-time high.

President Trump’s policies have America’s economy booming.

Anthony Brindisi would take us backward.

In Albany, Brindisi voted for Cuomo’s tax hikes and wasteful spending...

...threatening Upstate jobs.

In Washington, Brindisi would rubber-stamp Pelosi’s agenda...

...exploding the debt and raising middle-class taxes.

Brindisi. Pelosi.

Higher taxes. Lost jobs.

TITLE: “[Ready](#)” (30)

DATE: 10/30/18

VO: Trump-Tenney or Pelosi-Brindisi.

That’s the choice for Congress.

Claudia Tenney voted for President Trump’s tax cuts...

...now unemployment is at a fifty-year low.

Anthony Brindisi voted for Andrew Cuomo’s tax hikes and wasteful spending.

Now, Brindisi is ready to rubber-stamp Pelosi’s liberal agenda.

Increasing taxes and killing jobs.

Trump-Tenney or Pelosi-Brindisi.

The choice is easy.

NRCC**TITLE:** "[Rubber-Stamp Payback](#)" (30)**DATE:** 8/28/18**NARRATOR:** Albany politician Anthony Brindisi.

For seven years, Brindisi rubber-stamped Governor Cuomo's liberal agenda in Albany.

VISUAL: *The Post-Standard – Aug 15, 2018 – "Cuomo Remark Ignites Firestorm"***NARRATOR:** Now that Cuomo's in hot water, Brindisi tries to hide his loyalty.**ANDREW CUOMO:** We're not going to make America great again. It was never that great.**NARRATOR:** But Brindisi just got bankrolled by Cuomo.**VISUAL:** *NY State of Politics – Aug 14, 2018 – Brindisi just got bankrolled by Cuomo***NARRATOR:** Payback for years of liberal loyalty.

Cuomo and his rubber stamp Anthony Brindisi.

Helping each other but hurting us.

TITLE: "[Center Of It All](#)" (30)**DATE:** 9/12/18**NARRATOR:** Bribery, fraud, corruption. And at the center of it all: Cuomo's right hand man Anthony Brindisi.

In allegiance to Cuomo, Brindisi championed the plan to build a nanotech center in CNY.

They promised four thousand jobs in exchange for over five hundred million in taxpayer dollars.

But when federal prosecutors revealed the bid-rigging scheme, the Cuomo-Brindisi project fell apart.

Empty promises. Corruption. Albany politician Anthony Brindisi.

TITLE: "[Paycheck](#)" (30)**DATE:** 10/9/18**NARRATOR:** Every day you spent time away from your family to go to work.

You did it for an honest paycheck to provide for them.

And in each paycheck the government withheld your money to pay for your Medicare.

But Anthony Brindisi supports cutting eight hundred billion from Medicare.

It harms access to care and adds a trillion in taxes.

We must stop Anthony Brindisi from joining DC liberals in raiding our Medicare.

That money belongs to you.

TITLE: "[Shameful](#)" (30)**DATE:** 10/16/18**NARRATOR:** They leave their families to protect us.

When they come home we owe them everything.

But when it came to helping veterans, Albany politician Anthony Brindisi just wouldn't stand up to Sheldon Silver.
Brindisi voted with Silver to kill ten bills that would have helped New York veterans.
It's shameful. We owe them everything.
But Anthony Brindisi puts politics over people.

TITLE: ["Restless"](#) (30)

DATE: 10/23/18

NARRATOR: It's stressful. Will you ever have enough to retire?
Will your Medicare still be there?
Albany politicians make things worse.
Like Anthony Brindisi supporting Albany's government takeover of health care that cost \$90 billion.
Government-run care that raises taxes?
Now Brindisi supports Pelosi's \$800 billion dollar cut to Medicare.
We rely on Medicare. We just can't afford Anthony Brindisi's extreme plans.

TITLE: ["Would You"](#) (30)

DATE: 10/30/18

NARRATOR: Would you vote for Nancy Pelosi?
Because a vote for Anthony Brindisi is a vote for Nancy Pelosi's agenda.
Like Pelosi, Brindisi would raise our taxes, cut our Medicare, and open our borders.
That's why Nancy Pelosi and her allies are spending millions to elect Brindisi.
So ask yourself: Would you vote for Nancy Pelosi?
Because a vote for Anthony Brindisi is a vote for Nancy Pelosi's agenda.

American Action Network

TITLE: [Laid Off](#) (30 seconds)

DATE: 8/9/17

ALBERT: I was proud of my job. I was middle class, And it meant a better life for my daughter.

But with more foreign competition – I got laid off. America's tax code is so complicated – we can't be as competitive.

Thousands of jobs like mine are lost to places like China. So when I see Congress working to cut taxes for working families,

And brings jobs back, I know how that matters.

Tell Congressman Claudia Tenney, keep fighting for tax reforms that brings the middle class back.

TITLE: [Opioid Addiction](#) (30)

DATE: 8/3/18

NARRATOR: In New York, we're losing over 250 lives a month to opioid addiction.
Opioid deaths climbed 23 percent in Upstate in just one year.
Now Congress is fighting back against the opioid epidemic.
Claudia Tenney is helping to pass bipartisan legislation to stop the overprescribing of addictive painkillers.
Cracking down on heroin and fentanyl pushers.

Investing in treatment.
Call Congresswoman Tenney. Thank her and tell her to keep fighting against opioid addiction.

House Majority PAC

TITLE: [Noise](#) (30 sec)

DATE: 4/17/18

NARRATOR: With all the noise and chaos in Washington, actions still speak louder than words. In Congress, Claudia Tenney voted FOR the disastrous health care plan. Which according to AARP, would impose an “age tax” charging older Americans up to five times more for coverage, while shifting the burden onto the middle class. Her actions say it loud and clear: Tenney is not for you.

TITLE: [Here](#) (30 sec)

DATE: 5/1/18

CABLE NEWS REPORTER (v/o): ...latest news coming out of Congress...
OTHER CABLE NEWS REPORTER (v/o): ...that scandal of course...
NARRATOR: Around here, we can try to escape the noise in chaos. But there’s no escaping the consequences of Claudia Tenney’s actions in Washington. Tenney took big money from special interests, and voted for the health care plan the AARP says would slap an “age tax” on older Americans. She gets the cash, you pay the price. Claudia Tenney *is* the problem.

TITLE: ["Around Here" / "Your Money"](#)

DATE: 9/18/18

NARRATOR: Around here, you work hard for your money. But in Albany, Claudia Tenney repeatedly voted against middle-class tax relief. Down in Washington, Tenney took nearly two hundred thousand from big banks and other financial institutions. And voted for a tax plan that will give most of the benefits to the richest Americans and corporations. The plan to pay for it: cutting your Social Security and Medicare. Claudia Tenney’s not for you.

TITLE: “DC Digs” (30)

DATE: 10/2/18

NARRATOR: Career politician Claudia Tenney’s enjoying her DC digs.
VISUAL: *pan out to pictures of Claudia enjoying DC, partying with Republicans – and a check*
NARRATOR: Maybe too much. Photo ops, press appearances. She even got hundreds of thousands from special interests.
VISUAL: *zoom on check – “Congresswoman Claudia Tenney // \$540,244 from insurance & financial interests // Center for Responsive Politics”*
NARRATOR: All while Tenney voted for a big tax giveaway to the wealthy.
VISUAL: *zoom on pic of Tenney with Kevin McCarthy in a tuxedo – “83% of tax benefits to wealthy and corporations // Vox, 12/18/17”*
NARRATOR: The plan to pay for it: Raise taxes on the middle class.
VISUAL: *“Raise taxes on middle class // HR 1, Vote #692, 12/19/17”*
NARRATOR: And raid \$500 billion from Social Security and Medicare.
VISUAL: *“\$500 billion from Social Security & Medicare // Marketwatch.com, 2/18/18”*

NARRATOR: Drain the swamp? Nahhhh. It's good to Claudia Tenney.
And that's bad for you.

TITLE: [“Bad News”](#) (30)

DATE: 10/30/18

REPORTER 1 (v/o): This is the American Health Care Act.

REPORTER 2 (v/o): And it's bad news for older Americans.

REPORTER 3 (v/o): The House today passed a 4.1 trillion dollar budget plan...

REPORTER 4 (v/o): ...that cuts Medicare and other health care programs.

NARRATOR: And Claudia Tenney voted yes.

The AARP said it would cut Medicare, keep seniors working by raising the eligibility age, and could even turn Medicare into a voucher program.

Claudia Tenney is bad news for upstate New York seniors.

Speak Out CNY

TITLE: [Jeff](#) (30)

DATE: 7/10/18

JEFF: i work really hard every day to try and provide the best opportunities for my son.

sometimes it seems like washington is stacking the deck against me.

like this tax plan that claudia tenney voted for, almost all the benefits go to the wealthiest one percent. but a majority of americans are going to end up paying higher taxes. why would claudia tenney vote for that?

guys like me, we're working hard every day and we seem to be losing out.

TITLE: [Melissa](#) (30)

DATE: 7/11/18

MELISSA: my kids both suffer from chronic conditions, and i was never able to afford health care for myself.

finally getting access to coverage was a huge relief, knowing all of us are fully insured and getting the care that we need.

so it was really personal to me when claudia tenney voted to repeal our health care.

why would she do that? who does that help? because it's sure not us.

that's my kids' health. that's my ability to pay the bills. without it i'd go broke.

TITLE: [Trump Tax](#) (15)

DATE: 7/30/18

NARRATOR: Corporations get a 40 percent tax cut.

But half of Americans will pay higher taxes.

VISUAL: *Headline – GOP plan will ultimately raise taxes on 50% of Americans: nonpartisan assessment – CNBC.com, 11/20/17; Tax Policy Center, 12/18/17*

NARRATOR: That's the Trump Tax. And Claudia Tenney voted for it.

Tell her to stop selling out middle class families. Repeal the Trump Tax.

EDF Action

TITLE: [Washington Donors](#) (30)

DATE: 9/3/18

NARRATOR: Government documents confirm: Congresswoman Claudia Tenney has taken hundreds of thousands of dollars from Washington special interests. Including over a hundred thousand from big polluters who dump toxic chemicals into our air and water. Tenney took their money and voted to censor the science needed to protect your drinking water. And Tenney took thousands from Big Telecom and voted to let them sell your data, putting you at risk for identity theft. Claudia Tenney – Working for Washington donors, not the Southern Tier. EDF Action is responsible for the content of this ad.

America First Action

TITLE: “[Liberal Anthony Brindisi](#)” (30)

DATE: 9/25/18

NARRATOR: Meet liberal Anthony Brindisi. Another Albany politician who thinks government knows best. Brindisi voted three times for government run health care – supporting socialized style single-payer. Even worse, Brindisi co-sponsored a law making it easier for illegal immigrants to go to college on New York taxpayers’ dime. It’s disgraceful. Liberal Anthony Brindisi. Cuomo’s guy in Albany. Pelosi-supported in DC.

End Citizens United

TITLE: “Sold You Out” (30)

DATE: 10/2/18

NARRATOR: What did it take for Claudia Tenney to sell you out? She collected more than a quarter million dollars from Wall Street. \$121 thousand from the insurance industry. Tenney voted for big tax breaks for the wealthy and big corporations. We get another 1.9 trillion dollars added to the deficit. Paid for with billions cut from your Medicare and Social Security. Claudia Tenney sold you out. It’s time to vote her out.

Hotel Workers For Stronger Communities

TITLE: “[Faso and Tenney: Hazardous to Your Health](#)” (30)

DATE: 10/9/18

AUDIO: [heartbeat]

VISUAL: “G.O.P. Health Bill Would Leave 23 Million More Uninsured” – *New York Times*

“New York ‘Particularly Vulnerable’ To Federal Health Care Cuts” – *Times Union*

“State’s Average Life Expectancy Dips” – *Crain’s New York Business*

2.7 million New Yorkers without health care

AUDIO: [heartbeat flatlining]

NARRATOR: Washington politicians John Faso and Claudia Tenney voted to strip millions of New Yorkers of their health care.

Coverage for pre-existing medical conditions, reproductive health services, pediatric care and assisted living for seniors.

VISUAL: “Protesters Denounce Tenney” – *Oneida Daily Dispatch*
“Protesters Target Faso” – *Times Herald-Record*

NARRATOR: All could be lost if Faso and Tenney have their way.
Join us in voting Faso and Tenney out of office.

TITLE: “That Was Then” (30)

DATE: 10/26/18

DONALD TRUMP: I am going to protect and save your Social Security and your Medicare.

NARRATOR: That was then. This is now.

Republicans in Congress gave hundreds of billions in tax cuts to the richest one percent.

But Claudia Tenney continues to watch her party bosses propose massive cuts to Medicare and Social Security.

Stop Claudia Tenney and her Republican leaders from taking away your future.

On November 6th, vote Democrat Anthony Brindisi.

League Of Conservation Voters

TITLE: “[Half](#)”

DATE: 10/22/18

NARRATOR: More than half of people under 65 in Upstate New York have pre-existing conditions like diabetes and asthma. But Claudia Tenney doesn’t stand with us.

Instead, Tenney stood with the corporate special interests that have given over half a million dollars to her campaign, like the oil billionaire Koch Brothers... voting to gut protections for pre-existing conditions.

Claudia Tenney cares about the special interests, not us.

Fair Share Action

TITLE: “Poisoned” (30)

DATE: 10/21/18

NARRATOR: Finger Lakes poisoned.

Toxic pollutants and soot causing lung disease and asthma.

The big corporations responsible are funding Claudia Tenney’s campaign.

No wonder she voted to reduce health protections for chemicals pumped into our air and water.

CRISTEN G.: I worry when my daughter wants to go swimming, and there’s so many kids with asthma.

Why won’t Claudia Tenney hold these companies accountable instead of taking their money?

NARRATOR: Claudia Tenney. Working for Washington donors, not for Central New York.

2016 Ads

Tenney For Congress

[Cash for Cuomo](#)

6/7/16

:30

Male Annr: We know Steve Wells supported Cuomo's budgets, which hikes taxes. Now Wells admits giving campaign cash to Cuomo:

Wells: Our company gave a donation... I think it was ten thousand...

Male Annr: Steve Wells another pay-to-play politician we can't trust. Claudia Tenney fought Cuomo's SAFE Act, opposed Cuomo's property tax hikes. Claudia Tenney took on corruption in Albany, and she'll do the same in Washington. Conservative Claudia Tenney for Congress.

Tenney: I'm Claudia Tenney, and I approve this message

Courage To Lead

5/02/16

Radio :60

VO: She has the courage to lead and a proven record of fighting for our conservative values. Claudia Tenney, owner of a small manufacturing business and conservative assemblywoman, single mother of a Marine Corps officer. Claudia Tenney is consistently ranked as the top conservative legislator in New York. Shaking up the political class; Claudia Tenney stood up to Cuomo on the SAFE Act and took on corruption in Albany. Putting families first, Claudia Tenney voted against Cuomo's budgets and property tax hikes, because government already takes too much. Protecting life and liberty, Claudia Tenney defends the sanctity of life and guards our 2nd Amendment rights. Claudia Tenney will take on the Washington elite by stopping bad trade deals, securing the border, reducing taxes and regulations, and rebuilding our military. Courageous, honest, a fighter for us; conservative Claudia Tenney for congress.

Claudia: I'm Claudia Tenney, and I approve this message.

VO: Paid for by Tenney For Congress.

House Majority PAC

Application

9/7/2016

:30

VO: Imagine if Claudia Tenney had to fill out a job application. Experience: a career politician. Accomplishments: in Albany, Tenney's done nearly nothing. Salary: More than \$400,000 in taxpayer money plus healthcare. Attendance: treated it as a no-show job. Missed 480 votes in one session alone. Claudia Tenney, the very worst of Albany. Why would we send her to Washington? House Majority PAC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

Grow The Economy PAC

NOTE: Video of the ads below is available from the DCCC Research Department.

Just the Facts

6/13/2016

:30

Male Annr: Just the facts on Albany insider Claudia Tenney: Tenney missed 525 votes last legislative term, including votes to support veterans when she was out campaigning. When Tenney did vote, she voted 77% of the time with liberal Manhattan Democrat, Shelly Silver, including when they voted for Speaker Silver's 2 billion-dollar tax increase. When you vote on June 28, consider the facts on Claudia Tenney. Grow the Economy PAC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

Albany Insider

6/1/2016

:30

John: What do I think of Claudia Tenney? She's an Albany insider.

Connie: She doesn't have a great attendance record.

Paul: Tenney missed 525 votes.

Robert: That's a lot of votes.

Connie: We can't count on Claudia Tenney in Congress.

Woman 1: She's not a reliable conservative.

John: Tenney even voted to raise taxes.

Paul: 2 billion dollars in new taxes.

Robert: That's not conservative.

John: That's not good.

Connie: That's not what we need in Congress to grow our economy.

Anncr: Grow the Economy PAC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

American Conservative Union**Facts**

6/21/16

:60

Radio

Anncr: The American Conservative Union wants New Yorkers to have the facts about Republican candidates for Congress. Conservatives like us believe George Phillips will stand up and fight for our conservative principles in Washington -- that's why the American Conservative Union has endorsed George Phillips for Congress. His opponent, Claudia Tenney, co-sponsored a Democratic Assembly bill to raise the sales tax. Claudia Tenney even voted against \$1.5 billion in property tax relief. She even voted for Andrew Cuomo's massive tax and spending hikes. Claudia Tenney received a "C" Rating in our Ratings Guide, and even called us evil after we told the truth about her voting record. George Phillips has spent a lifetime working for conservative values with the Jack Kemp Foundation, pro-life advocate Chris Smith, and the George W. Bush. And we know that conservative will vote for George Phillips in the Republican primary on Tuesday. Paid for by American Conservative Union, which is responsible for the content of this advertising, not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. Learn more at Conservative.org

2014 Ads**American Unity PAC****Gets It**

6/11/14

0:32

V/O: New York needs good paying jobs, but Albany politician Claudia Tenney doesn't get it. Tenney was one of only five legislators to vote against bringing more than fifteen-hundred high-tech jobs to our area. But Richard Hanna gets it. Hanna built a successful business, personally creating hundreds of jobs, and he's a proven leader for small business. Richard Hanna, the clear choice for New York jobs. American Unity PAC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

Bad on Taxes

5/29/14
0:32

V/O: Claudia Tenney says she's a conservative, but on taxes, she sure doesn't act like one. Tax relief for the middle class? Tenney voted 'No.' A permanent business tax cut to grow our economy? Tenney voted 'No.' Property tax relief? Death tax relief? No, again. Tenney even voted with liberal Speaker Sheldon Silver eighty-three percent of the time. Claudia Tenney: another Albany politician we can't afford. American Unity PAC is responsible for the content of this advertising.

Patriot Prosperity PAC

Wrong For Us

6/07/14
0:30

V/O: Claudia Tenney claims she's a Tea Party conservative, she's not. In Albany, Claudia Tenney supported raising local sales taxes, ten times in one year! That's out touch. Claudia Tenney also voted for higher business taxes, higher income taxes, and higher property taxes. She even voted against cutting the death tax. That's wrong. Claudia Tenney: out of touch, wrong for us. Patriot Prosperity PAC is responsible for the content of this advertising. [YouTube, [6/07/14](#)]

Appendix V – Office Expenditures

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Tenney earned \$348,000 as a Member of Congress between 2017 and 2018.*
 - ✓ *Tenney spent \$248,338.08 on franked mail between January 2017 and December 2018.*
 - ✓ *Tenney spent \$1,454,984.40 on her staff's salary between January 2017 and December 2018.*
 - ✓ *Tenney spent \$86,717.39 on travel between January 2017 and December 2018.*
 - ✓ *Tenney spent \$147,266.01 on printing between January 2017 and December 2018.*
- ✓ *Tenney earned \$420,038.33 as a member of the Assembly between January 2011 and September 2015*
 - ✓ *Tenney spent \$456,652.30 on her staff's salaries between January 2011 and September 2015*
 - ✓ *Tenney spent \$55,033.24 on taxpayer-funded travel between January 2011 and September 2015*
 - ✓ *Tenney spent \$119,947.34 on taxpayer-funded bulk mailings between January 2011 and September 2015*

2017-2018: Tenney Earned \$348,000 As A Member Of Congress

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Tenney earned \$348,000 in salary as a Member of Congress.

Year	Congressional Salary
2017	\$174,000
2018	\$174,000
TOTAL	\$348,000.00

[Congressional Research Service, [6/21/16](#)]

U.S. Congress

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$248,338.08 On Franked Mail

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Tenney Franked Mail Costs By Quarterly Reporting Period	
Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$439
2017 Q2	\$31,511.64
2017 Q3	\$27,176.79
2017 Q4	\$39,248.85

2018 Q1	\$2,312.07
2018 Q2	\$43,719.27
2018 Q3	\$98,939.51
2018 Q4	\$4,990.99
Total	\$248,338.08

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$1,454,984.40 On Her Staff's Salary

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Tenney Staff Salary Costs By Quarterly Reporting Period	
Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$172,850
2017 Q2	\$156,874.70
2017 Q3	\$167,262.90
2017 Q4	\$235,416.70
2018 Q1	\$168,266.70
2018 Q2	\$154,808.30
2018 Q3	\$138,525
2018 Q4	\$261,250
Total	\$1,454,984.40

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$86,717.39 On Travel

January 2017-December 2017: Tenney Spent \$86,717.39 On Travel.

Tenney Travel Costs By Quarterly Reporting Period	
Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$4,464.48
2017 Q2	\$9,180.18
2017 Q3	\$16,003.14
2017 Q4	\$14,718.14
2018 Q1	\$ 4,584.87
2018 Q2	\$10,413.56
2018 Q3	\$18,050.72
2018 Q4	\$9,302
Total	\$86,717.39

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$198,940.49 On Rent Communication Utilities

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**Tenney Rent Communication Utilities Costs
By Quarterly Reporting Period**

Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$17,971.85
2017 Q2	\$21,916.23
2017 Q3	\$32,030.74
2017 Q4	\$34,884.16
2018 Q1	\$ 23,508.86
2018 Q2	\$21,603.68
2018 Q3	\$25,786.18
2018 Q4	\$21,238.77
Total	\$198,940.49

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$147,266.01 On Printing

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Tenney Printing Costs By Quarterly Reporting Period	
Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$1,594.20
2017 Q2	\$8,574.33
2017 Q3	\$37,104.08
2017 Q4	\$1,735.38
2018 Q1	\$811.71
2018 Q2	\$28,757.22
2018 Q3	\$68,381.06
2018 Q4	\$308.03
Total	\$147,266.01

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$111,433.68 On Other Services

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Tenney Other Services Costs By Quarterly Reporting Period	
Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$22,307
2017 Q2	\$10,445
2017 Q3	\$20,094
2017 Q4	\$11,737.68
2018 Q1	\$11,425
2018 Q2	\$11,925
2018 Q3	\$11,575
2018 Q4	\$11,925
Total	\$111,433.68

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$39,638.29 On Supplies And Materials

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Tenney Supplies And Materials Costs By Quarterly Reporting Period	
Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$5,807.83
2017 Q2	\$8,418.68
2017 Q3	\$6,720.93
2017 Q4	\$4,847.68
2018 Q1	\$4,677.19
2018 Q2	\$3,536.96
2018 Q3	\$1,766.41
2018 Q4	\$3,862.72
Total	\$39,638.29

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

January 2017-December 2018: Tenney Spent \$28,918.68 On Equipment

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Tenney Equipment Costs By Quarterly Reporting Period	
Period	Expenditure
2017 Q1	\$5,485.44
2017 Q2	\$3,806.57
2017 Q3	\$10,243.35
2017 Q4	\$1,876.89
2018 Q1	\$1,876.89
2018 Q2	\$1,876.89
2018 Q3	\$1,876.89
2018 Q4	\$1,875.76
Total	\$28,918.68

[ProPublica, House Expenditure Data, accessed [3/4/20](#)]

New York Assembly

January 2011-September 2015: Tenney Earned \$420,038.33 As A Member Of The Assembly

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Tenney Salary Records By Biannual Reporting Period	
Period	Salary
4/01/15 - 9/30/15	\$44,317.22
10/01/14 - 3/31/15	\$44,682.78
4/01/14 - 9/30/14	\$44,317.22
10/01/13 - 3/31/14	\$41,259.71
4/01/13 - 9/30/13	\$44,682.60
10/01/12 - 3/31/13	\$44,202.00
4/01/12 - 9/30/12	\$44,422.99

10/01/11 - 3/31/12	\$44,077.01
4/01/11 - 9/30/11	\$44,422.99
10/01/10 – 3/31/11	\$23,653.81
Total	\$420,038.33

[[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: April 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: April 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: April 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: April 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: April 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011](#); [New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: October 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011](#)]

January 2011-September 2015: Tenney Spent \$456,652.30 On Her Staff’s Salaries

Assembly Expenditure Reports List Salary Payments Under The Category Of “Personal Service Expenditures.” “Personal Service Expenditures In this section, salary payments made during the reporting period are listed. For Member of Assembly offices, the first listing(s) will include payments of salaries to the Member of Assembly pursuant to section 5 of the Legislative Law, and any payments of special allowances (listed as Leadership Stipend Payment) pursuant to section 5-a of the Legislative Law. Following any salary payments to Members, each employee who worked in the office and received salary payments at any time during the reporting period will be listed, along with their service dates, job title, payroll type and total amount paid. The service dates reflect the actual dates of service included in the payroll periods for which paychecks were issued during the reporting period. Since employees are on a "lag payroll", they receive their paychecks two weeks following the end of a particular pay period. The service dates will not match the reporting period because of the ‘lag payroll’. The Job Title listed for each employee reflects their most recent title.” [[New York State Assembly Expenditure Report: April 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015](#)]

January 2011-September 2015: Tenney Spent \$456,652.30 On Her Staff’s Salaries.

Tenney Staff Personal Service Costs By Biannual Reporting Period	
Period	Salary
4/01/15 - 9/30/15	\$15,375.52
10/01/14 - 3/31/15	\$43,472.18
4/01/14 - 9/30/14	\$41,757.88
10/01/13 - 3/31/14	\$40,890.23
4/01/13 - 9/30/13	\$48,393.05
10/01/12 - 3/31/13	\$47,615.06
4/01/12 - 9/30/12	\$63,592.62
10/01/11 - 3/31/12	\$47,346.47
4/01/11 - 9/30/11	\$54,113.79
10/01/10 – 3/31/11	\$54,095.50
Total	\$456,652.30

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January 2011-September 2015: Tenney Spent \$55,033.24 On Taxpayer-Funded Travel

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Tenney Staff Personal Service Costs By Biannual Reporting Period	
Period	Salary
4/01/15 - 9/30/15	\$7,116.20
10/01/14 - 3/31/15	\$3,456.65
4/01/14 - 9/30/14	\$4,012.95
10/01/13 - 3/31/14	\$4,605.12
4/01/13 - 9/30/13	\$6,667.71
10/01/12 - 3/31/13	\$4,516.75
4/01/12 - 9/30/12	\$7,169.45
10/01/11 - 3/31/12	\$5,917.45
4/01/11 - 9/30/11	\$7,349.75
10/01/10 - 3/31/11	\$4,221.21
Total	\$55,033.24

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Tenney Office Bulk Mail Spending	
Period	Cost
10/01/14 - 3/31/15	\$7,464.32
4/01/14 - 9/30/14	\$32,736.66
10/01/13 - 3/31/14	\$22,097.12
4/01/13 - 9/30/13	\$4,661.68
4/01/12 - 9/30/12	\$19,792.18
10/01/11 - 3/31/12	\$33,195.38
Total	\$119,947.34

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[Expenditure Report: October 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011\]](#)

NOTE: This total is included in total allocated expenses below

January 2011-September 2015: Tenney Spent \$131,773.87 On Allocated Operational Expenses

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Tenney Allocated Operational Expenses By Biannual Reporting Period	
Period	Salary
4/01/15 - 9/30/15	\$1,136.49
10/01/14 - 3/31/15	\$8,558.45
4/01/14 - 9/30/14	\$33,513.07
10/01/13 - 3/31/14	\$26,130.84
4/01/13 - 9/30/13	\$5,187.53
10/01/12 - 3/31/13	\$233.37
4/01/12 - 9/30/12	\$20,721.15
10/01/11 - 3/31/12	\$33,775.75
4/01/11 - 9/30/11	\$1,352.96
10/01/10 - 3/31/11	\$1,164.26
Total	\$131,773.87

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NOTE: This total includes bulk mailings which are listed in section above

January 2011-September 2015: Tenney Spent \$103,861.70 On Maintenance And Operations Expenses

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Tenney Maintenance And Operations Expenses By Biannual Reporting Period	
Period	Salary
4/01/15 - 9/30/15	\$12,856.36
10/01/14 - 3/31/15	\$8,903.07
4/01/14 - 9/30/14	\$9,999.31
10/01/13 - 3/31/14	\$9,415.87
4/01/13 - 9/30/13	\$9,128.54
10/01/12 - 3/31/13	\$12,044.11
4/01/12 - 9/30/12	\$10,302.48
10/01/11 - 3/31/12	\$10,397.92
4/01/11 - 9/30/11	\$10,470.91
10/01/10 - 3/31/11	\$10,343.13
Total	\$103,861.70

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Appendix VI – Travel Expenditures

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Tenney Spent \$46,530.24 On Taxpayer Funded Foreign Travel

Tenney Spent Over \$46,530.24 From His Office Budget On Foreign Travel In 2017. According to records from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Rep. Claudia Tenney spent \$46,530.24 on foreign travel from her House office budget since 2017. Tenney visited 12 separate countries since 2017. Her travels have included a trip to Germany, Afghanistan, Iraq, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Poland, Qatar, Uzbekistan, South Korea, Taiwan, and India. [Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives: Foreign Travel Reports, accessed [3/5/20](#)]

Official Foreign Travel Expenditures

Tenney Spent \$46,530.24 On Taxpayer Funded Travel To 12 Countries

NOTE: Does not include MECEA fund travel.

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Tenney Traveled To 12 Countries From Taxpayer Funds

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Tenney Taxpayer Funded Travel						
Country	Departure	Arrival	Per Diem \$	Other \$	Separate Airfare	Total \$
Germany	2/20/17	2/18/17	\$403.75			\$403.75
Afghanistan	2/21/17	2/20/17	\$109.00			\$109.00
Iraq	2/22/17	2/21/17	\$11.00	\$11,371.61		\$11,382.61
Egypt	4/10/17	4/7/17	\$766.00		\$75.48	\$841.48
Lebanon	4/10/17	4/10/17	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Jordan	4/13/17	4/11/17	\$975.00	\$14,010.36		\$14,985.36
Poland	11/20/17	11/17/17	\$734.17			\$734.17
Qatar	11/21/17	11/20/17	\$299.17			\$299.17
Uzbekistan	11/22/17	11/21/17	\$273.19			\$273.19
Afghanistan	11/23/17	11/22/17	\$98.55			\$98.55
Qatar	11/24/17	11/23/17	\$226.65	\$3,806.91		\$4,033.56

South Korea	4/1/18	3/31/18	\$307.55			\$307.55
Taiwan	4/3/18	4/1/18	\$513.33			\$513.33
India	4/7/18	4/3/18	\$1,214.71	\$11,333.81		\$12,548.52

[Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives: Foreign Travel Reports, accessed [3/5/20](#)]

Tenney Private Travel Expenditures

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Tenney Privately Funded Travel					
Arrival	Departure	Sponsor	Destination	Purpose	Cost
8/6/17	8/14/17	American Israel Education Foundation	Tel Aviv, Israel	Attended an educational seminar for Republican members of Congress	\$23,384.86
2/8/17	2/10/17	Heritage Foundation	New York, NY	Attended meetings and events with members of the Heritage Foundation and other members of Congress	\$876.40

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Accepted Over \$23,000 For An 8-Day Trip To Israel. According to Legistorm, the American Israel Education Foundation financed an 8-day, \$23,384.86 trip for Tenney to Israel to attend an educational seminar for Republican members of Congress. The trip lasted from August 6-14, 2017.

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney's Staff Received \$5,107.40 Worth Of Special Interest-Funded Travel

Tenney's Staff Accepted Over \$5,000 In Privately Funded Travel Since She Took Office. According to Legistorm, Rep. Claudia Tenney's staff accepted \$5,107.40 in privately financed travel since Tenney was elected to office. [Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Traveler	Arrival	Departure	Sponsor	Destination	Purpose	Cost
Kelly, Katharine M. (Kate)	5/10/18	5/12/18	Congressional Institute, Inc.	Cambridge, MD	Speeches and panel discussions about how to effectively reach constituents	\$658.95
Rusbult, Ryan Anderson	4/10/18	5/11/18	Congressional Institute Inc.	Cambridge, MD	Speeches and panel discussions about how to effectively reach constituents	\$337.48
Stewart, Nicholas J. (Nick)	4/8/17	4/14/17	World Vision International	Senegal	To meet with local officials of the Senegalese government and	\$2,841.04

					local citizens in rural Senegal	
Matter, Margaux Eleonore	3/23/17	3/26/17	Congressional Institute Inc.	Hot Springs, VA	Chief of staff retreat. Sessions on ethics, tax reform, trade, technology, and other subjects of relevance to congressional staff	\$1,269.93

[Legistorm, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Appendix VII – Disputes With Oneida Indian Nation

NOTE: This chapter was a thematic in previous DCCC research books, and has been moved to an appendix for awareness.

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2020, Tenney called the Oneida Indian Nation a corporation with tax-exempt status. Individual members are subject to federal taxes and the Nation pays \$60 million to New York state and surrounding counties.*
- ✓ *In 2018, Tenney accused Ray Halbritter of not paying taxes, stealing ancestral lands, and enriching himself at the expense of the Oneida people.*
- ✓ *Served as lawyer for anti-Indian hate group and filed multiple lawsuits on its behalf in opposition to Oneida Nation activities while serving as chief of staff to Assemblyman who accused Oneida Nation businesses of being conduits for terrorist financing*
- ✓ *Accused Governor Cuomo and Oneida Indian Nation of making a “corrupt bargain” over casino agreement*
- ✓ *Interrupted Oneida Indian Nation press conference on changing Washington professional football team name by heckling the nation’s leader, accusing him of not being a “real Oneida Indian,” and calling him a fraud, before going on to post video of the incident to her campaign YouTube account*
- ✓ *Tweeted picture of Oneida Nation Representative and CEO Ray Halbritter writing under it “‘Spray Tan Ray looks like Davy Crockett here, not Oneida. Oops! That’s because he isn’t Oneida.’”*
- ✓ *Responded to outcry over her tweet by calling him a “race-baiting, tax cheat and schoolyard bully.”*
- ✓ *Ostego County Republican Chairman Vincent Casale in response to Tenney’s “Spray Tan Ray” tweet: “I hope it wasn’t the assemblywoman’s intent to purposefully tweet a racial slur.”*
- ✓ *Blamed her 2014 primary defeat on Oneida Indian Nation-funded independent expenditures against her*
- ✓ *An Oneida Nation-funded group spent at least \$580,000 against Tenney in the 2016 Republican Primary*

Tenney Called The Oneida Indian Nation A Corporation

Tenney Called The Oneida Indian Nation A Corporation With Tax-Exempt Status. “TENNEY: It’s this game, because his base, the Democrats, vilify corporations – anyone who’s a corporation is vilified but yet Cree, and all these other corporations that are coming in that Cuomo and Brindisi support, or the Oneida Indian Nation, which is a corporation that just happens to have no-tax status.” [Talk! 100.7 FM, WUTQ, 16:58, Vantage, 2/7/20] (AUDIO)

The Oneida Indian Nation Is A Federally Recognized Indian Nation. “The Oneida Indian Nation is a federally recognized Indian nation in Central New York. It is a member of the Haudenosaunee, known in English as the Six Nations or Iroquois Confederacy.” [Oneida Indian Nation, accessed [4/14/20](#)]

Federally Recognized Tribes Are Not Subject To Income Taxes... “As governmental entities, federally recognized tribes are not subject to income taxes.” [IRS, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

...However, Members Of Federally Recognized Tribes Are Still Subject To Federal Taxes As Individuals, With Exceptions. “Are members of federally recognized tribes subject to federal taxes as individuals? Yes, with important exceptions. Members of federally recognized tribes are subject to federal income taxes. In most situations, if a tribal member works for anyone, including himself, he is subject to the appropriate federal income taxes on the income. This is also true for passive income the person might receive, from most sources.” [IRS, accessed [4/16/20](#)]

The Oneida Indian Nation Is The Largest Employer In The Region And Pays Nearly \$60 Million To The State And Surrounding Counties. “While holding fast to its traditions and culture, the Nation now enjoys a level of prosperity, through the success of its enterprises, that provides housing, education, health and cultural services to its Members. The Oneida Indian Nation Enterprises also provide stable employment and benefits for more than 4,700 workers, making the Nation the largest employer in the region. In addition, nearly \$60 million in Oneida Indian Nation payments are made annually under the settlement agreement to New York State and surrounding counties.” [Oneida Indian Nation, accessed [4/14/20](#)]

Tenney Accused Oneida Leader Halbritter Of Not Paying Taxes And Stealing Ancestral Lands

Tenney Accused Halbritter Of Not Paying Taxes And Stealing Ancestral Lands. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford — who served in the state Assembly from 2011-2016 — said she spent about 10 years and her own money fighting for the interests of the Oneida people to protect them from Halbritter, who she said was stealing their ancestral land. ‘While I am not against the jobs created by the casino, I do take serious issue with the fact that the (Gov. Andrew) Cuomo-Picente-Brindisi casino deal (in 2013) crudely sold out the taxpayers of Oneida and Madison counties by forcing them to give up an estimated \$800 million in back property and sales taxes owed from Halbritter, and an estimated \$1 billion in the future,’ she said in a statement. ‘This comes even after the U.S Supreme Court case brought by the city of Sherrill ruled that Halbritter’s highly profitable casino must pay taxes and respect the rule of law.’” [Times Telegram, 7/16/18]

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Tenney Also Accused Halbritter Of Enriching Himself At The Expense Of The Oneida People. “Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, said she isn’t opposed to the Nation making money, but who she is opposed to is the leader — Nation CEO and Representative Ray Halbritter. ‘The hundreds of millions in taxable annual profits should have been turned over to the local governments and public schools based on the Supreme Court decision,’ she said in a statement. ‘Instead, Ray Halbritter has enriched himself at the expense of the culture and heritage of many Oneidas. This deal ripped away critical funding from our county government, public schools, fire departments and local governments leaving Verona and the surrounding communities struggling.’” [Observer-Dispatch, 7/15/18]

2018: Tenney Revived Her Longstanding Feud With The Oneida Indian Nation, Calling Their Tribal Representative A “Tax Cheat”

2018: The Oneida Indian Nation, Region’s Largest Employer, Criticized Tenney’s “Erratic Outbursts And Conspiracy Theories.” “The Oneida Indian Nation blasted U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney, saying her recent ‘erratic outbursts and conspiracy theories’ jeopardize jobs and economic growth in Central New York.”

The Statement Was Issued In Response To Tenney’s Allegation That The Indian Nation’s Representatives Was A “Tax Cheat” Bent On Using A Hospital Project For His Personal Gain. “The Oneidas, the region’s single-largest employer with 4,500 people working at its Turning Stone Resort Casino and related properties, had

unusually harsh words for Tenney after she renewed an old feud Thursday with the nation. Tenney, R-New Hartford, issued a statement that called Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter a ‘tax cheat,’ and suggested that a Utica hospital proposal would be used to fuel his ambitions for a Utica casino. ‘Is the hospital project really about improving health care in our community, or is it about using the taxpayer’s money, once again, to build a \$43 million parking garage to expand already wealthy Halbritter’s cash ambitions into Utica for yet another casino?’ Tenney said.” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 4/22/18]

Tenney Criticized The Use Of Eminent Domain To Build A New Health Care Facility In Downtown Utica. “Congresswoman Claudia Tenney criticized the possible use of eminent domain to build a new Mohawk Valley Health System in downtown Utica. ‘Politicians in the state and some on the local level have a long record of abusing taxpayer money by using that money to prop up one private business over another,’ Tenney, R-New Hartford, said in a written statement. ‘Declaring eminent domain -- which allows government to forcibly take privately held property from one owner and hand that property over to another private entity -- in the proposed downtown Utica hospital footprint is an equally egregious taking of constitutionally protected rights. ‘The ability of our citizens to own and control private property is a cornerstone principle of our constitutional republic and this very principle preserves our freedom and sets our country apart from nearly all others.’” [Times-Telegram, 4/20/18]

Local Officials Disagreed With Tenney, Calling Her Assertions “Factually Inaccurate.” “Some local officials took umbrage at Tenney’s statement. ‘The proposed hospital project is a transformational, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring state-of-the-art medical care and technology to our community,’ said Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri in a statement. ‘Congresswoman Tenney is entitled to her opinion, but she is factually inaccurate in referencing ‘our shrinking tax base’ as Utica’s tax base has grown over the past six years due to proactive and aggressive economic development efforts.’ His administration, he pledged, will keep working with and helping affected businesses instead of spreading political rhetoric. Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente Jr. also released a statement in reaction to Tenney’s comments. ‘Once again, Claudia Tenney speaks before thinking,’ he said. ‘Obviously, she doesn’t care about the health care of her constituents. She doesn’t know anything about this project because in between her tax-payer-funded vacations to Taiwan and Egypt, she has failed to learn anything about it.’ ” [Times-Telegram, 4/20/18]

Anthony Picente On Tenney’s Opposition To Utica Downtown Hospital: “Obviously, She Doesn’t Care About The Health Care Of Her Constituents.” “Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente Jr. also released a statement in reaction to Tenney’s comments. ‘Once again, Claudia Tenney speaks before thinking,’ he said. ‘Obviously, she doesn’t care about the health care of her constituents. She doesn’t know anything about this project because in between her taxpayer-funded vacations to Taiwan and Egypt, she has failed to learn anything about it.’” [Utica Observer-Dispatch, 4/18/18]

The Oneidas Spent \$600,000 Against Tenney In The 2016 Republican Primary. “The Oneidas spent about \$600,000 against Tenney’s campaign in a 2016 Republican primary in the 22nd Congressional District. Tenney has also criticized a 2013 casino revenue-sharing deal between Turning Stone and the state, calling it ‘a corrupt bargain.’ Joel Barkin, a spokesman for the Oneida Indian Nation, said Tenney’s comments Thursday didn’t make sense. ‘The Oneida Nation has nothing to do with the hospital project, so we have no idea why Ms. Tenney is resurrecting totally unrelated issues that were resolved years ago,’ Barkin said. ‘However, we are deeply concerned about Ms. Tenney’s behavior,’ he said. ‘As businesses and civic groups constructively explore ways to build our local economy, her erratic outbursts and conspiracy theories threaten to create an environment that is hostile to job creation and economic growth in this region.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 4/22/18]

Represented Anti-Indian Hate Group As Its Attorney, Filing Multiple Lawsuits On Its Behalf; Donated To A Different Anti-Indian Hate Group In 2017

National Congress Of American Indians Condemned Upstate Citizens For Equality (UCE) And Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) As Anti-Indian Hate Groups. “The National Congress of American Indians unanimously approved last week a resolution condemning the Upstate Citizens for Equality (UCE), and other

citizens groups, as hate groups. The resolution, passed at the NCAI's annual session in Spokane, condemned the UCE, the Citizens Equal Rights Alliance and the United Property Owners as hate groups. The resolution noted that 'the specific intent of this network is to eliminate Indian governments, societies and culture,' and the groups operate through 'local, state and national political elected officials to influence policy and legislative changes that would reduce and eliminate sovereign and treaty rights.' The NCAI was formed in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska native governments." [Oneida Daily Dispatch, [12/05/01](#)]

December 2017: Tenney For Congress Donated \$1,200 To Upstate Citizens For Equality Inc PAC. [Federal Election Commission, Tenney for Congress Year-End Report, [1/31/18](#)]

Tenney Represented Coalition Including Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) In Lawsuit Against US Department Of The Interior Challenging Incorporation Of Oneida Nation Land Into Trust. "The woman is New York Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, who served as chief of staff and legal counsel from 2003 to 2009 to former Assemblyman David Townsend, a politician with a long history of opposing Indian sovereignty and self-determination... In pursuit of her 'principles of fairness and equality,' during her tenure as Townsend's legal counsel Tenney filed a lawsuit against the federal government seeking reversal of its decision to take 13 acres of land into trust for the Oneida Nation. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA), one of a multitude of anti-Indian sovereignty organizations that popped up in the 1990s and early 2000s in response to the unprecedented success of Indian gaming." [Indian Country Today Media Network, [11/09/13](#)]

June 2008: Filed Lawsuit On Behalf Of CERA And Other Against Department Of The Interior, Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Oneida Indian Nation Leader, Attempting To Block Oneida Land Trust. "CENTRAL NEW YORK FAIR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CITIZENS EQUAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE, DAVID R. TOWNSEND, New York State Assemblyman, MICHAEL J. HENNESSY, Oneida County Legislator, D. CHAD DAVIS, Oneida County Legislator, and MELVIN L. PHILLIPS, Plaintiffs v. DIRK KEMPTHORNE, individually and in his official capacity as Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, P. LYNN SCARLETT, in her official capacity as Deputy Secretary of the U.S Department of Interior, JAMES E. CASON, in his official capacity as the Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; FRANKLIN KEEL, the Regional Director for the Eastern Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and JAMES T. KARDATZKE, Eastern Regional Environmental Scientist; and ARTHUR RAYMOND HALBRITTER, as a real party in interest as the Federally Recognized Leader of the Oneida Indian Nation. Defendants... Plaintiffs are seeking to reverse an unlawful final Record of Decision ('ROD') of the Bureau of Indian Affairs ('BIA') through the Secretary of Department of the Interior ('DOI'), issued on May 20, 2008 and published in the Federal Register on May 23, 2008 (73 Fed. Reg. 30144, May 23, 2008), which seeks to place 13,003.89 acres of land in Central New York and owned in fee simple by the Oneida Indian Nation of New York ("OIN") into federal trust on behalf of the OIN pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 ('IRA') 25 U.S.C. §465, et seq... Respectfully submitted, /s/ Claudia L. Tenney Claudia L. Tenney, Bar No. 602210." [Case 6:08-cv-00660-LEK-DEP, Complaint, Filed 6/21/08]

Note: The DCCC has a copy of this case.

December 2006: Filed Lawsuit On Behalf Of CERA And Other Against Department Of The Interior And Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Attempting To Block Oneida Lands Being Placed Into Federal Land Trust. "CENTRAL NEW YORK FAIR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CITIZENS EQUAL RIGHTS ALLIANCE, DAVID R. TOWNSEND, New York State Assemblyman, MICHAEL J. HENNESSY, Oneida County Legislator, JACK B. GARDNER, Oneida County Legislator, and MELVIN L. PHILLIPS, RICHARD TALLCOT, and JERRY TITUS Plaintiffs, v. DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior, in his official capacity, CARL J. ARTMAN, Associate Secretary of Indian Affairs, JAMES E. CASON, Associate Deputy, Secretary of Interior, FRANKLIN KEEL, Eastern Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and KURT G. CHANDLER, Eastern Regional Environmental Scientist, Defendants... Plaintiffs allege the following based on the recent decisions of City of Sherrill v. Oneida Indian Nation, 544 U. S. 197 (2005) and Cayuga Indian Nation v. Pataki, 413 F. 3d 266 (2nd Cir. 2005), cert. denied, 2006 U.S. LEXIS 3949 (U.S., May

15, 2006) : The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is inadequately addressing the regulatory jurisdiction and mitigation of the impacts to each community where applications have been accepted to take ‘Indian owned’ lands into federal trust lands. The Oneida Indian Nation of New York was the first to file its fee to trust applications and has just released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)... Respectfully submitted, s/Claudia Tenney Claudia L. Tenney, Bar No. 602210.” [Case 6:06-cv-01501-DNH-GHL, Complaint, Filed 12/14/06]

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Montana Human Rights Network: Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) Shifted Anti-Indian Movement Toward Litigation Over Issues Including Property Rights To Avoid Charges Of Racism. “CERA moved the anti-Indian movement in several important tactical directions. First CERA has been very careful to keep its focus on narrowly defined issues at the national level. This focus has enabled CERA to avoid broad proclamations about the status of Indian people and tribal government. Instead, CERA tends to pinpoint specific legislation and litigation, often in the context of property rights. Though the underlying principles always come back to the central issue of Indian self-determination, the focus on legal minutia has largely enabled the group to downplay charges of racism. [Montana Human Rights Network, *Drumming Up Resentment: The Anti-Indian Movement In Montana*, [2000](#)]

Served As Chief Of Staff To Assemblyman Who Accused Oneida Nation Businesses Of Being Conduits For Terrorist Group Funding

Assemblyman David Townsend Sent Out Fliers Accusing Oneida Indian Nation Of Transferring Money From “Cigarette Smuggling Rackets” To Terror Groups. “Republican Assemblyman David Townsend sent a flier during the last week of July to an unknown number of households in Oneida and Oswego counties, claiming that ‘cigarette smuggling rackets originating on New York’s Indian reservations are transferring huge sums of money to Middle East terror groups.’ Townsend cites a report called ‘Tobacco and Terror: How Cigarette Smuggling is Funding our Enemies Abroad’ that purports to connect the sale of untaxed tobacco products on Indian reservations to Hezbollah, Hamas and al-Qaida, but provides little substantive evidence to support the claim. ‘America’s Indian Nations ... gambling with our security?’ the flier asks, juxtaposing that headline over a photograph of the OIN’s Turning Stone Resort and Casino, clearly implying that the nation is involved in illegal activities.” [Indian Country Today Media Network, [8/12/08](#)]

Assemblyman Townsend: “We’re Talking About The Smuggling Of Cigarettes Through Native American Businesses, Which The Turning Stone Is, Used To Fund Terrorism Around The World.” “‘We’re talking about the collection of taxes on cigarettes and we’re talking about the smuggling of cigarettes through Native American businesses, which the Turning Stone is, used to fund terrorism around the world, based on a report of the United States Congress,’ Townsend said. Not exactly. The report was not issued or endorsed by Congress. It was prepared by the Republican staff of the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security as the result of an ‘investigation’ launched by Republican Rep. Peter T. King of Long Island, the ranking minority member of the committee.” [Indian Country Today Media Network, [8/12/08](#)]

Tenney Served As Townsend's Chief Of Staff And Legal Counsel. "The woman is New York Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, who served as chief of staff and legal counsel from 2003 to 2009 to former Assemblyman David Townsend, a politician with a long history of opposing Indian sovereignty and self-determination." [Indian Country Today Media Network, [11/09/13](#)]

NOTE: The Oneida Indian Nation owns Four Directions Media, the parent company of Indian Country Today Media Network

Criticized Governor Cuomo And Oneida Indian Nation For "Corrupt Bargain" Casino Agreement; Claimed Casino Is Ran "Illegally"; Opposed Deal

Authored Op-Ed Criticizing Gov. Cuomo And Oneida Indian Nation Leader For "Corrupt Bargain" Agreement On Casinos; Claimed Casino Is Ran "Illegally." "Just off the Thruway between Utica and Syracuse lives a humble, elderly man facing eviction by the state from land his family has held for generations. Melvin Phillips, 75, is an Oneida Indian and leader of the Orchard Party Band of Oneidas. The men who want him off his land are state Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Ray Halbritter, Turning Stone Casino president and head of the Oneida Indian Nation, a separate band of Oneidas backed by casino interests. ... Twenty years ago, the Casino Oneidas signed a compact with Cuomo's father and then-governor Mario Cuomo that allowed the Nation and Halbritter to set up the Turning Stone Casino. A 2005 United States Supreme Court decision confirmed that the Casino Oneidas must pay taxes, something no governor or state attorney general has had the will to enforce. The invalidated deal with Mario Cuomo was silent on revenue sharing and taxes; so the Oneida Indian Nation never paid taxes. The casino continues to operate illegally. Since the Nation refuses to pay taxes, and elected officials refuse to enforce the law, the local gas stations, convenience stores and other retailers have been driven out of business." [The Post Standard, Syracuse, [6/18/13](#)]

Represented Melvin Phillips. "Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, who is representing a member of the Oneida Nation who fears the land he lives on could be taken under the agreement, said there are numerous other suits that could be ignited by the agreement. 'There are so many legal issues with this document,' she said, 'so many issues with the process.'" [Observer-Dispatch, [5/29/13](#)]

Claimed Gov. Cuomo Is Continuing Special Treatment In Exchange For Referendum On Gaming. "Instead of complying with numerous state and federal court decisions to enforce compliance with the law, the state has passively abided the illegal operation. Now, Cuomo wants to formalize the Oneida's special treatment in exchange for Casino Oneidas' support of his referendum on gaming; potentially an illegal quid pro quo under New York's bribery statutes. Cuomo has openly bullied local officials into accepting this deal. Officials who balk at the deal face losing state assistance. Cuomo's deal would entrench injustice done to taxpayers of New York and empower the Casino Oneidas and their Washington backers' interests further. In exchange for 25 percent of certain slots-only revenue (Turning Stone is a full-service casino with a range of highly profitable enterprises), Cuomo would cede 25,000 acres to the Nation, including Phillips' land. The deal would deputize the Nation's security forces as sworn officers and waive the \$800 million tax bill. These concessions by the state are a payoff to secure the Casino Oneidas' political support for the statewide referendum legalizing gambling in terms explicitly spelled out in the agreement Cuomo signed with Halbritter on May 16. New York taxpayers and traditional Oneidas like Melvin Phillips deserve a fair deal. The Legislature should reject this bad deal and demand Halbritter pays his back taxes and play by the rules everyone else does." [The Post Standard, Syracuse, [6/18/13](#)]

Opponents Claimed Agreement Is "Buying Off The Tribe." "Joining a CAGNY press conference, Albany lawyer Cornelius D. Murray, who has represented various parties that have tried to block gambling proliferation, said Cuomo has entered into a highly questionable deal with the Oneida Indian Nation that will require legislative ratification, and which recently was authorized by governmental boards of two host counties to Oneida businesses. A term in the agreement, he said, amounts to buying off the tribe because it specifically requires the Oneida to discontinue opposing the casino resolution, and to actively support it. Murray also said the counties were threatened by Cuomo of a loss of financial aid from the state if they did not go along with the deal. He said it was like a scene

from ‘The Godfather’ in which county leaders were forced to sign onto the deal, or find their brains spread over the document.” [The Times-Union, [6/04/13](#)]

Agreement Approved By Oneida County Board Of Legislators; Agreement Drops Lawsuits Against Oneida Indian Nation. “The Oneida County Board of Legislators’ approved the sweeping agreement with the Oneida Indian Nation and the state Tuesday, but there are many issues that remain unresolved. ... For him, those questions center on how the estimated \$12.5 million the county is expected to receive as its share of the Nation’s slot machine revenue under the agreement will be budgeted and audited. But opponents of the agreement have their own questions. Some to place 13,000 acres of land into federal Indian trust. ... The Oneida County Board of Legislators approved the agreement Tuesday 16-13. ... Under the agreement, the state and counties would drop out of any lawsuits they were engaged in with the Nation. Those include one over whether the Nation could place 13, 000 acres of its non-reservation land into federal Indian trust, and another over whether the counties can foreclose on Nation-owned land over back taxes. In the land-into-trust suit, the state and counties were joined by several other parties. Those include two citizens groups, the towns of Vernon and Verona, and a number of local residents.” [Observer Dispatch, [5/29/13](#)]

Agreement Gives Exclusive Gaming Rights In Central New York To Oneida Indian Nation. “Under the agreement, all litigation between the parties would end. The Nation would get exclusive gaming rights in Central New York and also the right to place as much as 25,000 acres of land into federal Indian trust. In return, the state would get 25 percent of all revenue from slot machines at Turning Stone Resort Casino. Oneida County would get 25 percent of the state’s take. The Nation estimates it will reap about \$200 million in 2014 from the slots, so that means \$50 million for the state, with \$12.5 million going to the county. Oneida County would get another \$2.5 million a year for 20 years to offset associated property tax losses. Also, the Nation would be required to levy its own sales tax on goods sold to non-Indians. The Nation would get to keep the proceeds for use on government-related projects such as infrastructure, but the move would level the playing field for local businesses.” [Observer Dispatch, [5/26/13](#)]

Opposed Gaming Deal Signed With Oneida Indian Nation. “Tenney, a lawyer, has fought a long-running legal battle with the Oneidas on behalf of her client, Melvin Phillips, who identifies himself as chief of the Orchard Party Band of Oneidas. Last year, Tenney opposed a gaming deal the state signed with the Oneida Indian Nation in which the Oneidas agreed to give 25 percent of their gaming machine revenues to the state (about \$50 million per year) in exchange for exclusive rights to run casinos in a 10-county area of Central New York. ‘It’s a corrupt bargain between the governor and casino interests that will rob taxpayers, cost us more jobs, shatter our state’s sovereignty and take an innocent man’s land away from him (Phillips) and his family,’ Tenney, R-New Hartford, wrote in June 2013.” [The Post Standard, Syracuse, [6/07/14](#)]

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2013: Interrupted Oneida Indian Nation Press Conference On Changing The “Redskins” Name, Heckled Oneida CEO Ray Halbritter And Called Him A Fraud. “Ray Halbritter, a representative of the Oneida Indian Nation, called his hour-long meeting Wednesday with NFL officials a ‘historic day’ and “certainly a first step” in efforts to change the mascot name of the Washington Redskins...He faced criticism in his own press conference as he was heckled by Claudia Tenney, a member of the New York State Assembly. She called Halbritter “a fraud” before leaving the room.” [NY Daily News, [10/30/13](#)]

Tenney Posted Video Of Her Disruption Of The Press Conference To Her Campaign YouTube Channel Where It Remained As Of August 2016. In November 2013, Tenney posted video of her October 30, 2013 interruption of an Oneida Indian Nation press conference held as part of its “Change The Name” campaign to have the NFL and Washington professional football team change the name of the team’s mascot. Tenney described the video on her campaign channel as “Claudia Tenney speaking out against Halbritter, a fraudulent bully, in defense of genuine Oneida client Melvin Phillips and his family” and categorized it as “comedy.”

During the video, Tenney stands up from a seat in the middle of the press pool and argues with the press conference’s moderator while waving a copy of a document purportedly from the national archives pertaining to Oneida Nation Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter’s ancestry. Tenney repeatedly references her elected office while she and the moderator repeatedly talk over each other and she eventually argues with members of the crowd. [YouTube, Claudia Tenney -- Ousted by Halbritter Minions, recorded [10/30/13](#)]

2013: Tenney Arranged Meeting with Her Native American Legal Client And NFL To Defend “Redskins” Name

November 2013: Tenney Participated In A Meeting Between NFL And Her Native American Legal Client To Defend The Name “Redskins.” “National Football League executives spoke Friday to an Oneida Indian who told them he was not offended by the name of Washington’s football team... ‘I think we enlightened them,’ said Tenney, a Republican who represents Oneida County in the state legislature. ‘Their eyes were wide open and their ears were wide open. They asked a lot of questions and they took a lot of notes.’” [Washington Post, [11/8/13](#)]

... Tenney Arranged Meeting Only One Week After NFL Met With Group Opposing “Redskins” Name—A Group Of Which Tenney Is “A Vocal Critic.” “(The Meeting) offer(ed) a starkly different perspective than the one they heard last week during a meeting with the Native American leader from the same New York tribe. The conversation between NFL officials and Melvin Phillips was arranged by his attorney, Claudia Tenney, a New York state assemblywoman who has been a vocal critic of Ray Halbritter, the Oneida Indian Nation representative who is behind a national campaign to change the team’s name.” [Washington Post, [11/8/13](#)]

2015: Tweeted Racially Offensive Remarks About Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter, Questioned His Heritage, Doubled Down On Statement When Criticized

Called Leader Of Oneida Indian Nation Ray Halbritter “Spray Tan Ray” On Twitter And Claimed He Was “Not Oneida.” “It’s no secret that Assemblywoman Claudia Tunney isn’t a fan of Oneida Indian Nation Representative and CEO Ray Halbritter. But the Nation is crying foul over a statement Tunney made last week on her personal Twitter account. The tweet consists of a photo of Halbritter speaking at a podium, and the words ‘Spray Tan Ray looks like Davy Crockett here, not Oneida. Oops! That’s because he isn’t Oneida.’”



[Observer-Dispatch, [4/11/15](#)]

Oneida Responded By Calling The Remarks “Hate Speech.” “‘Claudia Tenney using the platform of her office to publicly denigrate people on the basis of their skin colour is unacceptable, and does a disservice to the vast majority of Central New Yorkers who understand there is no place in our political discourse for this type of hate speech.’ Tenney has said in the past that Halbritter isn’t a member of the Oneida Nation, but the Nation dismissed those claims.” [Observer-Dispatch, [4/11/15](#)]

Tenney Replied By Doubling Down On Remarks, Calling Halbritter A “Bully” “Fraud” And A “Cheat.” “Tenney responded by calling Halbritter ‘a fraud and a tax cheat,’ and reiterated her claims that he is not a true Oneida. She long has fought against the Oneida Nation because it does not pay state and local taxes. ‘For a man who lies, cheats and steals for a living to level these accusations is laughable,’ she wrote of the Nation’s allegations. ‘I wish the media would do its job and stand up against this bully. He is trampling the true Oneida culture and traditions, putting hard-working New Yorkers out of business, intimidating public officials and now smearing anyone who gets in his way.’” [Observer-Dispatch, [4/11/15](#)]

Admitted She’d Been Referring To Halbritter As “Spray Tan Ray” For Months. “Tenney voiced surprise that her ‘Spray Tan Ray’ tweet drew press attention, saying, ‘I’ve been calling him ‘Spray Tan Ray’ for months.’” [Daily Star, [4/14/15](#)]

Otsego County GOP Chairman: “I Hope It Wasn’t The Assemblywoman’s Intent To Purposefully Tweet A Racial Slur.” “Tenney’s dig at Halbritter drew the attention of Otsego County GOP Chairman Vincent Casale. ‘I hope it wasn’t the assemblywoman’s intent to purposefully tweet a racial slur,’ he said. ‘But this goes to show you can’t be too careful with what you say on social media.’ In last year’s Republican Assembly primary, Casale backed Tenney’s opponent, Herkimer County Sheriff Chris Farber.” [Daily Star, [4/14/15](#)]

Claimed To Know For A Fact He Had A Spray Tan And To Have Represented Halbritter’s Ex-Wife During Part Of Her Divorce From Him. “‘I know for a fact he has a spray tan,’ said Tenney, who represents several towns in Delaware and Otsego counties and who noted she had represented Halbritter’s ex-wife during part of her divorce from the Oneida leader.” [Daily Star, [4/14/15](#)]

Said “Spray Tan Ray” Comment Had “Nothing To Do With Race.” “In a telephone interview, Tenney, who has been locked in a long-running battle with Halbritter, stated her comment sent out on Twitter this month “has nothing to do with race.”” [Daily Star, [4/14/15](#)]

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2016: Oneida Nation-Funded Group Spent At Least \$580,000 Against Tenney In Republican Primary. “Grow the Economy PAC, a super PAC funded solely by the Oneida Indian Nation, has spent about \$580,000 against Claudia Tenney in her three-way race in the June 28 primary, according to Federal Election Commission disclosure reports filed by the group through Friday.” [Syracuse.com, [6/21/16](#)]

Tenney Blamed 2014 Campaign Loss On Media Native American Group That “Bought” Election

After Losing Primary, Tenney Blamed The Media For “Missing The Race,” Accused Native American Representative Of Buying The Race For Opponent. “State Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney on Wednesday still had not called U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna, R-Barneveld, to concede her Republican primary loss in the 22nd Congressional District. Instead, Tenney blamed the media, the Oneida Indian Nation and national conservatives who didn’t back her earlier in the campaign for her loss to Hanna by about 1,600 votes. ‘Media missed the race,’ Tenney wrote in a text message Wednesday. ‘(Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray) Halbritter bought Hanna and the race. Tragic.’ She added, ‘My team was valiant in the face of a fraudulent and abusive campaign.’” [The Post Standard, [6/26/14](#)]

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Voted Against Constitutional Amendment Proposal To Voters Authorizing No More Than 7 Casinos Within New York

Voted Against Constitutional Amendment Proposal To Voters Authorizing No More Than 7 Casinos Within New York. In March 2012, Tenney voted against a bill “that submits a constitutional amendment to the voters that authorizes the establishment of no more than 7 casinos within New York.” The bill passed 96-45. [Vote Smart, A9556 – Authorizes Casino Gambling, [3/14/12](#)]

NOTE: An amendment to the Constitution requires majority approval in each chamber in two successive sessions. It then must be approved by a majority of citizens voting in the next election to be enacted.

Appendix VIII – UCC Financing Statements For Mid-York Press

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	Secured Party Names:	BANC ONE LEASING CORPORATION	Not Available			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	231973	11/04/1993	11/04/1998	Financing Statement	2	NA *
	184891	08/27/1998	11/04/2003	Continuation	1	NA *
	200310305474048	10/30/2003	11/04/2008	Continuation	1	View
	200312315633410	12/31/2003	11/04/2008	Termination	1	View
2.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	P.O. BOX 733, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	COMMERCIAL LOANS BSB BANK & TRUST COMPANY	58-68 EXCHANGE STREET, BINGHAMTON, NY 13902-0000, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	077402	04/17/1997	04/17/2002	Financing Statement	1	NA *
	058828	03/13/2002	04/17/2007	Continuation	1	NA *
	200401120036797	01/12/2004	04/17/2007	Financing Statement Amendment	1	View
	200612180996738	12/18/2006	04/17/2012	Continuation	1	View
	200804300310020	04/30/2008	04/17/2012	Financing Statement Amendment	2	NA *
	200910215943577	10/21/2009	04/17/2012	Financing Statement Amendment	1	View
	201110206168200	10/20/2011	04/17/2017	Continuation	1	View
	201602085150300	02/08/2016	04/17/2017	Termination	1	View
3.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	P.O. BOX 733, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	COMMERCIAL LOANS BSB BANK & TRUST COMPANY	58-68 EXCHANGE STREET, BINGHAMTON, NY 13902-0000, USA			
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	189672	09/12/1997	09/12/2002	Financing Statement	1	NA *
	126514	05/31/2002	09/12/2007	Continuation	1	NA *
	200708030628452	08/03/2007	09/12/2012	Continuation	1	View
	201203200160748	03/20/2012	09/12/2017	Continuation	1	View
	201602085150324	02/08/2016	09/12/2017	Termination	1	View
4.	Debtor Names:	THE MID YORK PRESS INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	BOBST EQUIPMENT FINANCE COMPANY, INC.	146 HARRISON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NJ 07068-0000, USA			

	BAYERISCHE HYPO-UND VEREINSBANK AG	150 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10017-0000, USA			
	BOBST EQUIPMENT FINANCE COMPANY, INC.	146 HARRISON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NJ 07068, USA			
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227933	11/12/1999	11/12/2004	Financing Statement	2	NA *
260316	12/29/1999	11/12/2004	Assignment	1	NA *
200406225512248	06/22/2004	11/12/2009	Continuation	1	View
200507185641424	07/18/2005	11/12/2009	Financing Statement Amendment	1	View
200510255930796	10/25/2005	11/12/2009	Termination	1	View

5.	Debtor Names:	THE MID YORK PRESS INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	BOBST EQUIPMENT FINANCE COMPANY, INC.	146 HARRISON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NJ 07068-0000, USA		
		BAYERISCHE HYPO-UND VEREINSBANK AG	150 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10017-4679, USA		
		BOBST EQUIPMENT FINANCE COMPANY, INC.	146 HARRISON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NJ 07068, USA		
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6.	Debtor Names:	MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	1055 WESTLAKES DRIVE, BERWYN, PA 19312-0000, USA		
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7.	Debtor Names:	MID YORK PRESS	2808 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	KODAK POLYCHROME GRAPHICS LLC	770 CANNING PARKWAY, VICTOR, NY 14564-0000, USA		
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8.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	CITICORP DEL LEASE, INC.	450 MAMARONECK AVENUE, HARRISON, NY 10528-0000, USA		
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9.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	PO BOX 733, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	BSB BANK & TRUST COMPANY	58-68 EXCHANGE STREET, BINGHAMTON, NY 13902-0000, USA		
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10.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG PRINT FINANCE AMERICAS, INC.	121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH 03820-0000, USA		
		HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DRIVE, KENNESAW, GA 30144-0000, USA		
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11.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DRIVE, KENNESAW, GA 30144-0000, USA		
		HEIDELBERG PRINT FINANCE AMERICAS, INC.	121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH 03820-0000, USA		
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	200612066180906	12/06/2006	04/08/2012	Continuation	1 View
	200707235708318	07/23/2007	04/08/2012	Termination	1 View

12.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DRIVE, KENNESAW, GA 30144-0000, USA		
		HEIDELBERG PRINT FINANCE AMERICAS, INC.	121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH 03820-0000, USA		
		U.S. BANCORP EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	PO BOX 230789, PORTLAND, OR 97281, USA		
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13.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	PO BOX 733, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0733, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	BSB BANK & TRUST COMPANY	58-68 EXCHANGE STREET, BINGHAMTON, NY 13902-0000, USA		
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14.	Debtor Names:	MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	VILLAGE OF SHERBURNE	15 WEST STATE STREET, SHERBURNE, NY 13460-0000, USA		
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15.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS INC	ROUTE 2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHELBURNE, NY 13660, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	XPEDX	1059 W RIDGE RD, ROCHESTER, NY 14615, USA		
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16.	Debtor Names:	MID YORK PRESS INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	BAYERISCHE HYPO-UND VEREINSBANK AG	150 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10017-4679, USA		
		BOBST EQUIPMENT FINANCE COMPANY, INC.	146 HARRISON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NJ 07068, USA		
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17.	Debtor Names:	THE MID YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
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Secured Party Names:	PARTNERS TRUST BANK	233 GENESEE ST, UTICA, NY 13501, USA			
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18. Debtor Names:	MID YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE ROUTE 80, SHEBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
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19. Debtor Names:	THE MID YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
Secured Party Names:	GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION	1301 VIRGINIA DRIVE, SUITE 200, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034, USA			
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20. Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
Secured Party Names:	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	733 MARQUETTE AVENUE, SUITE 700, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402, USA			
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21. Debtor Names:	MID YORK PRESS INC	2808 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
Secured Party Names:	WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING, INC.	MAC F4045-050 400 LOCUST STREET, SUITE 500, DES MOINES, IA 50309, USA			
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22. Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
Secured Party Names:	GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION	1301 VIRGINIA DRIVE, SUITE 200, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034, USA			
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23.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION	1301 VIRGINIA DRIVE, SUITE 200, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034, USA		
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24.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION	1301 VIRGINIA DRIVE, SUITE 200, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034, USA		
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25.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80 PO BOX 733, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	733 MARQUETTE AVE, SUITE 700, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402, USA		
		HEIDELBERG PRINT FINANCE AMERICAS, INC.	2 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE SUITE #101, PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801, USA		
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26.	Debtor Names:	MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HWY. 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	VILLAGE OF SHERBURNE	15 W. STATE ST., P.O. BOX 704, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
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27.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
		COUNTY OF CHENANGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	19 EATON AVENUE, NORWICH, NY 13815, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	GE GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC.	8400 NORMANDALE LAKE BOULEVARD, SUITE 470, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55437, USA		
		GE GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC.	PO BOX 35713, BILLINGS, MT 59107-5713, USA		
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28.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	COUNTY OF CHENANGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	19 EATON AVENUE, NORWICH, NY 13815, USA		
		GE GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC.	8400 NORMANDALE LAKE BOULEVARD, SUITE 470, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55437, USA		
		GE GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC.	PO BOX 35713, BILLINGS, MT 59107-5713, USA		
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29.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	ROUTE 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	GE GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC.	8400 NORMANDALE LAKE BOULEVARD, SUITE 470, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55437, USA		
		GE GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC.	PO BOX 35713, BILLINGS, MT 59107-5713, USA		
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30.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	733 MARQUETTE AVENUE, SUITE 700, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402, USA		
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31.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA		
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32.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA		
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	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA		
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	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA		
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35.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA		
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36.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA		
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37.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	733 MARQUETTE AVENUE, SUITE 700, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402, USA		
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38.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY	343 STATE STREET, ROCHESTER, NY 14650, USA		
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39.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.		2808 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
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40.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.		2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY		ONE M&T PLAZA, BUFFALO, NY 14203, USA		
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	Secured Party Names:	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.		733 MARQUETTE AVENUE, SUITE 700, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402, USA		
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42.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.		2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY		ONE M&T PLAZA, BUFFALO, NY 14203, USA		
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43.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.		2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
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44.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS INC		2808 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		

	Secured Party Names:	XEROX CORPORATION	1301 RIDGEVIEW, BLDG 300, LEWISVILLE, TX 75057, USA			
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	Secured Party Names:	PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP.	255 BANK ST., WATERBURY, CT 06702, USA			
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46.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP.	255 BANK ST., WATERBURY, CT 06702, USA			
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	201412016263074	12/01/2014	02/18/2020	Continuation	1	View
48.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	ONE M&T PLAZA, BUFFALO, NY 14203, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	201002240100186	02/24/2010	02/24/2015	Financing Statement	2	View
	201408290492072	08/29/2014	02/24/2020	Continuation	1	View
	201504085365737	04/08/2015	02/24/2020	Termination	1	View
	201504285447074	04/28/2015	02/24/2020	Termination	1	View
49.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 0154986-70, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	733 MARQUETTE AVENUE, SUITE 700, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	201004010169895	04/01/2010	04/01/2015	Financing Statement	1	View

50.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	FIRST NIAGARA LEASING, INC.	726 EXCHANGE STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14210, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages Image
	201007238236355	07/23/2010	07/23/2015	Financing Statement	1 View
	201007288242043	07/28/2010	07/23/2015	Financing Statement Amendment	1 View
	201007308246109	07/30/2010	07/23/2015	Financing Statement Amendment	1 View
	201107275811883	07/27/2011	07/23/2015	Financing Statement Amendment	1 View
	201109226026946	09/22/2011	07/23/2015	Termination	1 View
51.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	XEROX CORPORATION	1301 RIDGEVIEW, BLDG 300, LEWISVILLE, TX 75057, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages Image
	201010286063327	10/28/2010	10/28/2015	Financing Statement	1 View
52.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS INC	ROUTE 2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	XPEDX - THE MID-YORK PRESS INC	1059 WEST RIDGE RD, ROCHESTER, NY 14615, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages Image
	201104280231567	04/28/2011	04/28/2016	Financing Statement	2 View
53.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	IMAGING FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	100 KINGS HIGHWAY SOUTH, SUITE 2000, ROCHESTER, NY 14617, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages Image
	201107115747112	07/11/2011	07/11/2016	Financing Statement	1 View
54.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80 , SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG PRINT FINANCE AMERICAS, INC.	2 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE SUITE #101, PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages Image
	201108185903956	08/18/2011	08/18/2016	Financing Statement	1 View
	201111286319386	11/28/2011	08/18/2016	Termination	1 View
55.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80 P.O. BOX 733, SHERBURNE, NY, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	ALL POINTS CAPITAL CORP.	265 BROAD HOLLOW RD, MELVILLE, NY 11747, USA		
		FSG LEASING, INC.	329 PRINCE GEORGE ST, LAUREL, MD 20707, USA		
		FSG LEASING INC.	329 PRINCE GEORGE STREET, LAUREL, MD 20707, USA		
		SIGNATURE FINANCIAL LLC	225 BROADHOLLOW RD. STE 132W, MELVILLE, NY 11747, USA		

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201306105628196	06/10/2013	10/06/2016	Assignment	2	View
201306118240454	06/11/2013	10/06/2016	Assignment	1	View

56.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80 PO BOX 733, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA
	Secured Party Names:	ALL POINTS CAPITAL CORP.	265 BROAD HOLLOW RD, MELVILLE , NY 11747, USA
		FSG LEASING, INC.	329 PRINCE GEORGE ST, LAUREL, MD 20707, USA
		FSG LEASING INC.	329 PRINCE GEORGE STREET, LAUREL, MD 20707, USA

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201306105628285	06/10/2013	10/14/2016	Assignment	2	View
201306118240428	06/11/2013	10/14/2016	Termination	1	View

57.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 NYS HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA
	Secured Party Names:	TCF EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	11100 WAYZATA BLVD. STE 801, MINNETONKA, MN 55305, USA

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201110246180711	10/24/2011	10/24/2016	Financing Statement	1	View
201201205077021	01/20/2012	10/24/2016	Financing Statement Amendment	1	View
201404225405604	04/22/2014	10/24/2016	Financing Statement Amendment	1	View
201606085684284	06/08/2016	10/24/2016	Financing Statement Amendment	1	View

58.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA
	Secured Party Names:	THOMPSON & JOHNSON EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	6926 FLY ROAD, EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057, USA
		TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORPORATION	P. O. BOX 3457, TORRANCE, CA 90510-3457, USA

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201407075717306	07/07/2014	07/07/2019	Financing Statement	2	View

59.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA
	Secured Party Names:	PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP	255 BANK STREET, WATERBURY, CT 06702, USA

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201409120512984	09/12/2014	09/12/2019	Financing Statement	2	View

60.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA
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Secured Party Names:		PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP	255 BANK STREET, WATERBURY, CT 06702, USA		
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201503260149728	03/26/2015	09/12/2019	Financing Statement Amendment	2	View

61.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
Secured Party Names:		PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP	255 BANK STREET, WATERBURY, CT 06702, USA		
File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
201409120512960	09/12/2014	09/12/2019	Financing Statement	2	View

62.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
Secured Party Names:		PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP	255 BANK STREET, WATERBURY, CT 06702, USA		
File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
201409120512972	09/12/2014	09/12/2019	Financing Statement	2	View
201501295098764	01/29/2015	09/12/2019	Termination	1	View

63.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	P.O. BOX 733, ` , SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
Secured Party Names:		VILLAGE OF SHERBURNE	P.O. BOX 704, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
201410140572800	10/14/2014	10/14/2019	Financing Statement	1	View

64.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
Secured Party Names:		HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA		
File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
201410146084510	10/14/2014	10/14/2019	Financing Statement	1	View
201412086285771	12/08/2014	10/14/2019	Termination	1	View

65.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	4 TENNEY LN, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
Secured Party Names:		XEROX CORPORATION	1301 RIDGEVIEW, BLDG 300, LEWISVILLE, TX 75057, USA		
File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
201410176109003	10/17/2014	10/17/2019	Financing Statement	1	View

66.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
Secured Party Names:		PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP	850 MAIN STREET BC03/RC871, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604, USA		
File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image

	201512300674109	12/30/2015	12/30/2020	Financing Statement	2	View
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67.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	BANK OF UTICA	222 GENESEE STREET, UTICA, NY 13502, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	201601268032715	01/26/2016	01/26/2021	Financing Statement	1	View

68.	Debtor Names:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	VILLAGE OF SHERBURNE	P.O. BOX 704, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	201604220188928	04/22/2016	04/22/2021	Financing Statement	1	View

69.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HWY, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE, A DIVISION OF U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	1310 MADRID STREET, MARSHALL, MN 56258, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	201611016286264	11/01/2016	11/01/2021	Financing Statement	1	View

70.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP	850 MAIN STREET BC03/RC871, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	201707130341795	07/13/2017	07/13/2022	Financing Statement	2	View
	201805080215581	05/08/2018	07/13/2022	Financing Statement Amendment	2	View

71.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	PEOPLE'S CAPITAL AND LEASING CORP	850 MAIN STREET BC03/RC871, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604, USA			
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	201707130341808	07/13/2017	07/13/2022	Financing Statement	2	View

72.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA			
	Secured Party Names:	HEIDELBERG USA, INC.	1000 GUTENBERG DR., KENNESAW, GA 30144, USA			
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages	Image
	201709216145481	09/21/2017	09/21/2022	Financing Statement	1	View
	201712016460484	12/01/2017	09/21/2022	Termination	1	View

73.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	DEUTSCHE LEASING USA, INC.	190 S. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2150, CHICAGO, IL 60603, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages
	201806255785290	06/25/2018	06/25/2023	Financing Statement	1
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74.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	P.O. BOX 733, 2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	VILLAGE OF SHERBURNE	P.O. BOX 704, 15 WEST STATE STREET, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages
	201808060368295	08/06/2018	08/06/2023	Financing Statement	1
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75.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2028 STATE HWY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	BB&T COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT CAPITAL CORP.	2 GREAT VALLEY PARKWAY, SUITE 300, MALVERN, PA 19355, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages
	201908276094448	08/27/2019	08/27/2024	Financing Statement	1
					View
76.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	FSG CAPITAL, INC.	329 PRINCE GEORGE STREET, LAUREL, MD 20707, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages
	202002288089478	02/28/2020	02/28/2025	Financing Statement	1
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77.	Debtors:	THE MID-YORK PRESS, INC.	2808 STATE HIGHWAY 80, SHERBURNE, NY 13460, USA		
	Secured Party Names:	FSG CAPITAL, INC.	329 PRINCE GEORGE STREET, LAUREL, MD 20707, USA		
	File no.	File Date	Lapse Date	Filing Type	Pages
	202003118108592	03/11/2020	03/11/2025	Financing Statement	1
					NA *

[New York State Department of State Uniform Commercial Code Report Search, Other Debtor Search Options, accessed [3/24/20](#)]

Appendix IX – Bill Sponsorships & Amendments

Toplines

None Of Tenney’s Sponsored Bills Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Tenney Sponsorship Toplines		
Congress	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	22	0
TOTAL		

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

NOTE: Table updated as of 3/6/20.

Tenney Career Sponsorships By Subject		
Subject	# Of Bills Sponsored	# Became Law
Finance and Financial Sector	5	0
Armed Forces and National Security	4	0
Congress	2	0
Crime and Law Enforcement	1	0
Government Operations and Politics	1	0
Health	1	0
International Affairs	1	0
Sports and Recreation	1	0
Taxation	1	0
Transportation and Public Works	1	0

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

NOTE: Table updated as of 3/6/20.

Appendix X – New York Assembly Sponsorships

2015 And 2016 Sessions

Tenney Sponsored 70 Bills

2015 And 2016 Sessions: Sponsored 70 Bills During.

Bill Number	Summary	Last Action	Date of Last Action
A02704	Enacts the trafficking victims protection and justice act	Held for consideration in codes	3/29/16
A03350	Relates to repealing chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, relating to the New York Safe Act of 2013	Referred to codes	1/06/16
A03568	Relates to powers and duties of trustees; in state tuition for active and retired military members	Held for consideration in higher education	5/10/16
A03569	Relates to use of official seals	Held for consideration in local governments	5/23/16
A03612	Directs the superintendent of financial services to study the feasibility of developing and implementing a liability reform plan for recreational land use	Held for consideration in insurance	5/25/16
A03613	Amends the distances allowable between harness horse racetracks	Referred to racing and wagering	1/06/16
A03614	Expands coverage of sex offender registration act	Held for consideration in correction	3/29/16
A03623	Relates to retaining peace officer status for facilities parole officers	Held for consideration in codes	6/06/16
A03628	Authorizes the commissioner of education to make a payment for the allotted balance of state aid to which the Little Falls school district is entitled	Held for consideration in education	6/02/16
A03637	Enacts the military spouse act of 2015	Held for consideration in higher education	5/25/16
A03648	Prohibits stalking by the use of technological devices and provides criminal penalties therefor	Held for consideration in codes	6/06/16
A03659	Provides that the New York state canal corporation may sell or lease canal lands or personal property to governmental entities for less than fair market value	Held for consideration in corporations, authorities and commissions	4/12/16
A03660	Relates to creating additional safeguards to protect the welfare of children enrolled in day care programs in New York state	Held for consideration in children and families	5/10/16
A03661	Relates to aggravated neglect of a companion animal	Referred to agriculture	1/06/16
A03662	Relates to the hours for voting	Held for consideration in election law	6/02/16

A03666	Relates to providing a four percent across the board increase to funding allocated to school districts in New York state	Held for consideration in education	4/12/16
A03667	Relates to making the New York state estate tax exemption five million dollars	Referred to ways and means	1/06/16
A03679	Relates to easing certain restrictions on the management and operation of games of chance for charitable purposes	Referred to racing and wagering	1/06/16
A03681	Creates exemption for certain military personnel from certain training and testing requirements in order to qualify for a commercial driver's license	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03684	Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation shall provide Empire Passports to individuals whose qualified service commenced on or after	Held for consideration in tourism, parks, arts and sports development	5/05/16
A03705	Eliminates Incentive Operating Aid from the Gap Elimination Adjustment formula	Referred to education	1/06/16
A03715	Includes municipal user fees as real property tax for purposes of the circuit breaker credit	Referred to ways and means	1/06/16
A03718	Permits small seasonal farmers to place signs on state highways	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03719	Relates to allowing individuals licensed out-of-state to carry a pistol or firearm to carry such weapon within the state for a limited duration	Referred to codes	1/06/16
A03771	Allows certification of disability by the United States veterans' administration	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03772	Relates to creating a tax credit for New York state businesses that source materials and supplies manufactured by other New York state businesses	Referred to ways and means	1/06/16
A03782	Provides for an exemption requirement from registration for ATVs operated on lands owned by the owner or to which the owner has certain contractual rights	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03784	Includes the war on terrorism within the definition of "period of war" for purposes of the veterans alternative property tax exemption	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16
A03792	Increases the threshold of employer's withheld taxes	Held for consideration in governmental employees	5/24/16
A03796	Expands provisions for eviction for illegal occupancy of leased premises; repealer	Held for consideration in judiciary	5/17/16
A03798	Relates to the power of courts to deny orders of recognizance or bail where the defendant poses a risk of danger to the community	Referred to codes	1/06/16
A03810	Creates new criminal action pertaining to sale of purchase of pseudoephedrine	Referred to codes	1/06/16

A03814	Relates to wealth ratio adjustments for certain school districts containing non-profits exempt from real property taxes	Held for consideration in education	5/11/16
A03818	Provides that the sale of an alcoholic beverage by an on-premises licensee to a visibly intoxicated person shall be punishable as a felony	Held for consideration in economic development	3/08/16
A03825	Casino gambling in state	Opinion referred to judiciary	2/05/16
A03826	Relates to adjusting the calculation of operating shares in community college regions	Held for consideration in higher education	5/25/16
A03827	Extends real property exemption for veterans' organizations to include property occupied by any person although not also entitled to exemption	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16
A03862	Extends certain educational benefits to eligible veterans	Held for consideration in higher education	5/25/16
A03863	Suspends the Triborough amendment; requires the mandate relief team to prepare a list of unfunded mandates; expires in two years	Held for consideration in governmental employees	5/24/16
A03869	Relates to impairment testing in traffic accidents where serious bodily injury or death has occurred	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03875	Allows employment of retired police officers as special security officers for school districts	Held for consideration in codes	3/29/16
A03876	Repeals the wage theft prevention act, amending various provisions of the labor law	Held for consideration in labor	5/17/16
A03878	Establishes the New York working soldiers' assistance program and deals with the professional licenses of individuals serving on federal active duty	Held for consideration in labor	5/17/16
A03907	Creates a veterans' clearinghouse for purposes of identifying veterans eligible for benefits	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16
A03910	Enacts a tax exemption for capital gains on the sales of new businesses	Referred to ways and means	1/06/16
A03916	Creates and allows funding for post-employment benefit reserve funds	Referred to local governments	1/06/16
A03923	Provides that combat medics may obtain distinctive license plates	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03933	Relates to the operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A03942	Relates to maintaining a list of pre-authorized procedures	Held for consideration in labor	5/17/16
A03973	Eliminates additional annual charge for distinctive plates for volunteer ambulance service members	Referred to transportation	1/06/16

A03985	Provides that the intentional murder of a child under the age of twelve shall be a first degree murder offense; amends the definition of torture	Held for consideration in codes	6/06/16
A03988	Authorizes the issuance of distinctive plates for recipients of the distinguished service cross medal	Referred to transportation	1/06/16
A04001	Provides that an inmate of a correctional facility shall be guilty of a felony for harassing a correctional facility employee by fraudulent use of his or her name	Referred to codes	1/06/16
A04008	Relates to the judicial diversion program for alcohol and substance abuse offenders	Held for consideration in codes	3/29/16
A04017	Authorizes the creation of the veteran assistance lottery game	Referred to racing and wagering	1/06/16
A04021	Authorizes municipalities to create a real property tax exemption for the installation of dry fire hydrants	Held for consideration in real property taxation	4/12/16
A04026	Makes an appropriation to the Sauquoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission for the purposes of flood mitigation and stream bank restoration; appropriation	Referred to ways and means	1/06/16
A04032	Declares the Vietnam Veterans of America to be benevolent orders	Held for consideration in veterans' affairs	5/17/16
A04177	Relates to childrens' mental health services	Referred to ways and means	1/06/16
A05828	Relates to authorizing James W. McCarthy Tier I status in the New York state and local employees' retirement system	Referred to governmental employees	1/06/16
A07558	Authorizes Joseph Perri to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the city of Little Falls	Signed into law by Governor Cuomo	8/13/15
A07567	Relates to the election of trustees of the Wallkill public library district	Signed into law by Governor Cuomo	11/20/15
A07577	Authorizes Angelo Gigliotti to take the competitive exam for police officer and be placed on the eligible list for such position in the city of Little Falls	Signed into law by Governor Cuomo	8/13/15
A08026	Relates to interim probation supervision	Referred to codes	1/06/16
A08078	Relates to protecting pain-capable unborn children	Referred to health	1/06/16
A09728	Relates to income tax reductions	Referred to ways and means	4/05/16
A09738	Relates to a license to sell liquor at retail for consumption on certain premises	Referred to economic development	4/05/16
A09739	Relates to authorizing the use of lever voting machines for the county of Delaware	Enacting clause stricken	5/03/16
A10391	Relates to dedicating certain funds for fish and wildlife purposes	Referred to ways and means	5/25/16

A10599	Authorizes the village of Montgomery, in the county of Orange, to discontinue use of certain lands as parkland	Returned to senate	6/17/16
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[Claudia Tenney Assembly Member Page, accessed [8/14/16](#)]

Appendix XI – Bill Co-Sponsorships

Career

Tenney Co-sponsored 277 Pieces Of Legislation; 21 Or 7 Percent Became Law

As Of March 2020, Tenney Co-sponsored 277 Pieces Of Legislation; 21 Or 7 Percent Became Law.

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

Toplines

Tenney Co-Sponsorship Toplines			
	# of Co-sponsorships	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	277	21	7%
TOTAL	277	21	7%

[Congress.gov, accessed [3/6/20](#)]

December 2018: HR 6930, To Designate A Post Office The “Ross Buoyea Post Office Building,” Became Law

December 2018: HR 6930, To Designate A Post Office The “Ross Buoyea Post Office Building,” Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

January 2019: The 9/11 Memorial Act Became Law

January 2019: The 9/11 Memorial Act Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

December 2018: HR 5412, To Designate A Post Office The “Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building,” Became Law

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December 2018: HR 5395, To Designate A Post Office The “Staff Sergeant Alexandria Gleason-Morrow Post Office Building,” Became Law

December 2018: HR 5395, To Designate A Post Office The “Staff Sergeant Alexandria Gleason-Morrow Post Office Building,” Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

December 2018: HR 5238, To Designate A Post Office The “Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office Building,” Became Law

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July 2018: HR 4722, To Designate A Post Office The “Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building,” Became Law

July 2018: HR 4722, To Designate A Post Office The “Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building,” Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

July 2018: HR 4463, To Designate A Post Office The “Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office,” Became Law

July 2018: HR 4463, To Designate A Post Office The “Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office,” Became Law.
[Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

July 2018: HR 4406, To Designate A Post Office The “Tuskegee Airmen Post Office Building,” Became Law

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[Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

December 2018: The Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act Of 2018 Became Law

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September 2017: The Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act Became Law

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October 2017: The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act Became Law

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December 2018: The Reciprocal Access To Tibet Act Of 2018 Became Law

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April 2018: The Allow States And Victims To Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act Of 2017 Became Law

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[Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

December 2018: The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall Of Fame Commemorative Coin Act Became Law

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July 2018: The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act Of 2018 Became Law

July 2018: The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act Of 2018 Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

August 2017: The Global War On Terrorism War Memorial Act Became Law

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December 2018: The Anwar Sadat Centennial Celebration Act Became Law

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March 2018: The Taiwan Travel Act Became Law

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October 2018: The Fort Ontario Study Act Became Law

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November 2017: H.J.Res. 111, Providing For Congressional Disapproval Of The Rule Submitted By The Bureau Of Consumer Financial Protection Relating To “Arbitration Agreements” Became Law

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[Congress.gov, accessed [4/20/20](#)]

February 2017: H.J.Res. 41, Providing For Congressional Disapproval Of A Rule Submitted By The Securities And Exchange Commission Relating To “Disclosure Of Payments By Resource Extraction Issuers” Became Law

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Subject

Tenney Career Co-Sponsorships By Subject			
Subject	# Of Bills Co-Sponsored	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
Armed Forces and National Security	29	0	0%
Health	29	1	3%
International Affairs	28	3	10%
Finance and Financial Sector	27	5	18%
Crime and Law Enforcement	26	1	3%
Government Operations and Politics	21	7	33%
Taxation	15	0	0%
Education	10	0	0%
Public Lands and Natural Resources	10	3	30%
Congress	8	0	0%
Economics and Public Finance	8	0	0%
Animals	7	0	0%
Agriculture and Food	6	0	0%
Immigration	6	0	0%
Transportation and Public Works	6	0	0%
Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues	5	0	0%

Housing and Community Development	5	0	0%
Environmental Protection	4	0	0%
Foreign Trade and International Finance	4	0	0%
Labor and Employment	4	0	0%
Commerce	3	0	0%
Emergency Management	3	0	0%
Science, Technology, Communications	3	0	0%
Social Welfare	3	0	0%
Sports and Recreation	3	0	0%
Law	2	0	0%
Arts, Culture, Religion	1	0	0%
Water Resources Development	1	0	0%

[Congress.gov, accessed [7/17/18](#)]

NOTE: Table updated as of March 6, 2020.

Appendix XII – Votes – 115th Congress

Agriculture & Food Safety

Tenney Voted For The Farm Bill Conference Report, Funding Farm And Nutrition Programs Through FY 2023. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For House Floor Consideration Of The Farm Bill. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill That Would Reauthorize And Modify The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through 2020. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Bill Reauthorizing The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through Fiscal 2022. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Motion To Reconsider The 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Strengthen Prohibitions Against Animal Fighting. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Allow For The Interstate Trade And Human Consumption Of Unpasteurized Milk And Milk Products. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Exclude Alcoholic Products From Counting As Value-Added Agricultural Products. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Repeal The Department Of Agriculture Biomass And Bioenergy Subsidy Programs. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Work-Requirement Exemptions To Five Percent Of SNAP Recipients. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Phase Out Agricultural Crop Subsidies By 2030. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Adjust Loan Rates For The Sugar Program And Establish Tariff Rate Quotas For Raw And Refined Sugar. In May 2018, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill Which Would Loosen Nutritional Disclosure Requirements For Restaurants And Other Food Establishments. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To The Prevention Of Foodborne Illness Transmission. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exempt rules related to the prevention of foodborne illness transmission. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-232. [HR 5, [Vote #38](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Arts & Humanities

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing Funds From The NEA And NEH And Appropriating Them To The Spending Reduction Account. In July 2018, Tenney 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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Short-Term Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government And Construct A U.S.-Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration of A Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Without Funding For A U.S. Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The \$1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of The 2018 Omnibus Spending Package. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For House Passage Of Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Through March 23. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018 And Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Agreeing To The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided \$3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against A Democratic \$3.8 Trillion FY18 Budget Alternative That Included A Public Option And Comprehensive Immigration Reform. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passing The \$1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating The Provision Related To Manufactured Housing Mortgages, Manufacturers, And Retailers. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating The Provision That Would Incorporate The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Into The Regular Appropriations Process In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus' Repeal Of The District Of Columbia's Budget Autonomy. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Decreasing Funding For The IRS And Transferring The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement DOL Regulations Concerning Workplace Injuries And Illness In September 2017, Tenney voted for: "Gibbs, R-Ohio, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being using 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Cutting One Percent Of All Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education Departments. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: "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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Decreasing The Salaries And Expenses Of The NLRB By \$99 Million In The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing, Then Decreasing, Funding For Education Innovation And Improvement In The FY 2018 Omnibus In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Decreasing Then Increasing Funding For The Office Of The HHS Secretary In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Increasing Funding Related To Access To Medicare For Mental And Substance Use Disorders In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Working Protection Agencies In The Labor, HHS, And Education Departments In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce The National Ocean Policy. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reducing EPA Funding By \$1.8 Million. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Pursue Extra-Legal Ways To Transfer Federal Funds To Private Owners. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Closing Or Consolidating Any Regional EPA Office. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Funds From Being Used To Enforce Rules Relating To Source Performance Standards For Greenhouse Gas Emissions. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds For The EPA’s Criminal Enforcement Division. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Reducing All Funds Appropriated In The Interior Division By One Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against 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, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus Provision That Would Delay The Implementation Date For National Ambient Air Quality Standards. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To EPA State Tribal Assistance Grants. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Decreasing The EPA Operations And Maintenance Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Increasing Funds For Reclamation Of Abandoned Mine Lands And Decreasing EPA Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Increasing Funding For Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation And Decreasing Funding For International Multilateral Organizations In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funding Appropriated For The Department Of Homeland Security To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce Wage Requirements. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Increasing Funding For Coast Guard Research, Development, Test And Evaluating And Decreasing Coast Guard Operating Expenses. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding For ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing And Then Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To Customs and Border Protection Operation And Support. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Moving Forward The Consideration Of The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Reducing Housing And Urban Development Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus By Two Percent. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against 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, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Project Based Rental Assistance Subsidy Contracts In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Public And Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Department Of Housing And Urban Development Offices And Increasing Funding For Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Funding. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating Funding For Grants To Amtrak In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against 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, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Decreasing Funding To The Essential Air Service Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against 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, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against 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, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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]

Tenney Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for: “Suozi, 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Reducing All Discretionary Spending In The Energy And Water Division Of The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reducing And Increasing Funding To The Army Corps Of Engineers Investigations Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Increasing Funding To The National Nuclear Security Administration Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Implement Prevailing Wage Requirements Associated With The Davis-Bacon Act. In July 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bipartisan Deal To Fund The Government Through September 30, 2017 And Increase Defense Funding. In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill with an amendment that would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations through Sept. 30, 2017 for federal departments and agencies covered by the remaining 11 fiscal 2017 spending bills. Included in that total is: \$20.9 billion for Agriculture, \$56.6 billion for Commerce-Justice-Science, \$593 billion for Defense, \$37.8 billion for Energy-Water, \$21.5 billion for Financial Services, \$42.4 billion for Homeland Security (including \$772 million for improvements and maintenance to existing Customs and Border Protection infrastructure and technology), \$32.2 billion for Interior-Environment, \$161 billion for Labor-HHS-Education, \$4.4 billion for Legislative, \$53.1 billion for State-Foreign Operations, and \$57.7 billion for Transportation-HUD. The measure would authorize classified amounts of funding for fiscal 2017 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government. The measure would provide \$608 million for health benefits for retired coal miners and \$296 million for Medicaid payments to Puerto Rico.” The motion passed 309-118. [HR 244, [Vote #249](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Bipartisan Deal To Prevent Shutdown Included \$15 For Defense Programs And \$1.5 Billion For Border Security, But Did Not Fund Trump’s Wall. “The House voted Wednesday to approve a bipartisan deal to fund the government through September and prevent a shutdown — at least for the next five months. House members voted 309-118 to pass the \$1.1 trillion spending bill, which funds federal agencies and boosts defense spending through the remainder of fiscal year 2017. Current funding was set to expire at midnight Friday unless Congress acted. [...] The bill approved by the House on Wednesday includes \$15 billion of a \$30 billion request from Trump for extra funding for defense programs and combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. It also includes \$1.5 billion in additional funding for border security, which was half of a \$3 billion request from Trump. Although the president did not get funding for his wall, the bill gives the administration about \$341 million to replace some existing border fencing, including about 40 miles of fencing in Arizona and California.” [USA Today, [5/3/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The \$1.16 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill, with House amendment, intended to serve as the legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations for federal departments and agencies covered by the 11 unfinished fiscal 2017 spending bills.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 308, [Vote #247](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Averting A Government Shutdown By Funding The Government With A Continuing Resolution For A Week Through May 5, 2017. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would extend continuing appropriations for federal government operations through May 5, 2017. It would also

provide for an extension, through May 5, of health care benefits for retired coal miners.” The motion passed 382-30. [HRes 289, [Vote #236](#), 4/28/17; CQ, [4/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Resolution To Avert A Government Shutdown By Funding The Government With A Continuing Resolution For A Week Through May 5, 2017. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 289) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would extend continuing appropriations for federal government operations through May 5, 2017. It would also provide for an extension, through May 5, 2017, of health care benefits for retired coal miners.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 235-178. [HRes 289, [Vote #235](#), 4/28/17; CQ, [4/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Setting Forth The Congressional Budget For The United States Government For Fiscal Year 2017. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “adoption of the concurrent resolution that includes reconciliation instructions for the House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees as well as the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees to develop legislation to reduce the deficit by at least \$1 billion each over a 10-year period by January 27, 2017, which is expected to repeal parts of the 2010 health care law. The concurrent resolution also would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would allow \$3.3 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal 2017.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 227-198. [S Con Res 3, [Vote #58](#), 1/13/17; CQ, [1/13/17](#)]

CNN: Vote “Began The Process Of Dismantling The Affordable Care Act” By Allowing Budget Reconciliation. “The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as ‘budget reconciliation’ to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top Republican leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [CNN, [1/13/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An “Amendment That Would Eliminate The Budget Analysis Division Of The Congressional Budget Office”. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Defended The CBO In A Statement, Despite Past Frustrations With Its Methodology. “The office of U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney said that the New Hartford Republican voted against cutting any funding to the CBO despite the fact that Tenney has expressed some frustration with the CBO’s methodology in the past. She has also said that the CBO is not always accurate and that it was wrong about drops in premium rates under the Affordable Care Act. Still, ‘the CBO should be taken for what it is,’ Tenney said. ‘I’m not sure we should get rid of the CBO. They do have value.’ Other options? Some members of Congress, according to Reuters, have suggested having several partisan groups such as the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank and the liberal-leaning Brookings Institution think tank come together and score things such as health care laws. Tenney, however, said that if the CBO were removed, something non-partisan would need to take its place.” [Observer-Dispatch, 8/7/17]

Campaign Finance & Election Law

Tenney Voted Against Amending An Interior Appropriations Bill To Increase Funding For The Election Assistance Commission By \$380 Million. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Removing A Ban On The SEC Using Funds To Issue Rules On The Disclosure Of Political Contributions. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclosure Of All Bundlers. In May 2018, Tenney 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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Limiting The Ability Of People With Disabilities To Go To Court Over ADA Violations. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment Commissioning A Study To Determine The Role Islamic Rhetoric Played In Fomenting Violent Extremism. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Alleged Constitutional Or Civil Rights Violations From The Lawsuit Reduction Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the "Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions actions alleging a violation of a constitutional or civil right." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-227. [HR 720, [Vote #155](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Resolution "Affirming That The Holocaust Occurred And That It Targeted Jews [...] After The White House Omitted Mention Of Jews In [Its] International Holocaust Remembrance Day Statement." In February 2017, Tenney voted for the "Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 91)..." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 234-187. According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "The House on Feb. 7 blocked, 234-187, a Democratic bid to force floor debate on a resolution affirming that the Holocaust occurred and that it targeted Jews. Democrats raised this issue after the White House omitted mention of Jews in the International Holocaust Remembrance Day statement it released Jan. 27. Six million Jews died in the Holocaust carried out by German leader Adolf Hitler and his Nazi regime between 1933-1945." A yes vote was a vote to block the resolution. [HRes 91, [Vote #81](#), 2/7/17; St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [2/13/17](#); CQ, [2/7/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/7/17](#)]

Consumer Protections & Regulations

Tenney Voted For Appropriating Funds For The Postal Service To Provide Additional Financial Products Or Services. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Adding An Amendment That Would Have Exempted Agencies That Protect Children From Sex Offenders From The Underlying Bill. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of The FAA Reauthorization Act, Which Also Modified FEMA Operations And Procedures. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Require That An Entity Hiring A Motor Carrier Verify That Certain Standards Are Met. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Eliminating The Bill's Authorization Of Funding For The Essential Air Service Program. In April 2018, Tenney voted against: "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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Require The FAA To Work With Air Carriers To Retrofit Aircrafts With Devices That Mitigate Noise. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Rolling Back Guaranteed Meal And Rest Breaks For Truck Drivers Implemented To Fight Fatigue, Crashes And Vehicular Deaths. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against A Rule That Required Airlines To Accommodate Passengers That Were Delayed For More Than Three Hours. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring Airplanes To Fly At The Highest Safe Altitude Possible Within 20 Minutes Of Approaching A Coastal Airport. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Repealing A Prohibition On U.S. Regulation Of Air Transportation Of Lithium Batteries. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of The FAA Reauthorization And Provide For Operations Of The Federal Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring The IRS To Develop Protections For Taxpayers Against Cybersecurity Threats And Identity Theft. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Bill To Make Structural And Procedural Changes At The IRS And Updating The IRS’ Technology Infrastructure. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm From Unlawful Conduct Related To Increased Lead In Drinking Water From HR 732. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Predatory Or Fraudulent Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities From HR 732. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Providing Restitution For A State From HR 732. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm Caused By Unlawful Conduct Relating To Vehicles' Emissions Control Systems From HR 732. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Discrimination Based On Race, Religion, National Origin, Or Any Protected Category From HR 732. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Reinstate FCC Rules Protecting The Privacy Of Broadband Customers. In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 299)." Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an, "amendment to the Rule, which would make in order Ms. Rosen of Nevada's bill, H.R. 1868. H.R. 1868 would reinstate the Federal Communications Commission's rules adopted on October 27, 2016 that protect the privacy of broadband customers." *A vote yes was a vote to block the Democratic amendment.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HR 1868 (HRes 299), [Vote #240](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Sensitive Information. In March 2017, Tenney voted for "passage of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information, such as web browsing history, geolocation information, content of communications and Social Security numbers; to take reasonable measures to secure customer information; and to notify customers, the commission and law enforcement when a data breach occurs that could result in harm." The resolution passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 215-205. A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position. [SJRes 34, [Vote #202](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of Nullification Of A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Information. In March 2017, Tenney voted for "adoption of the rule (H Res 230) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information." The rule was adopted by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 230, [Vote #200](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Regulatory Integrity Act, Requiring Federal Agencies To Maintain Online Databases Of Regulatory Actions Taken And Pending. In March 2017, Tenney voted for "passage of the bill that would require federal agencies to maintain and regularly update detailed online databases of regulatory actions taken and pending before the agency. Under the measure, an agency would be required to list whether it is considering alternatives and whether it is accepting comments. It would explicitly prohibit agencies from directly advocating support or opposition for pending regulatory actions in public communications. As amended, the measure would require an agency to list regulatory actions issued by the agency, or any other agency, that would duplicate or overlap with the agency's pending regulatory action." The bill passed by a vote of 246-176. [HR 1004, [Vote #126](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: HR 1004 Was "A Brazen Attack On The Public's Right To Know By Micro-Managing The Type Of Information" Agencies Could Share "When Taking Actions To Protect The Public, Our Economy, And The Environment." "The bill is a brazen attack on the public's right to know by micro-managing the type of information that agencies are allowed to communicate to all of us when taking actions to protect the public, our economy, and the environment. An open government that prioritizes

democratic public participation requires agencies to be able to effectively convey information to the public and make agency policy positions clear to the public. This bill will make our government less open and less democratic and should therefore be rejected.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, [2/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Integrity Act Specifying That The Bill’s Restrictions On Agency Communications Would Not Apply To Any Communication Protected By The First Amendment. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would specify that the bill’s restrictions on agency communications would not apply to any communication that would be protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, [Vote #124](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment Requiring An Agency To List Regulatory Actions That Would Duplicate Or Overlap With The Agency’s Pending Regulatory Action. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Farenthold, R-Texas, for Messer, R-Ind., amendment that would require an agency to list regulatory actions issued by the agency, or any other agency, that would duplicate or overlap with the agency’s pending regulatory action.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 263-145. [HR 1004, [Vote #123](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Integrity Act Defining The Term Propaganda As Information Or Claims Not Widely Accepted By The Scientific Community. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would define the terms propaganda, publicity and advocacy as information or claims that are not widely accepted in the scientific community or not supported by empirical data.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 180-234. [HR 1004, [Vote #122](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring The Office Of Management And Budget’s Office Of Information & Regulatory Affairs To Review Significant Government Regulatory Actions. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review significant government regulatory actions to insure that they are consistent with relevant laws and do not conflict with regulations issued by other agencies. The bill would define significant regulatory actions as those that are likely to have an annual economic effect of \$100 million or more. As amended, it would require OIRA to keep a log of all of its communications with an agency related to a regulation before a regulation is submitted for review. The communications would be required to be published when the regulation is published in the Federal Register.” The bill passed by a vote of 241-184. [HR 1009, [Vote #120](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: HR 1009 Would Put “Corporate Profits Ahead Of Protecting Working Americans, Small Businesses, And Consumer” And Undermine Environment, Air, And Water Protections. “H.R. 1009 would further enable the radical and dangerous antiregulatory agenda that puts corporate profits ahead of protecting working Americans, small businesses, and consumers. This agenda seeks to thwart the effective enforcement of such public interest laws as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act – all of which enjoy widespread public support. [...] Particularly concerning, H.R. 1009 would in effect rewrite dozens of public interest laws containing congressional mandates that require agencies to prioritize public health and safety and the preservation of the environment, clean air, and clean water over concerns for industry profits.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, [2/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Adding An Amendment Exempting The Office Of Government Ethics From Executive Branch Review. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to immediately report it back with an amendment that would exempt the Office of Government Ethics from the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs’ reviews required under the bill.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-234. [HR 1009, [Vote #119](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Protecting Independent Agencies From Executive Branch Review. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would exempt independent agencies from the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs’ reviews required under the bill.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-234. [HR 1009, [Vote #118](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment Requiring Agencies To Ensure New Rules Are Not Duplicative. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Young, R-Iowa, amendment that would require each agency to describe what steps were taken in order to ensure that a new rule or regulation would not be duplicative or conflict with any existing or planned regulatory action.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 265-158. [HR 1009, [Vote #117](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The SCRUB Act, Establishing A Commission To Review And Cut Regulations That Should Be Repealed On The Basis Of Cost. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would establish a nine-member commission to review existing federal regulations and identify regulations that should be repealed on the basis of reducing costs on the U.S. economy. The commission would identify those regulatory policies that it deems should be repealed immediately, and would set up a ‘Cut-Go’ system that would require agencies to repeal existing rules to offset costs before issuing a new rule. As amended, the commission, in identifying which rules should be repealed, would be required to evaluate the extent to which a repeal of a rule would impact public health. It would bar from membership on the commission individuals who have been registered lobbyists during the previous two years.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-185. [HR 998, [Vote #114](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

SCRUB Act Would Only Consider Costs Of Regulation To Industry, While Ignoring Public Benefits; Commission Would Be Tasked With Achieving 15 Percent Cost Reduction Even When Benefit Of Health, Safety, And Environmental Safeguards Was Significant. “H.R. 998 would establish a new bureaucracy empowered to dismantle long-established science-based public health and safety standards and would make it significantly more difficult for Congress and federal agencies to implement essential future protections. [...] Unless prohibited by authorizing legislation, agencies seek to develop regulations that consider the costs to affected industries while maximizing public benefits. But this commission makes costs to affected industries primary. Under H.R. 998, the commission’s goal to achieve a 15 percent reduction in the cumulative cost of regulations would result in the repeal of critical health, safety, and environmental safeguards, even when the benefits of these rules are significant, appreciated by the public, and far outweigh the costs.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [2/27/17](#)]

Under “Cut-Go” System In SCRUB Act, If Establishing A Needed Regulation To Protect Children, Agencies Would First Need To Find Another Protection To Cut. “To make matters worse, the SCRUB Act creates a ‘cut-go’ system that is completely divorced from real issues. H.R. 998 says that any agency that issues a new regulation would be required to remove an existing regulation of equal or greater cost. [...] Under this proposal if new evidence finds that another substance widely used in commerce today is harmful to infants, regulators would have to find some other protection, which still needs to be enforced, to cut before protecting young children.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [2/27/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amendment To Remove Funding For Carrying Out The Requirements Of The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Tenney voted against the “Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment that would remove the bill’s authorization of up to \$30 million and would prohibit funds authorized or appropriated by other laws from being made available to implement the bill’s provisions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 181-243. [HR 998, [Vote #106](#), 2/28/17; CQ, [2/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the federal rule-making process, including by codifying requirements for agencies to consider costs and benefits of alternatives. The bill would create additional steps that agencies would need to follow when planning “major” rules with annual costs of more than \$100 million or ‘high-impact’ rules

with annual costs of more than \$1 billion. For example, agencies would need to hold an advanced-notice comment period prior to proposing such rules to determine whether to continue the rule-making process. The measure would postpone the effective dates of ‘high impact’ rules until any lawsuits filed within 60 days of the rule’s publication in the Federal Register are resolved. It would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering legal challenges to rules. It would also require agencies to evaluate the ‘indirect’ impacts of proposed rules on small businesses.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 5, [Vote #45](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The RAA Is Designed To Further Obstruct And Delay Rulemaking Rather Than Improve The Regulatory Process.” “It adds 80 new analytical requirements to the Administrative Procedure Act and requires federal agencies to conduct estimates of all the ‘indirect’ costs and benefits of proposed rules and all potential alternatives without providing any definition of what constitutes, or more importantly, does not constitute an indirect cost. The legislation would significantly increase the demands on already constrained agency resources to produce the analyses and findings that would be required to finalize any new rule. Thus, the RAA is designed to further obstruct and delay rulemaking rather than improve the regulatory process.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [1/10/17](#)]

RAA Would Threaten Decades Of Public Protections By Requiring That Legislation Like The Clean Air Act Focused On Corporate Compliance Costs Rather Than Public Benefit. “This new version of the RAA would override and threaten decades of public protections. The innocuous-sounding act is, in reality, the biggest threat to public health standards, workplace safety rules, environmental safeguards, and financial reform regulations to appear in decades. It acts as a ‘super-mandate,’ rewriting the requirements of landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act and distorting their protective focus to instead prioritize compliance costs.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, [1/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Accountability Act Exempting Rules Related To Chemical Safety Law. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Tonko, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt any rules made under a 2016 chemical safety law. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-235. [HR 5, [Vote #42](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To HR 5, The Regulatory Accountability Act, Exempting Rules Related To Occupational Health And Safety. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Scott, D-Va., amendment that would exempt rules related to occupational health and safety. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 195-227. [HR 5, [Vote #41](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Accountability Act Exempting Rules Related To The Safety Of Children’s Toys. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Ruiz, D-Calif., amendment that would exempt rules related to the safety of children’s toys or products. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, [Vote #40](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Rules That Significantly Benefit The Workforce From The Regulatory Accountability Act. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt rules related to improving employment and wages, especially for workers with disabilities or limited English proficiency. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when

considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-234. [HR 5, [Vote #39](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Agencies From Appealing To The Public Concerning A Proposed Rule. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Peterson, D-Minn., amendment that would prohibit agencies from appealing to the public to advocate in support or against a proposed rule.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 260-161. [HR 5, [Vote #36](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Undermine The Legal Precedent Known As The Chevron Deference Under Which Courts Defer To Regulators Interpretation Of Ambiguous Legislation. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment that would prohibit a court, while reviewing an agency’s rule, from interpreting a gap or ambiguity in a rule or law as an implicit delegation of legislative rule-making authority to the agency.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 237-185. [HR 5, [Vote #35](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act Of 2017. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would require Congress to approve, by enacting legislation, any “major rule” issued by an agency in order for them to take effect. A ‘major rule’ would include any regulation with an annual economic impact of \$100 million or more; rules that would significantly harm employment, investment or U.S. economic competitiveness; or rules that would cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers or industries. The bill also would create an expedited consideration process in both the House and the Senate for joint resolutions of approval. As amended, the measure would require that for new rules, agencies repeal or amend an existing rule or rules to offset any annual costs of the new rule before the new rule could take effect. As amended, it would create a process to sunset existing rules if Congress had not approved them within 10 years of the bill’s enactment.” The bill passed by a vote of 237-187. [HR 26, [Vote #23](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

CAP: The REINS Act: Handing the reins of public health and safety over to big corporations [Center for American Progress, [1/4/17](#)]

Center For American Progress: The REINS Act Constituted A “De Facto Ban On New Public Interest Safeguards.” “It’s difficult to overstate the sweeping impact the REINS Act would have on federal watchdogs’ ability to hold big corporations accountable to the public interest. ‘Regulation’ may not be a politically popular word, but these rules help to protect consumers, public health, workers, and the environment. [...] No new major rule—defined as one with an economic impact of at least \$100 million—could go into effect until both chambers of Congress affirmatively approve it within a 70-day window. Given partisan gridlock in Congress, this could result in a de facto ban on new public interest safeguards.” [Center for American Progress, [1/4/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Suspending the Rules: How Congress Plans to Undermine Public Safety [New Yorker, [1/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Amending The REINS Act To Require All Rules Currently In Effect To Be Reviewed Over A Ten-Year Period Or Be Sunset. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would require each agency annually, for 10 years, to submit to Congress for review at least 10 percent of the agency’s existing rules, and would sunset certain rules if Congress had not approved them within 10 years of the bill’s enactment.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 230-193. [HR 26, [Vote #21](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Related To Child Product Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule” Under The REINS Act In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., for Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would exclude rules related to the safety of products designed to be used or

consumed by children younger than 2 years old from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-234. [HR 26, [Vote #17](#), 1/15/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Amending The REINS Act To Require Agencies Offset Annual Costs Of Any New Rule By Repealing Or Amending An Existing Rule. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Messer, R-Ind., amendment that would require that for new rules, agencies repeal or amend an existing rule or rules to offset any annual costs of the new rule before the new rule could take effect.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 235 to 185. [HR 26, [Vote #12](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill Allowing Congress To Disapprove Of Regulations Issued During A President’s Final Year. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Passage of the bill that would permit a new Congress to use the procedures under the Congressional Review Act to disapprove, en bloc, multiple regulations issued during the final year of a president’s term.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-184. [HR 21, [Vote #8](#), 1/4/17; CQ, [1/4/17](#)]

Crime & Law Enforcement

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify The Definition Of The Term “Crime Of Violence.” In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill That Would Create Penalties And Allow Federal Prosecution For Knowingly Causing Harm To Law Enforcement Officers. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Increase The Penalty For Stalking Minors By Five Years. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Report On Ways To Curb Money Laundering Related To Human Trafficking. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Make Facilitating Sex Trafficking And Prostitution Online A Crime And Allowed Victims To Sue For Damages. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Clarified That State Attorneys General Were Able To Bring Civil Suits Against Sex Trafficking Websites. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer. It would require the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to issue rules and regulations governing probation officers’ use of expanded arrest authority.” The bill passed, 229 to 177. [HR 1039, [Vote #268](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amending A Bill Allowing Probation Officers To Make Arrests To Study If Any Harm Resulted And Add A Sunset Provision. In May 2017, Tenney voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the results of the bill’s expansion of arrest authority for probation officers, including if any harm resulted from the exercise of the expanded authority. It would also sunset the bill’s expanded arrest authority 30 months after the bill’s enactment.” The amendment was rejected 178-229. [HR 1039, [Vote #267](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 324) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer.” The rule was adopted, 230-184. [H Res 324, [Vote #264](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bipartisan Bill That Protected Minor Athletes From Abuse. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require adults authorized to interact with minors or amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse to the sport’s governing body. It would shield sports organizations from legal liability if they investigate and resolve any such suspected incidents, and would allow victims who suffer a personal injury as a result of such abuse to file civil lawsuits in district court against their assailant.” The bill passed 415-3. [HR 1973, [Vote #285](#), 5/25/17; CQ, [5/25/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Limit Prison Time To One Year For Teenagers Under The Age Of 19 Convicted On Child Pornography Charges As Long As The Minor Involved Is At Least 15-Years-Old. In May 2017, Tenney voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would limit, to one year, a term of imprisonment for individuals convicted of child pornography crimes who are 19 years old or younger and the minor involved is 15 years old or older, as long as the minor was not more than four years younger than the individual

who committed the violation and the sexual conduct that occurred was consensual.” The amendment was rejected, 238-180. [HR 1761, [Vote #283](#), 5/25/17; CQ, [5/25/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bipartisan Bill That Protected Minor Athletes From Abuse And Of A Bill That Would Criminalize Consensual Sexual Activity Between Minors. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 352) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1973) that would require adults authorized to interact with minors or amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse to the sport’s governing body. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1761) that would make the production of child pornography a crime regardless of whether the conduct with the minor was initiated for the purposes of producing such content.” The rule was adopted, 239-179. [H Res 352, [Vote #276](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

The Rule Allowed For Consideration Of HR 1973, A Bipartisan Bill, And For HR 1761, A Bill That Could Subject Teenagers To Criminal Charges For Consensual Sexual Activity. According to the Congressional Record, “The House agreed to H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1973) to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1761) to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize the knowing consent of the visual depiction, or live transmission, of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct,” which could subject teenagers to criminal charges for consensual sexual activity. [Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer. It would require the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to issue rules and regulations governing probation officers’ use of expanded arrest authority.” The bill passed, 229-177. [HR 1039, [Vote #268](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Probation Officer Arrest Authority That Would Require The GAO To Report On The Impact Of The Underlying Legislation. In May 2017, Tenney voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the results of the bill’s expansion of arrest authority for probation officers, including if any harm resulted from the exercise of the expanded authority. It would also sunset the bill’s expanded arrest authority 30 months after the bill’s enactment.” The amendment failed, 178-229. [HR 1039, [Vote #267](#), 5/19/17; CQ, [5/19/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Thin Blue Line Act, Requiring Courts & Juries To Consider Attempted Murder Of Law Enforcement Officers An Aggravating Factor In Imposing The Death Sentence. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require courts and juries to consider if a defendant killed or attempted to kill a state law enforcement officer, local law enforcement officer or first responder as an aggravating factor when determining whether to impose the death sentence on a defendant.” The bill passed, 271-143. [HR 115, [Vote #265](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Courts & Juries To Consider Attempted Murder Of Law Enforcement Officers An Aggravating Factor In Imposing The Death Sentence. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 323) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require courts and juries to consider if a defendant killed or attempted to kill a state law enforcement officer, local law enforcement officer or first responder as an aggravating factor when determining whether to impose the death sentence on a defendant.” The rule was adopted, 233-184. [HR 115, [Vote #260](#), 5/5/17; CQ, [5/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing The Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Within The Department Of Homeland Security. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Transferring Unappropriated Money From Defense Appropriations Bill To The Departments Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Provide Additional Funding For Construction Of Virginia-Class Submarines. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Funds For Procuring, Researching, Or Testing A Space-Based Ballistic Missile Intercept Layer. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing, Then Increasing, Funds Made Available For Defense-Wide Research And Development. In June 2018, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Decreased Funding For Payments To Nations Cooperating With The U.S. Militarily. In June 2018, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Closing Conference Meetings On The Defense Budget To The Public When Discussing National Security Information. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate All Funding For The Energy Department’s Advanced Research Project Agency. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Reduced The National Nuclear Security Administration's Budget By \$198 Million. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Prohibited Security Assistance For The Burmese Military Until They Respected Human Rights. In May 2018, Tenney voted for: "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 human rights offenses." The amendment was adopted, 382-30. [H R 5515, [Vote #227](#), 5/23/18; CQ, [5/23/18](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Created A Service Medal Honoring Those Who Participated In Radiation-Risk Activities. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Sped Up The Environmental Review Process Of Mines Deemed Necessary For National Security. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Annual Report On The Plan For U.S. Nuclear Weapons. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Authorization Of Appropriations For Overseas Contingency Operations. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorizes \$692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibits Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender Transition. In July 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Instruct The President To Reduce The Funds Authorized By The NDAA By 1%. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Prevent The Defense Department From Entering Into Or Acting Upon Existing Contracts With Biorefineries. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Providing \$577.9 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The Defense Department In Fiscal 2017. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would provide \$577.9 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2017. The total would include \$516.1 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. It also would include \$61.8 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide approximately \$210.1 billion for operations and maintenance, approximately \$117.8 billion for procurement, approximately \$72.7 billion for research and development and \$132.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.1 percent pay raise. It also would provide roughly \$34.1 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.” The bill passed by a vote of 371-48. [HR 1301, [Vote #136](#), 3/8/17; CQ, [3/8/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Granting Gen. James Mattis An Exemption On The Prohibition Of Newly-Retired Officers From Serving As Secretary Of Defense. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that

would allow the first person to be confirmed secretary of Defense after the bill's enactment to serve in the position, even if the individual has not been retired from the military for seven years, so long as the person has been retired for at least three years. The bill would thus provide an exemption for President-elect Donald Trump's pick for the position, retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, from a requirement for a seven-year waiting period before former servicemembers can be appointed to Defense secretary." The bill passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 268-151. [S 84, [Vote #59](#), 1/13/17; CQ, [1/13/17](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Did Not Vote On Consideration Of A Measure That Would Provide \$659.2 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The Defense Department In Fiscal 2018. In January 2018, Tenney did not vote on "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

Tenney Voted For Establishing The Commerce Department's Office Of Space Commerce As The Primary Office Responsible For Authorizing And Supervising The Operation Of Nongovernmental Activities In Space. In December 2018, Tenney voted for "Smith, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish the Commerce Department's Office of Space Commerce as the primary office responsible for authorizing and supervising the operation of nongovernmental activities in space. It would direct the Transportation secretary to establish standards for this authorization of certain nongovernmental space activities related to data collection and imagery." The motion was rejected by a vote of 239 – 137. [S. 3277, [Vote #485](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Flatware. In May 2018, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Dinner Ware. In May 2018, Tenney voted for: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Apprenticeship Programs. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

August 2017: Tenney Espoused The Idea Of Paid Apprenticeships To Increase The Number Of Skilled Workers. “Representatives from an array of local manufacturing firms gathered at Revere Copper to talk to Tenney, R-New Hartford, as part of her #RenewNY22 Growth Plan. It’s a plan to ‘bring back jobs, create growth and increase opportunity right here in Upstate New York,’ according to printouts on the plan. The roundtable reinforced everything she’s already heard during visits to area workplaces, Tenney said. ‘I thought the feedback was excellent, coming from all over manufacturing,’ she said. ‘What’s really in-teresting is how old all these companies are and they’re here, struggling trying to find a workforce.’ One of the most interesting ideas she heard, Tenney said, came from Gregory Owens, CEO of Sherrill Manufacturing. He said Germany will cover up to the first two years of workers’ salaries so that by the time they join their employers’ payroll, they’re fully trained and up to speed on their jobs. Owens said he read that President Donald Trump is interested in similar programs. Tenney said she hadn’t heard about these apprenticeships but wants to see more tailored training to help match up would-be workers with the skills local companies need. She decried the thinking that everyone should go to college. ‘We still need people to do work with their hands, people who are craftsmen and work with their hands,’ she said.” [Observer-Dispatch, 8/2/17]

Tenney Voted For The Innovators To Entrepreneurs Act. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Bring Jobs Home Act. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Promote Effective Apprenticeships. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 392) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1873).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis offered an amendment for “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 the bill encouraging domestic insourcing and discouraging foreign outsourcing.* The previous question carried, 229-186. [H Res 392, [Vote #312](#), 6/21/17; CQ, [6/21/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/17](#)]

Education

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Focused On Increasing Access To Early Learning And Care. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring Higher Education Institutions To Ensure That Federal Student Loan Recipients Receive Annual Financial Counseling. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring The Study On Effectiveness Of Student Loans To Include Information On The Veteran Status Of Borrowers. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify Counseling Requirements For Federal Student Loan Recipients. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Make Higher Education More Affordable. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Rebuild America’s Schools Act That Would Invest \$100 Billion In Physical And Digital Infrastructure. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Consumer Protections For Student Loan Borrowers From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Bonamici, D-Ore., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to providing consumer protections for student loan borrowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-235. [HR 998, [Vote #109](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Education Rule Requiring States To Annually Evaluate Teacher Certification Programs. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to annually evaluate the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs at higher education institutions. Programs are required to be ranked by level of performance and states would be required to provide assistance to the lowest-performing programs.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 240-181. [HJRes 8, [Vote #85](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Education Rule Requiring The Department To Define And Monitor Low-Performing Schools. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to define, subsequently monitor and intervene with schools deemed to be low-performing schools. Under the department’s rule, states are required to measure academic achievement through factors such as graduation rates and English proficiency rates.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-190. [HJRes 57, [Vote #84](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Energy

Tenney Voted For Modifying Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensing And Fee Processes. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Appropriating Funds To Enforce An EPA Rule On Oil And Gas Emissions Standards. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Concurrent Resolution Expressing The Sense Of Congress That A Carbon Tax Would Be Detrimental To The Economy. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A \$146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Reduce Appropriations For The Energy Water Division By \$1.5 Billion. In June 2018, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Reduce All Funds Appropriated In Energy-Water Division Of The Bill By One Percent. In June 2018, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Administrator Of The Western Area Power Administration To \$1. In June 2018, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Consent From State, Local, And Tribal Governments Before Transporting Nuclear Fuel And Nuclear Waste. In, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Modifying Non-Federal Hydropower Project Regulations To Extend Preliminary Permits To Five Years. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring That Federal Agencies Work With Stakeholders To Create New Hydropower Licensing Rules. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Streamlining The Pipeline Approval Process. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Curbing The Eminent Domain Authority of Pipeline Projects. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, To Prepare A Supplement To Its Environmental Impact Statement. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Did Not Vote On 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, Tenney did not vote on: “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](#)]

Tenney Did Not Vote On Establishing The State Department As Having The Agency Of Jurisdiction Regarding Permitting Cross-Border Oil Pipelines. In July 2017, Tenney did not vote on: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management “Methane Rule” To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s rule to limit the release of methane from oil and gas operations on federal land. [...] The Interior Department’s BLM finalized the venting and flaring rule - also known as the methane rule - in November. It requires oil and gas operators to control releases of waste methane - a potent greenhouse gas - by adopting new technologies, more frequently inspecting for leaks and replacing outdated equipment that discharges large amounts of natural gas.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 221-191. [HJRes 36, [Vote #78](#), 2/3/17; CQ News, [2/3/17](#)]

Rule Would Force Companies To Capture Methane At Drilling Sites, Preventing An Estimated 180,000 Tons From Escaping Each Year, And Raising Millions In Revenue Each Year. “The methane emissions rule, issued by the Interior Department’s Bureau of Land Management in November, addresses a potent greenhouse gas that is accelerating climate change. The rule would force oil and gas companies to capture methane that had been previously burned off or ‘flared’ at drilling sites. According to federal estimates, the rule would prevent roughly 180,000 tons a year of methane from escaping into the atmosphere and would boost federal revenue between \$3 million and \$13 million a year because firms only pay royalties on the oil and gas they capture and contain.” [Washington Post, [5/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Protect Oil & Gas Companies From Having To Publicly Disclose Payments To Foreign Governments. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that requires companies that develop oil, natural gas or minerals to publicly report in detail payments to foreign governments or to the U.S. government totaling at least \$100,000 annually per project for extraction, exploration or export of these resources.” The resolution passed by a vote of 235-187. [HJRes 41, [Vote #72](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Intended To Ensure Pipeline Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “McNerney, D-Calif., for Pallone, D-N.J., amendment that would exclude rules intended to either ensure the safety of natural gas or hazardous materials pipelines or to prevent or reduce the impact of spills from such pipelines from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-235. [HR 26, [Vote #19](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic

regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Nuclear Reactor Safety Standards From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would exclude rules pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-231. [HR 26, [Vote #18](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Environment

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing A 1998 Act To Conserve Tropical Forests Internationally, And Expand Its Scope To Also Focus On Coral Reef Conservation. In December 2018, Tenney voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize a 1998 act to conserve tropical forests internationally, and expand its scope to also focus on coral reef conservation. It would authorize \$20 million annually through fiscal 2020 for conservation programs, including grants to other countries for maintaining coral reef ecosystems.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 332 – 43. [S. 1023, [Vote #488](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration’s National Drought Information System. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring Several Studies On The Management And Operations Of Fisheries. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing The National Park Service To Acquire 89 Acres Of Land In New York. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing Landowners In Northport Irrigation District Of Nebraska To Repay Obligations To The Bureau Of Reclamation. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill That Would Direct Several Federal Agencies Across Four Departments To Establish The Every Kid Outdoors Program. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Removing The Gray Wolf From The List Of Endangered Species And Therefore Removing Federal Protections For The Species. In November 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of A Bill Making Appropriations For The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies For FY 2019. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Resolution Decrying A Carbon Tax. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used For The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. In July 2018, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Establish The Ironwood Forest National Monument. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used On Rulemaking Regarding The Lesser Prairie Chicken. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Saving The Meadow Jumping Mouse. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Washington State’s Water Quality Initiatives. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Emphasizing A Need For More Funding For The Environmental Justice Program. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Increased The National Park Service’s Operations Budget, While Reducing Their Land Acquisition Budget. In July 2018, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering FY 2019 Appropriations For Interior, Environment, Financial Services, Agriculture, FDA, Transportation, And HUD. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of The Endangered Salmon And Fisheries Predation Prevention Act. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Exempt Alaska From A Rule That Prohibits Road Construction On Roadless Forest Service Lands. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Limit The Scope Of Certain Forest Management Related Environmental Impact Statements. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring The Columbia River Power System To Be Operated With Lower Water Flow. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Blocking An Amendment Ensuring Lowest Possible Rate Of Power From Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring Congressional Approval Of Mineral Withdrawal Or Monument Designation In Minnesota. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amendment Setting The Royalty Rate For Mineral Leases In The Superior National Forest To 16.66%. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Eliminating The Forest Management Dispute Arbitration Program. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlements Entered Into By Assistant Attorneys General From The Bill’s Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Related To Improving Air And Water Quality From The Bill’s Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Regarding Improving Access To Affordable High-Speed Broadband From The Bill’s Notification Requirements. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Implementation Of The King Cove Land Exchange Bill Until The State Of Alaska Repaid Federal Loans. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security. . In July 2017, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill That Prohibited The EPA From Regulating Certain Pesticides. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA and states from requiring permits for the point source

use of a pesticide registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. It would prohibit the EPA or states from requiring a Federal Water Pollution Control Act permit for the use of registered pesticides near navigable waters.” The bill passed, 265-165. [HR 953, [Vote #282](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Preventing Special Interests From Undermining Public Health. In May 2017, Tenney voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions a discharge of a pesticide if its manufacturer or distributor made a political contribution to the president or to any federal official responsible for its registration, regulation or the approval of its use.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “This amendment fights back against the corrupting influence of political contributions from pesticide companies. It would ensure that existing science-based protections for our families and our environment cannot be overturned by a well-timed contribution to President Trump or to those in his administration charged with implementing the law.” The motion failed, 230-183. [HR 953, [Vote #281](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#); Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Fisheries From Unregulated Pesticides. In May 2017, Tenney voted against: “Huffman, D-Calif., amendment that would clarify that none of the bill’s provisions would prevent the EPA or a state from requiring a permit under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for the use of a pesticide that would have a negative impact on fisheries.” According to the Congressional Record, the amendment “sought to protect commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries from the negative impacts of unregulated discharge.” The amendment was rejected, 230-189. [HR 953, [Vote #280](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#); Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To Ensure That Existing Clean Water Protections Apply To The Use Of Pesticides That Are Exempted From Regulations. In May 2017, Tenney voted against: “Esty, D-Conn., amendment that would require that the bill’s provisions related to permit exemptions not apply to ingredients or chemicals in pesticides that contain certain toxic pollutants and hazardous substances previously established by federal law.” According to the Congressional Record, the amendment “sought to ensure that existing clean water protections apply to the release of these toxic chemicals into the environment.” The amendment was rejected, 229-191. [HR 953, [Vote #279](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#); Congressional Record, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of a bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board. The bill would require the board’s members represent a variety of scientific and technical viewpoints. It would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities. It would require the board to generally avoid making policy determinations or recommendations to the EPA.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-193. [HR 1431, [Vote #208](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Bill Was Opposed By Clean Water Action, Earthjustice, League of Conservation Voters (LCV), Natural Resources Defense Council And Sierra Club. [Clean Water Action, Letter In Opposition, [3/29/17](#)]

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NRDC Called The Bill A “Gift To The Chemical Industry” That Would Make It Much More Difficult To Hold Polluting Industries Accountable. “Another gift to the chemical industry is being wrapped with a bow by the Republican Congress. The EPA Science Advisory Board is meant to provide scientific advice to the EPA, such as reviewing its chemical hazard assessments. But this new Republican Science Advisory Board Act (SAB Act) would instead invite the chemical and regulated industries to help characterize the science of harm about their own hazardous products. This, ultimately, would make it much more difficult to hold polluting industries accountable.” [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

NRDC Said The Bill Would “Encourage Industry Conflicts In The Review Of Scientific Materials” And Hamper The Work And Effectiveness Of The Board, “Undermin[Ing] Important Public Health, Safety And Environmental Measures.” “In short, due to these and other provisions, the ‘EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017’ would alter the nature of the SAB, which has been largely successful in providing the EPA expert review of key scientific and technical questions, and would encourage industry conflicts in the review of scientific materials. It would also pile new and burdensome requirements on the Board, severely hampering its work and effectiveness. The result would be to further stall and undermine important public health, safety and environmental measures.” [NRDC, [3/30/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Any Member Of The EPA Science Advisory Board From Being Employed By Any Interests Before The Board During That Person’s Term And For Three Years After. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Foster, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit, both during and for three years following a term on the board, Science Advisory Board members from being employed by any entity with interests before the board.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-233. [HR 1431, [Vote #207](#), 3/30/17; CQ, [3/30/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment (HONEST) Act, Prohibiting The EPA From Proposing A Rule Unless The Scientific Information Backing It Up Is Publicly Available. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule, regulation or standard unless the scientific and technical information on which the EPA’s decisions relied is publicly available for independent analysis. It would require any personally identifiable information, trade secrets or sensitive business information to be redacted prior to the publication of the scientific information.” The bill was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HR 1430, [Vote #206](#), 3/29/17, CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

The HONEST Act Would Bar Many Kinds Of Scientific Evidence From Consideration, Including Studies That Included Medical Records, Which Cannot Legally Be Released, And Greatly Increase Costs To Enforce. “For example, it would stop the EPA from crafting public health protections based on studies that use medical records, which are confidential and cannot be legally released. [...] The aides I spoke to denied that the process would be unmanageable, noting that every federal agency already redacts plenty of confidential information. But the Congressional Budget Office estimated that old iterations of the HONEST Act would take \$250 million a year to enforce, and the new version only allocates an extra \$1 million to the added burden of redaction—all while Trump is planning to cut the EPA’s budget.” [The Atlantic, [3/15/17](#)]

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[New York Times, [3/26/18](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Exempting EPA Actions Related To Public Health Threats From The Bill’s Requirement That The Scientific Information Behind The EPA’s Actions Must Be Publicly Available. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “McEachin, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt EPA actions taken in response to a public health threat from the bill’s requirement that the scientific information that influenced the EPA’s actions must be publicly available.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1430, [Vote #205](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board. The bill would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 232-188. [HRes 233, [Vote #204](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To The Enforcement Of The Clean Air Act From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to the enforcement of the Clean Air Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-231. [HR 998, [Vote #110](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Overturning A Rule Barring Alaska From Allowing Non-Subsistence Hunting On National Wildlife Reserves. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Interior Department rule that prohibits certain predator control methods on federal lands in Alaska. The rule prevents Alaska, which typically has the authority to manage hunting and trapping practices on federal lands within the state, from allowing certain non-subsistence hunting practices on national wildlife refuges. Under the rule, prohibited practices include using traps to hunt bears and the taking of wolves and coyotes during denning season.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 225-193. [HJRes 69, [Vote #98](#), 2/16/17; CQ, [2/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing \$1 Million For The Bureau Of Land Management To Survey The Boundary Along The Red River between Texas And Oklahoma. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would authorize \$1 million for the Bureau of Land Management to pay for a survey to identify the boundary, with respect to title and ownership, along the Red River on the border between Texas and Oklahoma. It would require the survey use the gradient boundary method of measurement established in the Supreme Court case Oklahoma v. Texas and that the survey be completed within two years of the bill’s enactment.” The bill passed by a vote of 250-171. [HR 428, [Vote #92](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management Rule Directing The Agency To Develop Management Plans For Public Lands And Include Public Opinion. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would disapprove and nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that amends the agency’s procedures for the development of resource management plans for public lands. The rule directs BLM to design management plans that address resource issues in a number of programs related to wildfire prevention, wildlife habitat protection and demands for renewable and nonrenewable energy. The rule also provides additional opportunities for the public to submit information and comments on a plan revision or amendment.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-186. [HJRes 44, [Vote #83](#), 2/7/17; CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For “Kill[ing] A Federal Rule That Gives Americans More Of A Voice In Large-Scale Planning For Projects Using Public Land. . In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 91) that would provide for House floor consideration of a joint resolution of (H J Res 44) that would nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that modifies the BLM’s process of assessing and planning the development of public lands by increasing public involvement.” According to the Denver Post, “The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to kill a federal rule that gives Americans more of a voice in large-scale planning for projects using public land [...] [HJ Res 44] would nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s ‘Planning 2.0’ rule that took effect in December. That rule governs all planning for future uses of 250 million acres of federal public land that is concentrated in the West.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-186. [HJRes 44, [Vote #82](#), 2/7/17; Denver Post, [2/7/17](#); CQ, [2/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying The Stream Protection Rule Which Protects Streams From Contamination By Surface Coal Mining Operations. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement rule that requires surface coal mining

operations, to the extent possible, to avoid disturbing streams and land within 100 feet of the streams. The rule also includes provisions related to data collection and restoration and requires native trees and plants to be used to replant reclaimed mine sites.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HJRes 41, [Vote #73](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To HR 5 Striking The Bill’s Requirement That The Forest Service And The Bureau Of Land Management Perform Regulatory Analyses. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would remove provisions of the bill that would require the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to conduct regulatory flexibility analyses, which describe the impact on small businesses, for land management plans.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 185-236. [HR 5, [Vote #43](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring New Rules To Include Reports On Environmental Impact And Impacts On Low-Income And Rural Communities. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would require agencies to include an accounting of greenhouse gas emission impacts associated with a rule in the report that would be required by the bill to be submitted to Congress. The report also would need to include an analysis of the rule’s impacts on low-income and rural communities. If a rule would increase carbon equivalent emissions by 25,000 metric tons annually or possibly increase the risk of certain diseases to low-income or rural communities, then the rule would be considered a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-230. [HR 26, [Vote #13](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Resolution Allowing Congress To More Easily Sell Federal Lands Without Concern For Taxpayer Costs, Establish Fines For Using Cameras On The House Floor. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Adoption of the resolution that would establish the rules of the House for the 115th Congress. Many of the rules that were in effect at the end of the 114th Congress would carry over. Among the rules changes, it would set monetary fines for using electronic devices on the House floor to take photos or videos.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 234-193. [HRes 5, [Vote #6](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

HRes 5 Would “Make It Easier For Members Of The New Congress To Cede Federal Control Of Public Lands” Without Concern For Cost To U.S. Treasury. “House Republicans on Tuesday changed the way Congress calculates the cost of transferring federal lands to the states and other entities, a move that will make it easier for members of the new Congress to cede federal control of public lands. The provision, included as part as a larger rules package the House approved by a vote of 233 to 190 during its first day in session, highlights the extent to which some congressional Republicans hope to change longstanding rules now that the GOP will control the executive and the legislative branches starting Jan. 20. [...] Under current Congressional Budget Office accounting rules, any transfer of federal land that generates revenue for the U.S. Treasury — whether through energy extraction, logging, grazing or other activities — has a cost. If lawmakers wanted to give such land to a state, local government or tribe, they would have to account for that loss in expected cash flow. [...] The immediate impact of the rules change is that lawmakers cannot raise a budgetary point of order if a land transfer bill comes to the floor. Under existing House rules, any measure that costs the U.S. Treasury money must be offset by either budget cuts or a revenue-raising provision.” [Washington Post, [1/3/17](#)]

Ethics & Government Reform

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Making Certain Corrections In The Enrollment Of The Foundations For Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. In December 2018, Tenney voted for “Mitchell, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution that would make certain corrections in the enrollment of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 362 – 12. [H. Con. Res. 149, [Vote #483](#), 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/21/18](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President’s Tax Returns. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Noted That The Bill Did Not Authorize Special Flight Accommodations For The EPA Administrator. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In July 2017, Tenney 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]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Tenney voted for “motion to table (kill) the Doggett, D-Texas., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Doggett 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 227-188. [Motion, [Vote #311](#), 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In June 2017, Tenney voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Capuano, D-Mass., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Capuano resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-186. [Motion, [Vote #292](#), 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 375).” According to The Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The previous question carried, 228-185. [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [6/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to table (kill) the Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Sanchez resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s text returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed, 225-187. [Motion, [Vote #274](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Collins, 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 amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The motion passed 226-188. [H Res 324, [Vote #263](#), 5/18/17; CQ, [5/18/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/18/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell 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 by a vote of 229-188. [Motion, [Vote #261](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/17/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac To Comply With FOIA While Under Conservatorship. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 280) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac comply with the agency requirements of the Freedom of Information Act while they are under the conservatorship of the federal government. It would waive, through the calendar day of April 29, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for

consideration of measures under suspension of the rules through the calendar day of April 29, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 226-192. [HRes 280, [Vote #230](#), 2/27/17; CQ, [2/27/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump’s Potential Conflicts Of Interest. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 286 which would direct certain officials of the Trump Administration to provide information to the House of Representatives that will enable the House to meet its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the Trump Administration by investigating potential conflicts of interests of President Donald J. Trump.” **A vote yes was a vote against the Democrats’ resolution.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-193. [HRes 280, [Vote #229](#), 4/27/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [4/27/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In April 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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.” The previous question passed 231-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 305 (HRes 275), [Vote #224](#), 4/26/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [4/26/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “Foxy, R-N.C., motion to table (kill) the Jeffries, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Jeffries resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, [Vote #219](#), 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries “Offered A Resolution... To Delay Consideration Of Tax Reform Legislation Until After Lawmakers Review Trump’s Tax Returns.” “House Republicans on Wednesday blocked a Democratic effort to demand President Trump’s tax returns for the sixth time in as many weeks. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) offered a resolution directing the House to delay consideration of tax reform legislation until after lawmakers review Trump’s tax returns and conclude how he could benefit from changes to the tax code.” [The Hill, [4/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “Flores, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Lofgren resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-190. [Motion, [Vote #201](#), 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, [3/28/17](#)]

Republicans Blocked Procedural Effort To Obtain Trump’s Tax Returns From The IRS. “House Republicans on Tuesday blocked more attempts by Democrats to obtain President Donald Trump’s tax returns from the IRS. House Democrats tried for a third and a fourth time to use procedural votes to pry loose Trump’s returns. Republicans blocked both efforts, one on the House floor and the other in the House Ways and Means Committee. The House voted 228-190 on a mostly party-line vote to block the Democrats’ effort. The Ways and Means Committee voted 24-16 to oppose the effort.” [Associated Press, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 230).” A vote in favor is a vote against requiring Trump to release his tax returns. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-184. [H Res 230, [Vote #199](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to table (kill) the Polis, D-Colo., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Polis 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 by a vote of 230-189. [Motion, [Vote #182](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Crowley resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 223-183. [Motion, [Vote #161](#), 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “Crowley’s measure is similar to resolutions Democratic Reps. Bill Pascrell Jr. (N.J.) and Anna Eshoo (Calif.) offered on the House floor in recent weeks. It includes additional language that says the American public need to know more about Trump’s business interests in order to ‘ensure that all policies put forward by the Trump Administration solely benefit the American public and not his corporate business partners.’ As was the case in past weeks, Crowley tried to offer the resolution as ‘privileged,’ meaning the House would have to act on it within two legislative days. But Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), who was presiding over the House, ruled that the measure was not privileged, and the vast majority of Republicans voted to table Crowley’s appeal of that ruling, 223-183.” [The Hill, [3/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Eshoo, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Eshoo resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 227-186. [Motion, [Vote #128](#), 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “House Democrats on Tuesday furthered their push to force Republicans to take tough votes on President Trump, offering a resolution on the House floor to request Trump’s tax returns for the second time in a little over a week. The resolution was blocked on a procedural vote of 227-186. [...] Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) offered a resolution on Tuesday instructing the House to request 10 years of Trump’s tax returns so that they can be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee in a closed session.” [The Hill, [3/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Jayapal, D-Wash., 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 prohibit the president from making public communications that refer to a business in which the president has an equity interest and would prohibit the president from publicly advocating on behalf of such business interests.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, [Vote #125](#), 3/2/17; CQ, [3/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., 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 exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to laws governing potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosures for executive branch employees, and would exempt rules related to bribery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 998, [Vote #113](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Whistleblower Protections From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Cummings, D-Md., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to whistleblower protections and rules related to penalties for retaliation against whistleblowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-231. [HR 998, [Vote #112](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In June 2016, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require 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.” The previous question passed 224-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 150, [Vote #103](#), 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [2/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 229-185. [Motion, [Vote #101](#), 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “A House Democratic lawmaker attempted Monday to force a House floor vote on a resolution to request President Trump’s tax returns, but the effort failed on a party line vote, 229-185, with two Republicans voting ‘present.’ The move was the latest in a series of Democratic efforts to push Congress to request Trump’s tax returns, and Democrats demanded a roll call vote to force Republicans to go on the record. [...] Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) offered a resolution that would have directed the House to request 10 years of Trump’s tax returns, have the House Ways and Means Committee review them in a closed session and then vote to send the information in the returns to the full House.” [The Hill, [2/27/17](#)]

Democrats Offered Resolution To “Instruct The House To Request Trump’s Tax Returns From The Last Decade So That The House Ways And Means Committee... Can Review Them In A Closed Session.” “Democrats have offered similar resolution three other times in the last four weeks, which all resulted in procedural votes. The resolutions would instruct the House to request Trump’s tax returns from the last decade so that the House Ways and Means Committee, which has oversight of the Internal Revenue Service, could review them in a closed session. The chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation have the power to request individual tax return information from the Treasury Department.” [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

After Republican Presiding Officers Ruled Measure Did Not Qualify As “Privileged” Action Under House Rules, Democrats Forced Roll Call Vote To Appeal Ruling. “Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as “privileged,” which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn’t qualify as “privileged” by affecting the chamber’s dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings.” [The Hill, [3/20/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act.” The previous question passed 233-187. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 55, [Vote #62](#), 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/24/17](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 371, to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President.” The previous question passed 232-168. **A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered.** [H Res 40, [Vote #32](#), 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [1/11/17](#)]

FEMA & Disaster Relief

Tenney Voted For Extending The National Flood Insurance Program Through May 31, 2019. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Correcting The Enrollment Of The National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act In The Senate Bill. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Phasing Out A Biodiesel Tax Credit And Providing Temporary Tax Relief For Victims Of Hurricanes And Wildfires. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Extending The Authorization Of The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2018, Tenney voted against “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For \$81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

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“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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized. In November 2017, Tenney voted against: “Pascarell, 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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." [NPCA, [10/31/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Making \$36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Six Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passing FAA Authorities Tied To Private Flood Insurance Authorization And Hurricane Relief. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Financial Protections & Wall Street

Tenney Voted For The Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Establishing Penalties For “Unauthorized Disclosure Of Proprietary Information” Related To A Financial Institution By A Federal Banking Regulator Employee. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Joint Resolution Nullifying A Consumer Financial Protection Bureau To Protect Borrowers From Discrimination In Auto Lending. In, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Granting The Federal Reserve Sole Rulemaking Authority Over The Volcker Rule. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reducing The Frequency Of The Federal Reserve’s Stress Testing Of Financial Institutions. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring The Financial Stability Oversight Council To Meet With Financial Institutions Under Their Review. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Stringent Federal Reserve Oversight Of Banks With Histories Of Unsafe Banking Practices. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Creating An Office Of Independent Examination Review Within The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Limiting The Appeals Process In The Bill To Banks And Credit Unions With Less Than \$10 Billion In Assets. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Increasing The Maximum Amount Of Securities A Company Could Offer Before Registering With The SEC Or State Regulatory Agencies. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The TAILOR Act, Which Required Financial Regulators To Consider Business Models Of Financial Institutions When Writing Rules. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act To Require Federal Agencies To More Frequently Review The Impact Of Financial Regulations. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Ease Operational Risk Capital Requirements Imposed On Certain Financial Institutions. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring Systemically Banks That Had Previously Engaged In Unsafe Banking Practices To Continue To Be Subjected To Requirements. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting Lenders From Increasing The Maximum Rate Of Interest After The Loan Is Sold Or Reassigned. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Did Not Vote On 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, Tenney did not vote on: "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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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 each of the two preceding calendar years.” The bill passed 243-184. [H.R. 2954, [Vote #32](#), 1/18/18; CQ, [1/18/18](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Eliminating Enhanced Supervision For Banks With Assets Totaling More Than \$50 Billion. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of Bills Loosening Enhanced Supervision Bank Regulations And Presenting The Tax Overhaul Conference Report. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Financial Institutions To Stop Sending Annual Privacy Notices To Their Consumers. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Certain Lenders To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of Bills Increasing The Federal New Hire Probationary Period And Loosening Mortgage-Related Regulations. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC's Jurisdiction. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of The Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Moving Forward With Consideration Of A Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.” In June 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department's April 2016 "fiduciary" rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients.” The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, [Vote #299](#), 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/17](#)]

HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms [CNBC, [6/8/17](#)]

New York Times: CHOICE Act “To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations,” Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And “Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” “The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. [...] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity requirements from many of Dodd-Frank's restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank's method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [New York Times, [6/8/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill That Would Repeal Many Provisions Of The Dodd-Frank Law. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 375) that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency, modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain, and repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading.” The rule was adopted, 231-188. [H Res 375, [Vote #291](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Roll Back Regulations For Mutual Holding Companies. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would modify federal regulations governing the valuation process for mutual holding companies in the event of a full conversion from mutual-form to stock-form of ownership.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Faso said that the amendment “restores the dividend waiver process to what it was prior to Dodd-Frank” for mutual holding companies.” The amendment was adopted, 235-184. [HR 10, [Vote #297](#), 6/8/17; CQ, [6/8/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/8/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To Allow Pooled Investment Funds With A Fixed Number Of Shares To Benefit From A Streamlined Registration Process That Bigger Companies Use. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Hollingsworth, R-Ind., amendment that would allow certain closed-end companies registered as investment companies to be considered ‘well-known seasoned issuers’ under federal regulations.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hollingsworth said, this amendment would allow “companies that meet certain criteria to have the same equivalence as bigger companies that also have access to capital markets by making them available to those fast lanes that allow them to issue shares.” The amendment was adopted, 231-180. [HR 10, [Vote #296](#), 6/8/17; CQ, [6/8/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/8/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill That Would “Likely... Increase Industry Influence” Over The Copyright Office. In April 2017, Tenney voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 275) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would modify the process for selecting and appointing the U.S. Copyright Office’s Register of Copyrights and would limit a Register of Copyrights’ term to 10 years.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 237-186. [HR 1695 (HRes 275), [Vote #225](#), 2/26/17; CQ, [2/26/17](#)]

Electronic Frontier Foundation: HR 1695 Would “Effectively Strip The Librarian Of Congress Of Oversight Over The Register, And Is Likely To Increase Industry Influence Over An Already Highly Politicized Office.” “The U.S. House of Representatives today voted 378 to 48 to pass a controversial bill that would make the Register of Copyrights a presidential appointee. H.R. 1695, the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017, will effectively strip the Librarian of Congress of oversight over the Register, and is likely to increase industry influence over an already highly politicized office. The bill does nothing to improve the functioning of the Copyright Office, nor to fix any of the serious problems with copyright law, including its excessive and unpredictable penalties.” [EFF.org, [4/26/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill To Permit More Investors To Join In On A Venture Capital Fund. In April 2017, Tenney voted for the “ adoption of the rule (H Res 242) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would increase from 100 to 250 the number of accredited investors who can form a venture capital fund to invest in small businesses.” The amendment passed 240 to 181. [HR 242, [Vote #218](#), 4/5/17; CQ, [4/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill To Permit More Securities To Be Used For Employee Compensation Without Disclosing Some Information To Investors . In April 2017, Tenney voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 240) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to increase from \$5 million to \$10 million the annual amount of securities that privately-held companies can sell for employee compensation without needing to disclose certain information to investors.” The amendment passed 238 to 177. [HR 240, [Vote #214](#), 4/4/17; CQ, [4/4/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Changing Federal Rules Governing Civil Lawsuits To Require Federal Courts To Impose Sanctions On Parties That File Frivolous Lawsuits. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would change federal rules governing civil lawsuits to require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that file frivolous civil lawsuits. The sanctions would need to include monetary payments to the other party to cover the other party’s attorney fees and costs. The bill also would eliminate the so-called “safe harbor” clause by removing the ability of parties to withdraw or correct claims considered frivolous within 21 days of filing.” The bill passed by a vote of 230-188. [HR 720, [Vote #158](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Recommitting The Lawsuit Reduction Act With Instructions To Exempt Any Civil Action Related To The Constitution’s Foreign Emoluments Clause. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Lofgren, D-Calif., 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 any civil action related to the foreign emoluments clause in the Constitution.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-232. [HR 720, [Vote #157](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Actions Related To Federal Whistleblower Or Anti-Retaliation Laws From The Lawsuit Reduction Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Jeffries, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions actions related to federal whistleblower or anti-retaliation laws.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by roll call vote, 189-229. [HR 720, [Vote #156](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Removing A Provision From The Lawsuit Reduction Act That Sanctions For Frivolous Lawsuits Cover The Other Party’s Legal Fees. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would remove the bill’s provision that sanctions for frivolous lawsuits would need to include monetary payments to the other party to cover the other party’s attorney fees and costs.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 185-225. [HR 720, [Vote #154](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Retaining And Modifying The “Safe Harbor” Clause, Which Allows Parties To Withdraw Or Correct Claims Considered Frivolous Within Fourteen Days Of Filing. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., that would retain and modify the so-called ‘safe harbor’ clause related to frivolous civil lawsuits by allowing parties to withdraw or correct claims considered frivolous within 14 days of filing.” The clause was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 181-225. [HR 720, [Vote #153](#), 3/10/17; CQ, [3/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Recommitting HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder, With An Amendment Exempting Civil Actions Related To Government Ethics. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “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 exempt from the bill’s provisions civil actions related to government ethics.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-233. [HR 725, [Vote #151](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Cases In Which The Plaintiff Seeks Compensation Related To The Bad Faith Of An Insurer From HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would exempt cases in which the plaintiff seeks compensation related to the bad faith of an insurer.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 187-229. [HR 725, [Vote #150](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Amending Title 28, United States Code, To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would - for purposes of determining whether certain lawsuits are sent back from federal to state courts - establish a new standard for determining whether a defendant has been fraudulently joined to a case. Under the measure, federal courts would have to deny motions to remand a case back to state court if the court finds that there was fraud in the jurisdictional claim, the plaintiff’s claim against that defendant is not possible or plausible under state law, or the plaintiff did not make their claim in good faith.” The bill passed by a vote of 224-194. [HR 725, [Vote #152](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Cases Which The Plaintiff Seeks Compensation For Public Health Risks From HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., amendment that would exempt cases in which the plaintiff seeks compensation for public health risks, including byproducts from hydraulic fracturing or water contamination.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-233. [HR 725, [Vote #149](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Recommitting The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Actions Related To Protection Of Public Drinking Water. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Kildee, D-Mich., 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 civil actions related to the protection of public drinking water supplies.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 188-234. [HR 985, [Vote #147](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Claimants Living In Public Housing From The Bill’s Provisions Related To Asbestos Trusts. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Espaillat, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt claimants living in public housing from the bill’s provisions related to asbestos trusts.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-228. [HR 985, [Vote #146](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Requiring That Asbestos Trusts Provide Reports Available To The Public Regarding Demands Received And Payments Made. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions related to asbestos trusts with a requirement that asbestos trusts to provide a report available to the public regarding demands received and payments made.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-229. [HR 985, [Vote #145](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Rights Cases From The Bill’s Provisions. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt cases related to civil actions alleging violations of civil rights from the bill’s provisions related to class actions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-230. [HR 985, [Vote #144](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Action Cases Alleging Fraud From The Bill’s Provisions. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt cases related to civil actions alleging fraud from the bill’s provisions related to class actions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-230. [HR 985, [Vote #143](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Permitting Discovery Proceedings To Continue While Various Legal Motions Are Pending. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., amendment that would permit discovery proceedings to continue while various legal motions are pending before a court.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-230. [HR 985, [Vote #142](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Removing The Bill’s Requirement That Attorneys’ Fee Awards To Be Based On Equitable Relief. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Deutch, D-Fla., amendment that would remove the bill’s requirement that attorneys’ fee awards to be based on equitable relief.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-228. [HR 985, [Vote #141](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Ensuring That There Is No Conflict Of Interest Between The Counsel And Plaintiff. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the

“Deutch, D-Fla., amendment that would remove the bill’s prohibition on the use of class counsel if the named plaintiff is a present or former client or has a contractual relationship with the counsel.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 182-227. [HR 985, [Vote #140](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/16](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Federal Courts To Impose Sanctions On Parties That File Frivolous Lawsuits. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 720) that would require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that file frivolous civil lawsuits. The rule would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 985) that would prohibit federal courts from certifying proposed classes of individuals for a class-action lawsuit unless each member of the class has suffered the same type and degree of injury. Additionally, the bill would require asbestos trusts to issue quarterly reports on claims made against the trusts and payouts made by the trusts for asbestos-related injuries.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-184. [HRes 180, [Vote #139](#), 3/9/17; CQ, [3/9/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of HR 238, The Commodity End-User Relief Act, Reauthorizing Operations Of The Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would reauthorize operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through fiscal 2021 at \$250 million annually. It would amend the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulatory overhaul to modify and clarify how the commission is to regulate derivatives and swaps. For example, it would modify certain requirements for end users of derivatives, such as farmers and utilities that use derivatives to hedge risk, to ensure they are not subject to the same requirements as entities whose main business derives from swaps. The measure would require the commission to conduct cost-benefit analyses of its proposed rules. As amended, it would exempt all inter-affiliate transactions from being regulated as swaps.” The bill passed by a vote of 239-182. [HR 238, [Vote #54](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment To HR 238, The Commodity End-User Relief Act, Removing Provisions That Designate How The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Is To Limit Excessive Speculation. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Conaway, R-Texas, amendment that would remove provisions in existing law that specifically designate how the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is to limit excessive speculation.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 236-191. [HR 238, [Vote #52](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct cost-benefit analyses of proposed regulations. It also would direct the commission to assess costs and benefits of alternatives, including the option of not regulating. It would require the SEC to, within two years of issuing rules with an annual cost more than \$100 million, review whether these rules have met their goals. It also would require the SEC to periodically review existing rules and modify or repeal those found ineffective or excessively burdensome.” The bill passed by a vote of 243-184. [HR 78, [Vote #51](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring The SEC To Consider Whether Market Participants Would Have Incentive To Relocate Outside The U.S. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Bustos, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, in determining the costs and benefits of proposed regulations, to consider whether market participants would have incentive to relocate outside the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 195-232. [HR 78, [Vote #50](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC Chairman And Commissioners Undergo Ethics Training. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., amendment that would require the chairman and commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission undergo conduct and ethical standards training in relation to prior employment at financial institutions before the bill’s requirements for cost-benefit analysis of new rules and review of existing rules could take effect.”

The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 196-231. [HR 78, [Vote #49](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC Chairman And His Or Her Family To Divest From Banks Regulated By The Commission. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “DeSaulnier, D-Calif., amendment that would require the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the individual’s immediate family members divest securities in financial institutions regulated by the commission before the bill’s requirements for cost-benefit analysis of new rules and review of existing rules could take effect.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-233. [HR 78, [Vote #48](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Exempting Regulations Issued To Maintain U.S. Financial Stability. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Green, D-Texas, amendment that would exempt regulations issued to maintain or support U.S. financial stability.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-232. [HR 78, [Vote #47](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC To Address Potential Conflicts Of Interest Related To Its Rulemaking. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Green, D-Texas, for Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, before issuing a regulation, to identify former employers of commissioners and senior staff that would receive any benefit from a proposed regulation. The commission would need to determine whether the proposal should be amended to remedy a conflict of interest. It also would set similar requirements regarding conflicts of interest related to employers of certain former commissioners and senior staff.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-233. [HR 78, [Vote #46](#), 1/12/17; CQ, [1/12/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of HR 79, Which Amends The Securities Act of 1933 To Ensure That Start-Ups Do Not Inadvertently Violating SEC Regulations Governing General Solicitation Of Potential Investors. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise regulations to exempt presentations made at certain events where businesses offer unregistered securities in the private market from a requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors. The exemption from the verification requirement would apply to presentations made at events sponsored by: government entities, colleges, nonprofit groups, angel investor groups, venture capital associations, trade associations or any additional group that the SEC determines by regulation. Specific information related to the offering of securities could not be distributed at such events, other than information such as the type and amount of securities offered.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-73. [HR 79, [Vote #31](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment To HR 79 Regulating The Fees Event Sponsors Could Collect. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Clay, D-Mo., for Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would prohibit sponsors of events from receiving compensation for either introducing investors attending the event to issuers or for negotiating investments in order for the event to be exempt from the requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 163-253. [HR 79, [Vote #30](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment Allowing Securities Advertisers To Disclose Risks Rather Than Verifying Individuals As Accredited Investors. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Velazquez, D-N.Y., amendment that would require sponsors of events to provide attendees with a disclosure that would describe the event and the risks of investing in the advertised securities in order for the event to be exempt from the requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 167-249. [HR 79, [Vote #29](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#)]

Foreign Policy

Tenney Voted For Modifying Programs Managed By The U.S. Agency For International Development Aimed At Women's Entrepreneurship And Economic Empowerment. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Motion To Table An Attempt By Democrats To Criticize The Nunes Memo. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing \$3.29 Billion For The U.S. Contribution To The World Bank's International Development Association. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of Bills Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Assets And Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Force. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Tenney voted for the Democratic Previous Question that “would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 228-185. A vote against the previous question

would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 375, [Vote #290](#), 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, [6/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A Nonpartisan Commission To Investigate Russia's Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 374).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hastings was going to propose “consideration of the bill (H.R.356) to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the commission. The previous questions carried, 228-189. [H Res 374, [Vote #288](#), 6/7/17; CQ, [6/7/17](#); Congressional Record, [6/7/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A Nonpartisan Commission To Investigate Russia's Interference In The 2016 Election. In May 2017, Tenney voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hastings said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up a bipartisan bill, H.R. 356, which would create a nonpartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in our 2016 election. This marks the seventh time we tried to bring this bill to the House floor. On the previous six occasions, the Republican majority regrettably refused the House to even debate this important legislation.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the commission. The previous question carried, 230-189. [H Res 323, [Vote #259](#), 5/17/17; CQ, [5/17/17](#); Congressional Record, H4237, [5/17/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election. In April 2017, Tenney voted against a “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 applying to any individual that withheld information from Congress related to an investigation regarding individuals influencing the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” The motion was rejected 228-185. [HR 1343, [Vote #215](#), 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Creation Of A Commission Investigating Foreign Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA's Science Advisory Board.” A vote in favor is a vote to prevent investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-191. [HRes 233, [Vote #203](#), 3/29/17; CQ, [3/29/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 229).” A vote in favor of the motion is a vote to block consideration of a bipartisan bill, The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 229, [Vote #197](#), 3/28/17; CQ, [3/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Rule Establishing The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 156).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi's office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference II Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-189. [HRes 156, [Vote #115](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question

(thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 123)” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HRes 123, [Vote #93](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 116)” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-188. [HRes 116, [Vote #90](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Hamas Human Shields Prevention Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against A Motion Prohibiting The CFTC From Considering Foreign Swaps Regulatory Requirements Of Governments Found To Have Engaged In Cyber-Attacks On U.S. Elections. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Langevin, D-R.I., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to report back immediately.” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from considering the swaps regulatory requirements of a foreign jurisdiction as comparable to United States swaps requirements, if the Director

of National Intelligence has found that foreign jurisdiction engaged in cyber-attacks targeting any election in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 238, [Vote #53](#), 1/12/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, [1/12/17](#); CQ, 1/12/17]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Establishing The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 33) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 79) that would exempt certain events from a Securities and Exchange Commission requirement that calls for verification that attendees are accredited investors, and a bill (HR 5) that would modify the federal rule-making process by codifying certain requirements, including a requirement that agencies estimate the cost of proposed regulations, and would subject rules likely to cost more than \$100 million or \$1 billion annually to additional procedural steps.” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 234-179. [HRes 33, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/17; CQ, [1/10/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/10/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Expressing The House’s Opposition To A U.N. Security Council Resolution Criticizing Expansion Of Israeli Settlements In Unoccupied Areas. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “adoption of the resolution that would express the House’s opposition to a U.N. Security Council resolution that criticized continued expansion of Israeli settlements in occupied areas” on the grounds that the U.N. Security Council Resolution was an obstacle to Israel-Palestinian peace. A yes vote was a vote to block criticism of the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 342-80. [HRes 11, [Vote #11](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Express The House’s Support For A Two-State Solution To The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 22).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 23, which would express the sense of the House and reaffirm the United States policy in support of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.” A yes vote was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 235-188. [HR 22, [Vote #9](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/15/17](#)]

Guns

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Gun Safety Loopholes. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of The Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Establishment Of A Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting A Veterans Affairs Department Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit a Veterans Affairs Department determination that an individual is mentally incompetent from being used as basis for that individual’s inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would thereby prevent the individual from purchasing a gun. Under the measure, an individual could not be considered to be mentally defective without a judicial authority’s finding that the individual poses a danger to himself or herself or others.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-175. [HR 1181, [Vote #169](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Motion To Kill A Democratic Attempt To Consider Legislation On Gun Regulations. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The Social Security Administration From Sharing Information With The National Instant Criminal Background Check System On People With Mental Disorders In Order To Prevent Them From Purchasing Firearms. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Social Security Administration rule that outlines reporting of information by the agency for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for gun purchases about certain non-elderly individuals with mental impairments who receive disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits and use a “representative payee” because they cannot manage their benefit payments.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 235-180. [HJRes 40, [Vote #77](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

Health Care

Tenney Voted For Allowing Health Savings Accounts To Be Used To Purchase Catastrophic Health Plans. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Repealing Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act That Limit Payments For Medications From Health Savings Accounts. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Expanding Medicare And Medicaid Coverage To Include Medication-Assisted Treatment For Substance Use Disorder. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of The Protect Medical Innovation Act, Which Repealed The Medical Device Tax. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used To Enforce The Liability Provisions Of D.C.’s Individual Mandate. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used For The Multi-State Plan Program Created By The Affordable Care Act. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting D.C. From Using Funds To Enforce Certain Health Insurance Requirements. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Amending An Opioid Bill To Appropriate \$995 Million, Over Three Years, For Opioid Grant Programs. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Appropriation Of \$2.5 Billion In Additional State Grants To Combat The Opioid Epidemic. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Right To Try Act, Allowing Dying Patients To Access Experimental Medications From Drug Manufactures Without FDA Approval. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Removing Provisions Allowing Medical Professionals To Access Patients’ Medical Files Related To Substance Abuse Without Their Consent. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Medicaid Coverage Of Up To 30 Days Of Opioid Abuse Treatment At Inpatient Mental Health Facilities. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Providing Federal Matching Funds For Medicaid Coverage Of Substance Abuse Treatment. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Setting Guidelines For How Law Enforcement Would Determine If A Controlled Substance Analogue Was Intended For Human Consumption. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Establishing A Pilot Program For Transitional Housing Programs Focused On Substance Use Disorders. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Funding Grants For Providers That Offer Treatment Services For People With Opioid Use Disorders. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The Right To Try Act of 2018. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Prevention And Treatment Of Opioid Addiction. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Improve Oral Health Education And Services. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Conduct And Report On Research Regarding Congenital Heart Disease. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP. In January 2018, Tenney voted for 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Modifying The Medicare Advantage Payment System To Offset The Cuts In The CHAMPION Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Authorizing \$400 Million A Year For The Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Remove A Requirement That States Track Whether The Home Visit Program Increases Employment And Earnings. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Allow People Who Get Their Health Insurance Through COBRA To Use Tax Credits To Subsidize Their Payments Under The AHCA. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify the definition of a “qualified health plan” to allow, beginning in 2020, for new tax credits proposed by the American Health Care Act (HR 1628) to be used by individuals or families to pay for continued group health coverage under COBRA, provided that the AHCA is enacted into law. The measure would also apply to continuation coverage as part of church-based group health plans, but the tax credit could not be utilized for a health flex spending account under the bill’s provisions.” The bill passed 267-144. [HR 2579, [Vote #308](#), 6/15/17; CQ, [6/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill Prohibiting The Advance Payment Of Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits To Applicants Until HHS Confirms Applicants Are Citizens. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the advance payment of health insurance premium tax credits to individuals that apply for the credits unless the Treasury Department receives confirmation from the Health and Human Services Department that such an individual’s status as a citizens or lawfully present alien has been verified. If the American Health Care Act (HR 1628) is enacted, the bill (HR 2581) would make verification of an individual’s status mandatory in order to receive advance payment of the new health insurance premium tax credit created by the American Health Care Act, and would also provide an exemption from the American Health Care Act’s continuous coverage requirements for individuals who experience delays in coverage as a result of the verification process.” The bill passed, 238-184. [HR 2581, [Vote #306](#), 6/13/17; CQ, [6/13/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Making An Exception In Delaying The Advance Payment Of Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits For Babies Under The Age Of 1. In June 2017, Tenney voted against: “Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt individuals under 1-year-old from the bill’s prohibition on the advance payment of health insurance premium tax credits unless the Treasury Department has received

confirmation of the individuals' status as a citizen or lawfully present alien has been verified." The motion failed, 231-193. [HR 2581, [Vote #305](#), 6/13/17; CQ, [6/13/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law's joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims." The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Repealing The Republican Provision Exempting Members Of Congress From The Republican Health Care Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Passage of the bill would repeal, if the health care overhaul measure (HR 1628) is enacted, an exemption for members of Congress and staff from provisions of the health care overhaul measure that would allow state waivers of certain health insurance minimum benefit and patient protection requirements under the 2010 health care overhaul." The bill was passed by a vote of 429-0. [HR 2192, [Vote #255](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment That Would Protect Health Care Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions, Ban Lifetime Insurance Limits, Protect Medicare, Block Tax Increases On The Middle Class, And Would Require A CBO Estimate Prior To Consideration Of Any Health Care Reform Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 308) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2192) that would repeal, if the health care marketplace overhaul measure (HR 1628) is enacted" Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an amendment that "The amendment would restrict consideration of legislative provisions relating to health care that would result in: (1) the denial of health insurance on the basis of a preexisting condition or a requirement for individuals with a preexisting condition to pay more for coverage; (2) the elimination of the prohibition on life-time limits on dollar value of health insurance benefits; (3) the termination of the ability of individuals 26 years of age to be included on their parent's employer or individual health insurance; (4) the reduction in the number of individuals receiving health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; (5) an increased cost to seniors for prescription drugs due to any changes pertaining to closing the Medicare prescription drug 'donut hole'; (6) the requirement that individuals pay for preventive services such as mammography, health screening, and contraceptive services; (7) reduction of Medicare solvency or any changes to the Medicare guarantee; or (8) the reduction of Federal taxes on the 1% of the population with the highest income or an increase on the 80% of the population with the lowest income. Additionally, the amendment would restrict consideration of legislation relating to health care unless an easily searchable electronic estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office is made available on a publicly available website of the House." **A vote yes was a vote to block the amendment.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 235-193. [H.Res 308, [Vote #252](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For An Amendment That Would Protect Health Care Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions, Ban Lifetime Insurance Limits, Protect Medicare, Block Tax Increases On The Middle Class, And Would Require A CBO Estimate Prior To Consideration Of Any Health Care Reform Bill. In May 2017, Tenney voted for "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill."

Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an amendment to the bill that would, “restrict consideration of legislative provisions relating to health care that would result in: (1) the denial of health insurance on the basis of a preexisting condition or a requirement for individuals with a preexisting condition to pay more for coverage; (2) the elimination of the prohibition on life-time limits on dollar value of health insurance benefits; (3) the termination of the ability of individuals 26 years of age to be included on their parent’s employer or individual health insurance; (4) the reduction in the number of individuals receiving health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; (5) an increased cost to seniors for prescription drugs due to any changes pertaining to closing the Medicare prescription drug ‘donut hole’; (6) the requirement that individuals pay for preventive services such as mammography, health screening, and contraceptive services; (7) reduction of Medicare solvency or any changes to the Medicare guarantee; or (8) the reduction of Federal taxes on the 1% of the population with the highest income or an increase on the 80% of the population with the lowest income. Additionally, the amendment would restrict consideration of legislation relating to health care unless an easily searchable electronic estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office is made available on a publicly available website of the House.” **A vote yes was a vote to block the amendment.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-192. [H.Res 305, [Vote #246](#), 5/3/17; CQ, [5/3/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Eliminating “Stop-Loss” Insurance As Federally Recognized Health Care Insurance. In April 2017, Tenney voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 241) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish that ‘stop-loss’ insurance, coverage that protects businesses from certain large financial risks associated with providing insurance, would not be considered health care insurance under federal law.” The amendment passed 234 to 184. [HR 241, [Vote #212](#), 4/4/17; CQ, [4/4/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Exempting Health Care Plans Sponsored By Trade And Business Associations From Most State Laws And Regulations. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations. The bill would allow an association sponsoring a health care plan to have full discretion to choose the health benefits included in the plan, as long as the plan would still meet certain statutory minimums. The sponsored health care plans could not make membership, payment or coverage conditional on factors related to the health of a member company’s employees.” The bill passed by a vote of 236-175. [HR 1101, [Vote #186](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring Association Health Plans To Provide Coverage For Substance Abuse Disorder Treatments. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Shea-Porter, D-N.H., 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 association health plans to provide coverage for substance abuse disorder treatments.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 179-233. [HR 1101, [Vote #185](#), 3/22/17; CQ, [3/22/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Providing Consideration For A Bill Exempting Health Care Plans Sponsored By Trade And Business Associations From Most State Laws And Regulations. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 210) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations. The bill would allow the association sponsoring a health care plan to have full discretion to choose the health benefits included in the plan, as long as the plan would still meet certain statutory minimums.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-186. [HRes 210, [Vote #180](#), 3/21/17; CQ, [3/21/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Requirement That A CBO Cost Estimate Be Made Publicly Available Before Considering Any Legislation To Repeal Or Replace The Affordable Care Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 210) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations.” Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO) described the vote in a floor speech, saying, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that would require a CBO cost estimate that analyzes the impact of any legislation amending or repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as the impact of any manager’s amendment to that legislation, to be made publicly

available before the bill may be considered on the House floor.” A vote against is a vote to allow the Democratic minority to offer an alternative plan. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H.Res 210, [Vote #179](#), 3/21/17; Congressional Record, Pages H2260-H2267, [3/21/17](#); CQ, [3/21/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Require A CBO Score For Any Legislation Or Amendments Repealing The Affordable Care Act Before The Legislation Could Be Considered. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 209) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill that would eliminate most of the federal antitrust exemptions for health insurance providers that are subject to regulation at the state level.” According to Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO), “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that would require a CBO cost estimate that analyzes the impact of any legislation amending or repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as the impact of any manager’s amendment to that legislation to be made publicly available before the bill may be considered on the House floor.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to be a vote of 231-185. [H.Res 209, [Vote #176](#), 3/21/17; Congressional Record, H2255, [3/21/17](#); CQ, [3/21/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/21/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting From The Bill Any Rule Prohibiting Insurance From Eliminating Health Coverage For Dependents Younger Than 26. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Murphy, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill any rule prohibiting an insurance issuer from eliminating health coverage for dependents younger than 26 years old.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 26, [Vote #22](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

The Purpose Of HR 26 Is To Increase Accountability For And Transparency In The Federal Regulatory Process By Requiring Congress To Approve All New Major Regulations. “This bill states that its purpose is to increase accountability for and transparency in the federal regulatory process by requiring Congress to approve all new major regulations. The bill revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking to require federal agencies promulgating rules to: (1) identify and repeal or amend existing rules to completely offset any annual costs of new rules to the U.S. economy...” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Workplace Health And Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Scott, D-Va., amendment that would exclude from the bill’s provisions rules made by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the Mine Safety and Health Administration related to the prevention of traumatic injury, cancer or irreversible lung disease.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-232. [HR 26, [Vote #20](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Related To Public Health Or Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” “In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exclude rules related to the protection of public health or safety from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 186-232. [HR 26, [Vote #15](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

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Tenney Voted Against Excluding Any Rule That Results In Reduced Incidence Of Diseases In Children From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would exclude rules that would result in reduced incidence of cancer, early death, asthma attacks or respiratory disease in children from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-233. [HR 26, [Vote #14](#), 1/5/17; CQ, [1/5/17](#)]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of \$100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, [1/5/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against A Motion To Protect Individuals From Discrimination In The Health Insurance Marketplace Based On Gender Or Pre-Existing Conditions, Protect Seniors From Higher Premiums And Out-Of-Pocket Costs Under Medicare Part D. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would add an exemption to the bill for rules that prohibit health insurance companies from discriminating against individuals based on gender or preexisting conditions. The amendment also would exempt from the measure rules that prohibit higher premiums or out-of-pocket costs for seniors for medication under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 183-236. [HR 21, [Vote #7](#), 1/4/17; CQ, [1/4/17](#)]

House Administration

Tenney Voted For Considering A Rule The Same Day It Is Reported From The Rules Committee. In December 2018, Tenney voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1181) that would waive the requirement of a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee, through Dec. 24, and would provide for House consideration of measures under suspension of the rules through Dec. 23, 2018.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 350-30. [H Res 1181, [Vote #447](#), 12/20/18; CQ, [12/20/18](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For 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, Tenney voted for “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Motion To Kill A Crowley Resolution To Investigate The House Chaplain’s Resignation. In, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Motion To Table A Resolution To Investigate Father Patrick Conroy’s Resignation As House Chaplain. In April 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Electing Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In January 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Housing

Immigration

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Resolution Expressing The House’s Continued Support For ICE And Denouncing Calls To Abolish ICE. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require The Trump Administration To Reunify Immigrant Children With Their Family. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against 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, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Moving To A Floor Vote On The “Compromise” Immigration Bill. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In February 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Tenney did not vote on “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Funding For The Border Wall From A Spending Bill. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting Foreign Gang Members From Entering The United States And Denying Foreign Gang Members Immigration Benefits. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included \$1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Border Wall Funding From The Security Minibus. In [MONTH] 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Defense Authorization From Being Used To Plan, Develop, Or Constrict A Border Wall. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 74).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would bring up HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act, offered by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, which would give the Republican Congress a second chance in as many days to defund and rescind President Trump’s unconstitutional and dangerous ban.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 74, [Vote #74](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act To Nullify Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Tenney voted for the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 71).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-191. [HRes 71, [Vote #70](#), 2/1/17; CQ, [2/1/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In January 2017, Tenney voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 70).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-183. [HRes 70, [Vote #68](#), 1/30/17; CQ, [1/30/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [1/30/17](#)]

Labor & Working Families

Tenney Voted For To Protect Union Negotiating Power. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Union Negotiating Power. In June 2018, Tenney 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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Tenney Voted Against Prohibiting Funding To Implement Or Enforce Davis-Bacon Act Protections. In April 2018, Tenney voted against: “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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Increasing The Probationary Period For Newly Hired Federal Employees To Two Years. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Delaying The Federal New Hire Probationary Period Increase Until After A Study Of Its Potential Effects Was Conducted. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Individuals Who Have Participated In Programs Like AmeriCorps Or PeaceCorps From The Federal New Hire Probationary Period. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Overturning An Obama-Era National Labor Relations Board Ruling That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Tenney 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 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.” [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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Requiring A Franchisor To Be Treated As A Joint Employer if The Franchisee Violates Labor Laws. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Bill To Overturn Obama-era NLRB Rule That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of HR 2933, The Leveraging Effective To Rebuild National Skills Act. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Block A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave. In May 2017, Tenney 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 previous question would allow for “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the amendment for paid sick leave. The previous question carried, 231-188. [H Res 352, [Vote #275](#), 5/24/17; CQ, [5/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Allowing Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For ‘Comp Time.’ In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill’s provisions would sunset five years after enactment.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, [Vote #244](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.” “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employees to swap overtime pay for “comp time,” a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. [...] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don’t like this bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers’ rights, blasted the bill as a ‘disgrace.’” [NBC News, [5/3/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Receive Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. In May 2017, Tenney voted against “Scott, D-Va., 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 exempt from the bill’s provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, [Vote #243](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time. In May 2017, Tenney voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), [Vote #241](#), 5/2/17; CQ, [5/2/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule That Extends The Period Of Time In Which The Occupational Safety And Health Administration Can Issue Citations To Employers Who Do Not Maintain Workplace Injuries. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of a joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule that extends, from six months to five years, the period in which OSHA can issue citations to employers who do not maintain workplace injury or illness records.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 231-191. [HJRes 83, [Vote #121](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Labor Department Rule Limiting The Occupations For Which States Can Require Drug Tests For People Applying For Unemployment Benefits. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that limits the occupations for which states can require drug tests for individuals applying for unemployment benefits. Under the rule, an individual can be required to be tested for drugs if an individual’s typical employment is an occupation for which state or federal laws require an employee to be tested for controlled substances.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 236-189. [HJRes 42, [Vote #97](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations And Providing Guidance On ERISA Preemption. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain state-administered retirement savings plans from select federal regulations governing pension plans if the state programs meet certain standards. Under the rule, the savings program must be established and administered by the state, and the savings plans must be voluntary for the employee for the program to qualify for the exemption.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 231-193. [HJRes 66, [Vote #96](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain local government-administered retirement savings plans for non-government employees from select federal regulations governing pension plans. Under the rule, a city or county must have a population at least as large as the least populated state in the nation, and must administer a retirement plan for its own employees for the program to qualify for the exemption.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-191. [HJRes 67, [Vote #95](#), 2/15/17; CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying An Obama-Administration Rule Requiring Contractors To Disclose Labor Law Violations Within The Past Three Years. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Defense Department, General Services Administration and NASA rule that requires companies that bid for federal contracts of more than \$500,000 to disclose whether they have been determined in the previous three years to have violated certain federal labor laws and equivalent state laws.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 236-187. [HJRes, 37, [Vote #76](#), 2/2/17; CQ, [2/2/17](#)]

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National Security & Terrorism

Tenney Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering A Bill Authorizing Intelligence Appropriations For FY 2018 And FY 2019. In July 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702, Which Conducts Surveillance On Foreign Targets’ Communications. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

2017: Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Members Of The Administration Whose Primary Function Is Political From Being Appointed To The National Security Council. In February 2017, Tenney voted for: the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 99).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the National Security Act of 1947 to prohibit any individual whose primary responsibility is political in nature from being designated a member of the Council. Further, the bill expresses the sense of Congress that the Director of National Intelligence or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should not be prevented from attending Principals Committee meetings.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-189. [H.Res 99, [Vote #88](#), 2/14/17; CQ, [2/14/17](#); Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [2/14/17](#)]

January 2017: President Trump Designated Political Advisor Steve Bannon To A Full Seat On The “Principals Committee” Of The National Security Council, Elevating His Informal Rank To The Equivalent Of A Cabinet-Level Secretary. “The whirlwind first week of Donald J. Trump’s presidency had all the bravura hallmarks of a Stephen K. Bannon production. [...] But the defining moment for Mr. Bannon came Saturday night in the form of an executive order giving the rumpled right-wing agitator a full seat on the “principals committee” of the National Security Council — while downgrading the roles of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of national intelligence, who will now attend only when the council is considering issues in their direct areas of responsibilities. It is a startling elevation of a political adviser, to a status alongside the secretaries of state and defense, and over the president’s top military and intelligence advisers. In theory, the move put Mr. Bannon, a former Navy surface warfare officer, admiral’s aide, investment banker, Hollywood producer and Breitbart News firebrand, on the same level as his friend, Michael T. Flynn, the national security adviser, a former Pentagon intelligence chief who was Mr. Trump’s top adviser on national security issues before a series of missteps reduced his influence.” [New York Times, [1/29/17](#)]

Native American Issues

Tenney Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Navajo And Hopi Indian Relocation. In July 2018, Tenney voted against: “O’Halloran, 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Federal Obligations To Tribal Governments And Tribal Sovereignty From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Moore, D-Wis., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to federal obligations to tribal governments and rules related to supporting tribal sovereignty.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 197-229. [HR 998, [Vote #111](#), 3/1/17; CQ, [3/1/17](#)]

Science & Technology

Tenney Voted For Authorizing And Renaming The Office Of Electronic Government As The Office Of The Federal Chief Information Officer. In November 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Seniors

Tenney Voted For Blocking Legislation That Would Prevent The House From Cutting Social Security, Medicare, Or Medicaid. In May 2017, Tenney 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 motion blocked legislation to “restrict consideration of any bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that: (1) cuts social security benefits, (2) raises the retirement age for social security, (3) privatizes social security, (4) cuts guaranteed medicare benefits, or (5) results in cuts to state Medicaid plan benefits or eligibility.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the legislation prohibiting the House from cutting these programs. The previous question carried, 229-191. [H Res 348, [Vote #271](#), 5/23/17; CQ, [5/23/17](#); DemocraticLeader.gov, [5/23/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors’ out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, [Vote #44](#), 1/11/17; CQ, [1/11/17](#)]

Taxes

Tenney Voted For The Republican Tax Extenders Package. In December 2018, Tenney voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 88), with a further House amendment, comprised of a package of tax-related bills. The bill 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. It would delay or repeal certain health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 healthcare overhaul. The bill also contains a number of provisions related to tax-favored retirement savings plans and operations of the Internal Revenue Service.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220 – 183. [H.R. 88, [Vote #470](#), 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Package Included Expansion Of 529 Education Savings Accounts For Home-Schooling Expenses And Repeal Of The So-Called Johnson Amendment, Which Prohibited Churches And

Charities From Making Political Endorsements. “At the same time, Brady added a host of measures favored by Republicans, including rollbacks of several health care-related taxes, a fix to last year’s tax law for the recreational vehicle industry and add-ons favored by conservatives, such as an expansion of 529 education savings accounts for home-schooling expenses and repeal of the so-called Johnson Amendment, which prohibits churches and charities from making political endorsements or risk losing their nonprofit status.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Delayed ACA Excise Tax On Medical Device Manufacturers, Suspended The Health Insurer Fee For Two Years, And Delayed The Cadillac Tax From Taking Effect For One Additional Year. “Meanwhile, Brady would further delay the onset of several of the 2010 health care law’s taxes that Congress has already repeatedly pushed back, namely the excise tax on medical device manufacturers, a fee applied to health insurers and the so-called Cadillac tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health plans. Brady’s revised bill would extend the medical device tax suspension for five years, through 2024; suspend the health insurer fee for two years through 2021; and delay the Cadillac tax from taking effect for one additional year, through 2022.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Extended Biodiesel Tax Credit And The Alternative Fuels Tax Credit. “The generally popular tax extenders package was dominated by a seven-year extension and phase-out of the biodiesel tax credit, scored at a \$16.9 billion cost, and a one-year extension of the alternative fuels tax credit, scored at a cost of \$7.1 billion.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Tax Extenders Included Temporary Tax Breaks For Residents In Areas Hit By Hurricanes Michael And Florence And Retirement Savings Provisions. “Brady repeated his hopes of Democratic support because of sections of the bill that would overhaul the IRS, which the House passed as a stand-alone bill by a vote of 414-0 earlier this year; temporary tax breaks for residents in areas hit by hurricanes Michael and Florence, among other natural disasters; and retirement savings provisions that have garnered support from Democrats.” [Roll Call, [12/11/18](#)]

Tenney Voted For Establishing An Independent Appeals Office Within The IRS And Updating IRS Systems And Cybersecurity Measures. In December 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference Committee. In December 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Democratic Motion To Protect The State And Local Tax Deduction From Repeal Or Limitation. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Trade

Tenney 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, Tenney 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

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prevent Infrastructure Transfers To Companies That Recently Employed Interior Department Officials As Registered Lobbyists. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Resolution Encouraging Investment In Roads, Bridges, And Clean Energy Infrastructure. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Airport Noise Restrictions From The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Tenney voted against the “Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., amendment that would exempt rules related to airport noise restrictions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-230. [HR 998, [Vote #108](#), 2/28/17; CQ, [2/28/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Airspace Safety From The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Tenney voted against the “Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., amendment that would exempt rules related to the safety of the national airspace system.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-234. [HR 998, [Vote #107](#), 2/28/17; CQ, [2/28/17](#)]

Veterans

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Supporting Amendment To Cover Contraceptives For TRICARE Beneficiaries. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In June 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill That Would Consolidate Privatized Medical Care Programs For Veterans Into The Veterans Community Care Program. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In May 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Guaranteeing Pay And Death Benefits For The Military. In January 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A Senate Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Suspending The Rules And Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund. In July 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking Legislation To Prohibit A Hiring Freeze At The Department Of Veterans Affairs. In June 2017, Tenney voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 378).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hasting said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Schrader’s bill, H.R. 696, which would prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the Department of Veterans Affairs.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block a prohibition of a hiring freeze at the VA. The previous question carried, 229-189. [H Res 378, [Vote #302](#), 6/13/17; CQ, [6/13/17](#); Congressional Record [6/13/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Updating VA Guidelines On The Employee Hiring And Evaluation Process. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Inspector General to determine non-clinical VA health care positions that should be eligible for expedited hiring, require annual performance reviews for all political appointees at the VA, and would require the VA to establish a database with information on qualified individuals who previously applied for a position at the VA. The measure would require that the information from the database be used to fill positions that have been vacant for an extended period of time. As amended, it would prohibit the secretary of the VA from appointing former political appointees to non-political positions one grade higher than their last position at the VA without having to go through a competitive selection process.” The bill passed by a vote of 412-0. [HR 1367, [Vote #171](#), 3/17/17; CQ, [3/17/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Expanding The Veteran Affairs Department’s Ability To Fire, Demote, Or Suspend Employees For Misconduct. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance. The measure would authorize the VA to recoup any bonus paid to a VA employee if the VA deems it appropriate, and it would require that the employee be given advance notice and the right to appeal the decision. As amended, the measure would require that annual performance reviews for supervisors at the VA include evaluations on the supervisor’s ability to address poor performance among their employees and would require the VA to provide supervisors with periodic training related to whistleblower rights and effective management techniques.” The bill passed by a vote of 237-178. [HR 1259, [Vote #168](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Extending Whistleblower Protections In The VA. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Kihuen, D-Nev., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill’s whistleblower protections to individuals that make disclosures to the central whistleblower office, including those who do so anonymously. It would also exempt veterans and whistleblowers from the bill’s provisions that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-229. [HR 1259, [Vote #167](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Replacing The Proposed VA Employee Removal Process For A Process That Provides For The Removal Of VA Employees For Misconduct Related To Public Health And Safety In The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would replace the bill’s proposed VA employee removal process with an alternative process that would provide for the suspension and removal of Veterans Affairs Department employees for misconduct that is a threat to public health and safety. Suspended employees would be entitled to a written statement of the charges, a hearing and a review of their case. It would also provide for back pay for suspended whistleblowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 183-232. [HR 1259, [Vote #166](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Removing The Expansion Of The Veteran Affairs Department’s Ability To Fire Or Demote Employees For Misconduct From The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Tenney voted against the “Walz, D-Minn., amendment that would remove the bill’s provisions that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct, and would alternatively expand the VA’s authority to suspend or demote senior executives. It would allow for the removal of non-executives for performance issues occurring only within a preceding two-year period.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-223. [HR 1259, [Vote #165](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Providing For Consideration Of A Bill Creating New VA Staffing And Retention Programs And A Bill Prohibiting A VA Determination That A Veteran Is Mentally Incompetent From Automatically Preventing A Veteran From Being Able To Buy A Gun. In March 2017, Tenney voted for “adoption of rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259) that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct; a bill (HR 1367) that would establish various new staffing, recruitment and retention programs at the VA; and a bill (HR 1181) that would prohibit a VA determination that a veteran is mentally incompetent from automatically preventing the

veteran from being able to purchase a gun.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 229-187. [HRes 198, [Vote #163](#), 3/16/17; CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Blocking A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration’s Hiring Freeze. In March 2017, Tenney voted for the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259).” According to Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), a vote for the motion was a vote to block “an amendment to the rule to bring up HR 696, Representative Schrader’s bill to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from Donald John Trump’s hiring freeze. As we have already discussed, my amendment to allow the VA Secretary to fill vacant positions, regardless of whether they were vacated before or after the hiring freeze, was blocked last night in the Rules Committee. There are nearly 47,000 vacant positions within the VA, and we should not be limiting the VA’s authority to fill these positions, especially as we continue to work towards reducing patient wait times.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [HRes 198, [Vote #162](#), 3/16/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, [3/16/17](#); Congressional Record, H2099, [3/16/17](#); CQ, [3/16/17](#)]

Women & Gender Issues

Tenney Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act. In September 2018, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Requiring Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Tenney voted for equivalent 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Considering Legislation To Require Medical Practitioners To Care For Babies Born Alive During Abortions. In January 2018, Tenney voted for 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney 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, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Tenney 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](#)]

Tenney Voted For Nullifying A Rule Preventing States From Restricting Federal Family Planning Funding To A Health Provider That Provides Abortion. In February 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Health and Human Services Department rule that prevents states from restricting federal family planning funding to a health provider, such as denying funds to a center that provides abortions, for any basis other than its ability to provide health services. Under the rule, HHS can withhold family planning grants to any state that restricts the participation of a health provider in the family planning services grant program.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HJRes 43, [Vote #99](#), 2/16/17; CQ, [2/16/17](#)]

Vote Reversed Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood.

“The House voted Thursday to overturn an Obama-era rule banning states from denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood and other health care providers that perform abortions. The rule was designed to prohibit states from withholding family planning funding from providers for reasons other than their ability to offer family-planning services. The Republican-led House voted 230-188 largely along party lines to dismiss the rule under the Congressional Review Act, which allows Congress to overturn recently enacted regulations.” [USA Today, [2/16/17](#)]

Tenney Voted For Prohibiting Federal Funds Including Individual And Small Business Tax Credits Under The ACA From Being Used To Pay For Abortion Services Or Health Insurance Plans That Include Abortion Coverage And Would Ban Multistate Health Plans The Provide Abortion Coverage From State Exchanges. In January 2017, Tenney voted for “passage of the bill that would permanently prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for abortion services or health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. It also would prohibit the District of Columbia from using its own local funds to provide or pay for abortions. Individuals and small businesses also could not receive tax credits under the 2010 health care law related to purchases of health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that, starting in 2018, no multistate qualified health plan offered in a state insurance exchange provides coverage that includes abortion. The provisions would not apply to pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, or to situations where the woman would die unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 7, [Vote #65](#), 1/24/17; CQ, [1/24/17](#)]

Tenney Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment That Prevents Insurance Plans From Charging Women Higher Premiums Than Men. In January 2017, Tenney voted against the “Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would state that the bill could not be interpreted to allow health insurance plans to charge women higher premiums than they charge men.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-235. [HR 7, [Vote #64](#), 1/24/17; CQ, [1/24/17](#)]

