

Mariannette Miller-Meeks Research Report

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Mariannette Miller-Meeks

Republican Candidate in
Iowa's 2nd Congressional District

Research Memo – 2019

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Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) Memo

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Miller-Meeks supported cutting funding or benefits from Medicare, and proposed ideas that would end Medicare as we know it.*
 - ✓ *Miller-Meeks questioned the need to provide current levels of Medicare benefits if it required increasing taxes, and appeared to support phasing out half of Medicare's funding stream.*
 - ✓ *Miller-Meeks blamed Medicare funding shortfalls on "on overuse, saying [seniors] who get care for free are prone to use it unnecessarily like patients with mild sore throats who'd otherwise would gargle with salt water."*
- ✓ *In 2008, Miller-Meeks supported privatizing Social Security, supporting "some sort of private, but limited, account for some of the funds."*
 - ✓ *Miller-Meeks supported raising the federal retirement age, which would impact Medicare and Social Security.*
- ✓ *In 2018, Miller-Meeks refused to say she would repeal the Affordable Care Act – even though she supported repealing the law before that.*
 - ✓ *In 2014, Miller-Meeks decided to run for office "largely in response to her negative feelings about the Affordable Care Act"*
- ✓ *Miller-Meeks said that health insurance should only be required to cover immunization, prevention, and catastrophic events.*
 - ✓ *Miller-Meeks: "If people are paying for it out of their debit account, they'll utilize those resources in a great manner."*
 - ✓ *Miller-Meeks said she did not want health insurance be required to cover maternity care.*
- ✓ *In 2020, Miller-Meeks agreed that the Department of Education should be abolished.*
- ✓ *Miller-Meeks was rejected by the Iowa State Senate when she was nominated to the Hawk-I Board that advised the state on health care coverage for uninsured children of working families. Lawmakers claimed her time as head of the Department of Public Health concerned them.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Miller-Meeks voted for a bill that reduced unemployment insurance when an employer goes out of business.*
- ✓ *Miller-Meeks voted to implement work requirements for Medicaid recipients..*
- ✓ *Miller-Meeks refused to say whether nutrition assistance should be separated from the Farm Bill and said the top item purchased with food stamps was Mountain Dew.*

Background

- **BORN:** Mariannette Jane Miller-Meeks , September 6, 1955, Herlong, CA
- **FAMILY:** Curt Meeks (Husband), Johnathon (Son), Taylor (Daughter)
- **EDUCATION:** San Antonio Junior College, General Studies (1972-1974); Texas Christian University, BSN, Nursing (1974-1976); University of Southern California, MEd, Masters in Science and Education (1979-1980); UT Health San Antonio, MD (1982-1986); UT Health San Antonio, Intern, General Surgery (1986-1987); University of Iowa, Resident, Department of Ophthalmology (1988-1991); University of Michigan, Fellowship, Glaucoma (1993-1994)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** United States Army, Operating and Ward Nurse (1976-1982); University of Michigan, Department of Ophthalmology, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology (1991-1994); University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology (1994-1997); United States Army Reserve, Medical Services (1983-2000), Heartland Eye Care, Private Practice Ophthalmologist (1997-2008); Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Director (2011-2014); Great River Eye Specialists, Ophthalmologist (2015-Present)
- **POLITICAL:** Iowa State Senator, District 41 (2019-Present); Ran for Iowa 2nd Congressional district in 2008, 2010, and 2014; Director of Iowa Department of Public Health, (2010-2013) (Appointed by Governor Terry Branstad)
- **COMMITTEES:** Iowa State Senate Human Resources Committee, Chairwoman; Iowa State Senate Appropriations Committee; Iowa State Senate Commerce Committee; Iowa State Senate State Veterans Affairs (Vice-Chair)
- **NON-PROFIT:** Soccer coach; Volunteer for Court-Appointed Special Advocates for children; Volunteer at free medical clinics.
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** Council on Human Services; Parish council of St. Mary's Church in Ottumwa
- **LICENSES:** Ophthalmology License (26438); Medical License (MD-26438) ; Former Nurse

Health Care

Miller-Meeks Attempted To Hide Her Support For The Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act

Miller-Meeks Refused to Say Whether She Would Repeal ACA, Which She Favored In The Past. “When Miller-Meeks debated David Loebsack in 2014, ‘Miller-Meeks mentioned the Affordable Care Act immediately in the debate as being unaffordable, she refused to say whether she'd repeal the bill. Loebsack successfully called her on that, saying she's been for repealing it in the past and he's not sure where she is now. She also declined to say whether nutrition assistance should be separated from the farm bill, choosing instead to talk about curing poverty.’” [Des Moines Register, 8/29/18]

2014: Miller-Meeks Decided To Run For Office “Largely In Response To Her Negative Feelings About The Affordable Care Act”

Miller-Meeks: “Looking At The Affordable Care Act, There Are Ways We Can Change It, Modify It, And/Or, If Possible, Repeal It, But You Have To Gain The Senate, But At Least, Let's Make It Work For People.” “Miller-Meeks resigned from her post at the Public Health Department to run for office. She is running largely in response to her negative feelings about the Affordable Care Act. ‘Looking at the Affordable Care Act, there are ways we can change it, modify it, and/or, if possible, repeal it, but you have to gain the Senate, but at least, let's make it work for people,’ Miller-Meeks said.” [Daily Iowan, [2/27/14v](#)]

Miller-Meeks Believed People Ought To Choose Their Own Kind Of Insurance

Miller-Meeks Said People Should Be Able To Choose Their Own Insurance Coverage, And Insurance Companies Should Be Able to Sell Policies Across State Lines. “Miller-Meeks argues that her medical background gives her a unique perspective on health care issues and that predictions she made in 2010 have come true. ‘We have a great deal of credibility with what happened with the health care bill,’ she says. Miller-Meeks has argued that people ought to be able to choose their own kind of insurance coverage (the new health care law sets minimum standards for coverage). She also says insurance companies ought to be able to sell policies across state lines.” [The Quad-City Times, 5/27/19]

Miller-Meeks Said That Health Insurance Should Only Be Required To Cover Immunization, Prevention, And Catastrophic Events; “If People Are Paying For It Out Of Their Debit Account, They’ll Utilize Those Resources In A Great Manner”

2009: Miller-Meeks Opposed Democratic Health Care Legislation, And Said That Health Insurance Should Only Be Required To Cover Immunization, Prevention, And Catastrophic Events. “Michael Maharry, a Muscatine doctor who operates a family practice in Iowa City, supports the largely Democratic legislation for the simple reason that he believes people have a moral right to health care in the United States. [...] Mariannette Miller-Meeks, a nonpracticing ophthalmologist in Ottumwa, agrees with the ideal of health care for all, but says the proposed legislation doesn’t do accomplish that task. [...] She said the biggest fears people have in coverage are immunization, prevention, and catastrophic events. Miller-Meeks said those could be covered and the government could fund an account for low-income people so it would still be subsidized. ‘If people are paying for it out of their debit account, they’ll utilize those resources in a great manner,’ Miller-Meeks said. The problem with that, Miller-Meeks admits, is that each state has different coverage requirements. So she proposes ending that practice and requiring coverage just for the three things she believes people fear most. Miller-Meeks said the government also could gradually phase out employer deduction but offer individuals the same deduction so they could choose their best means of care.” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

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A Draft Of What Became The Affordable Care Act Was Being Debated In September 2009. [CNN, [6/28/12](#)]

Miller-Meeks Said She Did Not Think Maternity Care Should Be Required In Health Care Coverage

Miller-Meeks: “I Don’t Particularly Want To Have Maternity Or In Vitro Fertilization Or Adoption Covered Within My Policy, All Of Those Things Add To The Cost.” [1:59] “I like to say that at my age, I would like to have my health insurance policy cover catastrophic cover prevention and cover immunizations, which we still need to be immunized. However, I can’t purchase a policy like that in my state. I don’t particularly want to have maternity or in vitro fertilization or adoption covered within my policy, all of those things add to the cost.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, [9/4/09](#)]

In 2009, Mariannette Miller-Meeks Was Approximately 54 Years Old. [Nexis, accessed 6/15/20]

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines In Favor Of Implementing Work Requirements For Medicaid Recipients

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines In Favor Of Implementing Work Requirements For Medicaid Recipients. “Legislation moving through the state Capitol would require able-bodied Iowans to work, get involved in community activities or be enrolled in school to be a part of Medicaid. Medicaid is the health care program for poor and disabled Iowans. The Republican-controlled Senate voted 32-17, along party lines, Tuesday to advance the bill, which focuses on people who became eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.” [Des Moines Register, 3/20/19; Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 538, Journal of the Senate, [3/19/19](#)]

Headline: The Gazette: “Iowa Medicaid Work Requirement Bill Faces Dead End.” [The Gazette, [3/28/19](#)]

Miller-Meeks Supported A Policy That Required Hospitals To Publish Prices Of Their Services, Despite Criticism The Policy Would Drive Up Costs

June 2019: Miller-Meeks Participated In Trump’s Executive Order Signing On Improving The Transparency



[Twitter, [6/24/19](#)]

Miller-Meeks Attended Trump’s Executive Order Signing On The Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare. “In June, Miller-Meeks, who at one time was director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, was at the White House when President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare to Put Patients First. ‘Like me, Iowans are concerned about rising health care costs, premiums and drugs,’ she said in her resignation letter. ‘They have seen little progress dealing with a crisis on our southern border, despite the repeated efforts of President Donald Trump, and there does not seem to be an immediate resolution. ‘Like me, Iowans are concerned about rising health care costs, premiums and drugs,’ she said in her resignation letter.” [Sioux City Journal, [7/15/19](#)]

NPR: The Executive Order Required Hospitals To Publish Prices That Reflected What People Paid For Services. “Hospitals will be required to publish prices that reflect what people pay for services,” said President Trump at a White House event. ‘You will get great pricing. Prices will come down by numbers that you wouldn't believe. The cost of healthcare will go way, way down.’ Like several of President Trump's other health policy-related announcements, today's executive order doesn't spell out specific actions, but directs the department of Health and Human Services to develop a policy and then undertake a lengthy rule-making process.” [NPR, [6/24/19](#)]

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Miller-Meeks Questioned The Need To Provide Current Levels Of Medicare Benefits If It Required Increasing Taxes

Miller-Meeks: “Just Like Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac, It's A Government-Sponsored Entity [...] If Medicare Is Underfunded, In Order To Provide The Current Level Of Benefits That We Provide To Seniors, Then How Much Taxation Do People Want To Pay For That?” “Miller-Meeks, however, says that's a false argument. She said insurance companies have to worry about a bottom line, whereas the government can increase taxes. ‘Just like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, it's a government-sponsored entity,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘If Medicare is underfunded, in order to provide the current level of benefits that we provide to seniors, then how much taxation do people want to pay for that?’” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

Miller-Meeks: “The Mere Fact That We Have Insurance Causes Costs To Rise.” “Providers in the healthcare system see this all the time, when someone else is paying the bill, you purchase things that you would not have when you are paying for them out of your own pocket. So the mere fact that we have insurance causes costs to rise. In addition to that, as consumers and constituents, we've asked our legislators within our states to add on more benefits to our health insurance.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, [9/4/09](#)]

Miller-Meeks Blamed Medicare Funding Shortfalls On Overuse, Saying Seniors With Sore Throats Should Gargle Salt Water Rather Than Use The Health Care System Unnecessarily

Miller-Meeks Blamed Medicare Funding Shortfalls On “Overuse, Saying Those Who Get Care For Free Are Prone To Use It Unnecessarily Like Patients With Mild Sore Throats Who'd Otherwise Would Gargle With Salt Water.” “Mariannette Miller-Meeks, a nonpracticing ophthalmologist in Ottumwa, agrees with the ideal of health care for all, but says the proposed legislation doesn't do accomplish that task. [...] To begin tackling the myriad problems of the current health care system, Miller-Meeks proposes changing Medicare reimbursement, something finds support with Maharry and much of Iowa's federal delegation. Blocking that, though, are the more populous states have more representatives in Congress who support status quo. Compounding the problem, the Medicare fund is running out of money. Miller-Meeks blames the bankruptcy on overuse, saying those who get care for free are prone to use it unnecessarily like patients with mild sore throats who'd otherwise would gargle with salt water.” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

Miller-Meeks Blamed The Rise Of Health Care Costs On Medicare And Overuse. [0:28] “Two words, competition and insurance. If you look at the cost of health care in the United States, the rapid rise began in 1970. And the rise in health care costs exceeded inflation. This is because Medicare was instituted in 1965. As seniors became more adept at utilizing the Medicare system to pay for care that they previously had not accessed, the cost escalated. We also know from numerous health care studies [...] show that when someone doesn't bear the cost of health care, they utilize more. So overutilization began to be the norm.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, [9/4/09](#)]

Miller-Meeks Appeared To Support Phasing Out Medicare’s Funding Stream

Miller-Meeks Said The Government Could Gradually Phase Out The Employer Deduction. “The problem with that, Miller-Meeks admits, is that each state has different coverage requirements. So she proposes ending that practice and requiring coverage just for the three things she believes people fear most. Miller-Meeks said the government also could gradually phase out employer deduction but offer individuals the same deduction so they could choose their best means of care.” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

The Employer Deduction Funds Social Security And Medicare. “The current tax rate for social security is 6.2% for the employer and 6.2% for the employee, or 12.4% total. The current rate for Medicare is 1.45% for the employer and 1.45% for the employee, or 2.9% total. Refer to Publication 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide for more information; or Publication 51, (Circular A), Agricultural Employer’s Tax Guide for agricultural employers.” [IRS, [2/14/20](#)]

Social Security

Miller-Meeks Supported Privatizing Social Security

Miller-Meeks Supported “Some Sort Of Private, But Limited, Account For Some Of The [Social Security] Funds.” “Another large entitlement program that could use some help is Social Security, Miller-Meeks said. There are some simple solutions that can extend the life of the program. [...] She also sees that it is difficult for congressmen to keep their hands off Social Security funds when money is needed elsewhere. For that reason, she supports some sort of private, but limited, account for some of the funds. She said the private account most likely could earn better than the 3 percent the government gains.” [Daily Democrat, [5/1/08](#)]

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Education

Miller-Meeks Agreed The Department Of Education Should Be Eliminated

Miller-Meeks Agreed The Department Of Education Should Be Eliminated, And Said Education Should Be Left To The States To Manage. Schilling said his father would eliminate the Department of Education because of the poor quality public education offers, as evidenced by chronically low standardized test scores. ‘We need to get the government out of education and we need to restrict the Environmental Protection Agency,’ Schilling said. Phillips agreed with dissolving the Department of Education, saying public education should be left to states to decide. [...] Miller-Meeks also said education should be left to states to manage. She said the Departments of Energy and Homeland Security could be reduced.” [Dispatch-Argus, 3/27/20]

Miller-Meeks Voted In Favor Of Campus Free Speech Bill Despite Concerns That It Would Open The Door To Discrimination In Student Organizations

Iowa Public Radio: Miller-Meeks Voted In Favor Of Campus Free Speech Bill Despite Of “Concerns That It Would Open The Door To Discrimination In Student Organizations.” “A bill that aims to expand free speech rights on public college campuses in Iowa passed the House and Senate this week in spite of concerns that it would open the door to discrimination in student organizations. The House of Representatives debated the measure Thursday. Hite (Rep. Dustin Hite, R-New Sharon) said the bill requires public colleges to promote free expression, avoid trying to protect students from others’ speech, and get rid of ‘free speech zones’ he said unreasonably limit public expression to a few areas on campus. Several House Democrats said they agree with most of the bill, but they said one section could allow discrimination. It says colleges cannot deny benefits to student groups that require their leaders to ‘agree to and support’ the group’s beliefs...Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said it could lead to some people being denied leadership opportunities on campus. ‘This is nothing about a person’s religious beliefs. This is a question about people who have an identity or belong to a group that has historically been marginalized,’ Wahls said. ‘Those students are being denied because of who they are. That’s what discrimination is.’ [Iowa Public Radio, [3/14/19](#); Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 274, Journal of the Senate, [3/11/19](#)]

Note: Signed into law by Governor Kim Reynolds March 13, 2019.

Miller-Meeks Was Rejected By The State Senate To Serve On The Iowa Hawk-I Board Because Her Time As Head Of The Department Of Public Health Concerned Lawmakers

Miller-Meeks Was Rejected By Iowa Senate To Serve On Healthcare Board

2016: Miller-Meeks Was Rejected By Iowa Senate To Serve On Healthcare Board Because Critics Worried She Was Too Close To The Branstad Administration. “The Iowa Senate on Thursday rejected Gov. Terry Branstad's nomination of former state health director Mariannette Miller-Meeks to the Iowa Hawk-I Board, which

advises the state on health care coverage for uninsured children of working families. Miller-Meeks needed 34 votes - a two-thirds majority - to be confirmed. Her nomination failed on a 28-18 vote... Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, who opposed Miller-Meeks' confirmation, said the Hawk-I Board needs a person who will stand up for Iowa's families and children, as opposed to someone who will stand with the Branstad administration." [Des Moines Register, [4/16/16](#)]

Lawmakers Claimed Her Time As Head Of The Department Of Public Health Was Concerning

Miller-Meeks's Time As Head Of The Department Of Public Health Concerned Some Lawmakers. "An Iowa Senate panel agreed Monday to move Gov. Terry Branstad's appointment of Mariannette Miller-Meeks to the state Hawk-I board to the Senate's confirmation calendar without recommendation. Miller-Meeks, 60, served as director of the Department of Public Health under Branstad from 2011 to 2013 and three times lost to Democrat Dave Loebsack in the 2nd Congressional District. Some members of the Senate Human Resources Committee have expressed concern about her time as head of the Department of Public Health and the appointment to a board that oversees the state's children's health insurance program as it changes to privatized Medicaid services April 1." [The Gazette, [3/22/16](#)]

Senator Mathis, D-Linn, Said Miller-Meeks Was Unhelpful When Mathis Asked For Support On An Alzheimer's Bill When Miller-Meeks' Was Director Of The State Department Of Public Health. "All 18 no votes came from Iowa Democrats, including Sen. Liz Mathis of Linn County. Mathis raised concerns about Miller-Meeks work as director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, saying she was unhelpful when Mathis asked for support on an Alzheimer's bill. 'When I was advocating for Alzheimer's patients, their families and providers who care for people with dementia-related illness, (Miller-Meeks) was unresponsive to my plea and theirs for two years in a row,' said Sen. Mathis. 'That experience, along with other Senators who have worked with her, convinced me she is not the best choice to join the Hawk-I Board.'" [KCRG, [4/16/16](#)]

Critics Said Meeks Was Not The Right Fit Because She Would "Worry About The Reduction In Services And The Bottom-Line Costs" Instead Of The Human Element. "Critics expressed concern about her time as Branstad's chief of the state public health agency and her appointment to a state board that provides direction to the state Department of Human Services on the state's children's health insurance program at a time when the governor is moving Medicaid services to privately managed care. 'We need a Hawk-I board member that has a strong knowledge of the health insurance programs that will advocate for affordable, accessible, comprehensive care for children and not just worry about the reduction in services and the bottom-line costs, especially in this period of transition to a managed care environment,' said Sen. Amanda Ragan, D-Mason City. 'This is not a fit that I think is good for Hawk-I or the state of Iowa, especially in this change.'" [The Gazette, [4/15/16](#)]

Gazette: "Quirnbach, D-Ames, Said Miller-Meeks Displayed Weaknesses In Her Commitment, Her Listening Skills And Her Failure To Consult With Others Regarding Personnel Decisions During His Interactions With Her When She Directed The State Department Of Public Health." "Critics expressed concern about her time as Branstad's chief of the state public health agency and her appointment to a state board that provides direction to the state Department of Human Services on the state's children's health insurance program at a time when the governor is moving Medicaid services to privately managed care. 'We need a Hawk-I board member that has a strong knowledge of the health insurance programs that will advocate for affordable, accessible, comprehensive care for children and not just worry about the reduction in services and the bottom-line costs, especially in this period of transition to a managed care environment,' said Sen. Amanda Ragan, D-Mason City. 'This is not a fit that I think is good for Hawk-I or the state of Iowa, especially in this change.' Sen. Herman Quirnbach, D-Ames, said Miller-Meeks displayed weaknesses in her commitment, her listening skills and her failure to consult with others regarding personnel decisions during his interactions with her when she directed the state Department of Public Health." [The Gazette, [4/15/16](#)]

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Abortion

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Des Moines Register: The Bill Could Increase Penalties For “Killing Or Injuring The Woman In A Car Crash Or While Committing A Felony And Ending Her Pregnancy In The Process.” “Senate Democratic Leader Janet Petersen of Des Moines called the bill ‘extreme and unconstitutional’ and said, if it becomes law, it would endanger common birth control procedures, including IUDs, and could prevent Iowans from using in vitro fertilization. It could also open the door for criminal investigations of women who suffer a miscarriage, Petersen said. The debate over the definition of ‘unborn person’ came during a Senate discussion of a measure that would increase penalties for ending a woman’s pregnancy without her consent, for example, by killing or injuring the woman in a car crash or while committing a felony and ending her pregnancy in the process.” [Des Moines Register, 3/28/19; S.F. 523, Journal of the Senate, [3/26/19](#)]

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Miller-Meeks Supported An Amendment To The Iowa Constitution That Stated Iowa Did Not Secure Or Protect A Right To Or Require The Funding For An Abortion

Miller-Meeks Co-Sponsored A Proposed Constitutional Amendment To State That The Iowa Constitution Did “Not Secure Or Protect A Right To Abortion.” “Throughout the Thursday rally, anti-abortion activists referenced the Iowa Supreme Court and the rulings in recent years that have thrown off their legislative strategy to restrict abortion. Rep. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, at one point raised a copy of the Iowa Constitution as she told the crowd that abortion protections are not spelled out in the document. Salmon highlighted a proposed constitutional amendment to state that the Iowa Constitution ‘does not secure or protect a right to abortion.’ [Des Moines Register, [2/22/19](#); Iowa Legislature, SJ 9, Introduced [1/24/19](#)]

Miller-Meeks Sponsored A Bill Expanding Access To Birth Control In Iowa

Miller-Meeks Sponsored Senate Bill To Expand Access To Birth Control. “The bill would allow Iowans to get birth control pills and some other forms of contraception directly from a pharmacist without visiting a clinic first. Patients would have to complete a health screening, and pharmacists could refer them to a doctor if there are any concerns...Miller-Meeks chairs the Senate Human Resources Committee and is sponsoring the Senate version of the bill. ‘As a doctor, as a former nurse, as a woman, former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I think it’s a good policy,’ Miller-Meeks said. Miller-Meeks said. ‘I think women are smart, intelligent, and competent—they can make this decision once they’re given the proper information.’ She also said she would not support this proposal if she thought it would cause harm to women, which is a concern mentioned by the bill’s opponents.” [Iowa Public Radio, [2/26/19](#)]

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Miller-Meeks Made A False Claim That The Top Item Purchased With Food Stamps Was Mountain Dew. “Miller-Meeks was criticized by Democrats in January 2014 after a newspaper story said she had told a group the previous fall that the top food item purchased in Iowa with food stamps is Mountain Dew. The state doesn't keep such statistics, and she later told a reporter her remarks were taken out of context.” [Des Moines Register, [4/16/16](#)]

Environment

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines To Change Land Purchase Regulations For Water Quality Testing, And Critics Claimed It Showed The GOP Did Not Care About Clean Water

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines To Change Land Purchase Regulations For Water Quality Testing. “The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation bought 172 acres of land along and near the West Fork of the Cedar River

in Butler County. It's one of the many patchwork puzzle pieces knitted together to form the 6,100-acre Big Marsh Wildlife Management Area wetland complex. The Natural Heritage Foundation used a low-interest loan from the State Revolving Fund to buy the land, which eventually was turned over to the Department of Natural Resources. The loan, plus costs and interests, was repaid. The foundation has tapped the fund, created by the Clean Water Act, on 54 water quality projects over the past 12 years. That includes four projects along the Wapsipinicon River in Buchanan County. But if Senate File 548 becomes law, the loan fund will be off limits to the foundation or any private entity that hopes to use its loans to buy land for conservation work before handing it over to government. The bill has cleared the Senate and may or may not pass the House sometime between my typing and your reading. Here's to hoping it gets snagged and scuttled...But it is yet another sign the Republican-controlled Legislature doesn't really care about clean water. If the GOP did care, it wouldn't be removing a tool from a water cleanup toolbox that's already woefully inadequate to fix the problems we face. It would be adding tools and resources and helping organizations on the front lines, not throwing up barriers." [The Gazette, Todd Dorman Opinion, [4/14/19](#); S.F. 548, Journal of the Senate, [3/20/19](#)]

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Note: Signed into law by Governor Kim Reynolds May 9, 2019

Miller-Meeks Claimed The Environmental Protection Agency Was Waging A War On Coal

Miller-Meeks Criticized EPA For “War on Coal”. “Miller-Meeks criticized government overreach [...] she faulted Congress for not addressing the patient-care scandals at the Veterans Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency for what she called a ‘war on coal.’” [The Gazette, 1/12/14]

Working Families

Miller-Meeks Voted For A Bill That Reduced Unemployment Insurance

Miller-Meeks Voted For A Bill That Reduced Unemployment Insurance When An Employer Goes Out Of Business. “The Bill reduces the benefits that are available to a claimant when the individual's employer goes out of business. This change is effective upon enactment and applies to any week of unemployment benefits beginning on or after the first Sunday after the effective date of this Bill” [HF 531, pg 1127, [4/25/19](#); Iowa LSA Fiscal Note, [4/26/19](#)]

Voting Rights

Miller-Meeks Supported Restoring Voting Rights For Felons

Miller Meeks Supported Restoring Voting Rights For Former Felons Because Of Her Brother. “Ahead of the committee's meeting, Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, gave an emotional speech about her late brother, Michael, whom she said had served in the Army and the Marines. Michael, she said, had been accused of theft and convicted of a felony. ‘I don't know if this story moves you or helps you, but there are good people out

there who do bad things — misjudgments, make mistakes — when they are younger,’ she said. ‘And I would ask you — I don’t know where this is, but I’d ask you to remember Michael when you think about this story.’” [Des Moines Register, [4/4/19](#)]

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Note: The Iowa State Senate, under Republican control, pulled the bill three hours after Miller-Meeks spoke. Restoring felon voting rights is part of Governor Kim Reynolds’s initiatives for 2019.

Government Regulation

2014: Miller-Meeks Platform For Congressional Bid Included Reducing Government Spending

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Reduce Excessive Government Regulation. “Mariannette Miller-Meeks said during a speech Wednesday in Iowa City that she wants to reduce the burdens caused by what she views as excessive government regulation. ‘It’s not just small businesses. It’s nonprofits, it’s local government agencies - all of them have the effects of administrative burden of over-regulation,’ she said. In an interview after the speech, Miller-Meeks said if elected she intends to focus on health care, helping the economy grow, creating jobs and looking at ‘over-zealous regulation that doesn’t really help to protect the public and doesn’t make sense to average citizens,’ as well as government accountability.” [Des Moines Register, [8/29/14](#)]

Immigration

Miller-Meeks Co-Sponsored And Voted For A Bill That Required Iowa Employers To Use E-Verify To Verify The Immigration Statuses Of Their Employees

Miller-Meeks Co-Sponsored A Bill That Required Iowa Employers To Use E-Verify To Verify The Immigration Statuses Of Their Employees. “Twenty-six Republican Senators are listed as co-sponsors of a bill introduced in the Iowa legislature, identified as S.F. 243 (2019). Ignoring the explanation in the bill – the ‘prohibits employers from knowingly employing unauthorized aliens’ – what S.F. 243 does is to require virtually every Iowa employer in the state to utilize the federal ‘E-Verify’ program. And failure to comply with its provisions can result in some fairly Draconian sanctions, including the loss of all licenses that might be required to do business in this state.” [LexBlog, Iowa Immigration Blog, [2/27/19](#); Iowa Legislature, S.F. 243, Introduced [2/12/19](#)]

Miller-Meeks Voted For A Bill That Required Employers To Verify Their Employee's Immigration Statuses Through The Federal E-Verify Program. “Vote to pass a bill that requires employers to verify their employee’s immigration statuses through the federal E-verify program.” [Votesmart, [4/2/19](#), S.F. 516, Journal of the Senate, [4/1/19](#)]

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Hire More Immigration Agents To Speed Up The Immigration Process

Miller-Meeks Wanted The Government To Do A Better Job Of Controlling Illegal Immigrants By Hiring More “Immigration Agents To Have Faster, More Efficient Legal Immigration.” “Miller-Meeks responded to another question about immigration and was asked what she would do to keep immigrants from taking low-skill

jobs from Americans. While Miller-Meeks wants the government to do a better job of controlling illegal immigrants, she showed full support for legal immigration. ‘Why aren’t we hiring more immigration agents to have faster, more efficient legal immigration? I have friends in Ottumwa who came to this country legally, and it has taken them 12 to 16 years to become a citizen. They do phenomenal work as physicians. They contribute. They volunteer. They raise their families here,’ she said. ‘Twelve to 16 years to become a citizen is too long. We can revamp our immigration system, secure our borders, and we do need to look at immigration and whether lower-skilled workers displace people who are also lower-skilled.’” [The Hawk Eye, 8/14/14]

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Miller-Meeks Said There Was “Little Progress” On The Southern Border, Despite Trump’s Efforts

Miller-Meeks Believes There Had Been “Little Progress Dealing With A Crisis On Our Southern Border, Despite The Repeated Efforts Of President Donald Trump.”

“Like me, Iowans are concerned about rising health care costs, premiums and drugs,’ she said in her resignation letter. ‘They have seen little progress dealing with a crisis on our southern border, despite the repeated efforts of President Donald Trump, and there does not seem to be an immediate resolution.’” [The Gazette, 7/15/19]

Law Enforcement

Miller-Meeks Said Law Enforcement Having Proper Training Was Important To Address Crime In Iowa

Miller-Meeks Supported “Proper Training For Our Law Enforcement,” But Said She Felt “Safe In South East Iowa.” “Knowing our law enforcement, having proper training for our law enforcement so we don’t have untorn events, but that people feel safe when they go about. I feel very safe in south east Iowa, that’s one of the reasons I came here, but certainly looking at things now that are a little bit different in the atmosphere than we’ve had before.” [KTVO, [10/15/18](#)]

Medicaid

Miller-Weeks Acknowledged Problems With The Implementation Of The Medicaid Privatization In Iowa

Miller-Meeks Acknowledged There Were Problems With The Implementation Of The Medicaid Privatization In Iowa. “Perhaps the biggest issue this fall is the controversial implementation of Medicaid privatization in Iowa. Critics say the process was rushed and has provided worse healthcare and higher prices, exactly the opposite of promises made by the current Republican administration. Miller-Meeks acknowledged the plan might need tweaking. ‘There was a legislative agenda and bills that were passed that said you have to pay in a timely fashion if it’s a clean claim. So, the same thing can happen in the current Medicaid program if it needs to be. As far as pre-authorization and denials of claims, again those are things that may need to be worked out thorough legislatively.’” [KTVO, [10/15/18](#)]

Miller-Meeks Believed There Should Be Oversight Of The Private Business That Ran The State's Medicaid Programs

Miller-Meeks Believed There Should Be Oversight Of Private Businesses That Ran The State's Medicaid Programs. “Another related issue is the funding for disabled programs, controlled now by a private Medicaid business deciding on the revenue stream into Iowa. Miller-Meeks believes there may need to be more oversight of the private businesses. Though she's just started in Des Moines recently, she has already spoken with the DHS director, the Medicaid director and plans more meetings, hopefully including the MCO (businesses) that control who gets paid, when and how much. She believes the current difficulty for providers to get paid should start to be relieved as the businesses figure out what things are supposed to actually cost.” [The Daily Iowegian, [2/3/19](#)]

National Security Administration

Miller-Meeks Believed The Government Should Be More Transparent In Their Surveillance Activities

Miller-Meeks Believed The NSA, And Courts Dealing With Federal Surveillance, Needed To Be More Transparent In Their Surveillance Activities. “In addition, Miller-Meeks said that she stands for more government accountability and transparency. For example, even though she said she is a supporter of national defense, she believes that the National Security Agency and the courts dealing with federal surveillance need to be more open with the American people regarding their activities and what they plan to do with the information they gather.” [Muscatine Journal, [2/27/14](#)]

Trump

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines To Prohibit The Democrat Attorney General From Joining Lawsuits That Targeted The Trump Administration

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines To Prohibit The Democrat Attorney General From Joining Lawsuits That Targeted Trump Administration. “Iowa Republicans have proposed new restrictions on the state's Democratic attorney general to prevent him from joining lawsuits that target President Donald Trump's administration. Tom Miller, as the state's chief legal officer, joined six lawsuits in 2018 that were initiated in other states seeking to block many of Trump's policies, including separating families on the southern U.S. border and requiring citizenship information in the 2020 census [...] ‘We have a Republican governor, we have a Republican Legislature, and we have had an attorney general that has been going outside of the state taking part in lawsuits that are the complete antithesis to the agenda that the governor and the Legislature has set,’ said Rep. Gary Worthan, R-Storm Lake. Worthan filed his proposal this week, tacking it onto a budget bill moving through the Iowa House of Representatives, that would require Miller's office to get permission to join out-of-state lawsuits. If the proposal becomes law, the attorney general could only prosecute non-Iowa suits if requested by the governor, the General Assembly or the Executive Council, which also includes the governor.” [Des Moines Register, [4/20/19](#); S.F. 615, Journal of the Senate, [4/15/19](#)]

2016: Miller-Meeks Said She Would Support Trump If Republicans Nominated Him, But Was Concerned About His Effect On Down Ballot Races

Miller-Meeks Said Once Trump Was Nominated By Republicans She Would Support Him, But Acknowledge That Concerns About Trump's Effect On Down Ballot Races Was Legitimate. “This summer, Ottumwa eye doctor, Mariannette Miller-Meeks will be a voting delegate to the National Convention. However, she isn't sure how she will vote at the convention. In an email to KTVO, Miller-Meeks said that she isn't quite clear on

convention balloting protocol. She isn't sure at this time if the rules will require her to cast a vote for Ted Cruz as the winner of the Iowa Caucus. But once the Trump is officially nominated by the party, he will have Miller-Meek's full support. 'I think the party will get behind the nominee and focus on winning the White House in November. True rhetoric will change from 'anyone but Trump' to 'anyone but Hillary' or '#neverHillary,' she said. She did acknowledge that concerns about Trump's effect on down ballot races is legitimate. [KTVO, [5/4/16](#)]

Veteran's Affairs

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Political Career

Election Results

2008 Iowa 2 nd Congressional District Republican Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	7,372	41.88%
Lee Harder (R)	2,258	12.82%
Peter Teahen (R)	7,258	41.23%
Over Vote	9	0.015%
Under Vote	682	3.87%
Scattering	22	0.12%
Total	17,601	>100%

[Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/3/08](#)]

2008 Iowa 2 nd Congressional District General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Dave Loebsack (D)	175,218	54.85%
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	118,778	37.18%
Wendy Barth (Green)	6,664	2.086%
Brian White (I)	5,437	1.702%
Over Votes	436	0.13%
Under Votes	12,629	3.95%
Scattering	261	0.08%
Total	319,423	>100%

[Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/08](#)]

2010 Iowa 2 nd Congressional District Republican Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	18,830	47.01%
Rob Gettemy (R)	4,749	11.85%
Steven R. Rathje (R)	8,155	20.36%
Christopher Reed (R)	5,365	13.39%
Write-In	47	0.11%



Over Votes	105	0.26%
Under Votes	2,798	6.98%
Total	40,049	>100%

[Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/8/10](#)]

2010 Iowa 2nd Congressional District General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Dave Loebsack (D)	115,839	79.66%
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	104,319	44.72%
Gary Sicard (L)	4,356	1.86%
Jon Tack (C)	2,463	1.05%
Write-In	198	0.08%
Under Votes	5,979	2.56%
Over Votes	103	0.04%
Total	233,257	>100%

[Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/2/10](#)]

2014 Iowa 2nd Congressional District Republican Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mark S. Lofgren (R)	11,043	33.39%
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	15,043	45.48%
Matthew C. Waldren (R)	3,746	11.32%
Write-In	52	0.15%
Over Votes	39	0.11%
Under Votes	3,148	9.51%
Total	33,071	>100%

[Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/3/14](#)]

2014 Iowa 2nd Congressional District General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	129,455	46.48%
Dave Loebsack (D)	143,431	51.50%
Write-In	443	0.15%
Over Votes	5,079	1.82%
Under Votes	60	0.02%
Total	278,468	>100%

Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#)]

2018 Iowa State Senate District 41 Republican Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	1,706	79.94%
Daniel Cesar (R)	279	13.07%
Write-In	13	0.6%
Under Votes	136	6.37%
Total	2,134	>100%

[Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/5/18](#)]

2018 Iowa State Senate District 41 General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	11,460	50.76%

Mary Stewart (D)	10,652	47.18%
Write-In	36	0.15%
Under Votes	425	1.88%
Total	22,573	>100%

[Iowa Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/6/18](#)]

Note: An under vote occurs when the number of choices selected by a voter in a contest is less than the maximum number allowed for that contest or when no selection is made for a single choice contest.

Campaign Finance

Miller-Meeks Raised A Total Of \$418,363 And Spent A Total Of \$94,701 In Her Run For State-Level Office

According to the Iowa Secretary of State, Miller-Meeks raised \$418,363 and spent \$94,701 in her run for the Iowa Senate, District 41.

Miller-Meeks State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2018	Marianne Miller-Meeks for State Senate	\$418,363.69	\$94,701.34
	Total:	\$418,363.69	\$94,701.34

[Iowa Secretary Of State, accessed 7/23/19]

Miller-Meeks Raised A Total Of \$2,508,423 And Spent A Total Of \$2,500,057 In Her Runs For Federal Office

According the Federal Election Commission, Miller-Meeks raised \$2,508,423 and spent \$2,500,057 in her run for federal elected office.

Miller-Meeks Federal Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2014	Marianne Miller-Meeks for Congress	\$940,287.64	\$940,493.03
2010	Marianne Miller-Meeks for Congress	\$1,196,436.41	\$1,191,868.13
2008	Marianne Miller-Meeks for Congress	\$371,699.05	\$367,695.91
	Total:	\$2,508,423.10	\$2,500,057.07

[FEC.gov, accessed 7/23/18]

2019

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Bill Number	Date Filed	Other Cosponsors	Description of Bill	Bill Actions
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S.F. 130	1/28/19	Republicans – 11 Democrats – 6	The school year will begin no earlier than Aug. 23 or the Monday following the closing day of the annual Iowa State Fair, whichever occurs earlier.	Referred to the Education Committee.
S.F. 243	2/12/19	Republicans – 26 Democrats – 0	Bill for an act relating to the employment of unauthorized aliens and providing penalties	Reported out of the Judiciary Committee. As of 3/06/19, out of committee.
S.F. 251	2/12/19	Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks	A bill for an act relating to the provision of Medicaid coverage to pregnant women lawfully residing in the United States.	Reported to the Human Resources Committee (Miller-Meeks serves on this Committee). As of 2/28/19, out of committee.
S.F.252	2/12/19	Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks	A bill for an act relating to the suspension of Medicaid coverage for an inmate of a public institution.	Reported to the Human Resources Committee (Miller-Meeks serves on this Committee). As of 2/28/19, out of committee.
S.F. 279	2/20/19	Republicans – 20 Democrats – 15	A bill for an act relating to hemp, including the regulation of hemp, providing for enforcement and the confiscation and destruction or disposal of certain property, providing for fees, making appropriations, including penalties, and providing implementation and effective date provisions.	Committee recommended passage. Referred to Ways and Means. As of 3/21/19, out of committee.
S.F. 347	2/21/19	Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks	A bill for an act relating to pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers and management of prescription drug benefits, and including applicability provisions.	Voted out of committee 3-0 (Chairwomen is Miller-Meeks). As of 3/11/19, reported out of committee.
S.F. 348 Also referred to S.F. 513	2/21/19	Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks	A bill for an act relating to the prescribing and dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.	Passed: Yeas-42 (Miiller-Meeks was yea) Nays-6 (all republicans) on 3/27/19. House version was reported to Human Resources (Chairwomen

				is Miller-Meeks) Committee on 4/27/19.
SRJ 9 (Joint Resolution)	1/24/19	Republicans – 29 Democrats – 0	A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa that the Constitution of the State of Iowa does not secure or protect a right to or require the funding of abortion.	Reported out of State Government Committee on 3/6/19.

[Iowa State Legislature, accessed [7/22/19](#)]

Miller-Meeks State Senate Key Votes

Miller-Meeks – State Senate Key Votes				
Bill Number	Date	Description of Bill	Vote Total by Party	Miller-Meeks's Vote
S.F. 274	3/11/19	Campus Free Speech Act, which relates to free expression and demonstrations on University campuses.	Bill Passed: 35-11	Yea
S.F. 519	3/12/19	Establishes Trespass Charges for Undercover Investigators at Certain Agricultural Facilities	Bill Passed: 41-8	Yea
S.F. 237	3/12/19	Act relating to the membership and procedures of all state judicial and to the selection and qualifications of judges, associate judges, and the chief justice,	Bill Passed: 32-17	Ney
S.F. 538	3/19/19	Establishes Medicaid Work Requirements-Relating to community engagement activity requirements under the Iowa health and wellness plan.	Bill Passed: 32-17	Yea

S.F. 548	3/20/19	Amends Land Purchase Regulations for Water Quality Testing	Bill Passed: 32-17	Yea
S.F. 523	3/26/19	Expands Penalties for Fetal Homicide- act relating to the nonconsensual cause of death of and serious injury to an unborn person, and providing penalties	Bill Passed: 31-18	Yea
S.F. 343	3/26/19	Act prohibiting the use of automated or remote systems for traffic law enforcement	Bill Passed: 30-19	Yea
S.F. 513	3/27/19	Authorizes Women to Buy Birth Control Without Prescriptions	Bill Passed:42-6	Yea
S.F. 516	4/2/19	Requires Employers to Verify Employee Immigration Status	Bill Passed:33-14	Yea
S.F. 615	4/15/19	Prohibits the Attorney General From Joining Out-Of-State Lawsuits	Bill Passed:32-18	Yea
S.F. 617	4/17/19	Act relating to gambling regulation and wagering, by providing for sports wagering and fantasy sports contests, providing for taxes and fees, making penalties applicable.	Bill Passed:31-18	Yea
H.F. 766	4/26/19	Establishes a Health and Human Services Budget for FY 2019-2020	Bill Passed:31-19	Yea

S.F. 638	4/27/19	Amends Judicial Commission Selection	Bill Passed: 31-18	Yea
H.F. 767	4/27/19	Requires Annual Fee for Electric Cars	Bill Passed:32-16	Ney
H.F. 732	4/27/19	Increases THC Allowance for Medical Marijuana	Bill Passed:40-7	Yea

[Iowa State Legislature, accessed [7/22/19](#); Votesmart, accessed [7/22/19](#)]

2018

Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By The National Rifle Association

Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed For Iowa State Senate By The NRA The Day Before The Election. According to the NRA website, “Mariannette Miller-Meeks is a strong supporter of our Second Amendment rights and needs your vote to win. Support the candidate who will fight for your rights! It is important that you vote Mariannette Miller-Meeks for state Senator on Tuesday, November 6. Encourage your family, friends, and fellow gun owners to do the same.” [NRA, [11/5/18](#)]

2014

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Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District By The NRA. According to the NRA website, “On behalf of our five million members across the country, The National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund is proud to endorse Mariannette Miller-Meeks for U.S. House of Representatives in Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District. Early voting is available September 25th-November 3rd. Absentee ballots must be received by Tuesday, November 4th.” [NRA, [9/9/15](#)]

Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By Rick Santorum

Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By Former Senator Rick Santorum. “Lending his support at an Iowa City GOP campaign office rally Thursday morning, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum predicted Miller-Meeks will be ‘part of a Republican wave here in Iowa.’” [The Gazette, 10/24/14]

Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By John Boehner

Former Speaker Of The House John Boehner Campaigned For Miller-Meeks. “If you like big government, then go vote for the Democrats,’ Boehner said. ‘If you like higher taxes and big bureaucracies, then go vote for the Democrats. If you want smaller, less costly, more accountable government, and a representative in Washington who

will listen to you, then you vote for Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Joni Ernst right here in Iowa.” [Des Moines Register, 10/28/14]

Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By Bobby Jindal

Former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal Campaigned For Miller-Meeks. “I’m honored that Governor Bobby Jindal is joining our campaign during his visit to Iowa,’ Miller-Meeks said in a statement. ‘Governor Jindal is a leader in the Republican Party who is not afraid to stand up to special interests to make sure government works, especially for children who are trapped in failing schools. I welcome him to Iowa and look forward to having him join our campaign next week.’” [Knoxville Journal Express, 8/4/14]

Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By Rick Perry

Current Secretary Of Energy Rick Perry Campaigned For Miller-Meeks. “Perry will attend fundraisers in the area for Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who is running for the 2nd Congressional District seat, and Brian Schmidt, a Republican state Senate candidate.” [The Quad-City Times, 8/1/14]

Miller-Meeks Endorsed By Rand Paul

Current Rand Paul (R-KY) Campaigned For Miller-Meeks. “It is an honor to have Sen. Rand Paul join our campaign for an event during his visit to Iowa,’ Miller-Meeks said in a statement Tuesday. ‘We both know that the dysfunction in Washington is unsustainable and, as eye doctors, we understand it will take vision to get America back on track.’” [The Gazette, 7/22/14]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Miller-Meeks Has Given \$645,829 In Loans To Her Own Campaigns

According to the Federal Election Commission and Iowa Secretary of State, Miller-Meeks has loaned **\$645,829.61** to her own political candidates.

Miller-Meeks Loans To Her Own Campaigns			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
2008	Miller-Meeks For Congress	R	\$20,000
2010	Miller-Meeks For Congress	R	\$593,670.76
2014	Miller-Meeks For Congress	R	\$25,100
2018	Friends For Miller-Meeks (State Senate)	R	\$7058.85
		Total	\$645,829.61

[FEC, Campaign Committee, accessed 7/19/19; Iowa Secretary of State, accessed 7/19/19; Follow The Money, accessed 7/19/19]

Miller-Meeks Has Given \$35,124 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Miller-Meeks has given \$35,124.20 to federal political candidates.

Miller-Meeks Political Giving History - Federal

Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
1995-2004	American Academy of Ophthalmology Inc Political Committee ("OPHTHPAC")		\$3,200
2006-2018	American Academy of Ophthalmology Inc Political Committee (OPHTHPAC)		\$3,730
2018	American Future Fund Political Action		\$250
2007-2018	American Medical Association Political Action Committee		\$2,500
2001-2002	Ganske For Senate	R	\$1,500
1999-2017	Iowa Medical Political Action Committee		\$4,427
2009-2017	Iowa Medical Society Political Action Committee		\$875
2006	Iowans For Jim Leach	R	\$1,075
2008	John McCain 2008 Inc.	R	\$2,300
2012	King For Congress	R	\$250
2008	Latham For Congress	R	\$250
2008	McCain Victory 2008	R	\$2,300
2007-2014	Miller-Meeks For Congress	R	\$3,167.20
1996	National Republican Congressional Committee Contributions	R	\$300
1999	People For Ganske	R	\$750
2009	Price For Congress	R	\$500
2001	Redwine Congressional Committee	R	\$300
2007-2018	Republican National Committee	R	\$1,430
2019	Republican Party Of Iowa	R	\$4,850
2012	Romney For President Inc.	R	\$585
2012	Romney Victory Inc	R	\$585
		Total	\$35,124.20

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed 7/18/19]

Miller-Meeks Has Given \$18,240.95 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to Iowa Secretary of State, Miller-Meeks has given \$18,240.95 to state-level candidates.

Miller-Meeks Political Giving History - State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
2005-2008	Iowa Ophthalmology P.A.C.		\$965
3/31/10	Team Lofgren	R	\$100
11/19/07	Glenn Nitzsche For Supervisor	R	\$100
2008	Jared Klein For Iowa House District 089 (Klein For Statehouse)	R	\$600
10/2/09	Waukee For McGee	R	\$50
2007-2008	Washington County Republican Central Committee	R	\$52
2008-2015	Johnson County Republican Central Committee	R	\$353.10
2008	Citizens For Richards	R	\$250
2014-2015	Sands For State House	R	\$150
2010	Marshan Roth Campaign Fund	R	\$20
2/16/13	John Ethredge For Supervisor	R	\$20



8/28/13.	Chelgren For Iowa Senate	R	\$100
2017	Friends Of Whitver	R	\$50
9/30/13	Sheets For Iowa House	R	\$25
2018	Neff For County Attorney	R	\$315
6/1/12	Elect Nealson	R	\$50
2012	Smith For Iowa House	R	\$50
8/7/13	Kaufman For State House	R	\$25
7/12/14	Shipley For Iowa	R	\$50
9/18/14	Brain Schmidt For State Senate	R	\$100
2018	Westrich For Iowa	R	\$1,000
2018	Friends For Miller-Meeks	R	\$7,058.85
2012-2016	Governor Branstad Committee	R	\$680
2014-2018	Mosiman For State Auditor	R	\$250
11/1/18	Pate For Iowa	R	\$250
2014	Adam Gregg For Iowa	R	\$60
2014	Davis For State Treasurer	R	\$50
2008	Committee To Elect Jim Hahn	R	\$300
10/26/13	Appanoose County Republican Central Committee	R	\$35
9/24/13	Ceder County Republican Central Committee	R	\$360
9/18/14	Clinton County Republican Central Committee	R	\$60
4/15/14	Jasper County Republican Central Committee	R	\$50
2014	Keokuk County Republican Central Committee	R	\$50
2014	Lee County Republican Central Committee	R	\$60
2009	Linn County Republican Central Committee	R	\$210
9/6/14	Marion County Republican Central Committee	R	\$25
2013	Polk County Republican Central Committee	R	\$75
6/1/09	Republican Party Of Iowa	R	\$50
2013-2015	Scott County Republican Central Committee	R	\$100
2010-2018	Wapello County Republican Central Committee	R	\$2,870
2014	Scott County Republican Women	R	\$30
2012	Team Iowa PAC	R	\$100
2008-2009	Purse PAC		\$250
2010	Susan Mosier For Kansas State House	R	\$342
2010	Thomas Price For Georgia State House	R	\$500
		Total	\$18,240.95

[Iowa Secretary of State, accessed 7/18/19, Follow The Money, accessed 7/19/19]

Voter Activity

Miller-Meeks Was Registered To Vote In Iowa's 2nd District

Miller-Meeks Was Registered To Vote In Iowa's 2nd Congressional District. [VoteBuilder, accessed 7/18/19; House.gov, accessed 7/18/19]

1994 – 2018: Miller-Meeks Voted In Every On-Year General Election

Miller-Meeks Voting History (1994-2018)	
Year	Description
2018	Voted in the general and primary elections
2017	Did not vote
2016	Voted in the general election
2015	Did not vote
2014	Voted in the general and primary elections
2013	Did not vote
2012	Voted in the general and primary elections
2011	Did not vote
2010	Voted in the general and primary elections
2009	Did not vote
2008	Voted in the general, primary and school board elections
2007	Did not vote
2006	Voted in the general and primary elections
2005	Did not vote
2004	Voted in the general and primary elections
2003	Voted in municipal and school board elections
2002	Voted in the general and school board elections
2001	Voted in municipal and school board elections
2000	Voted in the general and school board elections
1999	Did not vote
1998	Did not vote
1997	No information available
1996	Voted in the general election
1995	No information available
1994	Voted in the general election

[VoteBuilder, accessed 7/18/19]

Public Records

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

1997-2013: Miller-Meeks Had Twelve Traffic Violations:

Miller-Meeks Associated Entities		
Case Number	Date	Violation
05201 STA0000108	11/28/2007	SPEEDING 55 OR UNDER ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER)
05631PESTA0031250	10/14/2013	ENTERING THROUGH HIGHWAYS
06571CRSTA0082102	06/28/2010	FAIL TO MAINTAIN CONTROL

08441 STA0001152	02/12/2008	SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER)
08541 ST14116QS	01/05/2006	SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER)
08541 STP514133	11/18/2003	SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER)
08621OSSTWG855548	08/13/1997	DNU SPEEDING: 30 MPH ZONES
08791 ST1124JIS	08/23/2003	SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER)
08901 ST145XJ0Q	07/13/2007	SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER)
08901 STA0000867	12/27/2007	FAIL TO MAINTAIN CONTROL
08901 STP523322	04/01/1997	SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER)
08901OTST043662	12/23/1998	DNU - SPEEDING (11 - 15 OVER)

[Iowa State Court Records Search, accessed 7/19/19]

NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether Miller-Meeks has a criminal record.

No Evidence Of Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of July 2019 Miller-Meeks is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 7/22/19]

NOTE: Further research necessary into whether Miller-Meeks or their associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.