

Tyler Kistner (MN-02) Research Report

The following report contains research on Tyler Kistner, a Republican candidate in Minnesota's 2nd district.

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Republican Candidate in
Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District

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Key Findings

Kistner Was Not On The Side Of Minnesotans

Kistner Was Bad For Minnesotans Health Care. *Kistner supported repealing the Affordable Care Act. Kistner failed to acknowledge that repealing the ACA would cause 30 million Americans to lose their health care coverage, including 266,000 Minnesotans. If the ACA were repealed, 133 million Americans with preexisting conditions could lose their health insurance, including 307,800 Minnesotans who lived in the 2nd Congressional district. Kistner ignored repealing the ACA would increase the cost of drugs for seniors, would deny preventive health coverage to 105 million Americans.*

Kistner Put Corporations & Special Interests Ahead Of Middle Class Minnesotans. *Kistner supported the 2017 Republican tax bill which benefitted the wealthy, corporations, and special interests while millions of Americans would pay more in taxes. The bill also increased the federal debt, increased incentives to move jobs overseas, and lead to more expensive health insurance and leave 13 million more uninsured.*

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Thematics

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Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner supported repealing the Affordable Care Act, but failed to acknowledge all the protections the Affordable Care Act provided to millions of Americans*
 - ✓ *Repealing the Affordable Care Act would cause 30 million Americans to lose their health care coverage, including 266,000 Minnesotans.*
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- ✓ *Kistner supported the 2017 Republican Tax Bill.*
 - ✓ *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act benefitted the wealthy, corporations, and special interests.*
 - ✓ *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act would have made millions of Americans pay more in taxes.*
 - ✓ *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act increased the federal debt – and republicans planned to pay for it with cuts to Medicare and Social Security.*
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29.8 Million People Would Lose Their Health Insurance If Affordable Care Act Were Repealed. “Across the country, 29.8 million people would lose their health insurance if the Affordable Care Act were repealed—more than doubling the number of people without health insurance. And 1.2 million jobs would be lost—not just in health care but across the board.” [EPI, accessed [3/26/19](#), based on 2016 data]

2019: 266,000 Minnesotans Would Lose Health Care Coverage If The Affordable Care Act Was Repealed. According to the Center for American Progress, 266,000 Minnesotans would lose health care coverage if the Affordable Care Act was repealed. In the 2nd Congressional District, 35,000 would lose coverage. [Center for American Progress, [7/9/19](#)]

Repealing The ACA Could Cause 133 Million Americans With Preexisting Conditions To Lose Health Insurance, Including 307,800 Minnesotans Who Lived In The 2nd Congressional District

2017: Repeal Could Have Denied Coverage To As Many As 133 Million Americans. “This analysis updates that earlier study. It confirms that a large fraction of non-elderly Americans have pre-existing health conditions: at least 23 percent of Americans (61 million people) using a narrow definition based on eligibility criteria for pre-ACA state high-risk pools, or as many as 51 percent (133 million people) using a broader definition closer to the underwriting criteria used by insurers prior to the ACA. Any of these 133 million Americans could have been denied coverage, or offered coverage only at an exorbitant price, had they needed individual market health insurance before 2014.” [HHS.gov, Issue Brief, [1/5/17](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Cause 307,800 Minnesotans From The 2nd Congressional District To Lose Health Insurance With Preexisting Conditions. According to Center for America Progress, as of October 2019, repealing the if the Affordable Care Act would cause 307,800 Minnesotans from the 2nd Congressional district to lose health care insurance because of a pre-existing condition. [Center for America Progress, [10/2/19](#)]

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Pre-existing Condition. “In the old days, insurance companies had ways to avoid selling policies to people who were likely to cost more than insurers wanted to spend. They might deny them coverage outright, or exclude coverage for a known condition, or charge so much that insurance became unaffordable. The Affordable Care Act boxes out the old insurance practices with a package of legal moves. First, it says point-blank that carriers ‘may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion.’ It backs that up with another section that says they ‘may not establish rules for eligibility’ based on health status, medical condition, claims experience or medical history.” [Politifact, [10/17/18](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Increase The Cost Of Insurance Premiums

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Increase Insurance Premiums; According To The Washington Post, “Many Would Find They Could No Longer Afford Coverage.” “The ACA, also known as Obamacare, provides subsidies to help subscribers afford the cost of individual policies. The law also required all Americans, with a few exceptions, to have insurance. Without the subsidies or the requirement that all Americans have coverage, experts say the healthiest customers would cease buying insurance if they do not have policies through their employers or through the government. As a result, insurers would be forced to increase premiums to cover the cost of treating those sicker patients who remain. Many would find they could no longer afford coverage.” [Washington Post, [12/7/16](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Increase The Cost Of Drugs For Seniors

CMS: Affordable Care Act Has Helped 7.3 Million Seniors Save \$8.9 Billion In Prescription Drug Costs. “ObamaCare has saved seniors and people with disabilities nearly \$9 billion in prescription drug costs, according to data touted Tuesday by the Obama administration. According to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, 7.3 million people who reached the ‘doughnut hole’ in their Medicare prescription drug coverage have saved \$8.9 billion on their prescription drugs since the law was enacted in 2010. That’s an average savings of \$1,209 per person.” [The Hill, [11/26/13](#)]

Repeal Would Re-Open Medicare Prescription-Drug Doughnut Hole. “There’s a Medicare prescription-drug coverage abyss that is playfully referred to as the ‘doughnut hole,’ though there is nothing sweet or amusing about it. But thanks to the Affordable Care Act, which had a rocky launch last week, Medicare beneficiaries will see that gap shrink again in 2013 and each year until 2020.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/06/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Deny Preventive Health Coverage To 105 Million Americans

Repealing The ACA Would Deny Preventive Health Coverage To 105 Million Americans “About 71 million Americans with private health insurance plans received at least one free preventive health service -- such as a mammogram or flu shot -- in 2011 and 2012 because of the Affordable Care Act, the Obama administration said Monday. In addition, about 34 million people in traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans also received at least one free preventive health service -- such as an annual wellness visit -- due to the health care law, according to a report released Monday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In total, about 105 million Americans have been helped by the preventive services coverage improvements in the Affordable Care Act, said the HHS, which is marking the third anniversary of passage of the law.” [US News & World Report, [3/18/13](#)]

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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](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act 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](#)]

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Key Visuals

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Red Flag Laws Authorize State Courts Allowing Police To Temporarily Confiscate Firearms from People Deemed A Danger To Themselves or Others. “What are red flag laws? They are state laws that authorize courts to issue a special type of protection order, allowing the police to temporarily confiscate firearms from people who are deemed by a judge to be a danger to themselves or to others.” [New York Times, [8/6/19](#)]

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Kistner Was Asked What His Solution Was To Help Struggling Hospitals. According to a Teletown Hall Facebook Live event with Kistner, was asked: “Many hospitals are seriously struggling, furloughing employees, and they are on the brink of shutting down. What’s your solution to help these facilities?” [Teletown Hall Facebook Live , 00:09:16, [4/30/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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Kistner Said The “Wonderful Thing About Me, I’m A Millennial. I’m Bringing In A Fresh Image, A Fresh Message” When Asked About How He Was Campaigning During COVID-19. According to an interview Tyler Kistner gave on KTLK, “Q: How are you going to get your message out and how are you going to effectively

message, during a time when everybody's holed up and stayed in [...]?" Kistner: "Well and that's the wonderful thing about me, I'm a millennial. I'm bringing in a fresh image, a fresh message. And it's a different way of approaching things". [KTLK, 00:07:30, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

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and new ways to approach this. I always have to give credit to those around me.” [KTLK, 00:08:14, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

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Kistner: “People Are Just Very Concerned With This.” According to an interview Tyler Kistner gave on KTLK, Kistner: “A lot of people feel even across my district, and I am talking to many of them across the state, across the country, people are just very concerned with this. We are taking the right steps, we are taking the right measures.” [KTLK, 00:03:03, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

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Kistner: “As Soon As COVID Started Hitting, We Knew People Did Not Want To Hear Little Political One-Liners.” According to an interview Tyler Kistner gave on KTLK, Kistner: “COVID is bringing new challenges, but it’s challenges, it’s not impossibilities. And you have to find a way to get out there. One think we started as soon as COVID started hitting, we knew people did not want to hear little political one-liners, we knew people did not want to talk about the top political issues. They want to talk about ‘Hey! This is what I’m dealing with, here’s my business or here’s my job, and this is what I need.” [KTLK, 00:08:41, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

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HEADLINE: “Minnesota Governor Charts Path To Reopening As Political Pressure Intensifies”. [CNN, [5/7/20](#)]

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Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on Kistner's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Scott County, media outlets including the Minnesota Star Tribune and Prior Lake News Media, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

Kistner Was Born 9/24/1987

Kistner Was Born On Tyler Alan Kistner On September 24, 1987. [Votebuilder, 5/3/20]

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Career Overview

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Professional

- **2019-Present:** US Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Reserves Officer
- **2015-2019:** Marine Special Operations Officer, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC)
 - **2018-2019:** Assistant Deputy Secretariat of the Executive Office at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
 - **2015-2018:** Operations Program Manager At Camp Lejeune In North Carolina
- **2011-2015:** Infantry Officer, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines
 - **2014-2015:** Rifle Company Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines, Operations Project Manager
 - **2011-2014:** Weapons Platoon Commander/FiST Leader: Operations Project Manager

- **2011:** U.S. Marine Corps Officer
- **2010-2011:** Fenstra Lawn Service, LLC, Landscaper
- **2008-2010:** Fat Nats Eggs, Waitstaff
- **2007-2009:** Jackson Middle School, Football Coach And Assistant Wrestling Coach
- **Summers 2007-2009:** Trout Lake Camps: Life Guard, Camp Counselor, Assist Camp Director

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MARSOC Executes Complex, Distributed Operations In Uncertain Environments, Achieving Silent Success And Strategic Impact. "Recruit, train, sustain, and deploy scalable, expeditionary forces worldwide to accomplish special operations missions assigned by U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). To accomplish that, MARSOC equips and trains Marines to succeed in austere conditions against a wide range of adversaries. MARSOC executes complex, distributed operations in uncertain environments, achieving silent success and strategic impact." [MARSOC, accessed [5/7/20](#)]

Special Operations Officers Operate As Cross-Cultural Diplomats And Global Scouts, With The Unique Ability To Exert Influence In Areas And Situations That Are Absent Authority. "Critical Skills Operators and Special Operations Officers operate as cross-cultural diplomats and global scouts, with the unique ability to exert influence in areas and situations that are absent authority. We are a Full Spectrum Force, and Geographic Combatant Commanders can and do send us anywhere under any circumstances." [MARSOC, accessed [5/7/20](#)]

Special Operations Officers (SOOs) Were Sent To Their Marine Special Operations Teams. Companies and Battalions After Training Was Completed. "Special Operations Officers (SOOs) are Marine Corps officers awarded the 0370 PMOS. Officer candidates trying to obtain this MOS have to be rank of First Lieutenant or higher and must go through similar training and more compared to enlistees. Special Operations Officer candidates will attend Assessment & Selection (A&S) Phase 1 and 2 together with their enlisted counterparts. Upon successful A&S Phase 1 and 2 completion, Marines selected for assignment as CSOs or

SOOs attend Individual Training Course (ITC). Officers attending ITC will also attend MARSOC Team Commander’s Course (MTCC), which coincides with ITC. Once all training has been completed, SOOs will be sent to their Marine Special Operations Teams (MSOT), Companies (MSOC), and Battalions (MSOB).” [Wikipedia, accessed [5/7/20](#)]

2018-2019: Kistner Served As The Assistant Deputy Secretariat Of The Executive Office At The U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command At Camp Lejeune In North Carolina

2018-2019: Kistner Served As The Assistant Deputy Secretariat Of The Executive Office At The U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command At Camp Lejeune In North Carolina. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner Served As The Assistant Deputy Secretariat Of The Executive Office At The U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command At Camp Lejeune In North Carolina, from May 2018 to November 2019. [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20; [5/13/20](#)]

Experience



U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC)
1 yr 9 mos

- **Reserve Officer (Information Operations)**
Nov 2019 – Present · 3 mos
- **Assistant Deputy Secretariat of the Executive Office**
May 2018 – Present · 1 yr 9 mos
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

 - Established and oversaw organizational strategy and policy for the assessment, synchronization, and implementation of dynamic program schedules to support global special operations activities and national security strategy objectives
 - Launched and led multiple cross-functional teams which enhanced enterprise-wide project resource management policy to support process efficiencies in training, supply chain management, and global operations
 - Synchronized and managed all executive level administrative and operational processes and policies for the executive office of a 5,700-employee organization to organize, man, train and equip for global security operations
 - Authored and coordinated all correspondence and policies for an executive office which established strategic vision, performance parameters, and the reprioritization of \$240M in resources to support global operations
 - Networked and collaborated all non-profit and veteran organizations to facilitate more than \$100M in resources to support military and civilian families in tuition cost, home/memorial construction, and job transition cost

[Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner Established And Oversaw “Dynamic Program Schedules”. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Established and oversaw organizational strategy and policy for the assessment, synchronization, and implementation of dynamic program schedules to support global special operations activities and national security strategy objectives.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner “Launched And Led Multiple Cross-Functional Teams... To Support Processes Efficiencies In Training, Supply Chain Management, And Global Security Operations.” According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Launched and led multiple cross-functional teams which enhanced enterprise-wide project resource management policy to support processes efficiencies in training, supply chain management, and global security operations.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner “Synchronized And Managed All Executive Level Administrative And Operational Processes And Policies For The Executive Office.” According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Synchronized and managed all executive level administrative and operational processes and policies for the executive office of a 5,700-employee organization to organize, man, train and equip for global security operations.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

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for an executive office with established strategic vision, performance parameters, and all reprioritization of \$240M in resources to support global operations.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner “Networked And Collaborated All Non-Profit And Veteran Organizations To Facilitate More Than \$100 Million... To Support Military And Civilian Families. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Networked and collaborated all non-profit and veteran organizations to facilitate more than \$100M in resources to support military and civilian families in tuition cost, home/memorial construction, and job transition cost.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

2015-2018: Kistner Served As Marine Special Operations Team Commander, 3rd Marine Raider Battalion, Operations Program Manager, At Camp Lejeune, NC

2015-2018: Kistner Served As Marine Special Operations Team Commander, 3rd Marine Raider Battalion, Operations Program Manager, In Camp Lejeune, NC. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner served as Marine Special Operations Team Commander for the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion, Operations Program Manager, Camp Lejeune in North Carolina from August 2015 to May 2018. [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner Implemented “Five Separate Counterterrorism And Security Assistance Programs Totaling \$80 Million. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Orchestrated from implementation to conclusion, five separate counterterrorism and security assistance programs totaling \$80M; improving program process efficiencies and achieving strategic security objectives.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner Engaged And Headed Initiatives With “A U.S. Ambassador And 4-Star General Officers’; Advocated With Diplomats And Foreign Partners, “Influencing The Re-Alignment Of \$800 Million In Strategic Security And Counterterrorism Objectives.” According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Engaged and headed all executive level special operations initiatives with a U.S. Ambassador and 4-star general officers, advocating with diplomats and foreign partners, ultimately influencing the re-alignment of \$800 Million in strategic security and counterterrorism objectives.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner “Directed All Logistics And Supply Chain Management Requirements In Support Of Five Separate Programs” And Streamlined Process To Cut Costs And Decrease Delivery Time. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Directed all logistics and supply chain management requirements in support of five separate programs; ultimately streamlining processes to cut cost and decrease delivery time to meet program requirements and all key international stakeholder’s objectives.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner “Coordinated Numerous Initiatives With Key Stakeholders In Europe And Across Africa” And Presented Intelligence Reports To Executive Stakeholders. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Provided detailed operations and intelligence reports and presentations weekly to executive stakeholders and coordinated numerous initiatives with key stakeholders in Europe and across Africa to unify many strategic efforts.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner “Mentored and advanced...38 Elite Civilians And Military Personnel Which Increased Their Productivity And Achievement.” According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn from January 2020, Kistner “Mentored and advanced the leadership capabilities and organizational management skill of 38 elite civilian and military personnel which increased their productivity and achievement in task exceeding established standards.” [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

**Operations Program Manager (Marine Special Operations Team Commander)**

3d Marine Raider Battalion
Aug 2015 – May 2018 · 2 yrs 10 mos
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

- Orchestrated from implementation to conclusion, five separate counterterrorism and security assistance programs totaling \$80M; improving program process efficiencies and achieving strategic security objectives
- Engaged and headed all executive level Special Operations initiatives with a U.S. Ambassador and 4-star general officers, advocating with diplomats and foreign partners; ultimately influencing the re-alignment of \$800M in strategic security and counterterrorism objectives
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[Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

Kistner Served In North Africa Where He Participated In “Operation Inherent Resolve Tunisia” And Received The Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal For Tunisia

Kistner Did Served In North Africa When He Participated In “Operation Inherent Resolve Tunisia”.

According to Kistner’s DD 214, Kistner did served in North Africa when he participated in “Operation Inherent Resolve Tunisia” from September 20, 2017 to April 1, 2018. [Tyler A. Kistner, DD 214, accessed 5/7/20]

Kistner Received The Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal For Tunisia. According to Kistner’s DD 214, Kistner received the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for Tunisia [Tyler A. Kistner, DD 214, accessed 5/7/20]

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Was Awarded To Service Members Who Preformed Duty In a Deployed Status In A Designated Anti-Terrorism Operation For 30 Consecutive Or 60 Non-Consecutive Days. “To be awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal a military service member must perform duty in a deployed status and must participate in designated anti-terrorism operation for a period of either 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty. For those who were engaged in combat, killed, or wounded in the line of duty, the time requirement is waived. The term ‘deployed status’ indicates either temporary or permanent orders to a duty station outside the borders of the United States of America with such duty being in direct support of anti-terrorism operations. For a service member to receive the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the deployment must also have taken place in a nation which is currently recognized as a base for anti-terrorism operations by the United States Department of Defense.” [Department Of Defense, [9/12/17](#)]

2011-2015: Kistner Was An Infantry Officer, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines At Marine Corps Base Hawaii In Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

2011-2015: Kistner Was An Infantry Officer, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines At Marine Corps Base Hawaii In Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn profile, Kistner was an Infantry Officer, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines At M C B H (Marine Corps Base Hawaii) in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii from October 2011 to August 2015. [Tyler Kistner LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Marine Corps Base Hawaii Was Known As MCBH. “Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) attracts a special kind of person and when they become a part of our team, they build upon a legacy that has transcended time.” [MCBH Hawaii, accessed [5/18/20](#)]

Kistner's Served As 0302, Infantry Officer (1) For 3 Years And 6 Months. Kistner's served as 0302, Infantry Officer (1) for 3 years and 6 months. [Tyler A. Kistner, DD 214, accessed 5/7/20]

Kistner Served In The 3d Battalion 3d Marines, 3d Marine Regiment In Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. According to a "Officer Promotion's for July 2015", Kistner was promoted to a Captain in 3d Battalion 3d Marines, 3d Marine Regiment or V33 stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Marines, [6/26/15](#); Marines, accessed [5/7/20](#)

Kistner Was Awarded A Korean Defense Service Medal. According to Kistner's DD 214, Kistner was awarded a Korean Defense Service Medal. [Tyler A. Kistner, DD 214, accessed 5/7/20]

Korean Defense Service Medal Was Awarded To Members Who Served In Support Of The Defense Of The Republic Of Korea Service. "Members of the armed forces authorized the KDSM must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas." [Navy, accessed [5/7/20](#)]

Service Members Must Have Been Assigned, Attached, Or Mobilized To Units Operating There And Have Been Physically Deployed In Area For 30 Consecutive Or 60 Non-Consecutive Days. "Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days. or meet one of the following criteria:" [Navy, accessed [5/7/20](#)]

Service Members May Have Also Been Engaged In Combat, Wounded Or Injured In Line Of Duty, Or Have Been Assigned To Assigned Air Crew Flying In, Out, Or Within The Area. "Be engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility. Wounded or injured in the line of duty and require medical evacuation from the area of eligibility. While participating as a regularly assigned air crew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that on or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria shall count as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement." [Navy, accessed [5/7/20](#)]

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3d Battalion 3d Marines
3 yrs 11 mos

Operations Project Manager (Rifle Company Executive Officer)

Jan 2014 – Aug 2015 · 1 yr 8 mos
M C B H Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

- Coordinated and led multiple cross functional teams to develop and managed the implementation of improved organizational policies, training procedures, and logistics processes which saved \$12M in unit cost and efficiencies
- Managed from implementation to conclusion, 12 distinct security assistance projects to [...see more](#)

Operations Project Manager (Weapons Platoon Commander / FiST Leader)

Oct 2011 – Jan 2014 · 2 yrs 4 mos
M C B H Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

- Led and coached 350 U.S. and foreign military personnel through 500 high-risk projects, creating and restructuring foreign nation training programs to enhance service targets and objective capabilities.
- Orchestrated planning efforts and managed the implementation of improved organiza: [...see more](#)

[Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]

2011-2014: Kistner Served As Operations Project Manager In Hawaii As Well As Weapons Platoon Commander/FiST Leader

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Kistner Was Deployed To Malaysia, Bangkok, And Okinawa, Japan

2013: Kistner Participated In Amphibious Assault Operations Training In Malaysia As The Weapons Platoon Commander. “U.S. Marines and sailors with Landing Force Company conducted amphibious assault operations alongside Malaysian Armed Forces soldiers at Batu Beach, Pahang, Malaysia, June 20-21, during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2013. [...] ‘It was evident through the Malaysian Armed Forces’ professionalism and proficiency that they worked hard preparing for this operation,’ said U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Tyler A. Kistner, the weapons platoon commander with Co. I. ‘I was very impressed by their level of discipline and work ethic. This was a great opportunity for our forces to work together, learn from one another, and build lasting relationships.’” [Marine Corps Press Release, [7/2/13](#)]

June 2013: Kistner Was The Land Team Leader For Training In Bangkok. According to a photo on the U.S. Embassy Bangkok Facebook page, in a photo album titled “CARAT 2013: Amphibious Assault Exercise”, included a picture of Tyler Kistner conducting an interview with the caption “1St Lieutenant Kistner Tyler, us land team leader, gives an interview on training.” [U.S. Embassy Bangkok, [6/10/13](#)]



[U.S. Embassy Bangkok, [6/10/13](#)]

U.S. Marines And Royal Thai Marines Participated In The Amphibious Assault Exercise As Part Of Carat (Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training) 2013. According to U.S. Embassy Bangkok Facebook page, in a photo album titled “CARAT 2013: Amphibious Assault Exercise” the album description said “CARAT 2013 (June 10, 2013) U.S. Marines and Royal Thai Marines participated in the Amphibious Assault Exercise at Had Yao Beach, Chonburi, as part of CARAT (Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training) 2013.” [U.S. Embassy Bangkok, [6/10/13](#)]

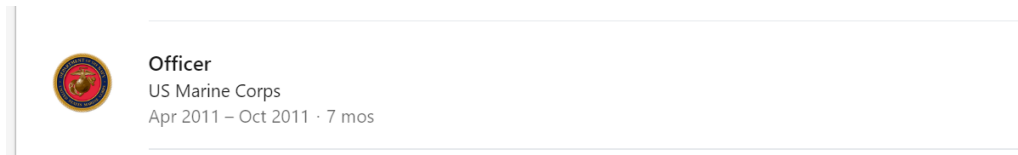
Sep. 2013: Kistner Was A Platoon Commander With 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines. ‘The purpose of the exercise is to ensure the unit’s combat readiness,’ said 1st Lt. Tyler A. Kistner, a platoon commander with 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines. ‘Specifically, for this portion of the exercise, it is to get the Marines familiar and proficient with helicopter-borne operations.’” Training for night raids is important because to properly insert behind enemy lines takes immense planning and precision to ensure success, according to Kistner. ‘The training is geared toward landing zone operations: inserting Marines, providing security at the landing zone, stealth-disciplined advancement toward the objective, and then extraction from the landing zone after successfully completing the mission,’ said Kistner.” [Marines, [9/22/13](#)]

Marines with 3rd Battalion Were Assigned To The 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force For Deployment At Camp Schwab In Okinawa, Japan. Service members executed a helicopter-borne night raid Sept. 13 during Exercise Lejeune II. Exercise Lejeune II is a joint exercise taking place at Camp Schwab (CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Japan) and surrounding training areas

with an emphasis on aerial assault training. During the exercise, six U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the U.S. Army's 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade assisted Marines with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program. [Marines, [9/22/13](#)]

2011: Kistner Served As An Officer In The Marine Corps

2011: Kistner Served As An Officer In The Marine Corps. According to Tyler Kistner's LinkedIn profile, Kistner served as a Marine Corps officer in 2011. [Tyler Kistner, LinkedIn, accessed 1/2/20]



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Kistner Said He Never Claimed To Be A Combat Veteran; Former Primary Opponent And Veteran Erika Cashin Disagreed

Kistner: "I Have Never Claimed To Be A Combat Veteran...During My Service, I Did Advise, Assist, And Guide Partner Operations During Combat Missions Across Terrorist Organizations Overseas."

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Cashin Said That Kistner's Statement Saying He Never Said He Had Been A Combat Veteran Is Not True

Cashin Said That Kistner's Statement Saying He Never Said He Had Been A Combat Veteran Is Not True. "Furthermore, Kistner's statement in a late Thursday night email that "' *have never claimed to be a combat veteran which others have intentionally lied about,*' is not true nor borne out by the facts as exhibited below:," [Erika Cashin for Congress, accessed [4/30/20](#)]

Cashin Highlighted Three Instances In Which She Claimed He Exaggerated His Military Record

April 2020: Kistner Stated He Was Against "Stupid Wars", Such As Continuing To Be In Iraq And Afghanistan, "Because I, I've Been In Such Conflicts". "At a Thursday, April 16, 2020 Young Republican Zoom meeting found on the organizations public Facebook page, (<https://bit.ly/3d1Kw8C> at the -00:35:25 mark) Kistner specifically stated he had combat experience after being asked the following question: 'We continue to be in Iraq and Afghanistan and as a veteran, what would you propose as a solution for those two wars?' At the -34.40 mark of Kistner's response (emphasis added): "I'm not in support of stupid wars, I'm a person who firmly believes, **because I, I've been in such conflicts,** where you go in there and it's hard to really say what is your purpose for being there. Cause sometimes it always feels, you know, they always say the U.S. interest, well

sometimes the U.S. interest always feels like it's some sort of other interest." [Erika Cashin for Congress, accessed [4/30/20](#)] *NOTE: Text was italicized and bolded in the original.*

Kistner: "I'm Not In Support Of Stupid Wars. I'm A Person Who Firmly Believes, Because...I've Been In Such Conflicts, Where You Go In There And It's Hard To Really Say What Is Your Purpose For Being There." According to a Young Republican Zoom interview conducted on April 16, 2020, Kistner was asked "We continue to be in Iraq and Afghanistan and as a veteran, what would you propose as a solution for those two wars?" Kistner: "I'm not in support of stupid wars. I'm a person who firmly believes, because I, I've been in such conflicts, where you go in there and it's hard to really say what is your purpose for being there. Cause sometimes it always feels, you know, they always say the U.S. interest, well sometimes the U.S. interest always feels like it's some sort of other interest." [Vantage, 2020 04 16 Tyler Kistner Town Hall,, MN, 00:19:02, [4/16/20](#)]

March 2020: Kistner: "I've Been On The Wrong End Of A Loaded Weapon." Similarly, on Thursday, March 5, in front of an overflow crowd at a House District 52A candidate forum attended by members of the public, Kistner stated, 'I've been on the wrong end of a loaded weapon,' further implying one or more close encounters with enemy combatants." [Erika Cashin for Congress, accessed [4/30/20](#)]

NOTE: Original footage was not available to confirm Kistner's quote.

Jan. 2020: Kistner Stated He Put His Enemy "Six Feet Under". On January 24, 2020, at a candidate forum held by Senator Dan Hall, Kistner stated he put his enemy "six feet under" implying combat experience on his part that resulted in enemy casualties." [Erika Cashin for Congress, accessed [4/30/20](#)]

NOTE: Original footage was not available to confirm Kistner's quote.

Civilian Career

2010-2011: Kistner Served As A Landscaper For Fenstra Lawn Service, LLC.

2010-2011: Kistner Served As A Landscaper For Fenstra Lawn Service, LLC. According to Tyler Kistner's LinkedIn profile, Kistner was employed as a landscaper by Fenstra Lawn Service, LLC. from December 2010 to April 2011. [Tyler Kistner LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

2008-2010: Kistner Was Employed At Fat Nats Eggs As Waitstaff

2008-2010: Kistner Was Employed At Fat Nats Eggs As Waitstaff. According to Tyler Kistner's LinkedIn profile, Kistner was employed by Fat Nats Eggs as waitstaff in Brooklyn Park, MN from April 2008 to December 2010. [Tyler Kistner LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

2007-2009: Kistner Was A Football Coach And Assistant Wrestling Coach At Jackson Middle School

2007-2009: Kistner Was A Football Coach And Assistant Wrestling Coach At Jackson Middle School. According to Tyler Kistner's LinkedIn profile, Kistner served as a head football coach at Jackson Middle School from September 2007 to November 2009. Kistner also served as an assistant wrestling coach at from December 2007 to February 2009 at Jackson Middle School. Jackson Middle School is located in Champlin, MN. [Tyler Kistner LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Summers 2007-2009: Kistner Was A Lifeguard, Camp Counselor, and Assistant Camp Director At Trout Lake Camps

Summers 2007-2009: Kistner Was A Lifeguard, Camp Counselor, and Assistant Camp Director At Trout Lake Camps. According to Tyler Kistner’s LinkedIn profile, Kistner was employed by Trout Lake Camps in in Minnesota. From June 2007 to August 2007, Kistner was life guard. From June 2008 to August 2008, Kistner was camp counselor. From June 2009 to August 2009, Kistner was the assistant camp director. [Tyler Kistner LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Trout Lake Camps Were A Member of The Christian Camp and Conference Association And “That More Than 275,000 People Have Experienced This ‘Meeting Place With God.’” “Trout Lake Camps officially opened in 1947 and since then more than 275,000 people have experienced this ‘meeting place with God.’ The camp sits on 325 acres north of Brainerd, Minn., and offers incredible experiences, from summer camp fun to weekend retreats for youth and adults. We are owned by approximately 250 Baptist churches who are associated with Converge North Central. Since 1960 we have been a member of the Christian Camp and Conference Association (www.ccca.org). We also have a sister camp in Iowa called Pine Lake Camps.” [Trout Lake Camps, accessed [5/4/20](#)]

2007: Kistner Was Tagged In A Facebook Photo Holding A Gun While He Was Employed As A Life Guard At Trout Lake Camp.

2007: Kistner Was Tagged In A Facebook Photo Holding A Gun While He Was Employed As A Life Guard At Trout Lake Camp. According to Bayley Bodien Lewis Facebook photo album titled Trout Lake Camp 2, Tyler Kistner was tagged in a photo holding a gun. Kistner was then employed by Trout Lake Camps as a life guard. His wife Marie Kistner is also tagged in the photo. [Bayley Bodien Lewis Facebook, [10/27/07](#)]



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Licenses And Certification

April 2011: Kistner Obtained A Certificate In Leadership From The U.S. Marine Corps

April 2011: Kistner Obtained A Certificate In Leadership From The U.S. Marine Corps. According to Tyler Kistner's LinkedIn profile, Kistner was issued a certificate in Leadership from the U.S. Marine Corps in April 2011. [Tyler Kistner LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Kistner Obtained A Certificate From Syracuse University For Project Management Professional (PMP)

Kistner Obtained A Certificate From Syracuse University For Project Management Professional (PMP). According to Tyler Kistner's LinkedIn profile, Kistner obtained a certificate from Syracuse University for Project Management Professional (PMP). [Tyler Kistner LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Certification Was For Project Management Professionals Who Wanted To Verify Their Expertise.

According to the Syracuse University Whitman website, "This certification is for project management professionals who are looking to verify their expertise in project management. Certifications are a great way to invest in your career and it shows employers that a third party expert has validated your subject matter knowledge." [Whitman, Syracuse University, accessed [5/14/20](#)]

The Requirements Were 24 Hours Of Classroom Training, 40 Hours of Project Management Experience, And Passing Open Book Online Exam.

According to the Syracuse University Whitman website, "The requirements for this certification are 24 hours of classroom training, 40 hours of project management experience and passing a 100 question open book on-line exam (which you can take at your convenience)." [Whitman, Syracuse University, accessed [5/14/20](#)]

Voter Registration & History

According to Votebuilder, Kistner's voting history is depicted below:

Kistner Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2018	N	N						
2017	N	N						
2016	N	N						
2015								
2014								
2013								
2012	Y	N						
2011								
2010								
2009								
2008	Y	N						
2007		N						
2006	Y	N						
2005					Y			

[VoteBuilder, accessed 5/4/20]

NOTE: Waiting for FOIA from Minnesota voter registration to confirm.

Kistner Was Only Registered To Vote In Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District Until March 2020

Tyler Kistner Voter Address History			
Start Date	End Date	Address	Congressional District
3/9/2020	Present	Prior Lake, MN 55372	2 nd District
10/12/2016	3/9/2020	Victoria, MN 55386	3 rd District
3/7/2013	10/12/2016	Brooklyn Park, MN 55443	3 rd District
1/21/2011	1/17/2012	Minneapolis, MN 55441	3 rd District
8/14/2007	3/7/2013	Champlin, MN 55316	3 rd District

[VoteBuilder, accessed 5/15/20]

NOTE: All documents are saved on the DCCC Research drive.

Personal Finance

In 2020, Kistner had an estimated net worth of between \$46,004 and \$165,000.

According to Kistner’s federal personal financial disclosures, his 2020 annual unearned income was between \$202 and \$1,200. In 2019, Kistner earned \$80,765.26 in salary from the Federal Defense Department. Kistner’s assets totaled between \$46,004 and \$165,000. Kistner had \$0 in liabilities.

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

Kistner’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Transactions		Liabilities	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
2020	\$0	\$46,004	\$165,000	\$202	\$1,200	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0
2019	\$80,765.26	N/A	N/A	\$202	\$1,200	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0

[Tyler Kistner 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/2/20](#)]

NOTE: Kistner posted this note in Earned Income: “Federal Department of Defense Comment: I was an active duty officer in the USMC and transitioned into the USMC Reserves. After announcing for my candidacy, I have not received any income.”

Political Career

This section provides an overview of Kistner's political career, from March 2020 to Present.

Significant Findings

- ✓ *On Jan. 7, 2020, Kistner announced his candidacy for Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District.*
- ✓ *Kistner signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, committing to oppose all income tax hikes.*
- ✓ *Kistner was called "a young millennial, who's hungry and dedicated."*
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- ✓ *Kistner said his campaign has been telling people to donate blood and "I'm a O-Negative so I'm a universal donor. They love me!"*
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2020 Campaign

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Kistner: “It’s time for a new generation of leaders to represent the very best of Minnesota and assume the mantle of leadership.” “Kistner grew up in Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota. He is married, and he and his wife have one daughter. After graduating from college, he joined the Marines and was commissioned as an infantry officer. He served in an elite special-operations command known as the Marine Raiders. ‘It’s time for a new generation of leaders to represent the very best of Minnesota and assume the mantle of leadership,’ he said in the news release. ‘I will go out to Washington and say enough is enough by taking action to address the hard issues.’” [St. Paul Pioneer Press, 1/7/20]

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Kistner Got Boost From The NRCC, Who Named Him To Their “Young Guns” Candidate List. “Kistner and two of the other candidates, former state Rep. Regina Barr of Inver Grove Heights and former Air Force Lt. Col.

Erika Cashin of Apple Valley, all promoted themselves as strong conservatives. But the St. Paul Pioneer Press reports Kistner, who is a political newcomer, got a boost from the National Republican Congressional Committee, which named him to their “Young Guns” list of top candidates.” [AP News, [5/3/20](#)]

Kistner Pledged A “America and Minnesota First Message.” In a speech to the GOP convention, Kistner pledged himself to an ‘America- and Minnesota-first message’ that includes returning the economy to prosperity, cutting government spending and addressing national debt. In a statement, Minnesota Republican Party Chairwoman Jennifer Carnahan said Kistner’s win “proves he is a force to be reckoned with on the campaign trail and is going to be just the person to defeat” Craig in November.” [AP News, [5/3/20](#)]

HEADLINE: “Republicans Endorse Kistner To Challenge Rep. Craig In 2nd.” [AP News, [5/3/20](#)]

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[RightVoter, LLC., accessed [5/7/20](#)]

May 2020: Grant Was A Senior Account Executive At RightVoter, LLC. And Full-Time General Consultant At Tyler Kistner For Congress. According to Billy Grant’s LinkedIn page, from December 2017 to May 2020, Grant was an associate at RightVoter, LLC. As of May 2020, Grant was a senior account executive at RightVoter, LLC. and since January 2020 to present, Grant was a full-time general consultant at Tyler Kistner for Congress [Billy Grant LinkedIn, accessed [5/7/20](#)]

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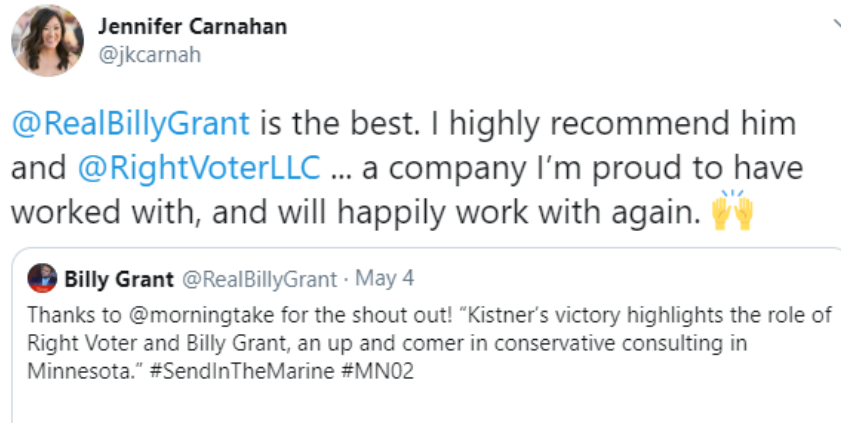
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50/50 Strategic Was RightVoter, LLC.’s Public Affairs Firm “With 50-State Reach And Extensive Ties To The White House And Capitol Hill.” According to RightVoter, LLC.’s website, “50/50 Strategic is a public affairs firm with 50-state reach and extensive ties to the White House and Capitol Hill. With an extensive grassroots and opinion-leader network in all 50 states, 50/50 Strategic is uniquely positioned to manage public affairs and issue advocacy campaigns.” [RightVoter, LLC., accessed [5/7/20](#)]

RightVoter LLC Listed Trump For President 2016, Rand Paul For President, George W. Bush for President, RNC, National Rifle Association, Project Veritas, And Tyler Kistner For Congress As Some of Their Clients. According to RightVoter, LLC.’s website, RightVoter, LLC. listed the following as clients: Donald J. Trump for President 2016; Senator Rand Paul for President; Senator Rick Santorum for President; George W. Project Veritas; Project Veritas Action; Committee to Defend the President; Tyler Kistner for Congress; US Term Limits; American Family Association; Protect Freedom PAC; Mayor Rudy Giuliani for President; Trey Hollingsworth for Congress; National Right to Work; Alliance for a Greater Minnesota; and Doug Wardlow for Attorney General (MN). [RightVoter, LLC. accessed [5/7/20](#)]

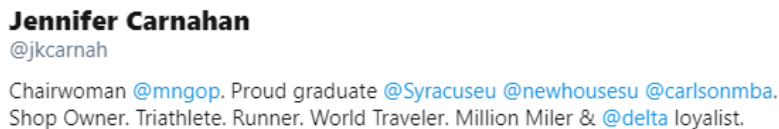
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[Jennifer Carnahan Twitter, [5/4/20](#)]

Jennifer Carnahan Was The Chairwoman Of Minnesota Republican Party. According to Jennifer Carnahan’s Twitter account, Carnahan was the current Chair of Minnesota Republican Party. [Jennifer Carnahan Twitter, [5/6/20](#)]



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Matt Pagano Was The National Field Director For GOP Camelback Strategy Group. According to Matt Pagano LinkedIn, Pagano worked for Camelback Strategy Group. “Camelback Strategy Group is a full-service GOP political and public affairs firm.” [Matt Pagano LinkedIn, accessed [5/13/20](#); Camelback Strategy Group Twitter, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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involved with politics?” Kistner: “Big thing was, it was prayer and faith. Serving in the Marines Special Operations, I was working on the executive staff, working on national level issues, getting to work with Congress on some of the legislative issues, and it was up there seeing the lack of real leadership from our elected officials. And really seeing what was at the kind of the heart of those who were supposed to be representing us. And that was kind of the catalyst that brought me to this decision.” [KTLK, 00:00:45, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

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Kistner Decided To Run To Bring “Servant Leadership And Looking To Be A True Resource To The People, Of This District.” According to an interview Tyler Kistner gave on KTLK, “And me and my wife, for about a year and half, really started praying about it and then it came to that decision of bringing that servant leadership and looking to be a true resource to the people, of this district. And that’s what kind of brought us into here and running so at the core of it, and I put it on my website, I put it on everything, and it’s always in every speech I have, it’s to bring servant leadership to Congress and change the mentality of making sure that it is about the people’s interest and not the special interest.” [KTLK, 00:01:17, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

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Angie Craig

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she tried to stand on being this moderate and not being a politician, saying, you know, she’s for results, she’s all about results not politics but when you dig down to it, all she is a politician. [KTLK, 00:05:27, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

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Personal Political Donations

Kistner Donated \$16,004.95 To His Own Campaign, Kistner For Congress

Kistner’s Federal Contributions			
Date	Election Type	Committee Name	Total Contributions
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$2,766.03
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$2,036.80
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$1,202.12
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$10,000.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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[FEC, Individual Contribution search, accessed 5/10/20]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Shakopee Valley News: “Kistner criticized Trump’s impeachment...as wasting money and taking time from more important issues.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said he agreed with Trump 99% and was “a strong supporter of President Trump.”*
- ✓ *Kistner agreed with Trump on most of Trump’s Policies including trade, foreign policy, and growing military budgets.*
- ✓ *Kistner: “I applaud the President on his handling of this” and allowing COVID decisions to be led by state governments.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said to look the approval ratings of Trump and people are feeling that they are doing a really good job, and...they’re scared.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said Trump’s campaign saw winning the 2nd congressional district “vital to winning the state.”*

Impeachment

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Trump’s Policies

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policy, growing military budgets and other areas, though he described himself as more fiscally conservative.” [SW News Media, [1/9/19](#)]

COVID-19

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Kistner Was Asked What His Thoughts Were On What Was Happening In The State And Governor’s Walz’s Response To COVID-19. “Q: What are your thoughts on what’s been happening here in the state with the response to COVID-19 and the pandemic and where we are right now? I mean we’re still in this holding pattern, the 18th is the next day the stay at home orders are supposed to end, and [...] about Walz expanding testing for nursing homes, seems to be a few weeks to late. But Tyler Kistner, what are your thoughts on the way the state has handled the pandemic so far?” [KTLK, 00:01:53, [5/8/20](#)]

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2020 Election

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Issues

Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner said he was “100% pro-life.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said that today “politicians and legislatures approve abortion up to birth.”*
- ✓ *Kistner supported “cutting off Title X funding to Planned Parenthood” to prohibit federal funded abortions.*
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Budget Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *On Feb. 18, 2020, Kistner said “I don’t like talking about increasing the budget, doesn’t matter for what.”*
- ✓ *Kistner was against raising the debt ceiling and said “runaway spending needs to be stopped.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said his primary goal was to limit federal government overreach.*
- ✓ *Kistner’s said controlling government spending was one of his top three priorities.*
- ✓ *Kistner said there are plenty of programs to cut and federal agencies that “no longer serve a purpose” and some that “you can get rid of.”*

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Disaster Relief Issues – COVID-19

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 Kistner's response to the crisis.

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner: “I applaud the president on his handling of this” and allowing COVID decisions to be led by state governments.”*
- ✓ *During the COVID-19 crisis, Kistner wanted to get people back to work, and said the crisis highlighted the need to put the American economy first.*
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Kistner Was Asked What His Thoughts Were On What Was Happening In The State And Governor’s Walz’s Response To COVID-19. “Q: What are your thoughts on what’s been happening here in the state with

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Kistner: "People Are Just Very Concerned With This." According to an interview Tyler Kistner gave on KTLK, Kistner: "A lot of people feel even across my district, and I am talking to many of them across the state, across the country, people are just very concerned with this. We are taking the right steps, we are taking the right measures." [KTLK, 00:03:03, [5/8/20](#)] (AUDIO)

Economic Impact

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HEADLINE: "Minnesota Governor Charts Path To Reopening As Political Pressure Intensifies". [CNN, [5/7/20](#)]

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Supply chains matter. I wrote in the Star Tribune a few weeks ago about the need for a centralized federal approach to manage our healthcare supply chain. [nytimes.com/2020/05/05/us/...](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/05/us/...)

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Congresswoman Craig’s Office Was Working To Respond To COVID-19

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Introduces Bill Providing No Interest Loans for Small Businesses” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [3/23/20](#)]

Press Release: “U.S. Representatives Angie Craig, Pete Stauber and Jared Huffman Fight for Special Education Funding in Response to Coronavirus, School Closures” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [3/23/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Urgently Pushes to Include Relief Funding for Minnesota Counties, Cities and Towns” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [3/25/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Introduces The All Dependent Children Count Act To Cover Dependents Up to Age 24:” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [3/31/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Pushes For and Secures Additional Guidance on Paycheck Protection Program Loans” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [4/9/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Launches Digital Thank You For Local Heroes Program For First Responders” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [4/10/20](#)]

Press Release: “Introduces Bill to Require Supply Chain Transparency During Emergencies”
[Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [4/17/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Pushes USDA To Stand With Family Farmers During COVID-19 Pandemic” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [4/29/20](#)]

Press Release: “Reps. Craig and Peters Introduce Bill to Mitigate Future Spikes in Health Insurance Premiums Due to COVID-19” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [4/20/20](#)]

Press Release: “Rep. Angie Craig Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Expand Market for American-Made Biofuels” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [4/28/20](#)]

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Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Announces Plan to Connect All Americans to Affordable Broadband Internet.” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [5/1/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Is Joined By 47 Second District Local Elected Officials In Push For COVID-19 Relief For Small and Mid-sized Towns, Cities and Counties” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [5/6/20](#)]

Press Release: “Rep. Craig Convened Her Farmer Advisory Council Comprised Of Family Farmers From Across The Second District” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [5/6/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Hosts Virtual Kids Roundtable” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [5/7/20](#)]

Press Release: “Rep. Craig Sends Letter Urging Flexibility On The Paycheck Protection Program To House and Senate Leadership” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [5/8/20](#)]

Press Release: “Rep. Angie Craig Urges Healthy Minnesotans To Donate Blood” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, [5/8/20](#)]

Press Release: “Congresswoman Angie Craig Secures Covid-19 Relief Payments For All Families With Dependents” [Congresswoman Angie Craig, Press Release, [5/12/20](#)]

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Environment Issues

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Term Limits

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U.S. Term Limits Pledge Was A Pledge That A Member Will Cosponsor And Vote For The U.S. Term Limits Amendment Of 3 House Terms And 2 Senate Terms And No Longer Limit. “The U.S. Term Limits amendment pledge is provided to every announced candidate for federal office. It reads, ‘I pledge that as a member of Congress, I will cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Term Limits amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms and no longer limit.’ The U.S. Term Limits constitutional amendment has been introduced in both the U.S. Senate by Senator Ted Cruz (SJR1) and the U.S. House by Representative Francis Rooney (HJR20).” [U.S. Term Limits, Press Release, 3/10/20]

Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner said he was “100% pro-2nd amendment.”*
- ✓ *Kistner: “Guns don’t kill people, people kill people.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said gun-restriction laws hinder law-abiding citizens from owning guns “while doing nothing to hinder criminals from buying guns because they get their guns largely on the black market.”*
- ✓ *Kistner: “We don’t need more gun-control in America, We need gun-education and stronger mental health awareness.”*
- ✓ *Kistner would not support a red flag law.*

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Gun Safety Regulations

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Red Flag Laws

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Red Flag Laws Authorize State Courts Allowing Police To Temporarily Confiscate Firearms From People Deemed A Danger To Themselves or Others. “What are red flag laws? They are state laws that authorize courts to issue a special type of protection order, allowing the police to temporarily confiscate firearms from people who are deemed by a judge to be a danger to themselves or to others.” [New York Times, [8/6/19](#)]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner supported repealing, then reforming the Affordable Care Act.*
 - ✓ *Repealing the ACA would mean 266,000 Minnesotans would lose their health care coverage.*
- ✓ *Kistner's health care plan was "patient-focused solutions" to "rein in skyrocketing costs, improve quality, and expand access to care."*
- ✓ *Kistner wanted a transparent free market so patients can be allowed to become better consumers of health care.*
- ✓ *Kistner stated Congress failed to reform health care for too long and that "we need to ...cut costs" and expand choice.*
- ✓ *Kistner supported expanding the Health Savings Accounts.*
- ✓ *Kistner stated single payer was a "communist center type healthcare plan."*
- ✓ *Kistner: "We need to allow insurers to compete across state lines to give people more options for coverage."*
- ✓ *Kistner supported making premiums tax deductible for individuals.*
- ✓ *Kistner supported polices allowing foreign pharmaceutical competition.*
 - ✓ *Kistner called for opening up the pharmaceutical market to Canada and other countries for cheaper options.*
 - ✓ *Kistner said "we need to allow pharmaceutical companies from Europe and Canada to sell to American consumers."*

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

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Kistner Supported Repealing, Then Reforming The Affordable Care Act. At a 2nd Congressional Republican Candidate Forum, the question asked was "Would you repeal Obamacare entirely?" Kistner said "I would repeal, then reform, because our healthcare system is broken. You have farmers out there who are going and spending their own money to put into a mutual fund with others to help fund their health insurance. That tells you they can't even work through the system they have in place, which means it's broken, and that needs to be fixed. That needs to be fixed now, because that's an issue every mayor gets faced with, is the rising costs of healthcare." [Congressional Republican Candidate Forum, 00:35:35, [2/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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According to the Center for American Progress, 266.000 Minnesotans would lose health care coverage if the

Affordable Care Act was repealed. In the 2nd Congressional District, 35,000 would lose coverage. [Center for American Progress, [7/9/19](#)]

Health Care Reform

Kistner’s Health Care Plan Was “Patient-Focused Solutions” To “Rein In Skyrocketing Costs, Improve Quality, And Expand Access To Care”

Kistner’s Health Care Plan Was “Patient-Focused Solutions” To “Rein In Skyrocketing Costs, Improve Quality, And Expand Access To Care.” “The rising cost of healthcare is a critical issue facing Minnesota families. We need to offer patients more choices, rein in skyrocketing costs, improve quality, and expand access to care. My plan is built on common sense, patient-focused solutions. We need a renewed focus on wellness, diagnostic testing, and prevention. We need to measure and reward the quality of care, not simply the quantity.” [Tyler Kistner for Congress, accessed [5/4/20](#)]

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Prescription Drugs

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Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner said states should have more power over how to spend federal money on roads and other infrastructure.*
- ✓ *Kistner: “It’s the federal government’s responsibility to establish critical infrastructure across the country... which is outdated and degrading.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said “government contracts through the [Trump] administration’s \$3 trillion infrastructure proposal our construction economy will explode.”*

Federal Funding

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Kistner: “It’s The Federal Government’s Responsibility To Establish Critical Infrastructure Across The Country... Which Is Outdated And Degrading.” “It’s the federal government’s responsibility to establish critical infrastructure across the country to enable economic growth and prosperity. We cannot ignore the government’s obligation to enhance the nation’s critical infrastructure which is outdated and degrading. Enhanced and improved infrastructure will foster greater economic growth for the nation, while simultaneously creating jobs across Minnesota and the country.” [Tyler Kistner for Congress, accessed [5/4/20](#)]

Trump’s Infrastructure Plan

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Immigration & Border Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner said that “\$116 billion of taxpayer dollars going to illegal immigrants per year.”*
 - ✓ *The claim originated from a report done by the Federation for Immigration Reform (FAIR), a group that the Southern Poverty Law Center designates as a hate group.*
- ✓ *Kistner wanted to withhold federal aid from any “sanctuary cities. We have to punish those who are doing it.”*

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Kistner Was Asked How To Prevent Taxpayer Money From Going To People Living Here Illegally. At a 2nd Congressional Republican Candidate Forum, Kistner was asked: “How could you prevent taxpayer money from going to people who live here illegally?” [Congressional Republican Candidate Forum.01:00:55, [2/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

The Claim Originated From A Report Done By The Federation For Immigration Reform (FAIR). “A comprehensive report by the Federation for Immigration Reform (FAIR) breaks down the cost of illegal immigration to U.S. taxpayers: \$115.9 billion annually. Based on the most recent data reported in 2017, The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Immigrants examines the fiscal impact of illegal immigration in federal and state budgets. It also highlights which U.S. citizens pay the most: Californians, Texans and Floridians.” [The Center Square, [8/25/19](#)]

FAIR Was Designated As A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center. “EXTREMIST GROUP INFO: SPLC DESIGNATED HATE GROUP [...] FAIR leaders have ties to white supremacist groups and eugenicists and have made many racist statements. Its advertisements have been rejected because of racist content. FAIR’s founder, John Tanton, has expressed his wish that America remain a majority-white population: a goal to be achieved, presumably, by limiting the number of nonwhites who enter the country. One of the group’s main goals is upending the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which ended a decades-long, racist quota system that limited immigration mostly to northern Europeans.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [5/21/20](#)]

Sanctuary Cities

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National Defense & Security Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner said dealing with counter-terrorism and other foreign adversaries, while working for Corps' Central Command, gave him experience with congressional and legislative issues.*
- ✓ *Kistner stated that the terrorism "threat is between the growing concern over Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea"*
- ✓ *Kistner supported increasing military spending and ensuring that "funding goes to the right places to enhance our military and national security."*
 - ✓ *Kistner later said he knew that the Department of Defense had \$7 billion worth of programs that they could cut.*
- ✓ *Kistner supported increasing defense forces and cyber capabilities.*
- ✓ *Kistner: "The primary purpose of the federal government is to protect our nation, the constitution, and the American way of life."*

Terrorism

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Military Spending

Kistner Supported Growing Military Budgets

Kistner Supported Growing Military Budgets. “He said he agrees with most of President Donald Trump’s policies, including trade, foreign policy, growing military budgets and other areas, though he described himself as more fiscally conservative.” [SW News Media, [1/9/19](#)]

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Kistner Says He Knew That The Department Of Defense Had \$7 Billion Worth Of Programs That They Could Cut

Kistner Says He Knew That The Department Of Defense Had \$7 Billion Worth Of Programs That They Could Cut. According to a Teletown Hall Facebook Live event with Kistner, Kistner said “Working with the DoD...I know there are plenty of programs that you can cut within the DoD alone. And I know they had been audited last year, and found \$7 billion...If they just did a quick audit of the \$7 billion, you could find a lot more billions sitting around. [Teletown Hall Facebook Live , 00:23.34, [4/30/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner supported making sure Social Security “is not going to be touched”*
- ✓ *Kistner claimed “Angie Craig starts taking money from Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid and borrowing that into other places.”*

Social Security

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Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner supported the 2017 Republican tax bill that benefitted the wealthy, corporations, and special interests, while millions of Americans would pay more in taxes.*
- ✓ *Kistner signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, committing to oppose all income tax hikes.*
- ✓ *Kistner: “Economic prosperity is not achieved through increased taxes but through the complete deregulation of the free market system to make it truly free.”*
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Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act 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](#)]

Opposition To Tax Increases

Kistner Signed The Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Committing To Oppose All Tax Hikes

Kistner Signed The Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Committing To Oppose All Income Tax Hikes. “The following information was released by the Americans for Tax Reform (ATR): Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) congratulates congressional candidate Tyler Kistner for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which is a written commitment to the people of Minnesota to oppose income tax hikes.” [Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), Press Release, 4/8/20]

Grover Norquist Was President Of Americans For Tax Reform. ‘The Taxpayer Protection Pledge stands as a barrier against tax hikes and makes continued pro-growth tax reform possible. We are ecstatic about Kistner’s decision to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to the taxpayers of Minnesota,’ said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform.” [States News Service, Press Release, 4/8/20]

The Taxpayer Protection Pledge Offered To Every Candidate Running For State And Federal Office; 1,400 Elected Officials Have Signed The Pledge. “Candidates running for public office like to say they will not raise taxes, but often turn their backs on the taxpayer once elected. The idea of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge is simple enough: Make them put their no-new-taxes rhetoric in writing. It is offered to every candidate for state and federal office and to all incumbents. Nearly 1,400 elected officials have signed the Pledge.” [States News Service, Press Release, 4/8/20]

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Small Businesses

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receive tax breaks which encourage them to open businesses and thrive.” [Tyler Kistner for Congress, accessed [5/4/20](#)]

Trade & Outsourcing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Kistner supported creating new trade agreements with regional partners and reforming current “ones we have with others.”*
- ✓ *Kistner believed in having “a strong economy that relies on global and regional trade...into all markets with full and fair access.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said fair trade will lead to “progress our economy and create more jobs and prosperity for our nation.”*
- ✓ *Kistner said he agreed with Trump on trade.*

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Kistner Believed In Having “A Strong Economy That Relies On Global And Regional Trade...Into All Markets With Full And Fair Access.” “A strong economy relies on global and regional trade agreements to allow small and large businesses to move their goods, services, and products into all markets with full and fair access. This must be done in a manner that protects American businesses and enables the economic growth and prosperity of our state and national economies.” [Tyler Kistner for Congress, accessed [5/4/20](#)]

Trump’s Trade Policies

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Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

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Earned Income

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2020 Kistner Earned Income			
Source	Type	2020 Year To Date Income Amount	2019 Income Amount
Federal Department of Defense Comment: I was an active duty officer in the USMC and transitioned into the USMC Reserves. After announcing for my candidacy, I have not received any income.	Officer in USMC On Active Duty and One Reserve Drill Period	N/A	\$80,765.26
Teacher Consulting	Spouse Salary	N/A	\$1,988

[Tyler Kistner 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/2/20](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2020: Kistner Reported Between \$201 And \$1,200 In Unearned Income

2020: Kistner Reported Between \$202 And \$1,200 In Unearned Income. [Tyler Kistner 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/2/20](#)]

2019-2020 Kistner Assets & "Unearned" Income								
SP/ DC/ JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income (2020 Year To Filing)		Amount Of Income (2019)	
		Min	Max		Min	Max	Min	Max
N/A	Putnam Mutual Fund [MF]	\$1001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000	\$201	\$1,000
N/A	Roth IRA LPL⇒ Bakers Dozen	\$15,001	\$50,000	Interest	None	None	None	None
N/A	Roth IRA LPL⇒ Putnum	\$15,001	\$50,000	Interest	None	None	None	None
N/A	Wells Fargo [BA]	\$15,001	\$50,000	Interest	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
	Total:	\$46,004	\$165,000	Total:	\$202	\$1,200	\$202	\$1,200

[Tyler Kistner 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/2/20](#)]

Liabilities

2020: Kistner Did Not Disclosed Any Liabilities. [Tyler Kistner 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/2/20](#)]

Positions

2020: Kistner Did Not Disclosed Any Positions. [Tyler Kistner 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/2/20](#)]

Agreements

2020: Kistner Did Not Disclosed Any Agreements. [Tyler Kistner 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [3/2/20](#)]

Schedule An Asset Class Details

2020: Kistner Disclosed Two Schedule A Asset Class

2020 Kistner Schedule A Asset Class
Source
Roth IRA LPL
Roth IRA LPL 2

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Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ *As of the 1st quarter in 2020, Kistner’s campaign raised \$157,365.52 and spent \$58,575.50.*
- ✓ *As of the 1st quarter in 2020, Kistner donated \$16,004.95 to his own campaign.*
- ✓ *As of the 1st quarter in 2020, Kistner’s campaign committee received 100% of his contributions from individual contributors and 0% From PACs.*
- ✓ *As of the 1st quarter in 2020, Kistner’s campaign committee received \$0 from corporate PACs and received 46.6% of donations from unitemized contributions.*
- ✓ *Kistner’s top five campaign contributors were retired, energy, securities & investment, general contractors, and business.*

Campaign Committee

As Of The 1st Quarter In 2020, Kistner’s Campaign Raised \$157,365.52 And Spent \$58,575.50

Kistner 2020 Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2020	\$157,365.52	\$157,365.52	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$58,575.50	\$58,575.50	\$0

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [5/5/20](#)]

As Of The 1st Quarter In 2020, Kistner Donated \$16,004.95 To His Own Campaign

Kistner’s Federal Contributions			
Date	Election Type	Committee Name	Total Contributions
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$2,766.03
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$2,036.80
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$1,202.12
3/31/20	Primary	Kistner for Congress	\$10,000.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS			\$16,004.95

[FEC, Individual Contribution search, accessed 5/10/20]

As Of The 1st Quarter In 2020, Kistner’s Campaign Committee Received 100% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And 0% From PACs

Source Of Kistner Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Small Individual Contributions	\$73,274	46.56%
Large Individual Contributors	\$84,092	53.44%
PAC Contributors	\$0	0%

Self-Financing	\$0	0%
Other	\$0	0%

[OpenSecrets, accessed [5/5/20](#)]

As Of The 1st Quarter In 2020, Over His Career, Kistner Received 46.6% Of Donations From Unitemized Contributions. [Maplight, accessed [5/5/20](#)]

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Top Overall Contributors

Kistner Career Top Contributors	
Contributor	Total
Cohen, Klingenstein & Marks	\$5,600
Bituminous Roadways	\$2,000
NRAD Medical Assoc	\$1,800
Arvig Enterprises	\$1,000
Capstan Corp	\$1,000
McAllen Anesthesia Consultants	\$1,000
SAFTI First	\$1,000
Sandlian Realty	\$1,000
The Victor Kochaver Collection	\$1,000
Trends Magazine	\$1,000

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [5/5/20](#)]

Top Overall Industries

Kistner Career Top Industry		
Rank	Industry	Total
1	Retired	\$28,165
2	Misc Energy	\$5,600
3	Securities & Investment	\$5,600
4	General Contractors	\$4,800
5	Misc Business	\$2,280
6	Real Estate	\$1,750
7	Printing & Publishing	\$1,300
8	Misc Finance	\$1,191
9	Health Professionals	\$1,000
10	Misc Manufacturing & Distributing	\$1,000
11	Education	\$750
12	Construction Services	\$540
13	Building Materials & Equipment	\$500
14	Retail Sales	\$500
15	Food Processing & Sales	\$500
16	Crop Production & Basic Processing	\$250
17	Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	\$250
18	Lawyers/Law Firms	\$250

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [5/5/20](#)]

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Top Overall Sectors

Kistner Career Top Sectors	
Sector	Total
Other	\$33,433
Finance/Insur/RealEst	\$9,391
Construction	\$7,640
Misc Business	\$6,605
Energy/Nat Resource	\$5,750
Health	\$2,600
Communic/Electronics	\$1,350
Agribusiness	\$1,000
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$500

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [5/5/20](#)]

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