The following report contains research on Tim Walberg, a Republican member of Congress in Michigan’s 7th district. Research for this report was originally conducted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee’s Research Department in 2008. Further research was conducted between May and June 2013, Additional updates were conducted in June 2015, November 2015, and throughout early 2016.

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# Executive Summary

**Member Of The ‘No’ Caucus” Of State Legislature**

In 2008, the Detroit News reported that while in the Michigan Legislature, Walberg was a member of the “No Caucus”, “because he routinely voted against tax increases, spending bills and anything else that hinted of government expansion.” [Detroit News, 10/20/08]

**2008: President Of Lansing Think Tank: In Regard To Walberg’s Legislative Career: “I’m Trying To Remember Anything He’s Done”**

The Detroit News asked Bill Rustem, president of a Lansing think tank, to characterize Walberg’s legislative career: “I’m trying to remember anything he’s done.” [Detroit News, 10/20/08]


In 1988, Walberg was listed as one of the ten worst legislators in Lansing (he was listed as #7, with #1 being the worst).

“(An) ideological purist who would rather turn off colleagues than win an issue,” one lobbyist said. [The Detroit News, 9/11/88]

## Viewed Worst Legislator Label as Badge of Courage

In 2006, Walberg said that he viewed being twice ranked among Michigan’s worst legislators by the Detroit News as a badge of courage that he earned because “I voted against spending and taxation and voted for the people.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/18/06]

**Refused To Sit Next To Democrats During State Of The Union Address**

In January 2011, Walberg said he was going to stick to the right side of the aisle during the President’s State of the Union Speech despite agreements from Republicans and Democrats sit in pairs instead. Walberg said the traditional seating pattern made it “easier for the general public to tell the players.”

“We are in the majority,” Walberg said, “so I think it’d be nice for the public to see that majority, as well.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 1/25/11]

**Detroit News: Walberg “Self-Proclaimed Arch Conservative”**

In 2008, the Detroit News described Walberg as a “self-proclaimed arch conservative.”

Walberg was “a traditionalist on social issues. He’s vehemently opposed to abortion and gay marriage and he plays up his support of gun ownership and his NRA endorsement.” [Editorial, Detroit News, 10/20/08]

**Detroit Free Press Editorial Board: Walberg “Had A Lackluster Record” In Congress**
Detroit Free Press Editorial Board: Walberg “Had A Lackluster Record” In Congress. “7th Congressional District. 2012 presidential vote: Romney 51%, Obama 48%. Incumbent Rep. TIM WALBERG, R-Tipton, 63, has had a lackluster record, but is the clear preference to GOP challenger Douglas North, 61, who challenges the constitutionality of the federal income tax and pledges to oppose U.S. military intervention abroad for any purpose. The Republican winner will face former state Rep. Pam Byrnes, 67, who is unopposed for the Democratic nomination, in November.” [Detroit Free Press, Editorial, 7/27/14]

Taken More Than $1.7 Million in Taxpayer Funded Salaries, Plus More Than $500,000 in Pension

Since joining the Michigan House of Representatives in 1983, Walberg has earned $1,721,187 in taxpayer-funded salaries. He has also taken $526,451 in state pension from his time in the Michigan House of Representatives, and received $128,425 in expense allowances while in the Michigan House.

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Total $1,721,187 $526,451 $128,425


Salary Increased 71 Percent While in State Legislature
Between 1983 and 1998, Walberg’s salary in the state legislature increased $22,192, from $31,000 to $53,192 – a 71 percent increase. [Compensation of Michigan Legislators, June 2002]

2011-2015: Spent $1,049,579.61 On Mass Mailings And Communications


“Double Dip”: Paid $174,000 For Federal Job While Also Receiving State Pension Of $60,000

“Double-Dip”: Paid $174,000 For Federal Job While Also Receiving State Pension Of $60,000. “Changing branches of government is one way to legally double-dip. A second way is to move from one level of government to another. Four area public officials benefit from multiple government checks every month as a result of moving up: U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, and U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, were both paid $174,000 for their federal jobs and also receive state pensions of more than $60,000 for their time in the state Legislature and are eligible for free lifetime medical coverage.” [Lansing City Pulse, 12/04/13]

October 17, 2013: Voted Against Bill Reopening Federal Government

October 17, 2013: Voted Against Bill Reopening Federal Government. “An eleventh-hour deal to reopen the government and raise the federal debt limit passed Wednesday night, but up until the time the vote was taken many of Michigan’s members of Congress kept mum on their decision, even with experts predicting economic chaos if the agreement hadn't been struck. In the end, the U.S. House's 285-144 vote shortly after 10 p.m. - combined with Senate passage earlier in the evening and President Barack Obama's signature, which was expected - served to send hundreds of thousands of federal employees back to work and ensure that the nation, for the first time in its history, wouldn't default on its debts. … Five House Republicans - Reps. Justin Amash of Cascade Township, Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, Bill Huizenga of Zeeland, Candice Miller of Harrison Township and Tim Walberg of Tipton - voted against it.” [Detroit Free Press, 10/17/13]

Did Not Request His Salary Be Waived During Government Shutdown, Despite Saying, “Members Of Congress Should Return Their Pay If They Are Not Working”

Did Not Request His Salary Be Waived During Government Shutdown. “During the federal government shutdown in the fall of 2013, many members of Congress said they would not accept their salary while other federal workers were furloughed. Walberg did not request that his salary be waived.
But the ad doesn’t mention that Congress members who requested their pay be withheld during the shutdown received their back pay when the shutdown ended (furloughed federal workers also were paid). Some Congress members, though, said they were donating their salaries earned during the shutdown to charity.” [Center for Michigan, Bridge Magazine Fact Check, 9/24/14]

**Lansing City Pulse Magazine: Continued To Receive Congressional Paycheck During Government Shutdown.** “Pain-free shutdown for our reps Both Lansing-area U.S. representatives continue to collect their congressional paychecks during the federal government shutdown. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, and Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, are paid $174,000 a year. As former state legislators, both also are eligible for state pensions and health care.” [Lansing City Pulse Magazine, 10/09/13]

**Walberg: “Members Of Congress Should Return Their Pay If They Are Not Working.”** “It is unclear what other members of the delegation will do with their pay -- e-mails were sent to each spokesperson for Michigan's Congressional delegation. U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg said members of Congress should return their pay if they are not working. ‘I agree they should not be paid if they weren't working,’ Walberg told WILX. ‘We're working. I'm looking forward to being in this weekend. We have votes coming up, for sure, tomorrow morning. We were here last weekend when the Senate went home.’” [Michigan Live, 10/08/13]


From 1999 to 2000, Walberg served as president of the Warren Reuther Center for Education and Community Impact, a non-profit organization that worked to “promote and encourage the continuance of traditional moral, economic and spiritual values in society.”

The organization also worked to “support and encourage conservative, traditional value free enterprise policy and policy makers.” [Roll Call, 8/14/06]

The center worked in southeastern Michigan and the Toledo area to coordinate supplemental educational offerings for public and private primary and secondary schools and colleges.

“Our goal is getting young people educated so they can get jobs and be an asset to the community,” Warren Reuther said. “We want students to get the skills they need to get a job in their selected industry.”

“I wanted to make a difference with people and stay home in this community,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 11/19/98]

“At the Center, Tim worked with employers in southeast Michigan to give local residents -- especially students -- professional experience, which then will help them provide for their families as they get older,” First Lady Laura Bush said about Walberg’s time at the Center during a 2006 campaign rally. [White House, Michigan Victory 2006 rally transcript, 11/02/06]

**2000-2006: Division Manger, Moody Bible Institute**

In 2000, Walberg took a job as division manager of the Moody Bible Institute, which he had attended in 1973.
Walberg headed up the Major Gifts division and spent time fundraising for the institute, retiring in January 2006. [Walberg for Congress, accessed 7/19/06]

2006 Primary: 75 Percent of Campaign Money Came from Club for Growth

Of the $644,522 Walberg raised during the primary election, $476,709 came from donors tied to the Club for Growth, an arch-conservative anti-tax organization that challenges moderate candidates around the country, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network. [Ann Arbor News, 8/09/06]

Additionally, over the course of the 2006 election, Club for Growth spent more than $1 million on Walberg’s behalf. [Associated Press, 1/31/08]

**Walberg on Club for Growth: “Yep, I’m Bought and Paid for By Them”**

In 2006, Walberg was endorsed by Club for Growth, resulting in over $400,000 in bundled donations through the group for his primary campaign against Representative Schwartz.

“If I go to Congress and lower taxes, reduce pork-barrel spending and kill the tax codes of the IRS,” Walberg said, “you can say, ‘Yep, I’m bought and paid for by them.’” [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/23/06]

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2010 Election: Received $204,450 From Business PACS

According to Opensecrets, Walberg received $204,450 from business PACS over the course of the 2010 election. [Opensecrets, Accessed 6/19/15]

2010: Walberg Did Not Plan On Taking Pragmatic Approach To Lawmaking

“How do you balance party allegiance and pragmatism? ‘I’m not planning on being pragmatic, I’m planning on being principled as I was before. I voted against our president at that time, President George Bush, on several key occasions. Mark Schauer did not do that, he was neither pragmatic nor practical. He voted 97 percent of the time with the President and Nancy Pelosi. It’s hard to understand how he can ask me to be pragmatic when the people have asked me to be principled.’ At the end of your two year term, what sort of shape do you think Michigan’s economy will be in?” [Hillsdale Daily News, 12/18/10]

Walberg Did Not Believe In Compromising With Democrats

“Tim Walberg will head back to Washington in January to begin his second term as a Congressman representing the 7th District. Walberg previously represented the district from 2007-2009. …Why should people believe that anything will get accomplished? ‘They shouldn’t, they should believe and they should hope that the Republican Party that told them what they would do will do it. It is the responsibility of this administration to find ways to compromise with the new majority in the U.S. House. The people repudiated the direction this administration was going. The massive changeover in the House of Representatives that was repudiation of the direction this was going. This President has to understand that the people have not asked us to compromise, they’ve asked us to do the (things we promised).’” [Hillsdale Daily News, 12/18/10]

Minneapolis Star Tribune Editorial Board Member: Club For Growth “Ultra-Rich Special Interest Itself”

“Stung by his surprise attack and by his refusal to compromise even after unions agreed to concessions, the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO is striking back with ads imploring the state to support public workers’ bargaining rights. An equally unavoidable ad from the Wisconsin Club for Growth urges families to support Walker and protect the state against ‘special interest’ protesters. Never mind that the Club for Growth nationally is an ultra-rich special interest itself.” [Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Editorial, 2/26/11]
In 2007, Walberg and his wife attended a Club for Growth junket at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach and cruise on a 170-foot yacht. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/14/07]

Club For Growth: “Privatize Social Security?” Hell Yeah!”

Club For Growth: “Privatize Social Security?” Hell Yeah!” “This is the fight Democrats want to have. Yesterday, the influential Club for Growth -- a conservative advocacy group formerly led by Pat Toomey, the current Republican candidate for Senate in Pennsylvania -- publicly argued for privatizing Social Security. It was actually more blatant than that. The organization titled their pitch: ‘Privatize Social Security? Hell Yeah!’ ‘Most Republicans are running away from the Social Security issue,’ the post read. ‘They've probably been told by establishment handlers to never defend ‘privatization’ or personal accounts. Baloney.... Candidates for Congress should adopt that message and support it loudly.’” [Talking Points Memo, 9/22/10]

2010: “Definitely” Supported Privatization of Social Security

Walberg: “I Would Definitely Support The Privatization” Of Social Security. “Yeah, when you throw the word privatization out, a seasoned campaigner like me understands that that is a buzzword that is just about as negative as a noose hanging around your neck. But in talking with you, we all understand what that means, and I would definitely support the privatization of the so-called Social Security system.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/16/10]

2010: Agreed that Social Security is a Ponzi Scheme, Saying “You’re Right” When Interviewer It Was Ponzi Scheme

In 2010, when an interviewer stated Social Security is “a Ponzi Scheme,” Walberg responded, “You’re right.” [Walberg iCaucus interview, 33:00, 6/25/10]

2004: Walberg: Social Security is “Socialism at its Finest”

At a primary candidate panel in 2004, Walberg debated Democratic candidate Drew Walker over Social Security privatization, and called Social Security “socialism at its finest.”

From the Adrian Daily Telegram:

Walker said the privatization of Social Security in the wake of corporate scandals and unstable stock prices could lead to individuals putting their retirement savings at risk in uninsured private accounts.

“What an incredible scandal; I would certainly never take part in that,” Walker said. “Social Security is one of the foundations of our society for getting older.”

The question then turned to Walberg, who began by expressing his feelings about Walker’s statement.
“Wow, I just heard socialism at its finest,” said Walberg, a former state representative. “Oh come on, that’s offensive,” Walker replied.

“That’s defined as socialism when the government is required to take care of all of us,” said Walberg, followed by audience laughter. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 6/02/04]

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**Lansing City Pulse Magazine: Campaign Donors Provided Window Into “Corporate Political Culture”**

Campaign Donors Provided Window Into “Corporate Political Culture” Of Republicans. “When looking at campaign financing, it is often the political action committees that define the candidate. The Koch brothers’ PAC contributions to Republican Rep. Tim Walberg signal arch conservative; money from the Sierra Club to his 7th District Democratic challenger, Pam Byrnes, reflect her liberal politics. But it sometimes works the other way, with the candidate, in this case, Walberg, exposing the corporate political culture. Among his significant campaign contributors are two notable hamburger chains: Wendy’s and White Castle. Both, through their PACs, are deeply tied to Republican candidates, most of them, like Walberg, Tea Party types. According to OpenSecret.org, Wendy’s PAC contributed $121,500 to federal ELECTION 2014 candidates in 2014, all of it to Republicans. White Castle gave $24,500 to candidates -- 92 percent to Republicans.” [Lansing City Pulse Magazine, 10/08/14]

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**Detroit Free Press Editorial: Walberg “Extreme” In Siding With Boehner During Government Shutdown**

Detroit Free Press Editorial: Walberg “Extreme” In Siding With Boehner During Government Shutdown. “Shutdown hurts millions in order to please a few. Political zealots are notorious for their hyperbole, but tea party activists bent on sabotaging the Affordable Care Act are scarcely exaggerating when they boast that they have effectively seized control of the asylum known as the U.S. Congress. … But how many of the 317million citizens that Clancy’s group ostensibly seeks to empower share his satisfaction? Certainly not the 800,000 federal employees furloughed as a result of Tuesday's shutdown, nor the million additional workers expected to stay at their posts while Congress withholds their paychecks. … Ditching moderation for the extreme It takes two opposing forces to reach an impasse, but the primary responsibility for this one lies squarely with House Republicans. It is their caucus alone that has attached conditions to its support for a continuing spending resolution, and their speaker, U.S. Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, who refuses to bring a no-strings-attached spending bill supported by a majority of House members to a floor vote. … Yet few have supported Boehner's extortion plot more enthusiastically than Michigan Reps. Dan Benishek, R-Crystal Falls; Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland; Justin Amash, R-Kentwood; Dave Camp, R-Midland; Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph; Tim Walberg, R-Tipton; Mike Rogers, R-Brighton; Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, and Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford. In a state where voters have historically embraced moderates in both parties, the nine have instead thrown in with the minority who regard Tuesday's federal shutdown as a signal victory.” [Detroit Free Press Editorial, 10/01/13]

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Believed Government Shutdown “Battle Worth Fighting” Despite Predictions Of “Chaos” In Jackson County Over Shutdown Of Assistance Programs
Understood That His Insistence On Delaying Or Defunding Affordable Care Act Led To Government Shutdown. “Walberg reaffirmed his position on Obamacare saying he did not support the act and wants to defund it completely. Walberg said the proposed one-year delay in the start of Obamacare would allow for American citizens to decide if it is something they truly want or not. … ‘If we take a year of time, we will know for certain whether or not Americans support it,’ Walberg said, confidently adding, ‘If we have a delay for one year, the American people will say shut it down and take it back to the drawing board.’ … And while he understands that taking the position he has alongside of other House leaders has helped lead to the shutdown, it is a battle worth fighting.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 10/03/13]

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“Chaos” Was Predicted for Jackson County, MI If Government Shutdown. “While the few days of the government shutdown don’t seem to have an immediate effect on a majority of local programs, a continued shutdown could prove to be ‘chaos’ for Jackson County.” [Michigan Live, 10/01/13]

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October 2013: 28,760 Jackson County Residents Received Food Assistance Benefits From Department Of Human Services. “The 28,760 Jackson County residents receiving food assistance benefits from the DHS are safe for the month of October. Those that are receiving cash assistance also are safe, at least for now.” [Michigan Live, 10/01/13]

Director Of United Way Of Jackson Was “Extremely Worried” About Ability Of Non-Profits To Feed People If Federal Assistance Plans Ran Out Of Money. “While the effect of a continued shutdown is not clearly visible right now, the executive director of the United Way of Jackson County is extremely worried about the toll it could have on area nonprofits, especially food pantries. ‘If people call and say they have nothing to eat, we (area nonprofits) wouldn’t have the resources to respond right now,’ United Way Executive Director Ken Toll said. If federal food assistance is cut in November, those that rely on it would have to depend on area food pantries. Toll said those resources would deplete quickly causing ‘chaos.’” [Michigan Live, 10/01/13]

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citizens who depend on the county’s home-delivered meals or nutrition sites. Federal funding did not arrive to the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging, the entity that distributes state and federal funds to the department.” [Michigan Live, 10/07/13]

**Agency Received 76-Percent Of Funding From Federal Government.** “Two full time employees holding management positions have been temporarily laid off at the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging as the second week of the government shutdown continues. … Region 2 receives 76 percent of its funding from the federal government.” [Michigan Live, 10/11/13]

**Jackson Officials “Scrambling To Find Ways To Feed” Around 2,435 Senior Citizens Dependent On Home-Delivered Meals Funded By Agency On Aging**

**HEADLINE, Michigan Live: Jackson Officials Scramble To Find Funds To Feed Senior Citizens As Shutdown Continues.** [Michigan Live, 10/07/13]

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**Voted to Give Members of Congress Taxpayer Funded Health Care for Life**

In May 2013, Walberg voted for repealing the Affordable Care Act.

The Hill reported: “Repealing President Obama’s healthcare law would let members of Congress keep their government-subsidized insurance coverage after they retire — a benefit they lost under the health law.” [The Hill, 7/09/12]

The bill passed, 229-195. [HR 45, Vote #154, 5/16/13]

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Hinted At Supporting Trump. “U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, is one of the few members of Michigan’s congressional delegation who hasn’t endorsed a candidate in the Republican presidential primary. But Walberg last week criticized Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP nominee, who spoke out against Donald Trump’s candidacy and called Trump a ‘phony.’ Walberg said he thought Romney’s anti-Trump remarks in Utah would help Trump, rather than hurt him. ‘When a candidate can take on the Pope and come out on top, and you hear the anger of people out there against the so-called establishment, I don’t understand where Romney was at,’ Walberg told the radio station WKHM-AM. Walberg also said he had changed his mind on who he’d vote for, following last week’s GOP debate in Detroit. ‘I’m not going to do an endorsement publicly because, frankly, we’ve seen very clearly that the people don’t want to hear from elected officials on who they should vote,’ Walberg said. ‘Yesterday, Mitt Romney made a big mistake. Even though I like Mitt Romney — I worked hard to get him elected — the people are making this decision, and they’re making it for various reasons, whether it’s attitude, anger, frustration, worry, concern or policy. But I changed my mind on who I’m voting for after last night.” [Detroit News, 3/06/16]

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presidential race is crowded with more than three dozen people announcing their candidacy, Walberg says he will support whoever wins the Republican nomination. [WILX, 8/11/15]

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“Double-Dip”: Paid $174,000 For Federal Job While Also Receiving State Pension Of $60,000. “Changing branches of government is one way to legally double-dip. A second way is to move from one level of government to another. Four area public officials benefit from multiple government checks every month as a result of moving up: U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, and U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, were both paid $174,000 for their federal jobs and also receive state pensions of more than $60,000 for their time in the state Legislature and are eligible for free lifetime medical coverage.” [Lansing City Pulse, 12/04/13]

Voted to Repeal Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Requirements Two Times, While Voting 5 Times To Bar Funds To Enforce Davis-Bacon

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to a continuing resolution that would fund the government that would repeal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements on federal projects.

The Davis-Bacon prevailing wage law ensures that workers on public construction projects funded by taxpayer dollars are paid a wage comparable to the local standard or “prevailing” wage. It prevents unscrupulous contractors from low-balling bids and undercutting community wages with cheap, unskilled labor. [aflcio.org]

The amendment failed 189-233. [HR 1, Vote #144, 2/19/11]

Voted to Repeal Davis-Bacon Requirements for FAA Projects

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the FAA reauthorization bill that would repeal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements on federal projects.

The amendment failed 183-238. HR 658, Vote #216, 4/01/11]

Voted to Repeal Davis-Bacon Requirements for Homeland Security Projects

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would have repealed Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements on federally funded Homeland Security projects.
The amendment failed 183-234. [HR 2017, Vote #395, 6/02/11]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements on Federal Construction Projects**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the FY12 Military Construction/VA appropriations bill to bar the use of funds to administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements on federal construction projects.

The amendment failed 178-232. [HR 2055, Vote #414, 6/13/11]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Energy and Water appropriations bill to bar the use of funds to administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements except for contracts of more than $20 million.

The amendment failed 183-238. [HR 2354, Vote #585, 7/15/11]

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In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to bar the use of funds to enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.

The amendment failed 180-237. [HR 5854, Vote #303, 5/31/12]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements**

In 2012, Walberg voted for an amendment to bar the use of funds to enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.

The amendment failed 184-235. [HR 5325, Vote #338, 6/06/12]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements**

In 2012, Walberg voted for an amendment to bar the use of funds to enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements in the 2013 Defense Appropriations bill.

The amendment failed 182-235. [HR 5856, Vote #486, 7/18/12]

**Believed Federal Labor Standards Act “Doesn’t Fit With the 21st Century Workplace”**

Believed Federal Labor Standards Act “Doesn’t Fit With the 21st Century Workplace. “Mr. WALBERG. I thank the chairman. I appreciate the concern that my colleague has on this issue. I know it is sincere. … There is agreement on both sides of the aisle that the FLSA is the cornerstone of workers' wage and hour protections, but in many ways, the regulations implementing the law are flawed and outdated. For that reason, we have asked for consideration with the President, with the administration, the
Department of Labor, both sides of the aisle, to look at reforming and fixing the Fair Labor Standards Act that has been in place an awful long time before present practices and doesn't fit with the 21st century workplace.” [Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

2015: Opposed Amendment To Prohibit Companies With Recent Wage Theft Convictions Or Civil Penalties From Receiving Taxpayer Dollars

Opposed Amendment To Prohibit Companies With Recent Wage Theft Convictions Or Civil Penalties From Receiving Taxpayer Dollars. “Mr. POCAN. Mr. Chairman, hopefully, the second time is the charm. This is an amendment on behalf of myself, Representative Ellison, and the Congressional Progressive Caucus. This amendment would bar taxpayer dollars from going to companies that have recent wage theft convictions or civil penalties reported in the government's contracting database. … Mr. WALBERG. I thank the chairman. I appreciate the concern that my colleague has on this issue. … Mr. Chairman, I would ask my colleagues to reject this amendment. We have in place opportunities now that can and should be used. We even have instances where the Labor Department has violated, and, under this amendment that is being offered, they would be held at risk as well. It is not an amendment that is needed; it is an amendment that will disrupt the process, and it is an amendment that will not move us forward and really make changes with FLSA that can and should be made.” [Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

Only Member Of House Education and Labor Committee to Vote Against Collective Bargaining for Public Safety Workers

In June 2007, the House Education and Labor Committee approved legislation that would set a federal law governing collective bargaining for state and local municipal employees.

The legislation was approved 42-1, with Walberg the lone dissenter.

Supporters of the legislation, including Republicans who backed it only reluctantly, said it would give police officers, firefighters and other civil employees protection when it comes to organizing and collective bargaining. They noted it would not allow strikes by civil employees. [National Journal, 6/21/07]

Walberg then voted against the bill on the floor, where it passed 314-97. [HR 980, Vote #633, 7/17/07]

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Lansing State Journal: “Agreed That Outsourcing Is Both Necessary And Good For The Nation’s Economy. In 2004, the Lansing State Journal reported that all of the candidates at a Republican primary debate that Walberg attended “agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation’s economy.” [Lansing State Journal, 4/27/04]

Lansing State Journal: Walberg Participated In Debate and “During The Debate , Candidates All Agreed That Outsourcing Is Both Necessary And Good For The Nation’s Economy.” “Brad Smith and the five other Republicans seeking to succeed Nick Smith participated in a debate Monday sponsored by the Eaton County Republican Party. The seat historically has gone to a Republican. The other GOP
candidates for the two-year term are former state Sen. John Schwarz of Battle Creek, state Reps. Gene DeRossett of Manchester and Clark Bisbee of Jackson and former state Reps. Tim Walberg of Tipton and Paul DeWeese of Eaton Rapids… During the debate, candidates all agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation’s economy.” [Lansing State Journal via Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/30/08]

**Jackson Citizen Patriot: Shauer Ad Attributed Outsourcing Quote To Walberg, But “Problem Is, In That Article,[…] Does Not Quote Walberg Saying That.”** “State Sen. Mark Schauer has a new ad out called ‘Tables’ which criticizes U.S. Rep Tim Walberg on jobs. The ad shows a man and a woman whose jobs were outsourced to companies in Mexico and China, and then says Walberg said outsourcing is good for the economy. In the background, next a photo of Walberg this phrase appears in quotes; ‘agreed that outsourcing is ... good,’ and cites an article in the Lansing State Journal from 2004. The problem is, in that article, (which you can read in full after the jump) does not quote Walberg saying that.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/30/08]

**FY 2013: Voted for Extreme House Republican Budget, Turning Medicare Into Voucher Program**

In March 2012, Walberg voted for the House Republican budget for FY 2013. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/29/12; H Con Res 112, Vote #151, 3/29/12]

**Budget Would Turn Medicare In To Voucher Program**

Under the House Republican budget, Medicare would become a voucher program.

“Make no mistake, the Ryan-Wyden proposal is a voucher program designed to make people with Medicare spend more for their health care so that the federal government spends less—with some bells and whistles that sound attractive, especially when key details are left out,” the Medicare Rights Center stated. [Medicare Rights Center press release, 12/15/11]

**Voted for $40 Billion in Cuts to Nutrition Program, Cutting 2.1 Million Families And Seniors From Food Stamps**

In September 2013, Walberg voted for $40 billion in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

According to the New York Times, “The bill would cut $40 billion from the food stamp program over the next 10 years. […] According to the Congressional Budget Office, nearly four million people would be removed from the food stamp program under the House bill. A Census Bureau report released on Tuesday found that the food stamp program had kept about four million people above the poverty level and had prevented millions more from sinking further into poverty.” [New York Times, 9/19/13]

The bill would kick about 3.8 million out of the program in 2014, including 1.7 million unemployed, childless adults aged 18-50. [Washington Post, 9/19/13]

**Voted to Protect Two Pay Raises in Michigan House**

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In 1997, Walberg voted against two resolutions to reject the adoption of the State Offices Compensation Commission (SOCC) report that would raise the pay of members of the Michigan House of Representatives. [HCR 1, RC #14, 1/30/97; HCR 2, RC #15, 1/30/97]

**Supported Pay Raise Three Times; Opposed Pay Raise Six Times While in Congress**

Walberg has voted three times in favor of receiving a Congressional pay raise, while opposing higher pay six times.

Walberg cast three votes that can be interpreted as votes in favor of a pay raise:

*CAREFUL: For votes below, a “yes” vote on the roll call is a vote against a pay raise.*

- **2013: Supported Congressional Pay Raise.** In 2013, Walberg voted against a motion to concur with the Senate-revised version of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which included an amendment to freeze Congressional pay at the 2009 level for 2013. The bill passed 257-167. [Congressional Research Service, 6/20/13; HR 8, Vote #659, 1/01/13]

- **2011: Supported Congressional Pay Raise.** In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that would provide a 3.1 percent payroll tax cut and prevent insider trading by members of congress. The motion would also freeze member pay until December 31, 2013. The motion was rejected 183-244. [Congressional Research Service, 6/20/13; HR 3630, Vote #922, 12/13/11]

- **2007: Supported Congressional Pay Raise.** Walberg voted against a motion that would prohibit a scheduled Congressional pay raise from going into effect as part of further Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations. The motion passed 286-140. [CQ Bill Analysis, 2/23/07; H J Res 20, Vote #72, 1/31/07]

**Original Co-sponsor of So-Called “Pay Working Families Less Act”**

In 2013, Walberg was an original co-sponsor of a bill that would undermine the 40 hour work week, cut workers’ pay, and provide no guarantee of paid vacation days for employees when they need them.

The bill would give private sector workers the option of paid time off in lieu of cash wages for overtime hours worked. However, opponents noted that low-paid workers who accrued overtime would “effectively give his or her employer an interest-free loan” and would only be able to take time off with the consent of the employer. [Huffington Post, 4/16/13; HR 1406, Vote #137, 5/08/13]


- **National Partnership for Women and Families: “You Have No Ability to Take That Leave When You Need It. The Employer Can Decide”** [Chicago Tribune, 4/22/13]
9to5: Bill is a “Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing” That Would “Ensure Workers Have Less Time, Less Flexibility and Less Mone.” [9to5, 4/11/13]

Voted Against Considering Raising the Minimum Wage Ten Times

In 2014, Walberg voted four times against considering the Fair Minimum Wage Act. The bill would phase in a federal minimum wage increase to $10.10 per hour over two years.

Raising the minimum wage to $10.10 would increase earnings for 16.5 million workers, including 940,000 workers in Michigan. [Politico, 2/25/14; Economic Policy Institute, 12/19/13]

- Walberg voted against consideration of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013. [Congressional Record, 2/26/14]
  The previous question passed, 224-192. [H Res 487, Vote #65, 2/26/14]

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  The previous question passed, 225-192. [H Res 492, Vote #79, 2/27/14]

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  The previous question passed, 229-194. [H Res 530, Vote #152, 4/02/14]

- Walberg voted against consideration of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013. [Congressional Record, 4/04/14]
  The previous question passed, 222-193. [H Res 539, Vote #157, 4/04/14]

2007: Voted three times against raising the minimum wage

In 2007, Walberg voted against an increase to the federal minimum wage by $2.10 over two years - from the previous level of $5.15 an hour to $7.25 an hour. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/10/07]

The bill passed 315-116. [HR 2, Vote #18, 1/10/07]

In 2007, Walberg voted against increasing the minimum wage from by $2.10 an hour to $7.25 an hour. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-3, 3/20/07]

The measure passed 218-212. [HR 1591, Vote #186, 3/23/07]

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation that would provide $42.8 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.
In addition, the bill raised the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years and provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

The bill also included $6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, $3.3 billion for military healthcare costs and $2.25 billion for homeland security anti-terrorism programs.

The bill also required another congressional vote in late July to release the remaining $52.8 billion for the Pentagon, and would withhold funds until the president reports by July 13 on progress the Iraqi government has made toward meeting specified benchmarks and goals set by the bill and Congress has adopted a joint resolution releasing the “fenced off” funds. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

The bill passed 221-205. [HR 2206, Vote #333, 5/10/07]

**1990s: Voted Against Increase in Michigan’s Minimum Wage Three Times**

In 1997, Walberg voted against increasing the state minimum wage from $3.35 per hour to $5.15 per hour.

The bills passed 93-13 and 89-15. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 2/19/97, 2/20/97; SB 1, RC #40, 2/19/97; HB 4177, RC #41, 2/20/97]

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**Said Federal Government Wrong to Set a Minimum Wage**

At a Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce meeting, Walberg said the bill to raise the federal minimum wage could put a financial burden on businesses, leading employers to “ask two people to do the work of three.”

Walberg said he felt the federal government was wrong to set any level of minimum wage, saying that the minimum wage could be better set by the marketplace. However, Walberg said he wouldn’t try to take it off the books.

“We have one. It doesn’t make any difference now,” Walberg said. “There’s going to be one. We’re not going backwards.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 2/20/07]

**Voted Against Minimum Wage Increase**

In March 2013, Walberg voted against a measure to increase the minimum wage from $7.25 to $10.10 per hour over three years. [HR 803, Vote #74, 3/15/13]
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Voted In Favor of Raising the Minimum Wage

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...Two Weeks After Voting Against the Same Bill

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2013: Opposed Extending Federal Minimum Wage Laws To Nearly 2 Million Home Healthcare
Workers

**Opposed Extending Federal Minimum Wage Laws To Home Healthcare Workers.** “Home health care industry workers who mainly assist the elderly or immobile will now be included under federal minimum wage laws beginning in 2015, the Labor Department announced Tuesday. … Republicans argued the decision would only hurt the elderly. ‘The department's previous estimates suggest this regulation could increase the cost of care by $2 billion over the next decade. Faced with higher costs, some individuals will have no choice but to leave their homes and enter institutional living,’ said House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline, R-Minn., and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections Chairman Tim Walberg, R-Mo., in a joint statement.” [Examiner, 9/17/13]

**Press Release: Believed Inclusion Would Increase Costs.** “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) and Subcommittee on Work-force Protections Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) issued the following joint statement after the Department of Labor finalized changes to the companion care exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act: Today's regulatory action by the Department of Labor will raise costs and limit access to in-home care for vulnerable Americans.” [Walberg Press Release, 9/17/13]

**October 13, 2013: Renewed Request For Information.** “COMMITTEE RENEWS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DOL COMPANION CARE REGULATION The following information was released by the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce: On October 1, the U.S. Department of Labor published a final rule making significant changes to the long-standing minimum wage and overtime exemption for companionship services under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).” [US House Committee on Education and the Workforce via States News Services, 10/31/13]

**Nearly 2 Million Domestic Care Workers Received Minimum Wage and Overtime Rights Under Order.** “The Labor Department moved Tuesday to extend minimum wage and overtime pay rights to nearly 2 million domestic care workers. The burgeoning in-home health industry has long been exempt from those rights, with aids and assistant nurses traditionally falling under the Fair Labor Standards Act's ‘companionship exemption,’ under which they are denied the benefits.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

**Workers Previously Were Denied Benefits.** “The burgeoning in-home health industry has long been exempt from those rights, with aids and assistant nurses traditionally falling under the Fair Labor Standards Act's ‘companionship exemption,’ under which they are denied the benefits.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

**Voted Against Amendment Allowing Department Of Interior To Issue Rules Under Mining Control And Reclamation Act In Order To Reduce Certain Respiratory Diseases And Birth Defects**

Voted Against Amendment Allowing Department Of Interior To Issue Rules Under Mining Control And Reclamation Act In Order To Reduce Certain Respiratory Diseases And Birth Defects. In September 2012, Walberg voted against a an amendment to H.R. 3409 seeking to allow the Department of the Interior to release rules under Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to reduce rates of certain respiratory diseases and birth defects. “Amendment sought to allow the Secretary of Interior to
promulgate rules under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act if such rules would reduce the prevalence of pulmonary diseases, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease or reduce the prevalence of birth defects or reproductive problems in pregnant women or children.” [H.R. 3409, Vote #592, 9/21/12; H.R. 3409, H.Amdt.1483, 9/20/12]

**Voted Against Bill To Require OSHA To Issue Standards Regulating Worker Exposure To Artificial Butter Flavoring Cited As A Cause Of Rare Lung Disease Dubbed “Popcorn Lung”**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that would require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue standards regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, used in artificial butter flavoring and recently cited as a cause of a rare lung disease dubbed “popcorn lung.” [ABC News, 9/06/07]

The final standard, due within two years of the bill’s enactment, would apply to all establishments involved in flavoring manufacturing and would have to include worker safety requirements. The measure would also require the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health to conduct a study on flavorings used in microwave popcorn. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/26/07]

The bill was backed by organized labor and the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association, which represents the makers of artificial butter. It was opposed by business groups that warn that not enough data have been collected to set a permissible exposure limit. [CQ Today, 9/25/07]

The bill passed 260-154. [HR 2693, Vote #913, 9/26/07]

**Voted to Risk Health of Popcorn Factory Workers by Delaying Regulations**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to weaken protections for workers in popcorn factories.

The amendment was aimed at weakening a bill to require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue standards regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, used in artificial butter flavoring and recently cited as a cause of a rare lung disease dubbed “popcorn lung.” [ABC News, 9/06/07]

The amendment would have required the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to wait until the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health concludes there is sufficient data to support a recommended exposure limit and establishes such a limit before OSHA issues a final standard. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/26/07]

The amendment failed 189-233. [HR 2693, Vote #912, 9/26/07]

**Voted to Protect Companies Retaliating Against Workers Trying to Unionize**

In 2011, Walberg voted to protect companies retaliating against workers by prohibiting the National Labor Relations Board from “ordering any employer to close, relocate or transfer employment under any circumstances.”
The bill would have prohibited the National Labor Relations Board from taking action against companies that it felt were retaliating against workers for forming a union, striking, or exercising any of their other federally protected rights. These actions include "ordering a company to reinstate production or make certain investments, at a given location" or "blocking a firm’s decision to relocate" and would apply to all decisions that had not been finalized prior to the passage of the legislation. [New York Times, 9/15/11; CQ Floor Votes, 9/15/11]

The bill passed 238-186. [HR 2587, Vote #711, 9/15/11]

…And to Allow Them to Outsource American Jobs

Walberg even voted against a motion which would have ensured that the National Labor Relations Board retained the “authority to order a company to maintain or restore jobs that have been or will be outsourced to a foreign country in violation of the National Labor Relations Act.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/15/11]

The motion failed 189-235. [HR 2587, Vote #710, 9/15/11]

Voted to Let Companies Hide When They Ship Jobs Overseas

In March 2012, Walberg voted against an amendment that would require large U.S. companies to disclose how many of their jobs are based on U.S. soil and how many are based abroad.

According to the Washington Post, the amendment was an attempt to shed light on the number of American jobs being outsourced. [Washington Post, 2/01/12]

The amendment was rejected, 175-239. [HR 3606, Vote #107, 3/08/12]

Voted Against Protections from Unfair Chinese Currency Manipulation

In 2011, Walberg voted against a bipartisan effort to crack down on unfair Chinese currency manipulations that cost American jobs.

The motion would have added the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act to the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act. The motion would have allowed the U.S. government to impose tariffs on goods produced in countries that “fundamentally” undervalue their currencies. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

According to the Economic Policy Institute, “If only China revalued [their currency] by 28.5%, the growth in U.S. GDP would support 1,631,000 U.S. jobs.” That revaluation of the yuan/dollar exchange rate by China along would increase U.S. GDP by $207 billion dollars in 18 to 24 months. [Economic Policy Institute, 6/17/11]

The motion failed 192-236. [HR 3078, Vote #780, 10/12/11]
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2010: Amway Announced Outsourcing Of 50 Jobs From West Michigan To Europe And Asia.
“With its sales growing fastest in China, it was probably inevitable that Amway Corp. would move some production. Last week, the direct-sales giant announced it will be moving several production lines to Europe and Asia over the next three years, with a net loss of about 50 Amway jobs in West Michigan. It will also be closing its Lakewood, Cal., facility, with the loss of about 150 jobs there. For 2009, Amway reported $8.4 billion in sales, ‘and more than 80 percent of that took place outside of the United States. That's a big change from 20 years ago when we designed our supply chain,’ said Amway spokesperson Rob Zeiger. … The changes over the next three years are expected to eliminate 100 existing jobs in West Michigan, but some of the production that will end in California will be brought to the Ada facilities, for a net job loss here of 50.’” [Grand Rapids Business Journal, 5/03/10]

Amway Had 250,000 Sales Agents In China. “Zeiger said he believes that Amway has about 250,000 sales agents in China. DeVos said at the Asian Gala 2010 in Grand Rapids in March that two-thirds of Amway's business is concentrated in China, and he mentioned that the Chinese government requires Amway to sell its products in stores. Amway has about 4,000 employees in West Michigan.” [Grand Rapids Business Journal, 5/03/10]

2009: Amway Outsourced 93 Jobs From Ada, MI To Costa Rica

“Job cuts and production shifts Amway announced Thursday are designed to help the direct sales giant secure its next 50 years as a major employer in West Michigan, the company said. The Ada-based multilevel marketing giant will close a warehouse at 5101 Spaulding Ave. SE by 2011 and trim about 100 local production jobs by 2013 to adjust a production and supply chain that doesn't jibe with where it does most of its business, said Rob Zeiger, an Amway spokesman. …Thursday's announcement follows a decision last year to shift 93 white-collar corporate finance positions in Ada to a newly created facility in Costa Rica, where labor costs might be significantly lower. Zeiger said the $8.4 billion company wants to make these kinds of moves from a position of strength rather than being forced to make changes as once-mighty U.S. companies like General Motors were.” [Grand Rapid Press, 4/30/10]

Jobs Shifted To “Enterprise Process Center” In Costa Rica. “Amway Corp. said Monday it would eliminate 93 jobs, mostly at its Ada headquarters, over the next 15 months as it consolidates its finance offices in regional process centers around the globe. Representatives of the direct sales company said they hope to find other ways to reduce the job cuts, including attrition, early retirement and moving employees to positions elsewhere in Amway. Those who cannot find a job elsewhere within the company will be given job-placement assistance and a severance payment. …Amway has more than 4,000 employees in the Grand Rapids area. In October, the company notified employees of the consolidation in a confidential memo obtained by The Press. At that time, the company said it would take several weeks to determine how many jobs would be lost. …The first ‘enterprise process center’ is to be in Costa Rica in Central
America. Other centers are planned for central Europe and Asia that will affect operations in those regions.” [Grand Rapid Press, 11/17/09]

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Amway And Alticor Co-Founder Richard Devos Sr. And Family Were Involved In Anti-Labor Causes

Mother Jones: Amway Founder Richard Devos Sr. And Family Were Involved In Anti-Labor Causes. Meet the New Kochs: The DeVos Clan's Plan to Defund the Left. They beat Big Labor in its own backyard. Next up: your state? … THE DEVOSES sit alongside the Kochs, the Bradleys, and the Coorses as founding families of the modern conservative movement. Since 1970, DeVos family members have invested at least $200 million in a host of right-wing causes—think tanks, media outlets, political committees, evangelical outfits, and a string of advocacy groups. They have helped fund nearly every prominent Republican running for national office and underwritten a laundry list of conservative campaigns on issues ranging from charter schools and vouchers to anti-gay-marriage and anti-tax ballot measures. ‘There's not a Republican president or presidential candidate in the last 50 years who hasn't known the DeVoses,’ says Saul Anuzis, a former chairman of the Michigan Republican Party.” [Mother Jones, 2/14]

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Walberg Said NAFTA Created Jobs

In 2010, Walberg expressed support for NAFTA at a meet and greet in Jackson.

“It’s been proven- - it’s been proven that it’s supplied more jobs of equal or better pay to our country over the course of time,” Walberg said of NAFTA. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/03/10; MIRS, 9/03/10]

NAFTA Hit Michigan Harder Than Any Other State

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the North American Free Trade Agreement has resulted in a net loss of 63,143 jobs for the state of Michigan. Michigan was the hardest hit state as
Voted to Implement the Colombia Trade Agreement

In 2011, Walberg voted to implement the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

The agreement “reduce[d] most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce[d] barriers to trade in services, increase[d] protections for intellectual property and require[d] Colombia to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards”. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

Critics of the trade agreement said it failed to crack down on violence against union activists. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

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Critics of the trade agreement said it would take away legal tools used to fight tax evasion and money laundering. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 300-129. [HR 3079, Vote #782, 10/12/11]

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Critics of the trade agreement said there were no guarantees the deal with South Korea would boost U.S. auto exports. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 278-151. [HR 3080, Vote #783, 10/12/11]

| Opposed Measure to Suspend Fast Track, Delay Columbia Trade Bill |
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In 2008, Walberg voted against a resolution that suspended “fast-track” requirements for consideration of HR 5724, which would implement a free trade agreement between the United States and Colombia.

Adoption of the resolution (H Res 1092), indefinitely stalled further legislative action in the House on the trade pact’s implementing legislation countering President Bush’s effort to force a speedy vote on a measure opposed by many Democrats.

Minority Leader Boehner, called the vote “an effort to kill the Colombia free-trade agreement.”

Rep. McGovern, a member of the House Rules Committee, said the resolution was “a direct response to the arrogance of this president,” and Majority Leader Hoyer said passage of the resolution would give Congress “more time to discuss this with the administration.”

Most Democrats opposed the trade agreement, saying the Colombian government had not taken sufficient steps to reduce violence against union members. Republicans countered that Colombia had worked hard to crack down on right-wing paramilitary groups blamed for much of the violence. [CQ Today, 4/10/08]

The resolution passed, 224-195. [HR 1092, Vote #181, 4/10/08]

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Under the agreement, 80 percent of U.S. exports of consumer and industrial goods to Peru would enter duty-free immediately. [CQ Today, 11/08/07]

The bill passed 285-132. [HR 3688, Vote #1060, 11/08/07]

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in a Tilts Republican race, Democratic state Rep. Gretchen Driskell has attacked him for voting to fast-track the deal. Walberg has not said whether he'll support final passage.” [CQ News, 11/06/15]

**Ford Motor Company Said TPP Did Not “Contain Adequate Protections Against Currency Manipulation”**

Ford Motor Company Said TPP Did Not “Contain Adequate Protections Against Currency Manipulation.” “In the Safe Republican district, actress Melissa Gilbert is challenging freshman Rep. Mike Bishop. She's already made TPP a factor, hitting him for supporting fast-track and neglecting Michigan workers…. Ford Motor Company, a Michigan-based company, announced Thursday that the deal didn't contain adequate protections against currency manipulation - a critique Driskell seized on later that day.” [CQ News, 11/06/15]

**Supported Cuts to Job Training Program, Michigan Works**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill that eliminated funding for the Workforce Investment Act. Without the federal funding provided by the act, the Michigan Works program would have had to shut down.

Michigan Works operated more than 100 service centers across Michigan where unemployed people could access job search resources, meet with career counselors, and enroll in training.

Walberg said the cuts “will get the government out of the way so that the private sector can create jobs.” [Lansing State Journal, 3/01/11]

**Defended Cuts to Program; Said Government Needed Better Rate of Return**

In 2011, Walberg defended his vote to cut Michigan Works at a local town hall meeting.

According to Walberg, only 1,329 of the 130,000 people who used resources at South Central Michigan Works were able to find jobs. Walberg said the government needed to get a better rate of return on its investment. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 3/06/11]

**Voted to Reduce the Maximum Unemployment Benefits from 99 Weeks to 59 Weeks**

In 2011, Walberg voted to reduce the maximum duration of unemployment benefits from 99 weeks to 59 weeks. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11; HR 3630, Vote #923, 12/13/11]

**Said Unemployment Benefits Gave Incentives Not To Work**

In 2013, Walberg said that welfare and entitlement programs gave workers incentives to stay unemployed. Workers are given “so much incentive not to work or stay unemployed for 99 weeks,” Walberg said. “It’s counterproductive.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

**Voted Against Considering Unemployment Insurance Extension 7 Times**

In 2013, Walberg against considering extending emergency unemployment benefits 7 times.
Emergency unemployment insurance for the long term unemployed ended for 1.3 million Americans in December 2013. [Washington Post, 12/23/13]

As of March 2014, 76,580 people in Michigan were cut off unemployment insurance and the Michigan economy lost $139,441,834 due to the expiration. [House Ways and Means Committee Democrats, 3/05/14; 3/31/14]

- Walberg voted against consideration of a three-month, fully paid-for extension of federal unemployment insurance. [Congressional Record, 12/12/13]

  The previous question passed, 227-195. [H Res 438, Vote #637, 12/12/13]

- Walberg voted against consideration of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. [Congressional Record, 1/09/14]

  The previous question passed, 226-191. [H Res 455, Vote #5, 1/09/14]

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  The previous question passed, 228-195. [H Res 458, Vote #19, 1/15/14]

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  The previous question passed, 222-194. [H Res 465, Vote #26, 1/28/14]

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  The previous question passed, 221-184. [H Res 497, Vote #93, 3/05/14]

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  The previous question passed, 219-191. [H Res 501, Vote #99, 3/06/14]

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2005: Koch Industries Bought Georgia-Pacific. “Koch Industries Inc. agreed to purchase building-products and paper maker Georgia-Pacific Corp. for $13.2 billion, bringing the maker of Brawny paper towels and Dixie cups under the roof of what will become the nation's largest private company by revenue.” [Wall Street Journal, 11/14/05]

Georgia Pacific Spokeswoman: Closure Of Plant “Strategic Decision Based On Our Business Needs.” “The plant, which is part of Georgia-Pacific's Dixie division, manufactures food wraps and other items for the food industry. That work will be move to plants in Green Bay, Wis., and Hattiesburg, Miss., said Julie VanDeWater, a Georgia-Pacific spokeswoman. ‘This is a strategic decision based on our business needs and ability to be competitive long-term and has nothing to do with the quality of work
from GP's employees at the plant,’ the company said in a press release. ‘The employees have operated the facility safely and effectively for many years.’” [Kalamazoo Gazette, 5/11/15]

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**2006: DTE Energy Announced Laying Off 1,245 Workers In Order To Cut Costs Despite Growing Profits**

Detroit News, HEADLINE: DTE Gives Union Job-Cut Details; Company Tells Utility Workers 1,245 Positions Will Be Eliminated By End Of 2007 Even As Profits Grow. [Detroit News, 4/27/07]

2006: DTE Energy Announced Plans To Lay Off 1,245 Workers By 2007. “DTE Energy Co. expects to save $200 million annually by slashing nearly 2,000 jobs and making other changes to its operations, Chairman and CEO Anthony Earley Jr. told shareholders Thursday. Earley said the cuts are necessary, despite growing company profits, to keep rates from skyrocketing and to prevent a takeover by another utility. DTE this week reported an 11 percent increase in first-quarter earnings. ‘Companies that have higher costs tend to be targets,’ Earley said at the company's annual meeting. ‘This will make sure we can control our own fate.’ … DTE officials told the company's largest union, Utility Workers Union of America Local 223, that 1,245 of the 4,800 positions it represents will be cut. Slated for elimination are 506 customer-service positions, 235 jobs in the power-plant division, 232 jobs in the natural-gas division,
201 jobs in distribution operations and 71 corporate services positions, the union said on its Web site. In addition, about 800 non-union positions will be cut.” [Detroit News, 4/27/07]

**Company Earned $537 Million In 2005, A 25 Percent Increase Over 2004.** “TE Energy Co. plans to eliminate as many as 2,000 jobs over the next two years, or 18 percent of the utility company's 11,000 employees. The parent company of electrical utility Detroit Edison and natural gas supplier Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. plans to cut 1,000 to 1,200 union jobs and 600 to 800 nonunion jobs, chief executive Anthony F. Earley Jr. told employees this week, The Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press reported Thursday. … DTE spokeswoman Lorie Kessler said the job cut numbers are preliminary estimates. The company earned $537 million in 2005, up 25 percent from 2004. Revenues rose about 20 percent to $9.02 billion.” [Associated Press, 3/16/06]

**Opposed Farm Subsidies, But Voted Against Beliefs to Represent District’s Farm Interests**

In a 2010 interview, Walberg said that farm subsidies needed to be done away with:

INTERVIEWER #1: Farm subsidies?  
INTERVIEWER #2: Yeah.  
WALBERG: It needs to be done away with. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 62:55, 6/25/10]

**Voted Against Beliefs to Represent District’s Farm Interests**

In 2008, Walberg told the Lansing State Journal editorial board that he opposed government price supports for agriculture, and was forced to vote against his beliefs on issues like the Farm Bill to represent the farm interests of his district. [Editorial, Lansing State Journal, 10/25/08]

**Club For Growth Supported Elimination Of Farm Subsidies, Despite 7th Congressional District Receiving $777 Million In Subsidies Between 1995 And 2012**

**Club For Growth Supported Elimination Of Farm Subsidies.** “The conservative Club for Growth, which urged a “no” vote on the legislation, had a different suggestion Thursday afternoon. ‘Now that the House has defeated the Farm Bill, we should finally discuss real reform,’ Club for Growth President Chris Chocola said in a statement. ‘The time for reform is now. We need to put farm subsidies on a path to elimination and we need to devolve food stamps to the state level where they belong. With $17 trillion in debt, the American taxpayers don’t have time to wait.’” [Roll Call, 6/20/13]

**1995-2012: Michigan 7th Congressional District Received $777 Million In Subsidies.** According to the Environmental Working Group, the Michigan 7th Congressional District received $777 million in subsidies between 1995 and 2012. [Environmental Working Group, 7th Congressional District Michigan, Accessed 6/17/15]

**Slept in His Office While Congress Is in Session, “Getting Valuable Government Freebie In Process”**
While Congress was in session, Walberg slept in his Congressional office. [Washington Post, 2/15/11]

**Ethics Complaint Filed Against Walberg for Sleeping in His Office**

In 2011, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics filed an ethics complaint against members of Congress who slept in their offices, including Walberg.

The group claimed that the lawmakers were violating House rules that say official resources cannot be put to personal use. The complaint said that office lodging should be considered a fringe benefit, and therefore taxable as income. [Detroit Free Press, 2/11/11]

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**2008: Said It’s Not A Right For Everyone” To Own A Home**

In 2008, during a radio interview, Walberg said he did not think it was right for everyone to own a home.

“It’s not a right for everyone on this grand continent, this great country, to have a home at this point in time when they want it,” Walberg said. [Michigan Democratic Party press release, 9/19/08; WKHM, 9/19/08]

**In 2008, While A Subprime Mortgage Crisis “Shocked U.S. Economy” Said Best Thing to Do in Foreclosure Crisis Was Allow Free Market to Work**

In 2008, Walberg said the best thing for the government to do in the foreclosure crisis was to step out of the way.
“As I told people at the foreclosure seminars, the best thing that the government can do is step out of the way and give the free market the opportunity to work, with supply and demand, and give business leaders and entrepreneurs the opportunity to take risks and be successful and to produce jobs,” Walberg said. [Tecumseh Herald, 4/03/08]


**Voted to Shut Down Emergency Mortgage Relief Program**

In 2011, Walberg voted for shutting down a program that provided emergency loans to unemployed homeowners facing foreclosure. The legislation would end the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program and rescind the unobligated funds.

The White House said it would veto the bill, saying that the program was needed to spur a housing recovery. The White House argued that that the loan assistance could help as many as 30,000 distressed homeowners. The CBO estimated that the program would cost $840 million over 10 years. [CQ Today, 3/11/11]

The bill passed, 242-177. [HR 836, Vote #174, 3/11/11]

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**Voted Against Providing Foreclosure Aid Relief for Rural Homeowners**

In March 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have required states give priority emphasis and consideration to rural areas when distributing Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds that were allocated by HUD and appropriated under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The motion failed, 153-272. [HR 861, Vote #187, 2/16/11]

**Voted For Bill Which Would “Weaken Regulations On Mortgage Lenders” Enacted After Collapse Of Housing Market In 2007**
Voted For A Bill That Changed The Definition Of A Qualified Mortgage Under The Truth In Lending Act. In April 2015, Walberg voted for the Mortgage Choice Act. “The bill excludes insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the 3% cap on points and fees imposed on ‘qualified mortgages’ by redefining ‘points and fees’ under the Truth in Lending Act. The measure is intended to clarify conflicting definitions under current law and thereby ensure that mortgage loans to low- and middle-income borrowers remain affordable.” The bill passed, 286 to 140. [HR 685, Vote #152, 4/14/15; CQ, 4/10/15]

Huffington Post: Bill Would “Weaken Regulations On Mortgage Lenders Enacted Following The 2007 Collapse Of The House Market.” “Ranking second behind the Chamber was the National Association of Realtors. The group spent $7.7 million lobbying on issues like flood insurance premiums, which have risen sharply in the past few years. NAR also lobbied for the Mortgage Choice Act, a bill that would weaken regulations on mortgage lenders enacted following the 2007 collapse of the housing market. The Mortgage Choice Act passed in the House of Representatives on April 14.” [Huffington Post, 4/23/15]

Voted to End Program that Funded $8.4 Million Grant For Neighborhood Rehabilitation in Battle Creek

In March 2011, Walberg voted for the NSP Termination Act. The bill ended the neighborhood stabilization program. Battle Creek received an $8.4 million grant from the program to rehabilitate or demolish more than 140 vacant and foreclosed homes.

“With a $14 trillion dollar debt and rising, there is no room in the budget for programs that waste taxpayer funds ... This program, with little benefit, proved repeatedly to be ineffective and wasteful.” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/17/11]

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Voted to Cut Grants for Rural Economic Development Program

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill that would reduce funding by $6.3 million for the Rural Community Advancement Program, which provides rural development direct loans, loan guarantees and grants.

The Rural Community Advancement Program assists small communities with low per capita incomes develop strategies to spur economic development.
The program provides financial and technical assistance, as well as priority for many federal and state programs. [Rural Community Advancement Program]

The amendment was defeated 90-337. [HR 3161, Vote #804, 8/02/07]

NOTE: State-by-state program success stories which demonstrate the value of this program can be found at this site: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SS_Home.html

**Development Program Offered Loans To Single Families, Which In Order For Applicants To Be Eligible, Had To “Be Without Decent, Safe And Sanitary Housing”**

**USDA Rural Development Program: In Order For Applicant For Be Eligible For “Single Family Housing Direct Loans In Michigan,” Must “Be Without Decent, Safe And Sanitary Housing.”**

Also known as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program, this program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant’s repayment ability. … Applicants must: Be without decent, safe and sanitary housing.” [United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program, Accessed 6/17/15]

**FY 2014: Voted for Extreme House Republican Budget, Raising Taxes For the Middle Class And Cutting Them For Millionaires**

In 2013, Walberg voted for the Republican budget for fiscal year 2014 with all the wrong priorities – like cutting taxes for millionaires, raising taxes on the middle class, and eliminating the Medicare guarantee. [H Con Res 25, Vote #88, 3/21/13]

CBPP: Families Making Less Than $200,000 Would Face Average Tax Hike of $3,000, While Millionaires Would Likely Experience A $245,000 Net Tax Cut [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

**FY 2013: Voted for Radical House Republican Budget, Cutting Taxes For Millionaires**

In March 2012, Walberg voted for the House Republican budget for FY 2013. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/29/12; H Con Res 112, Vote #151, 3/29/12]

Budget Would Create Windfall for Wealthy; Millionaires Would Get Average Tax Cut of $265,000

According to an analysis by the Tax Policy Center, “those making $1 million or more would enjoy an average tax cut of $265,000 and see their after-tax income increase by 12.5 percent.” [Tax Policy Center, 3/23/12]

… And Hurt the Middle Class
And according to the New York Times, the House Republican budget would “greatly impede the nation’s economic recovery, and hurt those on the middle and lower economic rungs who suffered most from the recession.” [Editorial, New York Times, 3/20/12]

**Supported Extremist Fair Tax That Would Enact a 23 Percent National Sales Tax**

In 2006, Walberg said that he would support the Fair Tax, which would enact a 23% national sales tax on all goods and services sold at retail. Walberg said he supported a national sales tax as a means to “reducing taxes, junking the tax code and abolishing the IRS.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/05/06]

**Voted Against Prohibiting Federal Contracts for Companies Moving to Offshore Tax Havens**

In July 2014, Walberg voted against an amendment that would prohibit federal contracts for companies that move to offshore tax havens like Bermuda to avoid paying taxes. [New York Times, 7/15/14]

New York Times: Amendment Would Have Banned “Federal Contracts For Companies That Set Up Sham Headquarters In Offshore Tax Havens Like Bermuda.” “The House on Thursday voted 221 to 200 to approve an amendment by one of its most vocal liberal members, Representative Rosa DeLauro, Democrat of Connecticut, to ban federal contracts for companies that set up sham headquarters in offshore tax havens like Bermuda. Thirty-four Republicans bucked their party to push it to passage.” [New York Times, 7/15/14]

**Voted Against Ending Tax Breaks for Companies Moving Overseas to Avoid U.S. Taxes**

In July 2014, Walberg voted against a motion to deny five charitable tax extenders and provisions to corporations that move overseas to avoid paying U.S. taxes. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/17/14]

The tax breaks included a charitable deduction for food donations, a tax break for contributions from certain retirement accounts, a conservation tax break for landowners, a tax cut for some private foundations, and an extension of the period for which taxpayers can claim donations on their tax return. The tax breaks would cost $16 billion over 10 years. [The Hill, 7/17/14]

The motion failed, 185-227. [HR 4719, Vote #431, 7/17/14]

**Voted to Block Vote on Ending Tax Break for Companies that Outsource Jobs**

In July 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration of a bill that would end a tax deduction for moving costs for companies moving overseas while providing a tax credit for companies moving back to the United States. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 7/24/14; Bloomberg, 7/30/14]

The previous question passed, 226-191. [H Res 680, Vote #442, 7/24/14]

**Voted Against Ending Tax Break for Companies Moving to Tax Havens**
In July 2014, Walberg voted against denying the bonus depreciation tax break to corporations that relocate to avoid paying U.S. taxes. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/11/14]

The bonus depreciation tax break allows companies to write off a percentage of new equipment. The underlying House bill would permanently extend the tax break, costing $287 billion over a decade. [PBS News, 7/11/14; Wall Street Journal, 7/11/14]

The motion failed, 191-229. [HR 4718, Vote #403, 7/11/14]

**Walberg: Universal Health Care “Absolutely Not” A Right**

During an October 2006 debate with Democratic opponent Sharon Renier, Walberg and his opponent were asked whether they thought every American had a right to universal health care.

“Absolutely not,” Walberg answered. “It is not a right, it is an opportunity that we have.” He said the solution to high health care costs is to slow down lawsuits by enacting tort reform and to eliminate “unnecessary and over-restrictive regulations” that make it more expensive for pharmaceutical companies to develop new products.

Renier accused Walberg of “amazing hypocrisy” because, as a former state legislator, he is eligible for lifelong health insurance. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/18/06]

**Voted for Health Care Repeal**

In 2013, Walberg voted for repealing the Affordable Care Act. It was the 37th time House Republicans voted to repeal all or parts of the law.

According to the New York Times, the vote would be “at least the 43rd day since Republicans took over the House that they have devoted time to voting on the issue…That means that since 2011, Republicans have spent no less than 15 percent of their time on the House floor on repeal in some way.” [New York Times, 5/14/13]

“This government takeover of health care will hurt families, hurt small businesses, hurt retirees, and hurt Americans seeking to find work in our tough economy, so I voted today to repeal it,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 5/16/13]

According to a staff report from the Energy and Commerce committee, repealing health care reform for Michigan would mean:

- Drug costs for over 106,700 seniors would have been $153.4 million higher.
- 94,000 young adults would not have had coverage through their parents’ plans.
- 1.6 million women and 990,000 seniors and people with disabilities would not have received free preventive care.
- 114,000 people would not have received $13.9 million in rebates from their insurance companies.
- And next year, over 1.1 million people will not have access to quality, dependable health insurance coverage. [Energy and Commerce committee, May 2013]
The measure passed, 229-195. [HR 45, Vote #154, 5/16/13]

**Allowed Repealing Health Care While Keeping Benefits for Members of Congress**

In January 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that would not allow Congress to repeal the health reform bill without a majority of members of the House and Senate agreeing to forgo federal benefits themselves. [The Hill, 1/19/11; H.R. 2, Vote #13, 1/19/11]

Walberg called criticism for his vote disingenuous, and said the proposal was political gamesmanship.

“It isn’t genuine,” Walberg said. “It’s just simply to put Republicans on the hot seat of voting against something kind, sweet, American apple pie, girl-next-door-type provisions, as this was.” [WILZ, 1/21/11]

**Voted to Keep Federal Health Care Benefits a Secret**

In January 2011, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit requiring the disclosure of whether Members were enrolling in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program.

The bill failed, 191-239. [H Res 5, Vote #5, 1/05/11]

**Voted with Bush in Opposition to Reauthorizing and Expanding Children’s Health Insurance**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an attempt to override President Bush’s veto of the bill that would reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program at nearly $60 billion over five years, expanding the program by $35 billion.

To offset the cost of the expansion, the bill would increase the tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to $1 per pack and raise taxes on other tobacco products.

The bill would provide coverage to pregnant women and dental coverage to children enrolled in the program.

States would have to meet new requirements before being allowed to expand eligibility beyond 300 percent of poverty. It also would authorize $100 million to fund state outreach and enrollment efforts and establish a contingency fund for states with funding shortfalls due to increased enrollment. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/18/07]

The bill failed 273-156. A two-thirds majority was required to override the veto. [HR 976, Vote #982, 10/18/07]

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The motion was agreed by a vote of 265-159. [HR 976, Vote #906, 9/25/07]

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Used McDonalds as Example of Hiring Possibilities Without Affordable Care Act

In 2011, Walberg cited recent hiring by McDonalds restaurants as an example of how businesses thrive when not subjected to federal mandates. McDonalds had been exempted from the Affordable Care Act.

“When you are not under the gun of the ObamaCare mandates, you can hire employees. We ought to give that same opportunity to other employers around this nation,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 6/22/11]

Voted to Block Vote on Letting Students Refinance Their Loans

In June 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration of the Bank on Students Emergency Refinancing Act. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 6/11/14]
The bill would allow more than 25 million Americans to refinance their student loans to lower interest rates of less than 4 percent. To pay for the refinancing, the bill would increase income taxes on those earning between $1 million and $2 million. [The Hill, 9/16/14]

The previous question passed, 224-194. [H Res 616, Vote #298, 6/11/14]

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The previous question passed, 224-190. [H Res 677, Vote #437, 7/23/14]

Voted Against Protecting Teacher Development Funding For High Poverty Areas

**Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Title II Funding For High Poverty Schools.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would delay implementation of the new formula for Title II funding until the Education secretary determines that the implementation will not reduce funding for schools serving high percentages of students in poverty. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Gwen Moore, “Specifically, the No Child Left Behind title II formula for school districts focuses 65 percent of funds on students in poverty and 35 percent on the number of students, which is students in poverty versus just the number of students. The State formula focuses 80 percent of its funding on poverty and 20 percent on student population. H.R. 5 completely upends this … As written, we have strong reasons to fear that H.R. 5 would result in Federal dollars being siphoned away from States and school districts with the poorest students and being awarded to States and schools with higher affluence.” The amendment failed, 185 to 239. [HR 5, Vote #99, 2/26/15; House Congressional Record, Page H1265, 2/26/15]

Voted Against STEM Gateway Grants For Women, Minorities, And Low-Income Students

**Voted Against An Amendment To Authorize STEM Education Grants For Women, Minorities, And Low-Income Students.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that “would have established a STEM Gateways program for state education agencies to issue grants for educating girls, underrepresented minorities and low-income students in the science, technology, engineering and math fields at elementary schools and secondary schools.” The amendment failed, 204 to 217. [HR 5, Vote #95, 2/26/15; Bangor Daily News, 2/27/15]

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Career Education In Manufacturing

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Career Education In Manufacturing.** In February 2015, Walberg voted for to block consideration of a vote to provide career education in manufacturing to help students prepare for 21st century manufacturing jobs. The previous question carried, 242-176. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on career education in manufacturing. [H Res 70, Vote #54, 2/03/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/03/15]
Sponsored Bill to Prevent Regulation of Greenhouse Gases

In 2011, Walberg sponsored the Defending America’s Affordable Energy and Jobs Act, which would prevent the President, EPA, or any federal agency from regulating greenhouse gases without Congressional approval. [HR 750, introduced 2/16/11]

Named to LCV’s “Dirty Dozen” During 2008 and 2010 Cycles

In 2008, the League of Conservation Voters made Walberg a member of its “Dirty Dozen” for his environmental record. [Editorial, Detroit Free Press, 10/24/08]

In 2010, the League of Conservation Voters made Walberg a member of its “Dirty Dozen” for the second time. [League of Conservation Voters press release, 9/09/10]

Supported Drilling Under Great Lakes

In May 2007, Walberg told a group of Lansing-area constituents at a town hall meeting that he did not understand why the United States did not drill under the Great Lakes.

“I don’t know how many of you realize that here in this state in the United States, we do not allow even the slant directional drilling under the Great Lakes,” Walberg said. “Our environmental lobby has done so well in lobbying efforts from keeping us from doing that, that we don’t drill in ANWR, we don’t drill under the Great Lakes... I don’t understand that.”

“So I say let’s get away from being held by the markets so tightly on petroleum sources,” he continued. “Unless we are willing to use what we have and provide competition to the world market because we can say to OPEC then ‘to hell with them’ we got our own Alaskan oil, we have our own Great Lakes oil and we got our own intercontinental shelf oil… That’s how I look at it.” [Michigan Democratic Party release, 5/30/07]

When pushed at another town hall meeting on whether he would support Great Lakes drilling if state and federal laws barring such drilling were repealed, Walberg answered, “I don’t deal in hypotheticals. You do that. I deal with reality.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/05/07]

Voted Against Barring Oil and Gas Drilling Near Great Lakes and Everglades

In February 2012, Walberg voted against prohibiting federal or state permits or leases for new oil and gas drilling within five miles of the Great Lakes or the Florida Everglades.

The motion was rejected 176-241. [HR 3408, Vote #70, 2/16/12]

Accepted More Than $100,000 from Oil and Gas Companies

Over his career, Walberg has accepted $102,170 in donations from oil and gas companies. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 9/13/13]
Voted Against Requiring Companies to Have a Disaster Plan for Oil Spills

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment that required oil and gas companies to have contingency plans for worst-case scenarios, including plans for oil containment and cleanup, when applying for 5-year oil and gas off-shore permits.

The amendment would require companies seeking off-shore oil and gas leases under the 5-year oil and gas leasing programs listed in H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act, to submit plans for a worst-case scenario oil spill including oil containment and cleanup. Due to a lack of planning for oil containment and cleanup the Deepwater Horizon oil spill leaked about 185 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. [The Hill, 5/11/11; Congressional Record, 5/11/11; New York Times, 10/17/11]

The amendment failed 195-223. [HR 1231, Vote #315, 5/11/11]

Voted to Protect Tax Breaks for Big Oil Companies

In March 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have repealed oil and gas production tax breaks for major integrated oil companies for the proposed two-week period in the House budget continuing resolution.

Rep. William Keating, who offered the motion to recommit, said, “Our alternative is an alternative of sensible spending cuts. Let’s stop sending taxpayer money to the most profitable companies in the world.” [CQ Today, 3/01/11]

The motion failed, 176-249. [HJR 44, Vote #153, 3/01/11]

Voted Against Preventing Gas Price Hikes

In 2011, Walberg voted against limiting the seizures of American farm and ranch land and to prevent gas price hikes. The motion would have directed “the president to ensure federal agencies take ‘any feasible step’ to prevent an increase in gas prices and limit seizures of American farm and ranch land.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/11; HR 1938, Vote #649, 7/26/11]

Voted Against Bill to Crack Down on Foreign Oil Price Manipulation

In 2008, Walberg voted against bill that would make it illegal for foreign countries to collectively manipulate energy prices or supplies and allow the federal government to sue foreign countries for any such actions that affect the United States. [HR 6074, Vote #332, 5/20/08]

Opposed Bill to Crack Down on Gas Price Gouging

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to investigate and punish motor fuel price gougers. The bill would provide the FTC with a clear, enforceable definition of price gouging and would allow them to impose penalties of up to $150
million for corporations and up to $2 million and 10 years in jail for individuals. [Rep. Stupak Press Release, 6/25/08; HR 6346, Vote #448, 6/24/08]

**Opposed Bill to Crack Down on Gas Price Gouging**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation to crack down on gas price gouging. The bill prohibited price gouging for fuels in areas experiencing an “energy emergency,” set civil and criminal penalties for price gouging and permitted states to bring lawsuits against retailers for price gouging. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/23/07; HR 1252, Vote #404, 5/23/07]

**Refused to Stand up to Foreign Gas Price Fixing**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bipartisan bill to empower the Department of Justice to bring antitrust lawsuits against the OPEC alliance in U.S. courts. Even the conservative Heritage Foundation wrote, “OPEC would send a strong and long-overdue signal to OPEC oil barons that they must stop limiting production and investment access.” [The Hill, 5/24/07; Heritage Foundation, “Time for Congress to Lift OPEC’s Immunity,” 5/21/07; HR 2264, Vote #398, 5/22/07]

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Democrats argued that cracking down on price gouging was necessary with the rising cost of gas. “Enacting a federal price gouging law, curbing excessive speculation and compelling the oil companies to use their existing drilling permits are all steps Congress can take today to provide real relief for consumers,” bill sponsor Rep. Bart Stupak said. [Rep. Stupak Press Release, 6/25/08]

Republicans argued that the price-gouging bill was designed to stop debate on proposals to expand drilling. “This bill has no purpose except to provide political cover to Democrats who continue to defy the will of the American people by blocking legislation to increase the supply of American energy,” Republican Minority Leader John Boehner said. [CQ Today, 6/24/08]

The bill failed 276-146. [HR 6346, Vote #448, 6/24/08]

**Received $9,825 from Groups Opposing Bill Within Five Days of Vote**

Within five days of his vote, Walberg received $9,825 in donations from interest groups opposing the bill, including Koch Industries.
Voted to Protect Tax Breaks for Oil Companies, Against Renewable Energy Tax Credits, Receiving $9,600 From Groups Opposing Bill Within Five Days Of Vote

In 2008, Walberg voted against passing a bill that would extend and create several tax incentives for energy conservation and renewable-energy production, including a new tax credit for plug-in hybrid vehicles.

The bill would extend expiring tax credits for wind and solar energy and authorize $5.6 billion in tax-credit bonds to finance renewable energy and energy conservation efforts. According to CQ, “to offset the costs, the bill would eliminate or reduce the manufacturing tax deduction for oil and gas companies. It also would change the way oil and gas companies calculate foreign oil and gas income.” [CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/08]

The motion passed, 236-182. [HR 5351, Vote #84, 2/27/08]

Claimed Bill Would Send Jobs Overseas

In 2008, Walberg voted for a measure that would raise taxes on the largest oil companies. The legislation would have cost the five largest oil companies an average of $1.8 billion a year. The companies collectively earned $123 billion in 2007.

“This bill will raise taxes on American energy producers and send American jobs overseas by removing incentives for American manufacturers to invest and grow, while failing to produce any more energy,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 3/03/08]

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[Maplight, accessed 9/13/13]
Walberg’s Top Donor Owned Two Coal-Fired Power Plants Considered “By Far The Largest Source Of” Sulfur Dioxide Pollutant In Wayne County

Walberg Received $16,000 From DTE Energy. According to Opensecrets, Tim Walberg received $16,000 total from DTE Energy during the 2014 Election. Individuals connected to the company gave $600 to Walberg. Political Action Committees connected to DTE Energy contributed $10,000. [Opensecrets, Accessed 5/11/15]

Detroit Free Press: DTE Energy’s Permits For Coal-Fired Power Plants In Wayne County Would “Allow Far More Emissions Than An Earlier Reduction Plan From Michigan Department Of Environmental Quality.” “Environmental groups are criticizing air pollution permits sought by DTE Energy for its coal-fired power plants in Wayne County, saying they don’t go far enough to protect air quality and public safety. The proposed permits will reduce sulfur dioxide emissions from current levels at DTE’s River Rouge and Trenton Channel plants — but allow far more emissions than an earlier reduction plan from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that was scuttled last summer.” [Detroit Free Press, 3/10/15]

DTE’s River Rouge Plant Was In Violation Of Federal Rules On Sulfur Dioxide. “The River Rouge area is in violation of federal rules on sulfur dioxide levels, and the new permits are DTE and the state’s attempt to get and stay under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency limits. DTE’s River Rouge and Trenton Channel power plants are by far the largest sources of the pollutant in Wayne County.” [Detroit Free Press, 3/10/15]

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DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant Contributed To Pollution Of Schools In Monroe, MI

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Hurd Road Elementary School Was In 11th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant in Monroe, MI ranked in 11th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

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Sodt School Was In 15th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Sodt School in Monroe, MI ranked in 15th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside Jefferson Middle School In Monroe, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant in Monroe, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” Jefferson Middle in Monroe, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Jefferson Middle School Was In 17th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Jefferson Middle School in Monroe, MI ranked in 15th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside Jefferson Alternative School In Monroe, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant in Monroe, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” Jefferson Alternative School in Monroe, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Jefferson Alternative School Was In 19th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Jefferson Alternative School in Monroe, MI ranked in 19th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The
Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15

DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside Jefferson High School In Monroe, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant in Monroe, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” Jefferson High School in Monroe, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Jefferson High School Was In 19th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Jefferson High School in Monroe, MI ranked in 19th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Ervin Industries Contributed Total Of $45,500 Walberg, Ranking Among Top Donors Over Course Of Career. According to Opensecrets, Ervin Industries contributed a total of $45,500 to Walberg over the course of his career, ranking as one of his top contributors. [Opensecrets, Accessed 10/29/15]

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Ervin Industries Contributed To Pollution Of Ann Arbor And Adrian, MI Schools

Ervin Industries Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside Abbot School In Ann Arbor, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools,
Ervin Industries in Adrian, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” Abbot School in Ann Arbor, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Abbot School Was In 53rd Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Abbot School in Adrian, MI ranked in 53rd percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Ervin Industries Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside St. John’s Lutheran School In Adrian, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” St. John’s Lutheran School In Adrian, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

St. John’s Lutheran School Was In 1st Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, St. John’s Lutheran School in Adrian, MI ranked in 1st percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Ervin Industries Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside McKinley Elementary School In Adrian, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries in Adrian, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” McKinley Elementary School In Adrian, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

McKinley Elementary School Was In 4th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, McKinley Elementary School in Adrian, MI ranked in 4th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Chlorine Represented 37% Of Pollution At School. According to a special report by USA today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Chlorine made up “37% of overall toxicity” as a chemical “responsible for the toxicity outside” of McKinley Elementary School. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Ervin Industries Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside Madison Elementary School In Adrian, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries in Adrian, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for
toxics outside” Madison Elementary School In Adrian, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

**Madison Elementary School Was In 8th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals.** According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Madison Elementary School in Adrian, MI ranked in 8th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

**Ervin Industries Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside Madison High School In Adrian, MI.** According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries in Adrian, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” Madison High School In Adrian, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

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**Toxic Chemicals Emitted By Ervin Industries Inc. Was Manganese And Manganese Compounds.** According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries in Adrian, MI emitted toxic chemicals Manganese and Manganese compounds. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

**Walberg Co-Sponsored Legislation To “Shield” Campaign Donors And Other Utility Companies Operating Under Emergency Order From Being Subject To Environmental Violations, While Donor Lobbied Congress Concerning Legislation And Donated $1,000 To Walberg**
January 15, 2013: Walberg Co-Sponsored Bill To “Shield Utilities” Following Emergency Electricity Orders From Any Liabilities For Violating Any Environmental Law. In January 2013, Walberg co-sponsored H.R. 271. “Emergency Power The panel will also consider a bill (HR 271) that would shield utilities complying with Department of Energy emergency electricity orders from any liability posed by federal, state or local environmental regulations. The measure appeared to have bipartisan support. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., noted that the bill would be critical as hurricane season approaches. A version of the measure passed the House in August 2012 by voice vote, but died in the Senate.” The bill passed the U.S. House by voice vote. [H.R. 271, 1/15/13; CQ Quarterly Committee Markup Coverage, 5/14/13]


November 17, 2013, Walberg Editorial: CMS Energy And DTE Energy Employed More Than 600 People In Monroe County. “From transportation to job creation, an abundant supply of energy is critical to the health of our economy, especially in Monroe County where DTE Energy and CMS Energy employ more than 600 people combined. But uncertainty about high energy costs is making it harder for Michigan's businesses to grow and for families to live within their budget. If we want to see a return to stable energy prices and increased job growth, we need to step away from the president's expansive regulatory agenda and instead get serious about implementing an all-of-the-above energy plan.” [Monroe Evening News, 11/17/13]


Honored Retirement Of Campaign Donor On House Floor; Donor Gave $18,600 To Walberg Over The Course Of His Career Running For Congress

Honored Retirement Of Douglas Kapnick On House Floor. “Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Douglas Kapnick of Adrian, MI on the celebration of his retirement from Kapnick Insurance Group. For 43 years he has successfully operated the company and has contributed to various organizations within the area in an effort to give back to the community. Upon graduating from the University of Michigan in 1965 with a Business Administration degree, Douglas Kapnick joined his father's insurance business, Kapnick and Company.” [Congressional Record, 9/18/08]


Recognized Campaign Donor, GOP Operative And Former Ambassador Ronald Weiser On House Floor
Recognized Ronald Weiser On House Floor. “Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Ambassador Ronald Weiser upon his receiving of the 2007 Chelsea Citizen of the Year Award. It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ambassador Ronald Weiser on behalf of all who have benefited from his hard work and dedication. Ambassador Weiser, founder of McKinley Properties, understands the importance of a vibrant downtown to the growing Chelsea community. Through McKinley Properties, the Ambassador has contributed his time and financial resources to ensure a historic landmark was restored and brought into the 21st century.” [Congressional Record, 11/08/07]


Weiser Was A GOP Operative Who Faced Criticism For Remarks About Detroit Voters. “GOP operative Ron Weiser of Ann Arbor in hot water over remarks about Detroit voters. Ann Arbor resident and high-ranking GOP fund-raiser Ron Weiser is facing criticism after a video surfaced of him making allegations of voter fraud and crime in Detroit at a tea party gathering in Milford, the Detroit Free Press reported Sunday. In the video, which was filmed in August by a Democratic operative and posted to YouTube by the Michigan Democratic Party, Weiser discussed Detroit's population decline and the lack of political ‘machines’ as reasons Republicans should be optimistic about the election.” [Ann Arbor News, 12/16/12]

Introduced President Of Grand Hotel At House Committee Hearing; Nearly Five Months Later, President Donated To Walberg’s Campaign

Praised Grand Hotel During Committee Hearing To Expand Guest Worker Program In Which Hotel’s Owners Begged For More Foreign Workers. “Chairman Walberg. I thank the gentleman. It is a privilege to introduce our witness panel this morning. And then it is a special privilege for me to introduce Mr. Dan Musser, who is the president of the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Michigan. Allowing personal privilege here, I certainly give a very easy recommendation and advertisement for the Grand Hotel. If you have not been there you haven't lived, to sit on the longest porch in the world looking at some of the greatest scenery in the Straits of Mackinac, on an island where the only sound you will basically hear other than happy voices is the clippety-clop of horses and carriages, since those are the only transportation sources on the island. If you have missed it, you have missed it and it is about time to take care of that. [House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, 3/24/13]

President Of Grand Hotel Gave $250 To Walberg. According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on August 26, 2013, the president of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI, gave $250 to Walberg’s campaign. [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]

Walberg’s Campaign Returned $150 To The President Of Grand Hotel. According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on August 26, 2013, Walberg’s campaign returned $150 to the
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2013: Voted To Expand Off-Shore Oil And Gas Development While Holding Stocks With Holdings In Companies Lobbying In Support Of Bill; Walberg Reported Profit Off Fund For Year

March 14, 2013: Walberg Purchased Stocks In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to Walberg’s April 10, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg purchased $1,001 to $15,000 worth of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. [Walberg Transaction Report, 4/10/13]

McDermott International Inc Was A Holding In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to the profile of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF, McDermott International Inc was a holding in the fund, accounting for 3.5% of the profile fund. [Morningstar Portfolio, S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF profile, accessed 6/01/15]

Transocean Was A Holding In A Holding In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to Walberg’s April 10, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg purchased $1,001 to $15,000 worth of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. [Walberg Transaction Report, 4/10/13]

June 28, 2013: Voted In Favor Of Bill To “Expand U.S. Offshore Energy Production.” “Today Rep. Walberg voted in favor of H.R. 2231, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act, to expand U.S. offshore energy production by requiring the Administration to move forward with offshore energy production in areas containing the greatest amount of oil and natural gas resources. ‘One sure way to create jobs is expanding our country's energy production. Increased domestic energy production will help lower energy prices for both families and businesses, increase energy security, create jobs and help grow a healthy economy,’ commented Rep. Walberg following the vote.” [Walberg Press Release, 6/28/13]

November 25, 2013: Walberg Sold Stocks In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to Walberg’s December 10, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg sold $1,0001 to $15,000 worth of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. [Walberg Transaction Report, 12/10/13]

Q2 2013: McDermott International Lobbied U.S. House Of Representatives To “Support Legislation To Increase Oil And Gas Development In The Off-Shore Areas Of The U.S.” According to McDermott International’s Quarter 2 lobbying disclosure filing with the U.S. House Clerk, the company paid $10,000 to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to “Support legislation to increase oil and gas development in the off-shore area of the U.S. [U.S. House Clerk, McDermott International Lobbying Disclosure filing, Q2 2013 4/01/13-6/30/13]

Q3 2013: McDermott International Lobbied U.S. House Of Representatives To “Support Legislation To Increase Oil And Gas Development In The Off-Shore Areas Of The U.S.” According to McDermott International’s Quarter 3 lobbying disclosure filing with the U.S. House Clerk, the company paid $10,000 to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to “Support
legislation to increase oil and gas development in the off-shore area of the U.S. [U.S. House Clerk, McDermott International Lobbying Disclosure filing, Q3 2013 7/01/13-9/30/13]

Q2 2013: Transocean Lobbied U.S. House Of Representatives On “Oil And Gas Exploration; Off-Shore Drilling; Mobile Drilling Units; Energy Legislation.” According to Transocean’s Quarter 2 lobbying disclosure filing with the U.S. house Clerk, the company paid $60,000 to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on “oil and gas exploration; off-shore drilling; mobile drilling units; energy exploration; energy legislation” [U.S. House Clerk, Transocean International Lobbying Disclosure filing, Q2 2013 4/01/13-6/30/13]


June 23, 2013, Walberg Editorial: “New Practices Allow Producers to Easily Extract Natural Gas, Coal, And Oil From The Ground.” “One such initiative is expanding American energy. Michigan recently had the second-highest gas prices in the country at over $4 a gallon, placing another burden on struggling families, young people and businesses. Meanwhile, the United States sits on a treasure trove of natural resources. New practices allow producers to easily extract natural gas, coal and oil from the ground, all while doing it cheaper, safer and with less disruption to the landscape. Projects such as the Keystone XL pipeline would create tens of thousands of jobs, but unfortunately the administration refuses to move forward with this plan. This is in spite of the State Department declaring it environmentally safe, labor unions agreeing it will create jobs and both the House and Senate passing legislation approving the pipeline.” [Monroe Evening news, Walberg Editorial, 6/23/13]

May 16, 2013: Walberg Attended Subcommittee Hearing Concerning Off-Shore Oil And Gas Production. “OPPORTUNITIES LOST: CONSTRAINTS ON OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS AND WATERS … The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:32 a.m., in Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. James Lankford [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding. Present: Representatives Lankford, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Farenthold, Hastings, Speier, and Horsford. … Mr. LANKFORD. The Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Healthcare and Entitlements come to order. … The Department of the Interior administers 700 million subsurface acres in Federal mineral estate and over 1.7 billion acres in Federal offshore acreage. There are extraordinary quantities of oil and natural gas under these lands and waters. These resources promise to deliver two things unimaginable just a decade ago: American energy independence and a broad economic renaissance.” [U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care & Entitlements, 5/16/13]

Missed Vote on Auto Rescue Because of Surgery

In 2008, Walberg missed the vote on the auto industry rescue because he was receiving from surgery.

Walberg said he planned the procedure long before to coincide with a time when Congress was traditionally on recess. [Ann Arbor News, 12/17/08]

2008: Said He Would Have Reluctantly Supported Auto Rescue
Walberg told reporters that he reluctantly would have supported the bailout of the auto industry.

“This is only a stop-gap for the inevitable, which is the decline of the domestic automakers unless we can get competitive and rescind aggressive environmental standards and other regulations that our automakers can’t attain,” Walberg said. [Ann Arbor News, 12/17/08]

2010: Would Not Give Clear Answer On Auto Rescue

In 2010, Walberg refused to answer a question at a town hall meeting on whether he would have voted for the auto rescue.

“I don’t answer on conjecture, or someone could say to me, ‘Walberg, you can’t prove that either way. I don’t answer,” Walberg said.

Later, at a debate with Congressman Schauer, Walberg was asked repeatedly how he would’ve voted on the auto rescue, and refused to answer directly each time. From the debate:

SKUBICK: If the vote was up on the board for aid to GM and Chrysler –

WALBERG: We work on reality, Tim… I work on reality on what grows an economy, and that’s an economy that says let’s get out of the way and let GM, let Chrysler, let Ford, let what grows and economy – and that’s the private sector – work. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/14/10]

Opposed Cash for Clunkers, Even If It Helped Michigan Jobs

In a 2010 interview, Walberg said that he would have voted against Cash for Clunkers, even if it helped Michigan jobs:

INTERVIEWER: Cash for Clunkers.

WALBERG: No.

INTERVIEWER: Even considering that would’ve helped Michigan jobs. Even at the expense of job... I mean it was a stupid program. It didn’t actually stimulate anything. But...

WALBERG: I wouldn’t have voted for it. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 55:55, 6/25/10]

Unable to Give Number of Auto Employees Working in 7th District

In 2007, Walberg was criticized by the AFL-CIO for his inability to give the number of auto employees in the 7th congressional district. Walberg told a C-SPAN reporter he “couldn’t give you an exact number” of auto employees in the 7th District, adding the best way to help the ailing Big Three is to cut taxes.
“He should be ashamed of himself for not knowing that or having a general idea,” said Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 1/10/07]

### Co-sponsored Right to Work Legislation

In 2012, Walberg co-sponsored the National Right-to-Work Act. He co-sponsored similar legislation in 2013. [HR 2040, co-sponsored 2/07/12; HR 946, co-sponsored 3/05/13]

The bill, introduced by Congressman Steve King, would prevent workers benefitting from union contracts from being required to pay fees associated with contract negotiations. [Center for American Progress, 2/02/12]

#### 629,000 Union Members in Michigan

In 2012, 629,000 Michigan residents were members of a union, or 16.6 percent of the working population. [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 3/12/13]

### Voted Against Prohibiting State Funds From Promoting Right to Work

In 1996, Walberg voted against an amendment to prohibit any state funds from being used to promote “right to work” efforts.

The amendment passed 83-17. [MIRS Captiol Capsule, 3/26/96; HB 5583, Kaza amendment, RC #259, 3/26/96]

### Said Michiganders Should Worry Right to Work States Taking Their Jobs, Not Other Countries

At a June 2010 meet and greet, Walberg said that Michiganders should be more worried about losing manufacturing jobs to Right to Work states than to Mexico or China.

“The states that are cleaning out clock economically, taking our manufacturing jobs - It’s not China and Mexico that we should really be worrying that much about. We’re getting jobs back from China because of quality issues. We should be worrying about the other states, including the ones right on our border like Indiana, where Mitch Daniels is cleaning our clock, a Right to Work state,” Walberg said. [MI07 Raw Footage YouTube, 6/16/10]

### Voted for Sequestration

In 2011, Walberg voted for the Budget Control Act. The bill contained a “trigger” (referred to as “sequestration”) that would automatically cut $1.2 trillion in spending over nine years—spread equally between defense spending and domestic programs—should the “super committee” and Congress fail to find savings elsewhere. [CRS, 8/19/11; New York Times, 8/1/11; CBS News, 6/28/11; Third Way, “The Dominoes of Default,” 5/11; Wall Street Journal, 1/19/12]

While the Budget Control Act passed 269-161, the “super committee” later failed to reach an agreement. [HR 690, Vote #690, 8/01/11; CNN, 11/21/11]
Called Sequestration “A Dumb Way To Do Business”

In 2013, Walberg called the across-the-board sequestration cuts a dumb way of doing business.

“Sequester happened. I don’t plan to make jokes about it,” Walberg said. “It’s a dumb way to do business.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

Walberg on Sequestration: “I’ve Seen No Evidence Of The Sky Falling”

In 2013, Walberg told the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce that neither Republicans nor Democrats expected sequestration to be implemented, but the world hadn’t ended in its wake.

“I’ve traveled through almost all seven counties in this district in the last four days and I’ve seen no evidence of the sky falling on the roads anywhere or in the fields,” Walberg said. [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

Sequestration Hurt Children…

In 2013, the State Budget Office found that due to sequestration, the state Department of Human Services would have to eliminate an assistance program that provided 21,000 needy children with a small clothing allowance each year. [MLive, 4/15/13]

…And Students

According to the State Budget Office, schools would lose more than $54 million in funding, and face cuts in special education services, Title I funding, career and technical training, and after-school programs. [MLive, 4/15/13]

…And Seniors

Sequestration cut funding for free and low-cost meals for seniors, both home-delivered lunches and those served at senior centers and senior housing complexes.

“Especially in rural areas, the issue is that the Meals on Wheels is not just about a meal. It’s about a human being checking in on another at least once a day,” executive director of Michigan’s Area Agencies on Aging Association Mary Ablan said. [USA Today, 5/28/13]

Voted to Ease Flight Delays Due to Sequestration Cuts

In 2013, Walberg voted for legislation that would give the secretary of transportation the flexibility to end flight delays due to cuts to the Federal Aviation Administration. [New York Times, 4/26/13]

The Obama administration and Democrats argued that the bill was not a full fix and that Congress “had effectively come to the rescue of an affluent and elite slice of the public affected by the cuts, including
lawmakers themselves, while leaving the poor to continue to fend for themselves.” [New York Times, 4/26/13]

**Voted to Go on Paid Recess Without Fixing Sequester First**

In February 2013, two weeks before the sequester would begin cutting indiscriminately from government, Walberg voted to adjourn for over a week before reaching a solution.

The resolution passed with 222 Republicans and no Democrats voting for adjournment, 222-190. [H Con Res 15, Vote #43, 2/15/13]

**Repeatedly Voted to Keep the Sequester Cuts**

In 2013, Walberg repeatedly voted to keep the sequester cuts:

- **Republican Budget:** Voted for Republican Budget, Which Contained Cuts From Sequestration. [H Con Res 25, Vote #88, 3/21/13]

- **RSC Budget:** Voted Against the RSC Budget, Which Contained Cuts From Sequestration. [H Con Res 25, Vote #86, 3/21/13]

- **Voted for Sequester Cuts to House Committee Appropriations.** [HR 115, Vote #82, 3/19/13]

**Repeatedly Voted Against Replacing the Sequester**

In 2013, Walberg repeatedly voted against replacing the sequester cuts with a balanced approach:

- **House Democratic Budget:** Voted Against the House Budget That Replaced the Sequester with a Balanced Approach. [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/21/13]

- **House Progressive Caucus Budget:** Voted Against CPC Budget that Replaced Sequester. [H Con Res 25, Vote #85, 3/20/13; Economic Policy Institute, 3/13/13]

- **Senate Democratic Budget:** Voted Against Senate Budget That Replaced the Sequester with a Balanced Approach. [H Con Res 25, Vote #83, 3/20/13; Politico, 3/12/13]

- **Voted Against Consideration of Replacing Sequester Cuts with Balanced Approach.** [H Res 83, Vote #51, 2/27/13; The Hill, 2/11/13]

- **Voted Against Consideration of Replacing Sequester Cuts with Balanced Approach.** [H Res 66, Vote #41, 2/27/13]

- **Voted Against Consideration of Replacing Sequester Cuts with Balanced Approach.** [H Res 99, Vote #59, 2/27/13]
Continuing Appropriations Measure: Voted Against Striking Sequester Cuts. [HR 933, Vote #61, 3/06/13]

Voted for ‘Students Pay More Act’

In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill that would ultimately lead to higher interest rates on certain government student loans, based on projections from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

On July 1, interested rates for new subsidized Stafford loans would have doubled from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent. Under the Republican proposal, student loans would be reset every year based on 10-year Treasury notes, plus an added percentage.

“Using Congressional Budget Office projections, that would translate to a 5 percent interest rate on Stafford loans in 2014, but the rate would climb to 7.7 percent for loans in 2023. Stafford loan rates would be capped at 8.5 percent, while loans for parents and graduate students would have a 10.5 percent ceiling under the GOP proposal,” reported the Associated Press. [Associated Press, 5/16/13]

The bill passed, 221-198. [HR 1911, Vote #183, 5/23/13]

Blamed Government Takeover of Student Loans for Increasing Defaults

In 2012, Walberg co-authored an op-ed with Congressman Phil Roe that blamed Congress for increasing student loan debt and the increasing number of graduates defaulting on loans, saying that student would have been better off with a variable interest rate rather than the fixed rate set by Congress.

“Unfortunately, over the last 20 years, students have seen the federal government gradually move to overtake all aspects of student loans. This has gotten us into the mess where we find ourselves now,” Walberg and Roe wrote. [Walberg and Roe opinion, Detroit News, 5/02/12]

Unsure About Expanding Head Start

In 2013, Walberg said that he wasn’t sure about President Obama’s plan to expand Head Start.

“I’m not sure what he (Obama) is really getting at in talking of starting a new program of preschool education opportunities when there may be a case made that we aren’t doing well with the ones that are presently in place,” Walberg said. [Detroit News, 3/04/13]

Opposed Bipartisan Early-Childhood Education Program

In 2007, Walberg voted against agreeing to a conference report to reauthorize the Head Start program through 2012. [HR 1429, Vote #1090, 11/14/07]

Voted Against Head Start Funding Because Did Not Protect Faith Based Hiring
In 2008, Walberg said that he supported Head Start, but voted against funding for the program in committee and in the House because it lacked a provision protecting hiring practices at faith-based Head Start programs. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/08/08]

**Proposed Abolishing the Department of Education**

In a 2004 profile, Walberg included “shutdown the Department of Education” second on a list of his priorities in office should he be elected to Congress.

In an earlier debate, Walberg attacked the Department as “overblown, overpowered” and said it “adds nothing to the quality of education.” [Lansing State Journal, 7/29/04, 4/27/04]

**Walberg: “No Place for the Federal Government in Education”**

In 2011, Walberg, a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee, said there is “no place for the federal government in education.” [Bloomberg Business, 1/27/11]

**Supported Absolute Ban on Abortion, With “Very, Very Rare” Exception to Save Mother’s Life**

In 2006, Walberg said abortion should be illegal with no exceptions for rape, incest or the health of the mother.

“The only exception I would give in very, very rare cases -- underline ‘rare’ -- is for the life of the mother,” Walberg said. “Not the health of the mother. The health of the mother is fraught with too many vagaries and potential abuses.” [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/30/06]

**Walberg: Pro-Life Stance “A Moral Absolute”**

In 2006, Walberg said that his pro-life stance was a moral absolute at a Republican primary debate with Representative Joe Schwarz.

“I believe that life, all life, from conception to natural death, is a gift of God. It is a moral absolute,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/22/06]

**Co-sponsored Bill To Ban Abortions After Twenty Weeks, Even in Cases of Rape and Incest**

In 2013, Walberg co-sponsored a bill that “would narrow the window currently set out by federal law and the Supreme Court, which bans most abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy. Some Republican-controlled state legislatures have passed similar laws in recent months. The bill passed committee by a 20-12 vote and is headed for the House floor.” [HR 1797, co-sponsored 4/26/13; Washington Post, 6/12/13]

**Voted For Ban on “Partial Birth Abortion”**

In 1996, Walberg voted for final passage of a bill to ban the “partial birth” abortion in Michigan.

The bill passed 63-36. [HB 5889, RC #611, 5/29/96]
Voted Against Creating Exception to Save Life of Mother [MIRS Captiol Capsule, 5/29/96; HB 5889, Crissman Amendment, RC #600, 5/29/96]

Voted Against Allowing Procedure if Fetus Could Not Survive Outside Womb [HB 5889, Hanley amendment, RC #603, 5/29/96]

Voted Against Allowing Procedure to Save Mother’s Reproductive System [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/29/96; HB 5889, Dobb amendment, RC #605, 5/29/96]

Voted Against Allowing Procedure in Medical Emergency [HB 5589, Bennane amendment, RC #610, 5/29/96]

Co-Sponsored First Amendment Defense Act

Walberg Co-Sponsored Legislation To Allow Employers To Fire Single Women For Being Pregnant. In July 2015, Walberg signed on as a co-sponsor to the First Amendment Defense Act. According to the Huffington Post, “critics say the language is so broad, the bill creates a license to discriminate that would let employers fire women for getting pregnant outside of wedlock … The bill specifically protects those who believe that marriage is between ‘one man and one woman’ or that ‘sexual relations are properly reserved to such a marriage.’ Ian Thompson, a legislative representative at the American Civil Liberties Union, said that in addition to targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, the bill ‘clearly encompasses discrimination against single mothers’ and would hobble the ability of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the federal body that protects women from sex-based discrimination, to act.” [HR 2802, 7/13/15; Huffington Post, 7/17/15]

Legislation Would Allow Employers To Fire Single Women For Being Pregnant, Discriminate Against Same-Sex Couples. “As evidence, they point to Blum’s support for legislation known as the First Amendment Defense Act, a bill that would allow employers to fire single women for getting pregnant and open the door for discrimination against same-sex couples along with gay and lesbian people.” [Iowa Daily Democrat, 7/28/15]

Walberg: “It’s a Sin to be Gay”

During a July 2004 debate with his primary opponents, Walberg said that being gay is a sin.

“It’s a sin to be gay,” Walberg said. “The Bible says it’s a sin. I’m not going to differ with my creator, God.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/20/04]

Co-sponsored Constitutional Amendment Opposing Same Sex Marriage

In 2013, Walberg was an original co-sponsor of the Marriage Protection Amendment, which defined marriage as consisting of only the union of a man and a woman. It prohibited the federal government or any state government from allowing marriage to be conferred upon any other union.

### Said Supreme Court Decision on DOMA Threatened “Orderly Continuance of Society”

In 2013, Walberg released a statement following the Supreme Court’s decisions on the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposal 8.

“I remain of the principled belief that marriage should continue to stand for the union of a man and woman. The activist Supreme Court has decided that the desires of adults are more important than the needs of children and the orderly continuance of society,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 6/26/13]

### Voted Against Reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act

In February 2013, Walberg voted against reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

The bill would reauthorize the Act for five years, having previously expired in 2011. The bill would authorize funds for law enforcement training programs, prosecution and victim services. It would also give American Indian tribal courts additional authority over non-tribal domestic violence offenders, and make it illegal for victim services organizations that receive grant funding through the law to discriminate on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. [CQ, 2/28/13]

The bill passed with bipartisan support, 286-138. [S. 47, Vote #55, 2/28/13]

### Co-Sponsored Bill to Redefine Rape

In 2011, Walberg co-sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act, which would redefine a ban on federal funding for abortions to exempt only “forcible rape” and not “rape” generally. [HR 3 Co-Sponsors, 112th Congress]

### Voted Against Considering Paycheck Fairness Act

In 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Paycheck Fairness Act. The previous question was ordered so the bill was not brought up. [H Res 198, Vote #132, 5/07/13]

#### Opposed Paycheck Equity

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would lift the cap on compensatory and punitive damages that women may be awarded in wage discrimination cases.

The bill would also require employers who contended that pay discrepancies did not result from discrimination to give an actual business reason for why female employees were paid less than their male counterparts. [CQ Today, 7/31/08; HR 1338, Vote #556, 7/31/08]

#### Opposed Bill to Prevent Wage Discrimination

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DCCC Tim Walberg Research Book
In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to protect the victims of wage discrimination. The bill amended the 1964 Civil Rights Act to allow employees to file charges of pay discrimination within 180 days of the last received paycheck affected by the alleged discriminatory decision.

It also clarified that an employee is entitled to up to two years of back-pay if it is determined that discrimination occurred. [Congressional Quarterly; [HR 2831, Vote #768, 7/31/07]

**Voted Against Equal Pay Legislation**

In 1998, Walberg voted against a bill that would allow women and minorities to go to court if they were not being paid the same as other employees in an equal job. The bill passed 59-47. [Gongwer News Service, 5/07/98; HB 4257, RC #377, 5/07/98]

**Said Contraception Requirement in Affordable Care Act Violated First Amendment**

In 2013, Walberg said that the requirement that employer-provided insurance cover contraception and “abortion-inducing agents” violated the right of free exercise of religion.

Walberg said that mandates in the Affordable Care Act were “truly forcing people to consider violating their first amendment liberties of rights of conscience.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

**Suggested Contraception Requirement Warranted Civil Disobedience**

In 2013, Walberg said that he had raised the question with colleagues in the House about whether the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act warranted “civil disobedience for the right reason.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

**2013: Ranked As Highest Spender Of Mass Mail And Communications In Michigan House Delegation**

**2013: Spent $99,704.78 On Mass Mailings And Communications.** According to the US House Statements of Disbursements, in 2013, Walberg spent $99,704 on mass mailings and communications. [House Statements of Disbursement, 2013]


In the first two quarters of 2013, Walberg spent $60,950.31 on mass mailings and communications, retaining his spot as the highest spender of the Michigan delegation and 27th most of the entire House. [House Statements of Disbursement]

**2011-2014: Walberg Travel Reimbursements**

2013: Most Conservative Member Of Michigan Delegation


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In 2012, Walberg was ranked as the most conservative member of Michigan’s congressional delegation by the American Conservative Union and the National Journal.

Walberg received a ranking of 96 out of 100 from the American Conservative Union, tying for most conservative Michigander with Representative Bill Huizenga. [Detroit Free Press, 3/04/12; Muskegon Chronicle, 2/22/13]

The National Journal’s composite conservative scores rated Walberg as the most conservative member of the Michigan delegation in 2012 and 2011. [National Journal Ideology Scores]

Accused of Using House Funds for Politically Motivated Ad

In May 2008, Walberg used official funds from the House of Representatives to pay for a radio ad inviting constituents to his annual “Service Academy Day.”

The minute long ad, which aired surrounding the Memorial Day holiday, said Walberg’s full name three times.

Democrats alleged that the ad violated House rules that prohibited lawmakers from using taxpayer dollars to communicate with constituents during the three months prior to an election. Michigan’s primary was August 5th.

Walberg’s chief of staff, Joe Wicks, said the ads were approved by the House’s bipartisan commission that oversees expenditures. [Associated Press, 5/29/08]

Took Credit For Grant in Bill He Voted Against

In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal 2008 transportation, housing, and urban development appropriations bill, which he claimed increased taxes on subsidiary manufacturers in his district by 600 percent. Subsidiary manufacturers are foreign companies with U.S. subsidiaries.

The bill passed 268-153. [HR 3074, Vote #715, 7/24/07]
Walberg’s office sent out press releases touting the passage of earmarks in the bill requested by Representative Walberg, including expansion of a runway at the W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek, MI and new buses for the Jackson Transportation Authority.

“He did all he could to ensure the funding request was included,” Walberg spokesman Matt Lahr said. However, the final bill exceeded spending limits Walberg promised to uphold, and would increase the federal deficit by $4.5 billion, “therefore he had to vote against the final version of the bill,” Lahr said. [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/27/07]

… Because Bill Contained Too Much Pork

In 2008, Walberg said he voted against the bill because it contained too much pork:

“I said it could be done without giving in to the blackmail of what’s become all too common: ‘If you’ll support my pork, I’ll support your pork,’” he said. “I said I was not going to get caught up with that, and if it came to the point that a bill was so filled with egregious pork that I couldn’t support it, I would vote against it. I still thought I would get significant support and help for my district from appropriate funding sources.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/03/08]

Walberg: “The Beauty of It Is, I Got The [Runway]”

In 2010, Walberg was criticized by his Democratic opponent Mark Schauer for having voted against funding for the runway after having asked for the earmark to be included in the bill.

Walberg said he couldn’t support the bill because it included funding for other projects, like bridge to nowhere in Alaska.

“The beauty of it is, I got the (runway),” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/14/10]

Walberg Notable for Voting No

In 2006, the Toledo Blade wrote that Walberg was known in the Michigan state legislature for voting no.

“Mr. Walberg was notable in the legislature for mainly voting no. No against a seat belt law, no against a Rosa Parks memorial, no against expelling kids from school who physically assault teachers. He even voted against a tax credit for those contributing to the Michigan Vietnam Veterans memorial.” [Editorial, Toledo Blade, 11/04/06]

Hillsdale Daily News: “We Have Had Him As A Congressman Before And We Were Not Impressed”

Hillsdale Daily News: “We Have Had Him As A Congressman Before And We Were Not Impressed.” “As for his opponent, Tim Walberg has not wowed us during this campaign either. We did not endorse his entry into the race more than a year ago and we did not endorse him in the August primary. We have had him as a congressman before and we were not impressed. He says
the right things a conservative candidate needs to say to get elected, but we heard Republicans say that before and look what happened.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/31/10]

Electablog: Walberg “Lied” At Flint Water Crisis Hearing When He Claimed He Met With EPA Staffer Miguel Del Toral And That He Told Them He Was Punished For Flint Crisis Memo

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Claimed To Have Met With Author Of “Preliminary Memo” That Found Lead In Flint Water Supply, Discussing With Author How EPA Chief Disregarded It, But Author Said Discussion Consisted Of “Hi And Bye”

Claimed To Have Met With Author Of “Preliminary Memo” That Found “High Levels Of Lead In Flint Water Supply” And Discussed How EPA Chief Disregarded It. “WALBERG: Ms. Hedman, in July 2015, you told Flint’s mayor to disregard Mr. Del Toral’s preliminary memo that found high levels of lead in Flint’s water supply. Why did it take another five months for the final report to come out? HEDMAN: I never told the mayor to disregard that memo. In fact, if you look at Appendix 3 to my testimony, you’ll see what actually occurred during the conversation that I had with the mayor…WALBERG: There’s great dispute on that coming across the board. HEDMAN: Yes, I wrote the email and I know what I said and if we could take the time to take a moment to talk about that, I think we could clear that up. WALBERG: I’m not sure we could. Mr. Del Toral certainly has a different recollection of it, as well as responses to him. And I had the opportunity to talk with him in Flint this Saturday, as well. Very different from what we are being told here and that’s the concern.” [US House Committee on Oversight and Reform Youtube, 58:56-1:00:00, 3/15/16]
Author’s Email: Meeting With Walberg In Flint Consisted Of “Hi And Bye.” “On the meetings with congressional folks… the first I heard about my ‘meeting’ with Chaffetz was via an email from Nicole Cantello who forwarded an article to me which stated that I had met with him. As I told Nicole, the only time I saw him was at an open house in Flint last Saturday. I was at the corrosion control booth and he stopped by, shook my hand, we exchanged greetings, and he moved on. Same thing with Congressman Walberg. Hi and bye.” [Committee on Oversight & Government Reform, Del Toral email, 3/16/16]

MLive, HEADLINE: Walberg Criticized For Asking Snyder ‘Softball Questions’ During Flint Water Hearing

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MLive: “Seemingly Defending Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder” During Congressional Hearing On Flint


Walberg: “Governor Has Been There Many Days. This Administrator Of EPA Didn’t Show Up Until February.” “You didn't even show up until February of this year,” Walberg told McCarthy. "And I would remind the members on the other side of the aisle, the governor has been there many days. This administrator of EPA didn't show up until February.’” [MLive, 3/17/16]

Walberg To Snyder: “We Appreciate You Voluntarily Release All OF Your Emails So They Could Be A Part Of The Record.” “‘We appreciate you voluntarily releasing all of your emails so they could be part of the record,’ Walberg told Snyder. ‘We appreciate the fact that you're willing to answer tough questions that this committee will offer today and outline the steps you're taking to solve the crisis and help Flint recover.’” [MLive, 3/17/16]

MLive: Walberg Gave “Neighborly Questions” To Snyder And “Did Not Press His Homestate Governor During Questioning At The Hearing”


Democratic Opponent Called On Walberg To Push Snyder To Testify Before Congressional Hearing On Flint Water Crisis

Democratic Opponent Called On Walberg To Push Snyder To Testify Before Congressional Hearing On Flint Water Crisis. “The Flint water crisis and Gov. Rick Snyder's role in it are coming into play in a Michigan congressional race. Gretchen Driskell, a Democratic candidate in the 7th District, is calling for U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, to hold Snyder accountable and require the governor to
testify at a congressional hearing in Washington, D.C. Walberg is a member of the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which is scheduled to hold a hearing on the Flint water crisis Wednesday. Snyder hasn't been called to testify.” [Bay City Times, 1/30/16]

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“**It Comes Down To People Watching Out For Themselves And Staying Attuned.”** WALBERG: “This shows that government can’t protect us against everything. It comes down to people watching out for themselves and staying attuned.” [Spotlight MPP, 6:50-7:02, 3/03/16]

**DCCC Press Release: Walberg Told Constituents That Flint Crisis Proved That “Government Can’t Protect Us All.”** “The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee issued the following news release: Well this was unexpected: Tim Walberg doesn't believe it's his job to protect Americans from contaminated drinking water. Yes, you heard that right. Over the weekend, self-proclaimed ‘Arch Conservative’ Tim Walberg told a gathering of constituents that the ongoing water crisis and public health disaster in Flint proved to him that "government can't protect us all," showing once more that Walberg's extreme ideology is actually becoming dangerous to his own constituents.” [DCCC Press Release, 2/08/16]

**In February 2015, Supported Funding Homeland Security Department, But Voted Against Funding Department A Month Later**

**February, 2015: Supported Funding Homeland Security Department Amidst Stalemate In U.S. Senate Over Funding Proposal.** “The U.S. Senate was in a stalemate over funding for Homeland Security. Republicans included provisions in the bill that would cut funding to Obama's immigration programs. Democrats blocked the bill's passage four times. Funding for Homeland Security was set to expire at midnight today, but movement in the Senate on Thursday appeared to show Republicans were willing to accept a bill devoid of the immigration program cuts. If the Senate acts, the Republican-led House must pass some kind of funding bill before the deadline to prevent a shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 2/26/15]

**March 2015: Voted Against Funding Department Of Homeland Security.** “U.S. Rep. Fred Upton was one of 75 Republicans who joined all 182 House Democrats in voting Tuesday to fund the Department of Homeland Security without a provision to block President Barack Obama's executive order on immigration. … Other Michigan Republicans who voted ‘yes’ on the bill were Dan Benishek, Mike Bishop, Candice Miller, John Moolenaar and David Trott. The ‘no’ voters from Michigan were Bill Huizenga, Justin Amash and Tim Walberg.” [Kalamazoo Gazette, 3/04/15]

**Opposed Expanding Help for Families of Seriously Injured Veterans**
In November 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Caregivers Expansion Improvement Act, a bill that would expand support for family caregivers of veterans. The bill would allow all family caregivers of veterans with serious service-connected injuries to participate in the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. [Congressional Record, 11/13/13]

Under current law, eligibility for the program is limited to veterans who were injured on or after September 11, 2001. The program provides stipends, health insurance, expanded training and other support services to families caregivers of seriously injured veterans. [White House, 5/04/11; Esty.House.gov, 11/13/13]

The previous question passed, 224-195. A vote against the question would have allowed for consideration of the bill. [H Res 403, Vote #573, 11/13/13]
Key Moments on Video

Supported Ryan Budget

Location: Marshall, MI  
**Date:** June 16, 2010  
**Video:** 1:02 in [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1wydvXVqXw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1wydvXVqXw)  
**Transcript:**

Q: You mentioned Paul Ryan before, and I recently heard a discussion where he has a plan to get us back even. Are you a supporter of that plan? Are you familiar with that plan?

Walberg: I’m very familiar with that plan.

Q: I thought you probably might be. Is it a good plan?

Walberg: It’s a great plan, but it will be a plan, because it touches everything, everything in the budget, all the sacred cows as well. And it is going to need the support of the people to say to their members of Congress, ‘You’re ok. Go ahead and support it.’ Um, [45:09] I remember when he first introduced it, going up to him, saying, ‘Paul, boy, I like that plan, but that is, that’s out there.’ And he said ‘Walberg, with you being targeted, I don’t think you should sponsor, co-sponsor this, so get away from me.’ But yes, it is—it’s a great plan. It will work and Paul, Paul is an economist par excellent as well as a CPA. He’s done his homework on it, but it touches Social Security, it touches Medicare, it touches all of the departments, all of the budget areas. But ultimately, it provides greater security for, for instance, for Social Security. It provides security for the baby boomers that are going to be dumping into that system progressively here in the not too distant future.

Opposed Department of Education

Event: Meet and Greet  
**Location:** Marshall, MI  
**Event Date:** June 16, 2010  
**Video:** Question starts at [1:31] and Department of Education quote at [2:15] in [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWmEjdsSJYA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWmEjdsSJYA)  
**Transcript:**

I’m a proponent of doing away with U.S. Department of Education. And everybody knows that so I’m not giving any secrets away. That department should have never been established because there’s not one jot or tit or let alone a sentence or an article in the U.S. Constitution that mentions any responsibility for the federal government and education.

Michigan Should Be More Concerned About Right to Work States Than China

Event: Meet and Greet  
**Location:** Marshall, MI
The states that are cleaning out clock economically, taking our manufacturing jobs - It’s not China and Mexico that we should really be worrying that much about. We’re getting jobs back from China because of quality issues. We should be worrying about the other states, including the ones right on our border like Indiana, where Mitch Daniels is cleaning our clock, a Right to Work state…

Said NAFTA Created Jobs

Event: Meet and Greet
Location: Jackson, MI
Date: September 1, 2010
Video: http://youtu.be/Fl4KYIB3efs

[NAFTA]’s been proven- - it’s been proven that it’s supplied more jobs of equal or better pay to our country over the course of time.

Wouldn’t Answer Questions on the Auto Rescue

Event: WLNS Debate
Date: October 13, 2010
Video: http://youtu.be/LdscCrG4Ojc

Walberg would not give a clear answer on the auto rescue.

SKUBICK: If the vote was up on the board for aid to GM and Chrysler –

WALBERG: We work on reality, Tim… I work on reality on what grows an economy, and that’s an economy that says let’s get out of the way and let GM, let Chrysler, let Ford, let what grows and economy – and that’s the private sector – work.

Dismissed Minimum Wage Increase as Leading to Socialism

Event: Chelsea Town Hall
Date: August 23, 2013
Video: http://youtu.be/ZQr26Hs0CNA?t=4m7s

If you say the minimum wage ought to be raised to $15 – why $15? Why not $50? Why not $60? Why not do that? Who says minimum wage ought to be $15? Let’s move it to something where we all will make the same. That’s socialism. Never has worked on the face of this earth, won’t work here,” Walberg said.
Biography

This section provides background information on Walberg’s personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted at various local in Lenawee County, media outlets including the Battle Creek Enquirer and Adrian Daily Telegram, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

Timothy Lee Walberg was born April 12, 1951 in Chicago, IL. [Monroe Evening News, 10/22/12]

Education

The following provides a summary of Walberg’s education.

Western Illinois University (1969-70)

Walberg attended, but did not graduate, from Western Illinois University from 1969 to 1970, majoring in forestry.

Diploma in Christian Education, Moody Bible Institute (1973)

Walberg earned a diploma in Christian Education from Moody Bible Institute in 1973. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/15/09]

B.S. in Religious Education, Taylor University (1975)

Walberg received a B.S. in Religious Education from Taylor University (Fort Wayne, IN) in 1975. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/15/09]

Master’s in Communications, Wheaton University (1978)

He received his Master’s degree in communications from Wheaton University in 1978. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/15/09]

Religion

Walberg and his wife are evangelical Christians. They are members of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, USA, a denomination with about 200 churches and other ministries nationwide. [Various; United Brethren Church website, www.ub.org]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Walberg’s professional career.
1964: Barry Goldwater Campaign Volunteer

Living on Chicago’s south side as a boy, Walberg volunteered for the presidential campaign of Republican Barry Goldwater, replacing Goldwater yard signs that were frequently stolen in his neighborhood. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/25/04]

1969: Member, U.S. Forest Service

Shortly after graduating high school, Walberg briefly joined the U.S. Forest Service. [Hillsdale Daily News, 4/22/06]

1969: Union Steel Mill Worker, U.S. Steel Southworks, Chicago, IL

Walberg briefly worked as a unionized steel worker at the Chicago Southworks of U.S. Steel. [Various]

1973-1977: Pastor, Grace Fellowship Church

From 1973 to 1977, Walberg served as pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in New Haven, Indiana while he attended Fort Wayne Bible College (now Taylor University). [Detroit News, 8/10/06]

1978-1982: Pastor, United Gospel Church

After receiving his master’s degree in communications from Wheaton University in 1978, Walberg moved to Tipton, MI to join United Gospel Church as its pastor. [Detroit News, 8/10/06]

1983-1999: Member, Michigan House of Representatives (57th District)

Walberg defeated incumbent moderate Republican Jim Hadden in 1982 by running an anti-tax, anti-abortion campaign. He was subsequently re-elected seven times, leaving the legislature in early 1999 after being term-limited out of his seat. [Various]


From 1999 to 2000, Walberg served as president of the Warren Reuther Center for Education and Community Impact, a non-profit organization that worked to “promote and encourage the continuance of traditional moral, economic and spiritual values in society.”

The organization also worked to “support and encourage conservative, traditional value free enterprise policy and policy makers.” [Roll Call, 8/14/06]

The center worked in southeastern Michigan and the Toledo area to coordinate supplemental educational offerings for public and private primary and secondary schools and colleges.

“Our goal is getting young people educated so they can get jobs and be an asset to the community,” Warren Reuther said. “We want students to get the skills they need to get a job in their selected industry.”
“I wanted to make a difference with people and stay home in this community,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 11/19/98]

“At the Center, Tim worked with employers in southeast Michigan to give local residents -- especially students -- professional experience, which then will help them provide for their families as they get older,” First Lady Laura Bush said about Walberg’s time at the Center during a 2006 campaign rally. [White House, Michigan Victory 2006 rally transcript, 11/02/06]

**Center Suspended Operations in 2000 Due to Financial Problems**

In 2000, the Warren Reuther Center suspended operations indefinitely, after founder Warren Reuther said the cost of running the center became overwhelming. Walberg and another member of the four person staff were relieved of their duties. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/03/00]

**2000-2006: Division Manager, Moody Bible Institute**

In 2000, Walberg took a job as division manager of the Moody Bible Institute, which he had attended in 1973.

Walberg headed up the Major Gifts division and spent time fundraising for the institute, retiring in January 2006. [Walberg for Congress, accessed 7/19/06]

**2007-2008; 2011-present: Member, United States House of Representatives**

In the 2006 Republican primary election, Walberg beat incumbent moderate Joe Schwarz. He went on to defeat Democrat Sharon Renier by four percent in the general election.

Walberg was defeated by Democratic opponent Mark Schauer in 2008, but won back the seat from Schauer in 2010. Walberg was easily reelected in 2012. [Michigan Secretary of State, accessed 6/10/13]

**Spent Time Away From Congress Focused on “Honey-Do List”**

In 2009, the Detroit News reported that Walberg had started referring to himself as “Citizen Walberg” since leaving Congress, and had taken a break from work since losing to Schauer, “focusing instead on a long honey-do list.” [Detroit News, 4/30/09]

**Other Organizations**

In 2004, Walberg listed his community involvement:

- Christian Cradle Adoption Agency Board
- Boy Scouts District Chaplin
- Lenawee Riding for the Handicapped Board
- Lenawee Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Christian Family Foundation Board [Lansing State Journal, 7/29/04]
Criminal Record

A nationwide criminal record search found no evidence that Walberg has any form of criminal record. [Nexis Criminal Records History]

Driving Record

In June 2002, Walberg received a speeding ticket for going 65mph in a 55mph zone. Walberg admitted responsibility, and paid a $75 fine. [Michigan 2A District Court, 7/09/02]

In November 2002, Walberg received a speeding ticket for going 65mph in a 55mph zone. Walberg paid a $75 fine. [Michigan 2A District Court, 11/12/02]

In January 2003, Walberg received a speeding ticket for going 45mph in a 35mph zone. Walberg admitted responsibility, and paid a $75 fine. [Michigan 2A District Court, 1/13/03]

Judgments or Liens

Walberg has not had a lien or judgment placed against him by state or federal courts. [Nexis Judgments and Liens, accessed 6/10/13]

Bankruptcy Filings

A nationwide search of bankruptcy records found no evidence of Walberg declaring bankruptcy. [Nexis bankruptcy records, accessed 6/10/13]

Voting History

Walberg registered to vote at his home in Tipton, MI on March 19, 1980. Below is a list of elections Walberg has voted in since 2000:

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[Lenawee County Clerk, 6/04/13]
Former Campaign Aide Daniel Coons

Campaign Aide Charged with Child Abuse Of His 9-Year Old Foster Child

In September 2006, Walberg’s campaign volunteer coordinator Daniel Coons was charged with child abuse. The following month, Coons pled guilty to a lesser charge of domestic violence and resigned from the campaign. [Gannett News Service, 11/17/06]

The police complaint on the incident said that Coons tackled his 9-year-old foster son, striking him once. Coons held the boy’s head to the floor “in his attempts to control him.” The boy had a bruise and “the beginning of a black eye,” and had trouble opening his jaw. Coons also said he had previously used a wooden spoon to paddle the child. He said foster-care workers had told him to stop.

“(Coons) was defending his wife against a child who was out of control,” Coons’ attorney said. [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 10/25/06]

Walberg Took No Action Against Campaign Worker Following Indictment

Walberg did not take immediate action against Coons upon hearing about the abuse charges. He said at that time that Coons wanted to avoid turning family issues into political issues.

Walberg said that by the time he learned of the charge against Coons – four days after the charges had been filed – the boy had been removed from Coons’ home. The child’s therapist, his court-appointed guardian and the state Foster Care Review Board had recommended that the boy be reunited with his family. [Gannett News Service, 11/17/06]

Refused to Rule Out Coons for Congressional Staff

Despite the guilty plea of his volunteer coordinator to domestic violence, Walberg refused to rule out the staffer for a job in his congressional office.

“I am not going to conjecture on hiring anyone,” Walberg said in a telephone interview. “As far as we’re concerned, this is not a political thing, it’s an issue for the courts. We’re going to do the best for the district we represent.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 11/17/06]

NOTE: According to Legistorm, Coons was never on Congressional payroll.

Coons Sentenced to Two Years Probation

Coons pleaded guilty to domestic violence after being charged with third-degree child abuse, a more serious misdemeanor, and was sentenced to two years probation. At Coons’ sentencing, District Judge Julie H. Reincke also ordered him to pay $1,535.
Reincke also ordered Coons to stay away from the 9-year-old. Coons and his wife, Sarah, had been trying to adopt the boy and his 4-year-old sister, who had both been removed from the couple's home. [Associated Press, 12/13/06]

**Democratic Opponent Criticized Reaction to Incident**

Shortly after Coons’ resignation from the Walberg campaign, Walberg’s Democratic opponent Sharon Renier accused him of covering up the case and trying to influence the state’s foster care review board — charges that Walberg and his campaign manager dismissed as ridiculous.

“I categorically deny that,” Walberg said.

“The foster care review board, which is under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Supreme Court, investigated the matter and recommended the family be reunited,” Walberg campaign manager Joe Wicks said.

Walberg said he requested and was given background information on the case on or around September 12, four days after charges were filed against Coons. He said the recommendation was made by neutral professionals, including the children’s court-appointed guardian, and that he supported their decision. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/26/06]

**Mentored Republican Mike Shirkey, Who Introduced Religious Freedom Bill In 2015, Which Would Have Given Businesses Refusing Service Because Of Religious Beliefs Grounds For Defense In Case State Took Action Due To Discrimination**

**Mentored Republican Mike Shirkey.** “Mike Shirkey is running for state representative of the 65th District because he is tired of seeing Michigan lose jobs, people and national stature, and he wants to win again. …Shirkey said he has always been interested in state politics, and he campaigned for term limit and for former congressman Tim Walberg, who has been a mentor to him.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 7/29/10]

**2015: Shirkey Introduced Religious Freedom Bill.** “The Michigan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which made it through the Republican-led House during last year’s lame-duck session but did not reach the governor’s desk, has returned in the Senate. State Sen. Mike Shirkey, who voted for the original measure as a representative, began the new legislative session by introducing a similar bill in the upper chamber this week. ‘It’s simply about protecting the rights that the constitution provides for all citizens, not just select groups of citizens,’ Shirkey, R-Clarklake, said Thursday. The state RFRA, modeled after a federal version, would allow individuals or businesses to seek exemptions to government regulations they feel may substantially burden their sincerely held religious beliefs.” [Michigan Live, 1/22/15]

**USA Today: Bill Would Have Provided Legal Defense For Business To Refuse To Do Serve Person Who Violated Owners’ Religious Beliefs.** “While a Michigan Senate committee didn't vote on this state's version of a Religious Freedom Restoration Act, supporters and opponents passionately spoke about the controversial bill. GOP Sen. Mike Shirkey of Clarklake, Mich., its sponsor, said Michigan must follow the lead of 20 other states to clear up any confusion on accommodating citizens' religious beliefs. … The proposal would provide a legal defense for a business refusing service to a person who violates owners' sincerely held religious beliefs. Often-cited examples are a baker, wedding planner or florist who
refuses service for a same-sex wedding. But the defense could only be used if some sort of governmental action were taken against a person or business refusing service. For example, if a gay couple filed a complaint with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, which then went after the business for refusing service, the business would have a defense against that state action. The Michigan proposal would not preclude lawsuits between two individuals.” [USA Today, 4/29/15]

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Personal Finance

A review of Tim Walberg’s Personal Financial Disclosure statements and other filings was conducted in order to examine his personal finances and investments for any conflicts of interest or financial problems that may have taken place in his past.

2014 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

In 2015, Walberg filed his 2014 personal financial disclosure. The following chart reflects his amended disclosure for the previous year.

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/12/15]

Assets and Unearned Income

In 2014, Walberg held assets valued between $56,014 and $315,000

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In 2014, Walberg filed his 2013 personal financial disclosure on May 15, and then an amended disclosure on May 12, 2015. The following chart reflects his amended disclosure for the previous year.

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**May 12, 2015: Walberg Filed Letter With House Clerk Stating He “Inadvertently Omitted Disclosure” Of Assets Deposited In Credit Union Bank Account And Income From Oil Lease.**

“Dear Madam Clerk, In preparing the current Financial Disclosure Statement, it came to my attention that I inadvertently omitted disclosure of two entities on Schedule A of the CY 2013 FDS, which had been reported on the CY 20121 FDS. Please consider this letter alongside my amendment to my amendment to my CY 2013 FDS. … I accept responsibility for the omissions, and the CY 2013 FDS, Schedule A is being amended to include: TLC Community Credit Union year end value: over $50,000 (This asset was briefly deposited in out banking account as we transitioned between financial advisors.) type of income: interest. Amount of income: $1-$200 category. Oil lease-Savoy Energy, LP. Year end value: unascertainable. Type of income: rent and royalties. Amount of income: $15,000-$50,000 category ($19,200 specifically).” [Walberg Letter to U.S. House Office of the Clerk, 5/12/15]
In Original Report, Omitted “Briefly Depositing” $50,000 During “Transition Between Financial Advisors.” “I accept responsibility for the omissions, and the CY 2013 FDS, Schedule A is being amended to include: TLC Community Credit Union year end value: over $50,000 (This asset was briefly deposited in out banking account as we transitioned between financial advisors.) type of income: interest. Amount of income: $1-$200 category. Oil lease-Savoy Energy, LP. Year end value: unascertainable. Type of income: rent and royalties. Amount of income: $15,000-$50,000 category ($19,200 specifically).” [Walberg Letter to U.S. House Office of the Clerk, 5/12/15]


Stated Reason For Omission Of Assets Due To Financial Advisor Transition. “Dear Madam Clerk, In preparing the current Financial Disclosure Statement, it came to my attention that I inadvertently omitted disclosure of two entities on Schedule A of the CY 2013 FDS, which had been reported on the CY 20121 FDS. Please consider this letter alongside my amendment to my amendment to my CY 2013 FDS. As we were in the midst of changing financial advisors, our advisor assisting with preparation of the report omitted these two items from the report. We did not catch this nor were we alerted to it by the preview of the report done by House Ethics staff.” [Walberg Letter to U.S. House Office of the Clerk, 5/12/15]

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2013 Periodic Transaction Reports

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[Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 4/10/13]

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[Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 9/25/13]

On, November 14, 2013 Walberg filed a periodic transaction report.

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[Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 11/14/13]

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[Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 12/10/13]

Proshares Ultrashort Gold | Purchase | 8/01/13 | 8/05/13 | Did not indicate amount

[ Walberg Periodic Transaction Report Amended, 1/28/14 ]

**2012 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure – May 21, 2013**

In 2013, Walberg filed his personal financial disclosure on May 15, and then an amended disclosure on May 21. The following chart reflects his amended disclosure for the previous year.

**Earned Income**

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**Assets and Unearned Income**

In 2012, Walberg held assets valued between $116,017 and $490,000.

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DCCC Tim Walberg Research Book
Walberg did not list the individual assets within his TIAA-CREF fund, instead listing it as a single asset worth between $50,001 and $100,000 on his original disclosure. [Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/13]

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Amer Growth & Income | Sale | 7/31/12 | $1,001-$15,000
MFS Growth | Sale | 7/31/12 | $1,001-$15,000
MFS Midcap Growth | Sale | 7/31/12 | $1,001-$15,000
MFS Total Return | Sale | 7/31/12 | $1,001-$15,000
Mutual Shares Sec | Sale | 7/31/12 | $1,001-$15,000

[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/21/13]

Walberg did not list any of the transactions that took place on July 31, 2012 on his original disclosure. [Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/13]

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/21/13]

Walberg did not list the Heritage Foundation trip on his original disclosure. [Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/13]

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/13]


On May 14, 2012, Walberg filed a request for a three day extension on his personal financial disclosure. [Walberg Extension Request Form, 5/14/12]

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/18/12]

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/18/12]

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ETFS Silver Trust Sale 9/15/11 $1,001-$15,000
First Trust Amex Biotech Index Fund Sale 3/17/11 $1,001-$15,000
Global X Silver Miners EFT Purchase 2/03/11 $1,001-$15,000
Global X Silver Miners EFT Purchase 2/11/11 $1,001-$15,000
Global X Silver Miners EFT (partial) Sale 3/16/11 $1,001-$15,000
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Mkt Vectors Gold Miners EFT Purchase 9/19/11 $1,001-$15,000
Powershares DB Multi Sector Sale 1/24/11 $1,001-$15,000
Proshares Ultrashort QQQ Purchase 3/18/11 $1,001-$15,000
Proshares Ultrashort QQQ Sale 9/13/11 $1,001-$15,000
Proshares Ultrashort Semicond Purchase 4/04/11 $1,001-$15,000
Proshares Ultrashort Semicond Sale 8/10/11 $1,001-$15,000
Sprott Physical Gold Trust (partial) Sale 9/19/11 $1,001-$15,000
Blackrock Low Duration Bond Sale 1st, 2nd Q $1,001-$15,000
Federated Total Return Gov Purchase 2nd, 3rd Q $1,001-$15,000
Federated Ultrashort Bond Sale 1st, 2nd Q $1,001-$15,000
JP Morgan Core Bond A Purchase 2nd, 4th Q $1,001-$15,000
PIMCO Low Duration Admin Sale 1st, 2nd Q $1,001-$15,000
PIMCO Investmt Grade Corp Purchase 4th Q $1,001-$15,000
T Rowe Price Short Term Bond Sale 1st, 2nd Q $1,001-$15,000
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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/18/12]

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/18/12]

Agreements

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Date | Parties To | Terms of Agreement
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4/12/05 | State of Michigan | Pension for Service – State House

[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/18/12]


Walberg’s personal financial disclosure was amended on July 19, 2011. Tables below reflect those changes.

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/14/11]

**Goal of Club 52 to Create Millionaires**

In 2010, Walberg received $500 from Club 52, a faith-based organization whose goal was to help people become millionaires. [Detroit News, 6/23/11]

**Assets and Unearned Income**

In 2010, Walberg held assets valued between $125,028 and $651,000.

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2009 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure – May 26, 2010


NOTE: Copy of his candidate disclosure is available from the DCCC Research Department.

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Assets and Unearned Income

In 2009, Walberg held assets valued between $15,015 and $225,000.
### Earned Income

For 2009, Walberg’s only reported earned income came from his legislative pension.

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### Assets and Unearned Income

In 2009, Walberg held assets valued between $7,021 and $119,000.

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**2009 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure – August 28, 2009**

In 2009, Walberg submitted a financial disclosure as a candidate for the House of Representatives. The disclosure covered January 1 through June 30 of 2009.

**NOTE: Copy of his candidate disclosure is available from the DCCC Research Department.**

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/26/10]

[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/28/09]

**Earned Income**

For 2008, Walberg’s only reported earned income came from his legislative pension.

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**Assets and Unearned Income**

In 2008, Walberg held assets valued between $22,0024 and $332,000.

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/28/09]
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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 2/03/09]

Earned Income

For 2007, Walberg’s only reported earned income came from his legislative pension.

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/08]

Assets and Unearned Income

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/08]

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Walberg listed no liabilities over $10,000. [Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/08]

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Positions

Walberg listed no positions. [Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/08]


The following table illustrates Walberg’s holdings, as reported in his 2006 personal financial disclosure, as filed in May 2007.

NOTE: Copy of this disclosure is available from the DCCC Research Department.

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In 2006, Walberg submitted a financial disclosure as a candidate for the House of Representatives. The disclosure covered January 1 through May 15 of 2006.

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Earned Income

For 2007, Walberg’s only reported earned income came from his legislative pension.

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/06]


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Earned Income

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[Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 1/04/06]
Political Career

Below is a summary of Walberg’s political career, from the Michigan State House to his service as a Congressman representing Michigan’s 7th Congressional District.

Committees

During the 114th Congress, Walberg served on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on Education and the Workforce.

✓ Committee on Education and the Workforce
  • Subcommittee on Workforce Protections (Chairman)
  • Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

✓ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
  • Subcommittee on Government Operations
  • Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules

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✓ Committee on Education and the Workforce
  • Subcommittee on Workforce Protections (Chairman)
  • Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training

✓ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
  • Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census
  • Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements

During the 110th Congress, Walberg served on the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Education and Labor.

✓ Committee on Agriculture (Ranked 21st of 21 Republicans)
  • Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry
  • Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, Credit and Research

✓ Committee on Education and Labor (Ranked 21st of 22 Republicans)
  • Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness
  • Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

Caucuses

The following outlines the caucuses in which Walberg is a member:

Automotive Caucus                  Boating Caucus
Member of the Republican Study Committee

In 2010, Walberg said that he paid “significant dollars” to be part of the Republican Study Committee.

“We also pay some significant dollars to be part of that committee, which also provides some neat benefits of having The Heritage Foundation and other conservative groups and individuals meet with us on a regular basis. So it’s a great group,” Walberg said. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 44:00, 6/25/10]

1964: Barry Goldwater Campaign Volunteer

Living on Chicago’s south side as a boy, Walberg volunteered for the presidential campaign of Republican Barry Goldwater, replacing Goldwater yard signs that were frequently stolen in his neighborhood. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/25/04]

1981: Ran Unsuccessfully for Onsted Board of Education

Before running for the Michigan House of Representatives, Walberg ran unsuccessfully for the Onsted Board of Education. He finished fourth in a six candidate race for one seat. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 12/21/98]

1983-1999: Member, Michigan House of Representatives (57th District)

In 1982, Walberg defeated moderate Republican incumbent Jim Hadden by running an anti-tax, anti-abortion campaign.
“My opponent was the odds-on favorite with the backing of Governor [William] Milliken and the party leadership,” Walberg recalled. [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 8/14/06]

He was subsequently re-elected seven times, leaving the legislature in early 1999 after being term-limited out of his seat.

While in the Michigan House, Walberg supported initiatives to give school bus drivers unrestricted use of strobe lights, cut Medicaid-funded abortions, and helped save funding for the Vo-Tech Center in Adrian. Walberg also created the framework for property tax and school funding reform in Proposal A, a ballot initiative approved by voters in 1994. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 12/21/98]

1988: Walberg Sent Mailer In State House Campaign That Was Called Racist

During his 1988 campaign for the state House against then-Adrian Mayor Jim Berryman, Walberg sent out a campaign mailer that some saw as racist. Berryman lost the race by about 650 votes.

“He put out a campaign piece with a picture of me and the black mayor of Detroit, Coleman Young. The message was, ‘If he’s elected, he’s going to be friends with Coleman Young.’” Berryman said. “He thought there was a prejudice among people that Detroit was a drag on Michigan.” [Roll Call, 5/08/07]

1988: Named One Of State’s Ten Worst Legislators

In 1988, Walberg was listed as one of the ten worst legislators in Lansing (he was listed as #7, with #1 being the worst).

“(An) ideological purist who would rather turn off colleagues than win an issue,” one lobbyist said. [The Detroit News, 9/11/88]

Viewed Worst Legislator Label as Badge of Courage

In 2006, Walberg said that he viewed being twice ranked among Michigan’s worst legislators by the Detroit News as a badge of courage that he earned because “I voted against spending and taxation and voted for the people.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/18/06]

1994: One of Michigan Legislatures Most Conservative Members

In 1994, Walberg received an 84 percent conservative ranking from Inside Michigan Politics. The rating placed Walberg in the top 7 most conservative of the 110 members of the Michigan House, and 13.8 percentage points above the average House Republican score of 72.2 percent.

“This survey points to a successful partnership with the people of Lenawee County,” Walberg said in a release. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 3/29/94]

Walberg “Member of the ‘No’ Caucus” of State Legislature
In 2008, the Detroit News reported that while in the Michigan Legislature, Walberg was a member of the “No Caucus”, “because he routinely voted against tax increases, spending bills and anything else that hinted of government expansion.”

The News asked Bill Rustem, president of a Lansing think tank, to characterize Walberg’s legislative career: “I’m trying to remember anything he’s done.” [Detroit News, 10/20/08]

**Not Willing To Build Support for Legislation; Uncompromising**

In 2006, the Associated Press reported that Walberg was a part of the “No Caucus”, “a group of principled conservatives who opposed excessive spending and tax hikes, sometimes to the chagrin of party leadership.”

“He wasn’t willing to do what it would take to build support for legislation, and some of that is trading off support for other people’s legislation,” Republican consultant Tom Shields said. “Given the fact he was uncompromising, there were a lot of folks who weren’t going to do him any favors.” [Associated Press, 8/09/06]

**Took Pride in Being a Doctrinaire Thinker**

In 2006, Lansing-based consultant Craig Ruff predicted that in Congress, Walberg would not “feel compelled to bring home the bacon to the district on principle that it’s a waste of federal money.”

“He took pride in standing out as a doctrinaire thinker,” Ruff said. “I don’t think he would have ever apologized or to this day apologize for, in his mind, being principled, even if it went against the grain.” [Associated Press, 8/09/06]

**Republican Michigan House Member: Walberg “Not What This District Needs”**

In February 2006, Republican Representative Clark Bisbee said that while he did not always agree with then-Representative Joe Schwarz, “He will go to bat for the district, and I don’t see that in Tim.”

He cited past disagreements about government spending in the district and said voters should ask Walberg what he did for the town of Adrian while he was in the Legislature.

“Tim is a ‘no’ guy,” Bisbee said. “He just says ‘no, no, no, no, no, no, no,’ and that’s not what this district needs.”

Walberg countered that if Lenawee County voters weren’t happy with his performance in the Legislature, they would not have sent him back for eight consecutive terms.

“I don’t believe that congressmen and -women are sent to just be pork-barreling and earmarking,” he said. But he said he’ll fight to see that the 7th District gets as much federal spending as it deserves. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 2/01/06]

**1998: Decided Against State Senate Run**
After having served eight state House terms and running up against term limits, Walberg decided in March 1998 against running for the 17th District state Senate seat, then held by Jim Berryman (D-Adrian).

“After quite a few months of consideration, my wife and I decided it’s time to withdraw from the political elected-office process,” Walberg said. “A number of my supporters had asked me to run for the Senate and had indicated they had significant financial resources to contribute, but I think we will be pleased and are satisfied that this is the right choice.”

Walberg endorsed fellow Republican Representative Beverly Hammerstrom, who said that she had planned to run for the Senate regardless of Walberg’s intentions, but was “very happy to have Tim’s endorsement.” [State Net Capitol Journal, 3/23/98]

1998: Planned to Run for Michigan State Board of Education

In December 1998, the Adrian Daily Telegram reported that Walberg planned to one day run for the Michigan Board of Education, because of his legislative experience and the educational experience he planned to gain in his work for the Warren Reuther Center. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 12/21/98]

2001: Declined to Run for State Senate

In 2001, despite urging from several individuals and groups, Walberg said he would not run for a new state Senate seat covering Lenawee, Hillsdale, Branch and St. Joseph counties.

“I appreciate those offers, but at this time I have no inclination to run,” Walberg said. “I am enjoying being a private citizen.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 12/14/01]

September 2003: Walberg Announced Campaign for Congress

In early September 2003, Walberg announced his intention to run for Congress.

“I am a conservative Republican,” Walberg said, adding that he endorsed the nation’s founders’ “firm belief in the sovereignty of the people, in limiting the power of government and in our God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” [Associated Press, 9/09/03]

July 2004: Schwarz Campaign Threatened Lawsuit to Remove False Walberg Ad from Air

In July 2004, Representative Joe Schwarz threatened a lawsuit to remove a false Walberg ad from the airwaves. The radio ad said that Schwarz “believes in same-sex unions.”

“These are the most dishonest, meanest things I have ever seen in a campaign,” Schwarz spokesman John Truscott said.

Walberg’s campaign said the ad was accurate and that it had no plans to take the ad off the air.
Schwarz voted for Michigan’s Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, which banned gay marriage, but said he did not support amending the U.S. Constitution to do the same.

In 2002, Schwarz said that “same-sex couples deserve basic human rights and equality,” but said that did not mean he supports civil unions. Instead, he believed companies should be able to extend benefits to gay couples or unmarried heterosexual couples. [Grand Rapid Press, 7/27/04]

**August 2004: Walberg Placed Third in Crowded Primary to Succeed Retiring Representative**

In the 2004 Republican primary for the open 7th District Congressional seat, Walberg took a distant third place. The seat was being vacated by retiring Representative Nick Smith. Joe Schwarz went on to defeat Sharon Renier in the general election.

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[Michigan Secretary of State, 8/23/04]

**Daily Telegram Editor in Chief: Don’t Underestimate Tim Walberg**

In 2004, the Editor in Chief of the Adrian Daily Telegram wrote a column of takeaways from the Republican primary:

Don’t underestimate Walberg. I will be the first to confess that I thought too many things had conspired against our only Lenawee County choice in the race for Congress for him to place higher than fourth in the overall vote.

Boy, was I wrong. Practically everyone offering endorsements was, too. Some of Tim’s biggest backers turned their backs on Walberg. Pro-Life organizations backed Bisbee and NRAers backed DeRossett. Frankly, the endorsements became moot points as neither Bisbee or DeRossett found a way to capitalize on them. But Walberg ’s a better campaigner, and faced with no “official” support from those constituencies he pretty much created his own endorsement: He became the “Protect Traditional Marriage” candidate.

If the Pro-Lifers and NRA officials would have endorsed from the heart and those voting blocks had shifted Walberg ’s way, we might be talking about what Congressman Walberg is going to do with his first term. [Editorial, Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/04/04]

**2004: Board of Advisors for Pro-School Choice PAC**

During the 2004 election cycle, Walberg served on the Board of Advisors for the Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP), a pro-school choice political action committee funded primarily by Dick DeVos.
GLEP announced it would not be active during the 2006 election cycle, due to DeVos’s decision to run for governor. [MIRS, 8/04/05]

**July 2006: Schwarz Predicted Walberg Win Would Mean Democratic Win in 2008**

In July 2006, then-Representative Joe Schwarz argued that a win by Walberg in the Republican primary would mean a Democratic win in 2008.

Walberg’s 2006 Democratic opponent Sharon Renier was poorly funded and little-known, but came within five percent of Walberg regardless.

Jackson County GOP Executive Committee chair Jon Williams said the threat of a ‘08 Dem win may have been the reason Walberg lost the group’s endorsement by a single vote. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/13/06]

**2006 Primary: Nearly 75 Percent of Campaign Money Came from Club for Growth**

Of the $644,522 Walberg raised during the primary election, $476,709 came from donors tied to the Club for Growth, a conservative anti-tax organization that challenged moderate candidates around the country, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network. [Ann Arbor News, 8/09/06]

Additionally, over the course of the 2006 election, Club for Growth spent more than $1 million on Walberg’s behalf. [Associated Press, 1/31/08]

**Walberg on Club for Growth: “Yep, I’m Bought and Paid for By Them”**

In 2006, Walberg was endorsed by Club for Growth, resulting in over $400,000 in bundled donations through the group for his primary campaign against Representative Schwartz.

“If I go to Congress and lower taxes, reduce pork-barrel spending and kill the tax codes of the IRS,” Walberg said, “you can say, ‘Yep, I’m bought and paid for by them.’” [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/23/06]

**2004: Goals Included Abolishing IRS; Ridding World of Terrorists**

In 2004, Walberg was asked to list his priorities in Congress if elected: “Ideally, I would like to abolish the income tax and the IRS (replace with fair tax), shutdown the Department of Education, enact the human life amendment, and rid the world of terrorists.” [Lansing State Journal, 7/29/04]

**2006: Moderate GOP Group Ran Ads Highlighting Walberg’s Extremism on Taxes**

In July 2006, the Republicans Who Care Individual Fund, affiliated with the moderate Republican Main Street Partnership, unveiled ads criticizing Walberg’s support for the Fair Tax.

“Given that Walberg’s agenda includes support for a dangerous new national sales tax, it’s not surprising that he was once named one of Michigan’s worst legislators,” Walder said, referring to a Detroit News
ranking that listed Walberg as one of the worst state legislators. [Republicans Who Care press release, 7/11/06]

Republicans Who Care and Republican Main Street Partnership also ran ads defending Schwarz. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/06/06]

**2006: Daily Telegram Endorsed Schwarz**

In 2006, the Adrian Daily Telegram endorsed Schwarz in the Republican primary:

It’s a difficult decision that split the Telegram’s editorial board, but in the end, our endorsement goes to Schwarz. With Lenawee County’s economy struggling, we need a congressman who will be an effective voice for the 7th Congressional District. It’s no coincidence that many local economic development leaders are lending their support to Schwarz in this election. [Editorial, Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/03/06]

**August 2006: Defeated Incumbent Representative Joe Schwarz in Republican Primary**

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**Single Primary Opponent Opened Door to 2006 Victory**

Many attributed Walberg’s Republican primary victory in 2006 in large part to the fact that no other conservatives made serious attempts at the seat.

In 2004, five conservatives split the conservative vote, leaving the more moderate Representative Schwarz to win with a paltry 28 percent of the vote – meaning three in four voters chose someone besides Schwarz.

“That 72 percent is my fishing hole,” Walberg said as he began his 2006 campaign. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 4/02/06]

**October 2006: Vice President Cheney Headlined Walberg Fundraiser**

In early October 2006, Vice President Dick Cheney attended a fundraiser for Walberg outside Lansing. The event, held at the Hawk Hollow Golf Course in Bath, raised some $150,000 for Walberg, according to Walberg’s campaign manager, Joe Wicks.
Before the Republican primary, Walberg dismissed President George W. Bush’s endorsement of his primary opponent Representative Joe Schwarz, saying the establishment often supported party incumbents.

But, noting he had shared Bush’s agenda of lowering taxes and securing the nation all along, Walberg said he was pleased to be in step with the administration.

“Frankly, we’re delighted,” he said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/06/06]

**Vice President Praised Walberg, Cited Wrong District**

About 150 GOP supporters attended the $250-a-plate luncheon. Organizers said about half of the guests paid $1,000 to meet and have their picture taken with the vice president beforehand.

“It’s great to see a great turnout in the 7th District,” Cheney said. While the fundraiser benefited Walberg’s 7th District campaign, it was held outside the district in Lansing.

Cheney praised Walberg for running a “principled and energetic campaign” that he and President Bush are “proud to support.”

“Tim will be a congressman who leads with common sense and solid values,” Cheney said.

Walberg said he was thrilled to have the support of Cheney, who he said has “led the country with courage and dignity through some of our hardest times.” [Lansing State Journal, 10/06/06]

**October 2006: Walberg Named to NRCC’s “Final Push” List**

Despite having been passed over by nearly the entire Republican establishment in the 2006 primary, Walberg was named to the National Republican Congressional Committee’s “Final Push” list shortly before the general election.

The NRCC first gave a $5,000 direct contribution, and then spent $77,000 on coordinated expenditures. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/28/06]

**Walberg: “I’m Right on with Every Single Issue”**

In past years, the 7th District was often characterized by pollsters as being safely Republican, and voters on the right are the group Walberg says he wants to stay in step with.

“I’m at the base of the Republican party,” he said. “I’m right on with every single issue.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/25/06]

**October 2006: Newspapers Largely Snub Walberg for Endorsements**

Shortly before the 2006 election, the Battle Creek Enquirer endorsed Walberg’s little-known Democratic opponent, Sharon Renier.
From the Enquirer:

In the 7th Congressional District, we wish we could be writing an enthusiastic endorsement for a moderate politician with a keen intellect and a thorough grasp of national and international issues. But U.S. Representative Joe Schwarz was defeated in the August Republican primary, leaving district voters with a choice on the far left or the far right of the political spectrum… Ultimately, we think Renier would represent the Battle Creek area better than Walberg, whose campaign has been heavily financed by out-of-district interests to whom we think, if elected, he would be more beholden than to his constituents. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/31/06]

Ann Arbor News Chose Not to Endorse

The Ann Arbor News decided not to endorse a candidate in the 2006 election, saying that there was “no more dispiriting choice” than in the 7th District.

The News chastised Walberg as “an untenable choice.”

From the Ann Arbor News:

There’s perhaps no more dispiriting choice among candidates than in the race for U.S. Representative in District 7. Walberg’s entrenched conservative stances on virtually every issue, from abortion to Iraq, offer no room for compromise - and that ideological rigidity should have no place in Congress. His unwillingness to engage in the necessary give and take of governance makes him an untenable choice. Renier, an organic farmer from Munith, doesn’t offer a palatable alternative. In meeting with The News’ editorial board earlier this year, she touted job growth accomplishments on her part that bordered on absurdity and didn’t seem to understand the basics of how government works. Neither candidate deserves a ticket to Congress, and we are not endorsing in this race. [Ann Arbor News, 10/30/06]

Detroit News Endorsed Libertarian Candidate

The Republican-leaning editorial board of the Detroit News labeled Walberg “far-right” and endorsed Libertarian candidate Robert Hutchinson in the general election.

“In the open 7th District, the major party choices are the far-right Tim Walberg and the far-left Sharon Marie Renier. We’ll shun the extremes and take our chances on the Libertarian candidate, Robert L. Hutchinson, a retired Air Force major from Dexter,” wrote the board. [Detroit News, 10/20/06]

“It’s unexpected,” Walberg said of the decision. “Bottom line is the Detroit News is not a paper in our district. They don’t understand our community.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/21/06]

Adrian Daily Telegram Reluctantly Endorsed Walberg
In 2006, the Adrian Daily Telegram endorsed Walberg, but added that the decision “was not unanimous as some were concerned by his strongly conservative social positions.”

“It’s important district voters elect someone with the legislative abilities to represent them, and it’s important for that representative to remember that he or she will be called to account in two years. Of these candidates, Tim Walberg is best prepared to handle those challenges,” the paper wrote. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/31/06]

### 2006: Schwarz Filed FEC Complaints Against Walberg After Primary Defeat

In 2006, Schwarz filed three Federal Election Commission complaints (later rolled into two) against Walberg claiming that he coordinated with Club for Growth in violation of FEC rules.

The complaints alleged that Walberg illegally took $500,000 of club-raised donations, that Club for Growth had failed to improperly register its activities, and that Walberg’s campaign and Club for Growth had shared political strategists and pollsters. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/14/07]

Joe Wicks, Walberg’s campaign manager, said their campaign was “sad and disappointed that after losing the election they’d stoop to this.” [Ann Arbor News, 10/01/06]

Walberg and the Club for Growth officials countered with their own FEC complaint alleging Schwarz’s campaign colluded with the Republican Main Street Partnership. [Ann Arbor News, 2/04/07]

### FEC Ruled in Favor of Walberg

The FEC ruled in favor of Walberg in both campaign finance complaints filed against him by Schwarz for Congress. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/22/07]

### November 2006: First Lady Stumped for Walberg in Final Days of Election

Days before the election in November 2006, First Lady Laura Bush stumped for Walberg at a Michigan Victory 2006 rally, speaking to about 500 attendees at Western Michigan University’s College of Aviation in Battle Creek.

The First Lady took the podium for a 14-minute address, asking voters to support Walberg and other Republican candidates in the 2006 election.

To make her case for Walberg, Bush drew upon specifics of his 16 years in the state House. She also lauded Walberg for his stance on taxes, saying he supported 30 tax cuts and never voted for a tax increase.

“He knows that tax cuts are vital to economic growth,” she said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 11/03/06]

### 2006: Republican Primary Opponent Refused to Endorse Walberg
Following his defeat in the Republican primary, Joe Schwarz declined to endorse Walberg in the general election, leading some to question whether independent and moderate Republicans would sit out the election or vote for Democrat Sharon Renier.

Walberg’s campaign manager Joe Wicks said the campaign was “working hard reaching out to everybody. It’s an important race. It’s higher taxes versus lower taxes. It’s defending marriage versus not defending marriage.” [Associated Press, 11/01/06]

### November 2006: Mystery Robocalls Marred Final Days of Election

In 2006, during the final days of the campaign, robocalls featuring a woman claiming to be Walberg’s Democratic opponent Sharon Renier denounced Walberg for running on a platform of family values despite having kept a campaign worker on his staff after he was accused of striking a foster child in the face and pleading guilty to domestic violence.

Both campaigns condemned the recorded phone messages, with Walberg chief of staff Joe Wicks calling them “a last-minute, dirty, vicious attack on Tim Walberg.”

Renier said she would not call Walberg to concede defeat, and called Walberg a “scumbag.”

“If anything, he owes me a big, fat apology, and I’m sure I’ll never get one from him,” Reiner said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 11/08/06]

### November 2006: Walberg Won Seat in Congress in Closer-than-Expected Election

In 2006, Walberg won an unexpectedly close race in the general election, beating poorly-funded Renier by only four points. Walberg raised and spent more than 22 times the total of Renier.

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### March 2007: NRCC Chair Hosted Fundraiser for Walberg

In 2007, National Republican Congressional Committee Chair Tom Cole (R-OK) headlined a fundraising dinner for Walberg on March 27th in Washington, D.C. Walberg solicited donations from $1,000 to $2,000. [Roll Call, 3/27/07]

### August 2007: District Resident Pursued Recall Effort

In August 2007, Walberg filed a lawsuit to stop a recall effort by district resident and retired teacher James Carr.
According to Walberg’s lawsuit, the recall was being carried out according to state laws, but the U.S. Constitution does not provide for or authorize the recall of officials such as federal senators, representatives, the president or vice president.

The recall required Carr to collect 50,000 signatures, 25 percent of the 2006 gubernatorial voters in the 7th District.

Carr said his reasons for wanting to recall Walberg were his support of U.S. involvement in the Iraq war and increasing national debt because of the war. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/18/07]

Judge Ruled Recall Unconstitutional

Lenawee County Circuit Court Judge Harvey Koselka ruled in favor of Walberg and declared the recall attempt unconstitutional.

“I don’t think he won so much as the people lost, really,” Carr said.

“This is a victory for the taxpayers of the 7th District,” Eric E. Doster said. Doster was an attorney for Walberg from the Lansing firm Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/29/07]

August 2007: Senate Minority Leader Announced Challenge to Walberg

In late August 2007, after disavowing congressional aspirations earlier in the year, Michigan Senate Minority Leader Mark Schauer announced he would run against Walberg in the 7th District.

The push for him to join the race “almost became deafening,” Schauer said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/24/07]

“I couldn’t stay on the sidelines any longer after watching vote after vote where [Walberg] chose extreme, right-wing interests,” Schauer said. [Detroit News, 9/04/07]

Schauer’s entry was soon followed by withdrawals by Democrats David Nacht, an Ann Arbor attorney, and ex-state Senator Jim Berryman. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/01/07; Adrian Daily Telegram, 9/25/07]

Democrat Who Later Withdrew Outraised Walberg in 2nd Quarter 2007

One Democratic challenger to Walberg, David Nacht, out-raised him in the 2nd quarter of 2007: $160,642 to Walberg’s $119,342. Nacht later withdrew from the race.

Nacht did it with no help from special interest groups’ political action committees (PACs), which accounted for more than half of Walberg’s contributions between April 1 and June 30.

Walberg chief of staff Joe Wicks said his boss “of course” will win.
“Congressman Walberg reflects the values and principles of the district,” Wicks said. “He spends tremendous time with voters. We’ll let them decide.”[Detroit News, 7/30/07]

**May 2008: Accused of Using House Funds for Politically Motivated Ad**

In May 2008, Walberg used official funds from the House of Representatives to pay for a radio ad inviting constituents to his annual “Service Academy Day.”

The minute long ad, which aired surrounding the Memorial Day holiday, said Walberg’s full name three times.

Democrats alleged that the ad violated House rules that prohibited lawmakers from using taxpayer dollars to communicate with constituents during the three months prior to an election. Michigan’s primary was August 5th.

Walberg’s chief of staff, Joe Wicks, said the ads were approved by the House’s bipartisan commission that oversees expenditures. [Associated Press, 5/29/08]

**Aired More Than A Dozen Radio Ads between January and May 2008**

According to the Associated Press, Walberg voice more than a dozen radio ads between January and May of 2008. In 2007, Walberg used radio ads to publicize events in May, June and August.

Walberg’s use of taped radio ads was called “uncommon;” other lawmakers relied on automated phone calls and mailers to reach constituents. [Associated Press, 5/29/08]

**Earlier Taxpayer Funded Ad Called For Tax Relief; Restraining Spending**

In 2008, Walberg used taxpayer funds to air a radio ad to announce a town hall meeting that was criticized for blurring the line between campaign ad and constituent outreach.

“My plan to create good-paying jobs includes making tax relief permanent to prevent a $600 billion tax increase, restraining government spending, making health insurance more affordable, investing in alternative energy and training our students and workers to compete in the global economy,” Walberg said in the ad. [Associated Press, 5/29/08]

**August 2008: Would Not Accept Robocall Pledge**

In 2008, Walberg would not accept a challenge from Democratic opponent Mark Schauer to end political robocalls for the duration of the campaign and ask third party groups to do the same.

The proposal came after Freedom’s Watch, a conservative advocacy organization, paid for robocalls criticizing Schauer’s opposition to domestic oil production.
According to the Ann Arbor News, a response from Walberg’s campaign “ignored the anti-robo call pledge, instead blaming Schauer and supporters for initiating negative attacks via advertisements and robocalls more than a year ago.” [Ann Arbor News, 8/17/08]

**October 2008: Sent Demand for Retraction to Take Down Campaign Ad**

In 2008, Walberg’s legal representation sent a demand for retraction to Health Care for America Now (HCAN). The group had funded an ad opposing Walberg that claimed he had sponsored legislation that could allow insurance companies to deny coverage for preexisting conditions like cancer.

The letter said the group’s claim was false and damaging to Walberg’s reputation.

“It is our understanding that Health Care for America Now is nothing more than a front organization for various radical liberal groups, but that gives you no legal standing to make false statements to damage Congressman Walberg’s character,” the letter stated. [Walberg for Congress press release, 10/16/08]

Walberg had previously threatened to sue ACORN over the TV ad. ACORN was a member of HCAN. [MIRS, 10/14/08]

HCAN released a statement that they would not stop running the ads, and included citations for the claims made in the ad. [HCAN, 2008]

**October 2008: 2006 Republican Primary Opponent Endorsed Democrat Over Walberg**

In 2008, former Representative Joe Schwarz, who Walberg defeated in the 2006 Republican primary, endorsed Walberg’s Democratic opponent, Mark Schauer.

“I had hoped it would just completely stay out of it, but basically Club for Growth bringing money into the race - none of which comes from the 7th District or the state of Michigan, for that matter - was the tipping point,” Schwarz said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/01/08]

**Schwarz: Club for Growth is a “Political Seinfeld Show”**

Schwarz described Club for Growth as an extremist group influencing voters with resources from outside the state.

“To me, and I think to all thinking voters, it takes the decision away from the voters who live in the 7th District,” Schwarz said. “Club for Growth is like a political Seinfeld show. They’re about nothing.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/01/08]

**2010: Schwarz Included In Republicans for Schauer**

In 2010, Schwarz endorsed Schauer for re-election, and was announced as a member of Republicans for Schauer.
The group was co-chaired by former Kellogg vice president Joe Stewart and former state Senator Hal Ziegler, and also included former executive director of the Michigan Republican Party Gary Reed. [Associated Press, 10/26/10; Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/28/10]

### 2008: Newspapers Split on Endorsements

**Detroit Free Press Endorsed Schauer**

In 2008, the Detroit Free Press endorsed Schauer over Walberg.

“Walberg has certainly been true to his principles - the American Conservative Union gave him a 100% rating last year - but the 7th District would be better served by electing Mark Schauer to Congress,” the paper wrote. [Editorial, Detroit Free Press, 10/24/08]

**Battle Creek Enquirer Endorsed Schauer**

In 2008, the Battle Creek Enquirer endorsed Schauer over Walberg.

“During his first term in office, Walberg has reached out to the western portion of the 7th District and sought to serve the needs of local constituents. However, we think Schauer could be a more effective voice for the Battle Creek area in Congress,” the paper wrote. [Editorial, Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/24/08]

**Lansing State Journal Endorsed Schauer**

In 2008, the Lansing State Journal endorsed Schauer over Walberg, writing that “in these tough times, Michigan communities need capable, practical representation. Mark Schauer can provide that to the 7th District.” [Editorial, Lansing State Journal, 10/25/08]

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“We had reservations about Walberg during his first run in 2006. But he has proven to be a reasonable congressman, driven by common sense and sharply attuned to the interests of his district,” the paper wrote. [Editorial, Detroit News, 10/17/08]

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In 2008, the Adrian Daily Telegram endorsed Walberg, calling his actions in Washington “consistent and practical.”

“Sometimes, especially if one party dominates government, it’s vital to have someone say “no.” Walberg has proven he can do that effectively yet still represent the interests of the 7th District,” the paper wrote. [Editorial, Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/24/08]

### November 2008: Walberg Defeated by Mark Schauer
In 2008, Walberg lost his re-election campaign to Democratic candidate Mark Schauer. Walberg had been unopposed in the Republican primary.

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### 2008 Campaign “One of the Meanest Dogfights Michiganders Have Ever Watched”

In 2008, the Detroit News reported that the 7th district Congressional race between Walberg and Mark Schauer was “one of the meanest dogfights Michiganders have ever watched.” The paper called the race “all-out political mud wrestling match.”

From the Detroit News:

“Among the accusations: Schauer supports child molesters. Walberg favors insurance companies over the health care needs of cancer victims. Schauer is a big-spending, high-taxing liberal like controversial filmmaker Michael Moore. Walberg has admitted that he’s “bought and paid for” by conservative special interests.” [Detroit News, 10/20/08]

### December 2008: Missed Votes After Losing Reelection Due to Prostate Surgery

After the 2008 election, Walberg missed a series of votes in Congress, including the auto rescue vote, due to a previously scheduled surgery.

At the time, he refused to say what the surgery was for. His campaign originally said it was for shoulder surgery, but Walberg revealed during a Republican primary debate that it was prostate surgery. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 7/08/10]

### Criticized for Missing Votes During 2010 Primary

During the 2010 Republican primary, Walberg was criticized by candidate Brian Rooney for not voting after he lost the 2008 general election. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 7/26/10]

### July 2009: Announced Bid To Take Back Congressional Seat

In 2009, Walberg announced that he would run again for Congress after losing to Mark Schauer in 2008.

“The last election was about change,” Walberg said. “And I think the American public and the 7th District voted for change, but the changes they’re seeing right now are not the changes they voted for.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/15/09]
Former Republican State Senator: Walberg Was A “Train Wreck”

In 2009, former Republican state Senator Phil Hoffman said he had doubts about Walberg running for Congress again.

“Tim Walberg, philosophically, I agree with,” Hoffman said. “But on a practical matter, being able to get things done, he was a train wreck.” [Roll Call, 7/16/09]

Walberg “A Superb Campaigner”

In 2010, Lansing based policy consultant Craig Ruff called Walberg a superb campaigner.

Walberg “exudes enthusiasm and fun,” Ruff said. “Walberg is a superb campaigner. He’s just a good handshaker.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/25/10]

August 2010: Defeated Brian Rooney in Republican Primary

In 2010, Walberg defeated attorney and Iraq War veteran Brian Rooney in the Republican primary. [Associated Press, 8/04/10]

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Primary Opponent Endorsed by Michigan Chamber of Commerce

In 2010, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce endorsed Walberg’s primary opponent, Brian Rooney. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/11/10]

Rooney Claimed To Have Been Recruited by NRCC

In 2010, Brian Rooney claimed that the NRCC had recruited him to run for Congress. An NRCC source told The Hill that they had not recruited Rooney, and the NRCC stressed that their organization was not taking sides in the 7th district primary. [MIRS, 9/09/09; The Hill, 12/01/09]

October 2010: Campaign Photoshopped Image of Schauer and Pelosi for Ad

In 2010, Walberg ran an ad criticizing Schauer for his ties to Speaker Nancy Pelosi and his votes for the stimulus and health care reform. The end of the ad featured a photograph of Schauer standing next to Pelosi as if they were arm in arm.

The original photo included four other people: two Michigan State University students who won the 2010 National Debate Tournament and two of their coaches. In the original version, three people were standing between Schauer and Pelosi. [Detroit News, 10/25/10]
Boehner, Bachmann and Other Conservative Leaders Campaigned for Walberg

In 2010, Walberg campaigned with a series of conservative leaders, including Representatives John Boehner, Michele Bachmann, Mike Pence and Joe Wilson, and former New York Governor George Pataki. [Kalamazoo Gazette, 10/25/10]

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In 2010, the **Battle Creek Enquirer** endorsed Schauer over Walberg.

Walberg said “this election is a referendum on President Obama’s policies. We disagree. It’s about electing effective, responsive leaders,” the paper wrote. [Editorial, **Battle Creek Enquirer**, 10/26/10]

**Detroit News Endorsed Walberg**

In 2010, the **Detroit News** endorsed Walberg.

The paper supported Walberg and 1st District candidate Dan Benishek “because we believe they will vote for spending restraint and help restore balance to Washington, where one-party rule has not served the people well over the past two years of total Democratic control.” [Editorial, **Detroit News**, 10/31/10]

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“Walberg will go to our nation’s capital to fight a left-leaning, spendthrift, socialist agenda and restore fiscal discipline to an out-of-control Democratic Congress. Schauer will continue to support policies that will hurt business and impose huge cost burdens on our children and grandchildren,” the paper wrote. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/31/10]

**Adrian Daily Telegram Endorsed Walberg**

In 2010, the **Adrian Daily Telegram** endorsed Walberg, in large part because of the editorial board’s opposition to the insurance mandate in the Affordable Care Act.

From the endorsement:
“Our endorsement of Walberg comes with one caveat. Republican candidates this year are fond of citing surveys that indicate public disapproval of the health care bill, but opinion polls also indicate many Americans were unhappy with the status quo. If Walberg and his fellow Republicans gain control of Congress, they must cease being the party of ‘no’ and begin advancing their own solutions. Simply rejecting Obama’s plans will not be enough.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/26/10]

**Hillsdale Daily News Did Not Endorse**

In 2010, the Hillsdale Daily News declined to endorse a candidate. Of Walberg, the paper wrote:

“As for his opponent, Tim Walberg has not wowed us during this campaign either. We did not endorse his entry into the race more than a year ago and we did not endorse him in the August primary. We have had him as a congressman before and we were not impressed. He says the right things a conservative candidate needs to say to get elected, but we heard Republicans say that before and look what happened.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/31/10]

**2010: NRCC Spent More on Walberg Race Than Any Other**

In 2010, a spokesman for National Republican Congressional Committee said that their organization spent more on the race in Michigan’s 7th congressional district than any other race in the country that year. [Associated Press, 10/27/10]

*NOTE: A review solely of independent expenditure filings by the NRCC shows that they spent more in PA-12 than MI-07. The spokesman may have been referring to other spending, as well.*

**NRCC Spent Second Most on Walberg during 2008 Election**

In 2008, Walberg received $1.4 million in support from the National Republican Congressional Committee. Until the final days of the campaign, he was the committee’s top recipient. He came in second in total amount received, and one of only four candidates to receive over $1 million.

Walberg’s opponent, Mark Schauer, received $1.7 million in help from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. [Grand Rapids Press, 12/12/08]

**November 2010: Won Back Congressional Seat**

In 2010, Walberg defeated Representative Mark Schauer to take back Michigan’s 7th congressional district.

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**November 2010: Said Tea Party Played “Huge Role” in Rematch**

In 2010, Walberg said that the Tea Party played a “huge role” in his rematch with Mark Schauer.

“I think it woke up the district. The tea partiers had come alive. They had seen things that went on with government and said, ‘That’s enough,’” Walberg said. “When they found out that they could trust my record and trust what I said, they became real allies to me.”  

[Grand Rapids Press, 11/08/10]  

**May 2012: Schwarz Wooed By DCCC But Opted Not to Run**

In 2012, Schwarz was approached by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee to run as a Democrat against Walberg. He announced in May that he would not run for the seat, citing redistricting that placed his home outside the 7th district as his biggest reason.

“Under certain circumstances Walberg is certainly beatable,” Schwarz said. “I wouldn’t have even thought about running if I hadn’t thought I could beat him.”  

[Battle Creek Enquirer, 5/05/12]  

**September 2012: Would Not Debate Opponent Until He Apologized For “Anti-American Conspiracy Theories”**

In 2012, Walberg would not debate his Democratic opponent, Kurt Haskell, unless he renounced previous assertions that the so-called “underwear bomber” had been supplied with an intentionally defective bomb by the United States government in an attempt to build support for additional airport security.

Haskell was a passenger on the Northwest flight that bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab had tried to bring down as it approached Detroit on Christmas day of 2009.

Walberg’s campaign manager called the statements “crazy, anti-American conspiracy theories.”  

[Daily Telegram, 9/21/12; Flint Journal, 8/09/12]  

**November 2012: Reelected to Congress**

In 2012, Walberg was re-elected to serve Michigan’s 7th Congressional district.

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[Michigan Secretary of State, 1/04/13]  

**August 2012: Won Republican Primary**

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[Michigan Secretary of State, 8/27/12]

2013: Supported Terri Lynn Land In Her Run For Michigan’s US Senate Seat

Supported Terri Lynn Land In Her Run For Michigan’s US Senate Seat. “‘Terri knows how to campaign,’ said U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, ‘and she'll have plenty of support behind her.’ Walberg said a couple of Republicans still may be considering a run. Michigan GOP chairman Bobby Schostak agreed Land may not have cleared the field yet, but he praised Land's handling of other potential candidates as smart and respectful.” [Detroit News, 9/24/13]

2014: Woman With Leukemia, Julie Boonstra, Was Walberg’s Guest At 2014 State Of The Union Address

Julie Boonstra, Woman With Leukemia, Was Walberg’s Guest At 2014 State Of The Union Address. “A political ad that features a Dexter woman criticizing U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, a candidate for U.S. Senate in Michigan, for his vote in favor of the Affordable Care Act is coming under scrutiny from the Washington Post. In its Fact Checker column, the Post’s Glenn Kessler vets the ad produced by Americans for Prosperity, a conservative group that has spent upwards of $1 million already in targeting Peters, a Bloomfield Township Democrat, who is running to replace the retiring Sen. Carl Levin. The ad features Julie Boonstra of Dexter, a leukemia patient who says her previous insurance, which she preferred, was canceled under the Affordable Care Act. She says that 'the out-of-pocket costs are so high that it's unaffordable,' and, 'if I do not receive my medication, I will die.' Boonstra was a guest of U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, a Tipton Republican, at last month's State of the Union address, representing a citizen who had lost coverage because of the health care reform bill passed in 2010.” [Detroit Free Press, 2/21/14]

2014: Boonstra Was Featured In “Misleading” Political Ad Claiming Affordable Care Act Was Responsible For Canceling Her Health Insurance, Forcing Her To Pay Out-Of-Pocket

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weeks ago. … ‘Now, the out-of-pocket costs are so high, it's unaffordable,’ Boonstra, 49, says in the ad. ‘If I do not receive my medication, I will die.’ The Detroit News interviewed Boonstra Jan. 28 when she was the guest of Republican Rep. Tim Walberg of Tipton at the State of the Union address in Washington. The one-minute ad makes no mention Boonstra successfully enrolled in a new Blue Cross plan where she's able to retain her University of Michigan oncologist and continues to receive the life-saving oral chemotherapy. The ad also does not mention Boonstra's health care premiums were cut in half when she enrolled in a new Blue Cross plan, to $571 a month from $1,100. The new plan does increase out-of-pocket costs, such as doctor's visits going from $20 to $50, she told The News.” [Detroit News, 2/22/14]

**In Interview In Walberg’s Office, Boonstra Said She Was Prepared To Pay More Under New Plan**.

In an interview in Walberg's office, Boonstra was frustrated about having to give up the plan she liked. She said she was panicked her former plan would be lost and rattled by the process of finding a new one - including the problems with the healthcare.gov website. She expressed less concern about the overall cost of the new plan. Boonstra said then she believed investing in her health care is important, which is why she chose the high-premium plan that carried no out-of-pocket cost for chemotherapy. Boonstra told The News she wasn't clear how much her overall costs would compare with last year's, but she was preparing to pay more under the new plan.” [Detroit News, 2/22/14]

**2014: Lansing City Pulse Magazine: Walberg “Unresponsive Backbencher Communicates With The Religious Right And Club For Growth Disciples And That’s About It”**

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**2014: Named Possible Target Of Bill Maher’s “Flip A District” Campaign**

*Named Possible Target Of Bill Maher’s “Flip A District” Campaign.* “Congressman Tim Walberg has been named a possible target of the ‘Flip a District’ campaign. Bill Maher, host of HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, announced Friday that the campaign has added Walberg to the list of potential targets.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 6/25/14]

**2014: Endorsed By Monroe County Farm Bureau**

*Endorsed By Farm Bureau In 2014 Re-Election Bid.* “The Monroe County Farm Bureau and Michigan Farm Bureau AgriPac have endorsed four local candidates in the Aug. 5 primary election as Friends of Agriculture…. The following were endorsed: U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton; state Rep. Dale Zorn, Michigan's 17th Dist-trict Senate seat; state Rep. Bill LaVoy, 17th State House District, and Irma Kubiske, Republican candidate for the 56th State House District.” [Monroe Evening news, 6/21/14]

**2014: Awarded Metalcasting Industry Eagle Award By American Foundry Society**
Awarded Metalcasting Industry Eagle Award By American Foundry Society. “The following information was released by the American Foundry Society (AFS): On Tuesday June 24, the American Foundry Society (AFS) presented Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-Tenn.) and Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) with the Metalcasting Industry Eagle Award during the industry's Government Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C. This award is presented annually to lawmakers who support Congressional policies that enhance the ability of U.S. metalcasters to create jobs and innovate and who fight back against burdensome and costly regulations that hurt the industry.” [American Foundry Society Press Release via States News Service, 6/26/14]

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2014: Backed Peter Roskam In His Bid For GOP’s No. 3 Leadership Post

Backed Peter Roskam In His Bid For GOP’s No. 3 Leadership Post. “There were multiple factors in the defeat of Illinois' Peter Roskam at the hands of a Louisiana lawmaker in his bid Thursday for the GOP's No. 3 job in the House of Representatives. Southern lawmakers were keen for a seat at the leadership table after last week's stunning primary defeat of Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, who had been the House majority leader, the chamber's No. 2 Republican behind House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio. … Another Roskam backer, Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan, offered a prayer before the group headed into the balloting.” [Chicago Tribune, 6/20/14]
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**Significant Findings**

- **Said he would support Trump if he were the nominee**
- **WBIX: “Michigan Congressman Tim Walberg says Trump is concise, and other Presidential candidates should learn from him”**
- **Downplayed Trump’s anti-woman and ant-veteran remarks, called them “mistakes” that “all candidates will make”**
- **CQ News: “Didn’t sound like he was worried about Trump winning the nomination”**
- **2011-2013: Most conservative member of the Michigan delegation**
- **May 1995: Paid $350 conference fee to American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)**
- **Personally donated $500 to Todd Akin’s campaign for Senate**
- **Voted with Republican Party 98 percent of the time**
- **Said Tea Party members are “slaves in our own land”**
- **On support from “Ultra-rich special interest group,” Club for Growth, said “Yep, I’m bought and paid for by them”**
- **Lansing City Pulse Magazine: Walberg’s campaign donors provided window into “corporate political culture”**
- **Detroit News: Walberg “Self-proclaimed arch conservative”**

Throughout his time in public office, Walberg has been well known for his extreme conservatism. He has been consistently ranked among the most conservative in the Michigan delegation, and voted with the Republican Party 98 percent of the time in 2012. He has credited the Tea Party with helping him take back his seat in Congress in 2010, and has said that he and members of the Tea Party have become “slaves in our own land.” Returning to Congress, Walberg said that he did not plan on being pragmatic, but as “principled” as he had always been. The Lansing City Pulse Magazine said Walberg’s campaign donors provided a window into “corporate political culture.”
Walberg has not made an endorsement in the Republican presidential primary, but when questioned as to whether he would support Trump if he were the nominee, Walberg said he would, stating “No question about that.” Following criticism of Trump for his blunt answers and remarks, WBIX reported that “Michigan Congressman Tim Walberg says Trump is concise, and other Presidential candidates should learn from him.” Additionally, after Trump made some critical anti-woman and anti-veteran remarks, Walberg downplayed them, calling them “mistakes” that all candidates will make.” Despite Trump’s disparaging comments, CQ News reported Walberg “didn’t sound like he was worried about Trump winning the nomination.”

When questioned as to the Club for Growth’s endorsement and subsequent bundled donations to his primary campaign in 2006, Walberg responded, “Yep, I’m bought and paid for by them.” Since its creation, the Club for Growth has been described by the Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial board member as “An ultra-rich special interest itself,” and has pushed changes to or the elimination of programs that Michiganders benefit from. The group entitled a public campaign to privatize Social Security as, “Privatize Social Security? Hell Yeah!” They have called for the elimination of farm subsidies, despite a total of $777 million in subsidies having been collected by Michigan 7th Congressional District farmers between 1995 and 2012. In 2015, the Club opposed a program to “help workers displaced by expanded trade.” Finally, the group opposed a bipartisan proposal to address China’s currency manipulation.

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Walberg Hints At Supporting Trump. “U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, is one of the few members of Michigan’s congressional delegation who hasn’t endorsed a candidate in the Republican presidential primary. But Walberg last week criticized Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP nominee, who spoke out against Donald Trump’s candidacy and called Trump a “phony.” Walberg said he thought Romney’s anti-Trump remarks in Utah would help Trump, rather than hurt him. “When a candidate can take on the pope and come out on top, and you hear the anger of people out there against the so-called establishment, I don’t understand where Romney was at,” Walberg told the radio station WKHM-AM. Walberg also said he had changed his mind on who he’d vote for, following last week’s GOP debate in Detroit. “I’m not going to
do an endorsement publicly because, frankly, we’ve seen very clearly that the people don’t want to hear from elected officials on who they should vote,” Walberg said. “Yesterday, Mitt Romney made a big mistake. Even though I like Mitt Romney — I worked hard to get him elected — the people are making this decision, and they’re making it for various reasons, whether it’s attitude, anger, frustration, worry, concern or policy. But I changed my mind on who I’m voting for after last night.” [Detroit News, 3/06/16]

**WILX: Walberg Said “Other Presidential Candidates Should Learn From” Trump**

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**Lansing City Pulse Magazine: Walberg’s Campaign Donors Provided Window Into “Corporate Political Culture”**

Campaign Donors Provided Window Into “Corporate Political Culture” Of Republicans. “When looking at campaign financing, it is often the political action committees that define the candidate. The Koch brothers’ PAC contributions to Republican Rep. Tim Walberg signal arch conservative; money from the Sierra Club to his 7th District Democratic challenger, Pam Byrnes, reflect her liberal politics. But it sometimes works the other way, with the candidate, in this case, Walberg, exposing the corporate political culture. Among his significant campaign contributors are two notable hamburger chains: Wendy’s and White Castle. Both, through their PACs, are deeply tied to Republican candidates, most of them, like Walberg, Tea Party types. According to OpenSecret. org, Wendy’s PAC contributed $121,500 to federal ELECTION 2014 candidates in 2014, all of it to Republicans. White Castle gave $24,500 to candidates -- 92 percent to Republicans.” [Lansing City Pulse Magazine, 10/08/14]
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Koch Industries Contributed Total Of $55,200 To Walberg, Ranking Among Donors Over Course Of Career.

According to Opensecrets, Koch Industries contributed a total of $55,200 to Walberg over the course of his career, ranking as one of his top contributors. [Opensecrets, Accessed 10/29/15]

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May 1995: Paid $350 Conference Fee To American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

According to Walberg Campaign’s Disbursement filings with the Michigan Department of State, the campaign paid $350 to the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) on May 25, 1995 to register for a conference. [Michigan Department of State, Walberg Committee for a Stronger Lenawee, 5/25/95]
Passed Bill Predicted To Easier Facilitate Workers’ Ability To Collect Prevailing Wage Compensation For. In July 2013, Walberg introduced H.R. 2747 which transferred oversight of workers paid prevailing wages for working on government projects from Government Accountability Office to Department Of Labor where they were already processed. “There isn't much that Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) and President Barack Obama agree on these days, but the two were able to agree Thursday on a bipartisan bill which Obama signed into law. The Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act was introduced by Walberg and Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.) to help shift responsibility for wage adjustments for federally-contracted workers. … Under the Davis-Bacon Act, federally-contracted workers are required to be paid a ‘local prevailing wage,’ on any government project. They are also to be paid time and a half for work done after working 40 hours in a week. However the claims for those wages were handled through the Government Accountability Office, while the Department of Labor (DOL) enforced the law. With the passing of this new law, the DOL will handle all claims and it should help make the process smoother for workers trying to get their compensation.” The bill was signed into law by the President. [H.R. 2747, Signed 11/21/13; Hillsdale Daily News, 11/25/13]

Bill Predicted To Make It Easier For Workers To Collect Compensation. “With the passing of this new law, the DOL will handle all claims and it should help make the process smoother for workers trying to get their compensation. The bill was first introduced by Walberg in July and passed by the House in September. The Senate passed the bill earlier this month, and Obama signed it into law Thursday.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 11/25/13]

Passed Resolution Re-Naming Post Office After Police Officer Killed In The Line Of Duty. In November 2013, Walberg introduced H.R. 3534, re-naming a United States Post Office in Jackson, MI the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office.” “Fallen police Officer James Bonneau will be honored in Jackson with the renaming of the U.S. Post Office in Jackson. President Barack Obama signed a bill into law Tuesday that will rename the federal building, 113 West Michigan Ave., the Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office, according to a statement from U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton.” The Resolution was signed by the President into law. [H.R. 3534, Signed 12/16/14; Michigan Live, 12/18/14]

26-Year-Old Officer Killed In 2010 While Responding To Domestic Disturbance. “The U.S. House of Representatives passed Monday, July 14, a resolution Rep. Tim Walberg introduced that would change the building's name to the ‘Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office.’ Walberg and others in the Jackson community have made efforts to honor Bonneau since his death in 2010. On March 9 of that year, 26-year-old Bonneau was responding to a domestic disturbance, and was shot in the chest by Elvin Potts, 63, of Jackson.” [Michigan Live, 7/14/14]

In 2011, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow Presented Officer’s Family With Law Enforcement Congressional Badge Of Bravery. “In the 21 months since Jackson Police Officer James Bonneau died, Chief Matthew Heins said he has asked himself, ‘Why?’ …For the 26-year-old’s ‘exceptional acts of bravery and presence of mind while in the line of duty,’ U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow presented Bonneau’s parents, Marc and Amy Bonneau, with the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery.” [Michigan Live, 12/19/11]
Passed Resolution Re-Naming Post Office After Long-Time Postmaster Who Created Marshal Postal Museum. In August 2007, Walberg introduced a Resolution re-naming a United States Post Office in Marshall, MI the “Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building.” “Mr. WALBERG. I thank the gentleman for yielding. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in support of naming the Marshall, Michigan Post Office, a prominent post office in my district, the Seventh District of Michigan, the Michael W. Schragg Post Office. Michael's life story has been recounted to some degree by my colleagues thus far, but he is one that is beloved in his community, family, and the American postal service. Michael served as Marshall's postmaster for 23 years and was the force behind the creation of the Marshall Postal Museum, the second largest postal museum in the United States, behind only the Smithsonian, as has been represented thus far.” The Resolution was signed by the President into law. [H.R. 3446, Signed 11/30/07; Congressional Record, 10/30/07]

Postmaster Claimed Museum Second Largest Postal Museum In Country. “But the pièce de résistance was the Marshall Postal Museum, the creation of Michael Schragg, Marshall’s retired postmaster, who says it is the second largest postal museum in the nation, after the Smithsonian Institution's in Washington. If you think you have no interest in postal history, a tour conducted by the ebullient Mr. Schragg will change your mind. ‘Anyone who comes here is bound to see that the history of the mails is the history of America,’ he declared. Exhibits include World War II V-mail; postal delivery vehicles of every era; pre-1910 leather postcards proclaiming ‘Will Write When I Get the Time’; and a mailbox-shaped music box playing ‘Please, Mr. Postman.’ Film footage from the 1930's, accompanied by Mr. Schragg's imitation of a train whistle, shows workers slinging mail sacks toward train platforms.” [New York Times, 8/31/03]

Number Of Bills Passed Into Law By Michigan Democratic Congressional Delegation

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In 2012, Walberg was ranked as the most conservative member of Michigan’s congressional delegation by the American Conservative Union and the National Journal.
Walberg received a ranking of 96 out of 100 from the American Conservative Union, tying for most conservative Michigander with Representative Bill Huizenga. [Detroit Free Press, 3/04/12; Muskegon Chronicle, 2/22/13]

The National Journal’s composite conservative scores rated Walberg as the most conservative member of the Michigan delegation in 2012 and 2011. [National Journal Ideology Scores]

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[CQ Voting Studies, 2/14/13]

**Taken Almost $900,000 from Ideological or Single Issue Groups**

Over his career, Walberg has taken $859,793 from ideological or single issue groups. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 9/13/13]

**Personally Donated $500 to Todd Akin for Senate**

In September 2012, Walberg personally donated $500 to Todd Akin for Senate. [FEC, accessed 6/17/13]

**Walberg to Tea Party Rally: “We’re Slaves in Our Own Land”**

In 2011, Walberg spoke at a free speech themed Tea Party rally in Coldwater.

Walberg remarked:

This is America. This is a place of freedom of speech and they’re (administrators) looking for Communism and European socialism. (America is) a land that God has truly given to us, and blessed us in because of the truths of the principles and ideals we had founded it on… We are slaves in our own land. Where will they (the world) turn if America isn’t here? Nowhere. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 10/17/11]

**Walberg on Tea Party: “People Are Standing Up Really For The First Time In History”**

In 2010, Walberg was criticized for “historical ignorance” after speaking at Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce forum.

“With the 9/12 movement, the Tea Party, people are standing up really for the first time in history,” Walberg said. [Demas column, MLive, 7/20/10]

**Walberg: Americans Slaves To Humanism, Pleasure, Sexual Perversion, Drugs And Drunkeness**

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2006: Nearly 75 Percent of 2006 Primary Money Came from Club for Growth

Of the $644,522 Walberg raised during the primary election, $476,709 came from donors tied to the Club for Growth, an arch-conservative anti-tax organization that challenges moderate candidates around the country, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network. [Ann Arbor News, 8/09/06]

Additionally, over the course of the 2006 election, Club for Growth spent more than $1 million on Walberg’s behalf. [Associated Press, 1/31/08]

Walberg on Club for Growth: “Yep, I’m Bought and Paid for By Them”

In 2006, Walberg was endorsed by Club for Growth, resulting in over $400,000 in bundled donations through the group for his primary campaign against Representative Schwartz.

“If I go to Congress and lower taxes, reduce pork-barrel spending and kill the tax codes of the IRS,” Walberg said, “you can say, ‘Yep, I’m bought and paid for by them.’” [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/23/06]

Club for Growth Paid For Walberg To Stay At Ritz-Carlton; Go On Cruise

In 2007, Walberg and his wife attended a Club for Growth junket at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach and cruise on a 170-foot yacht. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/14/07]

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Club For Growth: “Privatize Social Security?” Hell Yeah!”

“This is the fight Democrats want to have. Yesterday, the influential Club for Growth -- a conservative advocacy group formerly led by Pat Toomey, the current Republican candidate for Senate in Pennsylvania -- publicly argued for privatizing Social Security. It was actually more blatant than that. The organization titled their pitch: ‘Privatize Social Security? Hell Yeah!’ ‘Most Republicans are running away from the Social Security issue,’ the post read. ‘They've probably been told by establishment handlers to never defend ‘privatization’ or personal accounts. Baloney.... Candidates for Congress should adopt that message and support it loudly.’” [Talking Points Memo, 9/22/10]

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Club For Growth Supported Elimination Of Farm Subsidies. “The conservative Club for Growth, which urged a “no” vote on the legislation, had a different suggestion Thursday afternoon. ‘Now that the House has defeated the Farm Bill, we should finally discuss real reform,’ Club for Growth President Chris Chocola said in a statement. ‘The time for reform is now. We need to put farm subsidies on a path to elimination and we need to devolve food stamps to the state level where they belong. With $17 trillion in debt, the American taxpayers don’t have time to wait.’” [Roll Call, 6/20/13]

1995-2012: Michigan 7th Congressional District Received $777 Million In Subsidies. According to the Environmental Working Group, the Michigan 7th Congressional District received $777 million in subsidies between 1995 and 2012. [Environmental Working Group, 7th Congressional District Michigan, Accessed 6/17/15]

Club For Growth Founder Stephen Moore: Medicare Was “Fiscally Catastrophic.”

Stephen Moore Editorial: Medicare Was “Fiscally Catastrophic.” Just moments before the U.S. House of Representatives recently voted to approve $3 trillion of health care socialism, Dennis Hastert, the Republican speaker of the House, rose before his colleagues urging them to vote yes by proclaiming: ‘Years from now senior citizens will remember how you voted on this prescription drug bill. They will never forget.’ … No one knew that these programs like Medicare would cost 10 times what their supporters said they would cost. … But today no one can reasonably plead ignorance. Every American taxpayer knows full well the fiscally catastrophic impact of programs like Medicare, Medicaid and other blank-check income redistribution programs.” [Detroit News, Stephen Moore, 7/21/03]

Stephen Moore Founded Club For Growth. “Stephen Moore, who formerly wrote on the economy and public policy for The Wall Street Journal, is the Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Project for Economic Growth, at The Heritage Foundation. … Moore calls his creation of the Club for Growth the defining moment of his career. The organization, which he left in 2004, helps elect conservative members of Congress (including Heritage President Jim DeMint when he first ran for Senate).” [Heritage Foundation, Stephen Moore bio, Accessed 6/18/15]

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Washington Post: Measure “Would Ensure Greater Scrutiny Of China’s Efforts To Manipulate Its Currency To Sell Cheaper Products.” “For the new GOP majority in the Senate, the highest economic priority in 2015 is to push through legislation known as ‘Trade promotion Authority,’ or ‘fast-track authority’ that would allow the president greater negotiating flexibility on trade deals. Then they hope to approve a sprawling Pacific-rim trade pact that would include countries representing 40 percent of the global economy. … Portman cited his position of being ‘strong on enforcement, strong on stopping the currency manipulation, strong on ensuring we have a level playing field.’ He helped win approval for a measure to be included in the legislation that would ensure greater scrutiny of China’s efforts to manipulate its currency to sell cheaper products.” [Washington Post, 4/30/15]

Said He Was “Tea Party Before The Tea Party”

While campaigning in 2010, Walberg liked to say that he “was tea party before the tea party.” [Roll Call, 11/21/11]

Said To Win Elections, Republicans Needed To Return To “Foundational Principles”

In 2013, Walberg said that the Republican Party needed to change in the wake of the 2012 presidential election.

“I think there are changes that have to be made, but we have to approach it cautiously,” Walberg said. “I would think the best change we could do is move back to our foundational principles of what the Republican Party was established for in this district. That was a party that believed in limited government. It believed in equal rights for all it was the emancipation party, if we remember. It believed in personal responsibility and high morals those traditional values back then.” [Bedford Now, 2/16/13]

Republicans Became “Democratic Party-Lite” In 2012

In 2013, Walberg said that Republicans moved away from their ideals in 2012 and became a “lite” version of the Democratic Party.

“I think we should move back in that direction,” Walberg said. “We moved away from our ideals, our principles, and our platform and we became a Democratic Party-lite.” [Bedford Now, 2/16/13]

Said We Were Losing Country To “European Model Of Socialism”
In 2011, Walberg spoke at a senior center, and told the audience “we’re losing this country,” and it is moving closer to a “European model of socialism.” [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 10/12/11]

**Detroit News: Walberg “Self-Proclaimed Arch Conservative”**

In 2008, the Detroit News described Walberg as a “self-proclaimed arch conservative.”

Walberg was “a traditionalist on social issues. He’s vehemently opposed to abortion and gay marriage and he plays up his support of gun ownership and his NRA endorsement.” [Editorial, Detroit News, 10/20/08]

**Walberg: People Don’t “Perceive Me As Being Anything But An Independent Thinker”**

In 2008, Walberg portrayed himself as an independent, citing his votes to override President Bush’s vetoes of the Farm Bill and a Great Lakes funding bill.

“I don’t think the people perceive me as being anything but an independent thinker and an independent voter in Washington,” Walberg said. [Grand Rapids Press, 10/19/08]

**Co-Sponsored Constitutional Amendment To Allow States To Repeal Federal Law**

In 2011, Walberg co-sponsored the Repeal Amendment, a Constitutional amendment that would give states the authority to repeal any federal law or regulation if two thirds of the States were in agreement. [Representative Bishop press release, 5/12/11]

**Co-Sponsored Legislation To Prevent Use Of Foreign Law In American Courts**

In 2011, Walberg co-sponsored legislation to protect the misuse of foreign law in federal courts. [Representative Adams press release, 3/09/11]

**Refused To Sit Next To Democrats During State Of The Union Address**

In January 2011, Walberg said he was going to stick to the right side of the aisle during the President’s State of the Union Speech despite agreements from Republicans and Democrats sit in pairs instead. Walberg said the traditional seating pattern made it “easier for the general public to tell the players.”

“We are in the majority,” Walberg said, “so I think it’d be nice for the public to see that majority, as well.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 1/25/11]

**Cook Political Report Analyst: Walberg “Substantially To The Right” Of 7th District**

In 2007, David Wasserman, House of Representatives analyst for the Cook Political Report, said that the 7th district almost mirrored the national Democrat-Republican affiliation split, making it a poor fit for Walberg, who he called the most conservative member of the Michigan delegation.

“He’s substantially to the right of this district,” Wasserman said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/23/07]
Walberg: “Excessive Government,” Not Economy, Biggest Concern In 7th District

In August 2006, when asked what he believed was the biggest concern facing the 7th District, Walberg said excessive government, not the economic crisis in Michigan.

“The biggest concern for the district right now is excessive government,” Walberg said.

His opponent, Representative Joe Schwarz, disagreed, saying “jobs, jobs, jobs” were the primary issue in the 7th Congressional District. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/06/06]

Supported An Extreme Tea Party Budget, Which Increased The Retirement Age For Social Security And Medicare Eligibility

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which would have enacted the Fiscal Year 2012 Republican Study Committee Budget.

The budget would have called for the repeal of the 2010 health care bill, increased the retirement age for Social Security eligibility and Medicare eligibility, would have fundamentally changed both the Medicare and Medicaid programs and would have cut mandatory spending by $1.9 trillion over 10 years.

According to the New York Times, “This plan goes even further than Mr. Ryan’s approach, proposing $1.7 trillion of tax cuts over the next five years and reducing agency budgets by about 30 percent — more than the 15 percent offered by Mr. Ryan’s plan. Additionally, the federal workforce, under the committee’s vision, would be greatly reduced and the Medicaid and Medicare programs would be overhauled.” [New York Times, 4/15/11]

The bill failed 119-136. [H Con Res 34, Vote #275, 4/15/11]

NOTE: 172 Democrats voted present to force Republican supporters to vote against the bill.

Voted To Hold Attorney General In Contempt Of Congress

In June 2012, Walberg voted to hold Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. for contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with the subpoena issued by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to provide documents to the committee regarding the “Operation Fast and Furious” gun-tracking program. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/28/12]

A New York Times editorial called the investigation a “pointless partisan fight,” blaming Republican Darrell Issa for “making this investigation a political fight.” [New York Times, Editorial, 6/21/12]

The motion was adopted 255-67. [H Res 711, Vote #441, 6/28/12]

Voted Against Further Investigation Of Eric Holder’s Contempt Vote
In June 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to refer Eric Holder’s contempt vote back to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with the requirement that the committee hold new hearings and conduct a more complete investigation. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/28/12]

Holder was under threat of a contempt vote for his refusal to turn over documents tied to the botched Fast and Furious gun-running sting – a discredited operation. [CNN, 6/29/12]

The motion failed 172-251. [H Res 711, Vote #440, 6/28/12]

**Voted To Authorize Judicial Action In Fast And Furious Investigation**

In June 2012, Walberg voted for adoption of the resolution that would authorize the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce its subpoena for documents related to the Justice Department’s “Operation Fast and Furious” gun-tracking program and seek declaratory judgment affirming the duty of Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. to comply with the committee’s subpoena. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/28/12]

The motion was adopted 258-95. [H Res 706, Vote #442, 6/28/12]

**Supported Partisan Delay of Resolution Honoring Mother’s Day**

In May 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to table reconsideration of the vote on adoption of the resolution that would celebrate the role of mothers in the United States and support the goals and ideals of Mother’s Day. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08]

The motion to reconsider came after a unanimous 412-0 vote to approve the resolution. According to Minority Leader John Boehner, “we just wanted to make sure that everyone was on record in support of Mother’s Day.” [Washington Post, 5/09/08]

The motion passed 237-178. [H Res 1113, Vote #275, 5/07/08]

**Saw No Separation Between Religion and Politics**

In 2007, Walberg said he saw similarities in the role he had as a pastor and more recently as a politician.

“My mission is to serve the people around me, and hopefully in doing so, serve my God as well,” Walberg said. “I don’t see my life in faith and my interest in the political arena as mutually exclusive.” [Detroit News, 1/22/07]

**Endorsed Governor Romney In Michigan Republican Primary**

In 2012, Walberg endorsed Mitt Romney in Michigan’s Republican presidential primary.

“Mitt Romney is a strong, successful leader who is best prepared to defeat President Obama,” Walberg said. “I look forward to working with President Romney to repeal the government takeover of health care,
move our nation toward a balanced budget and reduce tax rates to encourage job creation.” [St. Joseph Herald-Palladium, 2/23/12; Romney for President press release, 2/08/12]

**Said Governor Palin Alleviated Any Disappointment With Mccain Candidacy**

In 2008, Walberg supported Governor Romney in the Republican primary, but said the selection of Governor Palin as the vice presidential candidate alleviated the disappointment.

“Any disappointment has been alleviated with the pick of Governor Palin,” Walberg said. “She offers executive experience and real-world experience that shows she’s a normal, common human being that people can identify with.” [Ann Arbor News, 9/04/08]

**Endorsed By National Federation of Independent Business**

In 2008, Walberg was endorsed by National Federation of Independent Business. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/04/08]

**Endorsed by U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

In 2008, Walberg was endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce PAC. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/14/08]

**Endorsed by FreedomWorks**

In 2010, Walberg’s campaign was endorsed by FreedomWorks. [FreedomWorks, 6/16/10]

**Endorsed By Extreme James Dobson Of Focus On The Family**

In July 2006, Walberg attracted far-right evangelist James Dobson’s endorsement. Dobson was chairman of the evangelical Christian group Focus on the Family.

“[Walberg] is a man of great courage to take on a sitting Congressman, and the defeat of Joe Schwarz would send a mighty signal that the days of anti-family, liberal Republicans are finally over,” Dobson said in a news release. [Roll Call, 7/20/06]

**Dobson’s Family Research Council Classified As Hate Group By SPLC**

In 1981, Dobson founded the Family Research Council (FRC), a conservative Christian group and lobbying organization. In 2010, the Southern Poverty Law Center classified the FRC as an anti-gay hate group. According to the SPLC, FRC often made false claims about the LGBT community based on discredited research and junk science. [SPLC, accessed 8/26/13]

**Walberg: President Bush An “Every Man,” A Man Of “Strong Integrity”**

During the 2000 campaign, Walberg supported George W. Bush’s campaign for President.
Walberg said he was impressed by what he called Bush’s “candid integrity,” something he witnessed when he and Blissfield industrialist Warren Reuther met with Bush in December 1999.

“He is sometimes portrayed as a bit flippant, or not as serious as [he] should be at times, but he’s candid,” Walberg said. “He doesn’t put on a show for you, he simply tells you what he thinks. The more I’ve had the chance to listen to him, the more I’ve appreciated him as a person and his strong integrity.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 2/20/00]

**Said 2000 McCain Tax Plan Was “Socialistic”**

In 2000, Walberg supported George W. Bush in the Republican presidential primary, and questioned Senator John McCain’s tax proposal.

“If you believe in socialistic redistribution of wealth a la Clinton/Gore you can support John McCain’s tax proposal to give a break by expanding only the lowest 15 percent tax bracket. But is this equality under the law?” Walberg asked. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 2/20/00]

**Believed Southern Poverty Law Center Was “Better Known For Their Attacks On Judeo-Christian Groups”**

Believed Southern Poverty Law Center Was “Better Known For Their Attacks On Judeo-Christian Groups.” “Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, there was a time when the Southern Poverty Law Center was a laudable civil rights organization, boldly combating bigotry and extremism. Such noble pursuits have been cast aside for partisan politics, and today the SPLC is better known for their attacks on Judeo-Christian groups. Recently, the SPLC has targeted the Alabama Accountability Act, a school choice law passed earlier this year.” [Congressional Record, 9/18/13]

**“Open” To Conservative House Lawmakers Plan To Remove House Steering Committee Chairmen To Spread Out Power**

“Open” To Conservative House Lawmakers Plan To Remove House Steering Committee Chairmen To Spread Out Power. “Conservative House lawmakers are pitching a major overhaul of the influential Steering Committee, including the removal of six powerful committee chairmen from the Speaker-controlled panel in a bid to spread out the power.... Then there's the dispute over whether any internal GOP rules should be changed in the middle of the two-year congressional session. Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) said he's open to expanding the Steering Committee but wants to do it after the November 2016 elections.” [The Hill, 11/05/15]
Walberg requested many earmarks while in Congress, despite having campaigned against pork barrel spending. In one case, Walberg touted earmarks he had obtained for local projects – even though they passed in a bill that Walberg voted against because he said it contained too much pork.

Despite Walberg’s conservative credentials, the Tea Party wouldn’t be happy with some of his positions on government reform. He called his vote for term limits a mistake, and is opposed to common sense measures like posting plain English summaries of legislative action and requiring that bills be posted online.

Voted Against Bill Creating Office Of Congressional Ethics

In 2008, Walberg voted against legislation to establish an independent panel of the House ethics committee to consider alleged violations by House members and employees.

The measure created an independent Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE), whose primary mandate will be to carry out probes and refer allegations of unlawful activity made against Members of Congress to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. This new independent organization would be led by a bipartisan, six-person panel whose membership will be jointly agreed to by both the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader.

With the creation of a new Office of Congressional Ethics and previously approved lobby reform legislation, Democrats said that the New Direction Congress has demonstrated its commitment to making the 110th Congress and future Congresses more ethically transparent and morally accountable. [Congressional Quarterly, Rep. Clyburn Press Release, 3/11/08]

The measure was adopted by a vote of 229-182. [H Res 1031, Vote #122, 3/11/08]
Requested 23 Earmarks Despite Campaigning Against Pork-Barrel Spending

In June 2007, Walberg released his list of 23 requested earmarked appropriations for the federal government’s 2007-08 fiscal year, totaling $29,276,500.

According to Taxpayers for Common Sense, seventeen earmarks bearing Walberg’s name appeared in the FY 2008 budget bills.

“By revealing the funding requests I have forwarded from communities in my district, I hope to bring greater transparency to the appropriations process and work toward restoring the confidence of the American people in government,” Walberg said in the release. [Representative Walberg press release, 6/22/07]

GOP Chair: Walberg “Made A Commitment He Would Not Support Any Earmarks At All”

During his 2006 campaign, Walberg said he wasn’t a fan of pork-barrel legislation. Walberg spokesman Matt Lahr said the requests Walberg has made are meant to return his constituents’ investment in tax dollars. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/26/07]

“He made a commitment he would not support any earmarks at all. Even if that’s money that might come in to rebuild I-94 he’s going to have to find another way to do that and I don’t know what that mechanism is,” Washtenaw County Republican chairman Matthew J. Schneider said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 1/02/07]

Said Earmarks “Symbolize The Culture Of Corruption” In DC

In February 2007, Walberg said that earmarks, while not inherently bad, symbolized the culture of corruption in Washington, DC.

From Walberg’s press release:

“The American people want men and women in Congress who follow through with their commitments, are accountable to the people they serve and maintain the highest of ethical standards. Part of this process of reform means putting an end to pork-barrel earmark spending. Earmarks, special state or local projects tacked onto federal legislation, are not inherently bad but have come to symbolize the culture of corruption that has engulfed Washington, D.C.

[Representative Walberg press release, 2/23/07]

Voted To Protect Earmark For Canadian And Other Foreign Highways

In April 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to repeal $12.3 million in funding for the Alaska Highway within Canada. The motion also prohibited use of Highway Trust Fund Reserves for the construction of highways in foreign countries. [CQ Vote Summary, 4/18/12]

The motion failed 176-242. [HR 4348, Vote #169, 4/18/12]

Voted To Protect Multi-Billion Dollar Earmark For Financial Services Chair
In April 2012, Walberg voted against a motion that got rid of a $3.7 billion dollar earmark for a 65 mile, six-lane beltway project around Birmingham, Alabama, requested by powerful Financial Services Chairman Spencer Bachus. [CQ Vote Summary, 4/18/12]

The motion failed 176-242. [H.R. 4348, Vote #169, 04/18/12]

Wrote Editorial Touting Journalist Shield Law And “Public's Right To Know…”

In June 2007, Walberg wrote an editorial touting a proposed federal media shield law protecting journalists from having to reveal confidential sources. He cited the need for the media to hold government accountable.

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…After Removing District Reporter from Press List Over Single Sentence

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At the dinner, Walberg refused to apologize for recent comments comparing the security situation in Iraq to the streets of Detroit, which some said would hurt Walberg’s fundraising.

“Our goal is to make a real strong [financial] showing in the first quarter, so people like Joe Schwarz back off,” Walberg said after Rove’s speech. Demas was removed from the press list for repeating the comment in her column. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/25/07]

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I’ve now been stripped of the privilege of at least 23 Walberg e-mails clogging my inbox each day… It seems a recent story hit a nerve. Not when I quoted Walberg insisting Iraq is just as safe as the body armor-free streets of Detroit. That was kosher. My punishment from Fort Walberg was swift and severe. It’s not personal. It’s just a bad public relations move, typical of a staff composed of 20-something “Jesus Camp” counselors who almost managed to lose the general election to Sharon Renier, a chicken farmer with $1.03 in the bank… “So what about the public’s right to know?” I asked the Walbot. Replied [spokesman Matt] Lahr: “The congressman’s concern is getting out his message.” Take that, voters. Walberg will tell you what you need to know, when
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In 1988, Walberg was listed as one of the ten worst legislators in Lansing (he was listed as #7, with #1 being the worst).

“(An) ideological purist who would rather turn off colleagues than win an issue,” one lobbyist said. [The Detroit News, 9/11/88]

**Viewed Worst Legislator Label as Badge of Courage**

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In 2006, the Toledo Blade wrote that Walberg was known in the Michigan state legislature for voting no.

“Mr. Walberg was notable in the legislature for mainly voting no. No against a seat belt law, no against a Rosa Parks memorial, no against expelling kids from school who physically assault teachers. He even voted against a tax credit for those contributing to the Michigan Vietnam Veterans memorial.” [Editorial, Toledo Blade, 11/04/06]

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to use office resources. However, ADLF staff argue that the request that both the member and his or her chief of staff sign the contract -- which calls for a detailed legislative agenda -- suggests that official House resources would be used. Three Michigan members of Congress -- U.S. Reps. Dan Benishek of Crystal Falls, Mike Bishop of Rochester and Tim Walberg of Tipton -- were listed as part of the Patriot Program, though Benishek has since said he won’t run for re-election next year. In reporting the contract, the Post said it offered “a window into how much autonomy lawmakers often must forfeit to unelected Washington insiders.” At that time, the Post said, the NRCC reportedly assumed that its Democratic counterpart, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, required much the same information for its program to protect vulnerable incumbents.” [Detroit Free Press, 10/08/15]

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**Significant Findings**

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- Voted to give himself taxpayer-funded health care for life.

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Amid predictions of “chaos” in Jackson County, MI during the government shutdown in October 2013, Walberg voted multiple times against re-opening the government, votes which Michigan newspaper columns and editorials described as “extreme,” and “out of step with other Michigan Republicans.” Food assistance programs were predicted to suffer if the shutdown continued past October of 2013, as 28,760 Jackson County residents depended on them to eat. On October 11, as a result of the shutdown, federal funding ran out for the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging, leaving Jackson officials “scrambling to find ways to feed”
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There is a general appearance Walberg has used his position for personal gain when viewing his personal finances and their intersection with his public service through the lens of his stock transactions. In 2013, Walberg reported dozens of stock transactions, with some occurring on companies lobbying Congress on issues or legislation he came into contact with or voted on, and potentially creating the appearance of a conflict of interest. On March 14, 2013, he purchased stocks in an oil and gas equipment investment fund with holdings in two oil and gas exploration companies. Between the period of April 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013, both companies lobbied the U.S. House on “Oil and gas exploration; off-shore drilling; mobile drilling units; energy legislation.” While the companies reported lobbying the House, on June 23, 2013, Walberg wrote an editorial calling for more oil, coal, and LNG exploration. Five days later, Walberg issued a press release trumpeting his vote in favor of a bill to “expand U.S. offshore energy production.” On his 2013 PFD, Walberg reported an income of $1-$200 off of the same oil and gas equipment fund.

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In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal 2008 transportation, housing, and urban development appropriations bill, which he claimed increased taxes on subsidiary manufacturers in his district by 600 percent. Subsidiary manufacturers are foreign companies with U.S. subsidiaries.

The bill passed 268-153. [HR 3074, Vote #715, 7/24/07]
Walberg’s office sent out press releases touting the passage of earmarks in the bill requested by Representative Walberg, including expansion of a runway at the W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek, MI and new buses for the Jackson Transportation Authority.

“He did all he could to ensure the funding request was included,” Walberg spokesman Matt Lahr said. However, the final bill exceeded spending limits Walberg promised to uphold, and would increase the federal deficit by $4.5 billion, “therefore he had to vote against the final version of the bill,” Lahr said. [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/27/07]

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In 2008, Walberg said he voted against the bill because it contained too much pork:

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Walberg said he couldn’t support the bill because it included funding for other projects, like bridge to nowhere in Alaska.

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**Voted To Give Members Of Congress Taxpayer Funded Health Care For Life**

In May 2013, Walberg voted for repealing the Affordable Care Act.

The Hill reported: “Repealing President Obama’s healthcare law would let members of Congress keep their government-subsidized insurance coverage after they retire — a benefit they lost under the health law.” [The Hill, 7/09/12]

The bill passed, 229-195. [HR 45, Vote #154, 5/16/13]

**2014: Voted Against Ending Taxpayer Funded Car Leases For Congress**

In May 2014, Walberg voted against an amendment that would block lawmakers from using their official office budgets to lease automobiles. At the time, 63 members of the House used taxpayer funds to lease cars. [Associated Press, 5/01/14]

The amendment failed, 196-221. [HR 4887, Vote #188, 5/01/14]

**Voted Against Cutting the House Gym, Barbershop, Salon And Dining Room**

In April 2014, Walberg voted against the Democratic budget alternative. The budget would call the Committee on House Administration to find ways to cut funds for the House gym, barbershop, salon and dining room. [House Democratic Budget Substitute, FY 2015]

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**Twice Voted Against Banning Taxpayer Funded First Class Airfare Or Corporate Jets For Members**

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“Further, it is the policy of this resolution that no taxpayer funds may be used to purchase first class airfare or to lease corporate jets for Members of Congress,” the amendment stated. [Section 412 of Van Hollen Amendment #6, House Report 112-423]

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The resolution died, 163-262. [H Con Res 112, Vote #150, 3/29/12]

**Voted Against Prohibiting Pay Increase For Members After The Government Shutdown**

In October 2013, Walberg voted against the bill to reopen the government and fund government operations through January 15. The bill would “explicitly prohibit a pay increase for members of Congress for FY 2014.” [CQ House Action Reports, 10/16/13]

The bill passed, 285-144. [HR 2775, Vote #550, 10/16/13]

**Voted To Protect Own Pay**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have struck all of the provisions in the bill and would have prohibited Members of Congress and the President from receiving basic pay for any period in which there is more than a 24-hour lapse in appropriations. The measure would have also have prohibited the Members and President from receiving retroactive pay.

The measure failed 188-237. [HR 1255, Vote #223, 4/01/11]

**Voted Against Considering Bill To Deny COLA Adjustments For Members Of Congress**

In 2013, Walberg voted to deny consideration of a bill that would prohibit members of Congress from receiving an automatic Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the 113th Congress.

The previous question was approved 227-188. A vote against the motion would have allowed for consideration of the bill to deny the adjustment. [H Res 99, Vote #59, 3/06/13]

**Voted Against Cutting Own Office Budget**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to reduce by $3.1 million the amount provided for salaries and expenses for the House of Representatives. It would have also cut $3.1 million from the amount provided to Members’ representational allowances, including clerk hire, official expenses and official mail.

The motion failed, 101-309. [HR 5882, Vote #376, 6/08/12]

**Voted Against Motion To Prohibit Former Members Of Congress Working As Registered Lobbyists Earning More Than $1 Million Annually Ineligible For Congressional Pensions**

In May 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to make former members of Congress who are registered lobbyists earning more than $1 million annually ineligible to receive retirement benefits.

It also would require that members of Congress contribute more toward their retirement benefits. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/12]

The motion failed 170-232. [HR 5652, Vote #246, 5/10/12]
Voted Against Disclosing Tax Benefit Taken By Members Of Congress

In April 2012, Walberg voted against requiring Members of Congress who benefitted from a 20 percent business tax cut to disclosure that fact to their constituents.

The motion would have eliminated the 20 percent income tax cut for companies engaged in pornography, lobbying, drug trafficking, illegal prostitution, companies that send U.S. jobs overseas, golf courses that discriminate their membership on the basis of gender or race, and companies that violate U.S. trade sanctions against Iran.

The original bill provided a 20 percent income tax cut to virtually all U.S. partnerships and corporations with fewer than 500 workers. [Washington Post, Editorial, 4/22/12]

The motion failed 179-229. [HR 9, Vote #176, 4/19/12]

Voted Against Cutting Funding For Member Gym, Beauty Salon, Barber Shop, And House Dining Room

In 2012, Walberg voted against a Democratic budget proposal that would task the Committee on House Administration with identifying ways to cut subsidies paid to the House gym, Barber shop, Salon, and the House dining room.

“The Committee on House Administration shall review the policies pertaining to the services provided to Members of Congress and House Committees, and shall identify ways to reduce any subsidies paid for the operation of the House gym, Barber shop, Salon, and the House dining room,” the amendment stated. [Section 412 of Van Hollen Amendment #6, House Report 112-423]

The proposal, offered as a substitute amendment, died, 163-262. [H Con Res 112, Vote #150, 3/29/12]

Voted To Give Members Of Congress Taxpayer Funded Health Care For Life

In January 2011, Walberg voted for repealing the Affordable Care Act.

The Hill reported: “Repealing President Obama’s healthcare law would let members of Congress keep their government-subsidized insurance coverage after they retire — a benefit they lost under the health law.” [The Hill, 7/09/12]

The bill passed, 229-195. [HR 2, Vote #14, 1/19/11]

Voted To Keep Federal Health Care Benefits A Secret

In January 2011, Walberg voted against requiring the disclosure of whether Members were enrolling in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program.

The bill failed, 191-238. [H Res 5, Vote #5, 1/05/11]
Taken More Than $1.7 Million In Taxpayer Funded Salaries, Plus More Than $500,000 In Pension

Since joining the Michigan House of Representatives in 1983, Walberg has earned $1,721,187 in taxpayer-funded salaries. He has also taken $526,451 in state pension from his time in the Michigan House of Representatives, and received $128,425 in expense allowances while in the Michigan House.

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Salary Increased 71 Percent While In State Legislature

Between 1983 and 1998, Walberg’s salary in the state legislature increased $22,192, from $31,000 to $53,192 – a 71 percent increase. [Compensation of Michigan Legislators, June 2002]

From 2007-2014: Walberg Received Total Of $1,478,131 In Congressional Salary And Michigan State Pension. According to Salaries of Members of Congress and Walberg’s Personal Financial Disclosures, during the period of 2007 to 2014, Walberg received a total of $1,478,131 in Congressional Salary and from his Michigan state lawmaker pension.
Received Pension From Michigan House While In Congress; Was Given Chance In 1996 For Buyout Of Pension

Since 2005, Walberg has received a pension from the state of Michigan for his service in the Michigan House of Representatives. In 2012, Walberg received $58,591 from his pension. [Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/21/13]

As of 2013, Walberg’s pension is the 19th highest of the 102 members of Congress double dipping. [National Journal, 6/28/13]

1996: Michigan State LegislaturePassed Bill Which Froze Pension System For Future Hires. “In 1996, the Michigan state legislature passed a first-of-its-kind bill that froze the state employees’ defined-benefit pension fund for new members and created a defined-contribution pension system for future hires. Members already in the defined-benefit system were allowed to remain and their benefits continued to accrue as originally promised, though the workers were given an opportunity to take a buyout of their earned benefits and have those transferred to a defined contribution account.” [Reason, 03/14]

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Former Michigan Lawmakers Get Hefty Pensions While Detroit City Workers Hope To Save Theirs

Oakland Press, HEADLINE: Former Michigan Lawmakers Get Hefty Pensions While Detroit City Workers Hope To Save Theirs. [Oakland Press, 9/01/13]

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Center For Michigan: Ad Criticizing Walberg For Pension And Salary Rated “Flagrant Foul”
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“The call: Flagrant foul. This is perhaps the most cynical ad of the election season, playing on grievances (such as congressional salaries and travel allowances) that have nothing to do with Walberg’s voting record, and which individual members have little power to change. The ad accurately lists Walberg’s salary, pension, and the fact that members of Congress have access to private gyms. But those are complaints voters could make about almost any member of Congress (and would apply equally to Byrnes if she were elected). It’s true that Walberg didn’t offer to waive his salary during the 2013 government shutdown, but it’s also fair to note that members who waived their salaries later got their back pay. The ad portrays a public angry at Washington fat cats, and clearly wants viewers to believe, without proof, that Walberg is feeding at the taxpayer trough of first-class cabin service.” [Center for Michigan, Bridge Magazine via Michigan Live, 9/24/14]

Center For Michigan: Democratic Opponent Claimed Walberg Took First Class Flights Using Taxpayer Funds

Center For Michigan: Democratic Opponent Claimed Walberg Took First Class Flights Using Taxpayer Funds. “‘Congress gets first-class trips and private gyms, and we get higher prices and bigger headaches.’ The issue of banning members of Congress from flying first class on the taxpayer’s dime has been a regular campaign issue. Congress members receive a travel allowance based on the distance from their home states to Washington, D.C. The Byrnes campaign did not respond to Truth Squad’s request for citations of Walberg taking advantage of his travel allowance to fly first class. ‘If Pam Byrnes were on the flights from Michigan to DC and DC to Michigan,’ said Walberg campaign manager Stephen Rajzer, ‘which Tim takes every week, she would see him in coach.’ The Senate and House both have private gyms. If elected, Byrnes would have the same access to the gym, raising the question of whether the mother in the ad would then be angry at Byrnes. Her campaign also made no effort to substantiate a link between the congressional perks cited and whatever it was referencing in terms of ‘higher prices.’” [Center for Michigan, Bridge Magazine via Michigan Live, 9/24/14]

Considered “Most Cynical Ad” Of Election Cycle

Considered “Most Cynical Ad Of The Election Season. “Not so, his opponent. Truth squading by Bridge Magazine smacked Byrnes for a 30-second ad attacking Walberg for indulging in first-class travel, receiving inordinately high pay at taxpayer expense and accepting his congressional salary during the government shut down. Said the Bridge report: ‘This is perhaps the most cynical ad of the election season, playing on grievances (such as congressional salaries and travel allowances) that have nothing to do with Walberg's voting record, and which individual members have little power to change.’” [Lansing City Pulse Magazine, 10/08/14]

Voted To Protect Own Pay…

In 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have struck all of the provisions in the bill and would have prohibited Members of Congress and the President from receiving basic pay for any period in which there is more than a 24-hour lapse in appropriations. The measure would have also have prohibited the Members and President from receiving retroactive pay.
The measure failed 188-237. [HR 1255, Vote #223, 4/01/11]

…But Not the Pay of Soldiers

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit which would have ensured that Service Members would have gotten paid in the event of a government shutdown.

The motion would have added a new section to the bill providing that the salaries of the members of the armed forces would not be interrupted in the event of a government shutdown.

The motion failed 191-236. [HR 1363, Vote #246, 4/07/11]

NOTE: According to the 27th amendment Congress can’t change its pay scale prior to an election and this motion would technically violate the Constitution. [Fox News, 4/01/11]

… Took Vote Second Time

In 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to protect soldiers’ pay in the case of a government shutdown. The motion would add a provision to the continuing resolution that extended funding for Military, Reserve and National Guard personnel for a full fiscal year.

The motion failed, 189-232. [HJRes 117, Vote #578, 9/13/12; Rep. Ron Barber press release, 9/13/12]

Supported Pay Raise Three Times; Opposed Pay Raise Six Times While In Congress

Walberg has voted three times in favor of receiving a Congressional pay raise, while opposing higher pay six times.

Walberg cast three votes that can be interpreted as votes in favor of a pay raise:

**CAREFUL: For votes below, a “yes” vote on the roll call is a vote against a pay raise.**

✓ **2013: Supported Congressional Pay Raise.** In 2013, Walberg voted against a motion to concur with the Senate-revised version of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which included an amendment to freeze Congressional pay at the 2009 level for 2013. The bill passed 257-167. [Congressional Research Service, 6/20/13; HR 8, Vote #659, 1/01/13]

✓ **2011: Supported Congressional Pay Raise.** In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that would provide a 3.1 percent payroll tax cut and prevent insider trading by members of congress. The motion would also freeze member pay until December 31, 2013. The motion was rejected 183-244. [Congressional Research Service, 6/20/13; HR 3630, Vote #922, 12/13/11]

✓ **2007: Supported Congressional Pay Raise.** Walberg voted against a motion that would prohibit a scheduled Congressional pay raise from going into effect as part of further Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations. The motion passed 286-140. [CQ Bill Analysis, 2/23/07; H J Res 20, Vote #72, 1/31/07]
2013: Opposed Congressional Pay Raise. Walberg voted for a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill that would extend an existing freeze on pay adjustments for federal employees and government officials, including Members of Congress. The bill eliminated the statutory pay adjustment contained in the Continuing Appropriations Resolution Act of 2011, scheduled to take effect after March 27, 2013. The motion passed 287-129. [Congressional Research Service, 1/07/13; HR 6726, Vote #655, 1/01/13]

2012: Opposed Congressional Pay Raise. Walberg voted for a motion that would extend an existing pay freeze on Members of Congress and federal employees. The pay freeze, set to expire at the end of 2012, would be extended through March 27, 2013. The motion passed 329-91. [Congressional Research Service, 11/20/12; H J Res 117, Vote #579, 9/13/12]

2012: Opposed Congressional Pay Raise. Walberg voted for a motion to extend an existing pay freeze on federal employees for an additional year, through December 31, 2013, and apply the same pay freeze to members of Congress. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/01/12; HR 3835, Vote #19, 2/01/12; Washington Post, 2/01/12]


NOTE: For vote below, a “no” vote is a vote against a pay raise.

2007: Opposed Congressional Pay Raise. Walberg voted against a motion to kill an amendment that would block an automatic pay hike for members of Congress. The motion to kill the amendment passed 244-181. [Washington Post, 6/28/07; H Res 517, Vote #580, 6/27/07]

Voted Against Considering Bill To Deny COLA Adjustments For Members Of Congress

In 2013, Walberg voted to deny consideration of a bill that would prohibit members of Congress from receiving an automatic Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the 113th Congress.

The previous question was approved 227-188. A vote against the motion would have allowed for consideration of the bill to deny the adjustment. [H Res 99, Vote #59, 3/06/13]

2007: Co-Sponsored Bill Denying COLA Adjustments

In July 2007, Walberg co-sponsored a bill barring the annual cost-of-living increase in Congressional salary from taking effect in 2008.

“Right now, the American public is frustrated with Congress and voting to increase member salaries is the last piece of legislation this Congress needs to be considering,” Walberg said in a release. [Representative Walberg press release, 7/16/07; HR 2934, 6/28/07]
Voted To Protect Pay Raise In Michigan House, But Had Years Earlier Cosponsored A Bill To Reject A Pay Increase

In 1997, Walberg voted against two resolutions to reject the adoption of the State Offices Compensation Commission (SOCC) report that would raise the pay of members of the Michigan House of Representatives. [HCR 1, RC #14, 1/30/97; HCR 2, RC #15, 1/30/97]

Co-Sponsored Resolution To Reject Pay Raise

In 1993, Walberg co-sponsored a resolution to reject the recommendations of the State Offices Compensation Commission.

The resolution needed support of two-thirds of members, and failed 66-37. [HCR 21, RC #5, 1/27/93]

Traveled The World On Government Funded Trips Costing Taxpayers More Than $21,000

Between 2007 and 2015, Walberg traveled to 21 countries – including Turkey, Morocco, Spain, Ethiopia, Mexico and Israel – costing taxpayers at least $21,914.

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[CQ Political Moneyline, accessed 11/05/15]

Traveled to Germany, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia

In 2015, Walberg traveled to Germany, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia. Transportation costs were not disclosed.

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Traveled to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia

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Traveled to Northern Africa, Spain

In 2013, Walberg traveled to Turkey, Israel, Cyprus, Algeria, Morocco, and Spain. Transportation costs were not disclosed.

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[Foreign Travel Report, 5/21/13]

Traveled to Asia, Germany

In 2012, Walberg traveled to South Korea, China, India and Germany with a group of Members of the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Traveled to Northern Africa, Germany

In 2011, Walberg traveled to Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Israel and Germany for the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Transportation costs were not disclosed.

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Traveled to Mexico

In 2011, Walberg traveled to Mexico with a group of Congress members on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The group arrived June 24 and left the next day. Each member was granted a $300 per diem. Transportation costs were not disclosed. [Foreign Travel Report, 8/16/11]

Traveled to Mexico To Look at War on Drug Cartels

In 2011, Walberg told a local Tea Party group that he traveled to Mexico City to learn about the war on drug cartels.

Walberg said Mexico did not have a problem with drug use, but continued to do big business selling them.

Walberg said there was a problem with weapons, adding that there was no local enforcement and federal law enforcement was undermined. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 6/29/11]

Toured Greece, Turkey, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq

In 2008, Walberg traveled with Representative John Barrow to Greece, Turkey, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq. The trip was related to business with the House Agriculture Committee.

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[Tour Middle East and Africa]

In 2007, Walberg visited five African countries – Ethiopia, Mauritania, Ghana, Burkina Faso and Burundi – as well as the United Arab Emirates, Czech Republic, Poland and Afghanistan. He spent time visiting with military leaders and troops in Kabul.

Walberg said the purpose of the trip was to learn about military affairs in Africa fighting a westward spread of terrorism from the Middle East, as well as the development of a missile defense system in Europe, and believed it gave him a better grasp of the war in Afghanistan. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/06/07]

The trip was paid for by the House Committee on Agriculture.
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April 2015: Traveled To Romania With US Senator Jim Inhofe. “Ah yes. Now this congressional delegation trip is more like it. … But we'd rather go on Sen. Jim Inhofe's codel. The Oklahoma Republican and his wife landed in Germany last Saturday for a whirlwind week of travel, including Romania, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Ethiopia. We're hearing there might be a stop in Spain tacked on at the end. Joining the Inhofes on the military jet were Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-Ariz.), Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) and Tim Walberg (R-Mich.). We couldn't confirm who else's spouses came along.” [Washington Post, In the Loop Blog, 4/01/15]

Privately-Funded Travel

While in office, Walberg has taken ten privately funded trips, including six from 2013 to 2015.

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**Club for Growth Paid For Walberg To Stay At Ritz-Carlton; Go On Cruise**

In 2007, Walberg and his wife attended a Club for Growth junket at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach and cruise on a 170-foot yacht. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/14/07]

**Walberg And Wife Spent $379 On Food Each Over Two Days On Trip To Baltimore, MD Sponsored By Heritage Foundation**

According to Walberg’s Gift Travel disclosure with the House Committee on Ethics, Walberg and his wife each spent $379 on food on a trip to Baltimore Maryland that was sponsored by the Heritage Foundation between February 6, 2014 and February 8, 2014. [US House Committee on Ethics, Member Post-Travel Disclosure Form, Rep. Tim Walberg, Filed 2/18/14]
Abandoned State Budget Negotiations for Anniversary Trip to France

In 1996, during the waning days of debate over the state budget, Walberg left the state for a trip to Paris with his wife to celebrate their wedding anniversary. At the time, Walberg was a key member of the budget panel, and his absence was criticized by fellow Republicans.

From the Associated Press:

He’s missed only three of 59 sessions this year, but even fellow Republicans are questioning the timing of state Rep. Tim Walberg’s vacation. While lawmakers hustle this week to complete work on next year’s budget and other important issues, Walberg is in Paris. Republicans, who hold a slim two-seat majority in the House, are being weakened by Walberg’s absence, Gov. John Engler’s press secretary said.

“At a time when every vote is crucial and we’re dealing with some of the most important issues of the day, you have to wonder about the appropriateness of leaving for vacation at this time,” John Truscott said. [Associated Press, 6/04/96]

Criticized for Trip During 2006 Campaign

During his 2006 congressional campaign, the moderate Washington-based Republican Main Street Partnership criticized the timing of Walberg’s vacation and contended that voters “can’t count” on him.

“It’s a non-issue that they’re putting out,” Walberg said. “I was there for the vote. I got my committee work done.”

Walberg’s 2006 primary opponent Representative Joe Schwarz called it a legitimate issue, saying that if a budget member “dropped out of sight for a week or more during the heat of the appropriations battle, I would have at a minimum been very, very unhappy.” [Grand Rapid Press, 8/03/06]

Engler’s Press Secretary Apologized; Later Said Apology Was Necessary to Save Seat

Governor Engler’s press secretary John Truscott later defended Walberg, saying that criticism for his trip to Paris was “uninformed” and “based on a lack of information.”

In 2006, Walberg used Truscott’s statements in defense against criticism of his trip, but Truscott, then a spokesman for Representative Schwarz, issued a statement that the apology was only written as a necessity to help Walberg hang on to his seat in the Michigan House.

“The bottom line is that if Tim Walberg hadn’t risked his House seat with that trip to Paris, the Republican Party could have put their resources into saving other seats,” Truscott said. [MIRS, 7/31/06]
Used Congressional Seal on Inaugural Invitations

In January 2007, a Wayne State University law student and former district worker for Walberg’s primary opponent Joe Schwarz said he filed a grievance with the U.S. House Administration Committee.

“At first, it seems like it’s a minor violation, but it’s part of a pattern of misconduct by Walberg,” said Eric Weiler, who was on Schwarz’s staff in 2004 and 2005.

George Shevlin, the committee’s Democratic staff director, said the official seal was not to be used for Walberg’s swearing-in ceremony as “our understanding is that he was not yet a member of Congress.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 1/09/07]

Spokesman Denied Use of Seal Despite Reporter’s Copy of Invitation

Walberg spokesman Matt Lahr called the complaint “baseless, as the congressional seal was not used.” Lahr said Walberg’s lawyers signed off on the invitation. He declined further comment.

Joe Wicks, campaign manager and new chief of staff for Representative Walberg, said there was no violation because the invitation did not, in fact, contain the official U.S. House seal.

“The official seal contains e pluribus unum; ours doesn’t,” he said.

Walberg said his legal counsel determined the complaint has no merit. He also implied that Weiler filed the complaint with Representative Schwarz’s blessing.

“If they want to live in the past, good for them,” Walberg said. “We’re moving forward.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 1/09/07; Gannett News Service, 1/05/07]

Voted To Protect Member Perks, Including First Class Airfare, House Barber Shop, Salon, And Dining Room

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014.

The budget established: “It is the policy of this resolution that the House should lead by example and identify any savings that can be achieved through greater productivity and efficiency gains in the operation and maintenance of House services and resources like printing, conferences, utilities, telecommunications, furniture, grounds maintenance, postage, and rent. This should include a review of policies and procedures for acquisition of goods and services to eliminate any unnecessary spending. The Committee on House Administration shall review the policies pertaining to the services provided to Members of Congress and House Committees, and shall identify ways to reduce any subsidies paid for the operation of the House gym, Barber shop, Salon, and the House dining room. Further, it is the policy of this resolution that no taxpayer funds may be used to purchase first class airfare or to lease corporate jets for Members of Congress.” [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/20/13; H Con Res 25, 3/18/13]

NOTE: Walberg voted against similar perks by voting for the Republican budget in 2013.
Voted Against Prohibiting Congressional Pensions For Millionaire Lobbyists

In May 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to make former members of Congress who are registered lobbyists earning more than $1 million annually ineligible to receive retirement benefits.

It also would require that members of Congress contribute more toward their retirement benefits. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/12]

The motion failed 170-232. [HR 5652, Vote #246, 5/10/12]

Voted To Keep First-Class Fights At Taxpayer Expense

In 2012, Walberg voted against a barring the use of taxpayer funds for the purchase of first class airfare or for leasing corporate jets.

“Further, it is the policy of this resolution that no taxpayer funds may be used to purchase first class airfare or to lease corporate jets for Members of Congress,” the amendment stated. [Section 412 of Van Hollen Amendment #6, House Report 112-423]

The resolution died, 163-262. [H Con Res 112, Vote #150, 3/29/12]


While Congress was in session, Walberg slept in his Congressional office. [Washington Post, 2/15/11]

Ethics Complaint Filed Against Walberg For Sleeping In His Office

In 2011, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics filed an ethics complaint against members of Congress who slept in their offices, including Walberg.

The group claimed that the lawmakers were violating House rules that say official resources cannot be put to personal use. The complaint said that office lodging should be considered a fringe benefit, and therefore taxable as income. [Detroit Free Press, 2/11/11]

CQ News: Members Sleeping In Offices “Are, In Effect, Spending Their Weekdays In 100 Percent Federally Subsidized Apartments.” “Humor aside, there’s a strong argument to be made for the conclusion. The dozens of members who sleep in their offices are, in effect, spending their weekdays in 100 percent federally subsidized apartments. They are not charged any rent. They receive no utility bills. They don’t pay for the daily cleaning services. Microwaves and refrigerators have been installed in most suites. There’s a half bathroom connected to each personal office, and the showers at the members’ gym open at 5:30 a.m. In short, lawmakers who choose their offices as their crash pads are getting a valuable government freebie — worth 10 percent or more of their $174,000 annual salary.” [CQ News, 5/21/15]

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NOTE: As of July 2015, we were unable to determine whether Walberg still sleeps in his office.

Claimed To Fly Home “Every Week”

Center For Michigan: Campaign Manager Said Walberg Flew Coach Home From Washington, D.C. Every Week. “The issue of banning members of Congress from flying first class on the taxpayer’s dime has been a regular campaign issue. Congress members receive a travel allowance based on the distance from their home states to Washington, D.C. The Byrnes campaign did not respond to Truth Squad’s request for citations of Walberg taking advantage of his travel allowance to fly first class. “If Pam Byrnes were on the flights from Michigan to DC and DC to Michigan,” said Walberg campaign manager Stephen Rajzer, ‘which Tim takes every week, she would see him in coach.’” [Center for Michigan, Bridge Magazine via Michigan Live, 9/24/14]

Voted For FY16 Legislative Branch Budget With Congressional Pay Freeze

Voted For FY2016 Legislative Branch Budget That Extended Congressional Pay Freeze. In May 2015, Walberg voted for the bill that would provide $3.3 billion for legislative branch operations, excluding Senate operations, in fiscal 2016. “[The] annual legislative branch spending bill … [included] language extending the congressional salary freeze for a seventh consecutive year.” The bill was passed by a vote of 357-67. [HR 2250, Vote # 247, 5/19/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/19/15; Roll Call, 5/20/15]

Voted To Cut Legislative Branch Budget By 1 Percent. In May 2015, Walberg voted for the Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would cut funding under the bill by one percent for all accounts except for the Capitol Police, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Architect of the Capitol’s Capitol Police buildings, grounds and security account. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 172-250. [HR 2250, Vote # 246, 5/19/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/19/15]

Voted To Block Funding For Exchange Program To Promote American-Style Democracy In Post-Soviet Countries. In May 2015, Walberg voted for the Ratcliffe, R-Texas, amendment that would “block funding for the Open World Leadership Center, a program begun in 1999 and intended to educate politicians from the former Soviet Union about democracy in the U.S.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 224-199. [HR 2250, Vote # 245, 5/19/15; Albany Herald, 5/19/15]

Voted To Consider Resolution that Would Require the House to Pass a Budget Before it Could Adjourn for Recess
In November 2013, Walberg voted to consider a resolution that would require the House to adopt a budget resolution prior to adjourning for winter recess. A vote against ordering to the previous question would have brought the resolution to the floor for a vote. [Congressional Record, 11/20/13]

The previous question passed, 223-195. [H Res 420, Vote #592, 11/20/13]

**October 2015: Voted Against A “Budget Bill To Keep The Government Open”**

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**Following Vote Claimed He Did Not Push For A Government Shutdown.** “U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg spent Friday making stops around Lenawee County to talk issues with county residents and businesses…. As far as the government shutdown issue, he said he did not push for a shut down, but rather he said he supported putting a moratorium on federal funding to Planned Parenthood until he and others can get to the bottom of the issues raised by the investigative and allegedly doctored videos that purports to show Planned Parenthood representatives talking about profiting from the sale of aborted fetuses for medical research.” [Daily Telegram, 10/05/15]

**Kept Pay During Government Shutdown, Voting Multiple Times Against Opening Government**

**October 17, 2013: Voted Against Bill Reopening Federal Government**

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**Majority Of Michigan Delegation Voted For The Deal.** “Four of Michigan's nine Republican U.S. House members and all five of its Democratic representatives have voted for legislation to avoid a threatened federal default and end the 16-day government shutdown. The House passed the proposal 285-144 Wednesday night, with all 198 Democrats and 87 of 231 Republicans voting yes. Michigan Republicans who cast yes votes are Dan Benishek of Crystal Falls, Dave Camp of Midland, Mike Rogers of Howell and Fred Upton. No votes came from Republicans Justin Amash of Cascade Township, Kerry
Bentivolio of Milford, Bill Huizenga of Holland, Candice Miller of Harrison Township and Tim Walberg of Tipton.” [Associated Press, 10/17/13]

Tim Skubick Column: Grand Rapid Press Editorial: “Out Of Step With Other Michigan Republicans.” “Five members of Michigan's Congressional delegation will find out next year if their constituents have a memory loss. They voted to allow the federal government to default on its debt, and since a majority of folks did not want that to happen, will they remember that and punish the five when they run for re-election next year? Willing to take the risk to find out were Reps. Candice Miller, Justin Amash, Kerry Bentivolio, Bill Huizenga, and Tim Walberg. … In voting against the deal, those lawmakers were out of step with other Michigan Republicans who voted yes, including Reps. David Camp, Fred Upton, Dan Benishek and Mike Rogers -- who was very vocal in his opposition to the Tea Party strategy to catapult the government over the default ledge.” [Grand Rapid Press, Tim Skubick Editorial, 10/18/13]

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Lansing City Pulse Magazine: Continued To Receive Congressional Paycheck During Government Shutdown. “Pain-free shutdown for our reps Both Lansing-area U.S. representatives continue to collect their congressional paychecks during the federal government shutdown. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, and Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, are paid $174,000 a year. As former state legislators, both also are eligible for state pensions and health care.” [Lansing City Pulse Magazine, 10/09/13]

Said That “Members Of Congress Should Return Their Pay If They Are Not Working,” But Noted That He And Other Members Were Working During That Time. “It is unclear what other members of the delegation will do with their pay -- e-mails were sent to each spokesperson for Michigan's Congressional delegation. U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg said members of Congress should return their pay if they are not working. ‘I agree they should not be paid if they weren't working.’ Walberg told WILX. ‘We're working. I'm looking forward to being in this weekend. We have votes coming up, for sure, tomorrow morning. We were here last weekend when the Senate went home.’” [Michigan Live, 10/08/13]


October 1, 2013, Michigan Live: Michigan Budget Director Said Government Shutdown “Will Cost The State Of Michigan $18 Million A Day.” “The shutdown of the federal government will cost the state of Michigan $18 million a day, the state's budget director said Tuesday afternoon. Director John Nixon held a news conference to discuss the impact of the federal shutdown on the state Tuesday
following a conference call between budget officials from all 50 states and the White House Office of Management and Budget.” [Michigan Live, 10/01/13]

**Criticized By Democratic Opponent For Keeping Salary During Federal Government Shutdown**

“Criticized By Democratic Opponent For Keeping Salary During Federal government Shutdown. “As they delivered the ducks, residents asked Congressman Walberg to agree to debate Pam Byrnes on the issues and they asked him to pledge to support the reforms outlined in Pam Byrnes’ Government Accountability Agenda. ‘Congressman Walberg owes Michigan an explanation,’ said Byrnes. ‘He kept his salary while shutting down the federal government and profits from the perks of office and won’t explain his positions to voters. This is why over a month ago I called on Congressman Walberg to join me in a series of debates, but much like his accountability to voters he’s done nothing.’” [Daily Reporter, 8/20/14]

**Factchecker: Ad Did Not Mention That Members Would Receive Back Pay After Shutdown Was Over; Ad Received “Flagrant Foul Rating.”** “Walberg kept his big salary after voting for the government shutdown? If my business is shut down, I don’t get paid.” During the federal government shutdown in the fall of 2013, many members of Congress said they would not accept their salary while other federal workers were furloughed. Walberg did not request that his salary be waived. But the ad doesn’t mention that Congress members who requested their pay be withheld during the shutdown received their back pay when the shutdown ended (furloughed federal workers also were paid). Some Congress members, though, said they were donating their salaries earned during the shutdown to charity.” [Bridge Magazine, Center for Michigan, 9/24/14]

**Detroit Free Press Editorial: Walberg “Extreme” In Siding With Boehner During Government Shutdown**

“Detroit Free Press Editorial: Walberg “Extreme” In Siding With Boehner During Government Shutdown. “Shutdown hurts millions in order to please a few. Political zealots are notorious for their hyperbole, but tea party activists bent on sabotaging the Affordable Care Act are scarcely exaggerating when they boast that they have effectively seized control of the asylum known as the U.S. Congress. … But how many of the 317 million citizens that Clancy's group ostensibly seeks to empower share his satisfaction? Certainly not the 800,000 federal employees furloughed as a result of Tuesday's shutdown, nor the million additional workers expected to stay at their posts while Congress withholds their paychecks. … Ditching moderation for the extreme It takes two opposing forces to reach an impasse, but the primary responsibility for this one lies squarely with House Republicans. It is their caucus alone that has attached conditions to its support for a continuing spending resolution, and their speaker, U.S. Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, who refuses to bring a no-strings-attached spending bill supported by a majority of House members to a floor vote. … Yet few have supported Boehner's extortion plot more enthusiastically than Michigan Reps. Dan Benishek, R-Crystal Falls; Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland; Justin Amash, R-Kentwood; Dave Camp, R-Midland; Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph; Tim Walberg, R-Tipton; Mike Rogers, R-Brighton; Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, and Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford. In a state where voters have historically embraced moderates in both parties, the nine have instead thrown in with the minority who regard Tuesday's federal shutdown as a signal victory.” [Detroit Free Press, Editorial, 10/01/13]
HEADLINE, Hillsdale Daily News: Walberg Blames Shutdown On President. [Hillsdale Daily News, 10/03/13]

“Never Been Supportive Of A Shutdown.” “Despite their best efforts, the House was unable to avoid the shutdown according to Walberg. ‘I've never been supportive of a shutdown’ Walberg said. "It's the wrong thing to do, it's not only the wrong message to send to people, but it's absolutely absurd that we get to a point where a shutdown would be forced upon not only the American people, not only federal employees, but on the Congress of the United States.’” [Hillsdale Daily News, 10/03/13]

Walberg Believed Government Shutdown “Battle Worth Fighting” Despite Predictions Of “Chaos” In Jackson County Over Shutdown Of Assistance Programs

Walberg Understood That His Insistence On Delaying Or Defunding Affordable Care Act Led To Government Shutdown. “Walberg reaffirmed his position on Obamacare saying he did not support the act and wants to defund it completely. Walberg said the proposed one-year delay in the start of Obamacare would allow for American citizens to decide if it is something they truly want or not. … ‘If we take a year of time, we will know for certain whether or not Americans support it,’ Walberg said, confidently adding, ‘If we have a delay for one year, the American people will say shut it down and take it back to the drawing board.’ … And while he understands that taking the position he has alongside of other House leaders has helped lead to the shutdown, it is a battle worth fighting.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 10/03/13]

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“Chaos” Was Predicted For Jackson County, MI If Government Shutdown. “While the few days of the government shutdown don't seem to have an immediate effect on a majority of local programs, a continued shutdown could prove to be ‘chaos’ for Jackson County.” [Michigan Live, 10/01/13]

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Agency Received 76-Percent Of Funding From Federal Government. “Two full time employees holding management positions have been temporarily laid off at the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging as the second week of the government shutdown continues. … Region 2 receives 76 percent of its funding from the federal government.” [Michigan Live, 10/11/13]

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Jackson Officials “Scrambling To Find Ways To Feed” Around 2,435 Senior Citizens Dependent On Home-Delivered Meals Funded By Agency On Aging

HEADLINE, Michigan Live: Jackson Officials Scramble To Find Funds To Feed Senior Citizens As Shutdown Continues. [Michigan Live, 10/07/13]

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Services Would Not Be Cut, But “Emergency Board Meeting” Was Called To Devise “Contingency Plant” If Shutdown Continued

October 7, 2013: “Emergency Board Meeting” Was Called To Devise “Contingency Plan” If Shutdown Continued. “Region 2 officials have called an ‘emergency board meeting’ this week to devise a funding ‘contingency plan’ if the government shutdown continues. The home-delivered meals program and congregate meal program are both priorities for the Department on Aging and senior citizens will not go without food, according to Marce Wandell, the Department on Aging director. If the shutdown continues, Wandell said the department would make other cuts in an effort to continue to provide meals.” Michigan Live, 10/07/13

Department On Aging Director: “We Want To Make It Clear That Services Are Not GoingTo Be Cut At The Department.” “As a result of the shutdown, the agency was not able to release funding to the Department on Aging. The county department, however, will be able to continue services either by using senior millage funds or taking from the county’s general fund temporarily, Department on Aging Director Marce Wandell said. It would be replaced back into the general fund once federal funding is restored, she said. ‘We want to make it clear that services are not going to be cut at the department. We realize federal funds will be coming in late but we have not been told they have actually been cut,’ Wandell said.” [Michigan Live, 10/11/13]

Michigan Live: “While Home-Delivered Meals Would Not Be Impacted, Some Nutrition Sites Could Reduce Its Hours.” “The home-delivered meals program and congregate meal program are both priorities for the Department on Aging and senior citizens will not go without food, according to Marce Wandell, the Department on Aging director. If the shutdown continues, Wandell said the department would make other cuts in an effort to continue to provide meals…. While home-delivered meals would not be impacted, some nutrition sites could reduce its hours.” [Michigan Live, 10/07/13]
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October, 2013: 28,760 Jackson County Residents Received Food Assistance Benefits From Department Of Human Services. “The 28,760 Jackson County residents receiving food assistance benefits from the DHS are safe for the month of October. Those that are receiving cash assistance also are safe, at least for now.” [Michigan Live, 10/01/13]

Director Of United Way Of Jackson Was “Extremely Worried” About Ability Of Non-Profits To Feed People If Federal Assistance Plans Ran Out Of Money. “While the effect of a continued shutdown is not clearly visible right now, the executive director of the United Way of Jackson County is extremely worried about the toll it could have on area nonprofits, especially food pantries. ‘If people call and say they have nothing to eat, we (area nonprofits) wouldn’t have the resources to respond right now,’ United Way Executive Director Ken Toll said. If federal food assistance is cut in November, those that rely on it would have to depend on area food pantries. Toll said those resources would deplete quickly causing ‘chaos.’” [Michigan Live, 10/01/13]

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Republicans pushed to limit the subsidies for members of Congress, arguing that members were living under different rules. “We also approved a measure to ensure that Congress has to live under the same laws as the people we represent,” Texas Rep. Pete Sessions said in a statement. [Sessions press release, 9/30/13] |
The resolution passed 228-201. [HJ Res 59, Vote #504, 9/30/13]

House Republicans Backed A Plan That Virtually Guaranteed A Government Shutdown

According to the Washington Post: “The U.S. government was poised to shut down for the first time in 17 years late Monday, as House Republicans clung tenaciously to their demand that any agreement to fund federal agencies must also undermine President Obama’s 2010 health-care law. With a midnight deadline fast approaching, the House voted 228 to 201 to approve the third GOP proposal in two weeks to fund the government – a plan that would delay enforcement of the ‘individual mandate,’ a cornerstone of the legislation that requires all Americans to obtain health coverage in 2014.” [Washington Post, 9/30/13]

Fact Check: There Is No Exemption Or Special Subsidy For Members Of Congress

According to major nonpartisan organizations, there is no special subsidy or exemption for members of Congress.

- **CNN: Congress, Staff are Not Exempt from Obamacare.** “Congress is no more exempt than any other employer who drops coverage and then helps employees purchase insurance on the exchanges.” [CNN, 9/25/13]

- **PolitiFact: “False.”** “Cruz… said the president ‘just granted all of Congress an exception.’ … We rate Cruz’s claim False.” [PolitiFact, 8/14/13]

- **FactCheck.org: “Lawmakers and their Staffs Face Additional Requirements that other Americans Don’t.”** “Congress isn’t ‘exempt’ from the law…In fact, as we’ve said before, lawmakers and their staffs face additional requirements that other Americans don’t… federal employees will have to get insurance through the exchanges set up by the Affordable Care Act. Other Americans with work-based insurance aren’t subject to such a requirement.” [FactCheck.org, 8/30/13]

- **Roll Call: Norm Ornstein, AEI: False.** “On the assertion that Members of Congress are exempt from the provisions of the Affordable Care Act: also false. Members of Congress are subject under the health care reform law to the same mandate that others are to purchase insurance, and their plans must have the same minimum standards of benefits that other insurance plans will have to meet. Members of Congress currently have not a gold-plated free plan but the same insurance options that most other federal employees have, and they do not have it provided for free.” [Roll Call, 5/11/11]

- **The Hill:** “At least two House Republicans have acknowledged that the policy is not an exemption from the healthcare law. Rep. Krisi Noem (R-S.D.) reportedly told one of her constituents that Congress is not exempt, and Rep. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.) also pushed back against talk of an exemption. ‘two House Republicans have acknowledged that the policy is not an exemption from the healthcare law. Rep. Krisi Noem (R-S.D.) reportedly told one of her constituents that Congress is not exempt, and Rep. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.) also pushed back against talk of an exemption. [The Hill, 9/30/13]
• **National Review:** “They haven’t been “exempted” from the amendment that forces them onto the exchanges, in a way no other American is […] The net result of the law and the workaround isn’t a “special handout” for congressional employees […] But people who happen to be paid by the federal treasury don’t deserve to have the entire value of their existing coverage stripped away, as almost no Americans will experience. [National Review, 9/27/13]

**OMB: Shutdown Will Cost $2 Billion**

“And why everyone should care: a shutdown will cost, not save, taxpayers’ money. A study from the Office of Management and Budget puts the overall economic price tag for a shutdown around $2 billion.” [ABC News, 9/29/13]

**A Shutdown Could Delay Financial Support For More Than 1,000 Small Businesses A Week**

“In FY2012, the SBA’s flagship 7(a) and 504 loans programs supported 53,847 businesses and 609,437 jobs, for an average of just over 1,000 businesses per week. A shut down would put a stop to this critical source of small business credit until the government resumes operation.” [Small Business Administration FY14 Budget Justification, accessed 9/24/13]

**First-Time Homebuyers Seeking Government-Backed Mortgages “Could face Delays”**

“Many low-to-moderate incomes borrowers and first-time homebuyers seeking government-backed mortgages could face delays. […] The Federal Housing Administration, which guarantees about 30 percent of home mortgages, wouldn’t underwrite or approve any new loans during the shutdown.” [Associated Press, 9/28/13]

**A Number Of Head Start Programs “Would Feel The Impact Right Away”**

“A small number of Head Start programs, about 20 out of 1,600 nationally, would feel the impact right away. The federal Administration for Children and Families says grants expiring about Oct. 1 would not be renewed. Over time more programs would be affected. Several of the Head Start programs that would immediately feel the pinch are in Florida. It’s unclear if they would continue serving children.” [U.S. News, 9/29/13]

**Supported Piecemeal Funding Of Government During Shutdown**

In 2013, during the first full day of the government shutdown, Walberg voted to fund portions of the Department of Veterans Affairs not previously deemed essential. Brought up as a suspension vote, the vote received limited debate and required two-thirds of those present for passage.

Democrats argued that Republicans were playing “political games,” releasing “one hostage” at a time. Rarely are appropriations bills brought up under suspension.

“The fact that [Appropriations] committee Republicans went along at the expense of their Democratic colleagues dramatized how much the panel has slipped its old traditions and been humiliated by this GOP leadership. The panel said it only learned of the plan to call up piecemeal bills when it was announced by
Cantor at a morning press conference. And by that point, it was difficult for Chairman Hal Rogers (R-Ky.) to raise any effective protest,” Politico reported.

“It’s pathetic,” said Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). “It’s beneath the dignity. I keep saying that but we keep getting further beneath the dignity of what our responsibilities are in this House.” [Politico, 10/01/13]

The motion failed to reach a two-thirds majority, 264-164. [HJ Res 72, Vote #506, 10/01/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding on DC Budget**

In 2013, Walberg voted to authorize the District of Columbia to expend local funds without Congressional approval as proposed in its most recent budget submitted to Congress.

While DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton supported the motion, Democrats “accused the GOP of using the funding bill, one of three debated on Tuesday evening, as part of a political ploy.” [Roll Call, 10/01/13]

The motion failed to reach a two-thirds majority, 265-163. [HJ Res 71, Vote #507, 10/01/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for National Parks and Museums**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for the National Parks Service, the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum at post-sequester fiscal 2013 levels.

The motion failed to reach a two-thirds majority, 252-176. [HJ Res 70, Vote #508, 10/01/13]

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The bill passed 252-173. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/02/13; HJ Res 70, Vote #513, 10/02/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for National Institutes of Health**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for the National Institutes of Health at post-sequester fiscal 2013 levels.

The bill passed 254-171. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/02/13; HJ Res 73, Vote #514, 10/02/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding For Veterans Benefits**
In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for veterans programs, including disability payments, education benefits and home loans. The bill would also fund the Veterans Benefits Administration at an annualized rate of $2.5 billion to process disability claims.

The bill passed 259-157. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/03/13; HJ Res 72, Vote #518, 10/03/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for FEMA**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for Federal Emergency Management Agency at post-sequester FY 2013 levels.

The bill passed 247-164. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/04/13; HJ Res 522, Vote #522, 10/04/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for WIC**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children at post-sequester FY2013 levels.

The bill passed 244-164. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/04/13; HJ Res 75, Vote #524, 10/04/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for the FDA**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for the Food and Drug Administration at post-sequester FY 2013 levels.

The bill passed 235-162. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/07/13; HJ Res 77, Vote #528, 10/07/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for Head Start**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for Head Start at post-sequester FY 2013 levels.

The bill passed 248-168. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/08/13; HJ Res 84, Vote #530, 10/08/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for the FAA**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for the Federal Aviation Administration at post-sequester FY 2013 funding levels.

The bill passed 252-172. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/09/13; HJ Res 90, Vote #537, 10/09/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for Some Homeland Security Programs**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for select Department of Homeland Security activities at post-sequester FY 2013 levels.
Activities funded included border and customs protection, immigration and citizenship services, the Coast Guard, and biometric data used to track individuals who may be terrorists, criminals or undocumented immigrants.

The bill passed 249-175. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/10/13; HJ Res 79, Vote #540, 10/10/13]

**Voted for Piecemeal Funding for National Nuclear Security**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for nuclear weapons and non-proliferation programs under the National Nuclear Security Administration at post-sequester FY 2013 levels.

The bill passed 247-176. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/11/13; HJ Res 76, Vote #542, 10/11/13]

**Did Not Vote on Piecemeal Funding for Native American Programs**

In 2013, Walberg voted to provide funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education and Indian Health Service at post-sequester FY 2013 levels.

The bill passed 233-160. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/14/13; HJ Res 80, Vote #548, 10/14/13]

**October 2, 2013: Blocked Vote on Re-Opening Government**

In 2013, on the second day of a government shutdown, Walberg voted to block consideration of a vote on a clean government funding resolution.

According to Talking Points Memo, “The House rejected Wednesday an effort by House Democrats to put a clean temporary spending bill on the floor, closing one opportunity to re-open the federal government.” Following the vote, Fox News reporter Chad Pergram tweeted, “House rejects effort to consider clean CR to re-open gov’t on procedural vote. 230 to 194.” [Talking Points Memo, 10/02/13; Twitter, 10/02/13]

Earlier in the day, “the number of House Republicans hit 20 – surpassing the magic 17 votes needed to pass a clean funding bill if all 200 Democrats stick together and team up with them.” [Huffington Post, 10/02/13]

The motion to block consideration of the bill passed 230-194. [HJ Res 70, Vote #512, 10/02/13]

**October 16, 2013: Voted Against a Bipartisan Compromise Plan to Re-open Government, Avert Debt Default**

In October 2013, just days before the U.S. government could have defaulted on its obligations, Walberg voted against a bipartisan compromise that would re-open the federal government and avert a catastrophic debt default.

According to the New York Times, “Under the agreement, the government would be funded through Jan. 15, and the debt ceiling would be raised until Feb. 7. The Senate will take up a separate motion to instruct
House and Senate negotiators to reach accord by Dec. 13 on a long-term blueprint for tax and spending policies over the next decade.” [New York Times, 10/16/13]

The bill passed 285-144. [HR 2775, Vote #550, 10/16/13]

Conflicts Of Interests

Voted Against Motion To Prevent Insider Trading By Members Of Congress

2011: Voted Against Motion To Prevent Insider Trading By Members Of Congress. In December 2011, Walberg voted against a motion, which would “provide a 3.1% payroll tax cut, an expansion beyond the Republican bill’s 2% cut, paid for by a surtax on millionaires. This will not affect the Social Security Trust Fund, which is held harmless for the lost revenue. The Motion to Recommit would also prevent insider trading by Members of Congress by enacting the STOCK Act into law and freezes Member pay.” The motion failed 183 to 244. [H.R. 3630, Vote #922, 12/13/11; Motion to Recommit, 12/13/11]

NOTE: Walberg later voted for the STOCK Act

2013: Voted To Expand Off-Shore Oil And Gas Development While Holding Stocks In Funds With Holdings In Companies Lobbying In Support Of Bill; Price Of Stocks In Fund Increased From Time He Bought And Sold Shares; Walberg Reported Profit Off Fund For Year

March 14, 2013: Walberg Purchased Stocks In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to Walberg’s April 10, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg purchased $1,001 to $15,000 worth of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. [Walberg Transaction Report, 4/10/13]

November 25, 2013: Walberg Sold Stocks In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to Walberg’s December 10, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg sold $1,001 to $15,000 worth of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. [Walberg Transaction Report, 12/10/13]

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McDermott International Inc Was A Holding In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to the profile of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF, McDermott International Inc was a holding in the fund, accounting for 3.5% of the profile fund. [Morningstar Portfolio, S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF profile, accessed 6/01/15]

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June 28, 2013: Voted In Favor Of Bill To “Expand U.S. Offshore Energy Production.” “Today Rep. Walberg voted in favor of H.R. 2231, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act, to expand U.S. offshore energy production by requiring the Administration to move forward with offshore energy production in areas containing the greatest amount of oil and natural gas resources. ‘One sure way to create jobs is expanding our country’s energy production. Increased domestic energy production will help lower energy prices for both families and businesses, increase energy security, create jobs and help grow a healthy economy,’ commented Rep. Walberg following the vote.” [Walberg Press Release, 6/28/13]

Q2 2013: McDermott International Lobbied U.S. House Of Representatives To “Support Legislation To Increase Oil And Gas Development In The Off-Shore Areas Of The US.” According to McDermott International’s Quarter 2 lobbying disclosure filing with the U.S. House Clerk, the company paid $10,000 to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to “Support legislation to increase oil and gas development in the off-shore area of the U.S. [U.S. House Clerk, McDermott International Lobbying Disclosure filing, Q2 2013 4/01/13-6/30/13]

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Q2 2013: Transocean Lobbied U.S. House Of Representatives On “Oil And Gas Exploration; Off-Shore Drilling; Mobile Drilling Units; Energy Legislation.” According to Transocean’s Quarter 2 lobbying disclosure filing with the U.S. house Clerk, the company paid $60,000 to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on “oil and gas exploration; off-shore drilling; mobile drilling units; energy exploration; energy legislation” [U.S. House Clerk, Transocean International Lobbying Disclosure filing, Q2 2013 4/01/13-6/30/13]


June 23, 2013, Walberg Editorial: “New Practices Allow Producers to Easily Extract Natural Gas, Coal, And Oil From The Ground.” “One such initiative is expanding American energy. Michigan recently had the second-highest gas prices in the country at over $4 a gallon, placing another burden on struggling families, young people and businesses. Meanwhile, the United States sits on a treasure trove of natural resources. New practices allow producers to easily extract natural gas, coal and oil from the ground, all while doing it cheaper, safer and with less disruption to the landscape. Projects such as the Keystone XL pipeline would create tens of thousands of jobs, but unfortunately the administration refuses to move forward with this plan. This is in spite of the State Department declaring it environmentally safe, labor unions agreeing it will create jobs and both the House and Senate passing legislation approving the pipeline.” [Monroe Evening news, Walberg Editorial, 6/23/13]
May 16, 2013: Walberg Attended Subcommittee Hearing Concerning Off-Shore Oil And Gas Production. “OPPORTUNITIES LOST: CONSTRAINTS ON OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS AND WATERS … The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:32 a.m., in Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. James Lankford [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding. Present: Representatives Lankford, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Farenthold, Hastings, Speier, and Horsford. … Mr. LANKFORD. The Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Healthcare and Entitlements come to order. … The Department of the Interior administers 700 million subsurface acres in Federal mineral estate and over 1.7 billion acres in Federal offshore acreage. There are extraordinary quantities of oil and natural gas under these lands and waters. These resources promise to deliver two things unimaginable just a decade ago: American energy independence and a broad economic renaissance.” [U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care & Entitlements, 5/16/13]

Purchased Shares In Oil Drilling And Equipment Investment Fund And Voted A Little More Than A Week Later For Bill Aiming To “Make Regulatory Climate As Favorable As Possible For The Oil, Gas And Coal Industries;” Sold Stocks Shortly After Vote


September 21, 2012: Voted For Bill To “Weaken” Environmental Protection Laws. In September 2012, Walberg voted for the “Stop the War on Coal Act of 2012,” a bill that would, “Within hours of Mr. Train’s death, Republican leaders in the House brought to the floor a bill called ‘Stop the War on Coal Act,’ which seeks to weaken and in some cases overturn laws and rules protecting the very things that Mr. Train stood for – clean air, clean water, a stable climate and fair effective regulation of the big polluters, including but not exclusively the fossil fuel industry.” [H.R. 3409, Vote #603, 9/21/12; New York Times, Editorial Page Editor’s Blog, 9/20/12]

New York Times Editor’s Blog: Bill Would “Make Regulatory Climate As Favorable As Possible For The Oil, Gas And Coal Industries.” “Within hours of Mr. Train’s death, Republican leaders in the House brought to the floor a bill called “Stop the War on Coal Act,” “which seeks to weaken and in some cases overturn laws and rules protecting the very things that Mr. Train stood for – clean air, clean water, a stable climate and fair effective regulation of the big polluters, including but not exclusively the fossil fuel industry. The bill (which the senate will certainly strike down) contains no new ideas. According to a database compiled by Representative Henry Waxman and the Democratic staff of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, House Republicans have voted an astonishing 302 times this year to hamstring the Environmental Protection Agency, weaken clean water and air rules, undermine protections for public lands and coastal areas, and block action to address global warming – all while seeking to make the regulatory climate as favorable as possible for the oil, gas and coal industries. The virtue of the latest bill (I use the word virtue loosely here) is that it contains just about all of those bad ideas in one place – one-stop shopping as it were, for those who haven’t been keeping up with the Tea Party wrecking crew in the 112th Congress.” [New York Times, Editorial Page Editor’s Blog, 9/20/12]

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October 1, 2012: Walberg Sold Stocks In Oil Drilling And Equip SVCS Ultra Sector. According to Walberg’s 2013 Financial Disclosure filed with the US House Clerk Walberg sold $1,001 to $15,000 worth of Oil Drilling and Equip SVCS Ultra Sector stock. [Walberg Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/21/13]

November 1, 2012: Walberg Purchased Stock In Mine Investment Fund During Beginning Of Mining Debate In Congress

November 1, 2012: Walberg Purchased Shares In Global X Funds Silver Miners EFT. According to Walberg’s January 2, 2013 Transaction report filed with the U.S. House Clerk, Walberg purchased $1,001 to $15,000 worth of Global X Funds Silver Miners EFT shares on November 1, 2012. [Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 1/02/13]

Global X Funds Silver Miners ETF Was An Investment Portfolio Of Silver Mining Company Assets. “Silver benefits from its attractiveness as an investment asset – serving as a potential hedge against inflation and sovereign currency risk – and also from its many industrial applications. Given the fixed cost nature of the mining industry, silver miners can enjoy a rapid improvement in profitability in a rising price environment, and the reverse is true under a falling price environment. With the Global X Silver Miners ETF, investors have access to a broad range of silver mining companies that all stand to benefit from the potential of rising silver prices. Due to significant barriers to entry in the silver mining industry, existing silver miners have a first-mover advantage – in 2013, the majority of supply increases came from existing mining companies that expanded their operations to meet increased demand. In addition, holding a basket of global silver miners helps reduce single-company risk, contributes geographical diversification to a portfolio and could potentially provide additional income through dividends.” [Global X Funds, Accessed 5/28/15]

December 12, 2012: Associated Press HEADLINE: Lawmakers Seek To Rekindle Mining Reform Efforts. [Associated Press, 12/12/12]

Democratic Lawmakers Pushed Mining Reforms, Attempting To Institute 12.5 Percent Royalty Rate On Gold, Uranium and Other Metals. “While the U.S. government reaps billions of dollars in royalties each year from fossil fuels extracted from federal lands and waters, it does not collect any such royalties from gold, uranium or other metals mined from the same places, congressional auditors reported Wednesday. The federal government doesn’t even know how much these so-called “hard rock” mines produce from federal public lands in the 12 western states where most of the mining occurs, the Government Accountability Office report found. And there is no federal law requiring the disclosure of production figures from individual mines. Two Democratic lawmakers are hoping public concerns over the economy and the looming ‘fiscal cliff’ will reinvigorate a movement on Capitol Hill to reform the General Mining Act of 1872, which exempted mining companies from paying royalties for profiting from U.S. public lands.” [Associated Press, 12/12/12]
Coeur D’Alen Mines Was A Holding In Global X Funds Silver Miners ETF

According Morningstar portfolios, Coeur D’Alen Mines was a holding in Global X Silver Miners ETF, accounting for 4.23% of the portfolio weight. [Morningstar, Global X Silver Miners ETF, Accessed 5/28/15]


Coeur D’Alen Mines 2013 Quarter 1 Lobbying disclosure filed with the U.S. House Clerk, the company spent $20,000 lobbying the U.S. House, the U.S. Senate and the Department of the Interior on “mining reform” and “Rochester mine expansion.” [Coeur D’Alen Mines, Q1 2013, 1/01/13-3/31/13]


May 16, 2015: Criticized Department Of Interior Official For Lengthy Permit Approval Process For Energy Development On Federal Land. “Mr. Walberg. Mr. WALBERG. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the panel for being here. Issue of great importance. Mr. Beaudreau, there appears to be at least 20 projects on Federal lands that have been undergoing the NEPA process for two, three, even five years. These projects would have created, according to a study commissioned by the Western Energy Alliance, would have created hundreds of thousands of jobs, billions in wages, and billions more in economic activity. In fact, it is indicated by 2020 that the resources that would have been developed from these projects would have produced as much oil and natural gas potentially as what the U.S. imports from Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Algeria, Nigeria, and Colombia combined. Now, if they are off by one country, it is still an awful lot. So let me ask you, with these 20 projects on Federal lands that have been undergoing NEPAs process for a significant number of years, why is it taking so long for the Department of Interior to perform this analysis? … Mr. WALBERG. Well, I would suggest that we may have some answers to that and the efficiencies if we look at what States do themselves, even in the length of permitting.” [U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care & Entitlements, 5/16/13]

May 29, 2013: Walberg Purchased Shares In Global X Funds Uranium EFT. According to Walberg’s June 4, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg purchased $1,001 to $15,000 worth of Global X Funds Uranium EFT on May 29, 2013. [Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 6/04/13]

Uranium Energy Corporation Was A Holding In Global X Funds Uranium ETF. According to Global X Funds Uranium ETF profile, Uranium Energy Corporation was a holding in Global X Funds Uranium ETF, accounting for 14.81% of the fund. [Global X Funds, Global X Funds Uranium ETF, Accessed 6/02/15]
Q2 2013: Uranium Energy Corporation Lobbied U.S. House And Environmental Protection Agency On “Permitting Issues Before Applicable Federal Regulatory Agencies And Congress.” According to Uranium Energy Corporation’s Quarter 2 lobbying disclosure filing with the U.S. House Clerk, the company paid $20,000 to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives and the Environmental Protection Agency to “Representing clients in permitting issues before applicable federal regulatory agencies and Congress.” [U.S. House Clerk, Uranium Energy Corporation Lobbying Disclosure filing, Q2 2013 4/01/13-6/30/13]

Q2 2013: Uranium Energy Corporation Lobbied U.S. House, U.S. Senate, And Environmental Protection Agency To “Educate Members Of Congress And The Administration About UEC’s Operations And Monitor Legislation And Regulations Affecting Uranium Mining.” According to Uranium Energy Corporation’s Quarter 2 2013 lobbying disclosure filing with the U.S. House Clerk, the company paid $50,000 to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and the Environmental Protection Agency to “Educate members of Congress and the Administration about UEC’s operations and monitor legislation and regulations affecting uranium mining.” [U.S. House Clerk, Uranium Energy Corporation Lobbying Disclosure filing, Q2 2013 4/01/13-6/30/13]

Sold Stocks In Uranium Mining Investment Fund Day Before Bill Introduced To Establish Mining Royalty Program

June 20, 2013: Walberg Sold Stocks In Global X Funds Uranium ETF. According to Walberg’s June 28, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg sold $1,001 to $15,000 worth of Global X Funds Uranium ETF on June 20, 2013. [Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 6/28/13]


November 25, 2013: Walberg Sold Stocks In S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF. According to Walberg’s December 10, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg sold $1,001 to $15,000 worth of S&P Oil & Gas Equip & SVCS ETF on November 25, 2013. [Walberg Transaction Report, 12/10/13]

Purchased Stock In Company With Offshore Oil And Natural Gas Holdings And Sold Shares Less Than Week Before Oversight Committee Held Hearing Supporting Export Of LNG


Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Was A Holding In Short Precious Metals Profund. According to the ProFunds Short Precious Metals profile, Freeport-McMoRan was a holding in Short Precious Metals

Freeport-McMoran Inc. Engaged In Oil & LNG Resource Extraction. “At December 31, 2013, our estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves totaled 464 million barrels of oil equivalents (MMBOE). All of our proved oil and natural gas reserves were located in the U.S., with 80 percent comprised of oil (including natural gas liquids, or NGLs) and 66 percent represented by proved developed reserves. Refer to “Oil and Gas Operations” for further discussion. Our oil and gas operations include oil production facilities and growth potential in the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico (GOM), oil production from the onshore Eagle Ford shale play in Texas, oil production facilities onshore and offshore California, onshore natural gas resources in the Haynesville shale play in Louisiana, natural gas production from the Madden area in central Wyoming, and an industry-leading position in the emerging shallow-water Inboard Lower Tertiary/Cretaceous natural gas trend on the Shelf of the GOM and onshore in South Louisiana.” [SEC, Freeport-McMoRan Inc. 10-k filing, Filed 2/27/14]

2013: Company Owned Offshore Oil And Natural Gas Production Facilities In California And Louisiana. “As further discussed in Note 2, during second-quarter 2013, we acquired oil and gas operations by completing the acquisitions of PXP and MMR. Our oil and gas operations include oil production facilities and growth potential in the Deepwater GOM, oil production from the onshore Eagle Ford shale play in Texas, oil production facilities onshore and offshore California, onshore natural gas resources in the Haynesville shale play in Louisiana, natural gas production from the Madden area in central Wyoming, and an industry-leading position in the emerging shallow-water Inboard Lower Tertiary/Cretaceous natural gas trend on the Shelf of the GOM and onshore in South Louisiana. Refer to "General" for a map showing the locations of our oil and gas operations.” [SEC, Freeport-McMoRan Inc. 10-k filing, Filed 2/27/14]

On March 13, 2013 Walberg Sold Stocks In Profunds Short Precious Metals And Was Notified Of Transaction On March 18, 2013. According to Walberg’s April 10, 2013 Transaction report filed with the US House Clerk, Walberg sold $1,001 to $15,000 worth of Short Precious Metals ProFund on March 13, 2013 and was notified of the transaction on March 18, 2013. Walberg Periodic Transaction Report, 4/10/13]


Abortion and Family Planning Issues

**Significant Findings**

- **Pro-life stance a moral absolute**
- **Supported absolute ban on abortion with “very, very rare” exception for life of the woman**
- **... But voted against exception to late term abortion ban to save the life of the woman**
- **2015: Voted four times to defund Planned Parenthood; In 2007, voted to eliminate federal funding for organization**
- **Voted for establishing Select Committee to investigate fetal tissue donation in response to edited Planned Parenthood videos**
- **Voted against Democratic motion-to-recommit which would have prevented attempt to defund Planned Parenthood**
- **Voted to make it easier for states to defund Planned Parenthood**
- **Co-sponsored extreme anti-abortion bill that would ban abortion after 20 weeks, even in cases of rape and incest**
- **Said contraception mandate in Affordable Care Act violated warranted “civil disobedience for the right reasons”**
- **From 2000 to 2006, Walberg worked on special projects for the president of Moody Bible Institute who, in 2009, signed declaration “vowing disobedience” if “forced” to take part in “anti-life acts” and “bless gay marriage”**

Walberg is unfailingly anti-choice, and has called his opposition to abortion a “moral absolute.” He supported an absolute ban on abortion with “very, very rare” exceptions for the life of the woman, but voted against an exception to a late term abortion ban to save the life of the woman. In 2013, Walberg supported an extreme anti-abortion bill that would ban abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy, even in cases of rape and incest. Walberg said the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act warranted a “civil disobedience for the right reasons.”
From 2000 to 2006, Walberg worked on special projects for the president of Moody Bible Institute who, in 2009, signed declaration “vowing disobedience” if “forced” to take part in “anti-life acts” and “bless gay marriage.”

Walberg has a consistent record voting to defund Planned Parenthood, voted four times in 2015 to defund the organization. In response to the release of the edited Planned Parenthood videos, she voted to establish a Select Committee to investigate fetal tissue donation.

Co-sponsored Bill To Ban Abortions After Twenty Weeks, Even in Cases of Rape And Incest

In 2013, Walberg co-sponsored a bill that “would narrow the window currently set out by federal law and the Supreme Court, which bans most abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy. Some Republican-controlled state legislatures have passed similar laws in recent months. The bill passed committee by a 20-12 vote and is headed for the House floor.” [HR 1797, co-sponsored 4/26/13; Washington Post, 6/12/13]

“Every year, over 1.2 million unborn children die at the hands of abortionists, suffering excruciating pain. As a father and grandfather this sickens me. The Kermit Gosnell trial shed more light on the atrocities that go on behind closed doors, but we need to do more to prevent similar cases, and protect the lives of women, babies and the unborn,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 6/19/13]

House Republicans “Approved a Far-Reaching Bill to Ban a Woman’s Ability to Seek an Abortion After 20 Weeks”

“The Republican-led House of Representatives approved a far-reaching bill to ban a woman’s ability to seek an abortion after 20 weeks on a mostly party-line 228-196 vote Tuesday. It stands no chance of becoming law under the Obama administration. […]The legislation stirred a heated debate in the House. The majority of Democrats opposed the legislation and argued that House Republicans—88% of whom are white males—were out of touch with women.” [USA Today, 6/18/13]

NYT: “Republican Leaders Acknowledge That [the Bill’s] Purpose is to Satisfy Vocal Elements of Their Base.”

“The bill stands no chance of becoming law, with Democrats in control of the Senate and the White House. Republican leaders acknowledge that its purpose is to satisfy vocal elements of their base who have renewed a push for greater restrictions on reproductive rights, even if those issues harmed the party’s reputation with women in 2012.” [New York Times, 6/17/13]

Voted Against Funding to Train Doctors How to Perform Life-Saving Abortions

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that cut funding for educating doctors in how to provide abortions, which are sometimes necessary to protect the life and health of the mother.

The amendment banned the use of funds authorized by the underlying bill to teach medical students how
to provide abortions. The amendment also banned the distribution of funds to educational health facilities which discriminate against entities that refuse to provide or pay for abortions.

According to the AP: “The proposal was presented as an amendment to the latest of several GOP bills to restrict funding for the health care act that was enacted last year. This bill gives Congress control over spending for a program to encourage health centers to provide training to medical residents. The amendment applies to funding in that grant program.” [Associated Press, 5/25/11; The Hill, 5/24/11]

The amendment passed 234-182. [HR 1216, Vote #338, 5/25/11]

**Human Life Amendment at Top of Legislative Priorities**

In 2004, Walberg was asked to list his priorities in Congress if elected, and enacting the human life amendment was a high priority.

“Ideally, I would like to abolish the income tax and the IRS (replace with fair tax), shutdown the Department of Education, enact the human life amendment, and rid the world of terrorists,” Walberg said. [Lansing State Journal, 7/29/04]

**Walberg: Roe v. Wade Brought Americans Further From the Values of God**

In 2006, Walberg spoke at a rally to overturn Roe v. Wade organized by Right to Life of Lenawee County.

Walberg told the crowd Roe v. Wade has brought Americans further from the values of God and vowed to continue his own anti-abortion fight. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 1/21/06]

**Voted To Limit Reproductive Rights In The District Of Columbia**

Dana Milbank Column: “Render Unto Caesar What’s Caesar And God’s What’s God’s,” In Context Of Bill Limiting Reproductive Rights In District Of Columbia. “In a rare Tuesday night committee meeting at which House Republicans advanced a bill curtailing reproductive rights, Walberg took the even rarer step of lecturing his colleagues on scripture. ‘It is clearly taught by Jesus the Christ himself,’ Walberg preached to members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, ‘for those of us who believe in him - and I understand and I accept the fact that there are those who don't -- but he said ’render unto Caesar what's Caesar and God what's God's,' and I think that's an important consideration for us on this committee tonight.’ Claiming Jesus in a political dispute is inflammatory, particularly when you accuse your opponents, as Walberg did, of ‘a continued attack on religion.’ The appeal to theocracy Tuesday night was even more incendiary because it was used to justify a bid to strike down a new District of Columbia law protecting women from workplace discrimination if they receive fertility treatments, use birth control or have abortions.” [Washington Post Blog, Dana Milbank, 4/22/15]

Dana Milbank Column: Believed Opponents Of Reproductive Rights Conducting “A Continued Attack On Religion.” “Michigan Republican Tim Walberg was a Christian minister before winning election to Congress in 2010 - and he hasn't entirely changed jobs. … Claiming Jesus in a political dispute is inflammatory, particularly when you accuse your opponents, as Walberg did, of ‘a continued attack on religion.’ The appeal to theocracy Tuesday night was even more incendiary because it was used to justify
a bid to strike down a new District of Columbia law protecting women from workplace discrimination if they receive fertility treatments, use birth control or have abortions.” [Washington Post Blog, Dana Milbank, 4/22/15]

**Did Not Vote on Criminalizing Abortion in the District of Columbia**

In July 2012, Walberg did not vote on a bill that “would criminalize abortions in D.C. after 20 weeks of pregnancy… It would not provide an exemption for victims of rape or incest or women whose pregnancies threaten their health.” [The Hill, 7/27/12]

The bill included an exception to protect the life of the mother but no exceptions to account for fetal abnormalities, the health of the mother or cases of rape or incest.

The bill was based on the disputed claim that fetuses can feel pain at a gestational age of 20 weeks or older. The National Right to Life Committee, an anti-abortion group, made the legislation its top priority on Capitol Hill this year. [Associated Press, 7/31/12]

The bill failed to reach a two-thirds majority, 220-154. [HR 3803, Vote #539, 7/31/12]

**Voted To Undermine A Woman’s Access to Care**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which undermined and harmed women’s health by limiting access and funding for abortions.

The bill dramatically changed the laws regarding abortion access and funding. The legislation made the annually-passed Hyde Amendment (barring the use of federal funds for abortion) permanent, prohibited federal medical facilities from providing abortion services, and kept individuals from “deducting abortion as a medical expense unless it was the result of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother”.

The section on deducting abortion expenses led many to worry about “abortion audits” where the IRS would be charged with determining if a woman who became pregnant and used tax-exempt funds (health savings accounts or deducted the costs) to terminate the pregnancy met the specifications of the pregnancy being the result of rape or incest or if pregnancy risked the life of the mother. [The American Independent, 5/04/11; The Hill, 5/04/11; Mother Jones, 3/18/11]

The bill passed 251-175. [HR 3, Vote #292, 5/04/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg voted against a motion that specified that nothing in the bill allowed the federal government to access medical records of rape and incest victims.

The motion failed 192-235. [HR 3, Vote #291, 5/04/11]

**Voted Against Preventing Attempt To Defund Planned Parenthood**

**Voted Against Preventing Attempt To Defund Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that “shields American women’s access to lifesaving health care services from
Republicans’ attempt to defund Planned Parenthood by protecting any organization that provides women’s health services, such as preventive care and cancer screenings, from being stripped of vital federal resources to serve America’s families.” A yes vote was a vote against defunding Planned Parenthood. The resolution failed, 183 to 245. [H.R. 3134, Vote #504, 9/18/15; Democratic Leader – Motions To Recommit, 9/18/15]

**Voted For Defunding Planned Parenthood**

**Voted For Defunding Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Walberg voted for the Defund Planned Parenthood Act 2015 that “prohibits, for a one-year period, the availability of federal funds for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any of its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period. The restriction will not apply in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers a woman’s life unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed 241 to 187. [H.R. 3134, Vote #505, 9/18/15; CQ, 9/23/15]

**Defunding Planned Parenthood Would Increase Public Spending By $130 Million Over 10 Years.** “Days before lawmakers must pass new legislation to fund the government, Republicans are vowing to reject any proposal that includes public money for Planned Parenthood. The move could trigger not only a shutdown, but if it succeeds, more bills for taxpayers. The Congressional Budget Office said in a new report on Thursday that cutting off the women’s health organization from federal money would actually increase public spending by an estimated $130 million over 10 years. … The office’s math: Halting federal funds to Planned Parenthood would shrink spending by $520 million in the short run -- but, over the first decade, it would cost taxpayers an additional $650 million.” [The Washington Post, 9/24/15]

**Voted For Establishing Select Committee To Investigate Fetal Tissue Donation In Reponse To Edited Planned Parenthood Videos**

**Voted For Establishing Select Committee To Investigate Fetal Tissue Donation.** In October 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that would “establish a select investigative subcommittee under the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The panel would be responsible for investigating and reporting on issues related to fetal tissue donation, fetal tissue procurement, federal funding for abortion services, and late-term abortions.” The bill passed 242-184. [H Res 461, Vote #538, 10/07/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/07/15]

**Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood Given Broad Jurisdiction To Investigate Abortion Practices, Including Recommendations To Change Abortion Laws.** Although the select committee was formed in response to videos edited to implicate that Planned Parenthood sold fetus tissue for profit, “[t]he words ‘Planned Parenthood’ do not appear in the resolution establishing the special committee. Its jurisdiction is considerably broader, encompassing ‘medical procedures and business practices used by entities involved in fetal tissue procurement’ and ‘any other relevant matters with respect to fetal tissue procurement.’ It also permits the committee to probe the subject of federal funding for abortion providers generally, the practices of providers who perform abortions in the second and third trimesters, and ‘medical procedures for the care of a child born alive as a result of an attempted abortion.’ The committee is also empowered to recommend changes in laws or regulations based on its findings.” [Washington Post, 10/07/15; USA Today, 10/07/15]
Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood. In September 2015, Walberg voted for motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 444) that would provide for floor consideration of the bill (HR 3495) that would amend title XIX of the Social Security act to allow states to exclude medical providers who perform abortions from the state's Medicaid contracts. The motion was agreed to 243-182. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 444, Vote #521, 9/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/29/15]

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Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Blocking Funding For Planned Parenthood

Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Defunding Planned Parenthood For One Year. In January 2016, Walberg voted for repeal the Affordable Care Act and defund Planned Parenthood. “The House on Wednesday passed legislation that would repeal much of ObamaCare and defund Planned Parenthood for one year, sending the measure to President Obama's desk. The bill passed by a vote of 240 to 181.” [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/06/15; The Hill, 1/06/15]

Voted Against Motion To Protect Women’s Access To Life-Saving Health Services

Voted Against Motion To Protect Women’s Access To Life-Saving Health Services. In September 2015, Walberg voted against motion to recommit the Women's Public Health and Safety Act. “The Democratic Motion to Recommit protects American women’s access to life-saving health care services from Republicans’ attempt to defund Planned Parenthood by protecting any organization that provides life-saving health services, such as preventive care and cancer screenings, from being stripped of vital federal resources to serve America’s families.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-242. [HR 3495, Vote #523, 9/29/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 9/30/15]

Voted For Overriding The President’s Veto Of A Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Block Funding Of Planned Parenthood For A Year

Voted For Overriding The President’s Veto Of A Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Block Funding Of Planned Parenthood For A Year. In February 2016, Walberg voted for overriding the President’s veto of a bill to “repeal portions of the 2010 health care law and block federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year. The bill would zero-out the law's penalties for noncompliance with the
law’s requirements for most individuals to obtain health coverage and employers to offer health insurance. The bill would scrap in 2018 the law’s Medicaid expansion, as well as subsidies to help individuals buy coverage through the insurance exchanges. It also would scrap certain taxes included in the law, including the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans.” The override required a two-thirds majority to pass, but failed 241 to 186. [HR 3762, Vote #53, 2/02/16, 2/02/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/02/16]

Voted To Defund Planned Parenthood

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill that would insert a section in the FY11 Continuing Resolution which would prohibit Planned Parenthood and its affiliates from receiving federal funding.

The resolution would order the Clerk of the House to change H.R. 1473, the FY11 Continuing Resolution, to bar the use of the federal funds to go to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate. [The Hill, 4/12/11]

The bill passed 241-185. [H Con Res 36, Vote #271, 4/14/11]

Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood

Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood. In October, 2015, Walberg voted for a “budget reconciliation bill that seeks to gut Obamacare by repealing key sections of the law, including the individual and employer mandate and the so-called ‘cadillac’ tax, which targets high-end employer-sponsored health plans. In addition, it would block funding for Planned Parenthood for one year and divert that spending to other women’s health programs.” The bill passed 240-189. HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; Washington Post, 10/23/15]

2007: Voted to Eliminate Federal Funding for Planned Parenthood

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

The amendment would have barred the use of funds in the bill for Planned Parenthood. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 189-231. [HR 3043, Vote #684, 7/19/07]

Planned Parenthood: Walberg’s Vote “Unconscionable”

Planned Parenthood Mid-Michigan Alliance President and CEO Lori Lamerand called Walberg’s vote “unconscionable,” pointing out that Planned Parenthood’s activities reduce unintended pregnancies and the need for abortions.

From Planned Parenthood’s release:
His appalling vote would have wiped out financial assistance at our health center in Jackson for some of our most fundamental services, such as annual exams, cancer screening and birth control for our low-income patients. Fortunately, the amendment failed. But it’s beyond ironic that Representative Walberg claims to be so concerned about abortion rates when he voted to restrict the very funds to help women prevent unintended pregnancy and reduce the need for abortion. In fact, it’s unconscionable. [Planned Parenthood Mid-Michigan Alliance release, 8/17/07]

**Voted For To Place A Moratorium On The Medical Device Tax**

**Voted For Motion Agreeing With Senate Amendment To Place A Moratorium On Health Care Reform’s Medical Device Tax.** In December 2015, Walberg voted for to concur with a Senate amendment to a tax package that included a two year moratorium on the 2.3 percent medical device tax implemented under the Affordable Care Act. The amendment passed, 318-109. [HR 2029, Vote #703, 12/17/15; Med Device Online, 12/17/15]

**Voted For Bill Requiring Doctors To Provide Medical Care To Aborted Fetuses That Show Signs Of Life**

**Voted For Bill Requiring Doctors To Provide Medical Care To Aborted Fetuses That Show Signs Of Life.** In September 2015, Walberg voted for legislation that “amends the federal criminal code to require any health care practitioner who is present when a child is born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion to: (1) exercise the same degree of care as reasonably provided to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, and (2) ensure that such child is immediately admitted to a hospital. The term ‘born alive’ means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.” The bill passed, 248 to 177. [HR 3504, Vote #506, 9/18/15]

**Doctors Would Face Up To 5 Years In Prison If They Were Found To Not Follow The Legislation.** “Per the bill, ‘the term ‘born alive’ means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.’ Physicians could face up to five years of prison time for lack of adherence to this measure and may also face civil suits from women who wish to press charges.” [Yahoo News, 9/18/15]

**President Of The American Congress Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Called The Legislation “A Disservice To America’s Women And Gross Legislative Interference Into The Practice Of Medicine.”** “In a statement, Mark S. DeFrancesco, MD, president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, called the passage of H.R. 3504 ‘a disservice to America’s women and gross legislative interference into the practice of medicine, putting politicians between women and their trusted doctors. This bill and others like it are part of a larger attempt to deny women access to safe, legal, evidence-based abortion care,’’ he said in the statement. ‘‘We urge the United States Senate and the President to stand with women and stand up for safe medical care, by preventing this and other legislation like it to become law.’’ [Yahoo News, 9/18/15]
**Voted to Prohibit the District of Columbia from Using Funds for Abortions**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill containing a policy rider which barred the District of Columbia from using federal or local fund to fund abortions.

The policy rider barred the District of Columbia from using federal or local funds to fund abortions with exclusions for the life of the mother, rape and incest. This is possible because the federal government ultimately controls the DC budget. The underlying bill was the final continuing resolution passed to fund the federal government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2011. [CQ BillAnalysis, 7/14/11; CQ Floor Votes, 4/14/11]

The bill passed 260-167. [HR 1473, Vote #268, 4/14/11]

*NOTE: This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.*

**Said Contraception Requirement in Affordable Care Act Violated the First Amendment**

In 2013, Walberg said that the requirement that employer-provided insurance cover contraception and “abortion-inducing agents” violated the right of free exercise of religion.

Walberg said that mandates in the Affordable Care Act were “truly forcing people to consider violating their first amendment liberties of rights of conscience.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

**Suggested Contraception Requirement Warranted Civil Disobedience**

In 2013, Walberg said that he had raised the question with colleagues in the House about whether the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act warranted “civil disobedience for the right reason.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

**Said It Was “Wonderful” That a Teenager Opted Against an Abortion, Even Though Mother and Child Supported By Grandmother Making $10 An Hour**

In 2012, Walberg attended the annual Calhoun County Legislative Breakfast where he participated in a panel discussion on social services issues. The panel members were asked to respond to stories of struggle families in Calhoun County.

One story involved a woman who had to support her teenage daughter and her daughter’s 18-month-old child on a wage of $10 an hour, to which Walberg said it was good to hear that the teen mom followed through with her pregnancy.

“I think the fact that her daughter carried the baby to term is a wonderful thing, and an example for society,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/23/12]

**Opposed Contraceptive Mandate Under Affordable Care Act**
Signed Onto Letter Opposing Rules By Department Of Health And Human Services Concerning Contraceptive Mandate. “The following information was released by the office of Tennessee Rep. Diane Black: Congressman Diane Black (R-TN-06) led a group of 51 House lawmakers in a letter expressing opposition and concern with the new rules from the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the contraceptive mandate that violates Americans' free exercise of religion. In the letter, the lawmakers write: By not providing a clear exemption from the mandate for those with religious or moral objections, the pro-posed rules fail to resolve this ongoing legal and regulatory controversy. … Members joining Congressman Black on the letter include … Tim Walberg” [Congressperson Diane Black Press Release via States News Service, 9/24/14]

Voted to Restrict the District of Columbia from Using Funds to Pay for Abortions

In 2011, Walberg voted to restrict the District of Columbia from using their funds to pay for abortions.

The bill also contained a policy rider that would have restricted the District of Columbia from using funds appropriated by the bill or its own tax dollars to pay for abortions with exceptions for the life of the mother and if the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. When the Senate amended the bill it struck most of the language and made it a simple Continuing Resolution which funded all government agencies through April 15, 2011 with some reductions to FY10 funding levels. [CQ Weekly Report, 4/11/11]

The bill underlying bill would have provided funds for the Department of Defense through the end of Fiscal Year 2011 and all other government agencies through April 15, 2011, while cutting an additional $12 billion.

The bill passed 247-181. [HR 1363, Vote #247, 4/07/11]

Voted to Restrict Women’s Reproductive Health Care

In 2011, Walberg voted to allow hospitals to deny lifesaving health care to women and restrict a woman’s ability to use her own private insurance for health care.

The bill barred insurance plans that receive federal subsidies, or if any of its customers receive federal subsidies under the new healthcare law, from covering abortion. The bill also increased conscience protections for health care providers who are anti-abortion. The bill did include an exception for rape, incest or the life of the mother.

According to the Huffington Post, the bill “would allow federally-funded hospitals that oppose abortions to refuse to perform the procedure, even in cases where a woman would die without it.” [The Virginian-Pilot, 10/14/11; Orlando Sentinel, 10/14/11; Huffington Post, 10/11/11]

The bill passed 251-172. [HR 358, Vote #789, 10/13/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted a motion specifying that, under the bill, health care providers were still required to provide care to prevent the death of pregnant women with emergency medical conditions. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/13/11]
The motion failed 173-249. [HR 358, Vote #788, 10/13/11]

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Voted to Ban Taxpayer-Funded Support for Abortion Providers
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 foreign operations bill to remove bill language that would mandate U.S. subsidies to organizations that actively promote abortion in foreign nations.

The amendment was intended to strip language from the bill that would effectively overturn the pro-life “Mexico City Policy.”

This pro-life policy was originally adopted by President Reagan and announced at a 1984 population conference in Mexico City. The policy was reinstated by President Bush in 2001.

Under this policy, in order to be eligible for U.S. “population assistance,” a private organization must sign a contract promising not to perform abortions (except to save the mother’s life or in cases of rape or incest), lobby to change the abortion laws of host countries, or otherwise “actively promote abortion as a method of family planning.”

According to National Right to Life, the amendment was “entirely an abortion policy vote – it has nothing whatever to do with funding levels for contraceptive programs, anti-HIV/AIDS programs, or any of the other diversionary issues raised by opponents of the Mexico City Policy.” [National Right to Life letter to Members of Congress, 6/18/07]

The amendment to preserve the Mexico City language was defeated 205-218. [HR 2764, Vote #534, 6/21/07]

**Introduced Unnecessary Ban on Public Funds for Abortions**

In 1995, Walberg introduced a bill (HB 5458) under which doctors, health care professionals, facilities and agencies could not accept reimbursement of funds for abortions if they knew public funds would be used. The provided for fines of up to $10,000 for violators.

Voters had passed a ban on Medicaid-supported abortions except to save the life of the mother or when pregnancy was the result of rape or incest.

Planned Parenthood said the bill was unneeded because federal law already provided fraud penalties that were more severe that those provided under the bill. [Gongwer News Service, 2/22/96]

**Supported Hyde Amendment**

*Walberg Editorial: Supported Human Trafficking Bill With Hyde Amendment Attached.* “In January, the House took overwhelmingly bipartisan action and passed a package of 12 bills to help equip law enforcement officials with more resources to prevent human trafficking and provide victims with additional support. One of the bills, the Strengthening the Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act, will help protect child victims by improving practices within state child welfare systems to identify, assess and document sex trafficking victims. … In January, the House took overwhelmingly bipartisan action and passed a package of 12 bills to help equip law enforcement officials with more resources to prevent human trafficking and provide victims with additional support…. One of the bills, the Strengthening the Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act, will help protect child victims by
improving practices within state child welfare systems to identify, assess and document sex trafficking victims. … Some Democratic senators claimed language in the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act that prevents tax-payer-funded abortion -- also known as the Hyde Amendment and previously enacted into law -- is the rea-son for filibustering this much-needed legislation. Never mind the fact the exact same language was included when a dozen Democratic senators decided to co-sponsor the bill and when it was unanimously passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.” [Monroe Evening News, Walberg Editorial, 2/27/15]

** Called Vote to End Medicaid Funding of Abortions His Best Vote  

In 2012, Walberg said the best vote he took while in the Michigan House of Representatives was to end Medicaid funding of abortions. [Monroe Evening News, 10/28/12]

** Supported Absolute Ban on Abortion, With “Very, Very Rare” Exception to Save Woman’s Life  

In 2006, Walberg said abortion should be illegal with no exceptions for rape, incest or the health of the mother.

“The only exception I would give in very, very rare cases -- underline ‘rare’ -- is for the life of the mother,” Walberg said. “Not the health of the mother. The health of the mother is fraught with too many vagaries and potential abuses.” [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/30/06]

** Walberg: Pro-Life Stance “A Moral Absolute”  

In 2006, Walberg said that his pro-life stance was a moral absolute at a Republican primary debate with Representative Joe Schwarz.

“I believe that life, all life, from conception to natural death, is a gift of God. It is a moral absolute,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/22/06]

** Monroe Evening News: Walberg “Urged Citizens To Stand In The Gap For Protecting Life At All Stages”  

“Right to Life is planning to run four TV commercials in January to protect unborn babies from abortion and the "most defenseless members" of society, including the elderly. The organization also is actively engaged in vetting and supporting candidates for political office. … U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, cited Psalm 139 in his prayer before the meal and urged citizens to stand in the gap for protecting life at all stages. ‘The battle is crucial for people who are dedicated to life,’ Rep. Walberg said. ‘God still acknowledges us for remaining faithful.”’ [Monroe Evening News, 10/06/14]

** Attended 42nd March For Life  

“The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Congressman Tim Walberg released the following statement today after attending the
42nd annual March for Life. The rally comes on the same day as the House voted on pro-life legislation to ban taxpayer-funded abortions.” [Walberg Press Release via States News Service, 1/22/15]

**Walberg on Right to Life March: “My Heart Is Grieved, Yet Heartened”**


“In 1973, seven Supreme Court justices formed the majority in a radical decision that has since led to the deaths of nearly 50 million innocent and valuable human lives. Today, on the thirty-fifth anniversary of that tragic ruling, my heart is grieved, yet heartened,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 1/22/08]

**2011: Attended Right to Life Rally**

In 2011, Walberg attended a Right to Life of Lenawee County’s annual *Roe v. Wade* rally, and spoke briefly in support of anti-abortion advocacy. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 1/17/12]

**2011: Voted to Prohibit Government Funding for Planned Parenthood**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would bar all funding for Planned Parenthood Federation of America or its affiliates.

Conservatives had long targeted Planned Parenthood as a major abortion provider but the amendment would bar all federal funding. Planned Parenthood received some $75 million received to provide family planning assistance, contraception, HIV counseling, cancer screenings and other medical services.

According to Susan Cohen, director of governmental affairs at the Guttmacher Institute research organization, for every dollar spent on contraception for low-income women, the government saves four dollars in medical costs within the next year by averting unwanted pregnancies. [New York Times, 2/17/11]

A New York Times editorial pointed out that Republicans’ assault on women’s health would deny millions of women access to affordable contraception and life-saving cancer screening, as well as cut nutritional support for millions of newborn babies. [New York Times, Editorial, 2/25/11]

The amendment passed, 240-185. [HR 1, Pence amendment #11, Vote #93, 2/18/11]

**Supported Abstinence Education**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to strike a provision in the fiscal year 2008 Foreign Operations appropriations bill that would eliminate an abstinence education funding mandate of 33 percent. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/07]
The amendment’s sponsor, Representative Joseph Pitts (R-PA) argued that existing mandates for abstinence education funding were working to reduce the HIV / AIDS pandemic. [Congressional Record, 6/21/07, Page H6862]

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) opposed the amendment, noting that a study by the Institute of Medicine had noted that the abstinence education mandate “has greatly limited the ability of country teams to develop and implement comprehensive prevention programs that are well integrated with each other and with testing, care, and treatment programs.” [Congressional Record, 6/21/07, Page H6862]

The amendment was defeated 200-226. [HR 2764, Vote #532, 6/21/07]

**Walberg Spoke in Favor of the Amendment**

In 2007, Walberg spoke against the provision of contraceptives to Africa, arguing that abstinence-until-marriage programs are more effective.

From Walberg’s floor speech:

“Authorizing legislation that requires 33 percent of prevention funds to be spent in abstinence-until-marriage programming is the best way to address this problem because it’s a proven, successful method of reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS. There is growing evidence that partner reduction is the single most important factor in reducing HIV/AIDS prevalence rates. ... Furthermore, no country with a generalized epidemic that has relied on condom prevention alone has reported a decline in HIV/AIDS prevalence rates. Because studies have shown that the abstinence-until-marriage method is producing the best results, I urge my colleagues to consider the merits of the Pitts amendment and support this important and, need I say, life-changing and lifesaving legislation.” [Statement by Representative Walberg, H6863, Congressional Record, 6/21/07]

**Opposed Amendment to Promote Family Planning, Reduce Abortions**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to allow international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who do not comply with the Mexico City Policy to receive donated contraceptives for millions of men and women who need them.

The “Mexico City Policy” originally adopted by President Reagan and announced at a 1984 population conference in Mexico City. The policy was reinstated by President Bush in 2001. Under this policy, in order to be eligible for U.S. “population assistance,” a private organization must sign a contract promising not to perform abortions (except to save the mother’s life or in cases of rape or incest), lobby to change the abortion laws of host countries, or otherwise “actively promote abortion as a method of family planning.” [National Right to Life letter to Members of Congress, 6/18/07]

The amendment would allow for “common-sense family planning to prevent abortions, curb unintended pregnancies, save the lives of mothers, and fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic,” according to its sponsor, Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY). [Rep. Lowey press release, 6/21/07]

The amendment passed 223-201. [HR 2764, Vote #533, 6/21/07]
**Voted to Revoke Licenses of Physicians Who Performed “Partial Birth Abortions”**

In 1996, Walberg voted for an amendment that would provide for a mandatory suspension for a minimum of three years of the medical license of any doctor who performed a partial birth abortion. The bill already contained a provision allowing for a suspension of up to five years after review.

The amendment failed 55-46. [MIRS Captiol Capsule, 5/29/96; HB 5889, Mathieu Amendment, RC #598, 5/29/96]

**Voted For Ban on “Partial Birth Abortion”**

In 1996, Walberg voted for final passage of a bill to ban the “partial birth” abortion in Michigan.

The bill passed 63-36. [HB 5889, RC #611, 5/29/96]

**Voted Against Creating Exception for “Partial Birth Abortion” Ban to Save Life of Mother**

In 1996, Walberg voted against an amendment that clarified language in a bill banning partial birth abortions to allow the procedure in cases where the woman’s physical health was at stake.

The amendment failed 43-59. [MIRS Captiol Capsule, 5/29/96; HB 5889, Crissman Amendment, RC #600, 5/29/96]

**Voted Against Allowing Procedure if Fetus Could Not Survive Outside Womb**

In 1996, Walberg voted against an amendment that would allow for partial birth abortions if it is used to preserve a woman’s ability to have children or if the fetus could not survive outside the womb.

The amendment failed 46-56. [HB 5889, Hanley amendment, RC #603, 5/29/96]

**Voted Against Allowing Procedure to Save Mother’s Reproductive System**

In 1996, Walberg voted against an amendment that would provide for an exemption to the partial birth abortion ban in the case where a woman’s reproductive organs would be damaged by the normal delivery of an unviable fetus.

The amendment failed 44-54. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/29/96; HB 5889, Dobb amendment, RC #605, 5/29/96]

**Voted Against Allowing Procedure in Medical Emergency**

In 1996, Walberg voted against an amendment that would allow for partial birth abortions if a medical emergency existed and no other procedure would do.

The amendment failed 44-54. [HB 5589, Bennane amendment, RC #610, 5/29/96]

**Saddened and Angered by Supreme Court Ruling on “Partial Birth Abortion”**

In 2000, Walberg was saddened and angered by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning
Nebraska’s partial birth abortion ban. The ruling was expected to affect similar legislation in Michigan.

The Court ruled that language protecting the life of the mother needed to be in any such law.

“I find it hard to believe that in the United States of America, with the Bill of Rights in place and the right to life, the court could say the life of an innocent human being could be snuffed out in such a gruesome way,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 6/30/00]

**Voted to Prohibit Coverage of Abortion Services as Part of Collective Bargaining Agreements**

In 1996, Walberg voted for an amendment to the higher education budget to prohibit coverage of abortion services as part of collective bargaining agreements in Michigan.

The amendment passed 56-44. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/29/96; SB 850, Jaye amendment, RC #472, 5/21/96]

**…But Voted Against Prohibiting Vasectomy Services**

In 1996, Walberg voted against an amendment to the higher education budget to prohibit coverage for vasectomy services.

The amendment failed 35-57. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/29/96; SB 850, Berman amendment, RC #477, 5/21/96]

**Supported State Version Of “Gag Rule”**

In 1991, Walberg sought to institute the “gag rule” in Michigan, which would prohibit staff at any family planning clinic awarded money from the state budget from even mentioning abortion as an option or make referrals for women seeking to end their pregnancies.

From the Grand Rapids Press:

Anti-abortion lawmakers this week plan to take advantage of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling and try to prevent staff at family planning clinics that get state funds from discussing abortion…

Rep. Timothy Walberg, R-Tipton, said the state should be consistent with the federal government. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a ruling handed down May 23, upheld regulations adopted in 1988 which said clinics were banned from using federal money to perform abortions or even discuss it as an option.

“It’s an issue of what’s appropriate for tax dollars,” Walberg said, noting that Michigan citizens voted to end tax-paid abortions for poor women. [Grand Rapids Press, 6/03/91]

**Introduced Bill to Raise Age of Consent in Michigan**

In 1997, Walberg introduced a bill to raise the age of sexual consent in Michigan from 16 to 18 years old.
“It doesn’t make sense that 16-year old boy or girl cannot smoke, get a tattoo or buy lottery tickets, but is given the implied approval under current law to have sex,” Walberg said. “The statutory rape law must be strengthened to protect young people from predatory males and the possibility of sexually-transmitted diseases.” [MIRS, 7/22/97]

**Endorsed by Pro-Life Groups**

In 2012, Walberg was endorsed by Michigan Right to Life. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 6/19/12]

In 2010, Walberg was endorsed by National Right to Life, Right to Life of Michigan, Citizens for Traditional Values and Concerned Women for America. [Associated Press, 10/18/10]

**2008: National Right to Life Funded Mailers Supporting Walberg**

In 2008, National Right to Life spent more than $20,000 on mailings supporting Walberg. [Detroit News, 10/16/08]

**2006: Endorsed by National and State Right to Life Affiliates**

In January 2006, Walberg was endorsed by pro-life group Michigan Right to Life and its national parent group, winning an endorsement that went to an opponent in Walberg’s unsuccessful 2004 run for Congress.

The national affiliate spent $20,664 on independent expenditures supporting Walberg during the 2006 election cycle, and the state affiliate spent $13,703. [Roll Call, 1/26/06]

**2004: Right to Life Endorsed Primary Opponent**

In 2004, Walberg said that National Right to Life’s decision to endorse state Representative Clark Bisbee over him was shocking.

“I’m in this race to save them from themselves,” Walberg said, later adding, “How do you out-’Right to Life’ Tim Walberg?” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/22/04]

Both Walberg and Bisbee were defeated by Joe Schwarz in the 2004 Republican primary. [Lansing State Journal, 8/04/04]

**From 2000 To 2006, Worked On Special Projects For The President Of Moody Bible Institute Who, In 2009, Signed Declaration “Vowing Civil Disobedience” If “Forced” To “Bless Gay Marriage”**

**2000-2006: Division Manager, Moody Bible Institute**

In 2000, Walberg took a job as division manager of the Moody Bible Institute, which he had attended in 1973.

Walberg headed up the Major Gifts division and spent time fundraising for the institute, retiring in
Worked On Special Projects For President Of Moody Bible Institute. “Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Mich., is something of a rarity in Congress. He has both an undergraduate and a graduate degree from Christian colleges, and he spent 10 years as a pastor before getting elected to the Michigan legislature. … We had this conversation in his office on Capitol Hill, where he has Harley Davidson paraphernalia spread about. … Then I was asked to consider coming to Moody Bible Institute, my alma mater, and start up a new division there called Strategic Partners, major gifts, dealing with specific visionary projects of then President Joe Stowell at Moody. … I spent 5 1/2 years doing that. Loved it. I thought, hey, I found a place that I’ll retire from and then Sue and I will go on and do what we still long to do in the future, and that would be short-term missionary work supporting missionaries around the world.” [World Mag, 3/11/15]

President Of Moody Bible Institute Was Joseph Stowell, Serving From 1987 To 2005. “Dr. Stowell has a distinguished career in higher education and church leadership. He served as senior pastor of Southgate Baptist Church (Southgate, Ohio, 1970-76), Bible Baptist Church (Kokomo, Ind., 1976-81), and Highland Park Baptist Church (Southfield, Mich., 1981-87). From 1987-2005, he served as the president of Moody Bible Institute, with oversight over the undergraduate and graduate schools, Moody Publishers, and the Moody Broadcasting Network.” [Cornerstone University, Dr. Joseph Stowell Biography, Accessed 6/03/15]

2009: Stowell Signed Manhattan Declaration. “Joseph M. Stowell III is the president of Cornerstone University and the author of over 20 Christian books. He is a graduate of Cedarville University and Dallas Theological Seminary (1970)[1] and was honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree from The Master’s College in 1987…. In November 2009, Dr. Stowell signed a statement known as the Manhattan Declaration calling on evangelicals, Catholics and Orthodox not to comply with rules and laws permitting abortion, same-sex marriage and other matters that go against their religious consciences.” [World of Life Camps, Joe Stowell, Accessed 6/03/15]

Washington Times: Manhattan Declaration Was Document “Vowing Civil Disobedience If They Are Forced To Take Part In ‘Anti-Life Acts’ Or Bless Gay Marriages.” “More than 150 leaders across a spectrum of conservative Christianity on Friday released a 4,700-word document vowing civil disobedience if they are forced to take part in ‘anti-life acts’ or bless gay marriages. Called the ‘Manhattan Declaration,’ the six-page, single-spaced document was drafted by Prison Fellowship founder Charles Colson, an evangelical, and Princeton University professor Robert P. George, a Roman Catholic, and included a bevy of Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox bishops, archbishops and cardinals as signatories along with dozens of clergy and laity.” [Washington Times, 11/21/09]
Agriculture Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Voted for 2013 Farm Bill reauthorization without SNAP benefits

✓ Voted against Farm Bill reauthorization in 2007 because of tax on manufacturers, but voted for later version and to override Bush veto

✓ Praised for role in overturning rule limiting youth farm work

✓ Opposed farm subsidies; had to vote against his beliefs to support his district

✓ Voted for 2014 Farm Bill cutting SNAP benefits for 850,000 households while weakening income caps for farm subsidies

✓ Voted for an amendment to cut $31 billion from food stamps, while making it mandatory for each state to adopt stiffer work requirements to receive food aid

✓ Voted for bill containing $40 billion in cuts to SNAP, while also kicking 2.1 million families and seniors out of the program

✓ Voted against a bill seeking to provide $3.7 billion in agriculture disaster relief

✓ 2015: Voted for overriding state laws and establishing a voluntary national genetically engineered certification program

✓ 2015: Voted for repealing country of origin labeling requirements on meat

Walberg has a mixed record on agriculture issues. Walberg opposed farm subsidies, but said that he voted against his own beliefs to represent his rural district. Walberg voted against the original version of the 2007 Farm Bill reauthorization because it closed a tax loophole benefitting manufacturers, but voted for a later version and to override President Bush’s veto of the bill. Walberg was praised for his role in overturning a Department of Labor rule limiting youth work on family farms.

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aid. The amendment eventually failed. Later in the year, he voted for a bill containing $40 billion in cuts to the SNAP program. Additionally, the bill kicked 3.8 million people off of food stamps, including 2.1 million families and seniors.

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill providing $3.7 billion in agriculture disaster relief.

In 2015, Walberg voted for overriding state laws and establishing a voluntary national genetically engineered certification program. The Hill wrote of the bill: “House passes bill blocking states from requiring GMO labels on food.”

### Opposed Farm Subsidies But “Forced” To Vote Against Beliefs In Vote For Farm Bill

In a 2010 interview, Walberg said that farm subsidies needed to be done away with:

**INTERVIEWER #1:** Farm subsidies?

**INTERVIEWER #2:** Yeah.

**WALBERG:** It needs to be done away with. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 62:50, 6/25/10]

### Voted Against Beliefs to Represent District’s Farm Interests

In 2008, Walberg told the *Lansing State Journal* editorial board that he opposed government price supports for agriculture, and was forced to vote against his beliefs on issues like the Farm Bill to represent the farm interests of his district. [Editorial, *Lansing State Journal*, 10/25/08]

### Voted Against Setting Limits on Farm Subsidies

In 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to instruct House conferees to agree to Senate-passed provisions that would set a $40,000 per person limit for annual direct payments to farmers.

The motion was introduced by Rep. Flake (R-AZ) who called the Farm Bill “out of control” and advocated ended the permanent disaster title. Flake also said the farm subsidies were “well beyond what is required and necessary and right and proper. Yet, we continue to do this simply because it makes for good politics.” [Statement by Rep. Flake, H#104, 5/01/08]

Democratic proponents of the bill argued that the legislation was designed to protect from “whole farm loss” not ad hoc lesser disasters. Democrats also maintained that the bill required farmers to have crop insurance to prevent the use of disaster funds as de facto risk protection. [Statement by Rep. Pomeroy, H#104, 5/01/08]

The motion was rejected, 157-259. [HR 2419, Vote #238, 5/01/08]

### Taken Almost A Quarter of a Million Dollars from Agribusiness

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Over his career, Walberg has taken $245,701 from agribusiness interests. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 5/29/13]

**Voted for Farm Bill Cutting SNAP for 850,000 Households While Weakening Income Caps for Farm Subsidies**

In January 2014, Walberg voted for final passage of a $1 trillion five-year farm bill. The bill would cut $8 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The New York Times reported that the SNAP cuts would force 850,000 households to lose $90 in monthly benefits, while Feeding America criticized that the reduction would result in the affected households losing 34 meals per month. [New York Times, 1/29/14]

While the final bill cut billions from SNAP, negotiators weakened provisions placing payment limits on farm subsidies for individuals and couples and removed an overall income cap for receiving crop insurance.

Republican Senator Chuck Grassley said, “Subsidizing large farmers to get larger in my view is just wrong. . . The American people should not be forced to subsidize the income of those farmers making upward of $1 million a year.” [The Hill, 2/03/14]

The bill passed 251-166. [HR 2642, Vote #31, 1/29/14]

**Bill Would Allow Lawmakers to Continue to Keep Secret if They Receive Farm Subsidies**

In February 2014, CNN reported that a proposal to require lawmakers disclose whether they or their immediate family received farm subsidies was shelved despite earlier backing from House Republicans.

“Lawmakers could have opted for a higher standard of transparency either for themselves or for everyone receiving these subsidies, but instead the public will have no way of discovering where this money flows,” CNN reported. [CNN, 2/04/14]

**ALTERNATE: Voted for Saving $16 Billion and Providing Certainty to Farmers by Authorizing Farm Bill**

In 2014, Walberg voted for final passage of a five-year farm bill. The bill had previously been stalled for more than two years.

The bill would save $16.6 billion over 10 years through savings in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, income caps on farm subsidies, and eliminating direct payments to farmers. [New York Times, 1/29/14]

The American Farm Bureau praised the bill, stating it “will enhance rural economies with additional jobs, invest in research and education and include reform that works for farm and ranch families.” [American Farm Bureau, 2/07/14]
The bill passed 251-166. [HR 2642, Vote #31, 1/29/14]

**Voted For the 2013 Farm Bill**

In 2013, Walberg voted for the final version of the Farm Bill, which would authorize $939 billion in funding for federal farm and food assistance programs through FY 2018.

The bill, as amended, would allow states to drug test applicants for food stamps and would require recipients to meet work requirements, mandating employment or job training. In addition, the bill would eliminate subsidies for farmers and would direct the funds instead to crop insurance programs. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/20/13]

According to the New York Times, “The House bill would have cut projected spending in farm and nutrition programs by nearly $40 billion over the next 10 years. Just over half, $20.5 billion, would come from cuts to the food stamp program, known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.” [New York Times, 6/21/13]

The bill failed 195-234. [H.R. 1947, Vote #286, 6/20/13]

**Voted to Kill the Farm Bill with “Poison Pill”**

In June 2013, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Farm Bill that would let states launch pilot programs requiring that food stamp recipients work or show they are looking for work. The amendment was largely blamed for the failure of the underlying bill.

Time Magazine wrote, “The Southerland amendment was approved in a near-party-line vote, 227 to 198. Only one Democrat went for the amendment, and only six Republicans went against. It was a partisan poison pill, the last amendment of the day. And it was enough to kill the measure.” [Time Magazine, 6/21/13]

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities called the provision “harsh” and unprecedented.” CBPP reported that the amendment “could deny benefits to large numbers of low-income people who want to work but cannot find a job, and it would incentivize states to cut such people off by giving them large amounts of new federal funding- to spend on whatever they choose- if they use the Southerland provision to cut their SNAP caseloads.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 7/09/13]

The amendment passed, 227-198. [HR 1947, Vote #248, 6/20/13]

**Voted Against Capping Farm Program Commodity Payments at $250,000 Per Year Per Farm**

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment that would reduce farm program payment limits, capping commodity payments at $250,000 per year for any one farm. It also would clarify who can receive such payments. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 230-194. [HR 1947, Vote #282, 6/20/13]

**Voted to Split Farm Bill for First Time in 30 Years**

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In July 2013, Walberg voted for a farm bill that would authorize $196 billion for federal farm programs through FY 2018. House Republicans removed funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from the farm bill for the first time since 1973, a split that “effectively ended the decades-old political marriage between urban interests concerned about nutrition and rural areas who depend on farm subsidies.”

The bill would repeal direct payments to farmers and replace them with new risk management programs. The bill would also repeal portions of the “permanent law,” laws from 1938 and 1949 that set agricultural support levels in the case of a farm bill expiration, and replace them with a provision making the bill’s commodity title the new permanent law. The bill would reduce agricultural spending by $12.9 billion over ten years.

The bill passed, 216-208. [HR 2642, Vote #353, 7/11/13; CQ House Action Reports, HR 2642, 7/10/13; New York Times, 7/11/13]

More than 532 Agricultural Organizations Said Removing Food Stamps Could Jeopardize Farm Bill

In July 2013, more than 532 farm organizations urged House Republican leaders against splitting the nutrition title, or food stamp funding, from the farm bill and warned that a split could jeopardize the farm bill as a whole.

“Farm bills represent a delicate balance between America’s farm, nutrition, conservation, and other priorities, and accordingly require strong bipartisan support,” wrote the groups. “We believe that splitting the nutrition title from the rest of the bill could result in neither farm nor nutrition programs passing, and urge you to move a unified farm bill forward.” [Farm Groups Letter to Speaker Boehner, 7/02/13]

Farm Groups Warned Repeal of Permanent Law Removed Incentive for Congress to Pass Farm Bill

Farm groups warned that without permanent law, “there would be no incentive for Congress to pass a farm bill on time.” [New York Times, 7/11/13]

The National Farmers Union wrote that the repeal of permanent law “eliminated much of the incentive for farm bill reauthorization since there would be no consequences for failing to pass a new farm bill or extend existing legislation.” [National Farmers Union blog, 7/11/13]

Nutrition Assistance Program Lifted 4.7 Million Americans Out of Poverty in 2011

According to the Center for American Progress, “Similarly, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program lifted 4.7 million people out of poverty in 2011. Without it, the child poverty rate would have been 2.9 percentage points higher.” [Center for American Progress, 11/14/12]

Nutrition Assistance Covers More Than 47 Million People, Half Are Children
According to CNN, “Republicans pledged a vote at a later time on legislation focused on nutrition and the food stamp program, which is the largest domestic safety net against hunger. Food stamps cover more than 47 million people, nearly half children, according to the Agriculture Department.” [CNN, 7/12/13]

**Opposed On-Site Food Safety Audits**

In 2013, Walberg voted against directing the Agriculture secretary to conduct annual on-site audits of the food regulatory system of countries eligible to export meat, poultry and egg products to the United States. It also would allow the Agriculture secretary to transfer department funds to the Food Safety and Inspection Service to respond to a food safety emergency.

The amendment failed 198-226. [HR 2642, Vote #352, 7/11/13]

**Voted to Reform Sugar Subsidy Program**

In 2013, Walberg voted for an amendment that would direct the Agriculture secretary to lower loan rates for domestic sugar cane producers to 18 cents per pound for raw cane sugar for each crop year 2014 through 2018. It would require the Agriculture secretary to revise trade tariffs to lower the sugar stocks-to-use ratio to 15.5 percent. The department would be required to administer marketing allotments to ensure sugar supplies, be authorized to suspend or modify any marketing allotment provision and exercise discretion in administering the import quota to provide for adequate sugar supplies at "reasonable prices." It also would repeal the sugar-to-ethanol program.

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 206-221. [HR 1947, Vote #281, 6/20/13]

**Frustrated By Fiscal Crises Distracting from Farm Bill**

In 2013, Walberg told the audience at a forum hosted by the Monroe County Farm Bureau that he was frustrated by the numerous fiscal crises in Congress that were distracting from passing a new farm bill.

“But it’s frustrating because there are other crises that keep us off topic. We’re living from crisis to crisis and from cliff to cliff ... It’s difficult to deal with.” Walberg said. [Monroe Evening News, 3/05/13]

**2008: Voted for Veto Override of Farm Bill Reauthorization**

In 2008, Walberg voted for an attempt to override President Bush’s veto of the Farm bill.

Among other benefits, the bill authorized a $10 billion increase for nutrition programs, cut direct payment subsidies overall by $313 million, and authorized $1.3 billion to enroll new acreage in the Wetlands Reserve Program and reduce the Conservation Reserve Program to 32 million acres.

The legislation made historic new investments in food, farm and conservation programs and was supported by a broad, bipartisan coalition. The House Agriculture Committee heralded the passage, saying “while no one got everything they wanted in this Farm Bill, we struck a balance that meets the pressing needs of working American families struggling with high food prices and that supports
America’s farmers and ranchers as they continue to provide a safe, abundant, homegrown supply of food and fiber while protecting our natural resources and developing new sources of renewable energy.”
[House Agriculture Committee Release, 5/22/08]

In his message to Congress, President Bush defended his decision to veto the bill saying that among his concerns were that it contained a wide range of objectionable provisions, including a limitation on the ability of the U.S. to redirect food aid dollars for emergency use. Some provisions in the bill also raised serious constitutional concerns for the President. [White House Release, 5/21/08]

The bill was passed, the objections of the President not withstanding. [HR 2419, Vote #346, 5/21/08]

“This bill will assist Michigan’s family farmers and help the agriculture sector, one of the few bright spots in Michigan’s struggling economy,” Walberg said. [Detroit News, 5/15/08]

**Supported Final Passage of Farm Bill Reauthorization**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would reauthorize the federal farm and nutrition programs for five years.

The bill replaced a previously passed version (HR 2419) which only contained 14 of the bill’s 15 titles due to an enrollment error. The original legislation had omitted the section on trade. [CQ Today, 5/22/08]

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President Bush threatened to veto the legislation to sharply limit government subsidies to farmers at a time of near-record commodity prices and soaring global demand for grain. Critics of the bill countered that it lacked needed reform. [New York Times, 5/15/08]

The bill passed 306-110. [HR 6124, Vote #353, 5/22/08]

**Said “Absolutely Unfair” for White House To Portray Farm Bill as Tax Increase**

In 2008, in response to President Bush’s veto of the Farm Bill, said that it was “absolutely unfair” for the White House to portray the farm bill as a tax increase. Walberg opposed an earlier version of the bill because it contained a tax hike, but said the bill passed was an improvement.

“If there was a tax increase in this bill, there’s no doubt in my mind I would not be supporting the override (of the veto),” Walberg said. “There’s no tax increase.” [Associated Press, 5/22/08]
Opposed Earlier Version of Bill Because of Tax Increase

In 2007, Walberg voted against an early version of the 2007 Farm Bill, because it included a tax increase on manufacturers. [Detroit News, 5/15/08]

Supported Original Legislation to Reauthorize of Farm Bill

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The conference report passed, 318-106. [HR 2419, Vote #315, 5/14/08]

Voted to Delay Farm Bill

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to instruct House conferees to use the most recent baseline estimates supplied by the Congressional Budget Office when evaluating the costs of the bill’s provisions to determine if it complies with House pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) rules.

Republicans argued that Democrats were bending their own pay-go rules by using a different standard of budget baseline measurement. Rep. Ryan (R-WI) contended that economic conditions had changed since 2007 and that it would be inaccurate to use an estimate that was over a year old. Ryan also expressed concern that by using the 2007 baseline, there was an opportunity to “hide billions and billions of dollars in new spending.” [Statement by Rep. Ryan, H2993, 5/01/08]

Democrats disputed these claims, noting that the Agriculture Committee had worked on the Farm bill for 17 months and that an effort to change the baseline after the bicameral conference would only serve to delay the important legislation further. [Statement by Rep. Pomeroy, H2994, 5/01/08]

The motion was rejected, 172-241. [HR 2419, Vote #247, 5/06/08]

2008: Voted Against Initial Farm Bill Reauthorization

In July 2007, Walberg voted against a bill reauthorizing the Farm Bill of 2002. The bill was a five-year agricultural spending plan that provides for commodity programs, conservation, food aid, rural development, and other related programs.
The bill passed 231-191. [HR 2419, Vote #756, 7/27/07]

Cited Closure of Tax Loophole as Reason for Opposition to Bill

Walberg said that he voted against the farm bill – which would provide much-needed funding to his largely agricultural district – because he claimed it contained a 600 percent tax increase on US subsidiary manufacturers (foreign corporations with US subsidiaries).

Those manufacturers help supply jobs to 201,000 Michiganders, Walberg said, and include businesses such as Nestle and Case Farm.

“When you put on a 600 percent tax increase on any company in Michigan, something’s going to happen,” Walberg said.

While Republicans say the provision a tax hike, Democrats said at the time of House approval they were closing a loophole and cracking down on foreign tax-dodgers. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/24/07]

Walberg: “Democrats Want to Punish Manufacturers”

In a press release also posted on conservative website TownHall.com, Walberg claimed that Democrats included the tax increase as a way to punish manufacturers. He said that subsidiary manufacturers are a large part of the Michigan economy, which already was in bad shape.

From Walberg’s release:

Democrats want to punish manufacturers who employ 5.1 million American workers and pay $325 billion in wages to American workers… As a representative in a state and district where the agriculture and manufacturing industries account for a larger share of employment on average than in the rest of the nation, this is a double slap in the face. Not only do I feel like the months I spent canvassing my district meeting with farmers and members of the agriculture community were for naught, I am also deeply worried about the impact of this proposed tax hike on south-central Michigan. In the Wolverine state, U.S. subsidiaries play a vital role in supporting jobs and employ 201,000 Michiganders. [Representative Walberg press release, 7/26/07]

Voted In Favor of Bill in Committee, But Against It on House Floor

As a member of the Agriculture Committee, Walberg was involved in the committee markup of HR 2419. On a voice vote, he voted in favor of forwarding the bill as amended to the House floor.

Only eight days later, he voted against the bill when it came up for a vote on the floor. [HR 2419, Vote #756, 7/27/07]

Played Key Role in Overturning Rule Limiting Youth Farm Work
In 2012, the Department of Labor withdrew a rule that would have limited young people’s ability to work on their family’s farm.

The Michigan Farm Bureau said that Walberg played a key role in their fight against the rule.

“The proposed Youth Ag Rule would have done irreparable harm to farmers in Michigan and I am pleased that the Department of Labor came to its senses and realized the need to protect the rural way of life,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 5/07/12]

**Said Government Clearly “Overstepped Their Bounds”**

In 2012, Walberg opposed a Department of Labor proposal to restrict the types of activities young people can participate in on farms, saying it was “clear they’ve overstepped their boundaries.”

Walberg wrote:

> Farmers, parents and young people all depend on these jobs to keep the industry going. While farmers and parents need the help, kids rely on these jobs to pay for college. There are often fewer job opportunities in rural areas and if we impose more rules about what jobs young people can take, what have we gained? [Walberg opinion, Coldwater Daily Reporter, 2/13/12]

**Voted Against Rural Business Opportunity Grants**

In 2013, Walberg voted against funding for rural business opportunity grants, forest fire suppression, and water assistance programs.

The motion would have added an amendment to the Farm Bill to authorize $20 million per year for rural business opportunity grants from FY 2014 to 2018.

The amendment also provided funding for fire suppression equipment and personnel to prevent forest fires, increased funding for water, waste disposal and wastewater facility grants by $10 million per year, and extended funding for an emergency and imminent community water assistance program. [CQ Votes]

The motion failed 188-232. [HR 1947, Vote #285, 6/20/13]

**Voted for an Amendment that Would Strike Dairy Protection from the Farm Bill**

In 2013, Walberg voted for an amendment that would strike the dairy market stabilization program and the dairy producer margin protections program in the Farm Bill.

With the amendment, farmers would have the option to enroll annually in a new insurance program at margin levels between $4 and $8 at increments of 50 cents. Support payments would be triggered when margins fall below the selected price, and coverage would be available for between 25 percent and 80 percent of a farmer's historic dairy production. [CQ Votes, 6/20/13]
The dairy proposal, which was amended in Boehner’s favor, was one of the most controversial of the bill.” [Grand Forks Herald, 6/20/13]

The bill passed, 291-135. [HR 1947, Vote #278, 6/20/13]

Voted For Overriding State Laws And Establishing A Voluntary National Genetically Engineered Certification Program

Voted For Overriding State Laws Requiring GMO Labeling And Establishing A Voluntary National Genetically Engineered Certification Program. In July 2015, Walberg voted for the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015, which would “require the Agriculture Department to establish a voluntary national genetically engineered (GE) food certification program under which food producers could label their product as including or not including genetically modified ingredients. The program created under the bill would pre-empt related state and local laws and prohibits mandatory labeling of GE or non-GE food.” The bill passed 275-150. [HR 1599, Vote #462, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

Headline: The Hill: “House passes bill blocking states from requiring GMO labels on food.”
“The House on Thursday passed hotly contested legislation that would keep states from issuing mandatory labeling laws for foods that contain genetically modified organisms, often called GMOs. The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015, which passed 275-150, would instead create a federal standard for the voluntary labeling of foods with GMO ingredients… Opponents have pushed back against the legislation, saying it will keep consumers from knowing what’s in their food and stop FDA from crafting a national GMO-labeling solution.” [The Hill, 7/23/15]

Voted For Repealing County Of Origin Labeling Requirements On Meat

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Voted Against Requiring GMO Labeling For Companies Requiring Labels In Foreign Countries

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engineered plants.” The amendment was rejected 163-262. [HR 1599, Vote #461, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

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“It’s obvious that the EPA has gone beyond protecting the environment with its rules and regulations - to hurting the farming community… Farmers should be spending their time planting seeds, raising livestock and harvesting crops - not filling out paperwork or paying fines for mud puddles in their backyard,” Walberg said. [Walberg op-ed, Adrian Daily Telegram, 4/24/13]

Voted to Make it Harder to Obtain Food Stamps and Cut $31 Billion from the Program

In June 2013, Walberg voted to cut $31 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and block grant spending to the states.

The bill would have rolled back the state exemption option and made it mandatory for each state to adopt stiffer work requirements to receive food aid. [Kansas Health Institute, 7/08/13]

The amendment failed 175-250. [HR 1947, Vote #283, 6/20/13]

Voted for $40 Billion in Cuts to Nutrition Program, Cutting 2.1 Million Families And Seniors From Food Stamps

In September 2013, Walberg voted for $40 billion in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
According to the New York Times, “The bill would cut $40 billion from the food stamp program over the next 10 years. […] According to the Congressional Budget Office, nearly four million people would be removed from the food stamp program under the House bill. A Census Bureau report released on Tuesday found that the food stamp program had kept about four million people above the poverty level and had prevented millions more from sinking further into poverty.” [New York Times, 9/19/13]

The bill would kick about 3.8 million out of the program in 2014, including 1.7 million unemployed, childless adults aged 18-50. [Washington Post, 9/19/13]

**Bill Would Have Cut 2.1 Million Families And Seniors From Food Stamps.** “The House GOP bill would kick about 3.8 million people off the food-stamp rolls over the course of the upcoming fiscal year that begins in October. That includes 1.7 million unemployed, childless adults aged 18-50. It also includes another 2.1 million families and seniors who have incomes just slightly above the federal food-stamp limits. (In recent years, states have been able to extend food-stamp aid to these households.) Thereafter, the House GOP bill would reduce the rolls by about 2.8 million people each year compared with current law.” [Washington Post, 9/19/13]

The bill passed 217-210. [HR 3102, Vote #476, 9/19/13]

**National Farmers Union: House Nutrition Bill a Hindrance to Passing Farm Bill**

“Separating nutrition programs from the farm bill was a mistake from the very beginning. Consideration of H.R. 3102, a politically charged bill that would hurt those in our society who most need help, unnecessarily complicates the farm bill process […] We urge members of the House to vote down this bill and work together to end the detrimental separation of nutrition programming from farm programs. Passage of H.R. 3102 will only make the already complex farm bill process more difficult.” [National Farmers Union, 8/16/13]

**Voted Against Protecting Nutrition Assistance for Pregnant Mothers, Veterans in Shutdown or Default**

In September 2013, Walberg voted against protecting nutrition assistance for pregnant mothers, veterans, seniors or people with disabilities in the event of a government shutdown or default on our debt.

The amendment failed 193-230. [HR 3102, Vote #475, 9/19/13]

**Opposed Restoring $20.5 Billion in Food Stamp Cuts**

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment to restore $20.5 billion in Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP) funding to the House Farm Bill by offsetting the Farm Risk Management Election Program and the Supplemental Coverage Option.

According to MSNBC, “The $20.5 billion in cuts within the House bill amount to roughly $2 billion per year. If those cuts went through, nearly two million people could lose food stamp eligibility, and some 210,000 children could lose eligibility for free school meals.” [MSNBC, 6/20/13]
The amendment, proposed by Rep. Jim McGovern, failed 188-234. [HR 1947, Vote #256, 6/19/13]

**Voted to Eliminate an Initiative to Provide Healthy Food for Low-Income Communities**

In 2013, Walberg voted for an amendment that would eliminate the Health Food Financing Initiative that provided access to healthy food in low-income communities.

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition said the amendment “attacked” healthy food access. [CQ Quarterly, 6/20/13, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, 6/20/13]

The amendment failed to pass 194-232. [HR 1947, Vote #267, 6/20/13]

**Voted for “Soviet-Style” Law, According to Heritage Action, to Protect Dairy Farmers**

In June 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment that would repeal the permanent price support authority for dairy farmers, called the “permanent law.” The amendment would prevent the suspended 1949 law from becoming reactivated for dairy farmers should Congress not pass a Farm Bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/19/13; Congress.gov, accessed 7/11/13]

Conservative group Heritage Action supported ending the permanent law completely in the farm bill, calling the provisions, “Depression-era, Soviet-style laws so often used as a means of coercing lawmakers into authorizing bad legislation.” [Heritage Action, 5/23/13]

The amendment failed 112-309. [HR 1947, Vote #258, 6/19/13]

**Voted for Massive Cuts to the Department of Agriculture**

In 2011, Walberg voted to cut the budget of the Department of Agriculture and programs funded through the USDA including food safety and nutrition programs.

The bill cut more than $2.7 billion out of the discretionary budget of the Department of Agriculture, including $832 million from the Women, Infants & Children Nutrition (WIC) Program. The FDA’s food safety program was cut by $87 million compared to what it was receiving in Fiscal Year 2011 or $205 million less than the President’s request. In addition, another $35 million was cut from the USDA’s food safety and inspection service.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which is supposed to stabilize commodity prices by regulating commodity speculation, was also cut by $30 million. [The Hill, 6/16/11; Washington Post, 6/17/11]

The bill passed 217-203. [HR 2112, Vote #459, 6/16/11]

Walberg even voted against a motion to increase funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission with that funding going to regulate excessive speculation.
The motion failed 185-233. [HR 2112, Vote #458, 6/16/11]

**Endorsed by Michigan Farm Bureau**

In 2008, Walberg was named a “friend of agriculture” by the Michigan Farm Bureau’s political action committee, AgriPAC. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/09/08]

Walberg was also endorsed by the Michigan Farm Bureau in 2010 and 2012. [AgriPAC press release, 9/17/10; Coldwater Daily Reporter, 10/02/12]

**Toured Local Farms With Extreme Representative Steve King**

In 2011, Walberg brought Representative Steve King along to talk with local farmers about agriculture legislation. [Hillsdale Daily News, 5/10/11]

**Opposed Tax Credits for Forestry Conservation Bond Program**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to instruct conferees on the Farm bill to reject section 12808 of the Senate-passed bill, which would create a qualified tax credit forestry conservation bond program.

The motion was introduced by Rep. Cantor (R-VA) who objected specifically to a $200 million earmark included in the Senate-passed bill (Section 12808) creating a tax credit bond program that seemed to benefit one landowner: Montana timber giant Plum Creek. Cantor called the provision the “bridge to nowhere” of the farm bill. [Statement by Rep. Cantor, H3178, 5/07/08]

Rep. Pomeroy (D-ND) opposed the motion, saying the section in question provided a new category of tax credit bonds and established a national program allowing the issuance of $500 million in tax-exempt timber conservation bonds that would go to numerous holders of qualified forestry conservation bonds. [Statement by Rep. Pomeroy, H3178, 5/07/08]

The motion was rejected, 169-222. [HR 2419, Vote #305, 5/08/08]

**Opposed $3.7 Billion in Agriculture Disaster Relief**

In 2007, Walberg voted against giving $3.7 billion in agriculture disaster relief. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-3, 3/20/07]

The bill passed 218 - 212 [HR 1591, Vote # 186, 3/23/07]

**Voted to Cut Grants for Rural Economic Development Program**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill that would reduce funding by $6.3 million for the Rural Community Advancement Program, which provides rural development direct loans, loan guarantees and grants.
The Rural Community Advancement Program assists small communities with low per capita incomes develop strategies to spur economic development.

The program provides financial and technical assistance, as well as priority for many federal and state programs. [Rural Community Advancement Program]

The amendment was defeated 90-337. [HR 3161, Vote #804, 8/02/07]

NOTE: State-by-state program success stories which demonstrate the value of this program can be found at this site: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SS_Home.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SS_Home.html)

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Congressman Colin Peterson (D-MN), the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, opposed the amendment, claiming that it would undermine the safety net for farmers, and would weaken farm conservation efforts. [Congressman Colin Peterson, Congressional Record, 7/27/07; Page H8770]

Meanwhile, Congressman Tim Mahoney (D-FL) supported the amendment, saying that it would provide “real farmers, not millionaires, access to critical conservation programs.” [Congressman Tim Mahoney, Congressional Record, 7/27/07; Page H8770]

The amendment was defeated 175-252. [HR 2419, Vote #753, 7/27/07]

**Opposed Emergency Funding for Farmers**

In 2007, Walberg voted against emergency appropriations legislation to provide $4.5 billion for agriculture disaster assistance, including crop and livestock disaster payments.

The bill provided $1.8 billion in crop disaster assistance and $1.5 billion in livestock assistance, and appropriated $500 million for wildfire management and suppression with $400 million for the Forest Service and $100 million for the Bureau of Land Management.

The bill also provided $425 million for the secure rural schools program. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07; CQ House Action Reports, 5/10/07]

The bill passed 302-120. [HR 2207, Vote #336, 5/10/07]

**Voted for Funding for Relief for America’s Farmers**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an emergency appropriations bill that included $3 billion for agriculture disaster relief.

The measure appropriated $22.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending, including $7.7 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, $3.1 billion for military base closure expenses, $1.8 billion for veterans’ medical care, $650 million for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, $2.9 billion for hurricane relief and $1.1 billion for anti-terrorism homeland security activities.

The measure also included a provision to raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years. To help small businesses with the costs of raising the minimum wage, the measure provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

The measure passed 348-73. [HR 2206, Vote #424, 5/24/07]

**Supported Country-of-Origin Labeling**

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Farm Bill ensures that consumers will be able to know where the foods they feed their families come from. Specifically, country-of-origin labeling will be provided for fruits, vegetables and peanuts. [Rep. Salazar Release, 5/14/08]

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**1998: Voted Against $9 Million Michigan Agriculture Budget**

In 1998, Walberg voted against the state agriculture budget, which increased the general fund by $8.99 million over the previous year.

The House budget included $285,000 above Governor Engler’s recommendations in food safety funds, which would hire five new inspectors.

The budget also included $1 million more than Governor Engler’s proposal in increases for Project Green, which provided grants for research and extension programs to address economic and environmental problems facing Michigan agriculture.

“Putting money into research to improve our farming techniques will help keep our economy strong and aid future generations for Michigan farmers when they take over the land,” Republican vice chair of the House Agriculture Committee Mike Green said.

The bill passed 86-18. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/05/98; HB 5588, Roll Call #327, HJ 41, 5/05/98]

**Criticized Efforts By Occupational Safety And Health Administration To Issue “Guidance Measures” To Farms With 10 Or Fewer Employees**

Criticized Efforts By Occupational Safety And Health Administration To Issue “Guidance Measures” To Farms With 10 Or Fewer Employees. “A House Republican on Tuesday accused the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of skirting Congress to regulate family farms. ‘Time and again, the administration has made end-runs around Congress and the American people to serve its own political interests,’ Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) said during a hearing of the Education and the Workforce subcommittee on Workforce Protections, which he led as chairman. Since the 1970s, Congress has prohibited OSHA from enforcement actions at farms with 10 or fewer employees. But in recent months Republicans said OSHA has maneuvered around these rules by claiming jurisdiction over the nonfarming operations of farms, such as grain storage. OSHA has also been issuing ‘guidance’ measures, which are a step down from regulations but have not been vetted by the public in the same way.” [The Hill, 2/05/14]

**Walberg’s Effort Supported By American Farm Bureau**
**Walberg’s Effort Supported By American Farm Bureau.** “The following information was released by the American Farm Bureau Federation: The Department of Labor’s decision to withdraw enforcement of the Occupational Safety and Health Administrations small farm grain bin guidance is a positive step forward for agriculture. The American Farm Bureau Federation is optimistic that this action will result in OSHA’s compliance with the small farm exemption as required by law. … Farm Bureau appreciates the efforts on this issue by the House Education and Workforce Committee, including Worker Protections Subcommittee Chairman Tim Walberg (R-Mich).” [American Farm Bureau Federation, 2/12/14]

**Voted to Limit Designation of National Monuments**

In March 2014, Walberg voted for a bill that would “severely curtail the presidents’ ability to designate national monuments.”

The bill would amend the 1906 Antiquities Act by limiting a president to designating one national monument per state during a four-year term. It would allow presidents to make a three-year emergency designation of 5,000 acres or less as national monument, but would require Congress to approve it following the three-year period. [Post-Intelligencer, 3/26/14]

The bill passed, 222-201. [HR 1459, Vote #147, 3/26/14]


**Introduced Great Lakes Assurance Program Verification Act Along With Republican Michigan Rep. Candice Miller.** “U.S. Representative Candice Miller (MI-10) issued the following statement after joining Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-7) in Monroe, MI to announce the introduction of the Great Lakes Assurance Program Verification Act, legislation that provides federal assistance to Great Lakes states that administer a state-developed voluntary assurance program to assist farms and agricultural producers with conservation efforts.” [Tim Walberg Press Release via States News Service, 7/21/15]

**Modeled Legislation After The Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program Which Helped Farmers Prevent Or Minimize Agricultural Pollution Risks.** “Two legislators hope to rally support to protect the Great Lakes and other waterways. On Tuesday, U.S. Reps. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, and Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, announced the Great Lakes Assurance Program Verification Act at Darling Farms. The legislation, created by Rep. Miller, builds off the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Pro-gram (MAEAP). It encourages states throughout the Great Lakes Basin to develop voluntary agricultural as-surance programs to promote conservation and minimize agricultural pollution risks. Among such risks are the algae blooms on Lake Erie and the toxin microcystin that shut down Toledo's water supply last summer.” [Monroe Evening News, 7/22/15]
Arts and Quality of Life Issues

**Significant Findings**

- **Said National Endowment for the Arts funded exhibits which “promote pornography”**
- **Voted to ban funding for NPR**
- **Voted to cut funds for NEA**

Walberg has been a consistent opponent of funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, and also voted to ban federal funding for National Public Radio.

**Said National Endowment For The Arts Funded Exhibits “Promote Pornography”**

*Said National Endowment For The Arts Funded Exhibits “Promote Pornography.”* “Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Chairman, tonight I am offering an amendment that would reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts to fiscal year 2006 levels. … But suffice it to say that in recent years the NEA has funded exhibits that disparage religion, promote pornography, and support Presidential campaigns. That is not supported by the general taxpayer and should not be.” [Congressional Record, 7/27/11]

**Introduced Amendment To Cut Funding For National Endowment For Arts To 2006 Levels**

*Introduced Amendment To Cut Funding For National Endowment For Arts To 2006 Levels.* “Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Chairman, tonight I am offering an amendment that would reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts to fiscal year 2006 levels. In February, during the consideration of H.R. 1, I offered a similar amendment to cut NEA funding, which the House adopted. The underlying bill funds the National Endowment for the Arts at $135 million which is a $19.7 million reduction from last year's level. … My amendment would take funding levels back to fiscal year 2006 levels at $124.4 million. If accepted, this cut returns $10.6 million to the spending reduction account.” [Congressional Record, 7/27/11]

**Voted to Ban Federal Funding for National Public Radio**

In 2011, Walberg voted to prohibit federal funds from being used to buy or create National Public Radio content for radio stations and would keep federal funds from going to National Public Radio.

The bill would prohibit direct funding of NPR, forbid local stations from using federal grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to pay membership dues to NPR, and forbid local stations from using federal funds to pay for programs whether they were produced by NPR or another organization. [Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 3/18/11; CQ Floor Votes, 3/17/11]
The bill passed, 228-192. [HR 1076, Vote #192, 3/17/11]

**Introduced Amendment to Decrease Funds for NEA**

In 2011, Walberg introduced an amendment to decrease funding for the NEA by $20.6 million.


**Said NEA Cuts Would Refocus and Define Their Priorities**

In 2011, Walberg explained his amendment to make a $20.6 million cut to the National Endowment for the Arts. The measure would reduce funding to 2006 levels.

“We are asking them to only fund their true priorities, priorities approved by the majority of taxpaying citizens, of sponsors and of patrons of the arts. Limiting resources sometimes refocuses and defines that focus,” Walberg said. [Walberg Floor Remarks on Walberg Amendment to HR 1, 2/16/11]

**Voted to Bar Funds for the National Endowment for the Arts**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to bar the use of funds in the bill for the National Endowment for the Arts. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/27/07]

The amendment failed 97 – 335. [HR 2643, Vote #575, 6/27/07]

**Twice Voted to Cut $32 Million in National Endowment for the Arts Grants**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to reduce funding in the bill for grants through the National Endowment for the Arts by $32 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/27/07]

The amendment was defeated 137-285. [HR 2643, Vote #564, 6/26/07]

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to increase funding for the Agriculture Department’s forest and rangeland research by $13 million.

The amendment was offset by cutting funds for the National Endowment for the Arts by $32 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 156-270. [HR 2643, Vote #554, 6/26/07]

**Opposed Amendment to Eliminate Funding for PBS**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Education, Labor and Health and Human Services to eliminate funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]
The amendment was defeated 72-357. [HR 3043, Vote #662, 7/18/07]
Auto Industry Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Missed vote on auto rescue because of surgery – said he would have supported measure but later would not give a clear answer

✓ Opposed Cash for Clunkers

✓ Did not know number of auto workers in the 7th District when asked

✓ “Ducked” question as to whether he would have supported auto bailout, which “drew chuckles from the crowd”

It is clear that the auto industry is not a priority for Walberg, since he could not name how many auto workers were employed in the 7th District. Walberg missed the vote on the auto rescue in December of 2008 because of a previously scheduled surgery, but told reporters he would have reluctantly supported the measure had he been there. However, in 2010, Walberg refused to respond directly when asked if he would have supported the rescue. Walberg said he wouldn’t have voted for Cash for Clunkers, and opposed increased fuel efficiency standards.

In 2010, while at a debate, Walberg was asked by a moderator whether he would have supported the bail out of the auto industry. He “ducked” the question, which “drew chuckles from the crowd.”

2007: Unable to Give Number of Auto Employees Working in 7th District

In 2007, Walberg was criticized by the AFL-CIO for his inability to give the number of auto employees in the 7th congressional district. Walberg told a C-SPAN reporter he “couldn’t give you an exact number” of auto employees in the 7th District, adding the best way to help the ailing Big Three is to cut taxes.

“He should be ashamed of himself for not knowing that or having a general idea,” said Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney.

There are 28,000 unionized auto and steel employees alone in the seven-county area, the AFL-CIO reported. Hundreds have been laid off in recent years, including 400 in 2006 at TRW Automotive in Jackson and 170 slated to be pink-slipped in summer 2007 at Edscha AG.

“Representative Walberg believes in relieving the tax and regulatory burden so the auto industry can succeed,” Walberg chief of staff Joe Wicks said, adding that Walberg is a big supporter of the Big 3 automakers. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 1/10/07]
2008: Missed Vote on Auto Rescue Because of Surgery

In 2008, Walberg missed the vote on the auto industry rescue because he was receiving from surgery.

Walberg said he planned the procedure long before to coincide with a time when Congress was traditionally on recess. [Ann Arbor News, 12/17/08]

Said He Would Have Reluctantly Supported Auto Rescue

Walberg told reporters that he reluctantly would have supported the bailout of the auto industry.

“This is only a stop-gap for the inevitable, which is the decline of the domestic automakers unless we can get competitive and rescind aggressive environmental standards and other regulations that our automakers can’t attain,” Walberg said. [Ann Arbor News, 12/17/08]

Signed Letter Urging President Bush to Save Auto Industry

In 2008, Walberg, along with the rest of the Michigan Congressional delegation, signed a letter asking President Bush to provide an emergency loan to domestic automakers. [Representative Kildee press release, 12/12/08]

Signed Letter to Secretary Paulson to Provide Emergency Assistance To Auto Industry

In 2008, Walberg, along with the rest of the Michigan Congressional delegation, signed a letter asking Treasury Secretary Paulsen to use authority under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act or other statutes to provide emergency assistance to domestic automakers. [Representative Levin press release, 11/10/08]

Said Lawmakers Had Obligation to Auto Industry

In 2008, Walberg said that in conversation with other Republicans reluctant to support loans for the auto industry, he emphasized that their need stemmed from government imposed fuel economy standards.

“I think we really do have an obligation,” Walberg said. [Detroit News, 8/23/08]

… But Would Not Give Clear Answer On Auto Rescue in 2010

In 2010, Walberg refused to answer a question at a town hall meeting on whether he would have voted for the auto rescue.

“I don’t answer on conjecture, or someone could say to me, ‘Walberg, you can’t prove that either way. I don’t answer,” Walberg said.

Later, at a debate with Congressman Schauer, Walberg was asked repeatedly how he would’ve voted on the auto rescue, and refused to answer directly each time. From the debate:
SKUBICK: If the vote was up on the board for aid to GM and Chrysler –

WALBERG: We work on reality, Tim… I work on reality on what grows an economy, and that’s an economy that says let’s get out of the way and let GM, let Chrysler, let Ford, let what grows and economy – and that’s the private sector – work. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/14/10]

“Ducked” Question On Whether He Would Support Auto Bailout. “The first question was about the automotive industry bailout. Moderator and veteran political reporter Tim Skubick asked Walberg if he would have voted for it had he not been undergoing surgery that day. Schauer claims Walberg can’t make up his mind on whether he would have. Walberg ducked the question by saying he would have voted for a bill that ‘helps the economy grow.’ His answer drew chuckles from the crowd.” [Lansing City Pulse, 10/27/10]

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2010: Opposed Cash for Clunkers, Even If It Helped Michigan Jobs

In a 2010 interview, Walberg said that he would have voted against Cash for Clunkers, even if it helped Michigan jobs:

INTERVIEWER: Cash for Clunkers.

WALBERG: No.

INTERVIEWER: Even considering that would’ve helped Michigan jobs. Even at the expense of job… I mean it was a stupid program. It didn’t actually stimulate anything. But...

WALBERG: I wouldn’t have voted for it. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 55:55, 6/25/10]

Listed As Having Attended President Obama’s Fuel Standards Event; Did Not Attend

In 2011, President Obama announced his administration had reached an agreement with auto industry officials to raise CAFE standards to 54.5 mpg.

The White House had issued a statement listing Walberg among those at the event, but his office said the Congressman was not there. [Político, 7/29/11]

 Signed Letter Opposing Fuel Standards
In 2011, Walberg signed a letter urging the House to prohibit the EPA and California from moving forward with the Obama administration’s fuel efficiency standards.

The letter argued that the new standards would raise vehicle prices, and “regulate out of existence all new vehicles that cost less than $15,000 today.” [Detroit News, 10/21/11]

**Opposed Stronger Emission Control and Fuel Efficiency Standards**

In 2010, Walberg said he opposed stronger emission controls and fuel efficiency standards for vehicles.

“The overspending, overtaxing and overregulation coming out of Washington is failing our nation… We do not need to further expand the reach of the federal government,” Walberg said. [Associated Press, 10/18/10]

**Claimed Stricter Fuel Economy Would Aid Foreign Carmakers**

In August 2007, Walberg criticized a bill that raised fuel economy standards in the United States, calling the bill’s requirements “draconian.” The bill required that a given carmaker’s fleet of vehicles meet an average fuel economy of 35 miles-per-gallon.

Walberg argued that the bill aided foreign carmakers, because American carmakers had a higher percentage of trucks and SUVs in their product mix compared to foreign companies.

Congress should support American manufacturing and American workers, but the U.S. Senate did the exact opposite last month when it approved a draconian energy bill… Clearly, the new mandate would benefit foreign manufacturers while punishing the American automotive industry,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 8/10/07]

**Blamed Unemployment and Troubled Manufacturing on Government Growing “Too Large”**

In March 2011 on the House floor, Walberg claimed that it was big government that is to blame for the poor economy in his state.

“A state that was known for its manufacturing, its auto industry, always having jobs, high standard of living. And yet, as a result of government growing too large, too strong, too intrusive, and spending too much and taxing too much, we’ve destroyed the economy in Michigan,” Walberg said. [Walberg Floor Remarks, 3/02/11]

**Voted Against Cutting Funding to Produce Energy-Efficient Cars**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a short-term appropriations bill which cut $1.5 billion from the Department of Energy’s Advance Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

The continuing resolution would fund the federal government through November 18, 2011. The legislation would cut $1.5 billion from the Department of Energy’s Advanced Technology Vehicles
Manufacturing Loan program while providing $3.65 billion for disaster assistance. [HR 2608, Vote #719, 9/21/11]

**Vehicle Manufacturing Program Was Bush-Era Program, Supported Thousands of Jobs**

The Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing program was signed into law and first funded under President George W. Bush.

According to the Center for American Progress, cutting the program would “compound economic harm by hurting American manufacturing plants and eradicating tens of thousands of jobs as companies retool to build more efficient vehicles for the future.” [Center for American Progress, 9/15/11]
Banking and Financial Services Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Voted to protect corporate “golden parachutes”
- Voted to expand loopholes, exemptions in Wall Street Reform bill
- Voted against protecting consumers from predatory lending, financial fraud
- Voted for bill drafted by Citigroup lobbyists which would repeal a provision of Wall-Street reform dealing with derivative trading, which was considered a “major culprit” of the 2008 financial crisis
- Voted for bill partially delaying rule to ban banks from speculating in securities markets with taxpayer money
- Voted for bill delaying rule “intended to limit risky investments by banks”
- Voted against a motion to prohibit individuals and entities assisting terrorist groups from receiving the benefits of a Republican Wall Street bill
- Voted against a motion to prohibit individuals or companies convicted of predatory lending from serving on Consumer Financial Protection Boards
- Voted against legislation to allow shareholders of public companies to vote on company’s executive compensation plans
- Voted for bill preventing Department of Labor from issuing rules describing when a financial advisor had to work in their clients’ best interests
- Voted to limit funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- 2015: Voted for weakening federal oversight of American financial institutions trading overseas
- 2015: Voted for blocking consideration on a vote to re-authorize a long-term transportation bill and to crack down on corporations that avoid taxes by moving overseas
- Voted against bill to reform credit card billing practices; Bill sought to outlaw
Walberg opposed the 2008 Wall Street bailout, calling the bill a threat to our freedom. But make no mistake – Walberg is a friend to corporate interests. He voted to protect corporate “golden parachutes.” He voted to expand loopholes and exemptions in the Wall Street Reform bill, and voted against protecting consumers from predatory lending and financial fraud.

In 2015, Walberg voted for a bill which included a provision which partially delayed a rule to ban banks from “speculating in securities markets with taxpayer money.” Additionally, he voted for a bill delaying a rule “intended to limit risky investments by banks.” In the same year, he voted against a motion to prohibit individuals and entities assisting terrorist groups from receiving the benefits of a Republican Wall Street bill.

Additionally in 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration on a vote to re-authorize a long-term transportation bill and to crack down on corporations that avoid taxes by moving overseas. Furthermore, he voted for weakening federal oversight of American financial institutions trading overseas.

In 2007, as Michigan struggled with the housing market crash, Walberg voted against legislation designed to restrict predatory lending, saying the measure was “a political move.” In 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to ban individuals or companies convicted of predatory lending or fraud against veterans or service members from serving on Consumer Financial Protection Bureau boards. Furthermore, he voted against an amendment to “require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to include representatives of minority and women owned small business concerns as members of the Small Business Advisory Board.”

In October 2013, Walberg voted for the Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act, a bill to roll back a provision of Wall-Street reform requiring banks to separate some derivatives into separate units not backed by the government’s insurance fund. The New York Times reported that Citigroup lobbyists drafted more than 70 of the 85 lines of the bill. Finally, derivatives were considered “A main culprit in the 2008 financial crisis. In the same month, Walberg voted for a bill preventing the Department of Labor from issuing rules describing when a financial advisor must work in their clients’ best interest.

Over Career, Received $1,387,454 in Contributions From Financial Services Industry and Wall Street

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Voted for Lobbyist-Drafted Law that Would Weaken Financial Protection Rules Aimed at Preventing Another Bailout

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The New York Times reported that Citigroup lobbyists drafted more than 70 of the 85 lines of the bill. [New York Times, 10/30/13]


The AFL-CIO criticized that the bill would “effectively subsidize swaps dealing by Wall Street banks that benefit from taxpayer-backed guarantees.” [AFL-CIO, 10/30/13]

The bill passed, 292-122. [HR 992, Vote #569, 10/30/13]

Voted For Bill Preventing Department Of Labor From Issuing Rules Describing When Financial Advisor Must Work In Their Clients’ Best Interests

In October 2013, Walberg voted for the Retail Investor Protection Act, a bill preventing the Department of Labor from issuing rules under Dodd-Frank that would describe when financial advisors must work in their clients’ best interests.

The bill would prevent DOL from issuing new standards on when an advisor is considered a fiduciary, meaning they must work in their clients’ best interests, until the Securities and Exchange Committee acted in the area. [The Hill, 10/29/13]

The AFL-CIO criticized that the bill would “obstruct important protections for vulnerable investors and weaken workers’ retirement security.” [AFL-CIO, 9/27/13]

The bill passed, 254-166. [HR 2374, Vote #567, 10/29/13]

Opposed Final Financial Bailout Bill

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that gave a historic rescue to the financial industry.

The bill specifically allowed the Treasury Department to buy up to $700 billion in troubled assets, the largest government intervention in the financial market since the Great Depression. The measure was similar to a previous piece of legislation (HR 3997) but included significant restrictions on the Treasury program, including parceling out the money in installments, limiting executive compensation at
participating firms and establishing a government insurance plan for asset-backed securities, paid for by financial institutions. [CQ Today, 10/03/08]

The bill passed 263-171. [HR 1424, Vote #681, 10/03/08]

“I said Congress must not take action just to take action, and that I could not support putting future generations of Americans in debt to pay for this expensive band aid that will not solve our long-term economic problems,” Walberg said. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 10/10/08]

**Called Wall Street Bailout “A Threat To Our Freedom”**

In 2008, Walberg voted against the Wall Street bailout, and called the measure “a threat to our freedom, and our free-enterprise system.” [Detroit News, 10/20/08]

**Crisis Caused by Lack of Enforcement, Not Lack of Regulation**

In 2008, Walberg said that the Wall Street crisis was not caused by a lack of regulation.

“I don’t believe it was from a lack of regulation, it was a lack of implementing regulation. Some people were asleep at the switch,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 10/16/08]

**Said Congress Was Responsible for Situation**

In 2008, Walberg said that bad policies and lack of Congressional oversight led to the financial crisis.

“Congress must realize that it is many ways the most responsible for our current situation. Bad policies and poor oversight from Congress led to an artificial housing bubble that eventually had to burst. Congress should not make these mistakes again,” Walberg said. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 10/03/08]

**Said Bailout Bill Example of Pork Barrel Spending**

In 2008, Walberg said most of his constituents opposed the Wall Street bailout because it gave Treasury Secretary Paulson too much power and contained unnecessary spending breaks for Puerto Rican rum and wooden arrows.

“They don’t want us to have a bill like this that appears to be another example of congressional pork-barrel ing,” Walberg said. [Associated Press, 10/03/08]

**2010: Wall Street Bailout Wrongly Protected Those Who Took Wild Risks**

In 2010, Walberg said that he made the right choice in voting against the Wall Street bailout.
“The Wall Street bailout wrongly protected people and corporations that made wild risks and poor decisions with other people’s money,” Walberg said through a spokesman. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/29/10]

**Voted to Protect Corporate “Golden Parachutes”**

In March 2012, Walberg voted against an amendment to strike language from the bill protecting “golden parachutes” for corporate executives.

The amendment would strike language from the bill that would exempt emerging growth companies from required shareholder votes on executive compensation, called “say-on-pay,” and compensation for retiring executives known as “golden parachutes.” [CQ Floor Votes, 3/07/12]

The amendment was rejected 169-244. [H.R. 3606, Vote #104, 3/07/12]

**Opposed “Golden Parachute” Severance Packages for Fannie and Freddie Executives**

In 2008, Walberg and Representative Steve King introduced a bill to prevent former executives and directors of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from receiving Golden Parachute severance pay.

Earlier, Walberg voted against the federal takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, saying the government sponsored mortgage companies “represent the worst of Washington corruption.”

“Taxpayers should not reward these failed managers for their mistakes,” Walberg said. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 9/12/08]

**Opposed Allowing Shareholders to Vote on Executive Compensation**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation to allow shareholders of public companies to vote on a company’s executive compensation plans.

The bill would require publicly traded corporations to allow shareholders to cast non-binding votes beginning in 2009 on compensation packages for top executives.

It would require companies to disclose executive severance pay plans in the case of any acquisition, merger, consolidation, proposed sale or other disposition of substantially all of a company’s assets. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/20/07]

The vote would be advisory in nature, meaning, the board and the CEO of a company can ignore the will of the shareholders if they so choose. [House Financial Services Committee]

The bill passed 269-134. [HR 1257, Vote #244, 4/20/07]

**Voted to Undermine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

In 2011, Walberg voted to limit the effectiveness of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).
The bill would limit the effectiveness of the CFPB, a bureau created by the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory bill, which “has the authority to regulate financial markets in ways meant to improve consumer protection.” The CFPB, which had a single director, would instead have a five-member board. This legislation would also change the two-thirds majority vote by the Financial Stability Oversight Council to override a CFPB decision to just a simple majority. [The Hill, 7/21/11; Washington Post, 7/22/11]

The bill passed 241-173. [HR 1315, Vote #621, 7/21/11]

Voted to Undermine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

In February 2014, Walberg voted to undermine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The bill would replace the bureau’s director with a commission and subject it to the appropriations process.

The bill would also rename the bureau as the Financial Product Safety Commission and force the agency to receive permission from consumers prior to collecting non-public data. [Reuters, 2/27/14]

The bill passed, 232-182. [HR 3193, Vote #85, 2/27/14]

Even Voted Against Protecting CFPB’s Ability to Protect Service Members from Payday Lenders

In February 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would protect the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s ability to protect service members from payday lenders, enforce sanctions related to ATM or private student loan fees, or alert consumers about personal information breaches. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/14]

The motion failed, 194-223. [HR 3193, Vote #84, 2/27/14]

Voted to Expand Loopholes, Exemptions in Wall Street Reform Bill

In 2012, Walberg voted to expand loopholes and exemptions covering derivatives in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform law.

According to CQ, the bill “would exempt certain financial institutions regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) from classification as swap dealers under Dodd-Frank. The law included a similar exemption for depository institutions and supporters say the change would allow farm credit institutions that are not designated as depository institutions to offer swaps to protect customer loans from sudden interest rate fluctuations.” [CQ, 4/25/12]

The bill passed 312-111. [HR 3336, Vote #180, 4/25/12]

Voted For Consideration Of Bill Restricting Ability Of Commodity Futures Trading Administration Ability To Regulate Wall Streets’ Banks Overseas Trades
Voted For Consideration Of Bill Restricting Ability Of Commodity Futures Trading Administration Ability To Regulate Wall Streets’ Banks Overseas Trade. In June 2015, Walberg voted for the consideration of a bill reauthorizing the Commodity Futures Trading Administration. “The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to curb the power of the nation’s top derivatives regulator, advancing the measure over Democrats’ objections and in the face of a veto threat from President Barack Obama. The Republican-led House on Tuesday voted 246-171, mostly along party-lines, for a bill that would renew the responsibilities of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission while limiting its ability to regulate Wall Street banks’ overseas trades. It also would force the CFTC to do more cost-analysis of its rules, a key requirement that could stall the agency’s work.” The resolution passed 243 to 182. [H. Res. 288, Vote #274, 6/03/15; Bloomberg News, 6/09/15]

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Voted Against Bill to Reform Credit Card Billing Practices; Bill Sought to Outlaw Several Credit Card Practices Deemed “Unfair and Deceptive”

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would prohibit credit card companies from retroactively increasing interest rates and finance charges.

The bill sought to outlaw several credit card practices deemed “unfair and deceptive” by federal regulators. [CQ Today, 9/23/08]

“We see this as truly a historic vote,” Consumer Federation of America Legislative Director Travis Plunkett said. “The credit card industry has been able to stop proposals to rein them in for over a decade.” [CQ Today, 9/23/08]

The bill passed 312-112. [HR 5244, Vote #623, 9/23/08]

January 2007 to December 2008: Received $22,900 From Groups Opposing Legislation, Including $1,000 From Wells Fargo On Day Of Vote

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Supported Elimination of Interest Rate Limits on Credit Cards

In 1995, Walberg voted in favor of a bill (HB 4614) allowing regulated lenders to set any interest rate limit they pleased on credit cards, and to charge up to 25 percent interest on other loans.
HB 4614 was the main bill in a package that raised state interest rate caps on a variety of loans to 25 percent. Democrats argued that the bills would end long-standing consumer protections and allow unscrupulous lenders to prey on customers. [Gongwer News Service, 9/20/95]

The bill passed 20-16. [HB 4614, Roll Call #794, 6/15/95]

**Voted Against Protecting Consumers from Predatory Lending, Financial Fraud**

In 2011, Walberg voted against banning individuals convicted of financial fraud from advertising or soliciting non-publicly traded securities.

The motion would have continued to ban advertising or general solicitation for non-publicly traded securities from individuals if they had been “convicted of fraud in connection with a financial transaction including predatory lending to a veteran.” [CQ Floor Votes, 11/03/11; Congressional Record, 11/03/11]

The motion failed 190-236. [HR 2940, Vote #827, 11/03/11]

**Detroit Free Press: Walberg “Voted Against Legislation Aimed At Restricting Predatory Lending”**

"Rep. Tim Walberg, a Tipton Republican, voted against the legislation aimed at restricting predatory lending, for instance, believing it was no more than a political move and could result in less money being made available for home lending. That doesn't mean, however, that he's against regulating the industry; in fact, he says he believes Michigan - one of a dozen states with no licensing program for those selling mortgages - needs more control over agents. ‘There are certain regulations even a conservative like me thinks are appropriate,’ he said Tuesday.” [Detroit Free Press, 12/06/07]

**Bill Would Have Raised Amount Federal Housing Administration Could Loan For Homes.** “Capitol Hill has been increasingly interested as well. The House has passed legislation to modernize the Federal Housing Administration, raising the amounts the agency can loan for homes and strengthening laws to restrict predatory lending. … Rep. Tim Walberg, a Tipton Republican, voted against the legislation aimed at restricting predatory lending, for instance, believing it was no more than a political move and could result in less money being made available for home lending. That doesn't mean, however, that he's against regulating the industry; in fact, he says he believes Michigan - one of a dozen states with no licensing program for those selling mortgages - needs more control over agents. ‘There are certain regulations even a conservative like me thinks are appropriate,’ he said Tuesday.” [Detroit Free Press, 12/06/07]

**2007: Metro Detroit “One Of Hardest Hit Areas In The Country For Home Foreclosures.”** “Help from Washington soon could be on the way for subprime borrowers in metro Detroit, one of the hardest hit areas of the country for home foreclosures. The Bush administration is expected to announce a plan today to freeze interest rates for five years, a person familiar with the plan told the Free Press on Wednesday. … Any plan, she said, will have to be far-reaching to help people in metro Detroit. From July 1 to Sept. 30, the region ranked second highest among the nation's largest 100 metro areas in the rate of foreclosure filings, with 1 for every 33 households. According to RealtyTrac, which tracks foreclosed properties, only Stockton, Calif., had a higher rate. Michigan's housing problems are exacerbated by the
state's 7.7% unemployment rate - which leads the nation. That, in itself, could be an issue for how effective the program could be: In other areas of the nation, the question is how much a person can afford to pay. For some in southeastern Michigan, it's a question of whether the person is working.” [Detroit Free Press, 12/06/07]

Voted Against Disclosure of ATM Fees

In 1996, Walberg voted against a bill that would require the disclosure of ATM fees.

The bill required a two-thirds majority, and failed 68-38. [HB 4889, RC #863, 10/22/97]

Voted For Bill To Deregulate Wall Street, Of Which Included Partial Delay Of Rule To Ban Banks From Speculating In Securities Markets With Taxpayer Money

Voted For Bill To Deregulate Wall Street. In January 2015, Walberg voted for legislation that combined the text from eleven bills and would roll back or delay a number of regulations in the Dodd-Frank financial reform law. “The most serious attack of the bunch came in the form of a partial two-year delay of the Volcker Rule, which would ban banks from speculating in securities markets with taxpayer money. The bill would have allowed Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase to hold onto almost $50 billion in risky corporate debt packages known as collateralized loan obligations through 2019.” The bill passed, 271 to 154. [HR 37, Vote #37, 1/14/15; Huffington Post, 1/10/14]

Voted Against Loosen Restrictions On Individuals Who Finance Terrorism. In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would disqualify anyone convicted of providing financial assistance to terrorist organizations or state sponsors of terrorism from regulatory relief under the underlying bill, the Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act. The motion failed 183 to 242. [HR 37, Vote #37, 1/14/15; Motion to Recommit, 1/14/15]

Bill Would Have Partially Delayed Rule To Ban Banks From Speculating In Securities Markets With Taxpayer Money. “The most serious attack of the bunch came in the form of a partial two-year delay of the Volcker Rule, which would ban banks from speculating in securities markets with taxpayer money. The bill would have allowed Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase to hold onto almost $50 billion in risky corporate debt packages known as collateralized loan obligations through 2019.” [Huffington Post, 1/10/14]

Voted For Weakening Wall Street Reform And Delaying Rule “Intended To Limit Risky Investments By Banks”

Voted For Bill Delaying Rule “Intended To Limit Risky Investments By Banks.” In January 2015, Walberg voted for a bill “to relax some requirements under the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulatory law. The measure would delay until July 2019 a provision of the law’s Volcker Rule intended to limit risky investments by banks, and make other changes.” The vote failed to reach a 2/3 majority, 276 to 146. [HR 37, Vote #9, 1/7/15; Bloomberg, 1/7/15]

Voted Against Blocking Benefits For Those Convicted Of Assisting Terrorists
Voted Against Motion To Prohibit Individuals & Entities Assisting Terrorist Groups From Receiving Benefits Under Wall Street Bill. In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit that would prohibit any person or financial entity that has been convicted of providing assistance to terrorist groups or state sponsors of terrorism from receiving the benefits of Republicans’ wall-street giveaway bill. The motion failed, 183-242. [HR 37, Vote #36, 1/14/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/14/15]

Voted For Weakening CFPB

Voted For Limiting Funding For Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In April 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that limited funding for the CFPB. “Passage of the bill that would formally establish three advisory boards with which the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) that must consult on matters regarding small businesses, credit unions and community banks. The measure is offset by limiting funding for the CFPB in future years. As amended, the bill would encourage the CFPB to ensure the participation of veteran-owned small-business concerns as members of the Small Business Advisory Board.” The bill passed 235-183. [HR 1195, Vote #167, 4/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/22/15]

Voted Against Measure To Prohibit Individuals Or Companies Convicted Of Predatory Lending From Serving On CFPB Boards. In April 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that protected military bases and veterans from predatory lenders. The motion would “prohibit individuals from serving as members of the any of the advisory boards if within the last ten years they have been employed or acted as an agent of a company whose been subject to a state or federal enforcement action for predatory lending or fraud against veterans or servicemembers.” The motion was rejected, 184-234. [HR 1195, Vote #166, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

Voted Against Requiring Minority And Women Owned Small Business Representatives On Small Business Advisory Council. In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment “that would require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to include representatives of minority- and women-owned small-business concerns as members of the Small Business Advisory Board.” The amendment was passed 244-173. [HR 1195, Vote #165, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

Voted To Consider Bill Establishing Small Business, Credit Union, and Community Bank Advisory Boards On House Floor. In April 2015, Walberg voted to consider a bill establishing a small business advisory board, credit union advisory council, and community bank advisory council as a part of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The rule was adopted, 242-182. [HRes 200, Vote #155, 4/15/15; CQ Votes, 4/15/15]

Voted For Blocking Consideration On A Vote To Re-Authorize A Long-Term Transportation Bill And To Crack Down On Corporations That Avoid Taxes By Moving Overseas

Voted For Blocking Consideration On A Vote To Re-Authorize A Long-Term Transportation Bill And To Crack Down On Corporations That Avoid Taxes By Moving Overseas. In July 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration on “a vote to re-authorize a long-term Transportation Bill that provides 6 years of funding so states and localities can address critical infrastructure needs. The bill would also stop corporations that seek to move abroad to avoid paying their taxes and use that money for transportation improvements here in America.” A vote against the previous question was to force the vote
on the long-term Transportation bill and the crackdown on corporations that move overseas to avoid paying taxes. The motion to order the previous question passed, 245 to 182. [H Res 362, Vote #438, 7/15/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/15/15]

**Voted For Weakening Federal Oversight Of American Financial Institutions Trading Overseas**

**Voted For Weakening Federal Oversight Of American Financial Institutions Trading Overseas.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for final passage of HR 2289, The Commodity End-User Relief Act of 2015. The bill limited “the CFTC’s authority to regulate cross-border derivatives trading. It would require the agency to issue rules that allow U.S. firms to carry out trades in the eight largest foreign markets without U.S. supervision, provided those countries have equivalent oversight.” The bill passed 246 to 171. [HR 2289, Vote #309, 6/09/15; CQ News, 6/09/15]
Tim Walberg voted for FY2012 and FY2016 extreme Republican Study Committee Budgets. Additionally, he voted for Republican budgets from fiscal years 2012 to 2016. In September 2013, Walberg voted for a continuing resolution that would “likely” shutdown the government. He supported the Ryan Roadmap that contained severe budget cuts. He voted repeatedly to keep the sequestration cuts in place, but to ease flight delays due to the cuts so he could easily fly in and out of DC. He voted repeatedly to increase the debt limit, and co-sponsored a balanced budget amendment.
Walberg’s career in Congress has been marked by votes for budgets decimating funding for college students, seniors, the middle class and the poor. In 2014, Walberg vote for the FY2015 House Republican budget, which sought to privatize Medicare and turn it “from an entitlement program into a voucher-style program.” Additionally, the budget would cut the corporate tax rate by 10-percent, while, raising taxes for middle-class families with children by an average of $2,000. Finally, Pell Grants saw a proposed cut of $125 billion over 10 years, while also reducing Pell Grant eligibility.

In 2015, Walberg voted for numerous FY2016 budgets cutting numerous important programs for students, the poor and retirees. In 2015, he voted for FY2016 budget amendment slashing Pell Grants and altering Medicare. In March of the same year, Walberg voted for a FY2016 Republican Study Committee budget which cut “more deeply” into retirement programs.

Voted for FY 2015 House Republican Budget, Turning Medicare “From An Entitlement Program Into A Voucher-Style Program” And Raise Taxes on Middle Class Families

In April 2014, Walberg voted for the FY 2015 House Republican budget. The budget would turn Medicare into a voucher program and give tax breaks to the wealthy and corporations while raising taxes on the middle class.

The budget passed, 219-205. [H Con Res 96, Vote #177, 4/10/14]

NOTE: State specific data regarding the impact of the House Republican budget is available here from the White House and here from the DPCC.

Republican Budget Would Turn Medicare into a Voucher Program, Making Seniors Pay More

The Washington Post reported that the budget “calls to privatize Medicare by changing it from an entitlement program into a voucher-style program.” [Washington Post, 4/01/14]

Unlike previous Republican budget proposals, the FY 2015 budget would make changes to Medicare to anyone under 56. [Los Angeles Times, 4/01/14]

The AARP criticized the budget for raising costs for seniors, stating, “Chairman Ryan’s proposed budget fails to address the high costs of health care and instead shifts costs onto seniors and future retirees […] Removing the Medicare guarantee of affordable health coverage for older Americans by implementing a premium support system and asking seniors and future retirees to pay more is not the right direction.” [AARP Press Release, 4/01/14]

Republican Budget Would Cost 3 Million Jobs

The Economic Policy Institute estimated that the budget would cost 1.1 million jobs in FY 2015 and 3 million jobs in FY 2016. The budget would also decrease GDP by 2.5 percent in FY 2016. [Economic Policy Institute, 4/01/14]
FY2015 Republican Budget Would Give Millionaires and Corporations a Tax Cut While Raising Taxes for the Middle Class

Citizens for Tax Justice estimated that the budget would cut taxes for millionaires by an average of $200,000. The budget would also cut the corporate tax rate by 10 percent. [Citizens for Tax Justice, 4/02/14; The Hill, 4/01/14]

The New York Times wrote that the budget would increase taxes for middle-class families with children by an average of $2,000. [New York Times Editorial, 4/01/14]

FY2015 Republican Budget Would Cut Pell Grants and Charge Students More for Loans

The budget would cut Pell Grants by $125 billion over 10 years while reducing Pell Grant eligibility. [CBPP, 4/01/14; Politico, 4/01/14]

The budget would also charge students interest on their loans while they were still in school, generating $40 billion. [New York Times, 4/01/14]

Supported Ryan’s “Roadmap For America’s Future”

In 2010, Walberg said that his principles were much like Ryan’s “Roadmap for America’s Future.”

Walberg said that he had wanted to co-sponsor Ryan’s budget, but Ryan did not want him to be open to attacks from his opponents. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/16/10]

**Ryan Roadmap Would Privatize Social Security**

In 2010, Ezra Klein of the Washington Post explained the implications that Ryan’s budget alternative would have on Social Security:

“Social Security gets guaranteed, private accounts that CBO says will actually cost more than the present arrangement, further underscoring how ancillary the program is to our budget problem.” [Washington Post, 2/01/10]

**CBO: Ryan Budget Would Create Individual Accounts**

According to CBO Analysis, under the Ryan Budget:

Traditional retirement benefits would be reduced below those scheduled under current law for many workers who are age 55 or younger in 2011... A system of individual accounts would be established in 2012. In that year, workers who are age 55 or younger would be able to participate in voluntary individual accounts, funded with a portion of their payroll taxes. [Congressional Budget Office letter To Paul Ryan, 1/27/10]

**CBPP: Ryan’s Plan Would Divert Funds From Social Security into Private Accounts**
A July 2010 report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analyzing Representative Paul Ryan’s “Roadmap for America’s Future” included changes to Social Security including diverting large sums from Social Security to private accounts.

“It also would divert substantial sums from the Social Security trust funds into private accounts and then maintain Social Security solvency by transferring funds to Social Security from the rest of the budget.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 7/07/10]

Leading Privatization Supporter: There’s No Difference Between Privatization and Personal Accounts

According to the Star Tribune, “The word ‘privatization’ has been part of the Social Security debate for many years and has been used by many Republicans. The Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank in Washington and an advocate of the idea, used to call its effort ‘the project on Social Security privatization.’”

From the Star Tribune:

Michael Tanner, director of that project, agrees that the Democrats are using the word because they think it’s scarier but said he thinks the Republicans are wrong to reply with “a silly, semantic argument.”

“Republicans like to say they’re a little bit for privatization, then, when the Democrats attack them, they curl up in a fetal position and talk about how much they love their grandmother.”

Instead, he suggests, Republicans should defend the position that individual accounts are the best way to save Social Security.

Cato has a fresh poll that Tanner said shows that when the issue is properly framed, a majority of Americans favor individual accounts.

Still, he said, word choices are important. So Cato recently changed the name of the program to “the project on Social Security choice.” [Star Tribune, 8/05/02]

Leading Privatization Opponent: Individual Accounts Means “Privatization”

According to AARP, “‘Privatization’ is often used as shorthand for the idea of taking some of the money workers currently pay into the Social Security system and diverting it into individually owned accounts, where each worker would bear some risk for how his or her investments performed. These accounts would be ‘carved-out’ of Social Security.”

From AARP:
Diverting money away from Social Security and into individual accounts is risky and involves trading some of today’s inflation protected, lifetime guaranteed benefit for an account subject to market risk and not guaranteed to last a lifetime or keep pace with inflation. Inflation, market turns or loss of employment can mean that your private account may not have enough money to provide an adequate benefit.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of debate on the semantics rather than the substance. Essentially it doesn’t matter if you call the concept ‘privatization,’ ‘personalization,’ or anything else—diverting Social Security revenues into individual accounts shifts risk to the individual and hurts the financial status of Social Security itself.” [AARP via pbs.org]

**Ryan Roadmap Would Privatize Medicare**

In 2010, Ezra Klein of the *Washington Post* explained the implications that Ryan’s budget alternative would have on Medicare and Medicaid:

“As you all know by now, the long-term budget deficit is largely driven by health-care costs. To move us to surpluses, Ryan’s budget proposes reforms that are nothing short of violent. **Medicare is privatized.** Seniors get a voucher to buy private insurance, and the voucher’s growth is far slower than the expected growth of health-care costs. Medicaid is also privatized. The employer tax exclusion is fully eliminated, replaced by a tax credit that grows more slowly than medical costs. And beyond health care, Social Security gets guaranteed, private accounts that CBO says will actually cost more than the present arrangement, further underscoring how ancillary the program is to our budget problem.” [Emphasis added; *Washington Post, 2/01/10*]

**Paul Krugman: Roadmap Privatizes Medicare**

In 2010, Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman explained that the Ryan Roadmap would privatize Medicare:

“In the Ryan proposal, nobody currently under the age of 55 would be covered by Medicare as it now exists. Instead, people would receive vouchers and be told to buy their own insurance. **And even this new, privatized version of Medicare** would erode over time because the value of these vouchers would almost surely lag ever further behind the actual cost of health insurance. By the time Americans now in their 20s or 30s reached the age of eligibility, there wouldn’t be much of a Medicare program left.” [Emphasis added; *New York Times, 2/11/10*]

**Center for American Progress: Roadmap Privatizes Medicare**
In 2010, Pat Garofalo writing for the Center for American Progress’ Wonk Room called the Republican proposal, “a radical budget proposal that eliminates long-term deficits by essentially privatizing Medicare and Social Security and placing arbitrary, non-specific freezes on all non-discretionary spending.” [Emphasis added; Center for American Progress, 2/06/10]

**Ryan Roadmap Would Lower Taxes For Wealthiest Americans**

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Ryan Roadmap would dramatically lower taxes for the wealthiest Americans, while increasing the tax burden for middle-income groups. According to the estimates the Tax Policy Center issued this week, average tax cuts under the plan would equal:

- $1.7 million a year for the highest-income 0.1 percent of Americans (those with incomes over $2.9 million a year in 2009 dollars)

- $502,000 a year for people with incomes over $1 million

- $280,000 a year for people in the top 1 percent of the population (those with incomes over $633,000) [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed 9/01/10]

**Ryan Roadmap Would Raise Taxes on Middle Class Families by $788**

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Ryan Roadmap would raise taxes on the bulk of taxpayers. According to the CBPP, those, “with incomes between $20,000 and $200,000 — would see their taxes go up. For example, those with incomes between $40,000 and $50,000 would see their taxes rise by an average of $788.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed 9/01/10]

**Ryan Roadmap Would Eliminate Income Taxes on Corporations And Investments Earned on Wall Street**

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Ryan Roadmap would eliminate income taxes on corporations and investments earned on Wall Street. The CBPP says the Ryan proposal would make sweeping changes to the federal tax system. It would:

- Repeal the corporate income tax and replace it with an 8.5-percent value-added tax, a form of sales tax on most goods and services

- Entirely exempt capital gains, dividends, and interest from taxation [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed 9/01/10]

**Ryan Roadmap Would Increase Debt**

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Ryan Roadmap would allow debt to increase.
As a result of its costly new tax cuts for the wealthy, the Ryan plan would allow the federal debt to continue rising in relation to the size of the economy for at least four decades. Even in CBO’s analysis of the Ryan plan, which assumed — as Ryan’s staff specified but the Tax Policy Center has found to be incorrect — that revenues would not fall below their projected levels under current tax policies until after 2030, the federal debt would grow as a share of GDP until 2043, and the budget would not reach balance until 2063. Under the much more realistic revenue estimates that the Tax Policy Center has prepared, the budgetary outlook under the Ryan plan would be substantially worse.

Using TPC’s new revenue estimates, we estimate that the budget deficit under the Ryan plan would reach about 7 percent of GDP and the debt would grow to 90 percent of GDP by 2020. TPC estimates that revenues under the Ryan plan would average 16.3 percent of GDP over the period from 2011 through 2020.

In contrast, following the specifications provided by Rep. Ryan’s staff, the CBO analysis assumed that revenues over the same period would average 18.4 percent of GDP. That difference amounts to a loss of almost $4 trillion in revenues over the next decade. As a result of these lower revenues, federal interest costs would also be much higher than those shown in the CBO analysis.

Extrapolating TPC’s revenue estimates beyond 2020 shows that the Ryan plan would fail to stem the rising tide of debt for years to come. [5] The debt would continue to grow in relation to the size of the economy for at least 40 more years — reaching over 175 percent of GDP by 2050. (See Figure 1.) Even by 2080, the debt would still equal about 100 percent of GDP. [6] [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed 9/01/10]

**FY 2009: Opposed Fiscally Responsible Budget That Would Create Budget Surplus in 2012**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a budget resolution that would establish the congressional budget for FY 2009. The resolution would call for expenditures of $3.1 trillion and would allow up to $1 trillion in discretionary spending, plus $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and $5.8 billion for hurricane recovery.

The bill would call for the federal budget to reach a surplus in fiscal year 2012. The bill would also include instructions for the Ways and Means Committee to reduce mandatory spending by $750 million over six years. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/13/08; CQ Bill Analysis, 3/07/08]

The bill passed 212-207. [H Con Res 312, Vote #141, 3/13/08]

**Voted to For Extreme Plan That Would “Likely Result” In a Government Shutdown**

In 2013, Walberg voted for an extreme House Republican continuing resolution that the Associated Press reported would “likely result” in the shutdown of the federal government. [Associated Press, 8/23/13]
According to the New York Times: “After three years of cajoling, finessing and occasionally strongarming his fitful conservative majority, Speaker John A. Boehner waved the white flag on Wednesday, surrendering to demands from his right flank that he tie money to keep the government open after Sept. 30 to stripping President Obama’s health care law of any financing. [...] The House’s stopgap spending measure would finance the government through Dec. 15 at the current spending levels, which reflect the automatic spending cuts that took effect in March, known as sequestration, while blocking the health care law, under which the uninsured will be enrolled beginning on Oct. 1.” [New York Times, 9/18/13]

The bill passed 230-189. [HJ Res 59, Vote #478, 9/20/13]

Effort to Shut Down Government Panned as Extreme, Futile

- A “kamikaze mission” that “rarely turns out well, least of all for the pilots.” [Wall Street Journal Editorial, 9/16/13]

- An “ill-conceived tactic” and “means we’ll get” a government shutdown. [Karl Rove op-ed, Wall Street Journal, 9/19/13]

- “With one vote on Friday, the Republican-led House launched the latest spending battle in Congress – one that could bring a government shutdown in less than two weeks.” [CNN, 9/20/13]

- “While Boehner insisted on moving ahead with Friday’s vote, some prominent GOP lawmakers in the Senate, such as Arizona Republican John McCain, have warned that forcing a government shutdown over the Affordable Care Act could backfire on his party.” [NPR, 9/20/13]

- “GOP pushes government toward shutdown” [MSNBC’s Daily Rundown, 9/20/13]

- “The fracas in Washington will probably cost the Republican Party far more than anyone else.” [The Nation, 9/20/13]

- “ObamaCare foes taking hostages” [USA Today, 9/20/13]

- “House Republicans rallied behind their right wing Friday to launch a full-scale assault on President Obama’s health-care initiative, setting up a protracted confrontation with Democrats that risks shutting down the government in just 10 days.” [Washington Post, 9/20/13]

- “John Boehner’s inability to control the Republicans’ Tea Party faction could fuel a debt-ceiling crisis and the shutdown of the U.S. government.” [Barron’s, 9/20/13]

- “House GOP vote increases risk of shutdown” [Boston Globe, 9/20/13]

- “House takes first step toward government shutdown, votes to cut Obamacare funding” [Orlando Sentinel, 9/20/13]
Voted Against Protecting Nutrition Assistance for Pregnant Mothers, Veterans in Shutdown or Default

In September 2013, Walberg voted against protecting nutrition assistance for pregnant mothers, veterans, seniors or people with disabilities in the event of a government shutdown or default on our debt.

The amendment failed 193-230. [HR 3102, Vote #475, 9/19/13]

Voted for FY 2015 Extreme Tea Party Budget

In April 2014, Walberg voted for the Republican Study Committee Budget, billed as the “more austere alternative” to the House Republican budget. [Reuters, 4/07/14]

The RSC budget would turn Medicare into a voucher program starting for people who turn 65 in 2019, earlier than the House Republican budget. The budget would also raise the Medicare eligibility age to 67 and the Social Security retirement age to 70. [CBS News, 4/08/14; RSC “Back to Basics” Budget, FY 2015]

The budget failed, 133-291. [H Con Res 96, Vote #175, 4/10/14]

Public Debt Has Nearly Doubled Since Walberg First Came to Congress

The total public debt has nearly doubled since Walberg first came to Congress. On January 3, 2007, the total public debt was $8.677 trillion. As of September 10, 2013, the total public debt was $16.738 trillion. [treasurydirect.gov]

Voted for Special Interest Backed Spending Bill Benefiting Big Banks

In December 2014, Walberg voted for a $1.1 trillion government funding bill that would undo Dodd-Frank Wall Street reforms aimed at preventing another financial collapse. The funding bill would prevent another government shutdown.

The bill contained a policy rider that would undo a Dodd-Frank reform requiring big banks to separate trades in financial derivatives from traditional banking accounts. The rider was essentially written by Citigroup lobbyists. [New York Times, 12/09/14]

“The derivatives played a key role in the financial collapse,” The Hill reported. “Critics argue the change would leave taxpayers on the hook if trades explode.” [The Hill, 12/10/14]

The bill passed, 219-206. [HR 83, Vote #563, 12/11/14]

Voted to Prevent Another Government Shutdown

In December 2014, Walberg voted for a $1.1 trillion federal spending bill aimed at preventing another government shutdown.
NPR reported, “A massive federal spending bill finally won the House’s approval Thursday night, less than three hours before a midnight deadline that threatened a federal shutdown.” [NPR, 12/11/14]

The bill passed, 219-206. [HR 83, Vote #563, 12/11/14]

…Even Voted for Raising Military Pay

In December 2014, Walberg voted for the $1.1 trillion federal spending bill. The bill also contained a 1 percent pay raise for military and civilian personnel.

The bill passed, 219-206. [HR 83, Vote #563, 12/11/14]

Vote to Prevent Another Government Shutdown

In September 2014, Walberg voted for a continuing resolution that would keep the federal government funded through December 11, 2014.

Talking Points Memo reported that passage of the bill from the House helped “take a government shutdown off the table until after the midterm elections.” [Talking Points Memo, 9/17/14]

The bill passed, 319-108. [HJ Res 124, Vote #509, 9/17/14]

Voted For FY16 Budget Amendment Repealing The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare While Requiring No Offsets For Increased OCO Defense Spending

Voted For FY16 Budget Amendment To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare While Requiring No Offsets For Increased OCO Defense Spending. In March 2015, Walberg voted for a budget alternative known as Price amendment #2 offered as an amendment on the floor that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare while requiring no offsets for increased OCO defense spending. “Tom Price, R-Ga., also submitted an amended version that included increased defense funding without requiring cuts in other areas to offset the spending. Price’s plan increased funding to the Overseas Contingency Operations Fund by $2 billion over the committee plan, to $96 billion, and requires no offsets. The version that passed out of committee would have required offsets over $73.5 billion in the OCO fund, which pays for wars and other overseas activities and is not subject to sequester caps.” The resolution passed 219 to 208. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #141, 3/25/15; US News and World Report, 3/25/15]

Voted For FY16 Budget Resolution Repealing The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare

Voted For FY16 Republican Budget To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare. In March 2015, Walberg voted for the FY16 Republican House budget that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare. “It also includes parliamentary language, called reconciliation that orders House committees to draft legislation repealing the Affordable Care Act. Under budget rules, that reconciliation repeal bill cannot be filibustered in the Senate and would need only a majority vote to pass. The budget would turn Medicaid into block grants to the states, cutting

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health care spending for the poor by $900 billion. The food stamp program would also be turned into block grants and cut by hundreds of billions of dollars. Special education, Pell Grants, job training and housing assistance would all be cut. Medicare would transition to a system where future seniors would be encouraged to use government-funded vouchers to purchase insurance in the private market.” The resolution passed 228 to 199. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #142, 3/25/15; New York Times, 3/25/15]

**Voted For FY16 GOP Budget Conference Report**

**Voted For Republican Conference Report On Budget For Fiscal Year 2016.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for a conference report outlining the Republican Congressional budget for fiscal year 2016 and budget levels for 2017 through 2025. “House and Senate Republicans agreed on a unified budget plan Wednesday that would allow them to bypass Democrats and send President Barack Obama legislation to repeal or revise his landmark health-care law. The budget proposal spells out the Republican Party’s priorities by calling for $5.3 trillion in spending cuts to reach balance in nine years.” An agreement to pass the Conference Report passed 226 to 197. [S CON RES 11, Vote #183; On Agreeing to the Conference Report, 4/30/15; Bloomberg, 4/29/15]

**Called For $4.1 Trillion In Reductions To Entitlement Programs While War Funding Totaled $96 Billion.** “Of this, $4.1 trillion in reductions would come from programs including entitlements like Medicare. Discretionary spending in 2016 would be limited to $1.016 trillion, while war funding would total $96 billion, far above Obama’s request.” [Bloomberg, 4/29/15]

**Conference Report Reduced Funding For Pell Grants, Low-Income Housing Assistance Programs, And Food Stamp Program.** “The budget slashes domestic discretionary spending by trimming away at several major priorities for Democrats. The final bill includes a reduction in funding for federal Pell Grants and housing programs for low-income earners, and cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps.” [Washington Post, 4/29/15]

**Voted for Budgets with Wrong Priorities**

Throughout his time in Congress, Walberg has voted for budgets that aren’t in the best interest of Michiganders:

- FY 2014: Voted for Radical Ryan Budget with Wrong Priorities [H Con Res 25, Vote #88, 3/21/13]
- FY 2014: Voted Against the Democratic Alternative Budget [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/20/13]
- FY 2014: Voted Against the Senate Democratic Version [H Con Res 25, Vote #83, 3/20/13]
- FY 2013: Voted for House Republican Budget [H Con Res 112, Vote #151, 3/29/12]
- FY 2013: Voted for Republican Study Committee “Cut, Cap and Balance” Budget Plan [H.Con.Res.112, Vote #149, 3/29/12]
- FY 2013: Voted to “Deem and Pass” Ryan Budget as Passed [H Con Res 112, Vote #156, 4/17/12]
- FY 2013: Voted Against Budget to Roll Back Tax Breaks for Millionaires and Preserve Medicare [H Con Res 112, Vote #150, 3/29/12]
- FY 2012: Voted for House Republican Budget [H Con Res 34, Vote #277, 4/15/11]
FY 2012: Voted For an Extreme Republican Study Committee Budget [H Con Res 34, Vote #275, 4/15/11]
FY 2011: Voted for Shutting Down Government [HR 2055, Vote #941, 12/16/11]
Supported Ryan’s “Roadmap For America’s Future” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/16/10]
FY 2009: Opposed Fiscally Responsible Budget That Would Create Budget Surplus in 2012 [H Con Res 312, Vote #141, 3/13/08]
FY 2009: Opposed Congressional Black Caucus Budget Substitute [H Con. Res. 312, Vote #137, 3/13/08]

FY 2014: Voted for Radical Ryan Budget with Wrong Priorities

In 2013, Walberg voted for the Republican budget for fiscal year 2014 with all the wrong priorities – like cutting taxes for millionaires, raising taxes on the middle class, and eliminating the Medicare guarantee. [H Con Res 25, Vote #88, 3/21/13]

“Our budget will not only help build a healthier economy, but improve the lives of hardworking taxpayers. It will provide economic security for employers and employees, a sustainable safety net for the poor and those retiring, and a secure future for our children and grandchildren,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 3/21/13]

CBPP: Families Making Less Than $200,000 Would Face Average Tax Hike of $3,000.

“Families with children that have incomes below $200,000 would have to face tax increases averaging more than $3,000 a year, if policymakers were to avoid increasing the deficit while reaching Chairman Ryan’s 25-percent top-tax-rate goal… If policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with incomes above $200,000…, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000 on average — still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000 …” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

CBPP: Millionaires Would Likely Experience A $245,000 Net Tax Cut

According to an analysis of the Ryan Budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “If policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with incomes above $200,000 that TPC assumed when it analyzed Romney’s tax plan, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000 on average — still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000. Households with incomes above $200,000 would get a net cut of about $16,000.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

National Journal: “For Those Younger Than Age 55, Medicare Could Look Unrecognizable” If Ryan Budget Were Implemented
According to the National Journal: “And, for those younger than age 55, Medicare could look unrecognizable: People receive a fixed sum of money from the federal government to buy health insurance in their old age, regardless of the way inflation has caused health care costs to increase.” [National Journal, 3/10/13]

**CBPP: Ryan Budget Would Cut Medicare Spending by a Total of $356 Billion**

According to an analysis of the Ryan budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: “Over the next ten years, the Ryan budget would cut Medicare spending by a total of $356 billion. His budget would save $129 billion compared to current law from limiting medical malpractice awards, increasing income-tested premiums, and repealing the Medicare benefit improvements in health reform, including closure of the prescription drug ‘donut hole.’ Ryan’s baseline includes $138 billion in scheduled cuts from Medicare’s sustainable growth rate formula for physicians and $89 billion in Medicare cuts from sequestration, bringing his total Medicare reductions to the aforementioned $356 billion.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/13/12]

**EPI: “Ryan Budget Would Increase the Unemployment Rate by Between .6 [and] .8 Percentage Points”**

According to an analysis of the Ryan budget conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, “We estimate that the Ryan budget would increase the unemployment rate by between 0.6 percentage points and 0.8 percentage points.” [Economic Policy Institute, 3/12/13]

**CBPP: Ryan Budget “Would Likely Add to Deficits, Undercutting… Claim to Balance the Budget Within a Decade”**

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities dismissed Ryan’s claim that his budget would balance within a decade, by writing: “Nor is his vow to raise $6 trillion by scaling back tax expenditures plausible, given that the most costly of them, such as the mortgage interest deduction and deduction for charitable giving, tend to be the most politically popular. As a result, if policymakers were to cut taxes enough to meet Chairman Ryan’s goal, they would likely add to deficits, undercutting Chairman Ryan’s claim to budget the balance within a decade.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

**Ryan Budget Slashes Pell Grant Eligibility and Freezes Pell Grant Funding to Not Keep Pace With Inflation**

According to an analysis of the Ryan budget conducted by Inside Higher Ed: “The budget also calls for reversing changes to the grant’s needs analysis formula put into place in 2007, which expanded the number of students eligible for Pell Grants, in essence making fewer students eligible to receive them. It also revisits proposals put forward last year: using ‘fair value’ accounting for student loans, which makes the program seem much less profitable for the federal government than it does under current accounting rules.” In addition, Campus Progress found: “Under the House Republican Budget, Pell Grants would be capped at the current level of $5,645 for 10 years, and eliminate all mandatory funding. In other words, under Ryan’s plan, Pell Grants
would not keep up with the pace of inflation and rising tuition costs, and would be worth less each successive year.” [Inside Higher Ed, 3/13/13; Campus Progress, 3/12/13]

**Ryan Budget Would Slash The Corporate Tax Rate From 35 Percent to 25 Percent**

According to the New York Times, “Under the Ryan plan, the corporate tax rate would also fall, from 35 percent to 25 percent — although all those tax changes are supposed to be crafted to bring in the same amount of revenue as the current tax code, a tall order.” [New York Times, 3/12/13]

**Ryan’s “Budget Would Add About $1.2 Trillion to the National Debt”**

According to the Washington Post: “With $41.5 trillion in spending over the next decade and $40.2 trillion in revenues, Ryan’s budget would add about $1.2 trillion to the national debt. But shrinking deficits would reduce borrowing and cause the debt to shrink as a percentage of the economy. By the time a $7 billion surplus emerges in 2023, Ryan predicts that the Treasury would owe $14.2 trillion to outside creditors (compared with $11.8 trillion today), or about 55 percent of the gross domestic product (compared with about 76 percent today).” [Washington Post, 3/12/13]

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**Voted For FY16 Republican Study Committee Budget That Balanced In Six Years, Cut Retirement Programs, And Called For A Balanced Budget Amendment**

Voted For FY2016 Republican Study Committee Budget. In March 2015, Bishop voted for the Republican Study Committee budget that would cut spending by $7.1 trillion over 10 years. “A conservative budget released by the House Republican Study Committee (RSC) on Monday would balance in five years by cutting $7.1 trillion in spending over the next decade. The cuts are much more than the $5.5 trillion in proposed cuts included in the main House GOP blueprint unveiled last week by Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price (R-Ga.). The RSC budget, prepared by RSC and Budget Committee member Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.), would increase spending for the Pentagon.” The amendment failed 132 to 294. [H Con Res 27, Vote #138, 3/25/15; The Hill, 3/23/15]

**RSC Budget Would Cut Spending By $7.1 Trillion Over Decade While Increasing Defense Spending.** “A conservative budget released by the House Republican Study Committee (RSC) on Monday would balance in five years by cutting $7.1 trillion in spending over the next decade. The cuts are much more than the $5.5 trillion in proposed cuts included in the main House GOP blueprint unveiled last week by Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price (R-Ga.). The RSC budget, prepared by RSC and Budget Committee member Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.), would increase spending for the Pentagon.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

**RSC Budget Would Cut FY16 Nondefense Discretionary Spending By $88 Billion Below Sequestration Levels.** “The RSC blueprint would lower nondefense discretionary spending for domestic programs next year to $405 billion, $88 billion below the baseline set by the 2011 deal. Altogether, discretionary spending next year would total $975 billion under the RSC’s budget, much lower than the $1.018 trillion top-line number established by the 2011 law. Over the 10-year window, the RSC budget would cut nondefense spending by $1.3 trillion and increase defense spending by $435 billion.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]
RSC Proposed “Aggressive” Budget That Would Balance In Six Years. “Conservative members of the House Republican caucus outbid their party’s official budget Monday, offering a plan to cut planned government spending by more than $7.1 trillion and balance the budget in just six years. The aggressive plan to cut spending from all areas of government and erase deficits was introduced by the Republican Study Committee, a group of congressmen organized to push policy to the right.” [Washington Examiner, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Balanced By “Cutting More Deeply Into Federal Healthcare And Retirement Programs.” “The Republican Study Committee on Monday unveiled its plan to cut spending by $7.1 trillion over 10 years, reaching a surplus in six years by cutting more deeply into federal healthcare and retirement programs as well as domestic agency budgets.” [Reuters, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Called For Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. “It is the policy of this resolution that Congress should pass a joint resolution incorporating the provisions set forth in subsection (b), and send such joint resolution to the States for their approval, to amend the Constitution of the United States to require an annual balanced budget.” [RSC Budget Proposal, 3/22/15]

Republican Study Committee Budget Freezes the Maximum Pell Grant. The Republican Study Committee Budget text stated the budget would maintain the maximum Pell grant award at level funding in the budget window. [Republican Study Committee Budget, accessed 3/26/15]

Republican Study Committee Budget Would Force Students To Cover Interest Payments On Need-Based Loans While Still In School. According to a summary the RSC budget would “end in-school subsidies for undergraduate students. This would save $54 billion over ten years.” According to Factcheck.org, “The vote in question was on a Republican budget that called for ending federal subsidies for need-based Stafford loans. The subsidies cover the cost of interest payments while students are in school.” [H. Con. Res. 27, Vote #138, 3/25/15; Factcheck.org, 10/20/14]

RSC Budget Would Repeal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. “To balance the budget through cuts, the RSC proposes eliminating or repealing a slew of government programs such as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the Election Assistance Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Labor Relations Board and a program that taxes Christmas trees.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Repeal Affordable Care Act. “The RSC plan would repeal ObamaCare through a budget tool known as reconciliation.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Change Tax Code To Allow Healthcare Costs To Be Deducted, Increase Pretax Dollars To HSAs. “Besides repealing ObamaCare, the bill would allow people to purchase insurance across state lines, a reform Republicans argue would lower healthcare costs. It would reform the tax code so families and individuals can deduct healthcare costs and increases the amount of pretax dollars people can deposit into portable Health Savings Accounts.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]
RSC Budget Would Ban Public Money For Any Entity Providing “Abortion Services.” “It is the policy of this resolution that no taxpayer dollars shall go to any entity that provides abortion services.” [RSC Budget Proposal, 3/22/15]

RSC Budget Would Raise Retirement Age To 70 & Impose Chained CPI. “For Social Security, the RSC blueprint would eventually raise the full retirement age to 70 and would impose chained consumer price index (CPI) for Social Security benefit calculations. The proposal, which Obama had offered in previous budgets and then dropped, would result in lower benefits.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Reduce Top Corporate Tax Rate To 25%, Reduce Individual Tax Brackets From Seven To Two. “The conservative budget seeks the same sort of reforms to the tax code embraced by previous Ryan budgets but dropped this year by Price — like installing two individual tax brackets instead of the current seven, and reducing the top individual and corporate rates to 25 percent.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Cut Dividend Tax Rate From 20% To 15%. “It would also roll back tax increases won by President Obama, such as the hike to the top dividend rate from 15 percent to 20 percent.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Set Maximum Cap Gains Tax Rate At 15%. “Reduces double taxation by lowering the top corporate rate to 25 percent and setting a maximum long-term capital gains tax rate at 15 percent.” [RSC Budget Proposal, 3/22/15]

RSC Budget Would Alter Earned Income Tax Credit For Working Poor. “And it would make changes to programs like the earned income tax credit, a tax break for the working poor that Republicans believe has too much fraud.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Recommended Bill To Sunset Entire Tax Code By 2019 To Pressure Tax Reform. “The RSC recommends that Congress pass the Tax Code Termination Act from Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), which would sunset the current tax code at the end of 2019, pressuring lawmakers to pass a tax reform plan by then.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Advocated Allowing Corporations To Defer Taxes On Foreign Operations. “The ability to defer United States taxes on their foreign operations, which some erroneously refer to as a ‘tax loophole,’ cushions this disadvantage to a certain extent. Eliminating or restricting this provision (and others like it) would harm United States competitiveness.” [RSC Budget Proposal, 3/22/15]

RSC Budget Would Turn Medicaid Into A Block Grant Program With CHIP. “The budget would also transform Medicaid by combining it with the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which expires later this year, and providing states with block grants.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Place Work Requirements On Welfare Program. “The RSC budget would reform the nation’s welfare system by restoring work requirements for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. In 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services decided it would consider state waivers for welfare work requirements.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]
RSC Budget Would Turn Food Stamps Into Block Grant Program. “The budget would also reform the government’s food stamp program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, by calling on the House Agriculture Committee to offer legislation that would convert it to a block grant.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Eliminate National Labor Relations Board. “To balance the budget through cuts, the RSC proposes eliminating or repealing a slew of government programs such as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the Election Assistance Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Labor Relations Board and a program that taxes Christmas trees.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Force Federal Employees To Increase Contributions To Retirement. “In keeping with a recommendation from the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, this resolution calls for Federal employees – including Members of Congress and congressional staff – to make greater contributions toward their own retirement.” [RSC Budget Proposal, 3/22/15]

FY 2014: Voted Against Extreme Republican Study Committee Budget

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Republican Study Committee budget for fiscal year 2014 with all the wrong priorities – like cutting taxes for millionaires, raising taxes on the middle class, and eliminating the Medicare guarantee.

The amendment failed 104-132. [H Con Res 25, Vote #86, 3/20/13]

Voted For FY16 Budget Amendment Repealing The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare While Requiring No Offsets For Increased OCO Defense Spending

Voted For FY16 Budget Amendment To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare While Requiring No Offsets For Increased OCO Defense Spending. In March 2015, Walberg voted for a budget alternative known as Price amendment #2 offered as an amendment on the floor that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare while requiring no offsets for increased OCO defense spending. “Tom Price, R-Ga., also submitted an amended version that included increased defense funding without requiring cuts in other areas to offset the spending. Price’s plan increased funding to the Overseas Contingency Operations Fund by $2 billion over the committee plan, to $96 billion, and requires no offsets. The version that passed out of committee would have required offsets over $73.5 billion in the OCO fund, which pays for wars and other overseas activities and is not subject to sequester caps.” The resolution passed 219 to 208. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #141, 3/25/15; US News and World Report, 3/25/15]

FY 2014: Voted Against the Senate Democratic Budget

In 2013, Walberg voted against a version of the 2014 budget, introduced by Republican Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina, which was a virtual copy of the Senate Democratic budget.

The Senate budget would provide $2.963 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal year 2014.
The budget would provide $100 billion in infrastructure investments, while assuming a $240 billion reduction in defense spending, a $142 billion reduction in non-defense spending, a $275 billion decrease in health care spending and a $76 billion reduction in spending for other mandatory programs. [Senate Budget Committee Democrats, March 2013]

The amendment failed 154-261. [H Con Res 25, Vote #83, 3/20/13]

**Republicans Introduced the Budget as a “Stunt”**

In 2013, the introduction of an alternative budget by Republican Congressman Mick Mulvaney that was identical to the budget supported by Senate Democrats was received no votes from any Republicans, including the sponsor Mulvaney himself.

“Mulvaney voted against the budget he introduced. It was a stunt.” [National Public Radio, 3/21/13]

**Budget Would Cut the Federal Deficit by $1.85 Trillion, Amounting to $4.25 Trillion in Deficit Reduction Since the Bowles-Simpson Report**

According to Reuters: “Democrats on Wednesday will unveil a budget blueprint that attempts to slice federal deficits by $1.85 trillion over 10 years through an equal mix of spending cuts and tax increases on the rich, according to a Democratic source.” The Center for American Progress found that “Since the start of fiscal year 2011, President Barack Obama has signed into law approximately $2.4 trillion of deficit reduction for the years 2013 through 2022.” [Reuters, 3/12/13; Center for American Progress, 1/08/13]

**Budget Includes Nearly $1 Trillion in Tax Hikes**

According to Politico, “$975 billion would be raised through an overhaul of the Tax Code by eliminating certain tax deductions, including ones typically claimed by high earners and corporations” in the Senate budget. [Politico, 3/12/13]

**CR 2013: Voted to Fund Government Operations through 2013**

In 2013, Walberg voted for a continuing resolution to provide funding for government operations through fiscal year 2013. The bill would provide $1.043 trillion in discretionary funds before sequestration.

The bill would provide $517.7 billion in base discretionary funding for the Department of Defense, $39.6 billion for the Department of Homeland Security and $71.9 billion for veterans programs and military construction.

The continuing resolution would provide $20.5 billion for agriculture programs and $50.2 billion for commerce, law enforcement and science programs.

The bill passed with bipartisan support, 318-109. [HR 933, Vote #89, 3/21/13]
Republican Congressman: CR Sets “Responsible Spending Levels”

“This continuing resolution is a good step forward in ensuring continuity of government operations at responsible spending levels,” Republican Representative Richard Hanna said. [Richard Hanna press release, accessed 4/02/13]

FY 2013: Voted for House Republican Budget

In March 2012, Walberg voted for the House Republican budget for FY 2013. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/29/12]

The budget resolution was adopted, 228-191. [H Con Res 112, Vote #151, 3/29/12]

Budget Would End Traditional Medicare

Under the House Republican budget, Medicare would no longer be a defined benefit plan.

Instead, the budget would convert Medicare to a “premium support” system that would offer the elderly an allowance to buy a private plan, or allow them to enroll in traditional Medicare. [New York Times, 3/12/12; Editorial, New York Times, 3/21/12]

“It would end traditional Medicare, make it harder for seniors to choose their own doctors, and increase health care costs for both current and future retirees,” the National Committee to Protect and Preserve Social Security and Medicare reported. [ncpssm.org, 6/15/12]

… And Turn Medicare In To Voucher Program

Under the House Republican budget, Medicare would become a voucher program.

“Beginning in 2023, when people become eligible for Medicare they would not enroll in the current traditional Medicare program which provides guaranteed benefits. Rather they would receive a voucher, also referred to as a premium support payment, to be used to purchase private health insurance or traditional Medicare through a Medicare Exchange,” the National Committee to Protect and Preserve Social Security and Medicare reported. [ncpssm.org, 6/15/12]

“Make no mistake, the Ryan-Wyden proposal is a voucher program designed to make people with Medicare spend more for their health care so that the federal government spends less—with some bells and whistles that sound attractive, especially when key details are left out,” the Medicare Rights Center stated. [Medicare Rights Center press release, 12/15/11]

“This time, the plan is back with some cosmetic differences. Vouchers now go by the name of “premium support,” which -- for those now 55 and younger -- could be used to buy insurance at the age of eligibility. That’s being raised, gradually, to 67 from 65,” the Commercial Appeal stated. [Editorial, Commercial Appeal, 3/23/12]
Risked “Death Spiral” for Medicare

Under the House Republican budget, private insurers could tailor their plans to attract the youngest and healthiest seniors, leaving older and sicker beneficiaries to traditional Medicare.

Consequently, the older and sicker beneficiaries’ higher health costs “could lead to higher premiums that people would be unable or unwilling to pay, resulting in a death spiral for traditional Medicare,” the National Committee to Protect and Preserve Social Security and Medicare reported. [ncpssm.org, 6/15/12]

Risked Forcing Seniors to Pay More

Under the House Republican budget, seniors could be forced to pay more under traditional Medicare:

His plan to convert Medicare to a “premium support” system, though less damaging than last year’s proposal, still weakens a guarantee to the elderly and risks driving up costs for future beneficiaries. He would still offer the elderly a fixed amount of money to shop for their own health insurance, but allow the option of enrolling in traditional Medicare.

Unfortunately, that could lead to higher costs and premiums in traditional Medicare because it would attract older and sicker patients who would be expensive to cover, while healthier, cheaper patients flocked to private plans. In the long run, the premium support plan could shift costs to beneficiaries because it would limit annual per capita spending growth to well below the level required by the health care reform act. The plan would also cap the federal contribution to Medicaid by turning the program into a block grant to states. [Emphasis added; Editorial, New York Times, 3/20/12]

Moreover, AARP stated:

However, rather than recognizing that health care is an unavoidable necessity which must be made more affordable for all Americans, this proposal simply shifts these high and growing costs onto Medicare beneficiaries, and it then shifts even higher costs of increased uninsured care onto everyone else…By creating a “premium support” system for future Medicare beneficiaries, the proposal is likely to simply increase costs for beneficiaries while removing Medicare’s promise of secure health coverage — a guarantee that future seniors have contributed to through a lifetime of hard work… [Emphasis added; AARP press release]
**Risked Shrinking Medicare Benefits**

Under the House Republican budget, Medicare benefits would likely shrink.

“Medicare benefits would likely shrink under Rep. Paul Ryan’s (R-Wis.) latest proposal, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Tuesday,” The Hill reported. [The Hill, 3/20/12]

**Budget Would Raise Age of Eligibility for Medicare**

Under the House Republican budget, the age of eligibility for Medicare would increase from 65 to 67.

The budget would increase the age by two months every year from 2023 to 2034. [ncpssm.org, 6/15/12]

**Would Leave Some 65 and 66-Year Olds Without Health Coverage**

Under the House Republican budget, some 65 and 66-year olds would be without health coverage:

“The CBO analysis states that the Ryan plan would raise the age at which people become eligible for Medicare from 65 to 67, even as it repeals the health reform law’s coverage provisions. This means 65- and 66-year-olds would have neither Medicare nor access to health insurance exchanges in which they could buy coverage at an affordable price and receive subsidies to help them secure coverage if their incomes are low. **This change would put many more 65- and 66-year-olds who don’t have employer coverage into the individual insurance market, where the premiums charged to people in this age group tend to be extremely high — thereby leaving many of them uninsured.**” [Emphasis added; cbpp.org, 3/20/12]

**… Including Many With Pre-Existing Medical Conditions**

Under the House Republican budget, “many 65- and 66-year-olds with a pre-existing medical condition would not be able to purchase coverage at any price.” [cbpp.org, 3/20/12]

**Budget Would Cut Medicaid by About 45 Percent**

Under the House Republican budget, Medicaid would be cut “by about 45 percent, leaving 19 million people without care, and eliminating plans to provide health insurance for 33 million who lack coverage now.” [Editorial, New York Times, 3/21/12]
Budget Would Repeal Health Care Law

Under the House Republican budget, President Obama’s health care law would be repealed. [The Hill, 3/20/12]

Risked Increasing Number of Uninsured

Under the House Republican budget, the number of uninsured could be “much higher” because it repealed the health care law.

“The budget office also said the number of people without health insurance could be ‘much higher’ under Ryan’s plan because it would repeal President Obama’s healthcare law,” The Hill reported. [The Hill, 3/20/12]

Budget Would Create Windfall for Wealthy

Under the House Republican budget, there would be a tax windfall for the wealthy

Created Two Income Brackets

Under the House Republican budget, there would be just two federal income brackets at 10 and 25 percent. [CBS News, 3/20/12]

Cut Top Marginal Income Tax Rate by 10 Percent

Under the House Republican budget, the top marginal income tax rate – scheduled to rise in 2013 to 39.6 percent – would instead be cut to 25 percent. [cbpp.org, 3/22/12]

… And Last Time Top Marginal Tax Rate Was 25 Was in 1931

The last time that the top marginal tax rate for individuals and couples was 25 percent was 1931. [Tax Policy Center, 4/13/12]

Extended Bush Tax Cuts

Under the House Republican budget, President Bush’s tax cuts would be extended. [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, 4/12/12]

Eliminated Alternative Minimum Tax

Under the House Republican budget, there would be no alternative minimum tax. [CBS News, 3/20/12]

… Designed to Make Sure High-Income People Pay Some Tax
The AMT was designed “to ensure that high-income people pay at least a minimum level of tax,” the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities stated. [cbpp.org, 3/22/12]

**Millionaires See An Average Tax Cut of $265,000**

According to an analysis by the Tax Policy Center, “those making $1 million or more would enjoy an average tax cut of $265,000 and see their after-tax income increase by 12.5 percent.” [Tax Policy Center, 3/23/12]

**Gave “Huge Benefits” to the Wealthy**

According to an analysis by the Tax Policy Center, the House Republican budget “budget plan would result in huge benefits for high-income people and very modest—or no— benefits for low income working households.” [Tax Policy Center, 3/23/12]

**Gave “Giant Tax Breaks” to the Wealthy**

Under the House Republican budget, the wealth would receive “giant tax breaks.” [Editorial, Star-Ledger, 3/22/12]

**… And Hurt the Middle Class**

Under the House Republican budget, the middle class would face “punishing program cuts,” the Star-Ledger stated. [Editorial, Star-Ledger, 3/22/12]

And according to the New York Times, the House Republican budget would “greatly impede the nation’s economic recovery, and hurt those on the middle and lower economic rungs who suffered most from the recession.” [Editorial, New York Times, 3/20/12]

**Budget Would Create Windfall for Corporations**

Under the House Republican budget, there would be a tax windfall for corporations:

**Cut Corporate Income Tax Rate by 10 Percent**

Under the House Republican budget, the corporate tax rate would be cut from 35 percent to 25 percent. [CBS News, 3/20/12]

**Scrapped Most Taxes on Overseas Profits**

Under the House Republican budget, most taxes on overseas profits would be eliminated. [CBS News, 3/20/12]

**Eliminated Taxes on Foreign Profits of US-Based Multinationals**
Under the House Republican budget, taxes on foreign profits of US-based multinationals would be eliminated. [cbpp.org, 3/22/12]

**Risked Encouraging Companies to Ship Jobs Overseas**

Under the House Republican budget, companies may be encouraged to ship jobs overseas:

“Republicans say the current system unfairly taxes corporations twice, hurts their competitiveness and discourages them from reinvesting in the U.S. The budget plan doesn’t specify a tax rate for foreign earnings brought back to the U.S., but some Republicans previously have suggested exempting 95% of future foreign earnings from U.S. corporate tax and imposing a 5.25% tax on existing overseas earnings. **Critics say such a move would prompt American firms to avoid taxes by moving operations overseas even faster than they already are**, harming American workers and reducing investment in the U.S.”  [Emphasis added; Wall Street Journal, 3/20/12]

**Budget Would Threaten Economy**

Under the House Republican budget, the economy would be threatened:

**Destroyed 1.3 Million Jobs**

According to an analysis by the Economic Policy Institute, the House Republican budget “aggressively slows job growth” that would result “in roughly 1.3 million jobs lost in 2013 and 2.8 million jobs lost in 2014, or 4.1 million jobs through 2014.”

*NOTE: This is a 2-year figure in job-years.*


According to the New York Times, the House Republican budget would “greatly impede the nation’s economic recovery, and hurt those on the middle and lower economic rungs who suffered most from the recession.” [Editorial, New York Times, 3/20/12]

**Budget Would Add $3.1 Trillion to Deficit**

Under the House Republican budget, $3.127 trillion would be added to the deficit, assuming “current laws generally remain unchanged,” the Congressional Budget Office reported. [The Hill, 3/20/12]

**Budget Would End Moratorium on Offshore Oil Drilling**
Under the House Republican budget, the moratorium on offshore oil drilling would end. [Editorial, Los Angeles Times, 3/21/12]

… And Protect Tax Breaks for Big Oil

According to an analysis by the Center for American Progress, the House Republican budget would protect tax breaks for big oil.

“Yet it appears that House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan’s (R-WI) proposed FY 2013 budget resolution would retain a decade’s worth of oil tax breaks worth $40 billion,” they concluded. [Center for American Progress, 3/20/12]

Budget Would Repeal New Federal Restrictions on Wall Street

Under the House Republican budget, new federal restrictions on Wall Street would be repealed. [Editorial, Los Angeles Times, 3/21/12]

Was “For Wall Street”

According to the Madison Cap Times, the House Republican budget was “a budget for Wall Street.” [Madison Cap Times, 3/29/12]

Budget Would Cut Critical Education Programs

Under the House Republican budget, critical education programs would be cut.

“The Department of Education would be cut by more than $115 billion over a decade. 9.6 million students would see their Pell Grants fall by more than $1000 in 2014, and, over the next decade, over one million students would lose support altogether. This would derail bipartisan education reforms and deeply undermine K-12 education and college opportunity,” the Office of Management and Budget stated. [OMB, 3/21/12]

Budget Risked Cutting $50 Billion from Transportation Funding

Under the House Republican budget, $50 billion could be cut from federal transportation funding.

“Under questioning, the Republican staff director of the budget committee, Austin Smythe, said the budget was likely to cut transportation financing by $40 billion to $50 billion in the coming fiscal year alone.” [New York Times, 3/22/12]

FY 2013: Voted for Republican Study Committee “Cut, Cap and Balance” Budget Plan

In March 2012, Walberg voted for the Republican Study Committee “Cut, Cap, and Balance” budget substitute amendment, offered as a more conservative alternative to the Ryan budget.
The substitute amendment reportedly “more closely resembles the Tea Party budget” than the Ryan budget offered for FY 2013. It would convert Medicare into a “premium support” plan that would provide premium subsidies to enrollees to offset the cost of health insurance policies.

Additionally, the budget plan would reform Social Security by raising its eligibility age.

The budget would also cut the top corporate and individual tax rate to 25 percent, eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax and the estate tax and repeal President Obama’s healthcare reform plan.

Lastly, the budget plan would convert the federal share of Medicaid spending into a block grant to states that would be level-funded at $267 billion per year for the next 10 years.

The amendment was defeated 136-285. [H.Con.Res.112, Vote #149, 3/29/12; CQ Floor Votes, 3/29/12; The Hill, 3/27/12]

**FY 2013: Voted to “Deem and Pass” Ryan Budget as Passed**

In April 2012, Walberg voted for adoption of the rule to make the FY 2013 Ryan budget the final budget resolution.

The rule would “deem” the budget resolution H Con Res 112 as the final budget resolution as being passed by both the House and Senate even though the budget had not passed in the Senate.

The rule was adopted 228-184. [H Con Res 112, Vote #156, 4/17/12; CQ Floor Votes, 4/17/12; The Hill, 4/17/12]

**FY 2013: Voted Against Budget to Roll Back Tax Breaks for Millionaires and Preserve Medicare**

In March 2012, Walberg voted against a fiscally responsible budget that would let Bush-era tax cuts for millionaires expire at the end of the year, and use the resulting revenue for deficit reduction and funding robust spending on discretionary programs such as education, transportation and scientific research.

In particular, the Democratic alternative budget would continue traditional fee-for-service Medicare and preserve Medicaid, food stamps and other safety-net programs.

It also hewed to a bipartisan agreement to limit fiscal 2013 discretionary spending to $1.047 trillion. [Washington Post, 4/05/12]

The budget was rejected, 163-262. [H Con Res 112, Vote #150, 3/29/12]

**FY 2012: Voted for House Republican Budget**

In 2011, Walberg voted for the FY 2012 budget resolution proposed by Congressman Paul Ryan. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/15/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, Vote #277, 4/15/11]
Budget Would Increase Costs by $6,400

In 2011, the USA Today reported that the House Republican budget passed in April would cost beneficiaries an average of $6,400 more annually, based on estimates from the Congressional Budget Office. [USA Today, 10/03/11]

AARP: Budget “Removing Medicare’s Promise”

In April 2011, the AARP wrote to members of Congress opposing the Republican Budget. “By creating a “premium support” system for future Medicare beneficiaries, the proposal will increase costs for beneficiaries while removing Medicare’s promise of secure health coverage – a guarantee that future seniors have contributed to through a lifetime of hard work,” wrote Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond of the AARP. [AARP, 4/06/11]

Budget Targeted Medicare

According to the McClatchy-Tribune News Service, “The most controversial part of Ryan’s plan is its eventual elimination of Medicare, the federal health plan for seniors … Ryan’s plan would end Medicare for anyone who retires after 2021 and replace it with a “premium support” program, in which the federal government would subsidize private health plans.” [McClatchy-Tribune News Service, 4/05/11]

Would Force Seniors to Buy Health Coverage Through Private Insurers

According to a Kaiser Family Foundation policy brief, beginning in 2022, “all newly-eligible Medicare beneficiaries (i.e., individuals turning 65 as well as younger, disabled individuals becoming eligible for Medicare) would only have access to health coverage through private insurance plans, rather than through the current government-run Medicare program (i.e., traditional Medicare), or under a Medicare Advantage plan.” [Kaiser Family Foundation Policy Brief, Proposed Changes to Medicare in “Path to Prosperity,” 4/08/11]

CBO: Medicare Beneficiaries Would Purchase Private Health Insurance Policies

According to the CBO, “Among other changes, the proposal would convert the current Medicare program to a system under which beneficiaries received premium support payments—payment that would be used to help pay the premiums for a private health insurance policy…” Also according to the report, “Beneficiaries of the premium support payments would choose among competing private insurance plans operating in a newly established Medicare exchange.” [CBO, 4/05/11]

Walberg: Ryan Budget Put Medicare on Pathway of Long-Term Sustainability

In 2011, Walberg said Democrats were distorting Medicare issues in the FY2012 Ryan budget for political purposes and were “push[ing] our seniors off a cliff.”
“As the Democrats continue to present no credible plan to save Medicare for future generations, the Republicans have led and presented an alternative to put Medicare on a pathway of long-term sustainability while giving consumers more choice in their health care decisions,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/08/11]

**Ryan Budget Would Cut Taxes on Top Earners by 10 Percent and Drop the Corporate Tax Rate**

According to the Washington Post, “On taxes, Ryan’s budget would consolidate brackets and lower tax rates; the top individual and corporate rates would drop to 25 percent.” No exception was included in the bill for the lower corporate tax rates for companies shipping jobs overseas. [Washington Post, 4/05/11]

### FY 2012: Voted For an Extreme Republican Study Committee Budget

In 2011, Walberg voted against a bill that would have enacted the Fiscal Year 2012 Republican Study Committee Budget.

The budget would have called for the repeal of the 2010 health care bill, increased the retirement age for Social Security eligibility and Medicare eligibility, would have fundamentally changed both the Medicare and Medicaid programs and would have cut mandatory spending by $1.9 trillion over 10 years.

According to the New York Times, “This plan goes even further than Mr. Ryan’s approach, proposing $1.7 trillion of tax cuts over the next five years and reducing agency budgets by about 30 percent — more than the 15 percent offered by Mr. Ryan’s plan. Additionally, the federal workforce, under the committee’s vision, would be greatly reduced and the Medicaid and Medicare programs would be overhauled.” [NYTimes.com-The Caucus Blog, 4/15/11]

The bill failed 119-136. [H Con Res 34, Vote #275, 4/15/11]

**NOTE: 172 Democrats voted present to force Republican supporters to vote against the bill.**

### FY 2011: Voted to Shut Down Government

In 2011, Walberg voted against a federal funding measure that was designed to avert a government shutdown.

The bill not only included nine outstanding appropriations bills, but extended unemployment insurance and a payroll tax break for 160 million working Americans through February 2012.

At issue was how to fund the spending plan. Democrats were hoping to impose a surtax on people earning $1 million or more per year, while Republicans mainly wanted to cover the $120 billion cost by reducing unemployment benefits and freezing federal workers’ pay. With the two parties locked in a stalemate, the bill was struck as a compromise and a means to prevent the government from shuttering. [ABC News, 12/13/11; LA Times, 12/15/11; ABC News, 12/16/11; Bloomberg, 12/20/11; CQ Bill Analysis, 2/02/12]
The bill passed 296-121. [HR 2055, Vote #941, 12/16/11]

**FY 2011: Voted for Budget Reductions in the Continuing Resolution**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a continuing resolution for Fiscal Year 2011. This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.

The compromise bill funded the federal government through the end of FY11 (September 30th, 2011). This bill was based on FY10 funding levels with a number of program reductions, eliminations and reclamation of already appropriated funds. The bill sets discretionary spending levels for FY11 at $1.055 trillion. [CQ BillAnalysis, 7/14/11; CQ Floor Votes, 4/14/11]

According to Politico: “As it is, six months into the fiscal year, the 451-page bill puts Cabinet departments and agencies on permanent footing, but at a spending level nearly $38 billion below what it was when the new Congress began in January. Nondefense spending is hardest hit, with a reduction closer to $42 billion, and the new appropriations target — just shy of $1.0498 trillion — is $78.5 billion less than President Barack Obama’s initial 2011 budget requests from a year ago.” [Politico, 4/14/11]

The bill passed 260-167.

“Today’s vote was about ensuring funding and pay for our troops and their families,” Walberg said in a statement. “I’m disappointed that the previous Congress failed to do its job and pass a year-long budget.” [HR 1473, Vote #268, 4/14/11; Hillsdale Daily News, 4/13/11]

**Called $39 Billion in Cuts “Anemic at Best”**

In 2011, Walberg said that although the $39 billion in cuts were “anemic at best,” there was enough in the continuing resolution that he felt positive it.

Specifically, Walberg supported the independent audits of the Affordable Care Act and Dodd-Frank financial reform bill, which he thought would illustrate why repeal of both laws was necessary. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 4/11/11]

**Said “Michigan’s Blood” Would Be on Democrats Hand for Not Passing a Budget**

In 2011, Walberg blamed Democrats failing to pass a budget as Congress’s failure to come to an agreement threatened to shut down the federal government.

“Democrats just seem to want to keep fiddling when Rome burns,” Walberg said. “Michigan’s blood will be on their hands.” [Detroit News, 4/06/11]

**FY 2008: Opposed Fiscally Responsible Budget**

In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal year 2008 budget conference report that began to reverse six years of Republican fiscal mismanagement, provided for middle-class tax relief and would return the
budget to balance – reaching a surplus of $41 billion in 2012 – without raising taxes. [House Budget Committee, Overview of FY2008 Budget Conference Agreement, 5/16/07]

According to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, the budget represented “a major step toward restoring fiscal responsibility in the Congress…” [Center for Responsive Politics, 5/29/07]

The budget passed 214-209. [SCR 21, Vote #377, 5/17/07]

Voted Against FY16 Democratic Alternative Budget That Invested In Education, Made Healthcare More Affordable, And Made Medicare More Efficient

**Voted Against FY2016 Democratic Alternative Budget Plan.** In March 2015, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget that “proposed more investment in education and infrastructure, new taxes on the wealthiest Americans, and several pet ideas including a higher minimum wage, paid sick leave, expanded early childhood education and a ban on tax breaks for executives unless they increase their employees’ wages.” The amendment failed 160 to 264. [H Con Res 27, Vote #139, 3/25/15; RealClearPolitics, 3/23/15]

**Increased Investments In Head Start, Universal Preschool, And College Affordability.** “On education, the Democratic budget would increase investments in Head Start, which provides early childhood education to low-income children, as well as fund President Obama’s proposal for universal preschool for children. It would also increase funding aimed at making college more affordable.” [RealClearPolitics, 3/23/15]

**Promoted Obamacare And Made Medicare More Efficient.** “While Republicans’ budget fully repeals Obamacare, turns Medicare into a voucher program and cuts funding to Medicaid, the Democratic budget promotes Obamacare and maintains Medicare while promoting more efficiency, Van Hollen said.” [RealClearPolitics, 3/23/15]

**FY 2014: Voted Against the Democratic Alternative Budget**

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014. The budget prioritized protecting Medicare and keeping the tax burden low on the middle class, while replacing across-the board sequestration cuts with targeted cuts and savings.

The amendment failed 165-253. [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/20/13]

**Voted to Protect Member Perks, Including First Class Airfare, House Barber Shop, Salon, and Dining Room**

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014. The budget established: “It is the policy of this resolution that the House should lead by example and identify any savings that can be achieved through greater productivity and efficiency gains in the operation and maintenance of House services and resources like printing, conferences, utilities, telecommunications, furniture, grounds maintenance, postage, and rent. This should include a review of policies and procedures for acquisition of goods and services to eliminate any
unnecessary spending. The Committee on House Administration shall review the policies pertaining to the services provided to Members of Congress and House Committees, and shall identify ways to reduce any subsidies paid for the operation of the House gym, Barber shop, Salon, and the House dining room. Further, it is the policy of this resolution that no taxpayer funds may be used to purchase first class airfare or to lease corporate jets for Members of Congress.” [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/20/13; H Con Res 25, 3/18/13]

**Opposed Statement Criticizing Privatizing Social Security**

In 2013, Walberg voted against Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014, which included a policy statement declaring that “diverting workers’ payroll contributions toward private accounts undermines retirement security and the social safety net by subjecting the workers’ retirement decisions and income to the whims of the stock market.” [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/20/13; H Con Res 25, 3/18/13]

**Voted Against Budget That Would Create 560,000 New Jobs**

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014, which the Economic Policy Institute estimated would create 560,000 new jobs by 2015. “The Van Hollen budget would boost GDP growth by 0.4 percent and increase employment by roughly 450,000 jobs in 2013, relative to current policy. A smaller economic boost of 0.1 percent of GDP and roughly 110,000 jobs would be expected in 2014.” [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/20/13; Economic Policy Institute, 3/18/13]

**Voted Against Budget That Established Buy it in America Requirements**

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014, which included a policy statement declaring “that Congress should pursue a ‘Make it in America’ agenda with a priority to consider and enact legislation to help create jobs, remove incentives to outsource jobs overseas and instead support incentives that bring jobs back to the U.S., and help middle class families by increasing the minimum wage.” [H Con Res 25, Vote #87; H Amdt 36, 3/18/13]

**Voted Against Budget That Replaced Sequester**

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014, which included a policy statement declaring that Congress should vote on HR 699, the Stop the Sequester Job Loss Now Act.

“That measure would eliminate subsidies to the farm industry, scrap tax preferences used by oil-and-gas companies and implement a new minimum tax rate on people making seven figures annually — the proposal commonly known as the ‘Buffett Rule.’” [H Con Res 25, Vote #87; H Amdt 36, 3/18/13; The Hill, 2/11/13]

**Voted Against Budget That Provided $1 Billion for Veterans Job Corps**
In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014, which included $1 billion for the Veterans Job Corps.

“The jobs bill would have hired veterans who served in the military since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to work on federal public lands projects and would have established a network of job training centers.” [H Con Res 25, Vote #87; H Amdt 36, 3/18/13; Los Angeles Times, 9/19/12]

Voted Against Budget That Provided $80 Billion for Education, Including $30 Billion for Rebuilding 35,000 Public Schools

In 2013, Walberg voted against the Democratic alternative budget for fiscal year 2014, which assumes $80 billion in education jobs funding for the President’s initiatives to promote jobs now while also creating an infrastructure that will help students learn and create a better future workforce, including $30 billion for rebuilding at least 35,000 public schools, $25 billion to prevent hundreds of thousands of educator layoffs, and $8 billion to help community colleges train 2 million workers in high growth industries with skills that will lead directly to jobs. [H Con Res 25, Vote #87; H Amdt 36, 3/18/13]

**Sequestration**

**Voted to Create Sequestration…**

In 2011, Walberg voted for the Budget Control Act.

As a way to reduce the deficit by at least $2.1 trillion over the next decade, the bill established a bipartisan bicameral “super committee” that was instructed to find at least $1.2 trillion in savings. In order to provide an incentive for the “super committee” to reach an agreement that had previously eluded other attempts to find consensus on spending cuts, the bill contained a “trigger” (referred to as “sequestration”) that would automatically cut $1.2 trillion in spending over nine years—spread equally between defense spending and domestic programs—should Congress fail to act. [CRS, 8/19/11; New York Times, 8/1/11; CBS News, 6/28/11; Third Way, “The Dominoes of Default,” 5/11; Wall Street Journal, 1/19/12]

While the Budget Control Act passed 269-161, the “super committee” later failed to reach an agreement. [HR 690, Vote #690, 8/01/11; CNN, 11/21/11]

**… Then Called Sequestration “Dumb Way To Do Business”**

In 2013, Walberg called the across-the-board sequestration cuts a dumb way of doing business.

“Sequester happened. I don’t plan to make jokes about it,” Walberg said. “It’s a dumb way to do business.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

**Walberg on Sequestration: “I’ve Seen No Evidence Of The Sky Falling”**

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DCCC Tim Walberg Research Book
In 2013, Walberg told the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce that neither Republicans nor Democrats expected sequestration to be implemented, but the world hadn’t ended in its wake.

“I’ve traveled through almost all seven counties in this district in the last four days and I’ve seen no evidence of the sky falling on the roads anywhere or in the fields,” Walberg said. [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

**Sequestration Hurt Children…**

In 2013, the State Budget Office found that due to sequestration, the state Department of Human Services would have to eliminate an assistance program that provided 21,000 needy children with a small clothing allowance each year. [MLive, 4/15/13]

According to the White House, Michigan would also lose about $301,000 in funding for vaccinations for diseases like measles, mumps and whopping cough. [Crain’s Detroit Business, 3/03/13]

**…And Students**

According to the State Budget Office, schools would lose more than $54 million in funding, and face cuts in special education services, Title I funding, career and technical training, and after-school programs. [MLive, 4/15/13]

**…And Seniors**

Sequestration cut funding for free and low-cost meals for seniors, both home-delivered lunches and those served at senior centers and senior housing complexes.

With just Social Security and $122 a month in food stamps, Jo Ann Murray, a 66-year-old retired nurse, said she had nothing but bread and butter left in her refrigerator.

“It’s not pleasant, it really isn’t – going hungry,” she said. Just as bad, she said: “You miss seeing your friends.”

“Especially in rural areas, the issue is that the Meals on Wheels is not just about a meal. It’s about a human being checking in on another at least once a day,” executive director of Michigan’s Area Agencies on Aging Association Mary Ablan said. [USA Today, 5/28/13]

**Voted to Ease Flight Delays Due to Sequestration Cuts**

In 2013, Walberg voted for legislation that would give the secretary of transportation the flexibility to end flight delays due to cuts to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The bill would allow as much $253 million to be moved from other parts of the Transportation Department to the FAA to “stop further furloughs and keep the air traffic control system operating at a normal pace” through the fiscal year. [New York Times, 4/26/13]
Over the course of a week, the furloughs delayed “more than 3,000 flights” according to FAA tallies. [CNN, 4/26/13]

However, the Obama administration and Democrats argued that the bill was not a full fix and that Congress “had effectively come to the rescue of an affluent and elite slice of the public affected by the cuts, including lawmakers themselves, while leaving the poor to continue to fend for themselves.” [New York Times, 4/26/13]

The bill passed 361-41. [HR 1765, Vote #125, 4/26/13]

**Voted to Apply Sequester Cuts to House Committees**

In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill to provide $241 million in the 113th Congress for the 19 standing committees of the House and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The appropriations bill specifically authorized the Committee on House Administration to make House Committee budgets compliant with the Budget Control Act (sequestration), which would impose an average 11 percent cut from amounts authorized for committees in the 112th Congress.

- Budget; Ways and Means; and Intelligence Committees would be cut by roughly 9 percent.
- Financial Services; Foreign Affairs; Science, Space and Technology; Small Business; Transportation and Infrastructure; and Veterans Affairs would be cut nearly 12 percent.

The bill passed the House 272-136. [HR 115, Vote #82, 3/19/13]

**Republican: Cuts Would Hinder House Ability to Conduct Oversight**

Republican Representative Buck McKeon said the cuts “would cripple committee functions at an important time.” [Statement of Howard P. “Buck” McKeon before the Committee on House Administration, 3/05/13]

Representative Juan C. Vargas called the cuts the “next step in a slow march” in making the House incapable of conducting its oversight function. [CQ News, 3/19/13]


**Voted Against Considering the Replacement of Sequester with a Balanced Approach**

In 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Stop the Sequester Job Loss Now Act, which would replace the entire sequester for the remainder of fiscal year 2013.
“That measure would eliminate subsidies to the farm industry, scrap tax preferences used by oil-and-gas companies and implement a new minimum tax rate on people making seven figures annually — the proposal commonly known as the ‘Buffett Rule.’” [The Hill, 2/11/13]

The previous question was approved 229-196. A vote against the motion would have allowed for consideration of the sequester replacement bill. [H Res 99, Vote #59, 5/06/13]

**Voted to Go on Paid Recess Without Fixing Sequester First**

In February 2013, two weeks before the sequester would begin cutting indiscriminately from government, Walberg voted to adjourn for over a week before reaching a solution.

The resolution passed with 222 Republicans and no Democrats voting for adjournment, 222-190. [H Con Res 15, Vote #43, 2/15/13]

**CBO: Sequester Will Slash 2013 Economic Growth In Half.** According to the Wall Street Journal’s MarketWatch: “Fiscal tightening including the automatic budget cuts known as the sequester would cut U.S. growth in half in 2013 if allowed to go into effect, the Congressional Budget Office said Tuesday in a new budget and economic outlook. … CBO said Tuesday that growth would be about 1.5 percentage points faster in 2013 if not for fiscal tightening including the sequester.” [MarketWatch, 2/05/13]

**Repeatedly Voted to Keep the Sequester Cuts**

In 2013, Walberg repeatedly voted to keep the sequester cuts:

**Republican Budget: Voted for Republican Budget, Which Contained Cuts From Sequestration.** [H Con Res 25, Vote #88, 3/21/13]

**Voted for Sequester Cuts to House Committee Appropriations.** [HR 115, Vote #82, 3/19/13]

**Repeatedly Voted Against Replacing the Sequester**

In 2013, Walberg repeatedly voted against replacing the sequester cuts with a balanced approach:

**House Democratic Budget: Voted Against the House Budget That Replaced the Sequester with a Balanced Approach.** [H Con Res 25, Vote #87, 3/21/13]

**House Progressive Caucus Budget: Voted Against CPC Budget that Replaced Sequester.** [H Con Res 25, Vote #85, 3/20/13; Economic Policy Institute, 3/13/13]

**Senate Democratic Budget: Voted Against Senate Budget That Replaced the Sequester with a Balanced Approach.** [H Con Res 25, Vote #83, 3/20/13; Politico, 3/12/13]

**Voted Against Consideration of Replacing Sequester Cuts with Balanced Approach.** [H Res 83, Vote #51, 2/27/13; The Hill, 2/11/13]
Voted Against Consideration of Replacing Sequester Cuts with Balanced Approach. [H Res 66, Vote #41, 2/27/13]

Voted Against Consideration of Replacing Sequester Cuts with Balanced Approach. [H Res 99, Vote #59, 2/27/13]

Continuing Appropriations Measure: Voted Against Striking Sequester Cuts. [HR 933, Vote #61, 3/06/13]

May 2012: Voted For House Republican Plan That Would Avert Automatic Sequestration Cuts

In May 2012, Walberg voted for the House Republican plan to avert automatic budget cuts included in sequestration.

“Passage of the bill that would cancel $98 billion in automatic discretionary spending cuts that would go into effect in January 2013. It would replace the sequester with a $19 billion reduction in the discretionary cap for fiscal 2013 and with reconciliation savings from mandatory programs recommended by six House committees. It also would eliminate the separate cap on defense spending for the year to allow for higher spending levels. The bill would modify mandatory programs to save $19.7 billion through fiscal 2013 and about $310 billion over 10 years, including by decreasing benefits and eligibility for the food stamp program, reducing and repealing elements of the 2010 health care law, and requiring all current and future federal workers to pay an additional 5 percentage points of their salary toward their federal pensions.” [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/12]

The Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act was adopted 218-199. [HR 5652, Vote #247, 5/10/12]

Plan Would Eliminate Funding For Preventive Healthcare Coverage, Slash Medicaid By $22.7 Billion

The House Republican sequester replacement plan would eliminate the Prevention and Public Health Trust Fund, which provides critical screenings for breast and cervical cancer and cut Medicaid by $22.7 billion. [The Hill, 5/10/12; Washington Post, 5/9/12]

“Additionally, 326,000 women would not get the breast cancer screenings they are slated to receive in FY 2013 and 284,000 women would not get the cervical cancer screenings they are slated to receive in FY 2013,” according to ABC News’ citation of the House Budget Committee Democrats. [ABC News, 5/10/12; Committee on the Budget, 5/10/12]

…Slashes Home Foreclosure Relief And Enshrines Future Government Bailouts Of Wall Street Banks

“The measure would save $2.8 billion by ending a program that helps homeowners facing foreclosure and $22.6 billion by ending federal regulators’ new authority to shut down struggling financial firms deemed big enough to threaten the economy.” [Washington Post, 5/9/12]
…Ends Meals On Wheels, Food Assistance For Children And The Child Tax Credit

“Under the House-approved legislation, food stamp eligibility is tightened, the Prevention and Public Health Trust Fund under the 2010 healthcare law is ended, the Federal Medicaid match to states is reduced, new stricter eligibility standards for Medicaid are imposed, and the Social Services Block Grant, which funds Meals on Wheels, is ended.” [The Hill, 5/10/12]

“In the Republican alternative, the largest cuts would come from food stamps, Medicaid healthcare for the poor, social services block grants that fund various programs including Meals on Wheels for the elderly, as well as a provision to deny illegal immigrants a $1,000 per child tax credit.” [ABC News, 5/10/12]

“Charged with finding $33 billion in savings, the House Agriculture Committee elected to exceed its target and to cut SNAP by $36 billion while shielding all other programs in its jurisdiction. ... The SNAP cuts would reduce or eliminate benefits for all SNAP households, including the poorest, the very old, and the disabled. Two million people, disproportionately people in low-income working families and the elderly, would lose SNAP benefits entirely. The other 44 million individuals receiving SNAP assistance would see their benefits cut.” [CBPP, 5/10/12]

…300,000 Children Would Be Cut from School Lunch Programs

“Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) accused the GOP of “whacking” the poor. He pointed to estimates from the Congressional Budget Office that found some 22 million households with children would lose aid to buy food, 300,000 children would be cut from school lunch programs, and 300,000 children would lose health insurance under the House plan.” [Huffington Post, 5/10/12]

Partisan Plan Increased – Not Lessened – The Likelihood Of Avoiding Sequestration

The partisan House GOP plan to avert automatic cuts authorized by sequestration was dead-on-arrival, drawing a veto pledge by the White House, and wasn’t a serious proposal to block sequestration.

“The measure has drawn a White House veto threat over the lower House spending levels and because funding cuts would hurt various programs, including air traffic control.” [Reuters, 5/10/12]

“Moving right and bleeding moderate votes, Republicans narrowly won House approval Thursday of their plan to shift tens of billions from poverty programs to protect the Pentagon from automatic cuts under the August debt accords. … Inside the House, the 218-199 vote placated party conservatives and minutes later helped the leadership win passage of the first of the 2013 annual appropriations bills covering law enforcement and science agencies. But among the 16 Republican “nays” on the spending cuts were significantly more GOP moderates - lawmakers who had remained loyal in the budget debate little more than a month ago.” [Politico, 5/10/12]

- **Headline:** “GOP leaves debt accord in dust” [Politico, 5/10/12]
In December 2012, Walberg voted for the House Republican plan to avert automatic budget cuts included in sequestration.

“Passage of the bill would cancel the automatic cuts from discretionary programs set to occur in January 2013 and replace the sequester with a $19 billion reduction in the discretionary cap for fiscal 2013 and savings from mandatory programs totaling more than $300 billion over 10 years. It also would eliminate the separate cap on defense spending for the year to allow for higher spending levels.” [CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/12]

The Spending Reduction Act was adopted 215-209. [HR 6684, Vote #644, 12/20/12]

**Plan Would Force Federal Employees To Pay 5 Percent More Into Their Retirement**

The Spending Reduction Act would’ve generated $314.5 billion in budget savings by forcing federal employees to pay 5 percent more into their retirement plans. This proposal would’ve been phased in over five years.

“The measure, a fallback brought up because political leaders have not resolved the pending fiscal cliff crisis, would increase contributions by all employees by 5 percent of salary, phased in over five years. The increase would begin in January with a 1.5 percentage point increase, followed by another half-percentage point in 2014 and then 1 percent more each the following three years. The required contribution by members of Congress would increase even more, by a total of 8.5 percent of salary over five years starting with an additional 2.5 percentage points in 2013.” [Washington Post, 12/20/12]

**…Slashed Food Stamps, Mortage Relief for People Under Risk of Foreclosure, and Gut Preventive Health Care**

The Spending Reduction Act would’ve eliminated the Social Services Block Grant, which provides funding for critical programs like Meals on Wheels and cut funding for the federal food stamp program.

Among other things, the Spending Reduction Act would trim spending in the federal food stamp program, end child tax credit for non-U.S. citizens, cancel the Home Affordable Modification Program that the GOP has said is ineffective, and terminate a health prevention fund that the GOP has criticized as a slush fund. [The Hill, 12/20/13]

**Partisan Plan Was Dead On Arrival, Wasn’t Serious Plan To Help Avert Fiscal Cliff**

The House Republican plan to offset defense cuts imposed by sequestration with other aspects of discretionary spending was dead on arrival as the President pledged to veto it and the Senate Majority Leader indicated that the proposal wouldn’t be considered by the chamber.
“The Senate is not likely to pass the measure, meaning the House vote yesterday will probably serve as a symbolic gesture that puts Republicans on record favoring increased retirement contributions from federal employees. Moments after that vote, the White House issued a statement indicating it would veto this bill. But that should be a moot point, since Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has said he won’t bring it up for a vote.” [CNN, 12/21/12]

**Jackson Citizen Patriot Editorial: Walberg Served District “With A Commitment To Modest Spending And Fiscal Responsibility”**

“For the past four years, U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg has served Michigan's 7th Congressional District with a steady commitment to modest spending and fiscal responsibility. We see no reason that should change, and recommend voters support Walberg in his re-election bid on Nov. 4.” [Jackson Citizen, Editorial, 10/05/14]

**Debt Ceiling**

**Voted for Suspending the Debt Limit for Nearly Four Months**

In January 2013, Walberg voted for a suspension of the debt limit through May 18, 2013, and then automatically increase the debt limit to accommodate the additional debt accumulated through that date.

The bill also directed both chambers of Congress to adopt a budget resolution for FY 2014 by April 15, 2013. If either body failed to pass a budget, members of that body would have their paychecks put into an escrow account starting on April 16, until that body adopted a budget. [CQ Votes, 1/23/13]

The bill passed, 285-44. [HR 325, Vote # 30, 1/23/13]

**ALTERNATE: Opposed Pay Without Passing Budget**

In January 2013, Walberg voted for the No Budget No Pay Act, which would suspend members’ salary payments in either chamber that did not adopt a fiscal 2014 budget passed by April 15, 2013. The salaries of the chamber that did not pass a budget by that date would be placed into an escrow account and would not be released until a budget was adopted or until the last day of the 113th Congress.

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Democrats blasted the bill, calling it a gimmick. “They’re playing political games with the debt ceiling. And that undermines certainty,” Rep. Sander Levin said. Rep. George Miller said the bill put the country on a 90-day leash, a situation that could cause another downgrade in the credit rating that would drive up the cost of borrowing money. [CQ News, 1/23/13]

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Co-sponsored Balanced Budget Amendment

In 2011, Walberg co-sponsored a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution.

The resolution would have amended the Constitution to require the balancing of the federal budget by, whichever happens second, fiscal year 2018 or the second fiscal year after ratification by the states. The amendment would require three-fifths of the house to approve debt ceiling increases and deficit spending and a majority to waive the requirement during times of war or serious military threat. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/18/11]

Critics of the amendment noted that it would require severe cuts that Congress had previously refused to pass and would limit the government’s ability to respond to economic turmoil. [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 11/18/11]

The resolution failed to reach the required two-thirds majority, 261-165. [H J Res 2, Vote #858, 11/18/11]

Voted to Create Sequester, Increase in Debt Limit by $2.4 Trillion

In 2011, Walberg voted to allow the debt ceiling to be increased by $2.4 trillion.

The bill allowed the President to immediately raise the debt ceiling by $400 billion as a way to avoid a looming default that experts predicted would have a catastrophic effect on the nation’s economy. It would also later raise the debt ceiling by $500 billion after members of Congress were allowed to cast a largely symbolic resolution disapproving of the increase.

As a way to reduce the deficit by at least $2.1 trillion over the next decade, the bill established a bipartisan bicameral “super committee” that was instructed to find at least $1.2 trillion in savings. In order to provide an incentive for the “super committee” to reach an agreement that had previously eluded other attempts to find consensus on spending cuts, the bill contained a “trigger” (referred to as “sequestration”) that would automatically cut $1.2 trillion in spending over nine years—spread equally between defense
spending and domestic programs—should Congress fail to act. [CRS, 8/19/11; New York Times, 8/1/11; CBS News, 6/28/11; Third Way, The Dominoes of Default, 5/11; Wall Street Journal, 1/19/12]

While the Budget Control Act passed 269-161, the “super committee” later failed to reach an agreement. [S 365, Vote #690, 8/01/11; CNN, 11/21/11]

**Voted for $500 Billion Increase in the Debt Ceiling**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a $500 billion increase in the debt ceiling.

The bill was a disapproval of the $500 billion increase in the debt ceiling which was authorized under the debt ceiling agreement which passed on August 1st, 2011. In order for the increase to not go into effect the disapproval bill would have to pass both the House and the Senate and be signed into law. According to Congressional Quarterly Weekly “164 House Republicans – plus two Democrats – voted to disapprove a debt ceiling increase after having vote Aug. 1 to permit it. [...] this was just a paramount example of the political game that lawmakers play when they want things both ways.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/14/11; Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 9/17/11]

The bill passed 232-186-2. [HJ Res 77, Vote #706, 9/14/11]

**Voted Against a Clean Debt Ceiling Raise**

In 2011, Walberg voted against raising the statutory debt limit, sometimes referred to the debt ceiling to $16.7 trillion dollars.

The bill was brought under suspension of the rules, requiring a two-thirds vote, to ensure its failure. The debt limit had to be raised prior to August 2nd, 2011, when the United States would default according to Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner. According to the Republican House Ways and Means Chairman, Dave Camp, said the vote was to prove that “the American people” want Congress to tackle the debt crisis before they raise the debt limit. Additional debt ceiling increases were proposed, and eventually passed later, but as part of a larger bill including budget cuts instead of just a bill which deals solely with the debt ceiling. [Boston Globe, 5/31/11; USA Today, 6/01/11; Washington Post, 6/01/11]

“Raising the debt limit without restoring financial accountability would be unacceptable, and that is why I voted today against this irresponsible debt limit increase,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 5/31/11]

The bill failed 97-318. [HR 1954, Vote #379, 5/31/11]

**Voted Against Raising the Debt Limit**

In 2011, Walberg voted against raising the debt ceiling.

The bill, which was brought up under suspension of the rules and would have required a two-thirds vote to pass, would have raised the debt ceiling by $1.2 trillion, $784 billion of which could be stopped by a resolution of disapproval. An additional $1.2 trillion would be available for the debt ceiling increase but
would be subject to a resolution of disapproval. The bill would also set spending caps for FY2012-2021 to reduce spending by about $840 billion. A bipartisan, bicameral committee would also be created to suggest ways to reduce the deficit to 3 percent of GDP. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/30/11]

The bill failed 173-246. [HR 2693, Vote #682, 7/30/11]

**Voted to Increase the Debt Ceiling**

In 2011, Walberg voted to increase the debt ceiling as part of passing the Budget Control Act.

The bill allowed for a debt ceiling increase of $900 billion ($400 billion would be automatic and $500 billion would be subject to a vote of disapproval) in exchange for a cap that would reduce government spending by $917 billion from FY 2012 through 2021. The bill would also create a bipartisan, bicameral committee to find an additional $1.8 trillion in cuts. There would be an additional $1.6 trillion debt ceiling increase if Congress agreed to the cuts from the committee and passed a balanced-budget constitutional amendment. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/29/11; New York Times, 7/29/11; CRS, 10/5/11]

According to the **Buffalo News**:

> [The bill] would immediately increase the nation’s debt limit by $900 billion in tandem with $917 billion in budget cuts over 10 years. The second step of the debt ceiling increase would come in six months -- but only in the unlikely event that two-thirds of the House and Senate approve a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. [Buffalo News, 7/30/11]

“It wasn’t the full cut, cap and balance that we wanted, but that wasn’t going anywhere, it just wasn’t going anywhere. And so at this point in time you decide whether you do the best deal possible or the best possible deal,” Walberg later said of his vote. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/12/11]

The bill passed 218-210. [S. 627, Vote #677, 7/29/11]

**Republican Leadership Lobbied For Walberg’s Vote... In the Shower**

In 2011, Walberg said that he had been undecided on the Budget Control Act until the morning of the vote. Walberg said Republican leadership lobbied intensely for his vote.

From the **Washington Post**:

> “Hey, Walberg!” a voice called out to the two-term Republican congressman from Michigan, who was in the shower at the House gym. “Are you with us?”

> Walberg, 60, would not disclose the name of the other congressman, who wanted to know: “Have you come on over?”

> Walberg gave the same answer he had already given twice that morning. “Still undecided,” he said uncomfortably. “But let’s do this at some other time.” …
“I need your vote. I want your vote,” Walberg recalled House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) telling him at one point during the day. “Why can’t I have your vote?” [Washington Post, 7/29/11]

**Said That Was How Government Should Work**

During the debt ceiling whipping of votes, Walberg said that being lobbied while taking a shower is how the government should work.

“This is how it ought to be in our country. We are making decisions for the future of our children and grandchildren. This is not solely about the next election or the next opening bell of the stock market. This is for freedom. This is for prosperity,” Walberg said. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/01/11]

**Withheld Support Until He Was Assured of a Balanced Budget Amendment Vote**

In 2011, Walberg said that he withheld support of an increase in the debt ceiling until Republican leadership assured him that there would be a vote on the balanced budget amendment.

According to the Jackson Citizen Patriot, Walberg did not insist the amendment pass the House and Senate, only that members of Congress go on record to support or oppose a measure he called “common sense.”

Walberg’s other conditions included no tax increases, no increased spending, an increase that is only temporary, and structural changes to prevent further debt. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/01/11]

**Said Debt Ceiling Vote Was Moment to Pressure for Spending Cuts**

Walberg said that the debt ceiling vote allowed for an opportunie moment to address spending.

“I think it’s one of the best times (to do it) because it does have something hanging in the balance that puts pressure on people to do the right thing…We’ve always said we’ll take care of the spending later on. … There is no room to let our country kick this can down the road and raise the debt ceiling and continue spending,” Walberg said. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/01/11]

**Said He Worried Farmers and Small Businesses Would Be Hurt By Default**

In 2011, Walberg said that he thought avoiding a default was necessary to avoid higher interest rates and tightened credit that would impact farmers and small businesses.
“Those are the ones I’m worried about hurting,” Walberg said. [Detroit Free Press, 7/30/11]

**Voted for Cut, Cap and Balance Plan to Hold Debt Limit Hostage**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which only raised the debt limit if there were cuts to the federal budget, caps on federal spending and Congress passed a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

The bill would have cut $111 billion from the federal budget, except for Medicare, Social Security and defense programs, in Fiscal Year 2012. The bill would have also capped federal spending at “21.7 percent of GDP for 2013, 20.8 for 2014, 20.2 for 2015, 20.1 for 2016, 19.9 for 2017, 19.7 for 2018, and 19.9 percent for 2019 through 2021”. Lastly the bill would have required the passage of a balanced budget amendment before the debt limit would be raised. [Washington Post, 7/19/11; New York Times, 7/19/11; The Hill, 7/15/11]

“This historic vote moves the ball closer to the peoples goal and my goal of cutting out-of-control spending and putting the government back on sound financial footing,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 7/20/11]

The bill passed 234-190. [HR 2560, Vote #606, 7/19/11]

**Voted Against Debt Limit Increases During First Term in Office**

Walberg voted against three increases in the debt limit during his first term in Congress.

**2008: Voted Against Increasing the Debt Limit by $700 Billion**

In October 2008, Walberg voted against of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which increased the debt ceiling by $700 billion to $11.315 trillion. This bill eventually became Public Law 110-343. [HR 1424, Vote #681, 10/03/08; CRS Report, 4/05/11]

**2008: Voted Against Increasing the Debt Limit by $800 Billion**

In 2008, Walberg voted against resolving the differences between the House and Senate versions and pass HR 3221, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. The bill increased the federal debt limit by $800 billion to $10.615 trillion. This bill eventually became Public Law 110-289. [HR 3221, Vote # 519, 7/23/08; CRS Report, 4/05/11]

**2007: Voted Against Increasing Debt Limit by $850 Billion**

In 2007, Walberg voted against adopting a conference report on a budget resolution that triggered a rule that deemed HJ Res 43 in the 110th Congress to have passed. This legislation raised the debt limit to accommodate the spending and revenue levels approved in the adopted budget resolution. Specifically, the limit would be raised by $850 billion to $9.815 trillion. This bill eventually became Public Law 110-184. [S Con Res 21, Vote #377, 5/17/07; HJ Res 43 (110th Cong.) Enrolled; CRS Report, 4/05/11]
### Opposed Recovery Act

In 2010, Walberg attacked Congressman Schauer for voting for the Recovery Act. Walberg blamed the stimulus for rising unemployment, and said it had wasted taxpayer money.

Walberg claimed the Recovery Act wasted taxpayer money on projects including: fossil research in Argentina, socially conscious puppet shows, research on ant colonies, and building a replica railroad in Nevada. [Walberg for Congress press release, 2/13/10]

#### Claimed Recovery Act Created Jobs Overseas

In 2010, Walberg claimed the Recovery Act financed $2 billion in energy spending that created 6,000 jobs overseas. [Walberg for Congress press release, 2/13/10]

A campaign email about the Recovery Act had the subject line “Stimulus Results in Higher Unemployment & Jobs Overseas.” [Eclectablog, 2/22/10]

### Appeared at Ribbon Cutting for Recovery Act Project

In November 2011, Walberg appeared at the grand opening of the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor ribbon cutting ceremony for a hematology-oncology infusion center. The center was funded by $763,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. [Heritage Newspapers, 11/23/11]

### Would Not Support Transportation Spending Because Stimulus Had Failed

In 2010, Walberg said that he would not support the Obama administration’s proposal for transportation improvement spending because the stimulus had been a failure.

“Since passage of the stimulus, Michigan has lost over 70,000 jobs, our national debt has increased by trillions and money that was supposed to go for infrastructure has been spent on socially conscious puppet shows and conducting fossil research in Argentina,” Walberg said. [Associated Press, 10/18/10]

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Voted For $1.1 Trillion Overwhelmingly Bipartisan Budget Deal To Keep Government Open Through September 2016. In December 2015, Walberg voted for the omnibus spending package. “The House on Friday overwhelmingly approved a $1.1 trillion spending package that includes the first major change approved by Congress to ObamaCare, and keeps the government open through September 2016 … In the end, there was no drama in the 316-113 vote … Only 18 Democrats voted against the spending bill, while 166 supported it.” [HR 2029, Vote #705, 12/18/15; The Hill, 12/18/15]


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Bill Required Treasury Secretary To Prepare A Report For Congress About Plans To Address The Federal Deficit Before Congress Agrees To Raise The Debt Limit. “House lawmakers Thursday 267-151 passed legislation that would require the Treasury secretary to appear before Congress prior to raising the debt limit. The Obama administration has threatened a veto of the bill, which now goes to the Senate. But it picked up support from all 239 Republicans who voted and 28 Democrats … The legislation (HR 3442), sponsored by Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Texas, would require the secretary to come before the Ways and Means Committee when the nation approaches the debt limit and present a report to Congress on the state of the public debt … The proposal also would require the secretary to outline the president's plans to reduce the debt and prepare a subsequent progress report. All the information would be posted publicly on the Treasury's website.” [Congressional Quarterly News, 2/11/16]
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In February 2016, Walberg voted for a motion to block consideration of a vote on Budget Committee Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen’s H.R. 6234, which would “demand a fair hearing on the President’s Budget by demanding that House Republicans hold a budget hearing with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.” The previous question carried, 237-180. A vote against the previous question would call for an immediate vote on Budget Committee Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen’s H.R. 624. [H Res 618, Vote #85, 02/24/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/24/16]
{Voted For/Voted Against/Voted Present/Did Not Vote On}} Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Call On Hearings For President’s Budget. In February 2016, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of H. Res. 619, an ordering of the previous question on HR 2406. “The Democratic Previous Question gives Republicans a second chance to call for an immediate vote on Budget Committee Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen’s H.R. 624 to demand a fair hearing on the President’s Budget by demanding that House Republicans hold a Budget hearing with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.” The previous question passed, 240 to 178. [H.Res.619, Vote #90, 2/25/16; Democratic Leader-Ordering of Previous Question, 2/25/16]

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Voted to Freeze Workforce Program Funding

In 2013, Walberg voted to freeze WIA funding for FY2014-2020 while consolidating or eliminating 35 programs into state block grants.

The bill would also limit the role of organized labor in Workforce Investment Boards.

The bill passed 215-202. [HR 803, Vote #75, 3/15/13]

Voted for Bill that Targets Federal Workers for Financial Problems

In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill that targeted federal workers for their financial problems.

The bill would bar the hiring or continued federal employment of anyone with seriously delinquent tax debt for which a lien had been filed in public records. [CQ Votes]

The bill did not pass, failing to receive a two-thirds vote, 250-159. [HR 249, Vote #105, 4/15/13]

Voted Against Considering Build America Bonds Program
In 2013, Walberg voted against considering a bill to permanently extend the Build America Bonds program. The program, part of the Put America Back to Work Act, would help states and local governments leverage private capital to create jobs today and build the infrastructure that is the backbone of economic growth.

The previous question was ordered, 228-192, meaning the bill was not brought up for consideration. [H Res 175, Vote #121, 4/23/13]

**Voted to Pay China Ahead of Veterans and Troops**

In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill that would prioritize paying bondholders – including in China, Iran and the Cayman Islands – if the nation were to default on its debt payments, instead of American troops, veterans, doctors and hospitals, and American small businesses.

House Speaker John Boehner even admitted that a “debt prioritization bill makes it clear to our bondholders that we’re going to meet our obligations… Listen. Those who have loaned us money, like in any other proceeding, if you will, court proceeding, the bondholders usually get paid first. Same thing here,” Boehner said.

“This bill would threaten the full faith and credit of the United States, cost American jobs, hurt businesses of all sizes, and do damage to the economy,” the Obama administration wrote in a statement of policy. [Huffington Post, 5/07/13]

The bill passed 221-207. [HR 807, Vote #142, 5/09/13]

**Voted Against Pay if Nation Defaulted**

In 2013, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Full Faith and Credit Act that would bar the Treasury secretary from borrowing above the debt limit to pay for compensation for members of Congress.

The amendment was adopted 340-84. [HR 807, Vote #140, 5/09/13]

**Voted to Go Off Fiscal Cliff**

In January 2013, Walberg voted to go off the fiscal cliff. Not coming to an agreement on the fiscal cliff would have meant tax increases for the middle class.

Under the final deal, the tax rate on individuals making over $400,000 a year and couples making above $450,000 a year would rise to 39.6 percent and the tax rate on capital gains and dividends on those same tax payers would increase to 20 percent. The deal would also reinstate limits on household deductions and create surcharges on investment and regular income that would target wealthy households.

The New York Times reported that 99.3 percent of households would experience no change in their income taxes resulting from the deal. [New York Times, 1/04/13]

The bill passed, 257-167. [HR 8, Vote #659, 1/01/13]
“I am extremely disappointed after all the negotiations and effort that went into avoiding the so-called ‘fiscal cliff,’ the president and Congress again put off meaningful action to reduce spending and secure the future for our children and grandchildren,” Walberg said. [Daily Telegram, 1/05/13]

**Even Voted Against Delaying Millions in Cuts to Defense**

By voting against the bill, Walberg voted against delaying the $500 billion in defense cuts between 2013 and 2021 that were included in the automatic sequestration enacted by the Budget Control Act. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said the cuts would be “devastating” to national security. [National Journal, 8/01/12; The Hill, 9/27/12]

A study by George Mason University estimated that the automatic cuts to defense could result in 31,210 jobs lost in Michigan. [George Mason University, 7/17/12]

**… And Billions in Cuts to Medicare**

By voting against the bill, Walberg voted against delaying $11 billion in cuts to Medicare included in the sequestration. Those cuts would result in a two percent cut in Medicare payments to doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers. [The Hill, 9/14/12]

**Economists Predicted Going Over Cliff Would Spark Recession, Millions of Lost Jobs**

In November 2012, the CBO predicted that going over the fiscal cliff would send the economy back into a recession while causing unemployment to rise to 9.1 percent by fall 2013. [Associated Press, 11/08/12]

The National Association of Manufacturers predicted that if Congress failed to avert the cliff, nearly 6 million jobs could be destroyed through 2014 while the unemployment rate could rise to 12 percent. [Washington Post, 10/25/12]

**Opposed Requiring CBO Analysis of Legislation’s Impact on Social Security and Medicare**

In February 2012, Walberg voted against requiring the Congressional Budget Office prepare for each major bill or resolution reported by any congressional committee, except for Appropriations, an impact analysis of the budgetary effects of the measure on Medicare beneficiaries and the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/02/12]

The motion failed 183-237. [HR 3582, Vote #29, 2/02/12]

**Voted Against Protecting Veterans and Student Loans in Budget Reform**

In February 2012, Walberg voted against adding an amendment that would exempt loans for students or veterans from appearing more expensive for budget purposes due to changes in the underlying bill.
The bill would require all federal agencies to make public the budgetary justification materials prepared in support of their requests for funding. [Deseret Morning News, 12/07/11]

The motion failed 190-238. [HR 3581, Vote #41, 2/07/12]

**Voted to Require Agencies to Choose the Least Costly Regulatory Option…**

In 2011, Walberg voted to require agencies to choose the least costly regulation when writing new regulations.

The bill required agencies to choose the least costly regulations when writing new regulations for businesses unless they could explain the reason for choosing a more expensive rule was “in the interest of public health and welfare.” [CQ Today, 12/02/11]

The bill passed 253-167. [HR 3010, Vote #888, 12/02/11]

…But Voted Against Helping Keep Prescription Costs Lower for Veterans, Seniors

Before passage of the final bill, Walberg voted against a motion which would have kept the bill from interfering with rules created by the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs to negotiate lower prescription drug prices. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/02/11]

The motion failed 186-233. [HR 3010, Vote #887, 12/02/11]

**Voted to Increase Bureaucratic Inefficiency in Agency Rule-Making**

In 2011, Walberg voted to increase bureaucratic inefficiency by requiring Congressional approval of major agency rules.

The bill would require the United States Congress to approve agency rules if they would have an annual impact of more the $100 million dollars or “would cause a major increase in costs or prices, or would have a significant adverse effect on competition employment, investment, productivity, innovation or U.S. economic competitiveness.” [CQ Floor Votes, 12/07/11]

The bill passed 241-184. [HR 10, Vote #901, 12/07/11]

**Voted Against Country of Origin Labeling in Bill**

Walberg even voted against a motion exempting country of origin labeling rules from the bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/07/11]

The motion failed 183-235. [HR 10, Vote #900, 12/07/11]

**Voted to Circumvent the Constitution to Dramatically Cut Federal Funding**
In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which deemed HR 1 (2011), the Republican FY2011 Continuing Resolution, as law and would have prevented lawmakers and the president from receiving pay if the government was shut down for more than 24 hours.

The legislation would have enacted HR 1 into law if the Senate had not passed a bill to fund the government through the rest of Fiscal Year 2011 by April 6th, 2011.

According to the Los Angeles Times, “Another section tried to revive a House spending plan that was killed by the Senate last month. Under the resolution passed Friday, the dead bill would come back to life and become law, without the president’s signature, if the Senate does not pass a bill funding the government for the rest of the 2011. The Senate would need to act by Wednesday.” [Los Angeles Times, 4/01/11]

According to Republican Congressman Louie Gohmert from Texas during a floor speech on this bill, “[…] for a bill to say provisions that pass the House are hereby enacted into law violates my conscience and the Constitution.” [Congressional Record, p. H2245, 4/01/11]

The bill passed 221-202. [HR 1255, Vote #224, 4/01/11]

**Voted to Set Spending Caps without Disclosing Dollars Amounts**

In 2011, Walberg voted to adopt a resolution setting a spending cap reducing non-security discretionary spending to fiscal 2008 levels.

The resolution did not provide specifics, such as a dollar amount or definition of non-security spending. Democrats criticized the resolution as a “public relations exercise” timed by Republicans in advance of that evening’s State of the Union address by President Obama. [CQ Today, 1/25/11]

“You have no idea what you are voting on,” Minority Whip Steny Hoyer said of the resolution without numbers. Rep. Jim McGovern challenged each Republican speaker, “What’s the number, what’s the cut?” [Politico, 1/25/11]

The resolution passed, 256-165. [H Res 38, Vote #20, 1/25/11]

**Voted for Additional $22 Billion in Cuts**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an additional $22 billion in cuts, pushed by conservative freshmen and the Republican Study Committee. The amendment would have reduced funding for the legislative branch by 11 percent and all other continuing resolution funding by 5.5 percent, with exemptions for the Department of Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs and for aid to Israel.

Out of 87 freshmen Republicans, 58 – or about two-thirds – voted in favor of the amendment.

The cuts were so extreme that Republican Study Committee member Jo Bonner said he worried that the amendment “would take a more indiscriminate, hatchet approach” to the budget. Dan Lungren, a former RSC chairman, said, “Across-the-board cuts are lazy members’ way to achieve something.” Lungren also
warned colleagues that the amendment would “paralyze” the U.S. Capitol Police [CQ Today, 2/18/11; Washington Post, 2/18/11]

The amendment was rejected, 147-281. [HR 1, Blackburn amendment #104, Vote #103, 2/18/11]

**Supported Line Item Veto**

In 2010, Walberg supported a line item veto as a means to stop government overspending. [Walberg op-ed, Hillsdale Daily News, 10/27/10]

**Co-sponsored Legislation To Prohibit Use of Omnibus As Funding Mechanism**

In 2007, Walberg co-sponsored a resolution to amend the house rules to prevent the use of omnibus bills as a funding mechanism. [H Res 283, co-sponsored 3/29/07]

**Opposed “PayGo” Rules**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation to re-enact so-called Pay-As-You-Go (PayGo) rules.

The rules were originally established under the 1990 Budget Enforcement Act and extended in 1997, but had been allowed to lapse during the Bush administration. [CQ House Action Reports, Legislative Day: 6/24/04; CQ Vote Report #317, 6/25/04]

The rules required that both increases in mandatory spending and tax cuts be offset, either by cuts in mandatory spending or increases in taxes.

The motion would have imposed “budgetary rules that would force any increase in entitlement spending or cut in taxes to be funded by equal spending cuts or revenue raisers.” [Washington Post, 11/19/04; CQ Today, 11/18/04]

The earmark and Pay-as-you-Go reforms passed 280-152. [HRS 6, Vote #9, 1/05/07]

**NTUF: Walberg One of Only 65 House Members Working To Cut Federal Spending**

In 2007, according to the National Taxpayers Union Foundation, Walberg was just one of 65 House members whose voting record resulted in a net cut in federal spending.

“If more Members had spending agendas similar to Congressman Walberg’s, taxpayers could look forward to a smaller government and a smaller tax burden,” NTUF Senior Policy Analyst Demian Brady said. [Representative Walberg press release, 11/15/07]

**Voted Against Repealing Statutory Changes Of Bill If Less Than 5% GDP Growth In First Year After Enactment**

**Voted Against Repealing Statutory Changes Of Bill If GDP Growth Remained Under 5% First Year After Enactment.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against Connolly of Virginia Part C
Amendment No. 3, an amendment to the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 that would “provide that in the event that the average annual rate of real gross domestic product (GDP) growth remains below 5 percent over the first four calendar quarters occurring after the date of enactment of H.R. 50, then the statutory changes made by the bill would be repealed.” HR 50 itself “would expand and modify the 1995 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (PL 104-4) that requires all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules... The measure would extend judicial review of agency rules and permit a court to stay, enjoin or invalidate a rule if an agency fails to complete the required UMRA analysis or adhere to the regulatory principles.” The amendment failed 173 to 249. [HR 50, Vote #62, 2/04/15; Congress.gov, 2/04/15; CQ News HR 50 Coverage, 2/04/15]

**Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Requirement That Agencies Provide Regulatory Cost-Benefit Analysis At Congressional Request**

**Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Requirement That Agencies Provide Regulatory Cost-Benefit Analysis At Congressional Request.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against Cummings of Maryland Part C Amendment No. 2, an amendment to the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 that would “strike section 12 of the bill, which would require Federal agencies to conduct a retrospective cost-benefit analysis of any regulation at the request of the Chairman or Ranking Member of a Congressional Committee.” The amendment failed 179 to 245. [HR 50, Vote #61, 2/04/15; Congress.gov, 2/04/15]

**Voted to Restore Cuts to Head Start, Research and Job Training**

In January 2014, Walberg voted for a $1.1 trillion budget agreement that would fully or partially restore sequestration cuts for Head Start, medical research and job training.

The budget agreement would appropriate $1 billion more to the National Institutes of Health than the agency received under sequestration. Sequestration cuts to Head Start would be fully reversed and Head Start partnerships benefiting toddlers and infants would be expanded. [Washington Post, 1/14/14]

The bill passed, 359-67. [HR 3547, Vote #21, 1/15/14]
### Campaign Finance and Election Law Issues

**Significant Findings**

- In 2007, requested a $2 million earmark for Dexter Research Center, and later that year, Director of R&D contributed $750 to campaign.

- On multiple occasions, introduced and recognized campaign donors on the floor of the U.S. Representatives.

- Introduced President Of Grand Hotel at House Committee hearing; nearly five months later, President donated to Walberg’s campaign.

- Co-sponsored bill campaign donor, Alticor, lobbied on and over three weeks later, president of company contributed $5,000 to Walberg’s campaign.

- Co-sponsored legislation to “shield” campaign donor and other utility companies operating under emergency order from any liabilities for violating environmental laws, while donor lobbied Congress on the bill and donated $1,000 to Walberg.

- Voted against bill authorizing the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and fine motor fuel price gougers, receiving nearly $10,000 from groups opposing bill, including Koch Industries, within five days of vote.

- Voted to protect tax breaks for oil companies, against renewable energy tax credits, receiving $9,600 from groups opposing bill within five days of vote.

- Walberg voted against cracking down on oil speculation, and received $12,600 from groups opposing bill within five days of vote.

- Voted against motion to require foreign countries and companies to disclose donations to presidential campaigns.

- October 2015: Hosted by campaign donor at a “Take Your Legislator To Work” event a Monroe bank as part of an outreach effort initiated by the American Bankers Association.

- June 2015, vice president of company which is a top donor to campaign, was quoted in Committee on Education and the Workforce press release.
Walberg voted to end public funding of presidential campaigns, and to block enforcement of McCain-Feingold. In addition, in 2015, he voted to block a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United.

In 2013, Walberg co-sponsored a bill intended to “shield” a campaign donor and other utility companies operating under emergency order during a natural disaster from certain civil or criminal liabilities for violating environmental laws. The donor lobbied Congress on the legislation while it moved through the U.S. House and donated $1,000 to Walberg during the time period. The Congressional Budget Office wrote that the bill would, “exempt firms from certain civil and criminal liability” if violations of “environmental or other regulatory standards” occurred during an emergency.” Environmental groups opposed the bill saying, “It provides broad amnesty from civil and criminal penalties.”

On March 15, 2013, Walberg co-sponsored legislation to exempt employers from a tax penalty for refusing to cover preventative care and screenings due to religious beliefs. A top backer of Walberg, Alticor reported lobbying the U.S. House on the legislation during the time he decided to co-sponsor the bill. Furthermore, the president of Amway, Alticor’s subsidiary, contributed $5,000 to Walberg on March 31, 2013, a little over three weeks after he signed on to the bill.

In 2013, Walberg invited a representative of White Castle Systems, a major campaign donor, to testify against the employer mandate in the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, the Vice President of the company, was quoted in Committee which Walberg chairs.

Walberg introduced or mentioned campaign donors multiple times on the floor of the U.S. House. A notable example includes Walberg congratulating Consumers Energy on the company’s 125th anniversary nearly a month after its PAC contributed $2,500 to Walberg’s campaign. Additionally, Walberg recognized the retirement of Douglas Kapnick on the House floor, who was a frequent contributor to his campaigns, funneling nearly $19,000 to Walberg from 2003 to 2014. Finally, Walberg recognized Ronald Weiser, a donor, GOP operative and former U.S. ambassador, who also made disparaging remarks about Detroit voters in 2012.

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill extending renewable energy tax credits, while protecting tax breaks for oil and gas companies. He would receive $9,600 from interest groups opposing the bill within five days of the vote. In the same year, Walberg voted against cracking down on oil speculation, and received $12,600 from groups opposing bill within five days of vote.

On October 7, 2015, he was hosted by a campaign donor and president of a Monroe bank, for a “Take Your Legislator To Work” event as part of an outreach effort initiated by the American Bankers Association. The bank president donated $1,800 to Walberg’s campaign on September 28, 2015. In addition, Walberg criticized the Dodd-Frank Act during the course of the event.
In June, 2015, the vice president of a company which is a top campaign donor to Walberg, was quoted in a Committee on Education and the Workforce press release.

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion to require foreign countries and companies to disclose donations to presidential campaigns.

Over the course of Walberg’s career in Congress, he has voted numerous times against cracking down on price gouging. In 2008, voted against a bill that would have authorized the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and punish motor fuel price gouging. Within five days of the vote on the bill, Walberg received close to $10,000 from groups opposing the bill, including Koch Industries. Later in 2013, he voted against consideration of the Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act of 2013, which sought to protect consumers against price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels. Furthermore, in 2008, Walberg voted against a bill to make it illegal for foreign countries to collectively manipulate energy prices or supplies. Additionally, the bill would have created a Justice Department task force to investigate price gouging and manipulation in oil markets as well as require a study of the effect of oil industry mergers on fuel prices.

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**Daily Telegram: Claimed Money “Didn’t Influence His Vote”**

Daily Telegram: Claimed Money “Didn’t Influence His Vote.” Ashley Hutchison, sales and marketing manager of D&P Communications, said one of his concerns is the amount of money bigger corporations can devote to have an influence on government. In response, Walberg said his office is always open to anyone wanting to talk and that money doesn't influence his vote.” [Daily Telegram, 10/05/15]

**Voted to Protect Tax Breaks for Oil Companies, Against Renewable Energy Tax Credits, Receiving $9,600 From Groups Opposing Bill Within Five Days Of Vote**

In 2008, Walberg voted against passing a bill that would extend and create several tax incentives for energy conservation and renewable-energy production, including a new tax credit for plug-in hybrid vehicles.

The bill would extend expiring tax credits for wind and solar energy and authorize $5.6 billion in tax-credit bonds to finance renewable energy and energy conservation efforts. According to CQ, “to offset the costs, the bill would eliminate or reduce the manufacturing tax deduction for oil and gas companies. It also would change the way oil and gas companies calculate foreign oil and gas income.” [CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/08]

The motion passed, 236-182. [HR 5351, Vote #84, 2/27/08]

**Claimed Bill Would Send Jobs Overseas**
In 2008, Walberg voted for a measure that would raise taxes on the largest oil companies. The legislation would have cost the five largest oil companies an average of $1.8 billion a year. The companies collectively earned $123 billion in 2007.

“This bill will raise taxes on American energy producers and send American jobs overseas by removing incentives for American manufacturers to invest and grow, while failing to produce any more energy,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 3/03/08]

**Received $9,600 from Groups Opposing Bill Within Five Days of Vote**

Within five days of his vote, Walberg received $9,600 in donations from interest groups opposing the bill, including Koch Industries and Conocophillips.

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[Maplight, accessed 9/13/13]

**Voted Against Cracking Down on Oil Speculation, Receiving $12,600 Within Five Days Of The Vote**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would curb speculation in energy futures in the commodity markets.

The bill was aimed at preventing excessive speculation in oil and other futures trading. Specifically, the bill would direct foreign exchanges that trade U.S. commodities to impose limits on the number of futures contracts an investor can own. [Washington Post, 7/30/08; CQ Floor Votes, 7/30/08]

Democrats said that the bill would have given regulators more power to assure fair trading of oil at domestic and foreign exchanges. [Washington Post, 7/30/08]

Republicans opposed the bill arguing that the House should have been voting on drilling for oil. “[It’s] just another excuse to avoid voting on more American production, and I’, not going to vote for this sham,” House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH) said. [CQ Today, 7/30/08]

The bill failed 276-151. [HR 6604, Vote #540, 7/30/08]
Voted Against Bill to Crack Down on Oil Speculation

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would direct foreign exchanges trading U.S. commodities to impose limits on the number of futures contracts an investor can own. Investors trading on such overseas exchanges would have to reduce positions, if they exceed the limits or their activity threatens to distort prices. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission would be authorized to set position limits on over-the-counter trading.

During floor debate, Democrats seized on the week’s turmoil on Wall Street to support their argument for stricter oversight of financial markets. Critics blamed speculation in energy futures for contributing to the run-up of oil prices this year. The bill would bolster transparency in energy futures trading and require tougher regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), in an attempt to pre-empt excessive speculation and ensure that futures prices reflect supply and demand. The measure also would authorize increased staffing at the agency. [CQ Weekly, 9/22/08]

Several minor changes were made to ensure that the scope of the bill fell entirely within the Agriculture Committee’s jurisdiction. That blocked Republicans from offering a procedural motion for a vote on their energy bill which would fall within other committees’ jurisdiction. The changes included removing mandates to create an independent inspector general at the CFTC and to require a Government Accountability Office investigation. The House rejected a Republican motion to delay implementation of the limits on contracts until after certifying that no pension plan would be adversely affected. Democrats said the provision would effectively kill the bill. [CQ Today, 9/22/08]

The bill was passed by a vote of 283 to 133. [HR 6604, Vote #608, 9/18/08]

Received $12,600 from Groups Opposing Bill Within Five Days of Vote

Within five days of his vote, Walberg received $12,600 in donations from interest groups opposing the bill. However, Walberg also accepted $6,000 from organizations that supported the bill.

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Voted Against A Bill To Crack Down On Gas Price Gouging, And Received Nearly $10,000 From Koch Industries Within Five Days Of Vote

Walberg has a long record of refusing to crack down on gas price gouging.

Voted Against Considering Bill to Protect Consumers from Price-Gouging on Gasoline

In 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act of 2013, a bill to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels. The bill would make it unlawful in a time of international crisis affecting the oil market to sell gasoline at a price that was unconscionably excessive or indicated the seller was taking advantage of the circumstances.

Rep. Tim Bishop, who offered the motion, said on the House floor that he urged “my colleagues to defeat the previous question so that the House can consider pro-consumer, job-protecting legislation, the Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act, which would deter the sale of gasoline at excessive prices.” [Congressional Record, H4998, 7/24/13]

The previous question was approved 224-191. A vote against the motion would have allowed for consideration of the price gouging bill. [H Res 315, Vote #399, 7/24/13]

Opposed Bill to Crack Down on Gas Price Gouging

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to investigate and punish motor fuel price gougers.
The bill would provide the FTC with a clear, enforceable definition of price gouging and would allow them to impose penalties of up to $150 million for corporations and up to $2 million and 10 years in jail for individuals. [Rep. Stupak Press Release, 6/25/08]

Democrats argued that cracking down on price gouging was necessary with the rising cost of gas. “Enacting a federal price gouging law, curbing excessive speculation and compelling the oil companies to use their existing drilling permits are all steps Congress can take today to provide real relief for consumers,” bill sponsor Rep. Bart Stupak said. [Rep. Stupak Press Release, 6/25/08]

Republicans argued that the price-gouging bill was designed to stop debate on proposals to expand drilling. “This bill has no purpose except to provide political cover to Democrats who continue to defy the will of the American people by blocking legislation to increase the supply of American energy,” Republican Minority Leader John Boehner said. [CQ Today, 6/24/08]

The bill failed 276-146. [HR 6346, Vote #448, 6/24/08]

**Received $9,825 from Groups Opposing Bill Within Five Days of Vote**

Within five days of his vote, Walberg received $9,825 in donations from interest groups opposing the bill, including Koch Industries.

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**Voted Against Bill to Crack Down on Foreign Oil Price Manipulation**

In 2008, Walberg voted against bill that would make it illegal for foreign countries to collectively manipulate energy prices or supplies and allow the federal government to sue foreign countries for any such actions that affect the United States.

The measure would create a Justice Department task force to investigate price gouging and manipulation in oil markets and require a study of the effect of oil industry mergers on fuel prices.
Notably, the legislation would allow the Justice Department to pursue legal action against the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries for conspiring to restrict supplies or drive up prices. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/20/08; Los Angeles Times, 5/21/08]

The bill passed 324-84. [HR 6074, Vote #332, 5/20/08]

**Opposed Bill to Crack Down on Gas Price Gouging**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation to crack down on gas price gouging.

The bill prohibited price gouging for fuels in areas experiencing an “energy emergency,” set civil and criminal penalties for price gouging and permitted states to bring lawsuits against retailers for price gouging. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/23/07]

The bill passed 284-141. [HR 1252, Vote #404, 5/23/07]

**Called Bill “Blast From the Past,” “Return to the 1970’s”**

After voting against a ban on price gouging, Walberg’s office issued a press release claiming that HR 1252 would reinstitute gas rationing and price controls.

“Today, House leadership has elected to return to the 1970’s and pass legislation that is essentially a blast from the past,” Walberg said.” [Representative Walberg press release, 5/23/07]

**Refused to Stand up to Foreign Gas Price Fixing**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bipartisan bill to empower the Department of Justice to bring antitrust lawsuits against the OPEC alliance in U.S. courts. [The Hill, 5/24/07]

The bill subjected the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other oil cartels to federal antitrust laws by eliminating the sovereign immunity they receive under current law. [Rep. Steve Chabot press release, 5/17/07]

The measure was intended to crack down on OPEC members that set production quotas to manage global oil prices. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/22/07]

According to even the conservative Heritage Foundation, “OPEC would send a strong and long-overdue signal to OPEC oil barons that they must stop limiting production and investment access.” [Heritage Foundation, “Time for Congress to Lift OPEC’s Immunity,” 5/21/07]

The bill passed 345-72. [HR 2264, Vote #398, 5/22/07]

**Called Provision Allowing Lawsuit Against OPEC “Posturing and Pontificating”**
When asked June 2007 town hall meeting why he voted against a bill allowing a price fixing lawsuit against OPEC, Walberg said that legal action would be meaningless.

Walberg said “the market will do what the market does,” and that suing OPEC would mean little more than politicians “posturing and pontificating,” when they should be looking for alternatives and decreasing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

“I’m committed to seeing that we, as a nation, spur on the development of alternative fuels,” Walberg said. “I think it’s time to open up for all types of alternatives, which includes nuclear.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/05/07]

**Instead of Working to Lower Gas Prices, Posted Tips on How to Find Cheap Gas**

The Michigan Democratic Party criticized Walberg for his vote against NOPEC, and ridiculed a post on his congressional website on tips to finding cheap gas.

From the MDP release:

“It’s bad enough that as Michigan drivers from the 7th Congressional District face high gas prices at the pumps, their Representative, Tim Walberg, votes to protect the foreign oil cartels and against protecting his constituents from gas price gouging,” [Mark Brewer, Michigan Democratic Party Chair said.] … Instead of real solutions, Walberg gives his constituents ‘tips’ on where to find cheap gas and a Congressman who refuses to vote to lower them. [Michigan Democratic Party press release, 6/12/07]

**Voted to Block Regulation of Dangerous Pollutants, Receiving $5,200 From Groups Supporting Bill Within Five Days Of Vote**

In 2011, Walberg voted to block regulations to reduce emissions of pollutants from coal-fired power plants by the Environment Protection Agency.

The bill would have required the establishment of a committee to analyze the impact of certain EPA regulations on the economy, delaying the rules, including those on mercury emissions. [Chicago Tribune, 9/24/11; CQ Floor Votes, 9/23/11]

The bill passed 249-169. [HR 2401, Vote #741, 9/23/11]

**Opposed Measure to Control Air Pollution that Could Affect the Great Lakes**

Before consideration of the final bill, Walberg even voted against requiring the EPA to “plan and implement a strategy, using existing authority, to control air pollution that could affect the Great Lakes.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/23/11]

The motion failed 180-233. [HR 2401, Vote #740, 9/23/11]
Received $5,200 from Groups Supporting Bill Within Five Days of Vote

Within five days of his vote, Walberg received $5,200 in donations from interest groups supporting the block on regulations, including Koch Industries.

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[Maplight, accessed 9/13/13]

Co-Sponsored Legislation To “Shield” Campaign Donors And Other Utility Companies Operating Under Emergency Order From Being Subject To Environmental Violations, While Donor Lobbyed Congress Concerning Legislation And Donated $1,000 To Walberg

January 15, 2013: Co-Sponsored Bill To “Shield Utilities” Following Emergency Electricity Orders From Any Liabilities For Violating Any Environmental Law. In January 2013, Walberg co-sponsored H.R. 271. “Emergency Power The panel will also consider a bill (HR 271) that would shield utilities complying with Department of Energy emergency electricity orders from any liability posed by federal, state or local environmental regulations. The measure appeared to have bipartisan support. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., noted that the bill would be critical as hurricane season approaches. A version of the measure passed the House in August 2012 by voice vote, but died in the Senate.” The bill passed the U.S. House by voice vote. [H.R. 271, 1/15/13; CQ Quarterly Committee Markup Coverage, 5/14/13]


November 17, 2013, Walberg Op/Ed: CMS Energy And DTE Energy Employed More Than 600 People In Monroe County. “From transportation to job creation, an abundant supply of energy is critical to the health of our economy, especially in Monroe County where DTE Energy and CMS Energy employ more than 600 people combined. But uncertainty about high energy costs is making it harder for Michigan's businesses to grow and for families to live within their budget. If we want to see a return to stable energy prices and increased job growth, we need to step away from the president's expansive regulatory agenda and instead get serious about implementing an all-of-the-above energy plan.” [Monroe Evening News, Walberg Op/Ed, 11/17/13]

Congressional Budget Office: Bill Would “Exempt Firms From Certain Civil And Criminal Liability” If Violations Of “Environmental Or Other Regulatory Standards” Occurred During Emergency. “CBO estimates that H.R. 271 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would amend existing law regarding actions taken by electric utilities when the Department of Energy (DOE) determines that the electric power system is experiencing emergency conditions. Under current law, during a designated emergency, DOE can require firms to produce or supply electricity to avoid or resolve blackouts or other risks to the electric power system. If those actions violate other regulatory requirements, such as air pollution limits, the affected firms may be liable for penalties under those laws. H.R. 271 would revise this framework by establishing new procedures for ensuring compliance with environmental standards during designated emergencies. The bill also would exempt firms from certain civil and criminal liability if the actions taken to comply with DOE’s emergency orders violate environmental or other regulatory standards.” [Congressional Budget Office, 5/17/13]

Environmental Groups Opposed Bill, Saying “It Provides Broad Amnesty From Civil And Criminal Penalties.” “Senate Bill Would Give Utilities A Break . CQ Roll Call's Lauren Gardner reports that Missouri Sens. Claire McCaskill and Roy Blunt last week introduced legislation ( S 2620 ) that would give utilities leeway in violating clean-air laws when operating during power emergencies. Republican Pete Olson of Texas and Democrats Mike Doyle of Pennsylvania and Gene Green of Texas co-sponsored a companion bill ( HR 271 ) that passed the chamber in May by voice vote. Readers may remember that similar legislation passed the House just as easily in 2012 after Energy and Commerce Republicans negotiated with ranking Democrat Henry A. Waxman of California to limit emergency orders from the Energy Department to 90 days unless a renewal is granted. But the bill never made it through the Senate , and environmental groups have opposed the measure on the grounds that it provides broad amnesty from civil and criminal penalties and doesn't limit how many times emergency orders can be renewed.” [CQ Roll Call, 7/12/14]

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2014: CMS Subsidiary, Consumers Energy, Paid More Than $10.5 Billion As Part Of Settlement With EPA Over Claims The Subsidiary Modified Its Michigan Coal Plants “In A Way That Caused The Release Of Excess Sulfar Dioxide And Nitrogen Oxide.” “Consumers Energy will pay more than $10.5 million in penalties and environmental remediation projects, and will make about $2 billion in upgrades to its coal-fired power plants, to settle a lawsuit with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over the plants’ emissions. The settlement, announced Tuesday, resolves claims that Consumers — Michigan's largest utility, providing natural gas and electricity to 6.5 million customers throughout the
Lower Peninsula — violated the federal Clean Air Act by modifying five of its power-generating facilities in a way that caused the release of excess sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, EPA officials said in announcing the settlement.” [Detroit Free Press, 9/16/14]

**Violations Occurred At Coal-Fired Plants At West Olive, Essexville, Muskegon And Luna Pier.**

“The settlement will include Consumers installing state-of-the-art pollution control devices, as well as taking several coal-fired power plants offline or repowering plants with cleaner burning natural gas. The violations that prompted the lawsuit involved coal-fired Consumers plants at West Olive, Essexville, Muskegon and Luna Pier.” [Detroit Free Press, 9/16/14]

**Settlement Did Not Include Any Admission Of Wrongdoing.** “The settlement does not include an admission of wrongdoing by Consumers.” [Detroit Free Press, 9/16/14]

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**March 15, 2013: Walberg Co-Sponsored H.R. 973, Bill To Exempt Employer From Tax Penalty For Refusing To Cover Preventative Care And Screenings Due To Opposition Over Religious Beliefs.**

On March 15, 2013, Walberg cosponsored H.R. 973, the Religious Freedom Tax Repeal Act. “Religious Freedom Tax Repeal Act of 2013 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exempt an employer opposed by reason of adherence to a religious belief or moral conviction from the tax penalty imposed for failure of a group health plan to cover required women's preventive care and screenings. Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from bringing an action against a plan to enforce any requirement to provide such coverage to which an employer is opposed by reason of adherence to a religious belief or moral conviction. Exempts group health plans from penalties under state and federal enforcement provisions of the Public Health Service Act for failure to meet such women's health requirements insofar as they concern coverage to which an employer is opposed on the basis of religious belief or moral conviction.” The measure was referred to the House Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions on April 23, 2013.[H.R. 973, 3/05/13; CQ Bill Digest, CRS Bill Digest, 1/17/14]

**Q 1 2013: Alticor Lobbied U.S. House Of Representatives And U.S. Senate On H.R. 973.**

According to Alticor’s Q1 2013 Lobbying disclosure form filed with U.S. House Clerk, Alticor spent $110,000 lobbying the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate on H.R. 973, a bill “to exempt employers from any excise tax and certain suits and penalties in the case of a failure of a group health plan to provide coverage to which an employer objects on the basis of religious belief or moral conviction.” [U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Clerk, Alticor Lobbying Disclosure Q1 2013, 1/01/13-3/31/13]

**Q2 2013:Alticor Lobbied U.S. House Of Representatives And U.S. Senate On H.R. 973.**

According to Alticor’s Q2 2013 Lobbying disclosure form filed with U.S. House Clerk, Alticor spent $110,000 lobbying the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate on H.R. 973, a bill “to exempt employers from any excise tax and certain suits and penalties in the case of a failure of a group health plan to provide coverage to which an employer objects on the basis of religious belief or moral conviction.” [U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Clerk, Alticor Lobbying Disclosure Q1 2013, 4/01/13-6/30/13]
According to Alticor’s Q3 2013 Lobbying disclosure form filed with U.S. House Clerk, Alticor spent $110,000 lobbying the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate on H.R. 973, a bill “to exempt employers from any excise tax and certain suits and penalties in the case of a failure of a group health plan to provide coverage to which an employer objects on the basis of religious belief or moral conviction.” [U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Clerk, Alticor Lobbying Disclosure Q1 2013, 7/01/13-9/30/13]

According to Alticor’s Q4 2013 Lobbying disclosure form filed with U.S. House Clerk, Alticor spent $110,000 lobbying the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate on H.R. 973, a bill “to exempt employers from any excise tax and certain suits and penalties in the case of a failure of a group health plan to provide coverage to which an employer objects on the basis of religious belief or moral conviction.” [U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Clerk, Alticor Lobbying Disclosure Q1 2013, 10/01/13-12/31/13]

March 31, 2013: President Of Amway, Douglas Devos Contributed $5,000 To Walberg. According to Walberg’s April 2013 Quarterly report, on March 31, 2013, the President of Amway, Douglas Devos, contributed $5,000 to Walberg. [Federal Election Commission, Walberg April 2013 Quarterly, 3/31/13]

February 28, 2013: Richard Devos Sr. Contributed $1,000 To Walberg. According to Walberg’s April 2013 Quarterly report, on February 28, 2013, Richard Devos Sr. contributed $1,000 to Walberg. [Federal Election Commission, Walberg April 2013 Quarterly, 2/28/13]

Over The Course Of Career, Amway/Alticor Contributed $56,076 To Walberg. According to Opensecrets, Amway/Alticor Inc contributed $56,076 to Walberg’s campaign throughout his congressional career. [Opensecrets, Accessed 6/08/15]

Amway Was Subsidiary Of Alticor. “Richard M. DeVos, Sr. Co-Founder In 1959, Rich DeVos founded Amway Corp. with his lifelong friend and business partner, the late Jay Van Andel. The direct selling company now operates in more than 100 countries and territories around the world, and enables more than 3 million people to own independent businesses. In 2000, Amway became a subsidiary of Alticor with sister companies Quixtar, Inc. and Access Business Group LLC. In 2007, Alticor announced it would reintroduce the Amway brand over the next two years to the North American market, as part of an overall business transformation.” [Alticor, Richard Devos, Accessed 6/05/15]


In 2007, Walberg requested a $2 million earmark for the Dexter Research Center.

Later that year, the Director of R&D at the Dexter Research Center, Wayne Baer, contributed a total of $750 to Walberg’s campaign. [FEC, accessed 6/25/13]

Hosted By Campaign Donor At “Take Your Legislator To Work” Event As Part Of Outreach Effort Initiated By American Bankers Association

Hosted By Monroe Bank & Trust At “Take Your Legislator To Work” As Part Of Outreach Effort Initiated By American Bankers Association. “Monroe Bank & Trust recently hosted U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, as part of an outreach effort initiat-ed by the American Bankers Association. The effort was dubbed Take Your Legislator to Work. Rep. Walberg spoke with senior managers at MBT focusing on topics including over-regulation's effects on the ability of consumers and businesses to access financial services from responsible institutions and in-creased governmental regulations.” [Monroe Evening News, 10/07/15]

H. Douglas Chaffin Was President And CEO Of Monroe Bank & Trust. “Monroe Bank & Trust recently hosted U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, as part of an outreach effort initiat-ed by the American Bankers Association….’Bankers have overwhelmingly been responsible stewards of the public trust, particularly community banks such as MBT,’ said H. Douglas Chaffin, MBT president and chief executive officer, in a news release. ‘What's notable with the Dodd-Frank Act in particular is that while it was intended to target the 'bad actors' in our industry, many are no longer around, leaving the rest of us to deal with this rather burdensome regulation on behalf of our customers.’” [Monroe Evening News, 10/07/15]


In The Event, Walberg Criticized The Dodd-Frank Act. “Rep. Walberg spoke with senior managers at MBT focusing on topics including over-regulation's effects on the ability of consumers and businesses to access financial services from responsible institutions and in-creased governmental regulations. Since the Great Recession, regulation has increased dramatically. About 85 percent of regulations today have been put in place since 2007 as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act, a news release said. ‘Bankers have overwhelmingly been responsible stewards of the public trust, particularly community banks such as MBT,’ said H. Douglas Chaffin, MBT president and chief executive officer, in a news release. ‘What's notable with the Dodd-Frank Act in particular is that while it was intended to target the 'bad actors' in our
industry, many are no longer around, leaving the rest of us to deal with this rather burdensome regulation on behalf of our customers.’ During his day in Monroe, Rep. Walberg noted the act’s impact on many small businesses.” [Monroe Evening News, 10/07/15]

Supported Approval Of Permit To Build Campaign Donor’s Nuclear Power Plant

2013: Supported Approval Of Fermi Nuclear Power Plant. Mr. HAND. I would be glad to. And I would just say in Oklahoma, the Western Farmers, our power supplier, we were the first utility in Oklahoma to embrace the large wind farm, sign the first contract with them, and bring it into our system. We have continually added to that at every opportunity. … Again, now, there are costs, such as the transmission to move it, that kind of gets blended in and don’t get charged to that. But we believe that is part of coming forward with a balanced energy program. The mention of the lesser prairie chicken not only affects us and the ability to build transmission lines to move this power, it is going to affect the ability to build the wind generators where they are needed. … Mr. WALBERG. Thank you. Mr. Hand, I notice in your testimony you have troubles with the lesser prairie chicken and the costs that could come from that. I’ve got troubles in my district with the Eastern fox snake and siting of the new—new proposed Fermi nuclear plant.” [Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Healthcare and Entitlements, 2/14/13]

2008: DTE Energy Applied For Permit To Build Fermi Nuclear Power Plant. “Federal regulators have approved construction of the Fermi 3 nuclear reactor near Monroe, although it may not ever get built. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced Thursday afternoon that after a 6 1/2-year review, it will soon issue a combined license to build and operate the proposed 1,560-megawatt nuclear reactor on Lake Erie. It would go next to Fermi 2, the nuclear plant operating about 30 miles south of Detroit. … DTE Energy operates Fermi 2 and applied for the Fermi 3 license in September 2008. The utility says it has no immediate plans to build Fermi 3, and sought the approval as a long-term planning option.” [Detroit Free Press, 5/01/15]

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Over Course Of Career, Walberg Received $37,959 From DTE Energy. According to Opensecrets, DTE Energy contributed $37,959 total to Walberg’s campaign throughout his congressional career. [Opensecrets, Accessed 6/01/15]

2015: Toured DTE Energy’s Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant. “For the first time in nearly 30 years, Stephen G. Burns toured DTE Energy’s Fermi 2 nuclear power plant Wednesday. This time, he came as chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mr. Burns and U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, talked to reporters after the tour. … Rep. Walberg, who had never toured the plant while it was on a shutdown, was impressed. ‘It's interesting to see the amount of activity going on and the number of people involved in the process,’ he said. He noted the safety measures in place and the work it takes to maintain the facility.” [Monroe Evening News, 10/15/15]
Invited Campaign Donors to Testify Against Affordable Care Act

In 2013, Walberg chaired a joined hearing entitled “The Employer Mandate: Examining the Delay and its Effect on Workplaces,” and invited witnesses to “discuss the consequences of the employer mandate and how the decision to delay its implementation will affect workers and job creators.”

The witness list included Jamie Richardson, Vice President of Government and Shareholder Relations at White Castle System, Inc. Over his career, White Castle System has been one of Walberg’s top contributors, donating over $42,000.

The witness list also included Douglas Holtz-Eakin, President of the American Action Forum. In 2010, American Action Network, an affiliated group with American Action Forum, spent $370,000 in independent expenditures to benefit Walberg’s campaign against Schauer.

Grace-Marie Turner, President of the Galen Institute, and Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families USA, were also included on the witness list. [Committee on Education and Workforce press release, 7/19/13; Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/27/13]

Vice President Of Campaign Donor, White Castle Systems Was Quoted In Committee On Education And The Workforce Press Release Of Which Walberg Chairs Its Subcommittee


“The following information was released by the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce: The Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, chaired by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), today held a hearing to explore concerns with regulations implementing federal wage and hour standards. Members discussed how the complex, burdensome, and outdated regulatory structure of the Fair Labor Standards Act is impacting workplaces and creating uncertainty for both employees and employers…. Expressing similar views, Jamie Richardson, vice president at White Castle System, Inc., explained his company's concerns ‘in light of a regulatory regime that is increasingly proscriptive’ and ‘seems increasingly disconnected from the needs and desires of the modern worker and contemporary business owners.’ He noted, "Today, with many of our urban centers continuing to suffer record high levels of unemployment ... regulatory actions go beyond providing protections for those employed and make it harder for employers everywhere to create more jobs."” [US House Committee on Education and the Workforce Press Release via States News Service, 6/10/15]

White Castle Contributed Total Of $42,900 To Walberg, Ranking Among Donors Over Course Of Career. According to Opensecrets, White Castle Systems contributed a total of $42,900 to Walberg over the course of his career, ranking as one of his top contributors. [Opensecrets, Accessed 10/06/15]
Recognized Efforts Of Campaign Donor Ruth Merillat On House Floor

**Recognized Efforts Of Campaign Donor Ruth Merillat On House Floor.** “Mr. WALBERG. I rise today to recognize the 25 years of service provided by the Lenawee Christian Family Centre to the community of Adrian, Michigan. The “Centre,” as it is popularly known, offers a variety of fitness, sports and other programs enjoyed by over 4,000 members of the community. The brainchild of local philanthropists Orville and Ruth Merillat, the Centre was originally built on a vision of providing a place for young people in the community to gather.” [Congressional Record, 12/12/13]

**Merillat Helped Found Christian Family Centre.** “Mr. WALBERG. I rise today to recognize the 25 years of service provided by the Lenawee Christian Family Centre to the community of Adrian, Michigan. The “Centre,” as it is popularly known, offers a variety of fitness, sports and other programs enjoyed by over 4,000 members of the community. The brainchild of local philanthropists Orville and Ruth Merillat, the Centre was originally built on a vision of providing a place for young people in the community to gather.” [Congressional Record, 12/12/13]

**Walberg Served On Board Of Christian Family Centre Donor Helped Start.** “Mr. WALBERG. I rise today to recognize the 25 years of service provided by the Lenawee Christian Family Centre to the community of Adrian, Michigan. The “Centre,” as it is popularly known, offers a variety of fitness, sports and other programs enjoyed by over 4,000 members of the community. The brainchild of local philanthropists Orville and Ruth Merillat, the Centre was originally built on a vision of providing a place for young people in the community to gather. While the Centre has grown over the years and their programs have changed, the underlying mission has remained the same: to encourage families and serve them in a Christ-centered way. I had the distinct honor to have served on the founding board of the Centre and continue to be impressed to see how they’ve grown over the years to meet a great need in the Adrian community and all of Lenawee County.” [Congressional Record, 12/12/13]

Recognized Company Of Campaign Donor On House Floor

**Recognized Manufacturer Of Mini Motorcross Bikes, Cobra Moto.** “Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Cobra Moto, a manufacturer of premium race-ready mini motorcross bikes for youth riders that are proudly made in the U.S.A. Designed and produced in Hillsdale, Michigan, Cobra bikes were recently ridden to victory by three youth national champions at the 2013 Red Bull Amateur National Motocross Championship in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. While I know the folks at Cobra were very excited at the results, this success doesn't come as a surprise to anyone in the motorcycling community.” [Congressional Record, 9/10/13]

**President Of Cobra Moto Was Sean Hilbert.** “Historically, Cobra’s motocross battles were waged on the nation’s greatest amateur tracks, places like Texas’ Oak Hill and Lake Whitney, Oklahoma’s Ponca City, Loretta Lynn’s Ranch in Tennessee and Florida’s great Gatorback MX Park, home of the Mini O’s. … Through it all Cobra’s front office and President Sean Hilbert managed to keep not only Cobra on the rails, but also gets a tip-of-the-hat in helping keep the entire junior MX cycle industry afloat, primarily through Cobra’s, the AMA’s and MX Sports’ efforts in winning a temporary stay of enforcement on the CPSIA’s lead law.” [Cobra Moto Press Release, 1/02/10]

**2010-2011: Sean Hilbert Contributed $500 To Walberg For Congress.** In 2010 and 2011, Sean Hilbert contributed $500 to Walberg’s campaign. [Federal Election Commission, Sean H. Hilbert Individual Contributions, Accessed 5/21/15]

**Congratulated Campaign Donor, Consumers Energy, On House Floor Nearly A Month After Company’s PAC Contributed $2,500 To Campaign**

**December 6, 2011: Congratulated Consumers Energy On 125th Anniversary On House Floor.** “Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it's my great honor to recognize and congratulate Consumers Energy Company on its 125th anniversary. On this day 125 years ago, Consumers Energy founders William A. Foote and Samuel Jarvis secured a street lighting franchise agreement with the city of Jackson, Michigan. … Today, Consumers Energy continues a proud tradition as an industry and community leader. In celebration of its milestone anniversary, the company will award $125,000 each to 10 communities for a total of $1.25 million for programs and services that will strengthen those communities and touch the lives of thousands of our citizens.” [Congressional Record, 12/06/11]

**Consumers Energy Was Principal Subsidiary Of CMS Energy.** “Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy, provides electricity and/or natural gas to 6.8 million of Michigan's 10 million residents and has operations in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.” [Consumers Energy, Accessed 5/22/15]

**Consumers Energy And Parent Company, CMS Energy, Shared Same Political Action Committee, “Employees For Better Government.”** “To meet Michigan’s energy needs and help the state’s communities thrive, CMS Energy and its principal subsidiary, Consumers Energy, are committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable energy related services. Fulfilling that promise daily requires active participation in the political process. Put simply, the company works to inform and help shape the debate on public policy and regulation that impacts its customers, shareholders and employees. CMS Energy complies with all federal and state laws governing corporate political participation. …Employees for Better Government (EBG): The company’s state and federal political action committees — or PACs —
give employees a voice in the political process. EBG is nonprofit, nonpartisan and governed by an employee-run steering committee that’s independent of the company’s officers and boards of directors. Participation in the PAC is voluntary and coercing or pressuring any employee to participate in or contribute to EBG is strictly prohibited.” [Consumers Energy, Corporate Political Engagement, Accessed 5/22/15]


Honored Retirement Of Campaign Donor On House Floor; Donor Gave $18,600 To Walberg Over The Course Of His Career Running For Congress

Honored Retirement Of Douglas Kapnick On House Floor. “Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Douglas Kapnick of Adrian, MI on the celebration of his retirement from Kapnick Insurance Group. For 43 years he has successfully operated the company and has contributed to various organizations within the area in an effort to give back to the community. Upon graduating from the University of Michigan in 1965 with a Business Administration degree, Douglas Kapnick joined his father's insurance business, Kapnick and Company.” [Congressional Record, 9/18/08]


Recognized Campaign Donor, GOP Operative And Former Ambassador Ronald Weiser On House Floor

Recognized Ronald Weiser On House Floor. “Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Ambassador Ronald Weiser upon his receiving of the 2007 Chelsea Citizen of the Year Award. It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ambassador Ronald Weiser on behalf of all who have benefited from his hard work and dedication. Ambassador Weiser, founder of McKinley Properties, understands the importance of a vibrant downtown to the growing Chelsea community. Through McKinley Properties, the Ambassador has contributed his time and financial resources to ensure a historic landmark was restored and brought into the 21st century.” [Congressional Record, 11/08/07]


Weiser Was A GOP Operative Who Faced Criticism For Remarks About Detroit Voters. “GOP operative Ron Weiser of Ann Arbor in hot water over remarks about Detroit voters. Ann Arbor resident and high-ranking GOP fund-raiser Ron Weiser is facing criticism after a video surfaced of him making allegations of voter fraud and crime in Detroit at a tea party gathering in Milford, the Detroit Free Press reported Sunday. In the video, which was filmed in August by a Democratic operative and posted to YouTube by the Michigan Democratic Party, Weiser discussed Detroit's population decline and the lack of political ‘machines’ as reasons Republicans should be optimistic about the election.” [Ann Arbor News, 12/16/12]

Introduced President Of Grand Hotel At House Committee Hearing; Nearly Five Months Later, President Donated To Walberg’s Campaign

Walberg Praised Grand Hotel During Committee Hearing To Expand Guest Worker Program In Which Hotel’s Owners Begged For More Foreign Workers. “Chairman Walberg. I thank the gentleman. It is a privilege to introduce our witness panel this morning. And then it is a special privilege for me to introduce Mr. Dan Musser, who is the president of the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Michigan. Allowing personal privilege here, I certainly give a very easy recommendation and advertisement for the Grand Hotel. If you have not been there you haven't lived, to sit on the longest porch in the world looking at some of the greatest scenery in the Straits of Mackinac, on an island where the only sound you will basically hear other than happy voices is the clippety-clop of horses and carriages, since those are the only transportation sources on the island. If you have missed it, you have missed it and it is about time to take care of that. [House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, 3/24/13]

Campaign Paid $631.76 For “Lodging,” At Grand Hotel In Michigan. According to Walberg’s Year-End report, on September 23, 2013, Walberg’s campaign reported spending $631.76 on “lodging” at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI. [FEC, Year-End report, filed 1/31/14]

Campaign Paid $604.20 For “Lodging,” At Grand Hotel In Michigan. According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on August 5, 2013, Walberg’s campaign reported spending $604.20 on “lodging” at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI. [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]

President Of Grand Hotel Gave $250 To Walberg. According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on August 26, 2013, the president of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI, gave $250 to Walberg’s campaign. [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]

Walberg’s Campaign Returned $150 To The President Of Grand Hotel. According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on August 26, 2013, Walberg’s campaign returned $150 to the president of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI. [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]
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Other

Voted For Blocking Constitutional Amendment To Overturn Citizens United

Voted For Blocking Constitutional Amendment To Overturn Citizens United. In January 2015, Walberg voted for blocking a motion to require Congress to vote on a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision and promote transparency in our political system. The previous question carried, 238-182. A vote against the previous question would have advanced the legislation. [H Res 38, Vote #38, 1/21/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 1/21/15]

Voted Against Requiring At Least Fifteen Days of Early Voting

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment to the rules package for the 113th Congress that would have required every state to allow at least fifteen days of early voting ensuring that no voter is forced to wait more than an hour to vote.

The vote failed 194-229. [H. Res. 5, Vote #5, 1/03/13]

Voted Against Requiring Disclosure of Foreign Countries, Companies Donating to Presidential Campaigns

In 2011, Walberg voted against requiring the disclosure of certain foreign entities donating to presidential campaigns, as well as donors spending over $100,000 on those contests.

The motion to recommit would have required, more specifically, the disclosure of foreign countries, companies or individuals donating to presidential campaigns. [CQ Weekly, 1/31/11]

The motion failed 173-229. [H. Res. 359, Vote #24, 1/26/11]

Voted to Terminate Public Funding of Presidential Campaigns, “Pander” to Corporate Money

In 2011, Walberg voted to terminate the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, which provided public funding during presidential elections. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the move would reduce mandatory spending by $617 million over 10 years.

The fund was established in the wake of the Watergate scandal and provided matching funds for presidential primary candidates and grants for general election candidates who comply with spending and contribution limits. The fund was financed through check-offs on income tax returns. An amendment, offered by Rep. Gary Peters, added language specifying that funds returned to the Treasury could only be used for reducing the benefits. [CQ Today, 1/26/11]
In an editorial in the New York Times, the paper noted that House Republicans were “pandering to the new corporate money trough legitimized by the Supreme Court” by cutting off the funding.

“The public subsidy remains popular in the public polls. Opponents may invoke budget savings – an estimated $52 million a year – but there is no mistaking their aim is to destroy what has been a bulwark against the buying and selling of the presidency.” [New York Times, Editorial, 2/26/11]

The bill passed, 239-160. [HR 359, Vote #25, 1/26/11]

**Voted for Ending Public Financing of Presidential Campaigns**

In 2011, Walberg voted for ending public financing to eligible presidential campaigns and to eliminate the Election Assistance Commission.

The bill terminated the public financing of presidential campaigns, which was funded by taxpayers voluntarily donating $3 to the presidential primaries and general elections fund on their tax forms. The bill also terminated the Election Assistance Commission which was developed to help states modernize their voting equipment. [CQ Floor Votes 12/01/11; Boston Globe, 12/02/11]

The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3463, Vote #873, 12/01/11]

**Voted Against Requiring Emerging Companies to Disclose Political Expenditures**

In March 2012, Walberg voted against a motion that would require emerging growth companies to disclose publicly and to the Federal Election Commission any political expenditures or contributions made during a fiscal year. [CQ Vote Summary, 3/08/12]

The motion failed 170-244. [HR 3606, Vote #109, 3/08/12]

**Opposed Funding for States to Use Paper Ballots**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize reimbursement for states and counties that convert to paper-ballot voting machines before the November 2008 elections or need help paying for manual audits afterward.

The bill would authorize a one-time-only funding to set up a paper-ballot-counting system or to retrofit printers onto electronic voting machines. It would also authorize federal reimbursements for hand counts and manual audits of the 2008 election results. [CQ Today, 4/15/08]

The bill was rejected 239-178 after failing to get the necessary 2/3 majority under suspension of the rules. [HR 5036, Vote # 188, 4/15/08]

**Voted to Block Enforcement of McCain-Feingold**
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce and Justice to block enforcement of electioneering provisions of the McCain-Feinhold law.

The amendment barred the use of funds in the bill to enforce the 2002 McCain-Feingold campaign finance law provisions dealing organizations that make electioneering communications. [Congressional Quarterly; Congressman Mike Pence Press Release, 7/26/07]

The electioneering communications section of McCain-Feingold prohibits the use of corporate or labor union funds to finance broadcast advertisements that include the name or a depiction of a federal candidate within 30 days of a primary or 60 days of a general election.

Opponents of the provision that the amendment sought to block claim that it restricts the First Amendment right of Americans to lobby their representatives in Washington by use of the airwaves. [Congressman Mike Pence Press Release, 7/26/07]

The amendment passed 215-205. [HR 3093, Vote #737, 7/26/07]

**Voted Against Allowing Treasury to Require Disclosure of Secret Political Donors**

In February 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would allow the Treasury secretary to issue regulations requiring the disclosure of secret political donors. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/26/14]

The motion failed, 191-230. [HR 3865, Vote #68, 2/26/14]
## Consumer Protection Issues

### Significant Findings

- **2008:** Said best thing to do in foreclosure crisis was allow free market to work
- **2008:** Said “It’s not a right for everyone” to own a home
- **2008:** Opposed grants and loans for foreclosed properties, housing assistance for working families
- **2008:** Opposed mortgage lenders bailout
- **2008:** In 2008, voted five times to stall consideration of bills to provide grants to rehabilitate foreclosed properties
- **2008:** Voted for terminating redevelopment assistance for communities with high foreclosure rates
- **2008:** Opposed $7,500 tax credit for home buyers and property tax relief
- **2007:** Voted to cut grants from rural economic development program, which contained a single family loan program, which in order to be eligible, the applicant must “be without decent, safe and sanitary housing”
- **2007:** Voted to require a government ID to qualify for affordable housing
- **2011:** Voted for shutting down emergency mortgage relief program
- **2011:** Voted against providing foreclosure aid relief for rural homeowners
- **2011:** Voted to end program that funded neighborhood rehabilitation in Battle Creek
- **2015:** Voted for bill that would “weaken regulations on mortgage lenders enacted following the 2007 collapse of the house market”
- **2015:** Voted to weaken Wall Street reforms concerning mortgage lenders by allowing them to disclose less information to borrowers
- **In 1997, while in the Michigan state House, voted against a bill to require casinos to post gambling problem hotline**
✓ Voted against a motion seeking to protect veterans and active service members from foreclosures

✓ Voted against an amendment seeking to exempt Food and Drug Administration consumer protections from greater regulatory review and legal challenges

✓ 2015: Voted for an amendment that barred funding for the private enforcement initiative of the Fair Housing Initiatives program

✓ 2015: Voted for an amendment to bar HUD from enforcing regulation combating discrimination in the housing market

✓ 2015: Voted against exempting product safety regulations intended to protect children under two from Congressional approval on major rule changes

✓ Voted for bill to “dramatically restrict” government’s ability to enact new safety standards by opening up steps gov. agency takes to enact new major rules to court challenges

✓ Voted for bill mandating private sector input on federal agency rules believed by the President of Coalition for Sensible Safeguards to allow “big business to write the rules”

In 2008, while the subprime mortgage crisis “shocked US Economy,” Walberg said that the best thing to do in a foreclosure crisis was to allow the free market to work, so he voted to shut down the emergency mortgage relief program and voted against providing foreclosure aid relief to rural homeowners. He opposed grants and loans for foreclosed properties, housing assistance for working families. Finally, he said “its not a right for everyone” to own a home. But in 2009, Jackson County saw 675 mortgage foreclosures, while Lenawee County reported 398 and Hillsdale County had 156 foreclosures.

In 2015, Walberg voted for a bill to “weaken regulations on mortgage lenders,” which were put in place following the 2007 housing market collapse to protect homeowners. Specifically, the bill would change the definition of a qualified mortgage. Furthermore, he voted to weaken Wall Street reforms concerning mortgage lenders by allowing them to disclose less information to borrowers. Also, in 2011, Walberg voted to end a program that funded neighborhood rehabilitation in Battle Creek. The city had received an $8.4 million grant from the program to rehabilitate or demolish more than 140 vacant and foreclosed homes. In 2008, at the height of the housing crisis, Walberg voted five times against bills seeking to provide grants to rehabilitate foreclosed properties.
Walberg voted to cut funds from a program which provided single family loans to those in rural communities lacking decent housing. In 2007, he voted for an amendment cutting $6.3 million in funding from rural economic development program, which provides rural areas direct loans, loan guarantees and grants. The program offered loans to single families, which in order for applicants to be considered eligible, had to “be without decent, safe and sanitary housing.”

Also in 2015, Walberg voted to “dramatically restrict” the government’s ability to enact safety standards by opening up any steps a government agency takes to enact new major rules to court challenges. The Director Of Regulatory Policy At Center For Effective Government believed the bill undermined the “entire spectrum of public health and safety, worker health and safety.”

**Homeownership**

### 2008: Said It’s Not A Right For Everyone” To Own A Home

In 2008, during a radio interview, Walberg said he did not think it was right for everyone to own a home.

“It’s not a right for everyone on this grand continent, this great country, to have a home at this point in time when they want it,” Walberg said. [Michigan Democratic Party press release, 9/19/08; WKHM, 9/19/08]

### In 2008, While A Subprime Mortgage Crisis “Shocked U.S. Economy” Said Best Thing to Do in Foreclosure Crisis Was Allow Free Market to Work

In 2008, Walberg said the best thing for the government to do in the foreclosure crisis was to step out of the way.

“As I told people at the foreclosure seminars, the best thing that the government can do is step out of the way and give the free market the opportunity to work, with supply and demand, and give business leaders and entrepreneurs the opportunity to take risks and be successful and to produce jobs,” Walberg said. [Tecumseh Herald, 4/03/08]

**Michigan Daily News:** “In 2008, Subprime Mortgage Lending Shocked The US Economy, Leading To A Major Economic Crisis From Which The Nation Is Still Recovering.” “In 2008, subprime mortgage lending shocked the U.S. economy, leading to a major economic crisis from which the nation is still recovering. In 2013, a more overt concern could repress the economy once more: student loan debt.” [Michigan Daily News, 2/04/13]

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So far this year, Jackson County has had 675 mortgage foreclosures with Lenawee County reporting 398 and Hillsdale County having 156.” [The Daily Telegram, 8/13/09]

March 2007, Washington Post, HEADLINE: Housing Crisis Knocks Loudly In Michigan

[Washington Post, 3/31/07]

Voted to Require Government ID to Qualify for Affordable Housing

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit on the Federal Housing Administration Lending Revisions bill that would request language that would require any individual or household receiving money from the affordable-housing fund to present verification of legal residency by a government-issued identification document. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/18/07]

This motion failed 209-216. [HR 1852, Vote # 875, 9/18/07]

2008: Opposed $7,500 Tax Credit for Home Buyers, Property Tax Relief

In 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to HR 3221 with House amendment #1.

The House amendment would provide government backing to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by allowing government purchase of the entities’ stock, and create independent agency to regulate the two mortgage entities and the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

The House amendment would also overhaul the Federal Housing Administration and provide $300 billion in new loan guarantee authority for the FHA to help refinance borrowers in danger of losing their homes, create a $7,500 tax credit to some first-time homebuyers, raise loan limits for FHA-backed loans, and provide a standard tax deduction of $500 for single filers and $1,000 for joint filers on property taxes. [CQ Today, 7/24/08]

The House amendment would also authorize $3.92 billion in Community Development Block Grants to purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed properties, and increase the federal debt limit to $10.6 trillion. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/08]

The motion passed 272-152. [HR 3221, Vote # 519, 7/23/08]

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The motion passed 272-152. [HR 3221, Vote #519, 7/23/08]

**2008: Supported Tax Breaks for First-Time Homebuyers**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to a housing package that would establish a refundable tax credit of up to $7,500 for first-time homebuyers that would serve as an interest-free loan.

It provided an additional standard deduction in 2008 of up to $350 for individuals and $700 for married couples for state and local property taxes.

It also would authorize an additional $10 billion in tax-exempt bonds that would be used to refinance subprime loans, finance the construction of low-income rental housing, and support loans to first-time homebuyers.

Finally, it increased the number of low-income housing tax credits. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/08/08; CQ Today, 5/08/08]

The motion passed 322-94. [HR 3221, Vote #302, 5/08/08]

**2008: Opposed Mortgage Reforms**

In 2008, Walberg voted against legislation that combined several major pieces of housing-related legislation into one package that was aimed at slowing the pace of foreclosures and stimulating the real estate market.

The package provided an overhaul of mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, loan programs aimed at helping borrowers get out from under mortgages they can’t afford. It also would overhaul the Federal Housing Administration and expand its loan guarantee program.

It also would provide legal protections for mortgage servicers who made certain loan modifications, permit federal savings associations to make investments designed primarily to promote the public welfare through the provision of housing, services and jobs, and expand access to reverse mortgages. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/08/08]

The motion to concur with the Senate amendment passed 266-154. [HR 3221, Vote #301, 5/08/08]
Voted to Stall Consideration of Bill to Provide Mortgage Relief

In 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to consider a bill aimed at slowing the pace of foreclosures and stimulating the real estate market.

The bill would provide tax breaks for homebuilders and those buying foreclosed homes, expand Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance programs, and include other provisions to alleviate the housing crisis. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08; CQ Today, 5/08/08]

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 226-198. [HR 3221, Vote #281, 5/07/08]

Voted to Stall Bill to Provide Mortgage Relief

In 2008, Walberg voted for partisan delay to a bill aimed at slowing the pace of foreclosures and stimulating the real estate market.

The vote was against killing a motion to reconsider the rule which allowed for floor consideration of a bill that would provide tax breaks for homebuilders and those buying foreclosed homes, expand Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance programs, and include other provisions to alleviate the housing crisis. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08; CQ Today, 5/08/08]

The motion to kill the delay passed 225-192. [HR 3221, Vote #282, 5/07/08]

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The rule would provide for a motion to concur with the Senate amendments, with three amendments that would incorporate provisions from several housing-related bills and clarify that no provision could be construed to pre-empt state laws dealing with residential foreclosures. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08; CQ Today, 5/08/08]

The rule was adopted 224-198. [HR 3221, Vote #283, 5/07/08]

Voted to Stall Bill to Provide Mortgage Relief

In 2008, Walberg voted for a partisan delay to considering Senate amendments to a bill aimed at slowing the pace of foreclosures and stimulating the real estate market.

The vote was against killing a motion to reconsider the rule which allowed for floor consideration of Senate amendments to a bill that would provide tax breaks for homebuilders and those buying foreclosed homes, expand Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance programs, and include other provisions to alleviate the housing crisis. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08; CQ Today, 5/08/08]
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The motion to kill the delay passed 227-196. [HR 3221, Vote #284, 5/07/08]

2008: Opposed Grants and Loans for Foreclosed Properties, Housing Assistance for Working Families, Also Voting Five Times Against Consideration Of Bill To Provide Grants To Rehabilitate Foreclosed Properties

In May 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would establish a loan and grant program, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for states and localities to buy and rehabilitate foreclosed properties. The bill would authorize $7.5 billion for zero-interest loans and $7.5 billion for grants.

The bill would direct states to allocate funds to the 100 largest cities with high foreclosure rates and 50 most populous counties. Properties purchased for rental with the funds could serve only families having incomes at or below the area’s median income. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/08/08]

The bill passed 239-188. [HR 5818, Vote #299, 5/08/08]

Opposed Capping Purchase Price of Foreclosed Properties at Current Value

In May 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to a bill providing grants and loans to rehabilitate foreclosed properties. The amendment would allow allocations of the bill’s grants and loans to qualified cities and counties and would cap the purchase price of the foreclosed property at its current appraised value. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08]

The underlying legislation would authorize a loan and grant program for the purchase and rehabilitation of owner-vacated, foreclosed homes. Of the funds, $7.5 billion would be for loans, and $7.5 billion would be for grants. [CQ Bill Analysis, HR 5818]

The amendment passed 256-157. [HR 5818, Vote #293, 5/07/08]

Voted to Stall Consideration of Bill to Provide Grants to Rehabilitate Foreclosed Properties

In May 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The motion would have stalled consideration of a bill to provide grants and loans to rehabilitate foreclosed properties. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08]
The legislation would authorize a loan and grant program for the purchase and rehabilitation of owner-vacated, foreclosed homes. Of the funds, $7.5 billion would be for loans, and $7.5 billion would be for grants. [CQ Bill Analysis, HR 5818]

The motion failed 184-231. [HR 5818, Vote #292, 5/07/08]

**Voted to Not Stall Consideration of Bill to Provide Grants to Rehabilitate Foreclosed Properties**

In May 2008, Walberg voted in opposition of a motion to adjourn, stalling consideration of a bill to provide grants and loans to rehabilitate foreclosed properties.

The legislation would authorize a loan and grant program for the purchase and rehabilitation of owner-vacated, foreclosed homes. Of the funds, $7.5 billion would be for loans, and $7.5 billion would be for grants. [CQ Bill Analysis, HR 1174]

The motion failed 140-264. [HR 1174, Vote #291, 5/07/08]

**Voted to Stall Bill to Provide Grants to Rehabilitate Foreclosed Properties**

In May 2008, Walberg voted against killing a motion to reconsider adoption of the rule (H Res 1174) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a loan and grant program, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for states and localities to buy and rehabilitate foreclosed properties. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08]

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The motion passed 212-183. [H Res 1174, Vote #290, 5/07/08]

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The rule was adopted 223-192. [H Res 1174, Vote #289, 5/07/08]

**Voted to Stall Bill to Provide Grants to Rehabilitate Foreclosed Properties**
In May 2008, Walberg voted against reconsidering a vote on ordering the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 1174) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a loan and grant program, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for states and localities to buy and rehabilitate foreclosed properties. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/07/08]

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The motion passed 226-186. [H Res 1174, Vote #288, 5/07/08]

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The motion passed 220-187. [H Res 1174, Vote #287, 5/07/08]

**2008: Opposed Mortgage Lenders Bailout**

In 2008, Walberg opposed a $300 billion bailout of speculative securities. Walberg said the bill rewarded risky investments and added a tax on mortgages.

“Michigan taxpayers cannot afford to pay for the irresponsibility and blatant recklessness of mortgage servicers and speculators… New laws that force hard-working Americans to accept the risk for the bad choices of speculators will actually prolong our current housing crisis,” Walberg said. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 8/01/08]

“The bottom line is we don’t think the government should get in using taxpayers’ dollars to bail a large number of people out for decisions that they made on their own and contracts that they signed,” Walberg said. [Associated Press, 3/29/08]

**2007: Voted Against Overhaul of Mortgage System, Which Included Establishing Minimum Standards For Home Loans**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that would create a nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. The bill would also establish minimum standards for home loans and expand certain limits on
high-cost mortgages. It would also prohibit brokers from steering consumers to mortgages they are unlikely to be able to repay. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/15/07]

Opponents of the bill included the mortgage banking industry and the White House, who were concerned that tightening mortgage regulations could make it harder for potential homebuyers to get loans. [CQ Weekly, 11/18/07]

The bill passed 291-127. [HR 3915, Vote # 1118, 11/15/07]

**Voted for Revising Mortgage Lending Practices**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would overhaul the Federal Housing Administration’s mortgage lending practices and designate certain agency surpluses for an affordable-housing fund. The measure would raise loan limits in high-cost areas for FHA-backed loans, allow the agency to support zero-down loans and vary the premiums it charges borrowers based on their credit risk. It also would permit lower monthly payments for borrowers who make on-time payments for the first five years of a loan. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/18/07]

The portion of the bill which would allow certain holders of subprime loans to refinance through the FHA was written in reaction to the subprime mortgage problem in the country. [CQ Today, 9/18/07]

The bill passed 348-72. [HR 1852, Vote # 876, 9/18/07]

**Supported Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act**

In 2007, Walberg voted for the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007. The legislation was designed to lessen the tax burden on struggling homeowners, fixing an unfair anomaly in the tax code.

The bill also extended the deduction for private mortgage insurance and slightly broadened the definition of housing cooperatives to allow more people to deduct payments they made to cooperatives as mortgage interest. [CQ Today, 10/04/07]

The bill passed, 386-27. [HR 3648, Vote #948, 10/04/07]

**2007: Voted to Cut Grants for Rural Economic Development Program**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill that would reduce funding by $6.3 million for the Rural Community Advancement Program, which provides rural development direct loans, loan guarantees and grants.

The Rural Community Advancement Program assists small communities with low per capita incomes develop strategies to spur economic development.

The program provides financial and technical assistance, as well as priority for many federal and state programs. [Rural Community Advancement Program]
The amendment was defeated 90-337. [HR 3161, Vote #804, 8/02/07]

**NOTE:** State-by-state program success stories which demonstrate the value of this program can be found at this site: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SS_Home.html

**Development Program Offered Loans To Single Families, Which In Order For Applicants To Be Eligible, Had To “Be Without Decent, Safe And Sanitary Housing”**

USDA Rural Development Program: In Order For Applicant For Be Eligible For “Single Family Housing Direct Loans In Michigan,” Must “Be Without Decent, Safe And Sanitary Housing.”

“Single Family Housing Direct Home Loans in Michigan … What does this program do? Also known as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program, this program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant’s repayment ability. … Applicants must: Be without decent, safe and sanitary housing.” [United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program, Accessed 6/17/15]

**2015: Voted For Bill Which Would “Weaken Regulations On Mortgage Lenders” Enacted After Collapse Of Housing Market In 2007**

Voted For A Bill That Changed The Definition Of A Qualified Mortgage Under The Truth In Lending Act. In April 2015, Walberg voted for the Mortgage Choice Act. “The bill excludes insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the 3% cap on points and fees imposed on ‘qualified mortgages’ by redefining ‘points and fees’ under the Truth in Lending Act. The measure is intended to clarify conflicting definitions under current law and thereby ensure that mortgage loans to low- and middle-income borrowers remain affordable.” The bill passed, 286 to 140. [HR 685, Vote #152, 4/14/15; CQ, 4/10/15]

**Huffington Post: Bill Would “Weaken Regulations On Mortgage Lenders Enacted Following The 2007 Collapse Of The House Market.”** “Ranking second behind the Chamber was the National Association of Realtors. The group spent $7.7 million lobbying on issues like flood insurance premiums, which have risen sharply in the past few years. NAR also lobbied for the Mortgage Choice Act, a bill that would weaken regulations on mortgage lenders enacted following the 2007 collapse of the housing market. The Mortgage Choice Act passed in the House of Representatives on April 14.” [Huffington Post, 4/23/15]

**2015: Voted Against Preventing Predatory Lenders And Those Convicted Of Mortgage Fraud From Providing Loans To Homeowners**

Voted Against Allowing Predatory Lenders And Those Convicted Of Mortgage Fraud To Provide Loans To Homeowners. In April 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would prevent those convicted of mortgage fraud and predatory lenders from providing loans to homeowners. “Regulations from the Dodd-Frank Act that went into effect in early 2014 tightened requirements and restrictions on ‘high-cost’ loans. For example, if the interest rate and fees on loans reach a certain level, lenders have to verify a borrower’s ability to repay loans and disclose consequences of default and loan terms … the Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015. HR 650 would raise the threshold for which loans are considered ‘high cost,’ from 8.5 percent above the average rate to 10 percent above the average
rate. President Obama has threatened to veto it if it passes both houses. The change may seem minor, but the higher threshold would mean the lender has to do less work and disclose less information to borrowers. The majority of loans on manufactured homes carry high interest rates, especially compared with a typical mortgage.” The motion failed 184 to 239. [HR 650, Vote #150, 14/14/15; Motion to Recommit, 4/14/15; Seattle Times Editorial, 4/14/15]

2015: Voted For Weakening Wall Street Reform For Mortgage Lenders, Allowing Them To Disclose Less Information To Borrowers

**Voted For Weakening Aspects Of Wall Street Reform Allowing Mortgage Lenders To Disclose Less Information To Borrowers.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for legislation that would roll back regulations in the Wall Street reform law. “Regulations from the Dodd-Frank Act that went into effect in early 2014 tightened requirements and restrictions on ‘high-cost’ loans. For example, if the interest rate and fees on loans reach a certain level, lenders have to verify a borrower’s ability to repay loans and disclose consequences of default and loan terms … the Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015. HR 650 would raise the threshold for which loans are considered ‘high cost,’ from 8.5 percent above the average rate to 10 percent above the average rate. President Obama has threatened to veto it if it passes both houses. The change may seem minor, but the higher threshold would mean the lender has to do less work and disclose less information to borrowers. The majority of loans on manufactured homes carry high interest rates, especially compared with a typical mortgage.” The bill passed, 263 to 162. [HR 650, Vote #151, 4/14/15; Seattle Times Editorial, 4/14/15]

2011: Voted to Shut Down Mortgage Aid Program

In 2011, Walberg voted to shut down a federal program established to help homeowners who owe more than their homes are worth refinance their loans. A borrower current on his mortgage would qualify for a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) refinanced loan given that the lender wrote off at least percent of the unpaid mortgage principal.

The bill rescinded all unobligated funds allocated for the program under the 2008 financial industry bailout. The House adopted an amendment to direct those funds to be used to pay down the national debt. Republicans argued that since only $50 million of the $8 billion obligated had been used, the program was ineffective. Others protested that the program was poorly advertised and had not had a chance to reach needy homeowners. [Las Vegas Sun, 3/09/11]

The bill passed, 256-171. [HR 830, Vote #171, 3/10/11]

**Voted Against Protecting Senior Homeowners from Being Served Foreclosure Notices**

In March 2011, before considering the mortgage aid program, Walberg voted against a measure that would have required the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to determine the amount necessary to provide assistance under the FHA Refinance Program to senior homeowners.

The motion failed, 185-243. [HR 830, Vote #170, 3/10/11]
2011: Voted for Shutting Down Emergency Mortgage Relief Program,

In 2011, Walberg voted for shutting down a program that provided emergency loans to unemployed homeowners facing foreclosure. The legislation would end the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program and rescind the unobligated funds.

The White House said it would veto the bill, saying that the program was needed to spur a housing recovery. The White House argued that that the loan assistance could help as many as 30,000 distressed homeowners. The CBO estimated that the program would cost $840 million over 10 years. [CQ Today, 3/11/11]

The bill passed, 242-177. [HR 836, Vote #174, 3/11/11]

2011: Voted Against Protecting Veterans and Active Service Members From Foreclosure

Before considering terminating the emergency relief program, Walberg even voted against a measure that would have protected veterans and active service members from foreclosures.

The measure required the Secretary of HUD in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to determine the amount necessary to provide assistance under the Emergency Housing Act of 1975 to homeowners who are veterans or members of the Armed Forces on active duty. It would also authorize Congress to appropriate this amount of assistance to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program.

The motion failed, 182-238. [HR 836, Vote #173, Motion to Recommit, 3/11/11]

2011: Voted to End Program that Funded $8.4 Million Grant For Neighborhood Rehabilitation in Battle Creek

In March 2011, Walberg voted for the NSP Termination Act. The bill ended the neighborhood stabilization program. Battle Creek received an $8.4 million grant from the program to rehabilitate or demolish more than 140 vacant and foreclosed homes.

“With a $14 trillion dollar debt and rising, there is no room in the budget for programs that waste taxpayer funds ... This program, with little benefit, proved repeatedly to be ineffective and wasteful,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/17/11]

Program Was Intended To Rehabilitate Or Demolish More Than 140 Vacant And Foreclosed Homes. “U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg was among the lawmakers who voted Wednesday to end a neighborhood stabilization program that has sent millions of dollars to Battle Creek. The House passed the measure 242-182 in an effort to block about $1 billion in spending. Battle Creek is in the process of distributing its part of an $8.4 million grant to either rehab or demolish more than 140 vacant and foreclosed homes.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/17/11]

2011: Voted Against Providing Foreclosure Aid Relief for Rural Homeowners
In March 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have required states give priority emphasis and consideration to rural areas when distributing Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds that were allocated by HUD and appropriated under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The motion failed, 153-272. [HR 861, Vote #187, 2/16/11]

**2011: Voted to Terminate Program Helping Home Owners**

In 2011, Walberg voted to terminate the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). HAMP provided funds to mortgage services to help reduce mortgage holders’ monthly payments.

The bill terminated the Treasury Department’s authority to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). HAMP provided financial incentives to mortgage servicers that are intended to reduce borrowers’ monthly payments to no more than 31 percent of monthly income. The Treasury Department allocated $30 billion in Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for HAMP. [CQ House Action Reports, 3/28/11]

The bill passed 252-170. [HR 839, Vote #198, 3/29/11]

**…Including Service Members**

Before the bill passed, Walberg voted against a motion which would have allowed the HAMP to continue for active duty servicemen, their spouses or parents, or Gold Star eligible families. The motion failed 185-238. [HR 839, Vote #197, 3/29/11]

**2011: Voted for Terminating Redevelopment Assistance for Communities with High Foreclosure Rates**

In 2011, Walberg voted for terminating redevelopment assistance for communities with high foreclosure rates.

The bill rescinded the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and ended the program run by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. According to The Philadelphia Inquirer, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program was “designed to acquire foreclosed homes in at-risk neighborhoods, rehab them, and sell them to qualified buyers.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, 3/12/11; CQ Floor Votes, 3/16/11]

The bill passed 242-182. [HR 861, Vote #188, 3/16/11]

**Voted for Increasing Home Heating Assistance by $50 Million**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would increase funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) by $50 million. The amendment would reduce funding for substance abuse and mental health services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by $98 million.
The amendment was rejected, 104-322. [HR 1, Bass amendment #565, Vote #71, 2/17/11]

**2008: Supported Mortgage Fraud Task Force**

In 2008, Walberg voted for a bill that would establish an FBI national mortgage fraud task force, with branches in 10 states the bureau determines have the highest concentration of that type of fraud. It would require the task force to coordinate law enforcement agencies to combat mortgage fraud and allow the task force to establish mortgage fraud reporting measures.

The bill would require the task force to establish branch offices in the 10 states that the FBI director determines to have the highest concentration of mortgage fraud. “This is an important bill that addresses an important issue facing our communities and our families,” said Rep. Sutton. The task force that would be established under Meek’s measure would coordinate the anti-fraud efforts at the federal, state and local levels. The task force would also train law enforcement officials in relevant laws. [CQ Today Online News, 9/22/08]

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 350 to 23. [HR 6853, Vote #618, 9/22/08]

**Voted Against Mortgage Insurance Notification**

In 1998, Walberg voted against a bill that required financial institutions to notify mortgage holders when private mortgage holders insurance could be eliminated.

The bill passed 95-6 [Gongwer News Service, 5/21/98; HB 5691, Roll Call #452, 5/21/98]

**Did Not Vote On Reauthorizing Indian And Native American Housing Programs**

**Did Not Vote On Reauthorizing Indian And Native American Housing Programs.** In March 2015, Walberg did not vote on reauthorizing Indian and Native Hawaiian housing programs. “This bill reauthorizes a number of Indian and Native Hawaiian housing programs through FY 2019, including the Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG), which it modifies to provide for multi-year housing plans and to allow tribes to meet program requirements more efficiently. It also establishes a set-aside for housing for Native American veterans within Veterans Affairs (VA) Department housing programs and creates a demonstration program to leverage private investment in affordable Indian housing.” The bill passed 297 to 98. [HR 360, Vote #130, 3/23/15; CQ House Action Reports, 3/20/15]

**Voted For An Amendment That Prevented The Department Of Justice From Enforcing Disparate Impact Claims Under The Fair Housing Act**

**Voted For An Amendment That Prevented The Department Of Justice From Enforcing Disparate Impact Claims Under The Fair Housing Act.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that prevented the department of justice from enforcing disparate impact claims under the Fair Housing Act. “Housing discrimination claims: The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Scott Garrett, R-N.J., to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2578). The amendment would bar funding for Justice Department enforcement actions under the Fair Housing Act
that rely on the theory of disparate impact to allege racial and other forms of discrimination by mortgage lenders, landlords, and home insurers. Garrett said the threat of prosecution for treating various classes of homeowners and renters differently, based on their economic status, would impede the ability ‘for lenders to make rational economic decisions about risk’ rather than based on the possibility that the Justice Department will consider their actions discriminatory.’’ The amendment passed 232 to 196. [HR 2578, Vote #287, 6/03/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/03/15; Citizen-Times, 6/05/15]

Voted For An Amendment That Barred Funding For The Private Enforcement Initiative Of The Fair Housing Initiatives Program

Voted For An Amendment That Barred Funding For The Private Enforcement Initiative Of The Fair Housing Initiatives Program. In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would “bar funds from being used for the Private Enforcement Initiative of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program.” The amendment passed 224 to 198. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/04/15; HR 2577, Vote #307, 6/04/15]

National Council On Independent Living: PEI Grantees Are “Critical” To Enforcement Of The Fair Housing Act. “PEI grants support local, private fair housing groups’ testing, complaint intake, and investigation efforts. PEI grantees are critical to enforcement efforts for the Fair Housing Act. Disability-related complaints is the largest category of Fair Housing complaints. To remove funding for the PEI program would damage Fair Housing enforcement in many communities. This harms people with disabilities when fair housing enforcement is not readily available in communities.” [NCIL, 6/05/15]

Voted For Amendment Barring Implementation Of Housing Rule Meant To Combat Housing Segregation

Voted For Amendment Barring The Implementation Of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule. In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would “bar funding for HUD to implement, enforce or administer the proposed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.” The amendment passed 229 to 193. [HR 2577, Vote #311, 6/09/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/09/15]

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule Self Purports To Combat Segregation. According to the Federal Register, the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule “[e]stablish[es] an approach to affirmatively further fair housing that calls for coordinated efforts to combat illegal housing discrimination, so that individuals and families can make decisions about where to live, free from discrimination, with necessary information regarding housing options, and with adequate support to make their choices viable.” [Federal Register, 7/19/13]

Voted For Weakening Housing Discrimination Protections

Voted For Amendment To Bar HUD From Enforcing Regulation Combating Discrimination In the Housing Market. In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used by HUD to administer a federal regulation that dictates, “If the policies of governmental agencies, banks or private real estate companies unjustifiably perpetuate segregation, regardless of their intent, they could be found in violation of the Fair Housing
Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 231-195. [HR 2577, Vote #323, 6/09/15; Propublica, 1/21/15]

**Voted Against A Motion To Allow Home Buyers To Seek Court Remedy Against Predatory Practices**

**Voted Against A Motion To Allow Home Buyers To Seek Court Remedy Against Predatory Practices.** In October 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would “protect the rights of servicemembers, seniors, and students to seek a court remedy against predatory practices in the home-buying process.” The motion failed, 185-240. [HR 3192, Vote #539, 10/07/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 10/07/15]

**Voted For Delaying Implementation Of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rules For Home Buyers**

**Voted For Delaying Implementation Of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rules For Home Buyers.** In October 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that would “delay implementation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's rules regarding lender disclosures to consumers applying for home mortgage loans until Feb. 1, 2016. Enforcement of the rules and lawsuits against lenders would be prohibited as long as the lender makes a good-faith effort to comply with the rules.” The bill passed 303-121. [HR 3192, Vote #540, 10/07/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/07/15]

**Voted Against Allowing HUD To Continue An FHA Program Automating An Alternative Credit Rating System For Borrowers With Insufficient Credit Histories.**

**Voted Against Allowing HUD To Continue An FHA Program Automating An Alternative Credit Rating System For Borrowers With Insufficient Credit Histories.** In February 2016, Walberg voted against an amendment that would “allow the Housing and Urban Development Department to continue a Federal Housing Administration pilot program for an automated process to provide alternative credit rating information to help determine creditworthiness of borrowers with insufficient credit histories.” The amendment was rejected, 181 to 239. [HR 3700, Vote #51, 2/02/16, 2/02/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/02/16]

**Voted For Exempting Public Housing Agencies From Requirement For At Least One Board Member Receiving Housing Assistance If They Have A Resident Advisory Board.**

**Voted For Exempting Public Housing Agencies From Requirement For At Least One Board Member Receiving Housing Assistance If They Have A Resident Advisory Board.** In February 2016, Walberg voted for an amendment that would “exempt certain public housing agencies from a requirement that their boards of directors include at least one member who directly receives public housing agency assistance, if the public housing agency establishes an advisory board of at least six public housing residents.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 236 to 178. [HR 3700, Vote #50, 2/02/16, 2/02/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/02/16]

**Product Safety and Other Issues**

**Voted Against Motion Exempting Cases Where Plaintiff “Seeks Relief In Connection With The**
### Voted Against Motion Exempting Cases Where Plaintiff “Seeks Relief In Connection With The Sexual Abuse And Exploitation Of A Minor” From Lawsuit Reform Bill

In February 2016, Walberg voted against “motion to recommit the ‘Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act’ to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill cases in which the plaintiff seeks relief in connection with the sexual abuse and exploitation of a minor.” The motion failed, 180 to 239. [HR 3624, Vote #88, 02/24/16; CQ, 2/25/16]

### Voted Against Amendment Exempting Cases In Which Plaintiffs Seek Compensation Because Of Bad Faith Of Insurer

In February 2016, Walberg voted against an amendment “that would exempt cases in which plaintiffs seek compensation because of the bad faith of an insurer” from Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act. The amendment failed, 178 to 237. [HR 3624, Vote #87, 02/24/16; CQ Floor Vote 87, 2/25/16; CQ Floor Votes 89, 2/25/16]

### Voted Against Amendment To Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act To Protect Privacy Of Asbestos Exposure Victims.

In January 2016, Walberg Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that that would “require asbestos trusts to provide a report available to the public regarding demands received and payments made, and would repeal the requirement that the report contain the personal information of people paid by the trust.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 179-222. [H R 1927, Vote #31, 1/08/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/08/16]

### Voted Against Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act To Allow Plaintiffs Access To Information Held In Trusts.

In January 2016, Walberg Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “allow litigants in a pending class action suit to access information held in a trust that is directly related to a plaintiff's claim for asbestos exposure.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 174-228. [H R 1927, Vote #30, 1/08/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/08/16]

### Voted Against Amendment To Remove Anti-Consumer Rights Provisions From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements.

In January 2016, Walberg Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act. The original bill would “eliminate most consumer class actions by forcing consumers to prove that they’ve each suffered the exact same type and scope of injury from a company in order for their case to be certified—and move forward as a group—in court.” The amendment
would eliminate the same "scope" of injury clause from the bill. The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 177-223. [H R 1927, Vote #29, 1/08/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/08/16; The Hill, 10/07/15]

Voted Against Amendment Exempting Lawsuits Involving Fraudulent College And Universities Claims From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements.

Voted Against Amendment Exempting Lawsuits Involving Fraudulent College And Universities From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements. In January 2016, Walberg Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “exempt claims against institutions under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, education loan institutions as defined by section 221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or educational institutions as defined by chapter 33 of Title 38 United States Code.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 177-223. [H R 1927, Vote #28, 1/08/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/08/16]

Voted Against Amendment Exempting Equal Pay Lawsuits From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements.

Voted Against Amendment Exempting Equal Pay Lawsuits From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements. In January 2016, Walberg Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “exempt a pay equity claim under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act or the Fair Labor Standards (Equal Pay) Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 177-224. [H R 1927, Vote #27, 1/08/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/08/16]

Voted Against Exempting Housing Discrimination Lawsuits From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements.

Voted Against Exempting Housing Discrimination Lawsuits From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements. In January 2016, Walberg Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “exempt claims under the Fair Housing Act or the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 172-229. [H R 1927, Vote #26, 1/08/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/08/16]

Voted Against Amendment To Protect Child Victims Of Asbestos From Having Personal Information Exposed

Voted Against Amendment To Protect Child Victims Of Asbestos From Having Personal Information Exposed. In January 2016, Walberg voted against motion to recommit that would exempt claimants exposed to asbestos as a child in a school environment from having their personal information exposed in quarterly reporting by asbestos trusts. The motion failed, 178-239. [HR 1927, Vote #32, 1/8/16; Democratic Leader – Motions To Recommit, 1/8/16]

Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Imposes Limits On Class Action Lawsuits And Institute New Requirements For Compensating Asbestos Victims
Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Imposes Limits On Class Action Lawsuits And Institute New Requirements For Compensating Asbestos Victims. In January 2016, Walberg Voted For passage of the Fairness in Class Action Litigation and Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency Act of 2016, a bill that would “prohibit federal courts from certifying proposed classes of individuals for a class-action lawsuit unless each member of the class has suffered the same type and degree of injury. Additionally, the bill would require quarterly reports by asbestos trusts including claims made against the trusts and payouts made by the trusts for asbestos-related injuries.” The bill passed 211-188. [HR 1927, Vote #33, 1/8/2016; Roll Call, 1/8/16]

Voted For To Set New Standard On Deciding “Whether Certain Lawsuits Are Heard In Federal Instead Of State Court”

Voted For To Set New Standard On Deciding “Whether Certain Lawsuits Are Heard In Federal Instead Of State Court.” In February 2016, Walberg voted for ‘The Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act’, which “would set a new, national standard for deciding whether certain lawsuits are heard in federal instead of state court because an in-state co-defendant should not have been joined to the case. The bill would require district courts to deny motions to send a lawsuit back to state court because a defendant is from the same state as a plaintiff if: there was fraud in the pleading of jurisdictional facts in relation to the co-defendant joined to the lawsuit, it is not plausible that state law would impose liability against the co-defendant, state or federal law bars claims against the co-defendant, or if there is no good faith intention to seek a judgment against the co-defendant.” The bill passed, 229 to 189. [HR 3624, Vote #89, 02/24/16; CQ, 2/25/16]

Legislation Would “Make It More Difficult For Americans To Enforce Their Rights In State Courts.” On February 23, 2016, the Center for Justice and Democracy sent a group letter to Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi opposing ‘The Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act.’ “The House will soon be voting on H.R. 3624, the ‘Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act.’ “This bill would upend long established law in the area of federal court jurisdiction, place unreasonable burdens on the federal judiciary, and make it more difficult for Americans to enforce their rights in state courts. … H.R. 3624 would undermine this fundamental precept and force state cases into federal court when they don’t belong there. The bill would do this by transforming the centuries-old concept called ‘fraudulent joinder,’ which is a way to defeat complete diversity i.e., when non-diverse defendants are in case.” [Center for Justice and Democracy, 2/23/16]

Voted To “Dramatically Restrict” Government’s Ability To Enact New Safety Standards

Voted To “Dramatically Restrict” Government’s Ability to Enact New Safety Standards. In January 2015, Walberg voted for restricting the government’s ability to enact new regulations or safety standards. “The House passed a measure Tuesday to dramatically restrict the government’s ability to enact any significant new regulations or safety standards, potentially hamstringing the efforts of every federal agency, from financial regulators to safety watchdogs. … The primary way the bill would work is by making just about every step an agency takes on a major new rule subject to numerous legal challenges. It does that by defining major rules as ones that have direct costs of more than $100 million or indirect costs above $1 billion, or would have significant costs for just about anyone, including government. Then it requires that for any such rule, agencies must make public their cost-benefit analyses of the new
regulation and choose the cheapest option.” The bill passed 250 to 175. [HR 185, Vote #28, 1/13/15; Huffington Post, 1/13/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/13/15]

**Bill Would Open Up “Just About Every Step An Agency Takes On Major New Rules Subject To Numerous Legal Challenges.”** “The primary way the bill would work is by making just about every step an agency takes on a major new rule subject to numerous legal challenges. It does that by defining major rules as ones that have direct costs of more than $100 million or indirect costs above $1 billion, or would have significant costs for just about anyone, including government. Then it requires that for any such rule, agencies must make public their cost-benefit analyses of the new regulation and choose the cheapest option.” [Huffington Post, 1/13/15]

**Law Professor: “Irresponsible Reform: The House Favors Extreme Legislation That Would Delay Public Protections by Ten Years or More.”** [Center For Progressive Reform Blog, 1/13/15]

**Director Of Regulatory Policy At Center For Effective Government: Bill Undermined “Entire Spectrum Of Public Health And Safety, Worker Health And Safety.”** “The measure, called the Regulatory Accountability Act, has been passed by the House before, but stood no chance in the Senate when it was controlled by Democrats. With the GOP in the majority, it is at least likely to get a vote in the upper chamber. The White House has threatened to veto it. … ‘This is using that arcane process to basically undermine the entire regulatory system of the United States,’ said Ronald White, director of regulatory policy at the Center for Effective Government, which opposes the bill. ‘It really covers the entire spectrum of public health and safety, worker health and safety, financial protections, consumer product protections -- just about everything that you can think about for which the government has a responsibility to ensure the public is being protected,’ White said.” [Huffington Post, 1/13/15]

**Voted Against Exempting FDA Consumer Protections From Greater Regulatory Review And Legal Challenges**

**Voted Against Exempting FDA Consumer Protections From Greater Regulatory Review And Legal Challenges. In February 2015, Walberg voted against Jackson Lee of Texas Part A Amendment No. 6, an amendment to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 that “sought to exempt from the bill all regulations issued by the Food and Drug Administration relating to consumer safety, including those issued pursuant to the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.” HR 527 was a bill under which “the SBA would have new authority to ensure agencies comply with the law’s regulatory review requirements, including by getting more directly involved with agency reviews of proposed rules. It would expand the ability of small businesses and other small entities affected by an agency’s regulations to legally challenge those rules.” The amendment failed 184 to 234. [HR 527, Vote #66, 2/05/15; Thomas.loc.gov, 2/05/15; CQ News HR 527 Coverage, 2/05/15]

**Voted For Mandating Private Sector Input On Federal Agency Rules, Expand Judicial Review, And Restrict CFPB Funding**

**Voted For Mandating Private Sector Input On Federal Agency Rules, Expand Judicial Review, And Restrict CFPB Funding. In February 2015, Walberg voted for the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015. “in a new GOP attempt to roll back federal regulations, the House passed a measure Wednesday aimed at limiting agency rules that impose unfunded mandates. Lawmakers**
approved the bill 250-173, after adding a provision that would restrict funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau...The main part of the bill (HR 50) would expand and modify the 1995 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (PL 104-4) that requires all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules... The measure would extend judicial review of agency rules and permit a court to stay, enjoin or invalidate a rule if an agency fails to complete the required UMRA analysis or adhere to the regulatory principles.” The bill passed 250 to 173. [HR 50, Vote #64, 2/04/15; CQ News, 2/04/15]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act Lets Big Business Write The Rules

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act Lets Big Business Write The Rules.” “But the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards (CSS) says the bill would give businesses special access to regulators and block hypothetical future rules without the public knowing. ‘The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act lets big business write the rules,’ Katherine McFate, president of the Center for Effective Government and CSS co-chair, said in a statement. ‘It doesn’t improve or streamline the regulatory process, which is already plagued by hurdles and delays. This act would make it even more difficult for agencies to implement laws enacted by Congress.’” [The Hill, 1/30/15]

HR 50 Cut CFPB Funding By $36 Million

HR 50 Cut CFPB Funding By $36 Million. “Limits the total budget authority which the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau may request from the Federal Reserve to $550 million in FY 2016. This limitation is needed to ensure that the CFPB will comply with the requirements contained elsewhere within HR 50 without increasing their drawdown of funds from the federal reserve, which would otherwise add a direct spending cost to the bill. The limitation is set at $36 million below the CBO baseline projection for CFPB Budget Authority in FY 2016.” [HR 50, Amendment #4, 2/04/15]

Voted Against Exempting Regulations from Burdensome Congressional Approval Process

In 2013, Walberg voted against exempting a broad range of regulations enforced by federal agencies from requiring explicit Congressional approval to keep families safe and protect economic growth. The amendment would create jobs or economic growth, reduce the deficit and long-term debt, prevent outsourcing, protect Medicare guaranteed benefits and Medicaid, protect the health and safety of women, children, seniors, and veterans, guarantee equal pay for women, restrict exposure to toxic substances, protect safe drinking water, or promote the safe disposal of hazardous waste, prevent financial or health care fraud, prevent child sex trafficking and child pornography, protect the American people from terrorist attacks, or prevent discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, or any other legally protected characteristic. [CQ Votes, 8/02/13] The amendment failed 185-229. [HR 367, Vote # 444, 8/02/13]

Voted to Give Congress Power to Approve Executive Agency Regulations
In August 2013, Walberg voted in favor the REINS Act, that would require Congress to approve executive agency regulatory proposals that are deemed to be “major rules.”

As amended, the bill would include in the definition of “major rules” those likely to cost more than $50 million; rules that would have adverse economic effects; any regulations crafted to implement or provide for the collection of a carbon tax; and rules made under the 2010 health care overhaul law.

It also would require that federal agencies list, in reports submitted to Congress, any related regulatory actions or pending actions by another federal agency with authority to implement the same statutory provision or regulatory objective. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/02/13]

The bill was part of a series before leaving “Washington for a five-week summer break… aimed mostly at embarrassing the Obama administration and scoring political points.” [Washington Post, 7/31/13]

According to the Office of Budget and Management the bill would reflect an unprecedented and unjustified power shift in Washington. In a policy statement, OMB wrote, “This radical departure from the longstanding separation of powers between the Executive and Legislative branches would delay and, in many cases, thwart implementation of statutory mandates and execution of duly-enacted laws.” [The Hill, 7/31/13]

The White House threatened to veto the measure, noting that federal agencies were already required to adhere to federal law and that Congress had the ability to review them. The White House wrote that the REINS Act would “throw all major regulations into a months-long limbo, fostering uncertainty and impeding business investment that is vital to economic growth.” [CQ News, 8/02/13]

The bill passed 232-183. [HR 367, Vote #445, 8/02/13]

**Said FDA Calorie Count Rules Would Kill Jobs**

In 2013, Walberg opposed the FDA’s proposed calorie count disclosure rules as inflexible, costly and burdensome.

“While the objective of increased information for consumers may seem reasonable, the actual regulations are poorly designed, promise to be both costly and ineffective, and will kill jobs,” Walberg said.

Walberg instead supported the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act, which he claimed would rein in and correct the FDA’s flawed approach. [Walberg op-ed, Washington Times, 9/03/13]

**Voted to Side with Corporations over Consumers on Product Safety Information**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would bar funds related to launching the consumer product safety information database established under the Consumer Product Safety Act and signed into law by President George Bush.
According to the *Wichita Eagle*, the amendment offered by Rep. Mike Pompeo, would delay the site to make changes that Pompeo and the business community would prefer. One of Pompeo’s changes would make it harder for consumer groups and lawyers to submit product complaints. [*Wichita Eagle*, 3/07/11]

The amendment was adopted, 234-187. [HR 1, Pompeo amendment #545, Vote #137, 2/19/11]

**Voted Against Prioritizing Protections on Food, Toys and Drinking Water**

In February 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have required Congressional committees to place a high priority on tracking, reviewing and preserving the standards that ensure the safety of the food and drinking water supply, and the safety of children’s toys.

“This is and should be an essential function of our nation’s government,” said motion sponsor Rep. Russ Carnahan, D-Mo. [*CQ Today, 2/11/11*]

The motion failed 178-242. [H Res 72, Vote #32, 2/11/11]

**Voted Against Protecting Government’s Authority to Issue Recalls of Contaminated Foods**

In 2011, Walberg voted against protecting the government’s authority to issue mandatory recalls of suspected contaminated foods.

The amendment would have stipulated that nothing in the bill would have hindered the Food and Drug Administration’s authority to issue mandatory recalls of suspected contaminated foods. [*CQ Floor Votes, 12/01/11*]

The amendment failed 188-233. [HR 527, Vote #878, 12/01/11]

The motion passed 410-11. [HR 4279, Vote #300, 5/08/08]

**Voted Against Giving FDA Authority To Regulate Tobacco**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that granted the Food and Drug Administration the power to regulate tobacco products. [*Editorial, Detroit Free Press*, 8/01/08]

**Voted Against Banning Airlines from Gouging their Customers**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment to the FAA Reauthorization bill which would require airlines to provide better information relating to baggage fees and to refund baggage fees if the luggage was lost, damaged or delayed.

The amendment, offered by Rep. Capuano, would have required airlines to refund any luggage fees charged for bags checked within 60 days of the flight and if the baggage was lost, delayed, or damaged. It would also require airlines and ticket vendors to disclose the cost associated with checking luggage when the price of the ticket was first quoted. [*Congressional Record, 3/31/11*]
The amendment failed 187-235. [HR 658, Vote #211, 3/31/11]

**Supported Buy American Requirements**

In 2012, Walberg voted for a motion to instruct House conferees to agree to a Senate-passed Buy American requirement for materials for federally funded highway, transit and rail projects.

“The proposal would disallow segmenting projects and require greater public notice and comment periods on waiver requests for the domestic purchasing restrictions. It also would require reviews and an annual report on waivers granted by federal officials.” [CQ, 5/16/12]

**Supported Plan to Strengthen Efforts Cracking Down on Piracy of Intellectual Property**

In May 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would consolidate federal efforts to counter piracy and counterfeiting of American-owned intellectual properties.

The measure would create an “intellectual property enforcement representative” responsible for coordinating efforts among eight agencies and for producing a national strategic plan for fighting piracy and counterfeiting. The coordinator would have the rank of ambassador and would require Senate confirmation.

The bill also would establish an Intellectual Property Enforcement Division at the Justice Department and create a $25 million grant program for local and state law enforcement officials to investigate and pursue piracy and counterfeiting. [CQ Today, 5/08/08]

**Voted Against Fish Consumption Advisory for Pregnant Women**

In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill requiring that Michigan adopt the uniform Great Lakes sport fishing advisory for the consumption of Great Lakes salmon as a means to protect pregnant women from the PCBs and other toxins found in Great Lakes fish.

The bill passed 104-5. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 3/18/97; HR 4206, RC #109, 3/18/97]

**Supported Limits on Damage Claims in Auto Accidents**

In 1995, Walberg voted in favor of a bill (HB 4341) that would make it harder for individuals to sue for pain and suffering damages due to auto accidents.

The measure would limit collection of non-economic damages for cases involving death, disfigurement or serious impairment. In addition, the bill would allow trial judges, not juries, to determine whether a person had suffered a permanent impairment.

Democrats blasted the bill, noting that voters had rejected changes to the state’s no-fault insurance system in 1994 and in 1992.

Senator Ken DeBeaussaert (D-New Baltimore) charged that with the bill, the Legislature showed “it
doesn’t trust the people of Michigan.” [Gongwer News Service, 5/25/95]

The bill passed 56-48. [HB 4341, RC #399, 4/27/95]

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Crime and Public Safety Issues

**Significant Findings**

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**Voted Against Increasing Funds for COPS Hiring**

In May 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would increase funds for Community Oriented Policing Services by $3 million. The motion would also increase funds for COPS hiring and rehiring by $3 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/30/14]

The motion failed, 185-220. [HR 4660, Vote #268, 5/30/14]
Voted Against Restoring $126 Million in Funds to the COPS Program

In 2012, Walberg voted against restoring $126 million in funding to the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

The funding would have been taken from NASA’s Cross Agency Support and given to COPS. The funding would have brought the funding back to the then-current levels but still $91 million below the President’s FY2013 budget request. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 5/12/12; White House Statement of Policy, HR 5326, 5/07/12]

The amendment passed, 206-204. [HR 5326, Vote #214, 5/08/12]

Voted for Increasing Funds for COPS Technology Grants

In May 2014, Walberg voted for an amendment that would increase funding for the COPS program by $3 million. The funding would be directed to the technology grant program.

The amendment passed 306-106. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/29/14; HR 4660, Vote #244, 5/29/14]

Supported Reauthorization of the COPS Program

In 2007, Walberg voted for legislation to reauthorize the Community Oriented Policing Services between fiscal 2008 and 2013.

The bill provided $6.9 billion for the COPS program, and also added a number of new policing activities, such as those designed to reduce the distribution and abuse of illegal drugs, for which the program could award grants. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/07]

The bill passed 381-34. [HR 1700, Vote #348, 5/15/07]

Voted Against Prioritizing Drug-Trafficking Crime Prevention

In 2011, Walberg voted against directing the heads of each intelligence agency to prioritize countering transnational drug-trafficking and drug-related crime and violence. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/09/11]

The motion failed 145-257. [HR 1892, Vote #697, 9/09/11]

Voted to Allow Violent or Sexual Criminals to be State Employees with Federal Funding

In 2011, Walberg voted against keeping individuals convicted of violent crimes, sexual crimes or murder against children from being employed by state entities that receive federal grants.

The motion would have required that state entities receiving federal grants perform criminal background checks for school employees and refuse employment to people convicted of certain crimes such as violent or sexual crimes against children. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/13/11]
The motion failed 189-231. [HR 2218, Vote #704, 9/13/11]

Voted to Cut Legal Services Funding for the Poor

In 2011, Walberg voted to strike all funding, or $324.4 million, for the Legal Services Corporation. The program provides funding for essential legal services to almost $60 million Americans living below 125 percent of the poverty level.

Republicans had earlier proposed an 18 percent cut for the program, or some $75 million in the $420 million annual budget of the LSC. Gene Nichol, professor of law at UNC-Chapel hill, noted that studies had shown how for decades millions of poor and near poor Americans had been “effectively priced out of the civil justice system.” [Charlotte News & Observer, Nichol op-ed, 2/28/11]

The amendment failed 171-259. [HR 1, Duncan amendment #110, Vote #54, 2/16/11]

Voted Against Restoring COPS Funding by $300 Million

In 2011, Walberg voted against restoring funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program at the Justice Department by $298 million. The funds came from decreasing the same amount from cross-agency support at NASA.

Cuts under the Republicans’ original continuing resolution plan totaled some $600 million.

Amendment sponsor Rep. Anthony Weiner acknowledged he was “taking from one place to give to another. But I do believe it’s in the interest of all of us to try to set these priorities straight.” [Politico, 2/16/11]

The amendment passed, 228-203. [HR 1, Weiner amendment #125 as modified, Vote #53, 2/16/11]

Voted to Defund the National Drug Intelligence Center

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that defunded the National Drug Intelligence Center.

The amendment defunded the National Drug Intelligence Center in Johnstown, PA. The National Drug Intelligence Center is run and funded by the Department of Justice. [The Tribune-Democrat, 3/26/11]

The amendment passed 246-172. [HR 1540, Vote #355, 5/26/11]

Voted to Increase Funding for Human Intelligence by Cutting Drug Intelligence Funds

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the fiscal year 2008 Intelligence authorization bill to the Intelligence Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would increase the human intelligence budget in the CIA by $23 million, offset by a cut of the same amount for the National Drug Intelligence Center. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/11/07]
It motion also would have required the inspectors general of two federal government entities to investigate the NDIC. [CQ Today, 5/18/07]

The motion was defeated 181-241. [HR 2082, Vote #340, 5/11/07]

**Voted to Cut Drug Intelligence Funding, Firing Hundreds**

In 2011, Walberg voted to cut funding for the National Drug Intelligence Center by striking $34 million in funding.

The NDIC, which employed hundreds in Johnstown, PA, was established by the late Rep. John Murtha, but criticized for being a “pet project.”

Rep. Mark Critz countered that there was a “misperception” that the NDIC duplicated work by other agencies. He said there was a “basic misunderstanding regarding the types of drug intelligence.” The Center’s document and media exploitation service supported federal prosecutors in drug cases. [Tribune-Democrat, 2/16/11]

The amendment passed, 262-169. [HR 1, Flake amendment #368, Vote #51, 2/16/11]

**Opposed Funds for Drug Intelligence Center**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 defense appropriations bill to cut funding for the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC).

The NDIC is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice and a member of the Intelligence Community. The General Counterdrug Intelligence Plan, signed by the President in February 2000, designated NDIC as the nation’s principal center for strategic domestic counterdrug intelligence. [http://www.usdoj.gov/ndic/]

The amendment barred the use of funds in the bill for the National Drug Intelligence Center in Johnstown, PA. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/05/07]

The amendment was defeated 109-301. [HR 3222, Vote #845, 8/05/07]

*NOTE: The headquarters for this agency is located in what was formerly Jack Murtha’s district (PA-12). Some of the agencies accomplishments can be viewed at this site: http://www.usdoj.gov/ndic/accomp/index.htm*

**Voted to Increase Funding for Firefighter, First Responder Assistance**

In 2011, Walberg voted to increase funding for FEMA firefighter assistance grants by $510 million. The amendment specified that $390 million be available for firefighter assistance grants and $420 million available for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants.

The amendment passed, 318-113. [HR 1, Pascrell amendment #223, Vote #60, 2/16/11]
2011: Voted Against Funding for AMBER Alerts in Public Broadcasting

In March 2011, Walberg voted against a measure to ensure that National Public Radio would still be able to receive federal funding to broadcast or disseminate emergency AMBER Alerts regarding abducted children.

According to the DOJ’s AMBER Alert website, there have been 656 successful recoveries with 120 total Amber Alert plans nationwide. In calendar year 2011, 158 AMBER Alerts were issued in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands involving 197 children. Of those 158 cases, 144 resulted in a recovery, 28 of which were successfully recovered as a direct result of those respective AMBER Alerts being issued. [Department of Justice, AMBER Alert statistics, accessed 8/26/13; 2011 AMBER Alert report]

Rep. Button Sutton, who introduced the motion, said in her floor remarks that National Public Radio, which the Republicans sought to defund, was a disseminator of the alerts via an arrangement with the Department of Justice. [Rep. Sutton Floor Remarks, 3/17/11]

The motion failed, 184-235. [HR 1076, Vote #191, 3/17/11]

Walberg then voted to prohibit federal money from being used to fund or purchase content from National Public Radio. [HR 1076, Vote #192, 3/17/11]

2013: Introduced Bill Allowing National Center For Missing And Exploited Children To Assist Law Enforcement In Recovering Victims Of Child Sex Trafficking

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Opposed $1.1 Billion in Funds to Help Mexico Crackdown on Drug Traffickers

In 2008, Walberg voted against a motion that would suspend the rules and pass a bill that would authorize $1.1 billion over three years to help train and equip Mexican forces to control drug trafficking.

The bill would authorize funding that would train and equip security forces, strengthen judicial systems and boost a U.S. program to prevent guns from traveling illegally into Mexico. [CQ Today, 6/10/08]

The bill passed 311-106. [HR 6028, Vote #393, 6/10/08]

Introduced Bill Along With Rand Paul Concerning Civil Asset Forfeitures

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Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act of 2015’ in both the House and the Senate, respectively. The National Association of Criminal Defense lawyers (NACDL) supports this legislation as it would bring much-needed improvements to federal civil asset forfeiture laws.” [National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Press Release via States News Service, 1/27/15]

**Voted to Allow Suspension of Driving Privileges for Repeat Drunk Drivers**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to concur with Senate revisions to the Surface Transportation Law. Among other provisions, the legislation allowed a state to impose a 45-day suspension of driving privileges on repeat intoxicated drivers, followed by a period during which the offender could drive only to work, school or alcohol treatment programs. [Congressional Quarterly, 5/01/08]

The repeat intoxicated driver law was amended to allow for use of ignition interlock devices, strongly supported by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. This legislation gave States more flexibility to either continue with the 1-year license suspension or permit a 45-day license suspension with limited driving privileges. [Statement by Rep. Oberstar, H2881, 4/30/08]

The motion was agreed to, 358-51. [HR 1195, Vote #229, 4/30/08]

**Voted to Make Dogfighting a Federal Felony**

In 2007, Walberg voted for legislation which upgraded the federal penalties for illegal dogfighting and cockfighting activities to a felony.

The legislation made it a felony punishable by a fine and up to 3 years in prison to sponsor or exhibit animals transported across state lines in fights, or to buy and sell materials, such as gaff blades worn by roosters, that can be used during a fight. [Chicago Tribune, 3/29/07]

The legislation passed 368 – 39. [HR 137, Vote #188, 3/26/07]

**Supported Funds for the Improvement of Inmate Treatment and Release Preparedness**

In 2007, Walberg voted for a bill that would authorize $362 million over the next two years for numerous grant programs for states and localities to improve treatment of inmates and help them prepare for their release into society. It would also authorize $20 million over that time for the Bureau of Prisons to develop a new system to help federal prisoners re-enter society. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/13/07]

The bill passed 347-62. [HR 1593, Vote #1083, 11/13/07]

**Voted to Increase Funding for the Crime Victims Fund**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to increase funds to assist the victims of crime.

The amendment added $10 million to the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill for Crimes Victims Fund, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Commerce Department’s administrative salaries account.
The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund was created by Congress in 1984 to provide federal support to federal, state, tribal and local programs that assist victims of crime. The VOCA Fund is derived entirely from fines and penalties paid by offenders at the federal level, not taxpayer revenues. Approximately 4,400 agencies depend on continued VOCA Victim Assistance Grant funding to serve 3.8 million victims a year. [Congressman Ted Poe press release, 7/25/07]

The amendment passed 395-34. [HR 3093, Vote #731, 7/25/07]

### Opposed Funds for Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds for the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters to renovate a hall in Ohio. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/27/07]

The amendment was defeated 66 – 364. [HR 2643, Vote #568, 6/27/07]

### Voted for Tough Juvenile Justice Package

In 1996, Walberg voted for a series of bills that toughened punishments for juvenile offenders.

The bill expanded the list of crimes for which for which juveniles can be automatically tried as adults.

Democrats opposing the package argued that the measures failed to deal with the root causes of juvenile crime. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/14/96; HJ 48, 5/14/96]

### Opposed Community Policing Legislation

In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill that would allow local police departments to participate in President Clinton’s national community policing program.

Republican opponents argued the legislation would lead to more arrests, extra work for prosecutors, a jammed court system and crowded jail space.

The bill passed 90-19. [Gongwer News Service, 6/24/97; HB 4526, Roll Call #587, HJ 59, 6/24/97]

### Opposed Adult Seatbelt Requirement

In 1997, Walberg led the opposition to a measure that expanded Michigan’s seatbelt law to require that all adults wear seatbelts. Previously, only those in the front seats were required to be buckled up.

The measure also empowered police to make a traffic stop solely to enforce the safety belt law, rather than only being ticketed as a secondary offense.

Walberg was philosophically opposed to government forcing a mandate on citizens. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 4/16/97]
Opposed Child Seatbelt Requirement

In 1990, Walberg voted against a bill to require the use of seatbelts by children aged 4 through 16.

The bill passed 75-11. [HB 4220, 5/14/90]

Opposed Requiring Seatbelts on School Buses

In 1988, Walberg voted against a bill to require the use of seatbelts on school buses.

The bill passed 76-24. [HB 5390, 5/26/88]

Opposed Reduced Speed Limit in School Zone

In 1998, Walberg opposed a bill to reduce the speed limit from 25mph to 15mph in school zones.

The bill passed 86-17. [HB 4251, RC #174, 3/18/98]

Opposed Bill Requiring Children to Wear Helmets When Riding Bikes

In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill requiring children under four years old to wear helmets when riding as a passenger or in a trailer attached to a bicycle.

The bill passed 67-36. [HB 4518, RC #609; House Legislative Analysis, 6/11/97]

Led Fight to Repeal Mandatory Motorcycle Helmet Law

As a state senator in 1997, Walberg led a fight to repeal Michigan’s mandatory helmet-use law. Walberg said there is no link between wearing a helmet and living longer in the 27 states that don’t have mandatory helmet laws.

“A helmet will never stop an accident, though at times it could help cause one,” said Walberg, a motorcyclist for 27 years. He said helmets make hearing and seeing on the road more difficult. “I think citizens need to use common sense and make their own decisions,” he said. [Chicago Tribune, 11/13/97]

Said Bill Was “Step Toward a Police State”

Walberg claimed that mandatory helmet laws were a “step toward a police state” and restrictive of personal liberty. He said the current law requiring helmets was enacted after lawmakers were promised it would never be elevated to a primary offense.

“This is creeping crud [sic] nannyism and big government and a step toward a police state,” Walberg said. [Detroit Free Press, 10/29/97]

Best Known In Legislature for Failed Attempts To Repeal Helmet Law
In 2008, the Detroit Free Press reported that Walberg was “perhaps best known in the Legislature for his failed attempts to repeal a law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets.” [Detroit Free Press, 10/30/08]

**Voted Against Required Safety Training for Watercraft Rentals**

In 1998, Walberg voted against requiring safety training as a condition of personal watercraft rentals.

The bill passed 98-2. [Gongwer News Service, 6/24/98; SB 830, Roll Call #713, HJ 63, 6/24/98]

**Voted Against Prohibition of Tobacco Ads on Billboards**

In 1998, Walberg voted against a bill that prohibited tobacco advertising on billboards.

The bill passed 96-10. [Gongwer News Service, 9/24/98; HB 4343, RC #942, 9/24/98]

**Voted Against Requiring Heimlich Maneuver Posters in Restaurants**

In 1983, Walberg voted against requiring restaurants to put up a poster on how to perform the Heimlich maneuver.

The measure passed 95-7. [HB 4115, 9/23/83]

**Voted Against Bill Requiring Pets Adopted from Shelters Be Sterilized**

In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill requiring pets adopted from shelters be sterilized.

The bill passed 82-15. [Gongwer News Service, 5/01/97; HB 4239, Roll Call #258, HJ 37, 5/01/97]

**Voted For Consideration Of Bill Providing For $51.4 Billion In Funding For The Departments Of Justice And Commerce, Resulting In Relaxed Gun Restrictions**

Voted For Consideration Of Bill Providing For $51.4 Billion In Funding For The Departments Of Justice And Commerce. In June 2015, Walberg voted for a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2557 and H.R. 2578. According to CQ Bill Track, “A resolution providing for consideration of HR 2577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of HR 2578, bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes.” According to the Hill, “The House on Wednesday passed the fourth of a dozen spending bills for fiscal 2016, funding the Justice and Commerce departments as well as science agencies. Lawmakers approved the $51.4 billion measure in a 242-183 vote, after adopting amendments regarding gun control, immigration, U.S.-Cuba relations, Guantánamo Bay and marijuana. Passage of the bill came after the White House threatened to veto the legislation because of insufficient funding levels, capped by sequestration, and controversial policy riders that would undermine President Obama’s policy to normalize relations with Cuba, relax gun restrictions and block funds for the transfer of any detainees at
Guantánamo Bay prison to the United States.” The resolution passed 242 to 180. [H. Res. 287, Vote #268, 6/02/15; CQ Bill Track, 6/01/15; The Hill, 6/03/15]

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**Voted Against An Amendment That Prohibited The DOJ And DEA From Enforcement Actions Against Commercial Hemp Growers**

**Voted Against An Amendment That Prohibited The DOJ And DEA From Enforcement Actions Against Commercial Hemp Growers.** In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that prohibited the DOJ and DEA from taking enforcement actions against commercial hemp growers. The amendment passed 289 to 132. [HR 2578, Vote #288, 6/03/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/03/15]

**Voted Against Amendment To Prevent States From Creating Laws That Authorize Use And Distribution Of Hemp Laws**

**Voted Against Amendment To Prevent States From Creating Laws That Authorize Use And Distribution Of Hemp Laws.** In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, that “prohibits the use of funds to prevent a State from implementing its own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp.” The amendment passed 282-146. [HR 2578, Vote #280, 6/03/15]

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Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Prohibited The Department Of Justice From Preventing States From Establishing Their Own Rules Governing The Use, Distribution, Cultivation Or Possession Of Marijuana

In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would have prohibited the Department of Justice from preventing states from establishing their own rules governing the use, distribution, cultivation or possession of marijuana. “Marijuana advocates have their sights set on legalization after lawmakers approved a number of pot-friendly measures Wednesday in a government spending bill. The marijuana vote-a-rama was capped off by a provision that would prohibit the Department of Justice (DOJ) from interfering with state medical marijuana laws. But it’s a marijuana amendment that was rejected that has pot advocates even more excited. A provision that would have blocked the Justice Department from interfering with state laws permitting the use of recreational marijuana came just a few votes shy of passing. The measure would have essentially ended the federal prohibition on pot, advocates say … An amendment from Reps. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.) and Jared Polis (D-Colo.) would have blocked the DOJ from interfering with any state marijuana law, including laws that permit the recreational use of pot. The provision failed, but not before garnering 206 votes, just a handful shy of the number needed to be approved.” The amendment failed 206 to 222. [HR 2578, Vote #285; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/03/15; The Hill, 6/03/15]

In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that stopped use of federal funds to prevent states from establishing laws related to cannabidiol oil. “An amendment by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Oregon, that would block federal money from being used to prevent states from allowing the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp also passed. So did an amendment from Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pennsylvania, would prevent federal funds from stopping states from implementing laws relating to cannabidiol oil.” The amendment passed 297 to 130. [HR 2578, Vote #286; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/03/15; NBC News, 6/03/15]

Voted Against Prohibiting Reduction In Federal Law Enforcement Grant Funding If It Would Result In Increase In Crime Or Decrease In Law Enforcement Officers

In July 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would “prohibit the Attorney General from reducing federal law enforcement grants to states or local governments if the Attorney General determines that such reductions would result in an increase in the overall crime rate of the state or a decrease in the number of law enforcement officers in that area.” The motion failed 181-239. [HR 3009, Vote #465, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

Voted Against Amendment To Ban Federal Money Going To Discriminating Profiling By Law
**Enforcement**

**Voted Against Amendment To Ban Federal Money Going To Discriminating Profiling By Law Enforcement.** In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, that “prohibits use of funds for law enforcement agencies that engage in discriminatory profiling based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin and also prohibits the use of funds to repeal the December 14 revised profiling guidance issued by the Department of Justice.” The amendment failed 184-244. [HR 2578, Vote #281, 6/03/15]

**Voted For An Amendment That Prevented The ATF From Banning Some Forms Of Armor-Piercing Ammunition And Military Style Handguns**

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Defense and Homeland Security Issues

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2011: Voted to Cut 10 Percent of the Department of Homeland Security’s Funding

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would have cut the funding for the Department of Homeland Security, except US Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, by 10 percent.

According to Politico, “Republicans, including the party leadership, were badly split on the proposed 10 percent reduction which would have come on top of $1.1 billion already cut from current Homeland funding.” [Politico, 6/02/11; Congressional Record, 6/01/11]

The amendment failed 110-312. [HR 2017, Vote #402, 6/02/11]

2011: Voted for Major Cuts to the Department of Homeland Security

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill that contained major cuts to the Department of Homeland Security, including funding for first responders.
The appropriations bill funded the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2012. This budget was $1.1 billion less than the amount appropriated in FY2010 and $3 billion less than the amount requested by President Obama. The cuts impacted grants for local fire departments, which were originally cut by $460 million but after a Democratic amendment were only cut $140 million. The bill contained a $2 billion cut for state and local aid funds from the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. There was also an amendment adopted which barred the TSA from using collective bargaining. [Politico, 6/01/11, 6/02/11; Washington Post, 6/03/11]

Even the Republican Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee Rep. Peter King voted against the bill saying:

“We know also from bin Laden’s own records that he is aiming at maritime, he is aiming at mass transit, and he is aiming at our major cities. Yet we are cutting each of those programs by 50 percent, a fifty percent cut. […] And I just cannot see why, at a time when the threat level is the highest it’s been since September 11, that we are reducing Homeland Security grants by 50 percent. [Congressional Record, 6/01/11]

The bill passed 231-188. [HR 2017, Vote #409, 6/02/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg voted against a motion that increased funding for state and local transportation and railroad security assistance grants by $75 million. The motion failed 187-234. [HR 2017, Vote #408, 5/26/11]

Voted Against Forbidding Oil and Gas Exports to Supporters of Al Qaeda, ISIL and Others

In September 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would forbid the export of any oil, petroleum product or natural gas produced on federal leased land to any country, business or person supporting Al Qaeda, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or any terrorist organizations. The ban would apply specifically to lands leased under the American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/18/14; HR 2 Motion to Recommit, 9/2014]

The motion failed, 193-222. [HR 2, Vote #514, 9/18/14]

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The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-07) released the following statement in response to President Obama's veto of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which provides vital funding and authorities for America's military. The NDAA overwhelmingly passed Congress with large bipartisan majorities in the House by a 270-156 margin and the Senate by a 70-27 margin. ‘It's reckless and wrong for President Obama to veto the critical funding our military needs at a time of escalating threats at home and abroad.’” [Time Walberg Press Release, 10/22/15]

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**Los Angeles Times:** NSA’s Bulk Collection of Phone Records was an “Intrusion on Personal Privacy”

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In June 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would bar the Department of Energy from granting authorization for natural gas exports to any nation that is a state sponsor of terrorism. The motion would also bar authorization for exports to any nation or corporation that illegally obtains military technology or intellectual property through cyber attacks. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/25/14]

The motion failed, 192-225. [HR 6, Vote #358, 6/25/14]

2015: Voted To Shut Down The Department Of Homeland Security

Voted Against Bill To Fund Department Of Homeland Security. On March 3, 2015, Walberg voted against of a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security. “The House of Representatives passed a bill on Tuesday funding the Department of Homeland Security through the end of September, effectively ending a congressional standoff that nearly shut the department down at the end of last week. The bill, identical to a measure that cleared the Senate last Friday, passed by a margin of 257 to 167, with 75 Republicans and 182 Democrats voting in favor.” [HR 240, Vote #109, 3/03/15; CBS, 3/03/15]

Four Times Voted Against Clean DHS Funding Bill

January 2015: Voted Against Clean DHS Funding Bill. In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would allow a clean version of the Homeland Security funding bill—without amendments defunding Obama’s executive order on immigration—to pass, removing the threat of shutdown for the Department. The measure failed 244 to 184. [HR 240, Vote #34, 1/14/15]

February 2015 #1: Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean Department Of Homeland Security Funding Bill. In February 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a motion to “force a vote on clean legislation to provide long-term funding for the Department Homeland Security, without radical, anti-immigrant riders.” The previous question passed, 242 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.RES.100, Vote #71, 2/11/15; Democratic Leadership Summary, 2/11/15]

February 2015 #2: Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean DHS Funding Bill. In February 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a motion to force a clean vote on the DHS funding bill without anti-immigration riders. The previous question passed, 232 to 164. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 101, Vote #77, 2/12/15]

February 2015 #3: Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean DHS Funding Bill. In February 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a motion to force a clean vote on the DHS funding bill without anti-immigration riders. The previous question passed, 241 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 121, Vote #86, 2/25/15]

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Voted For Clean, Long-Term Department Of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. In February 2015, Walberg voted to consider a clean, long-term Department of Homeland Security funding bill approved by the Senate and instead voted to disagree with the Senate amendments and request a conference committee. “The House passed a measure along party lines Friday afternoon to go to conference with the Senate to hash out the differences between their long-term bills. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) later announced a motion to agree. But Senate Democrats, who insist on a clean bill, are expected to block plans for a conference on Monday.” The motion passed, 228 to 191. [HR 240, Vote #102, 2/27/15; Washington Post, 2/28/15]

Voted Against Clean, Full-Year DHS Funding Bill. In February 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to instruct members of a conference committee to accept a clean, long-term Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill approved by the Senate. According to the motion’s sponsor, Rep. Roybal-Allard, “my motion would instruct the conferees to recede to the Senate position, which is the responsible position of providing a full-year funding for the Homeland Security Department ... Let the House, like the Senate, do the right thing and send this bill to the President. I urge my colleagues to vote for this motion to instruct conferees to bring back a clean, full-year, bipartisan funding bill for this Nation's homeland security.” [HR 240, Vote #105, 2/27/15; House Congressional Record, Page H1485, 2/27/15]

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Vote Highlighted Lack Of House Republican Unity. “The defeat was a major blow to Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio), whose struggles to get unruly members to fall in line have continued in the new Congress. More broadly, it was an early black eye for the unified Republican majority that had vowed to govern effectively.” [Washington Post, 2/28/15]

Vote Was A “Humiliating Setback” For Speaker Boehner. “The accord was reached after a stunning and humiliating setback for Speaker John A. Boehner and his leadership team earlier Friday, when the House voted against their original plan to extend funding for the department for three weeks — a position
that Mr. Boehner had considered a fail-safe. More than 50 House Republicans defected, voting against the bill.” [New York Times, 2/28/15]

**Voted For Last Minute Stop Gap Measure To Prevent DHS Shutdown**

**Voted For Extending Funding For Department Of Homeland Security By One Week.** In February 2015, Walberg voted for a motion to suspend the rules and concur with a Senate amendment to extend FY2015 funding levels for the Department of Homeland Security by one week. “Congress managed at the last minute on Friday night to avert a partial shuttering of the Department of Homeland Security, passing a one-week funding measure for the agency. President Obama signed it shortly before the midnight deadline … After the House bill went down, the Senate sought to pull DHS back from the brink by swiftly passing the one-week bill by a voice vote. The House followed suit shortly thereafter, voting 357 to 60 in favor of it.” [HR 33, Vote #106, 2/27/15; Washington Post, 2/28/15]

*NOTE: 174 Democrats voted in favor of this motion.*

**February 2015: Supported Funding Homeland Security Department, But Voted Against Funding Department A Month Later**

**February, 2015: Supported Funding Homeland Security Department Amidst Stalemate In U.S. Senate Over Funding Proposal.** “The U.S. Senate was in a stalemate over funding for Homeland Security. Republicans included provisions in the bill that would cut funding to Obama's immigration programs. Democrats blocked the bill's passage four times. Funding for Homeland Security was set to expire at midnight today, but movement in the Senate on Thursday appeared to show Republicans were willing to accept a bill devoid of the immigration program cuts. If the Senate acts, the Republican-led House must pass some kind of funding bill before the deadline to prevent a shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 2/26/15]

**March 2015: Voted Against Funding Department Of Homeland Security.** “U.S. Rep. Fred Upton was one of 75 Republicans who joined all 182 House Democrats in voting Tuesday to fund the Department of Homeland Security without a provision to block President Barack Obama's executive order on immigration. … Other Michigan Republicans who voted ‘yes’ on the bill were Dan Benishek, Mike Bishop, Candice Miller, John Moolenaar and David Trott. The ‘no’ voters from Michigan were Bill Huizenga, Justin Amash and Tim Walberg.” [Kalamazoo Gazette, 3/04/15]

**Bill Controversial With Republicans As It Did Not Included Provision Blocking Obama’s Executive Order Protecting Undocumented Parents Of Children Born In The U.S. From Deportation.** “U.S Rep. Fred Upton was one of 75 Republicans who joined all 182 House Democrats in voting Tuesday to fund the Department of Homeland Security without a provision to block President Obama's executive order on immigration. A total of 167 Republicans voted against the bill, which was controversial because House conservatives were hoping to force Obama's hand on immigration. … In November, President Barack Obama issued an executive order that offered protection from deportation for the undocumented parents of children born in the U.S. and an expansion of permits for high-skilled foreign workers, a move Upton described at the time as ‘not productive.’” [Kalamazoo Gazette, 3/04/15]
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Voted for $512.5 Billion Defense Appropriations Bill

In 2013, Walberg voted for a $512.5 billion Defense appropriations bill that continued the National Security Agency’s authority to collect phone records. The measure was $28.1 billion above the post-sequestration funding level, though $5.1 billion less than the fiscal 2013 enacted level before sequestration and $3.4 billion below President Obama’s request.

The bill would provide $82.3 billion for overseas contingency operations, most of which was for the war in Afghanistan, though reduced by $3.5 billion due to a successful amendment by South Carolina Rep. Mick Mulvaney.

Amendments to the bill increased funding to train investigators to review sexual assault related offenses and to identify individuals who were separated from the military on the grounds of a disorder subsequent to reporting a sexual assault, and if appropriate, correcting their record. [CQ News, 7/24/13]

The bill passed 315-109. [H R 2397, Vote #414, 7/24/13]

Voted Against Requiring Terrorism Suspects be Held in Military Custody

In 2011, Walberg voted against requiring terrorism suspects to be held in military, not civilian, custody.

The bill passed 283-136. [HR 1540, Vote #932, 12/14/11]

Voted for an Increase in Defense Spending

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill increasing defense spending by $17 billion dollars.

The legislation funded the Department of Defense at $17 billion dollars more than Fiscal Year 2010 levels, the only department that “will see a double-digit increase in its budget beginning Oct. 1.” [Fox News, 7/08/11]

The bill passed 336-87. [HR 2219, Vote #532, 7/08/11]

Opposed Army Recommendation to Cease Tank Production for Three Years

In 2011, Walberg opposed an Army recommendation that production of Abrams tanks be halted for three years. The measure would save $1.3 billion in defense spending for fiscal year 2012. In a letter to the Army Secretary, the Michigan House Delegation suggested continuing a limited production of 70 tanks per year.
The Abrams tank program is run by Sterling Heights-based General Dynamics Land Systems, and 224 Michigan suppliers and subcontractors would be affected by the Army’s decision to put the program on a three-year hiatus. [MLive, 5/12/2011]

**Voted to Allow Military Contracting with Convicted Felons**

In 2011, Walberg voted against prohibiting Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers contracting with convicted felons charged with contract fraud, waste or abuse violations.

The motion prohibited Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineer contracts from being awarded to persons convicted of fraud, embezzlement, theft, tax evasion or bribery for 10 years, with the availability of waivers in cases of national security. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/15/11; Congressional Record, 11/15/11; Whidbey News-Times, 11/15/11]

The bill failed 189-235. [HR 2838, Vote #841, 11/15/11]

**Voted to Authorize Defense Spending, Military Pay Raise**

In 2011, Walberg voted for fiscal year 2012 defense authorization, providing $690 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in 2012. The bill included $118.9 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and a 1.6 percent pay raise for military personnel. The bill would also prohibit the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay to prisons in the United States and would require all foreign terror suspects subject to trial to be tried by a military commission. [CQ Votes]

The bill passed 322-96. [HR 1540, Vote #375, 5/26/11]

**Voted for $19 Million Cut from Defense Department Operations**

In 2011, Walberg voted for reduced funding for Defense Department operations and maintenance by $18.75 million.

“If we cannot do this on defense...where can we do it?” asked Rep. Jeff Flake, the Arizona Republican who sponsored the amendment to cut $19 million for commissions. [Wall Street Journal, 2/16/11]

The amendment failed, 207-223. [HR 1, Flake amendment #370, Vote #41, 2/15/11]

**Voted to Cut Defense Department Research on Alternative Energies**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would reduce funding for Defense Department procurement, research and innovation programs on alternative energy research by $115.5 million.

The amendment failed 109-320. [HR 1, Pompeo amendment #86, Vote #44, 2/15/11]

**Voted Against Saving $35 Billion and Cutting Alternate Engine for Strike Fighter**
In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment that would cancel funding for an alternate engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, cutting an additional $450 million and saving up to $3 billion over several years. The Joint Strike Fighter was the nation’s most expensive weapons program.

The Bush and Obama administrations had tried to kill the alternate engine for over five years and many Tea Party-affiliated Republicans broke ranks with Speaker John Boehner who supported the program. Work on the engine provided more than 1,000 jobs near his district. [New York Times, 2/16/11]

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said the F136 cost about $28 million a month to continued and had urged its termination. [CQ Today, 2/16/11]

The amendment was adopted, 233-198. [HR 1, Rooney amendment #2, Vote #46, 2/16/11]

**Some F-35 Components Are Manufactured in Jackson, MI**

In 2011, Walberg said that he supported the alternative engine program because some component parts were manufactured in Jackson, MI.

“Some component parts for the engine are being manufactured in my district, and a recent GAO report noted that the additional competition that would result from two manufacturers would save taxpayers 21 percent,” Walberg wrote. “I will never stop looking out for manufacturing jobs in south central Michigan, and I will always be an advocate for the taxpayer.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 2/18/11]

**Voted to Allow Defense Department to Spend Millions on NASCAR Sponsorships**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment that would bar the Department of Defense to sponsor NASCAR race cars.

The Army spent approximately $7 million on NASCAR endorsements, down from $11.6 million in 2009, and another $5 million on drag racing. The Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard had all dropped their sponsorships of NASCAR in 2006. [National Journal, 2/15/11]

The amendment was rejected, 148-281. [HR 1, McCollum amendment #50, Vote #90, 2/18/11]

**Voted Against Protecting TRICARE Subcontractor Employees under Labor Protection Laws**

In 2011, Walberg voted against protecting TRICARE subcontractors and defense contractor employees under labor protection laws.

The motion would have struck a provision in the conference report that exempted TRICARE network providers from labor protection laws. According to a press release from the author of the motion, “By striking this section, the motion would guarantee that employees of TRICARE subcontractors and other defense contractors are afforded labor protections for civil rights, disabilities, and veterans.” [CQ Floor Votes, 12/14/11; Rep. Sanford Bishop Press Release, 12/14/11]
The motion failed 183-234. [HR 1540, Vote #931, 12/14/11]

**Voted Against Increased Funding to Defend Against Attacks on Electricity Delivery and Reliability Systems**

In 2011, Walberg voted against increased funding to defend against attacks on the nation’s electricity delivery and reliability systems.

The motion would have increased funding for “Energy Department expenses related to electricity delivery and energy reliability by $5 million and funding for Defense-related Energy Department activities by $2 million, offset by a decrease of $7 million in funding for Energy Department administration.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/11]

The motion failed 182-232. [HR 2354, Vote #599, 7/15/11]

**Voted Against Additional Air Marshals to High Risk Flights**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that changed the union-representation ballots rules for rail and airline employees.

The motion would have required the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to deploy federal air marshals on the highest risk passenger flights.

The motion failed 184-235. [HR 658, Vote #219, 3/29/11]

**Voted to Extend Telecommunications Provisions of the PATRIOT Act**

In 2011, Walberg voted to extend, through June 1, 2015, provisions of the PATRIOT Act.

The motion to concur extended three provisions of the PATRIOT Act until June 1, 2015. According to the Washington Post, under the bill, “investigators can obtain court orders to follow suspected terrorists with ‘roving wiretaps’ that cover multiple phone numbers and carriers. They also will extend provisions that allow investigators to seize customer records for suspected terrorists.” [Washington Post, 5/27/11]

The motion to concur passed 250-153. [S 990, Vote #376, 5/26/11]

**Voted Against Requiring PATRIOT Act Provisions Comply with Constitution**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have added language to the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 that would ensure complete compliance with the U.S. Constitution relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers and roving wiretaps.

In addition, it would require expedited review of federal civil proceedings for any allegations of violations of such rights.
The measure failed, 186-234. [HR 514, Vote #35, 2/14/11]

**Voted to Allow Library Activity Surveillance**

In 2011, Walberg voted against prohibiting funds in the Republicans’ continuing resolution to be used under a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) order requiring the production of library circulation records, library patron lists, book sales or book customer lists.

The amendment was rejected, 196-231. [HR 1, Nadler amendment #524, Vote #95, 2/18/11]

**Voted for FISA Compromise**

In 2008, Walberg voted for compromise bill that would overhaul the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which governs electronic surveillance of foreign terrorism suspects.

The bill set new electronic surveillance rules that effectively shield telecommunications companies from lawsuits arising from the government’s terrorism-era warrantless eavesdropping on phone and computer lines in the country.

The bill would also:

- Require FISA court permission to wiretap Americans who are overseas.
- Prohibit targeting a foreigner to secretly eavesdrop, without court approval, on an Americans’ calls or e-mails.
- Require the government to protect American information or conversations that are collected when in communications with targeted foreigners.
- Allow the FISA court 30 days to review existing but expiring surveillance orders before renewing them.
- Allow eavesdropping in emergencies without court approval, provided the government files required papers within a week.
- Prohibit the president from superseding surveillance rules in the future.

The bill’s provisions will sunset on Dec. 31, 2012, but warrants will remain in effect until they expire. [Associated Press, 6/21/08; CQ Floor Votes, 6/20/08]

The bill passed 293-129. [HR 6304, Vote #437, 6/20/08]

**Called on House Leadership to Pass Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act**

In 2008, Walberg called on House leadership to pass a new version of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act after previous provisions expired.
“Without these updates, our intelligence community is back to using pre-9/11 gathering tools, which is completely unacceptable. Because FISA updates expired, American intelligence officials currently must fill out lengthy, detailed applications before new surveillance of foreign terrorists can begin,” Walberg wrote. [Walberg op-ed, Coldwater Daily Reporter, 4/10/08]

**Opposed Senate Version of FISA Bill without Retroactive Immunity**

In 2008, Walberg voted against the Senate version of the FISA as amended by the House.

The House amendment struck the retroactive immunity provisions for telecommunications companies on pending civil lawsuits and instead provided for immunity for future cooperation with government requests to assist with surveillance.

It also created a bipartisan commission to report on conducting surveillance on Americans without obtaining FISA warrants and allowed federal courts to hear classified information in civil suits against telecommunications companies. [Congressional Quarterly]

Opponents of the amended version said it was “show piece” that both the Senate and Bush Administration indicated was “dead on arrival” and “unlikely ever to become law.” [Rep. Goeff Davis Press Release, 3/18/08]

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas) commented on the lack of retroactive immunity for telecommunications companies saying, “We cannot ask these companies to help us protect America and then subject them to billion-dollar lawsuits. If we do, we risk losing their help in the future.”

Speaker Nancy Pelosi argued that the immunity provisions were just an attempt to cover up malfeasance by Bush administration officials. [CongressNow, 3/14/08]

The bill passed 213-197. [H.R. 3773, Vote #145, 3/14/08]

**Opposed Temporary Extension of FISA**

In 2008, Walberg opposed extension of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for 21 more days beyond its February 16, 2008 expiration date. Without an extension, the House would be pressured to vote on the act before it expired and would lack time to negotiate a final agreement with the Senate.

It also amended FISA to expand the authority of the attorney general and the director of National Intelligence to conduct surveillance of suspected foreign terrorists without a court warrant. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/13/08; CongressNow, 2/14/08]

The bill was rejected 191-229. [HR 5349, Vote #54, 2/13/08]

**Voted to Block Extension of FISA**
In 2008, Walberg voted to block a 21-day extension of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that expired on February 16, 2008. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/13/08]

The bill passed 206-199. [HR 5349, Vote #50, 2/13/08]

**Opposed Banning Harsh Interrogation Methods**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a conference report on the bill that would authorize classified amounts in the fiscal year 2008 budget for intelligence agencies and programs.

The conference report would block the CIA from using several controversial interrogation techniques. It would require civilian as well as military interrogators to obey the Army Field Manual’s ban on torture of prisoners and the United States to adhere to the Geneva Conventions when handling prisoners of war. [CQ Today, 12/13/07; Washington Post, 12/16/07]

The conference report passed 222-199. [HR 2082, Vote #1160, 12/13/07]

**Opposed Override Bush Veto of Intelligence Authorization Bill, Waterboarding**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an attempt to override President Bush’s veto of the fiscal year 2008 intelligence authorization bill.

The bill contained a provision that would restrict intelligence agencies to the 19 interrogation techniques that were allowed in the Army Field Manual. The manual prohibits harsh interrogation methods, such as the simulated drowning technique known as waterboarding, and forbids cruel and inhumane treatment of enemy captives. [CQ Today, 3/11/08]

The provision in the legislation would extend these restrictions, which had already been imposed on the military, to the CIA and other agencies. [CQ Today, 3/10/08]

The override was rejected 225-188 after failing to get the necessary 2/3 majority under suspension of the rules. [HR 2082, Vote # 117, 3/11/08]

**Voted For Reining In Government Surveillance Of American Citizens**

**Voted For NSA Surveillance Reform.** In May 2015, Walberg voted for the USA FREEDOM Act “which would prevent the NSA from collecting bulk metadata about the phone numbers people dial and when their calls are placed … The bill would require the NSA to obtain a court order to look at data, which would be held by phone companies. It would also be required to ask for a ‘specific selection term,’ so that records could not be collected in bulk. It would place limits on other types of data collection as well, add new transparency measures to make more information public and create a special team of experts to weigh in on some unique cases before the secretive federal court that oversees intelligence programs.” The bill passed 338 to 88. [HR 2048, Vote #224, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/13/15]

**Opposed Additional Privacy Protections for Warrantless Surveillance Act**
In 2007, Walberg opposed a bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide for the acquisition of electronic surveillance with constitutional protections and court oversight.

The bill would allow the government to continue collecting electronic surveillance on people outside of the U.S. without a warrant for up to one year but would strengthen the FISA court’s oversight and privacy protections by requiring frequent audits and for a warrant to be obtained when Americans are targeted for surveillance. The bill did not provide immunity to telecommunications companies who participated in Bush’s warrantless surveillance program. [Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi press release, 11/15/07]

The bill passed 227-189. [HR 3773, Vote #1120, 11/15/07]

**Voted To Kill Foreign Intelligence Reauthorization**

In 2007, Walberg voted to kill a bill to reauthorize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through a motion to recommit to the Judiciary Committee with instructions.

The procedure, with instructions for the Judiciary Committee to insert redundant language, was an attempt to kill the bill.

Rep. Jane Harman said at the time of the motion, “I would like to say for two reasons there’s no need to support this motion to recommit: one, it kills the bill by using the word “promptly”; number two, it is redundant with excellent language that we added to the bill in the manager’s amendment.” [Congressional Record, H14060]

The motion was rejected 194-222. [HR 3773, Vote #1119, 11/15/07]

**Voted to Revise Intelligence Surveillance Laws**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) to expand the authority of the attorney general and the director of National Intelligence to conduct surveillance of one suspected foreign terrorist to another without a court warrant. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/04/07]

Under the bill, communications companies would be compelled to comply with the government’s conduct of such surveillance. The administration would be required to provide the FISA court with a description of the procedures they used to determine whether the intelligence acquisition being conducted without a warrant is directed at foreign targets overseas within 10 days of initiating the electronic surveillance. The FISA court would then approve or disapprove of the measures. The bill included a six-month sunset clause.

The bill was considered a top legislative priority for President Bush, who threatened to keep Congress in session until it was passed. “By passing a FISA modernization bill that the president can sign before we go home for recess, the Senate has taken immediate and decisive action to improve the security of our country,” said Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY). [CQ Today, 8/03/07]
The ACLU strongly opposed the bill, claiming that the bill gave “unconstitutional authority” to the Bush administration “to conduct warrantless dragnets of American’s international phone calls and emails.” [ACLU, 8/07/07]

The bill passed 227-183. [S 1927, Vote #836, 8/04/07]

**Supported Measure to Protect Privacy of American Citizens**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to prevent the use of wireless wiretapping of American citizens.

The bipartisan amendment, introduced by Democratic Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Republican Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ) reiterated that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) continues to be the exclusive means by which domestic electronic surveillance for the purpose of gathering foreign intelligence information may be conducted.

The amendment also made clear that only an explicit change in the law can provide an exception to FISA. [Congressman Adam Schiff press release, 5/11/07]

The amendment passed 245-178. [HR 2082, Vote #339, 5/11/07 (in the session that began and the Congressional Record dated May 10, 2007)]

**Voted to Prohibit Transferring Detainees Held at Guantanamo Bay to the U.S. for Trials**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill containing a policy rider which prohibited the use of funds to transfer or release Guantanamo detainees in the U.S.

The policy rider prohibited the use of funds for the transfer or release of Guantanamo detainees to the United States. The underlying bill was the final continuing resolution passed to fund the federal government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2011. [CQ BillAnalysis, 7/14/11; CQ Floor Votes, 4/14/11]

The bill passed 260-167. [HR 1473, Vote #268, 4/14/11]

NOTE: This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.

**Opposed Accountability at Guantanamo**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the 2007 Defense Authorization bill that would require the office of the Defense secretary to submit a report that contains a plan for the transfer of all individuals presently detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The report would identify the number of detainees who, as of Dec. 31, 2007, will have been charged with a crime, will be subject to release, or have not been charged with a crime but who the Defense Department wishes to continue to detain.
President Bush opposed the amendment. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/17/07]

The amendment passed 220-208. [HR 1585, Vote #370, 5/17/07]

**Opposed Housing Guantanamo Detainees in United States**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation expressing the sense of the Congress that detainees housed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including senior members of al Qaeda, should not be released into the United States or transferred to facilities in the United States. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/04/07]

The motion passed 305-83. [HR 2669, Vote #849, 9/04/07]

**Voted Against Acknowledging the Leadership of Presidents Obama, Bush and Clinton in the Killing of Osama bin Laden**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion to recognize that the killing of Osama bin Laden resulted from the leadership and direction of President Obama and to recognize the leadership of Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton as well as the intelligence community.

The motion would have also directed the intelligence community to prioritize tasks and activities which would lead to the fall of al-Qaeda and organizations that fall under their influence. [The Hill, 5/13/11]

The motion failed 182-228. [HR 754, Vote #328, 5/13/11]

**Voted Against Restoring $126 Million in Funds to the COPS Program**

In 2012, Walberg voted against restoring $126 million in funding to the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

The funding would have been taken from NASA’s Cross Agency Support and given to COPS. The funding would have brought the funding back to the then-current levels but still $91 million below the President’s FY2013 budget request. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 5/12/12; White House Statement of Policy, HR 5326, 5/07/12]

The amendment passed, 206-204. [HR 5326, Vote #214, 5/08/12]

**Voted Against Protecting National Security Capabilities from Foreign Threats**

In May 2012, Walberg voted against a motion that would have required stronger policies from the seventeen intelligence agencies to protect intelligence and military capabilities from being transferred to or stolen by a foreign nation or other state sponsors of terrorism. These capabilities would include sensitive information pertaining to economic, financial, and consumer information that could be vulnerable to cyber-security attacks from nations like Iran and China.

The motion to recommit would have been included in the Intelligence Authorization for 2013.
“In the global environment in which we operate, we must keep America strong, keep America competitive, and keep America first,” said Rep. Mark Critz. [Congressman Critz press release, 5/31/12; CQ.com, 5/31/12]

The motion failed, 180-235. [H.R. 5743, Vote #300, 5/31/12]

**Opposed Increased Funding to Protect from Cyber Threats**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against increasing the amount of funding for the Department of Homeland Security’s National Protection and Programs Directorate by $16.6 million.

Rep. Tierney (MA), the motion’s sponsor, said the funding would have provided “additional cyber security personnel, including training and education opportunities to grow the future cyber security workforce.” [CQ Floor Votes, 6/07/12; Congressional Record, 6/07/12, Page H3650]

The motion failed 165-251. [HR 5855, Vote# 369, 6/07/12]

**Opposed Increased FEMA Funding for Areas at Higher Risk of a Terrorist Attack**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against a motion that would have increased funding for Federal Emergency Management Agency grants to areas at a higher risk of terrorist attacks by $340.3 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/07/12]

The motion failed 165-251. [HR 5855, Vote# 369, 6/07/12]

**Voted to Allow the Potential Sale of Land to Foreign Governments and the Adult Entertainment Industry**

In March 2012, Walberg voted against a motion that would prevent the sale of land in Virginia to foreign governments or to the adult entertainment industry.

Representative Sanchez introduced the motion that would prevent the sale, lease or rental of the conveyed land in Accomack County, Virginia, to an adult entertainment facility or to a foreign government that might pose a security threat to the NASA Wallops Flight Facility.

The motion was rejected 180-226. [HR 2087, Vote #116, 3/20/2012]

**2008: Voted Against FY2009 Appropriations Bill To Increase Homeland Security Funding By Six Percent**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize $41.2 billion in funding for homeland security as part of an omnibus spending bill.
Specifically, the fiscal year 2009 Homeland Security portion of the spending bill would receive $40 billion in discretionary spending, a 6 percent increase above fiscal year 2008. The measure would also provide $4.2 billion for state and local grants from the department. [CQ Today, 9/24/08]

The bill passed 370-58. [HR 2638, Vote #632, 9/24/08]

**Opposed Fiscally Responsible FY 2009 Budget That Would Increase First Responder Funding**

In 2007, Walberg opposed a budget resolution that would establish the congressional budget for FY 2009. The resolution would call for expenditures of $3.1 trillion and would allow up to $1 trillion in discretionary spending, plus $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and $5.8 billion for hurricane recovery. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/13/08]

The bill would also increase first responder funding over the Bush administration’s request, specifically for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and firefighter assistance grants. [“Summary of the 2009 Democratic Budget,” House Committee on the Budget, 3/11/08]

The bill passed 212-207. [H Con Res 312, Vote #141, 3/13/08]

**Voted to Cut Funding for Homeland Security**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill that would reduce the bill’s discretionary spending by 5.7 percent, from $36.3 billion to $34.2 billion. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 178-243. [HR 2638, Vote #489, 6/15/07]

**Opposed Budget that Funded Key Homeland Security Programs**

In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal year 2008 budget conference report that began to reverse six years of Republican fiscal mismanagement, provided for middle-class tax relief and would return the budget to balance – reaching a surplus of $41 billion in 2012 – without raising taxes. [House Budget Committee, Overview of FY2008 Budget Conference Agreement, 5/16/07]

The budget provided robust defense funding levels while targeting resources on the most pressing security concerns, including an increase for homeland security funding that exceeded funding requested by the Administration.

The budget provided funding that can be used to help address previously underfunded 9/11 Commission recommendations such as increasing efforts to screen cargo on passenger aircraft, increasing efforts to scan shipping containers in foreign ports, and providing interoperable communications to first responders.

The budget resolution placed high priority on rejecting the President’s cuts to first responder and local law enforcement programs, which included: Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention grants (cut $112 million), State Homeland Security Grant Program (cut $338 million), Urban Area Security Initiative (cut $170 million), Firefighter assistance grants (cut $362 million), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency
Response Firefighters (cut $115 million), Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (cut $170 million), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) (cut $510 million) and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) (eliminated).

In addition, the President’s budget included only $210 million for port security grants, $190 million short of the authorized level of $400 million per year. [House Budget Committee, Conference Agreement on the FY 2008 Budget Resolution: Building on the “Six for ’06, 5/24/07]

The budget passed 214-209. [SCR 21, Vote #377, 5/17/07]

**Opposed Increased Funding to Keep WMD Away from Terrorists**

In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal year 2008 defense authorization bill, which authorized $645.5 billion for fiscal 2008 defense-related spending, including $141.8 billion in fiscal 2008 emergency supplemental funding for ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, including a 3.5 percent increase in pay for military personnel.

The bill authorized $1.82 billion - $150 million above the president’s request – to strengthen and expand the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration’s non-proliferation programs.

The bill included $280.2 million for weapons of mass destruction proliferation detection and nuclear explosion monitoring, $147.9 million for the Non-proliferation and International Security program, $401.8 million for the International Materials Protection and Cooperation program, $196.6 million for the Global Threat Reduction Initiative and $399.7 million for staff capacity, capabilities and resources to implement non-proliferation programs.

It also authorized $398 million to strengthen and expand the Cooperative Threat Reduction program. [Congressional Quarterly Bill Summary, HR 1585]

The bill passed 397-27. [HR 1585, Vote #373, 5/17/07]

**Voted Against Exempting Federal Regulations Aimed At Halting Nuclear Proliferation From New Rulemaking Requirement**

Voted Against A Motion Exempting Federal Regulations Aimed At Halting Nuclear Proliferation From New Rulemaking Requirement. In February 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would “would provide exemptions for rules and regulations that stop the proliferation, spread or development of nuclear weapons” from the new rulemaking requirements in HR 527, under which “the SBA would have new authority to ensure agencies comply with the law's regulatory review requirements, including by getting more directly involved with agency reviews of proposed rules. It would expand the ability of small businesses and other small entities affected by an agency's regulations to legally challenge those rules.” The motion failed, 182-240. [HR 527, Vote #67, 2/05/15; CQ News, 2/05/15, 2/05/15]

**Opposed Homeland Security Grants, Stronger Accountability**

The bill authorized $39.9 billion for homeland security programs, including $300 million between fiscal 2008 and 2010 for grants to states to prevent terrorists or other individuals from fraudulently obtaining and using state-issued identification cards, as well as for developing more secure documents for issuance by the states. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/09/07]

The bill reinstated critical funding for first responder programs like the State Homeland Security Grant program and FIRE Act grants. [Committee on Homeland Security, 5/09/07]

The bill also required the department to conduct a comprehensive homeland security review, and eliminated the department’s authority to establish a unique personnel management system. [Congressional Quarterly]

The bill also increased the ability of the Inspector General to investigate disaster response and border security programs and strengthened the integrity in the agency’s contracting practices and promotes small business opportunities. [Committee on Homeland Security, 5/09/07]

The bill passed 296-126. [HR 1684, Vote #318, 5/09/07]

**Opposed Emergency Funding for Anti-Terrorism and Homeland Security**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation that would provide $42.8 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition, the bill provided $6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, $3.3 billion for military healthcare costs and $2.25 billion for homeland security anti-terrorism programs. It also would raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years and provide $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

The bill also required another congressional vote in late July to release the remaining $52.8 billion for the Pentagon, and would withhold funds until the president reports by July 13 on progress the Iraqi government has made toward meeting specified benchmarks and goals set by the bill and Congress has adopted a joint resolution releasing the “fenced off” funds. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

The bill passed 221-205. [HR 2206, Vote #333, 5/10/07]

**Opposed Increased Human Intelligence Activities**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2008 for U.S. intelligence activities and agencies including the CIA, the National Security Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The bill authorized increased investment in U.S. human intelligence activities, including training, infrastructure and global capabilities.
It also required the director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a national intelligence estimate on the impact of the geopolitical effects of global climate change to U.S. national security. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/11/07]

The bill passed 225-197. [HR 2082, Vote #341, 5/11/07]

**Voted to Increase Missile Defense Funds by Cutting DOD Research**


The amendment would have restored the missile defense authorizations and directed the funds towards medium-range anti-missile systems. The amendment would have left it to the Pentagon to pay for the programs by shifting the money from other military research programs. [CQ Today, 5/22/08]

The amendment failed 186-229. [HR 5658, Vote #356, 5/22/08]

**Opposed Cut to Missile Defense**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 Defense Authorization bill.

The amendment would have cut $966 million from the missile defense programs and moved it to a variety of other military initiatives.

Democratic leaders from the Armed Services Committee opposed the amendment, saying it went too far. [CQ Today, 5/22/08]

The amendment failed 122-292. [HR 5658, Vote #357, 5/22/08]

**Voted to Increase Funding for Replacement Warhead Program**


The amendment would have increased the funding for the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Reliable Replacement Warhead by $10 million. The cost would be offset by a decrease in funds for energy conservation on military installations. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/22/08]

The amendment was rejected 145-271. [HR 5658, Vote #358, 5/22/08]

**Voted to Increase Missile Defense**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 defense appropriations bill to increase funding for missile defense programs.

The amendment would have increased funding for a ground-based mid-course missile defense system by $97.2 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount from research, development, test and evaluation. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/05/07]
The amendment was defeated 161-249. [HR 3222, Vote #840, 8/05/07]

**Supported Increased Funding for Missile Defense**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the 2007 Defense Authorization bill that would increase the bill’s authorization for Missile Defense Agency activities by $764 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/17/07]

The amendment was defeated 199-226. [HR 1585, Vote #368, 5/17/07]

**Opposed Cut to Missile Defense Funding**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the 2007 Defense Authorization bill that would reduce the bill’s authorization for Missile Defense Agency activities by $1.1 billion. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/17/07]

The amendment was defeated 127-299. [HR 1585, Vote #367, 5/17/07]

**Voted in favor of Funding for Homeland Security**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an emergency appropriations bill that included $1.1 billion for anti-terrorism homeland security activities.

The measure included funding for improved in-line technology at airports for screening baggage, better technology at airport checkpoints for screening passengers and carry-on baggage for explosives, more border security, improved security on buses, subways, and railroads, improved preparedness at all levels of government for a nuclear attack or dirty bomb, more security at our ports, and improved preparedness for FEMA and state and local emergency managers to respond to an attack or a natural disaster, including mass evacuation.

The measure appropriated $22.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending, including $7.7 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, $3.1 billion for military base closure expenses, $1.8 billion for veterans’ medical care, $650 million for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, $2.9 billion for hurricane relief, and $3 billion for agriculture disaster relief.

The measure also included a provision to raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years. To help small businesses with the costs of raising the minimum wage, the measure provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

The measure passed 348-73. [HR 2206, Vote #424, 5/24/07]

**Opposed Increased Funding for Urban Security Grants**

The increased funding was offset by reducing the appropriation for the Office of the Secretary by $15 million and the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by $35 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/12/07]

The amendment passed 244-174. [HR 2638, Vote #453, 6/12/07]

**Supports Funding to Restore Cuts to Intelligence Programs**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to add $10 million to the Analysis and Operations account for intelligence.

The funding increase was offset by reducing the Office of the Secretary by $1 million, the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by $3 million and Customs and Border Protection salaries and expenses by $6 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/12/07]

According to the amendment’s sponsor, Congressman Dave Reichert (R-WA), the amendment restored a cut to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Analysis and Operations Account, which funds most of the intelligence and analysis functions within the Department of Homeland Security.

Without the amendment, Reichert argued that the proposed Homeland Security appropriations bill cut the account $8 million dollars below FY07 levels, and was $23 million below the President’s Budget request. [Congressman Dave Reichert press release, 6/15/07]

The amendment passed 218-205. [HR 2638, Vote #455, 6/12/07]

**Chose Funding for Border Personnel over Washington Bureaucracy**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement salaries and expenses account by $9 million.

The funding increase was offset by reducing funding for the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by $10 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment passed 286-127. [HR 2638, Vote #469, 6/15/07]

**Voted Against Increased Funding for Domestic Nuclear Detection**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to increase funding for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office by $40 million.

The increase was offset by a reduction for the Office of Undersecretary for Management by $35 million and Coast Guard research by $5 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment passed 282-137. [HR 2638, Vote #470, 6/15/07]
Opposed Increased Funding for Real ID by Cutting Coast Guard

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would add $150 million for grants to assist states to meet requirements under a 2005 law for secure driver’s licenses and identification cards (REAL-ID).

The increased funding was offset by a reduction for the Coast Guard Deepwater ship and aircraft modernization program by the same amount. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

Opponents of the measure, including Congressmen Harold Rogers (R-KY) and David Price (D-NC) noted that the Homeland Security appropriations bill already contained $50 million for the REAL-ID program that the Bush administration had not requested, and that the Coast Water Deepwater program could not withstand the additional cuts.

“… This amendment would cut too much from the Deepwater program for a REAL ID program that is flush with money already,” Rogers said. [Congressional Record, 6/14/07; Page H6450]

The amendment was defeated 155-268. [HR 2638, Vote #479, 6/15/07]

Voted For Including Border Security Activities In Preferred Applications For Defense Department Property Transfers

Voted For Amendment To Include Border Security Activities In Preferred Applications For Defense Department Property Transfers. In May 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would “amend current law to include border security activities to the list of preferred applications the Defense Department considers when transferring excess property to other federal agencies.” The amendment was adopted, 253 to 166. [H.R. 1735, Vote #232, 5/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/14/15]

Supported Higher Funding for Border Fence and Technology

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to increase funding the Customs and Border Protection fencing, infrastructure and technology account by $89 million.

The funding was offset by a reduction for the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by the same amount. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment passed 241-179. [HR 2638, Vote #471, 6/15/07]

Voted to Cut TSA Funding to Increase Border Patrol

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill that would add $125 million for Customs and Border Protection salary and expenses.

The increased funds were offset by a reduction for the Transportation Security Administration’s aviation security direction and enforcement by the same amount. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]
The amendment was defeated 96-327. [HR 2638, Vote #475, 6/14/07]

**Voted to Not Delay Border Fence**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill to stop potential delays of the construction of border security fencing.

The amendment would have eliminated language barring the use of funds for fencing on certain federal lands unless the decision to locate the fencing has been coordinated with the relevant federal agency and the department makes every effort to minimize the impact on wildlife and natural resources.

It would have also eliminated language barring the use of funds unless there has been formal consultation with affected state and local communities to solicit their advice and support. [CQ House Action Reports, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 190-233. [HR 2638, Vote #476, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Block Funding for Aerial Vehicles for Border Patrol**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill to allow funding for the procurement of additional unmanned aerial vehicles.

The amendment struck a provision in the bill blocking the funds until the Customs and Border Protection certified to the House and Senate Appropriations committees that they are a higher priority and more cost effective than other items in the Air and Marine Recapitalization and Modernization Plan. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 192-232. [HR 2638, Vote #477, 6/15/07]

**Voted for September 11th Commission Recommendations...**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of the conference report on the bill that would implement recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission.

The recommendation included requiring homeland security grants based mainly on risk while ensuring minimum amounts for each state and creating a new grant program to support the development of interoperable communications.

It also required all cargo bound for the United States to be scanned for radiation and density before being placed on a ship in a foreign port by July 1, 2012, and authorized new sanctions on foreign individuals or entities that engage in the improper transport or sales of nuclear weapons materials. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/27/07]

The bill passed 371-40. [HR 1, Vote #757, 7/27/07]
... But Opposed 9-11 Commission Recommendations Earlier in 2007

In 2007, Walberg voted against implementing the recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission. The measure included a provision requiring homeland security grants to be provided primarily on the basis of risk while ensuring minimum amounts for each state. It created a new grant program to support the development of interoperable communications.

In addition, the bill required all cargo bound for the United States to be scanned for radiation and density before being placed on a ship in a foreign port. The bill authorized new sanctions on foreign individuals or entities that engage in the improper transport or sales of nuclear weapons materials. [CQ Floor Votes, House Roll Call Vote 15, 1/09/07]

The bill passed 299-128. [HR 1, Vote #15, 1/09/07]

Voted to Delay Visa Requirements

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds in the bill to implement the travel document requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative until June 1, 2009. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The bill passed 379-45. [HR 2638, Vote #483, 6/15/07]

Opposed Homeland Security Funds


The bill provided $37.4 billion for homeland security funds, but 7% less than the total FY 2007 appropriation, which included emergency and supplemental funds.

The bill provided $2.1 billion (6%) more than requested by President Bush. [CQ House Action Reports, 6/18/07]

The bill passed 268-150. [HR 2638, Vote #491, 6/15/07]

Opposed 14 Percent Increase in Homeland Security Funds

The bill addressed pressing security needs and included provisions to implement many of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

The $37.4 billion bill provided a 14% increase in homeland security funds over the previous year (not including emergency funding), including $8.8 billion for customs and border protection, $6.6 billion for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), including fees, $8.4 billion for the Coast Guard, $1.4 billion for the Secret Service and $7.1 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Under the bill, new emphasis was placed on protecting our ports and our rail and transit systems. The bill provided support to states and local communities for preventing and responding to terrorist threats and natural disasters. Critical investments were made into border and immigration security, providing for record numbers of border patrol agents (17,819 in total), and detention beds (28,450).

The bill also included provisions to: Expand the number of federal airport screeners beyond last year’s capped total of 45,000; Prohibit the federal government from pre-empting stricter state and local chemical security laws and regulations; Require TSA to double the amount of cargo that it screens in fiscal 2008. [House Appropriations Committee]

In addition, the bill included language mandating that projects funded by the bill comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires that contractors pay the prevailing wage rate to their employees. [Congressional Quarterly House Action Report]

The bill passed 268-150. [HR 2638, Vote #491, 6/15/07]

**Supported Terrorism Response Training for Firefighters**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would authorize $293 million for the U.S. Fire Administration, an arm of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through fiscal year 2012.

The bill would update the training program at the National Fire Academy to include national catastrophes related to terrorism, large-scale fires, hazardous materials, wildfires and advanced emergency medical services. It would also authorize FEMA to use appropriated money to make the National Fire Incident Reporting System available online and updated in real time. [CQ Today, 4/03/08]

The bill passed 412-0. [HR 4847, Vote #160, 4/03/08]

**Voted For FY16 NDAA**


**Bill Allowed Concealed Carry Of Firearms On Military Installations.** “The U.S. House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the 2016 fiscal year on Friday, including an amendment
that would allow military base commanders to authorize the concealed carry of firearms on military installations.” [KVUE, 5/15/15]

**Bill Placed Restrictions On President To Transfer Prisoners From Guantanamo Bay.** “The measure would place new restrictions on the ability of the president to transfer prisoners from the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center to third-party countries and would continue existing prohibitions against transferring such detainees to the United States or its territories.” [CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/15]

**Voted Against Limiting Funds Used For Dismantling Nuclear Weapons**

**Voted Against Striking Provision Placing Limits On Funding Used To Dismantle Nuclear Weapons.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would “strike a section of the bill that would place limits on the use of funding authorized for the National Nuclear Security Administration in fiscals 2016 through 2020 for dismantlement of nuclear weapons.” The amendment failed, 178-242. [H.R 1735, Vote #237, 5/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/15]

**Voted Against Reduction In Naval Operations**

**Voted Against Reducing The Number Of Naval Operation Carriers From 11 To 10.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment reducing from 11 to 10 the statutory requirement for the number of operational carriers that the U.S. Navy must have. The amendment failed, 60-363. [HR 1735, Vote #228; CQ Floor Votes, 5/14/15]

**Voted Against Requiring Funding For Replacement Submarines To Come From Navy Accounts Rather Than Sea-Based Deterrent Fund**

**Voted Against Amendment Requiring Funding For Replacement Submarines To Come From Navy Accounts Instead Of Sea-Based Deterrent Fund.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would “require funding for the Navy's new Ohio-class replacement submarines to come from their traditional Navy accounts, instead of the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund…” The amendment failed, 43 to 375. [H.R. 1735, Vote #235, 5/15/15; Congress.gov, accessed 5/26/15]

**Amendment Would Transfer Funds From Sea-Based Deterrent Fund To Navy’s Budget.** The amendment would also “[transfer] funds from the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund back into their historic Navy budget lines.” [Congress.gov, accessed 5/26/15]

**Voted Against Reducing The National Nuclear Security Weapons Activity By $25 Million**

**Voted Against Reducing Atomic Energy Defense By $25 Million And Apply Savings To Deficit Reduction.** In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that reduce the Atomic Energy Defense Activities National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities Account by $25 million and to apply the savings to the spending reduction account. “The first amendment the National Nuclear Security Administration's Weapons Activities Account for the W80-4 Life Extension Program by $25,000,000, applying this savings to deficit reduction. This technology is used in our Long Range Stand Off (LRSO) weapon.” The amendment was rejected 149 to 272. [H.AMDT.181, Vote #204, 4/30/15; Congressional Documents, 5/01/15]
**Voted Against Reducing National Nuclear Security Administration Funding By $167 Million**

Voted Against Reducing National Nuclear Security Administration Funding. In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would apply $167,050,000 to the savings reduction account for the new nuclear arm cruise missile. “Quigley, D-Ill., amendment that would reduce the National Nuclear Security Administration weapons activities by $167 million and transfer the same amount to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected 164 to 257. [H.AMDT.181, Vote #203, 4/30/15; CQ 4/30/15]

**Voted Against Budget Plan That Prohibited Increased OCO Defense Spending Without Offsetting Cuts**

Voted Against Budget Plan That Prohibited Increased OCO Defense Spending Without Offsetting Cuts. In March 2015, Walberg voted against a budget that would set funding for the Overseas Contingency Operations war funding account at $94 billion in FY2016. This budget plan “would have required offsets over $73.5 billion in the OCO fund, which pays for wars and other overseas activities and is not subject to sequester caps.” The amendment failed 105 to 319. [H Con Res 27, Vote #140, 3/25/15; US News, 3/25/15]

**Voted Against Cutting OCO Funding For Military Construction Projects**

Voted Against Amendment That Prevented Use Of OCO Funds For Defense Military Construction Projects. In April 2015, Walberg voted against the second Mulvaney amendment that prevented the use of funds under the Pentagon’s Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account for Defense military construction projects. “Reps. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, and Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.), a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, offered an amendment to strike provisions of the bill for military construction projects that use funds from the Pentagon’s war fund, known as the Overseas Contingency Operations account.” The amendment failed to pass 190 to 231. [HR 2029, Vote #186; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/29/15; The Hill, 4/30/15]

Voted Against Amendment That Prevented Use Of OCO Funds For Air Force Construction Projects. In April 2015, Walberg voted against the first Mulvaney amendment that prevented the use of OCO funds for Air Force construction projects. “Mick Mulvaney, a South Carolina Republican, and Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat running for Senate, are joining forces to block a series of Pentagon spending increases that underpin the GOP’s spending strategy this year … they could jeopardize a $38 billion Pentagon boost that GOP leaders used to woo support from defense hawks … Mulvaney and Van Hollen plan to propose amendments to strike every penny of OCO money not used for war from here on out, including in Defense and State department bills … The Mulvaney-Van Hollen duo’s test vote Thursday night showed they still have some support work to do. The three Mulvaney-Van Hollen amendments would have eliminate $530 million of OCO money that’s supposed to be used for construction projects on military bases and installations.” The amendment failed to pass 192 to 229. [HR 2029, Vote #185; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/29/15; Politico, 4/30/15]
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Voted Against Amendment That Prevented Use Of OCO Funds For Navy And Marine Corps Construction Projects. In April 2015, Walberg voted against the Van Hollen amendment that prevented the use of OCO funds for Navy and Marine Corps construction projects. “Mick Mulvaney, a South Carolina Republican, and Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat running for Senate, are joining forces to block a series of Pentagon spending increases that underpin the GOP’s spending strategy this year … they could jeopardize a $38 billion Pentagon boost that GOP leaders used to woo support from defense hawks … Mulvaney and Van Hollen plan to propose amendments to strike every penny of OCO money not used for war from here on out, including in Defense and State department bills … The Mulvaney-Van Hollen duo’s test vote Thursday night showed they still have some support work to do. The three Mulvaney-Van Hollen amendments would have eliminate $530 million of OCO money that’s supposed to be used for construction projects on military bases and installations.” The amendment failed to pass 191 to 229. [HR 2029, Vote #184; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/29/15; Politico, 4/30/15]

Voted Against Keeping Guantanamo Bay Open

2015: Voted Against Closing Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp By 2017. In May 2015, Walberg voted against “a framework for closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by Dec. 31, 2017. The amendment would remove restrictions in the bill against transferring Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detainees to the U.S., constructing or modifying any facility in the U.S. to house a Guantanamo Bay detainee, and transferring detainees to a combat zone.” The amendment failed, 174-249. [HR 1735, Vote #231; CQ Floor Votes 5/14/15]

Measure Would Have Maintained Current Ban Against Transferring Detainees To The US And Prohibiting Facilities To House Detainees On US Soil. “The legislation maintains the current ban against transferring Guantánamo Bay detainees to the U.S. It also prohibits building facilities to house detainees on U.S. soil.” [The Hill, 5/14/15]

Opposed Closing Guantanamo Bay

Opposed Closing Guantanamo Bay. According to Congressman Tim Walberg’s official Twitter account, “Closing Guantanamo Bay is deeply misguided. It plays an important role in combating terrorism and keeping the American people safe. #SOTU” [Rep. Tim Walberg’s Official Twitter, 1/20/15]

Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent Funds From Being Used To Build, Renovate, Or Expand Detainee Housing Facilities In Guantanamo Bay
Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent Funds From Being Used To Build, Renovate, Or Expand Detainee Housing Facilities In Guantanamo Bay. In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would prevent from being used to build, renovate, or expand housing facilities for detainees in Guantanamo Bay. The amendment failed to pass 167 to 254. [HR 2029, Vote #187; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15; Section 512 of HR 2029; CQ, Bill Track]

Voted Against Motion To Block Elimination Of Regulations That Prevent Terrorism And Crime, Protect Wages

Voted Against Motion To Block Elimination Of Regulations That Prevent Terrorism And Crime, Protect Wages. In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would block Republicans from eliminating regulations that help prevent terrorism and crime, protect wages and gender pay equity, save taxpayer dollars, help small businesses, and prevent discrimination. The motion failed 245 to 180. [HR 185, Vote #27, 1/13/15; Motion To Recommit, 1/13/15]

Voted For Weakening Cybersecurity, Even For Veterans

Voted For Allowing DHS To Share Cyberthreat Information With Private Entities. In April 2015, Walberg voted for a rule to allow consideration of a bill “that would promote voluntary sharing of information about cyberthreats among private companies and between the private sector and federal government and the bill (HR 1731) that would allow the Homeland Security Department to share the cyberthreat information it gathers with private sector entities.” The resolution passed, 238-182. [HRes 212, Vote #164, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Protecting Veterans’ Personal Information From Cyber Attacks. In April 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a bill to protect veterans’ personal information from cyber-attacks. The bill “would promote voluntary sharing of information about cyberthreats among private companies and between the private sector and federal government and the bill (HR 1731) that would allow the Homeland Security Department to share the cyberthreat information it gathers with private sector entities.” The previous question passed, 237-179. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HRes212, Vote #163, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

Voted For Strengthening Cyber Threat Programs

Voted For Encouraging Private Sector To Share Cyber Threat Data With Department of Homeland Security. In April 2015, Walberg voted for the passage of the bill, as amended, that would promote the voluntary sharing of information about cyber threats among private companies and between the private sector and federal government. The bill would provide liability protections to companies that share cyber threat information. It would also establish the Homeland Security Department's National Cybersecurity and Communication Integration Center as the lead federal agency in receiving and exchanging cyber threat information with other federal agencies and private companies. The provisions of the bill would sunset after seven years. The bill passed by a vote of 355-63. [HR 1731, Vote #173, 4/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/15]
Voted Against Prioritizing Protecting Infrastructure, Jobs And Health Information In Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Programs. In April 2015, Walberg voted against the Israel, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Homeland Security Committee with instructions to report back with an amendment that would clarify the protection of infrastructure, jobs and health information from cyberattacks. The amendment would direct the secretary of Homeland Security conduct ongoing risk-informed outreach to the owners and operators of at-risk critical infrastructure. The motion was rejected by a vote of 180-238. [HR 1731, Vote #172, 4/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/15]

Voted For Requiring Homeland Security Department Issue Report On Civil Liberties’ Impact Of Programs Created Under Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Bill. In April 2015, Walberg voted for the Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Homeland Security Department to issue a report to Congress on the best means for aligning federally funded cybersecurity research and development with private sector efforts to protect privacy and civil liberties while also protecting the nation’s critical infrastructure. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 405-8. [HR 1731, Vote #171, 4/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/15]

Voted For Encouraging Private Sector To Share Cyber Threat Data With Federal Intelligence Agencies. In April 2015, Walberg voted for the passage of the bill to promote the voluntary sharing of cyber threat information among private companies and between the private sector and federal government. The bill would provide liability protections to companies that share cyber threat information and would require that all personally identifiable information be removed from information that is shared. It would also establish a Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center within the director of National Intelligence’s Office. As amended, the provisions of the bill would sunset after seven years. The bill was passed by a vote of 307-116. [HR 1560, Vote #170, 4/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/22/15]

Voted Against Prioritizing Terrorist & Foreign Threats To Military Assets In Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Programs. In April 2015, Walberg voted against the Rice, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Select Intelligence Committee with instructions to report back with an amendment that would add language to clarify that appropriate agencies prioritize the sharing of cyber threat indicators regarding known terrorist organizations and attempts to steal U.S. military technology by state-sponsored computer hackers. The motion was rejected by a vote of 183-239. [HR 1560, Vote #169, 4/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/22/15]

Voted Against Sunset Protecting Cyber Networks Act After Seven Years. In April 2015, Walberg voted against the Mulvaney, R-S.C., amendment that would sunset the provisions of the bill after seven years. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 313-110. [HR 1560, Vote #168, 4/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/22/15]

Voted Against Transfer Mine-Resistant Ambush Vehicles From The Department Of Defense To Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Voted Against Prohibiting Department Of Defense From Transferring Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicles To Local Law Enforcement Agencies. In June 2015, Walberg voted against the prohibition of “funds to transfer mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles from the Defense Department to local law enforcement agencies.” The amendment failed, 166-262. [HR 2685, Vote #353; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]
The Pentagon Has Transferred Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles To Law Enforcement Agencies In Recent Years. “Here at The Watch, we’re looking for the smallest town in America to acquire an MRAP, or Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected armored personnel vehicle. For the past few years, the Pentagon has been giving these vehicles to police departments across the country. The unwieldy behemoths have little real application in domestic police work. They’re designed for use on a battlefield. (The Pentagon offers no training to police departments when it gives the vehicles away. And they’ve been known to tip over.)” [Washington Post, 4/18/14]

Voted For FY16 Defense Appropriations Bill

Voted For The Fiscal Year 2016 $578.6 Billion Defense Appropriations Bill. In June 2015, Walberg voted for legislation to “provide $578.6 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense department in fiscal 2016. The total would include $490.2 billion in base Defense department funds and $88.4 billion for the Overseas Contingency Operations account, and would provide that $37.5 billion in OCO funding be used in support of base budget requirements. The bill would provide roughly $218.8 billion for operations and maintenance, approximately $116.7 billion for procurement, approximately $67.9 billion for research and development and $133.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.3 percent pay raise. It also would provide roughly $31.7 billion for the Defense Health Program. The measure would provide $715 million for security assistance to Iraqi forces fighting the Islamic State and at least $600 million to aid Jordan in its fight against that group. It also would provide $600 million to continue training and equipping moderate Syrian opposition forces and would appropriate $200 million for lethal weapons for Ukraine. As amended, the bill would bar use of funds by the National Security Agency or the Central Intelligence Agency to mandate that a company alter products or services to permit electronic surveillance of users, except for mandates or requests authorized under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act.” The bill passed 278-149. [HR 2685, Vote #358; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

Bill Added $38 Billion Above The Budget Caps Created By The Sequester. “The House on Thursday approved this year’s spending bill for the Pentagon in a 278-149 vote. Passage of the $579 billion bill came after the White House threatened a veto of the legislation over insufficient funding levels and controversial policy riders that would prohibit funds from being used to transfer detainees imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay to the United States. It also passed despite heavy opposition among Democrats and some conservatives over the use of a war fund to boost defense spending next year. Republicans added $38 billion to the war fund to give the Pentagon spending above the budget caps created by the sequester, but they left the limits in place for nondefense spending. Democrats and the White House want the sequester lifted in full.” [The Hill, 6/11/15]

Voted For Ending Warrantless “Backdoor” Surveillance

Voted For Ending Backdoor Surveillance Of Americans. In June 2016, Walberg voted for restricting the use of “funds to query a collection of foreign intelligence information acquired under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 using a United States person identifier. The amendment also would bar use of funds by the National Security Agency or the Central Intelligence Agency to mandate that a company alter products or services to permit electronic surveillance of users, except for
mandates or requests authorized under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act.” The amendment passed, 255-174. [HR 2685, Vote #356; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

Amendment Would End Spying On American Citizens Whose Data Was Incidentally Collected During Foreign Surveillance. “The House passed legislation Thursday that would prevent the NSA from spying on American citizens whose data was incidentally collected during foreign dragnets, marking the second year in a row that the lower chamber has put the kibosh on backdoor domestic spying. Sponsored by Reps. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., and Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., the amendment to the Department of Defense spending bill was approved in a 255-174 vote across party lines.” [Intercept, 6/12/15]

Voted Against Increasing Airport And Cyber Security

Voted Against Motion To Require Communication Across The National Intelligence Community To Increase Airport And Cyber Security. In June 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would add language to the Intelligence Authorization Act to “deter terrorist attacks, and strengthen America’s cybersecurity by requiring intelligence agencies to share with the Transportation Safety Administration the latest info on terrorist attempts to thwart airport security and who’s on the terrorist watch list; and foil and counter state-sponsored cyberattacks by China, Russia, and others that resulted in OPM hacks, and theft of personal health information of 80 million Americans from Anthem Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield.” The motion failed 183 to 240. [HR 2596, Vote #368, 6/16/15; Democratic Leader, 6/16/15]

Voted For FY2016 Intelligence Authorization Bill

Voted For Fiscal Year 2016 Intelligence Authorization Act. In June 2015, Walberg voted for the Intelligence Authorization Act. Rep. Adam Schiff, ranking member on the Select Committee on Intelligence said in a release, “several issues remain unresolved, causing me to vote against the bill. It was my hope that we would have been able to strip restrictions on closing the Guantanamo Bay prison and preclude the use of OCO funds to augment the artificial budget caps set for national security, but unfortunately, we were not able to do so. I will continue to work hard to fix these issues as this bill progresses — the American people deserve nothing less.” The bill passed 247 to 178. [HR 2596, Vote #369, 6/16/15; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence – Democratic Office, 6/16/15]
Earmark Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Took credit for earmark in bill he voted against because it contained too much pork; Editorial: Vote against bill “The height of cynicism”

✓ Despite saying earmarks “symbolize the culture of corruption” of Washington, DC, he opposed earmark reform, and received criticism from GOP chair who said Walberg “made a commitment he would not support any earmarks at all”

✓ Said earmarks symbolized culture of corruption in DC but requested almost $30 million in earmarks for FY 2008

✓ Said earmarks are okay when for the “common good” or when money came from the state

Despite his opposition to government spending and saying earmarks “symbolize the culture of corruption” of Washington, DC, Walberg used the earmark system to his advantage. Walberg’s office touted earmarks he had requested for his district, even though he voted against the appropriations bill in which the earmarks were included – because the bill contained too much pork. Walberg requested almost $30 million in earmarks for FY 2008, despite earlier saying earmarks had come to symbolize the culture of corruption of Washington, D.C. Walberg justified his support of earmarks by differentiating between “pork barrel” and “district requested” earmarks, saying it was acceptable if earmarks were for the common good and when the money came from the state.

Took Credit For Grant in Bill He Voted Against; Editorial: Walberg’s Vote Against Bill “The Height of Cynicism”

In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal 2008 transportation, housing, and urban development appropriations bill, which he claimed increased taxes on subsidiary manufacturers in his district by 600 percent. Subsidiary manufacturers are foreign companies with U.S. subsidiaries.

The bill passed 268-153. [HR 3074, Vote #715, 7/24/07]

Walberg’s office sent out press releases touting the passage of earmarks in the bill requested by Representative Walberg, including expansion of a runway at the W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek, MI and new buses for the Jackson Transportation Authority.
“He did all he could to ensure the funding request was included,” Walberg spokesman Matt Lahr said. However, the final bill exceeded spending limits Walberg promised to uphold, and would increase the federal deficit by $4.5 billion, “therefore he had to vote against the final version of the bill,” Lahr said. [Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 7/27/07]

... Because Bill Contained Too Much Pork

In 2008, Walberg said he voted against the bill because it contained too much pork:

“I said it could be done without giving in to the blackmail of what’s become all too common: ‘If you’ll support my pork, I’ll support your pork,’” he said. “I said I was not going to get caught up with that, and if it came to the point that a bill was so filled with egregious pork that I couldn’t support it, I would vote against it. I still thought I would get significant support and help for my district from appropriate funding sources.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/03/08]

Walberg: “The Beauty of It Is, I Got The [Runway]”

In 2010, Walberg was criticized by his Democratic opponent Mark Schauer for having voted against funding for the runway after having asked for the earmark to be included in the bill.

Walberg said he couldn’t support the bill because it included funding for other projects, like bridge to nowhere in Alaska.

“The beauty of it is, I got the (runway),” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/14/10]

Editorial: Walberg’s Vote Against Bill “The Height of Cynicism”

In 2007, the Battle Creek Enquirer criticized Walberg, questioning why Walberg would oppose his own earmarks and calling his actions “the height of cynicism.”

From the Enquirer:

“Walberg’s office issued a statement clearly intended to give Battle Creek area folks the impression that he played a major role in passing legislation that he instead voted to defeat. Such doublespeak is all too common in politics and is one reason that public approval ratings both for the president and Congress are near all-time lows. It is the height of cynicism for politicians to think they can voice public support for issues and then turn around and vote in opposition.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/27/07]

Walberg Said Deficit Concerns Reason For Vote Against Bill

Walberg responded to the Battle Creek Enquirer’s editorial with one of his own. He defended his vote against the appropriations bill by saying his concerns about taxes and the deficit outweighed his desire to support his own earmarks.
“Simply because I support Calhoun receiving its fair share of federal tax dollars back from Washington, D.C., does not mean I will vote for excessive government spending that increases the deficit,” Walberg wrote. [Walberg editorial, Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/05/07]

**Requested 23 Earmarks – Nearly $30 Million – Despite Campaigning Against Pork-Barrel Spending; GOP Chair: He “Made a Commitment He Would Not Support Any Earmarks At All”**

In June 2007, Walberg released his list of 23 requested earmarked appropriations for the federal government’s 2007-08 fiscal year, totaling $29,276,500.

According to Taxpayers for Common Sense, seventeen earmarks bearing Walberg’s name appeared in the FY 2008 budget bills.

“By revealing the funding requests I have forwarded from communities in my district, I hope to bring greater transparency to the appropriations process and work toward restoring the confidence of the American people in government,” Walberg said in the release. [Representative Walberg press release, 6/22/07]

**GOP Chair: Walberg “Made a Commitment He Would Not Support Any Earmarks At All”**

During his 2006 campaign, Walberg said he wasn’t a fan of pork-barrel legislation. Walberg spokesman Matt Lahr said the requests Walberg has made are meant to return his constituents’ investment in tax dollars. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/26/07]

“He made a commitment he would not support any earmarks at all. Even if that’s money that might come in to rebuild I-94 he’s going to have to find another way to do that and I don’t know what that mechanism is,” Washtenaw County Republican chairman Matthew J. Schneider said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 1/02/07]

**Said Earmarks “Symbolize The Culture of Corruption” of Washington, D.C.**

In February 2007, Walberg said that earmarks, while not inherently bad, symbolized the culture of corruption in Washington, D.C.

From Walberg’s press release:

“The American people want men and women in Congress who follow through with their commitments, are accountable to the people they serve and maintain the highest of ethical standards. Part of this process of reform means putting an end to pork-barrel earmark spending. Earmarks, special state or local projects tacked onto federal legislation, are not inherently bad but have come to symbolize the culture of corruption that has engulfed Washington, D.C. [Representative Walberg press release, 2/23/07]

**Requested $18,431,000 in Earmarks for FY 2008**
Until 2007, earmarks requested by a particular Member were undisclosed, unless there were news reports or press releases from congressional offices trumpeting their requests. That changed in 2007, under Democratic leadership, when reforms meant that members were required to disclose their earmarks.

In 2007, Walberg requested over $18 million worth of projects in earmarks, disclosed to date (8/23/07), in FY 2008 appropriations bills.

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**Campaign Donor Benefitted from Earmark**

In 2007, Walberg requested a $2 million earmark for the Dexter Research Center.

Later that year, the Director of R&D at the Dexter Research Center, Wayne Baer, contributed a total of $750 to Walberg’s campaign. [FEC, accessed 6/25/13]

**Opposed Earmark Reform**

In 2007, Walberg voted against new House rules to reform the process of creating “earmarks” in legislation.

The rule required legislation and conference reports to be accompanied by a list of earmarks and limited tax or trade benefits, and their sponsors.

Members would have to provide information about the recipient and purpose of an earmark.

It also created new budget points of order, including pay-as-you-go rules which would require offsets to any new entitlement spending or tax cuts. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/05/97]

The earmark and Pay-As-You-Go reforms passed 280-152. [HRS 6, Vote #9, 1/05/07]

**Not Opposed to Earmarks When Used for Common Good**

In 2007, Walberg was asked why he voted against a provision to eliminate earmark spending:

I said very early in the campaign that I was not opposed to all earmarks. There are appropriate earmarks that ought to be dealt with and debated and funded. Earmarks for the widening of I-94 is a legitimate purpose. We pay our gas tax dollars and we ought to get a buck back for every buck we send in. We don’t. We get 83 cents on the dollar, so I’ll be fighting for that and for military issues, defense issues, for a base in Battle Creek, for instance, that made it through Iraq very successfully and
now is working on efficiencies. Those are earmarks for our common good. Those are earmarks I have no trouble with. It’s the Bridge to Nowhere that I have trouble with. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 2/25/07]

### Pledged Not to Offer Earmarks After House Rules Already Prohibited Them

In 2010, Walberg said that he pledged not to offer earmarks – after House rules already prohibited them.

Interviewer #1: Would you lead the fight to eliminate earmarks?

Walberg: Yes. In fact, I have signed and made statements clearly now that I will not offer earmarks, even good earmarks that are [inaudible] by the fact that taxpayers have already paid into, paid tax again to do those very things. But in order to get control, we have to have at the very least, at the very least, we have a moratorium on any earmarks. And I think right now my Republican Study Committee has taken that pledge. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 56:25, 6/25/10]

### Against “Pork-Barrel” Earmarks But “District-Requested” Earmarks

In 2010, Walberg said that he opposed “pork-barrel” earmarks, but favored “district-requested” earmark spending that creates jobs. [Lansing State Journal, 7/15/10]

### Said Earmarks Okay When Using Money Coming From The State

In 2008, Walberg said he could bring tax dollars back to the 7th district to spur growth.

“That’s why I’ve offered earmarks but not earmarks outside of the budget,” Walberg said. “I’ve offered earmarks using dollars that have been paid already from tax dollars coming from the state: Taxpayers, gas tax, aviation fuel tax.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/03/08]

### Voted to Maintain Funding for the “Bridge to Nowhere”

In March 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have prevented funding for the notorious Alaskan “Bridge to Nowhere.” The motion to recommit would have rescinded $183 million in funding for planning, design and construction of the Gravina Island and Knik Arm bridges in Alaska.

The motion specifically rescinded all unobligated balances provided for the planning or construction of the both bridges. Rep. Jared Polis, who introduced the measure, noted that a CBO study estimated that the motion would reduce the deficit by $160 million. [CQ Today, 3/02/11]

The motion failed, 181-246. [HR 662, Vote #159, 3/02/11]

### Voted to Eliminate Other Wasteful Earmarks

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to eliminate 103 earmarks from the military construction appropriations bill.
Rep. Flake (R-AZ) proposed the amendment, noting that there was more than $600 million in earmarks included in the Military Construction bill and he appealed to Members on both sides of the aisle to follow their own rhetoric on wasteful spending and vote to strip all the special projects out of the bill. [Statement by Rep. Flake, H7768, 7/31/08]

Rep. Obey, the chairman of the Appropriations Chairman, spoke in opposition to the amendment, noting that of the 518 total earmarks in the bill, “408 earmarks, 79 percent of them, were included at the request of the administration.” [Statement by Rep. Obey, H7769, 7/31/08]

Rep. Edwards (D-TX) strongly opposed the amendment, saying it would “do harm to America’s service men and women and our military families during a time of war.” He pointed out that among the projects that would lose funding without the earmarks in the legislation were nine quality of life facilities such as chapels and community centers in our military bases, fifteen guard and reserve training facilities, seven active duty training facilities, new barracks and many others. [Statement by Rep. Edwards (TX), H7769, 7/31/08]

The amendment was rejected, 63-350. [HR 6599, Vote #560, 8/01/08]

**Voted to Block Earmarks in Beach Protection Bill**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill for congressional earmarks.

The purpose of the amendment, introduced by Rep. Flake, was to ensure that none of the moneys authorized in the underlying legislation would go toward earmarks to help protect vulnerable Members of Congress. [Statement by Rep. Flake, H2203, 4/10/08]

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson called the amendment “a proposed solution in search of a problem,” and said the measure had no bearing on the authorities under the BEACH Act or EPA’s beach program. [Statement by Rep. Johnson, H2204, 4/10/08]

The amendment passed, 263-117. [HR 2537, Vote #182, 4/10/08]

**Voted For Justice Department Review of Coconut Road Earmark**

In 2008, Walberg voted for a motion to concur with Senate revisions to the Surface Transportation Law.

The bill contained approximately 6,200 earmarks for special projects around the country. Critics of excessive spending within both parties as well as government watchdog groups decried the inclusion of so many ‘pet projects’ in what was purported to be a simple clarifying measure. [Statement by Rep. Flake, H2882, 4/30/08]

One earmark that came under particular scrutiny was a $10 million request to widen I-75 in Florida’s Collier and Lee counties, but the final version of the measure sent to President Bush for his signature was changed to redirect that money to the Coconut Road Interchange in Lee County. Watchdog groups
pointed to then House Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young, R-Alaska, as the source of the change, and said one of the prospective backers of the Coconut Road project had held a fundraiser for Young in 2005.

Sen. Tom Coburn, (R-OK) demanded an investigation, and the Senate, when it passed the highway corrections bill on April 17, directed the Justice Department to investigate whether criminal laws were broken when the project was inserted into the 2005 act after the final vote. [CQ Today, 4/17/08]

The motion was agreed to, 358-51. [HR 1195, Vote #229, 4/30/08]

**Voted to Cut Funds for Fisheries Disaster Assistance, Land Exchange in Vermont**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the farm bill to the conference committee with instructions that it strike three sections of the bill relating the sale or exchange of National Forest System lands to Vermont; fisheries disaster assistance; and qualified forestry conservation bonds.

Rep. Cantor introduced the motion to recommit the bill decrying the inclusion of earmarks in the conference version of the Farm bill and calling for their elimination.

Democratic opponents of the motion criticized it as an attempt to indefinitely stall the Farm bill after almost 18 months of work and negotiation. Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO) acknowledged that while the conference report had “flaws,” none were so grievous to necessitate tearing it up completely. [Statement by Rep. Udall, H3821, 5/14/08]

The motion was rejected, 193-230. [HR 2419, Vote #314, 5/14/08]

**Opposed Eliminating All Earmarks in Massive Appropriations Bill**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Labor to eliminate all earmarks in the bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]

The amendment was defeated 53-369. [HR 3043, Vote #663, 7/18/07]

**Voted to Remove Earmarks from Intelligence Authorization Bill**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to instruct House conferees to eliminate any House or Senate provisions providing for earmarks and insist on provisions authorizing the maximum level of funding permissible for human intelligence collection activities. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/04/07]

The motion was agreed to 249-160. [HR 2082, Vote #1125, 12/04/07]

**Opposed Funding for Grape Research**
In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds in the bill for grape genetics research in Geneva, N.Y. [Congressional Quarterly]

The Agriculture Research Service established the Grape Genetics Research Unit in Geneva, New York, at the center of New York’s grape-growing region in conjunction with Cornell University.

The goals of the program are to reduce losses to crop yield and quality that result from disease, pests and environmental stress, and to improve grape and grape product quality and utilization.

The genetic research unit’s primary research areas are development of resistance to pests and diseases, superior adaptation of grapes to growing conditions and tolerances for environmental and weather-related stress, and improved product quality through enhanced knowledge of genetic factors governing color, flavor, aroma, sensory characteristics and yield. [Statement of Congressman Jim Walsh, 8/02/07]

The amendment was defeated 76-353. [HR 3161, Vote #810, 8/02/07]

**Opposed Catfish Disease Earmark**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill would bar the use of funds in the bill for the Catfish Pathogen Genomic Project in Auburn, Alabama. The amendment would have prevented $878,046 in federal funds from being used for catfish genome research in Auburn, Alabama, and would reduce the cost of the bill by a commensurate amount.

According to the earmark description in the certification letter, the funding would go to Auburn University “to help continue important research into the genomic behavior of catfish in order to resist and cope with virulent disease strains.”

“I think that this is definitely one earmark that the taxpayers would love to throw back,” said Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ), who sponsored the amendment. [Congressional Record, 8/02/07; Page H9631]

Opponents of the amendment pointed out that the research was necessary to protect the safety and health of the food supply, protect and strengthen important American products and an industry. [Floor Statement of Congressman Mike Rogers, 8/02/07; Congressional Record, 8/02/07; page H9631]

The amendment was defeated 74-357. [HR 3161, Vote #809, 8/02/07]

**Supported Funding for East Coast Shellfish Growers**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce and Justice to block an earmark for the East Coast Shellfish Research Institute at the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Toms River, New Jersey. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 77-337. [HR 3093, Vote #736, 7/26/07]
**Supported Funds for Lobster Institute**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce and Justice to block an earmark for the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 87-328. [HR 3093, Vote #735, 7/26/07]

**Opposed Funding for Tobacco Earmark**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds in the bill for earmark to study alternative uses of a tobacco grant in Maryland. [Congressional Quarterly]

The amendment would have removed $400,000 in federal funds from being used for alternative uses for tobacco in Maryland and reduced the cost of the bill by a consistent amount.

The certification letter submitted to the Appropriations Committee stated that the funding would go to the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the Alternative Uses of Tobacco Research Project.

The Alternative Uses of Tobacco Research Project is focused on finding new, nonsmoking uses for tobacco, such as pharmaceutical or biotechnology applications.

From 2002 to 2007, the Alternative Uses of Tobacco Research Project received earmarks of between $320,000 and $400,000. [Statement of Congressman Jeff Flake, 8/02/07]

The amendment was defeated 94-337. [HR 3161, Vote #811, 8/02/07]

**Supported Amendment to Block Funding for Washington Arts Center**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 appropriations bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development that would block an earmark for an arts center in Washington State. [www.ec4arts.org]

The amendment would have barred the use of funds in the bill for the Edmonds Center for the Arts in Edmonds, Washington. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/24/07]

The amendment was defeated 97-327. [HR 3074, Vote #705, 7/24/07]

**Supported Amendment to Block Funds for the Houston Zoo**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 appropriations bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development that would block an earmark for the Houston Zoo in Texas. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/24/07]
The amendment was defeated 77-347. [HR 3074, Vote #702, 7/24/07]

**Supported Amendment to Block Funds for West Virginia Trails Program**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 appropriations bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development that would block an earmark for the Friends of Cheat Rails-to-Trails Program in West Virginia.

The Friends of Cheat Rails-to-Trails Program is one part of the 13,600 miles of trails built by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. The program’s mission is to create a nationwide network of trails for former rail lines.

According to the amendment’s sponsor, Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ), “The program is a nationwide effort, yet this earmark is aimed directly at one trail in West Virginia.”

The earmark’s sponsor, Congressman Alan Mollohan (D-WV) defended the project, claiming that it is “necessary and crucial to that new economy, and that aspect of our economy in the future of West Virginia is going to be tourism.” [Congressional Record, 7/24/07; Page H8337]

The amendment was defeated 81-342. [HR 3074, Vote #701, 7/24/07]

**Supported Amendment to Block Funds for National Mule and Packers Museum**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 appropriations bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development that would block an earmark to construct the National Mule and Packers Museum.

The $50,000 earmark for the National Forest Recreation Association was targeted at boosting tourism dollars in Bishop, CA by helping to build a local heritage museum to memorialize and help to preserve the role of mule teams and mule packers in opening and developing the West. [Congressional Record, 7/24/07; Page H8335]

The amendment was defeated 69-352. [HR 3074, Vote #700, 7/24/07]

**Supported Funds for Water Slide, Ice Rink in Pennsylvania**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 appropriations bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development that would block an earmark for the Belmont Complex in Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

The Belmont Complex is a recreational facility owned by Armstrong County which offers an Olympic-size outdoor swimming pool with a 150-foot waterslide and an indoor ice skating rink and arena. [Armstrong County]

The amendment was defeated 87-335. [HR 3074, Vote #698, 7/24/07]
Opposed Funding for American Jazz Museum

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to eliminate an earmark for the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City, Missouri.

That amendment would have barred the use of funds in the bill for the American Jazz Museum for exhibits, education programs and an archival project. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 96-327. [HR 3043, Vote #679, 7/19/07]

Opposed Funds for Library in Washington

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the Bremerton Public Library restoration in Washington. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 98-333. [HR 2643, Vote #562, 6/26/07]

Opposed Funds for Indiana Theater

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the St. Joseph’s College Theatre Renovation in Indiana. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 97-328. [HR 2643, Vote #560, 6/26/07]

Opposed Funds for Arkansas Historic Site

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the Clover Bend Historic Site in Arkansas. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 98-331. [HR 2643, Vote #559, 6/26/07]

Opposed Funds for West Virginia Court House

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations to prohibit the use of funds for the Wetzel County Courthouse in West Virginia. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/27/07]

The amendment was defeated 104 - 323. [HR 2643, Vote #565, 6/27/07]

Opposed Funds for Historical Foundry in Pennsylvania

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds for the W.A. Young and Sons Foundry in Pennsylvania. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/27/07]
The amendment was defeated 104 – 328. [HR 2643, Vote #567, 6/27/07]

**Voted Against Earmark for New York Concert Hall**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to block wasteful spending on a New York concert hall.

The amendment would have blocked the use of funds in the bill for the Maverick Concert Hall preservation in the Hudson Valley, New York. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07; www.maverickconcerts.org]

The amendment was defeated 114-316. [HR 2643, Vote #561, 6/26/07]

**Opposed Funds for Presidio Trust**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 defense appropriations bill cut wasteful pork barrel spending.

The amendment would have cut funding for the Presidio Trust national park in Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s San Francisco, California district. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/05/07]

The amendment was defeated 94-311. [HR 3222, Vote #839, 8/05/07]

**Voted to Not Fund “Ruminant Nutrition” Program in Plains States**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds in the bill for Ruminant Nutrition Consortium in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/02/07]

This ruminant nutrition research program is run by South Dakota State University in collaboration with Montana State University, North Dakota State University, and the University of Wyoming.

The objective of the program is to add value to grain and forage crops through ruminant livestock (beef, sheep, bison and dairy) through the assessment of available resources, opportunities, constraints leading to the expansion of ruminant livestock production. [Senator John Thune Press Release, 6/17/07]

The amendment was defeated 74-355. [HR 3161, Vote #812, 8/02/07]

**Supported Earmark for Forest in Virginia**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill for the Corporation for Jefferson’s Popular Forest in Forest, Virginia for expansion of exhibits and outreach. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]

The amendment was defeated 68-360. [HR 3043, Vote #671, 7/18/07]

**Opposed Earmark for Prisons Museum in Kansas**
In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Education, Labor and Health and Human Services to block an earmark in the bill for the Kansas Regional Prisons Museum in Lansing, Kansas. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]

The amendment was defeated 112-317. [HR 3043, Vote #670, 7/18/07]

**Opposed Funding for Aquarium in South Carolina**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Education, Labor and Health and Human Services to bar the use of funds in the bill for the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, South Carolina. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]

The amendment was defeated 70-360. [HR 3043, Vote #669, 7/18/07]

**Opposed Earmark for Ballet in New York City**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Education, Labor and Health and Human Services to bar the use of funds in the bill for the American Ballet Theatre in New York City for educational activities. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]

The amendment was defeated 118-312. [HR 3043, Vote #668, 7/18/07]

**Opposed Earmark for Exploratorium in San Francisco**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Education, Labor and Health and Human Services to bar the use of funds for the Exploratorium in San Francisco, Calif., for its Bay Area Science Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Improvement Initiative. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]

The amendment was defeated 89-341. [HR 3043, Vote #664, 7/18/07]

**Submitted Earmark Declaration For Peckham Industries**

**Submitted Earmark Declaration For Peckham Industries.** “Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the Record: Name of Earmark and Amount: Cold Weather Layering System (CWLS)--$4.0 Million. Bill Number: H.R. 5658. Account Information: Navy, O, MARINE CORPS, PE BA01-1106N, Line 010. Legal Name and Address of Receiving Entity: Peckham Industries, 2822 North Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Lansing, Michigan 48906. Earmark Description: The CWLS is part of the Marine Corps’ Mountain and Cold Weather Clothing and Equipment Program, which provides lightweight, durable combat clothing that allows Marines to operate in all kinds of cold weather environments.” [Congressional Record, 5/21/08]
# Education Issues

## Significant Findings

- **Said** “no place for the federal government in education”
- Violated Republican spending rules to support school vouchers
- Supported ballot proposal to implement vouchers in failing districts
- Voted for ‘Students Pay More Act’, which would raise student loan interest rates up to 8.5 percent
- Multiple times advocated for eliminating the Department of Education
- **Opposed** largest increase in student aid since the GI Bill
- Blamed government takeover of student loans for increasing defaults
- Voted to allow student loan interest rates to double
- **Opposed** bipartisan early-childhood education program
- **2015**: Voted against an amendment to authorize STEM education grants for women, minorities and low-income students
- **2015**: Voted against an amendment awarding grants for digital learning in rural schools
- Voted against restoring qualification requirements for teachers’ aides and assistants
- **2015**: Voted against protecting teacher development funding for high poverty areas
- **July 2013**: Voted for bill cutting public education funding by $1 billion
- **2007**: Voted to cut funds from the U.S. Office of the Special Counsel and direct the funds to tuition subsidies for D.C. residents
- **2014**: Voted to block a vote on letting students refinance their loans
- **In 1998**, voted against a higher education budget, which increased funding for Michigan Universities by 4%
Walberg supported shutting down the Department of Education, and has said there is no place for the federal government in education. Walberg voted for the “Students Pay More Act,” which will increase interest rates on student loans by 8.5 percent, and to allow student loan interest rates to double. Under the plan, college graduates would pay almost $5,000 more in student loan interest. He blamed the government takeover of student loans for increasing debt and defaults for graduates. In 2014, Walberg voted to block vote on letting students refinance their loans.

In 2007, Walberg opposed the largest increase in student aid since the GI Bill. He opposed the reauthorization of Head Start. In 1998, Walberg voted against a higher education budget, which included a 4 percent increase in funding for Michigan Universities.

Walberg’s vote record in support of the low-income students and schools in areas of high poverty has not been exemplary. In 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to authorize STEM education grants for women, minorities and low-income students. In the same year, he voted against an amendment which sought to protect teacher development funding in areas of high poverty. Furthermore, in July 2013, Walberg voted for a bill cutting $1 billion from federal public education funding. Also, he voted against restoring qualification requirements for teachers’ aides and assistants.

**Walberg: “No Place for the Federal Government in Education”**

In 2011, Walberg, a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee, said there is “no place for the federal government in education.” [Bloomberg Business, 1/27/11]

**2015: Supported Eliminating The Department Of Education**

**2015: Supported Eliminating The Department Of Education.** “There appeared to be a general agreement between everyone at the meeting that the United States Department of Education needs to be abolished, and that the money given to the United States Department of Education should be given to the local school systems and administered by local school personnel and parents who know what is best for their children. Walberg related that President Ronald Reagan was going to eliminate the United States Department of Education, and he appointed William Bennett as Secretary of Education, who made significant changes for the good, such as downsizing this federal agency and making it more efficient. As a result, it was forgotten that the original intent was to abolish it.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 6/24/15]

**Proposed Abolishing the Department of Education**

In a 2004 profile, Walberg included “shutdown the Department of Education” second on a list of his priorities in office should he be elected to Congress.
In an earlier debate, Walberg attacked the Department as “overblown, overpowered” and said it “adds nothing to the quality of education.” [Lansing State Journal, 7/29/04, 4/27/04]

**Vouchers**

**Voted to Reauthorize the District of Columbia School Voucher Program**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill containing a policy rider which reauthorized the District of Columbia School Voucher program.

The policy rider reauthorized the District of Columbia School Voucher program and provided $16 million for the scholarships. This is possible because the federal government ultimately controls the DC budget. The underlying bill was the final continuing resolution passed to fund the federal government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2011. [CQ BillAnalysis, 7/14/11; CQ Floor Votes, 4/14/11]

The bill passed 260-167. [HR 1473, Vote #268, 4/14/11]

*NOTE: This bill was passed as a compromise between the White House, Senate and House of Representatives to avoid a government shutdown and provided funding for government agencies for the remainder of FY11.*

**Violated Republican Spending Rules to Support School Vouchers**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a reauthorization and modification of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship program which grants school vouchers to low-income D.C. students without offsetting the cost of the program through spending cuts.

The legislation would authorize, from Fiscal Year 2012 through 2016, $20 million annually to reinstitute a school voucher program in the District and would also authorize an additional $40 million annually to assist District public and charter schools from fiscal 2012 to 2016. This funding was not offset by cutting spending elsewhere in the budget and would have violated the CutGo rule put in place by Republicans; they waved the rule for this bill. [CQ Today Online News, 3/30/11; Associated Press, 3/31/1]

The bill passed 225-195. [HR 471, Vote #204, 3/30/11]

**Supported Ballot Proposal to Implement Vouchers in Failing Districts**

In 2000, Walberg supported the Kids First! Yes! ballot proposal, also known as Proposal 1. The measure called for students to be given a voucher to attend any school in Michigan if they attended a school that didn’t graduate two-thirds of its students.

“You see, it seems to me that all parents should have the right to choose the safest and best schools for their children to attend. That is why I support the concept embodied in the November ballot proposal, Kids First! Yes! Though it doesn’t go far enough, it is a solid step in the right direction,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 5/03/00; Walberg op-ed, 5/14/00]

**Opponents of Vouchers Protecting Monopolistic System**

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In 2000, Walberg said that opponents of Proposal 1 were committed to protecting a monopolistic system.

“When, as I believe, we see this voucher system succeed in the lives of formerly at-risk students, more parents will seek the same choice for their children. That is what truly terrifies the special interests that are committed to protecting a monopolistic system they control at any cost,” Walberg wrote. [Walberg op-ed, Adrian Daily Telegram, 5/14/00]

**Ballot Initiative Failed**

In 2000, Proposal 1 was defeated, with nearly 70 percent voting no.

“I’m extremely disappointed that we weren’t successful in getting our voters to see that it’s a right of all parents to have the ability to choose the safest and best schools for their children,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 11/08/00]

**Voted Against Providing Funding for DC Public and Charter Schools, Special Education Services**

In 2011, Walberg voted against cutting the DC School Vouchers Program and directing the funding instead to DC Public Schools, DC Public Charter Schools and DC Special Education Services.

The motion would have struck the underlying bill which provided for the D.C. School Voucher Program and instead authorize $30 million per fiscal year from fiscal year 2012-2016 for conditional funding for DC Public Schools, DC Public Charter Schools and DC Special Education Services. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/30/11]

The motion failed 185-238. [HR 471, Vote #203, 3/30/11]

**Higher Education, Student Loans and Pell Grants**

**Voted to Block Vote on Letting Students Refinance Their Loans**

In June 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration of the Bank on Students Emergency Refinancing Act. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 6/11/14]

The bill would allow more than 25 million Americans to refinance their student loans to lower interest rates of less than 4 percent. To pay for the refinancing, the bill would increase income taxes on those earning between $1 million and $2 million. [The Hill, 9/16/14]

The previous question passed, 224-194. [H Res 616, Vote #298, 6/11/14]

**July 2014: Voted to Block Vote on Letting Students Refinance Their Loans**
In July 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration of the Bank on Students Emergency Refinancing Act. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 7/23/14]

The previous question passed, 224-190. [H Res 677, Vote #437, 7/23/14]

Voted Against Authorizing STEM Gateway Grants For Women, Minorities, And Low-Income Students

Voted Against An Amendment To Authorize STEM Education Grants For Women, Minorities, And Low-Income Students. In February 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that “would have established a STEM Gateways program for state education agencies to issue grants for educating girls, underrepresented minorities and low-income students in the science, technology, engineering and math fields at elementary schools and secondary schools.” The amendment failed, 204 to 217. [HR 5, Vote #95, 2/26/15; Bangor Daily News, 2/27/15]

Voted for ‘Students Pay More Act’

In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill that would ultimately lead to higher interest rates on certain government student loans, based on projections from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

On July 1, interest rates for new subsidized Stafford loans would have doubled from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent. Under the Republican proposal, student loans would be reset every year based on 10-year Treasury notes, plus an added percentage.

“Using Congressional Budget Office projections, that would translate to a 5 percent interest rate on Stafford loans in 2014, but the rate would climb to 7.7 percent for loans in 2023. Stafford loan rates would be capped at 8.5 percent, while loans for parents and graduate students would have a 10.5 percent ceiling under the GOP proposal,” reported the Associated Press. [Associated Press, 5/16/13]

The bill passed, 221-198. [HR 1911, Vote #183, 5/23/13]

AP: House Republican Plan Would Raise Student Loan Interest Rates Up to 8.5 Percent. According to the Associated Press: “Under the GOP proposal, student loans would be reset every year and based on 10-year Treasury notes, plus an added percentage. For instance, students who receive subsidized or unsubsidized Stafford student loans would pay the Treasury rate, plus 2.5 percentage points. Using Congressional Budget Office projections, that would translate to a 5 percent interest rate on Stafford loans in 2014, but the rate would climb to 7.7 percent for loans in 2023. Stafford loan rates would be capped at 8.5 percent, while loans for parents and graduate students would have a 10.5 percent ceiling under the GOP proposal.” [Associated Press, 5/16/13]

- Headline: Republicans move forward with student loan plan that could mean higher rates later [Associated Press, 5/16/13]

Under the “Students Pay More” Act, Graduates Would Pay Almost $5,000 More in Student Loan Interest. The Associated Press reported: “In real dollars, the GOP plan would cost students
and families heavily, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. The office used the CBO projections for Treasury notes’ interest rates each year. Students who max out their subsidized Stafford loans over four years would pay $8,331 in interest payments under the Republican bill, and $3,450 if rates were kept at 3.4 percent. If rates were allowed to double in July, that amount would be $7,284 over the typical 10-year window to repay the maximum $19,000.” If the Republican plan were implemented, college graduates would pay $4,881 more in interest, compared to the current rate. [Associated Press, 5/16/13]

**The Average College Graduate Has $26,600 in Student Loan Debt; Total National Student Loan Debt Exceeds $1.1 Trillion.** According to the Washington Post: “A recent report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau estimates that there 38 million student loan borrowers in the United States and the total debt load has passed $1.1 trillion. The Project on Student Debt has estimated that 66 percent of graduating college seniors in 2011 had some student loan debt, with an average balance of $26,600.” [Washington Post, 5/20/13]

**CBO: Federal Government Turns $51 Billion Profit on Student Loans.** According to the Huffington Post: “The Obama administration is forecast to turn a record $51 billion profit this year from student loan borrowers, a sum greater than the earnings of the nation’s most profitable companies and roughly equal to the combined net income of the four largest U.S. banks by assets. Figures made public Tuesday by the Congressional Budget Office show that the nonpartisan agency increased its 2013 fiscal year profit forecast for the Department of Education by 43 percent to $50.6 billion from its February estimate of $35.5 billion.” [Huffington Post, 5/14/13]

**Voted for Student Loan Compromise, Lowering Rates**

On July 31, 2013, Walberg voted for a bill that would tie student loan interest rates to market rates, reversing a rate hike that took effect for some new loans on July 1.

The bill set rates at 3.86 percent for undergraduate Stafford loans, 5.4 percent for graduate Stafford loans and 6.4 percent for PLUS loans. Rates were capped at 8.25 percent for undergraduate loans, 9.5 percent for graduate loans and 10.25 percent for PLUS loans. [Politico, 7/31/13]

The bill passed 392-31. [HR 1911, Vote #426, 7/31/13]

**Blamed Government Takeover of Student Loans for Increasing Defaults**

In 2012, Walberg co-authored an op-ed with Congressman Phil Roe that blamed Congress for increasing student loan debt and the increasing number of graduates defaulting on loans, saying that student would have been better off with a variable interest rate rather than the fixed rate set by Congress.

“Unfortunately, over the last 20 years, students have seen the federal government gradually move to overtake all aspects of student loans. This has gotten us into the mess where we find ourselves now,” Walberg and Roe wrote. [Walberg and Roe opinion, Detroit News, 5/02/12]

**Said Affordable Care Act Paid Off the Backs Of Graduates**
In 2012, Walberg and Roe said “the high cost of this health care law was paid off the backs of our young graduates through interest payments on their subsidized Stafford loans.”

From the op-ed:

We believe that the elimination of this private industry is the wrong solution. But what really gets us mad is they did not do this in order to help students, but to pay for President Obama’s health care bill. The government is charging students a 6.8 percent interest rate for a loan that only costs 2.8 percent to originate, and using the profit to fund yet another entitlement program. [Walberg and Roe opinion, Detroit News, 5/02/12]

**Opposed Government Profiting Off Student Loans**

In 2013, Walberg said that the government should not profit off student loans after the Congressional Budget Office projected that the federal government would make more than $173 billion in profits from student loans over the next 10 years.

“I think the government should cover costs, but certainly not profit off (student loans),” Walberg said. “You’re basically taking that money from citizens who could use it.” [Manistee News Advocate, 6/17/13]

**Co-sponsored Bill to Expand College Savings Program**

In 2013, Walberg co-sponsored a bill with Congressman Dan Kildee to allow families to save more toward their children’s college education.

The bill would increase the amount families could invest per year in Coverdell Savings Accounts from $2,000 to $10,000, and allow contributions to continue until the beneficiary is 22, up from 18 years old. [Big Rapids Pioneer, 5/17/13]

**Voted Against Protecting Pell Grants from $39 Million Cut**

In February 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment that would have increased funds for Federal Pell Grants by $39 million, offset by a reduction in funds available for Department of Education Program Administration.

The amendment was not adopted 186-238. [HR 1, Vote #146, 2/19/11]

**Voted Against Protecting Students from Abuse in Higher Education and Student Loans**

In February 2012, Walberg voted to rescind Department of Education regulations defining a credit hour and setting minimum requirements that all higher education institutions must meet to be considered authorized by a state. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/28/12]

Education and the Workforce Chairman John Kline said the bill would protect “academic institutions and prospective students from significant financial and bureaucratic burdens.”
However, Democrats opposed the bill because the rules defining credit hours was in response to an inspector general report finding that some higher-education institutions were awarding more credits to get more student financial aid, and therefore lead to more “inappropriate federal spending.” [CQ Weekly, 3/05/12]

The bill passed 303-114. [HR 2117, Vote #79, 2/28/12]

**Voted Against Protecting Education Secretary’s Power to Reduce Student Costs**

Before the bill passed, Walberg voted against clarifying that nothing in the underlying bill would limit the Secretary of Education from promulgating or enforcing regulations to reduce the cost of higher education for students. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/28/12]

The motion failed 176-241. [HR 2117, Vote #78, 2/28/12]

**Voted to Consider Measure to Keep Interest Rates Low for Student Loans**

In June 2012, Walberg voted to consider a bill to keep interest rates on need-based student loans at 3.4 percent.

The measure would keep interest rates on need-based student loans at 3.4 percent in 2013, saving borrowers an average of $1,000 in loan repayment costs. Costs for the measure would have been offset by ending tax breaks for big oil companies.

The motion passed 242-183. [H Con Res 691, Vote #389, 6/20/12]

**Voted to Allow Student Loan Interest Rates to Double**

In June 2012, Walberg voted to allow the doubling of interest rates on subsidized federal student loans.

The bill extended the 3.4 percent interest rate on subsidized federal student loans through July 1, 2013.

Pauline Abernathy, Vice President of The Institute for College Access and Success, called government student loans for graduate students their “best bet.” [U.S. News and World Report, 7/03/12]

The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities compiled the number of students accepting subsidized and unsubsidized federal loans. That information can be located here. [NAICU webpage, Special Initiatives, accessed 7/06/12]

The motion passed, 373-52. [HR 43438, Vote #451, 6/29/12]

**Voted Against Extending Tax Cuts for Tuition, Education Expenses**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would extend expiring tax provisions through 2009.
Specifically, the bill would extend the tax credit for expenses for teachers and deductions for tuition expenses. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/26/08]

The bill passed 257-166. [HR 7060, Vote #649, 9/25/08]

### Voted for Increased Funds for Pell Grants

In 2008, Walberg voted for a bill that would authorize increased funding for Pell Grants as part of an omnibus spending bill. The funds were meant to keep pace with education cost increases so no one would lose grants.

Specifically, the bill would provide a $2.5 billion increase to Pell Grant funding above fiscal year 2008. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/24/08]

The bill passed 370-58. [HR 2638, Vote #632, 9/24/08]

### Opposed Largest Increase in Student Aid Since the GI Bill

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation that provided the largest increase in student aid since the G.I. Bill. [Reno Gazette Journal, 9/10/07]

The conference report of the bill cut government subsidies to student loan firms by about $20 billion and redirected most of the money to aid for students and college graduates.

It also included $750 million in federal budget deficit reduction. The maximum Pell grant award would be increased by $490 in 2008 and by $1,090 over five years.

It also provided debt forgiveness to certain public-sector workers after 10 years of service, and capped student loan repayments at 15 percent of discretionary income. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/07/07]

The bill passed 292-97. [HR 2669, Vote #864, 9/07/07]

**Called Bill “Unfortunate Step Backwards”**

During debate on the House version of the College Cost Reduction Act, Walberg said Democrats were creating a “host of expensive new federal bureaucracies” and called the student loan bill an “unfortunate step backwards.”

“Now we are considering a piece of legislation that will create nine new entitlement programs resulting in $18 billion in new spending. The explosion in new, unchecked entitlement spending is another unfortunate step backwards for the American taxpayer. I agree that Congress must remain committed to ensuring affordable access to post-secondary education. But instead of focusing the bulk of need on increasing access to higher education for low-income students, the bill increases aid to colleges and universities at the expense of students who receive Pell Grants.” [Statement by Representative Walberg, H7535, Congressional Record, 7/11/07]
Opposed Extension of Tuition Deduction

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would revive or extend about $55.5 billion in tax breaks for individuals and businesses for one year.

Specifically, the bill would allot $2.6 billion to extend the deduction for tuition and related expenses through 2008. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill passed 263-160. [HR 6049, Vote #344, 5/21/08]

Supported Measure to Increase Annual Loan Limits on College Loans

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to concur on a Senate amendment that would increase annual loan limits on federal college loans and give the Education Department a bigger role in ensuring loan availability. [House Education and Labor Committee Release, 5/01/08]

Despite originally opposing the legislation, President Bush came to support it, saying the federal government “had an obligation to encourage and support people pursuing higher education.”

By granting the Department of Education greater authority to purchase Federal student loans, the measure would “ease the anxiety many students may feel about their ability to finance their education this fall,” Bush said. [White House Release, 5/01/08]

The motion was agreed to 388-21. [HR 5715, Vote #239, 5/01/08]

Supported Earlier Version of Bill to Increase in Limits for College Loans

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would increase annual loan limits on federal college loans and give the Education Department a bigger role in ensuring loan availability.

The bill would increase the annual loan limits on both direct loans from the federal government and government-guaranteed loans by $2,000 for all students. The bill would also increase the total amount of federal loans students could borrow to $31,000 for dependent undergraduates and $57,000 for independent undergraduates. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/17/08]

The bill passed 383-27. [HR 5715, Vote #204, 4/17/08]

Voted to Block Consideration of Bill to Increase College Loan Limits

In 2008, Walberg voted in opposition to a resolution that would allow floor consideration of a bill that would increase annual loan limits on federal college loans and give the Education Department a bigger role in ensuring loan availability.

The bill would increase the annual loan limits on both direct loans from the federal government and government-guaranteed loans by $2,000 for all students. The bill would also increase the total
amount of federal loans students could borrow to $31,000 for dependent undergraduates and $57,000 for independent undergraduates. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/16/08; CQ Bill Analysis, HR 5715]

The rule passed 223-192. [HR 5715, Vote #195, 4/16/08]

**Supported Bill to Reauthorize Higher Education Act**

In 2008, Walberg voted for a bill that would reauthorize the Higher Education Act through fiscal year 2012.

The bill would be the first comprehensive, long-term overhaul of the Higher Education Act in a decade. It would increase the maximum authorized Pell Grant for low-income students from $5,800 to $8,000 by the 2014-15 academic year. [CQ Today, 7/31/08]

It would also create a $10,000 student loan forgiveness program for graduates to take jobs in high-need fields such as nursing, early childhood education, teaching and other public service. [CQ Today, 7/31/08]

The bill passed 380-49. [HR 4137, Vote #544, 7/31/08]

**Supported Reauthorization of Higher Education Act**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would reauthorize the Higher Education Act through fiscal 2012, including a wide range of postsecondary programs, including student loans and teacher training.

The measure would raise the maximum Pell grant award from $5,800 to $9,000 and allow the grants to be used year-round.

A major provision included increasing the amount of information that schools and lenders must provide students and barring lenders from giving schools any perks to get on a “preferred lender” list. It would also create a “higher education price index” to compare tuition increases.

The bill also would allow the federal government to penalize states that substantially decrease their contributions to public colleges and universities.

Another provision in the bill “encourages” the Education Department to reduce the number of questions requiring answers on the federal student aid application by 50 percent within five years. Several other provisions also attempt to simplify the student aid application process. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/07/08; Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 2/09/08]

The bill passed 354-58. [HR 4137, Vote #40, 2/07/08]

**Supported the Extension of the Higher Education Act of 2008**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill to temporarily extend the Higher Education Act of 1965 through April 30, 2008. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/12/08]
The Act would strengthen educational resources to colleges and universities and provide financial assistance for students in postsecondary and higher education.

The motion was passed 411-4. [S 2733, Vote #134, 3/12/08]

**Opposed Study on Reducing Cost of Student Loans**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would require the Education-Treasury Study Group to examine the possibility of a market-based solution for the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

The amendment also stipulated that any savings from a market-based solution should be used for increased aid to students. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/07/08]

Proponents said that a study could provide alternatives that would save money. Opponents said that, as written, the study area was too broad. [Bangor Daily News, 2/09/08]

The amendment passed 260-153. [HR 4137, Vote #36, 2/07/08]

**Opposed Extending Auditing Provisions to Additional Loan Programs**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the College Opportunity and Affordability Act that would extend new audit and reporting provisions applied only to the Direct Loan program to the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

The sponsor, Thomas Petri (R-WI) contended that the Direct Loan Program has had no significant instances of unethical behavior, but has had imposed on it several new and burdensome reporting requirements.

The amendment would extend those new reporting provisions on guaranty agencies in the FFEL program as well. [National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators]

The amendment passed 222-191. [HR 4137, Vote #37, 2/07/08]

**Opposed Assistance with Student Loans for Bankruptcy Filers**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would make it easier for borrowers to discharge private student loans through bankruptcy. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/07/08]

Under changes made in a 2005 bankruptcy overhaul, borrowers can discharge the loans only if they can prove that continuing to pay them imposes an “undue hardship.”

The Davis amendment would have allowed students, after five years of repayment, to discharge loans in the same way as other debt. [CQ Weekly, 2/09/08]

The amendment failed 179-236. [HR 4137, Vote #38, 2/07/08]
**Supported Funding Increase for Pell Grants by Cutting Grants to Improve Higher Education**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit with instructions to effectively eliminate the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, which makes grants to colleges and universities to improve the quality of higher education, unless Pell grants and special education programs were fully funded in that fiscal year. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/07/08]

The motion would have redirected the money for the Fund to the Pell grant program. [CQ Weekly, 2/11/08]

The bill failed 194-216. [HR 4137, Vote #39, 2/07/08]

**Voted to Require Student Aid Forms to be in English**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to require student aid forms to be in English-only.

The amendment would have barred the use of funds in the bill by the Education Department to provide or process the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form in any language other than English. [CQ Today, 7/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 191-233. [HR 3043, Voted #676, 7/19/07]

**Opposed Cut to Student Aid**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2007 appropriations bill for the Departments of Health, Human Services and Education to cut student financial assistance by $65 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/18/07]

The amendment was defeated 79-349. [HR 3043, Vote #660, 7/18/07]

**Voted to Cut Funds from Special Counsel, Increase Funds for Tuition Subsidies for D.C. Residents**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the 2008 Financial Services appropriations bill that would reduce funding by $1 million from the U.S. Office of the Special Counsel.

The amendment offered by Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) would take the $1 million from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel and would add it to a program that subsidizes tuition for District of Columbia residents to attend public out-of-state colleges and universities. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/28/07]

The amendment was defeated 146 – 279. [HR 2829, Vote #587, 6/28/07]

**Opposed Bill to Make Law School More Affordable**
In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation to authorize $150 million between fiscal 2008 and 2013 for a new Justice Department program to help new prosecutors and public defenders pay back student loans. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/07]

Under the bill, law school graduates who agree to serve as either public defenders or public prosecutors for at least three years would be eligible to receive law school loan repayments of up to $10,000 each year, for a maximum of $60,000. [CQ Today, 5/15/07]

The bill passed 341-73. [HR 916, Vote #347, 5/15/07]

**Supported College Student Relief Act**

In 2007, Walberg voted for cutting the interest rate on subsidized student loans for undergraduates in half over the following five years – cutting the interest rate from 6.8% today to 3.4% by 2011 – helping 5.5 million students.

Once fully phased in, this bill would save the typical borrower, with $13,800 in subsidized federal student loan debt, approximately $4,400 over the life of their loans. [CQ House Action Reports, Legislative Week, 1/15/07]

The bill passed 356-71. [HR 5, Vote #32, 1/17/07]

**… But Only After Voting to Exclude Middle Class Families from Student Loan Rate Cuts**

In 2007, Walberg voted to gut the College Student Relief Act in order to exclude the benefits from middle class families.

The measure provided lower college loan interest rates for college graduates whose annual adjusted gross income is less than $65,000 or who are serving on active or National Guard duty during a war, other military operation or national emergency.

This motion would have prevented families with incomes over $65,000 from receiving student loan interest rates of 3.4% and would force them to pay the current 6.8% rate. [CQ Floor Votes, House Roll Call Vote 31, 1/17/07]

The bill failed 186-241. [HR 5, Vote #31, 1/17/07]

**Introduced Amendment To Protect Religious Missions of Higher Education Institutions**

In 2007, Walberg introduced an amendment to the Higher Education Act that would “ensure institutions of higher education are no longer pressured by secretive accrediting bodies to change or depart from their self-defined educational missions.”

According to his office, “Congress must prevent the potential for unelected bodies to undermine constitutionally protected religious missions of each institution that contributes to diversity in higher education.” [Representative Walberg press release, 11/16/07]
Democrats objected to the measure, arguing that it could undo existing laws to ensure that organizations that discriminate against students do not receive federal funding. [CQ Markup and Vote Coverage, 11/14/07]

**Introduced Amendment to Increase Transparency Of Academic Review Progress**

In 2007, Walberg introduced an amendment to the Higher Education Act that required accrediting agencies to provide institutions with the rationale behind their decisions after the academic review process. [Representative Walberg press release, 11/16/07]

**Voted Against Increased Funding for Michigan Universities**

In 1998, Walberg voted against a higher education budget that included a four percent increase in Per Fiscal Year Equated Student Funding for each university in Michigan.

The bill passed 95-15. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 6/10/98; SB 911, Roll Call #591, HJ 57, 6/10/98]

**Opposed Free Community College Education**

**Opposed Free Community College Education.** Walberg: “Community college is great. All my three kids attended community college and it impacted them well and then they went for four year degrees. Not everybody needs to go to community college but everyone needs a career opportunity and education following those first twelve years is important. If the President was sincere, he would’ve offered this bill back when he controlled both houses or at least controlled the Senate. He didn’t right now, we have an $18 trillion debt and added to that the increased cost of what he wants to do a free community college education, I think is purely politically motivated. I sit on the Educaiton Workforce Committee and we will be working trying to reduce the unnecessary cost burden of students so that more people can make that choice, but we can also offer more opportunities for career education that will benefit people in an even greater way than what the President has offered.” [NewsmaxTV, 1/13/15]

**Voted Against Ensuring That Minority And Low-Income Students Are College-Ready**

**Voted Against Ensuring That Minority And Low-Income Students Are College-Ready.** In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would determine, “that the enactment of this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, will not decrease the college and career readiness of students who are racial or ethnic minority, students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income student.” The amendment failed 189 to 241. [HR 5, Vote #418, 7/08/15]

**Head Start**

**Unsure About Expanding Head Start**

In 2013, Walberg said that he wasn’t sure about President Obama’s plan to expand Head Start.
“I’m not sure what he (Obama) is really getting at in talking of starting a new program of preschool education opportunities when there may be a case made that we aren’t doing well with the ones that are presently in place,” Walberg said. [Detroit News, 3/04/13]

**Questioned Effectiveness of Head Start**

In 2013, Walberg questioned the efficacy of Head Start programs.

Walberg cited a 2012 Health and Human Services report that found Head Start students benefitted from the program, but that initial gains faded in elementary school. [Detroit News, 3/04/13]

**Opposed Bipartisan Early-Childhood Education Program**

In 2007, Walberg voted against agreeing to a conference report to reauthorize the Head Start program through 2012.

The Head Start program has provided over 24 million children with education and needed social services, like health and nutrition, since its inception in 1965. The conference report increased Head Start teacher salaries, increased the number of eligible participants, tightened program accountability, and authorized $24 million for the program from 2008-2010. The final version did not include a provision to take faith-based hiring into account for religious providers of Head Start services. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/14/07; Congressional Quarterly, 11/19/07]

“Head Start is one of America’s most popular investments because it is one of our most effective,” said Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. “This legislation builds on its success and strengthens Head Start for the future.” [Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi press release, 12/12/07]

The conference report passed 381-36. [HR 1429, Vote # 1090, 11/14/07]

**Voted Against Head Start Funding Because Did Not Protect Faith Based Hiring**

In 2008, Walberg said that he supported Head Start, but voted against funding for the program in committee and in the House because it lacked a provision protecting faith-based Head Start programs.

“The Head Start bill that passed would not allow a faith-based organization to receive a federal Head Start grant without surrendering its constitutionally-protected right to take faith into account in its hiring practices,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/08/08]

**Objected To Head Start Provision Saying It Might Force A Christian School To Hire a Muslim Or A “Wiccan From A Coven In Ann Arbor”**

Objected To Head Start Provision Saying It Might Force A Christian School To Hire a Muslim Or A “Wiccan From A Coven In Ann Arbor.” “If you've been watching TV lately, or been to a Mark Schauer campaign event, then by now you know U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg was the only "no" vote in the House education committee on continuing Head Start last year…. In other words, say a Baptist or a
Catholic church wanted to continue to offer its Head Start program and a Muslim or "a Wiccan from a coven in Ann Arbor" wanted to apply for a job to teach there, now it couldn't discriminate based on religious grounds anymore, or vice versa…. Walberg said he didn't initiate the efforts, but was contacted by people in his district that were concerned about this provision. It would also open all of them to lawsuits, because the Wiccan, or the Catholic or the Muslim who wasn't hired, could say it was because of their religious beliefs, he said. ‘You will take away programs potentially,’ he said. ‘That's a chilling effect.’” [MLive, 7/31/08]

**Voted Against Authorizing Funds For Early Childhood Education Scholarships**

**Voted Against Authorizing Funds For Early Childhood Education Scholarships.** In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would, “authorize funds for the Secretary of Education to provide grants for early-childhood education scholarships, professional development and licensing credentials, or increased compensation for educators who have attained specific qualifications.” The amendment failed 205 to 224. [HR 5, Vote #417, 7/08/15]

**Did Not Vote Regarding Funding for Children’s Nutrition Programs**

In 2007, Walberg did not vote on the $90.7 billion fiscal 2008 appropriations bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies.

The bill included $39.8 billion in funding for the food stamp program, as well as $13.9 billion for child nutrition program.

In addition, the bill provided $5.6 billion for the Women, Infants and Children program.

The bill also barred the FDA from using funds to prevent the importation of drugs approved by the FDA. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/02/07]

The bill passed 237-18. [HR 3161, Vote #816, 8/02/07]

**Opposed Measure to Strengthen Head Start**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation to reauthorize the Head Start program from 2008 to 2012.

The bill authorized $7.4 billion in fiscal 2008 and such sums as necessary from fiscal 2009 through 2012.

The bill would require at least 50 percent of Head Start teachers to have a bachelor’s degree by 2013, and would provide for a new system to review applications to identify which programs provide high quality comprehensive early childhood programs.

The bill would allow Head Start programs to increase income eligibility to 130 percent of poverty, if the programs demonstrate a community need. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/02/07]
Those funds would provide up to 10,000 more children access to the program, prioritizing expansion of the Early Head Start program and expanding services to additional Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and Indian Head Start programs. [House Education and Workforce Committee]

The bill passed 365-48. [HR 1429, Vote #285, 5/02/07]

**Voted to Allow Religious Discrimination in Head Start Hiring**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the Head Start reauthorization bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would permit faith-based Head Start providers to take religion into account when hiring employees for their Head Start program.

The motion also clarified that faith-based organizations would not have to remove “religious art, icons, scripture or other symbols” in order to be eligible for Head Start programs. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/02/07]

The motion’s sponsor, Congressman Buck McKeon (R-CA) argued that the measure was necessary “because of a flaw in the Federal Head Start law, faith-based institutions have been forced to relinquish their civil liberties if they choose to participate in the Federal early childhood program we are poised to reauthorize today.

The motion was defeated 195-222. [HR 1429, Vote #284, 5/02/07]

**Opposed Student Loan Forgiveness Program for Head Start Teachers**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Head Start reauthorization bill that would authorize the Education Department to implement a program to forgive student loans for Head Start and Early Head Start teachers.

The program would apply to teachers who receive a bachelor’s degree in a field related to early childhood education and agree to teach in the Head Start program for at least three years. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/02/07]

The amendment passed 312-207. [HR 1429, Vote #278, 5/02/07]

**Other**

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Career Education In Manufacturing**

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Career Education In Manufacturing.** In February 2015, Walberg voted for to block consideration of a vote to provide career education in manufacturing to help students prepare for 21st century manufacturing jobs. The previous question carried, 242-176. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on career education in manufacturing. [H Res 70, Vote #54, 2/03/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/03/15]

**Voted Against An Amendment Awarding Grants For Digital Learning Technologies In Rural Schools**
**Voted Against An Amendment Awarding Grants For Digital Learning Technologies In Rural Schools.** In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would, “authorize the issuance of Education Department grants to rural schools for the deployment of digital learning technologies. Loebsack said educational software and other technology held the promise of ‘vastly expanding the educational options and opportunities available to students in rural areas,’ providing them with an advanced education similar to that available for urban students.” The amendment passed 218 to 213. [HR 5, Vote #416, 7/08/15; Albany Herald, 7/12/15]

**Voted Against Protecting School Children from Sexual Predators, Ensuring a Quality Education for Children with Autism**

In 2013, Walberg voted against providing protections for children against sexual predators and guaranteed educational opportunities for children with autism.

The amendment would have required that state education plans, as stipulated by the underlying bill, “must not lower academic standards for children with disabilities, including autistic children. It would require the Education secretary, within six months of the bill’s enactment, to issue rules prohibiting the use of mechanical, chemical and physical restraints. It would establish standards for protecting student athletes from concussions. It also would direct state educational agencies funded by the bill to require criminal background checks of school and contractor employees who have contact with children.” [CQ, 7/19/13]

The measure was rejected, 196-231. [HR 5, Vote #373, 7/19/13]

**Voted for Education Bill Would Gut Public Education Funding by $1 Billion**

In July 2013, Walberg voted for a Republican education bill that would gut public education and remove accountability measures.

“The bill would freeze education spending at sequester rates instead of restoring federal dollars to pre-sequester levels, which means public schools would receive $1 billion less next year. […] Public education has largely been a bipartisan issue in Congress; Friday’s vote was the first time that major legislation was moved on a party line vote. […] The bill would delete a provision known as “maintenance of effort,” which currently ensures that states use federal dollars in addition to, and not as a replacement for, state and local dollars to help low-income, minority, disabled students and English learners. […] The bill eliminates the current accountability system, called adequate yearly progress, which requires all students to be proficient in reading and math by 2014.” [Washington Post, 7/19/13]

The bill passed 221-207. [HR 5, Vote #374, 7/19/13]

**Voted Against Providing Students With Qualified Teaching Aides, Assistants**

**Voted Against An Amendment To Restore Qualification Requirements For Paraprofessional Educators Like Teachers’ Aides & Assistants.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to restore paraprofessional qualification requirements in the Student Success Act, “requirements that existed in the original [No Child Left Behind] NCLB but had been removed from this legislation. Under
NCLB, this provision stopped school districts from hiring paras with little experience in education and mandated that they provide training … ‘We must ensure that paraprofessionals are qualified to provide much-needed instructional support, support that is often targeted to students who are struggling academically or who need additional help, such as English learners, or students with disabilities. That support is crucial to students, parents, and teachers, particularly in communities where resources are scarce and children are already at a disadvantage,’ said [Illinois Federation of Teachers Secretary-Treasurer Marcia] Campbell.” The amendment passed, 218 to 201. [HR 5, Vote #98, 2/26/15; IFT, 2/27/15]

**Voted Against Protecting Teacher Development Funding For High Poverty Areas**

**Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Title II Funding For High Poverty Schools.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would delay implementation of the new formula for Title II funding until the Education secretary determines that the implementation will not reduce funding for schools serving high percentages of students in poverty. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Gwen Moore, “Specifically, the No Child Left Behind title II formula for school districts focuses 65 percent of funds on students in poverty and 35 percent on the number of students, which is students in poverty versus just the number of students. The State formula focuses 80 percent of its funding on poverty and 20 percent on student population. H.R. 5 completely upends this … As written, we have strong reasons to fear that H.R. 5 would result in Federal dollars being siphoned away from States and school districts with the poorest students and being awarded to States and schools with higher affluence.” The amendment failed, 185 to 239. [HR 5, Vote #99, 2/26/15; House Congressional Record, Page H1265, 2/26/15]

**Supported Bill to Remove Federal Accountability in Education**

In 2013, Walberg supported the Student Success Act, which would eliminate 70 programs said to be ineffective or poorly performing, and remove the Secretary of Education’s ability to incentive states to adopt Common Core standards.

The bill also repealed the Adequate Yearly Progress metric, instead allowing states and school districts to create their own accountability and teacher evaluation systems. [Walberg op-ed, Lansing State Journal, 8/25/13; HR 5, Vote #374, 7/19/13]

**Voted Against Cutting Oil and Gas Subsidies Instead of Education to Balance the Budget**

In 2011, Walberg voted against prioritizing subsidies for major oil and gas companies and corporate jets as spending cuts before cutting education spending to help balance the budget.

The motion would have amended the underlying bill “to make sure it raised taxes on corporate jets and oil companies before cutting funding for education.” [Buffalo News, 7/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/29/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [S. 627, Vote #676, 7/29/11]

**Voted to Provide Wireless, Digital Technology to Minority Institutions**
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to establish a Commerce Department grant program to assist minority-serving institutions in acquiring and augmenting digital and wireless networking technologies for educational purposes.

The bill authorized $250 million in fiscal 2008 and such sums as necessary between fiscal 2009 through 2012. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/04/07]

The bill passed 331-59. [HR 694, Vote #847, 9/04/07]

**Supported Grants for Aspiring Teachers**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to reauthorize programs at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for three years.

Under the bill, the NSF was authorized at $22 billion and NIST was authorized at $2.65 billion from fiscal 2008 through 2010.

The bill also authorized nearly $17 billion for programs within the Energy Department’s Office of Science, including $6 billion for basic energy research in fiscal 2010, and at least $300 million for a new Advanced Research Projects Agency to coordinate research into new energy technologies.

Finally, the bill created a new grant program for undergraduate degree programs for aspiring teachers in math, science, engineering, or a “critical” foreign language.

The bill authorized $151 million in fiscal 2008 for the program. [CQ Today, 8/06/07]

The bill passed 367-57. [HR 2272, Vote #802, 8/02/07]

**Voted Against School Modernization, Repair Funds**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a $60.8 billion economic stimulus package designed to fund infrastructure projects, unemployment insurance and Medicaid.

The bill included $3 billion to modernize, renovate and repair schools as well as make them more energy efficient. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/26/08]

The bill also included $36.9 billion in funding for transportation, with $12.8 billion for highway infrastructure, $3.6 billion for public transit and $500 million for Amtrak. [CQ Today, 9/26/08]

The bill passed 264-158. [HR 7110, Vote #660, 9/26/08]

**Voted Against Modernizing and Repairing Public Schools**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize $6.4 billion to build environmentally friendly public schools.
The bill would also authorize an additional $500 million over five years to help reconstruct public schools damaged by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. [CQ Today, 6/04/08]

Democrats argued that by funding school repairs, the bill would improve learning.

“In far too many instances, our nation’s school buildings are literally crumbling … They’re in desperate need of modernization,” House Education and Labor Committee chairman Rep. George Miller said. [CQ Today, 6/04/08]

Republicans countered that the government should focus its spending on disability education and Title I funding rather than school repairs. “If we have $6.4 billion to invest in education next year, let’s put it…in existing programs,” Rep. Howard P. “Buck” McKeon said. [CQ Today, 6/04/08]

The bill passed 250-164. [HR 3021, Vote #379, 6/04/08]

**Opposed Offering Funds for Charter School Construction and Modernization**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to contribute to the modernization, renovation, and repair of public school facilities.

The amendment provided schools access to the funding needed to help ensure that learning environments are safe, healthy, energy-efficient, and technologically advanced. [Rep. Kildee Press Release, 6/05/08]

Section 309 of the amendment dictated that no funds provided under the legislation could be used in the employ of illegal immigrants and mandated that all local educational agencies must have a background check policy for all employees in order to be eligible for funds. [Congressional Record, H4948, 6/04/08]

The amendment passed, 260-151. [HR 3021, Vote #374, 6/04/08]

**Opposed Fiscally Responsible FY 2009 Budget with $85.3 Billion for Education**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a budget resolution that would establish the congressional budget for FY 2009. The resolution would call for expenditures of $3.1 trillion and would allow up to $1 trillion in discretionary spending, plus $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and $5.8 billion for hurricane recovery.

The bill would also include $85.3 billion for education, training, employment and social services, an amount that was $7.1 billion more than President Bush had requested. [Congressional Quarterly; “Summary of the 2009 Democratic Budget,” House Committee on the Budget, 3/11/08]

The bill passed 212-207. [H Con Res 312, Vote #141, 3/13/08]

**Opposed FY08 Budget that Invested in Education, Innovation Agenda**
In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal year 2008 budget conference report that began to reverse six years of Republican fiscal mismanagement, provided for middle-class tax relief and would return the budget to balance – reaching a surplus of $41 billion in 2012 – without raising taxes. [House Budget Committee, Overview of FY2008 Budget Conference Agreement, 5/16/07]

The budget provided $9.5 billion more for education, training, and social services than President Bush requested, including funding for No Child Left Behind programs, special education, and aid to help students afford college.

The budget also increased funding for Head Start and child care while funding the House Democratic innovation agenda, putting us on a path to double funding for the National Science Foundation and providing significant increases in K-12 math and science education. [House Budget Committee, Conference Agreement on the FY 2008 Budget Resolution: Building on the “Six for ‘06, 5/24/07]

The budget passed 214-209. [SCR 21, Vote #377, 5/17/07]

**Walberg: “Devolve No Child Left Behind To The States”**

**Walberg: “Devolve No Child Left Behind To The States.”** “Jane Nastally, lead supervisor of special education for the Branch Intermediate School District, was also present and addressed the concern of education. Walberg's response was to say that Washington should not be involved in education. Instead, Washington should ‘devolve No Child Left Behind to the states’ and other local agencies. To end his talk, Walberg held up a newspaper and quoted the late Steve Jobs, ‘If the user is having a problem, it's our problem,’ he said, in reference to the federal government.” [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 11/30/13]

**Original Co-Sponsor of Bill to Replace No Child Left Behind**

In March 2007, Walberg signed on as an original co-sponsor of the Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success Act (A-PLUS), a new education system that would allow states to opt-out of federal education mandates, including No Child Left Behind.

“Because I believe each child’s educational path should be determined by a child’s parents and not by the federal government, I am an original co-sponsor of the A-PLUS Act, an alternative education policy introduced this year in the House,” Walberg said in a press release.

“The A-PLUS Act would give states, teachers and parents the freedom and authority to determine what educational path a student should take. Under A-PLUS, states can bypass onerous federal mandates, and state leaders can decide how to use federal education funds to improve student achievement,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 8/31/07]

The bill is supported by the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). Walberg home-schooled his three children, though one opted to attend public high school. [HSLDA website, accessed 9/30/07; HR 1539, 3/15/07]

**Called for Repeal of No Child Left Behind**
In June 2007, Walberg, along with fifty-two Republican House members and five GOP Senators, called for a repeal of No Child Left Behind in favor of a more flexible system of achievement standards to be negotiated between the Department of Education and individual states.

“This expensive and largely unsuccessful legislation has broadened the scope of the federal government’s role in education,” Walberg said.

Participants in a May 2007 poll were told No Child Left Behind “requires states to test elementary students to determine if schools do a good job teaching. Critics say the law forces teachers to teach to a particular test. From everything you’ve heard, do you think the No Child Left Behind Act has been good for public schools or not good?”

Only about a third said they think the law has had a positive influence on public education while slightly less than half said it has had a negative impact and a fifth were undecided. [Grand Rapids Press, 6/10/07]

**Called No Child Left Behind Unconstitutional**

In March 2011, Walberg said that the federal government did not have the ability to implement No Child Left Behind under the Constitution.

“The problem is I don’t think the federal government should have done it. I don’t think it’s our responsibility to do it. We don’t have any backup from the Constitution to do that at all. Not one article. One section. One sentence,” Walberg said. [Detroit News, 3/24/11]

**Supported Extraneous Motion on Teacher, School Employee Background Checks**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the fiscal year 2009 appropriations bill for the Department of Education to allow schools to conduct background checks on their employees.

The motion would have recommitted the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that would allow funding provided to elementary and secondary schools, child welfare agencies and other agencies to be used to conduct background checks on teachers and other employees. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

Opponents of the motion, including Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey (D-WI), pointed out that “under the bill money in the Safe and Drug Free Schools account can already be used for exactly the same purpose.”

Obey also pointed out that the Safe and Drug Free Schools program was cut by President Bush to $100 million, “and the House has restored $146 million above the President’s figure to take care of problems just such as this.” [Statement of Congressman David Obey, Congressional Record, 7/17/07; Page H8170]

The motion was defeated 206-213. [HR 3043, Vote #685, 7/19/07]

**Opposed National and Community Service Programs**
In 2008, Walberg voted against the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, a bill to reauthorize $51 million to fund the Corporation for National and Community Service for five years. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/12/08]

The Corporation for National and Community Service served as an umbrella organization for a number of programs, such as AmeriCorps and the Volunteers in Service to America programs. [About the Corporation, nationalservice.gov]

The motion was rejected 277-140 after failing to get the necessary 2/3 majority under suspension of the rules by one vote. [HR 5563, Vote #131, 3/12/08]

**Voted to Kill AmeriCorps Bill**

In March 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to table (kill) an appeal of the ruling of the chair, who had ruled that a motion to recommit the AmeriCorps expansion bill to committee was not germane.

The motion would recommit the bill to the Education and Labor Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with an amendment substituting the text of a Senate-passed bill (HR 3773) which would amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/06/08; CQ Today, 3/06/08]

The motion passed 221-191. [HR 2857, Vote #107, 3/06/08]

**Voted Against Honoring Americorps Members, Encouraging Participation in Americorps**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a resolution that would recognize the accomplishments of AmeriCorps members and alumni and encourage citizens to participate in the AmeriCorps program. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/14/08]

The motion passed 344-69. [H Res 1173, Vote #319, 5/14/08]

**Opposed Creation of Energy Conservation Corps**

In March 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would create an Energy Conservation Corps, which would seek to address the nation’s energy, infrastructure and transportation improvement, and emergency operations needs while providing work and service opportunities.

The underlying bill would reauthorize the Corporation for National and Community Service for five years and authorize an expansion of AmeriCorps by one-third, to 100,000 workers. [CQ Today, 3/12/08]

The motion passed 252-161. [HR 2857, Vote #106, 3/06/08]

**Voted to Eliminate “Summer of Service” Grant Program**
In March 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would strike the “summer of service” grant program from a bill that would reauthorize the Corporation for National and Community Service for five years and authorize an expansion of AmeriCorps by one-third, to 100,000 workers.

The amendment also reduced the bill’s authorization for the program to $45 million from $65 million for fiscal 2008. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/06/08]

The amendment failed 153-260. [HR 2857, Vote #105, 3/06/08]

**Voted to Block Reauthorization of AmeriCorps**

In March 2008, Walberg voted against the rule for floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize the Corporation for National and Community Service for five years and authorize an expansion of AmeriCorps by one-third, to 100,000 workers. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/06/08]

The resolution passed 222-190. [HR 2857, Vote #104, 3/06/08]

**Proposed Amendment to Protect Prayer Groups in Public Schools**

In 1995, Walberg offered an amendment to establish that a public school could not deny equal access to student groups wishing to conduct a meeting on the basis of religious, political, philosophical or other content of speech at the meeting.

The amendment failed 37-62. [SB 679, Walberg Amendment, RC #1371, 12/12/95]

**Voted For Abstinence Only Sex Education**

In 1995, Walberg voted for an amendment to sex education provisions that removed language that abstinence should be taught as “a responsible method of preventing unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease and as a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people” and replace it with “the only true form of safe sex.”

The amendment failed 36-62. [SB 679, Ryan Amendment, RC #1373, 12/12/95]

**Voted Against Bill to Require Expulsion of Students Who Assault School Employees**

In 1998, Walberg voted against a bill the required the expulsion of students who assaulted a teacher or other school employee or volunteer on school premises.

The bill passed 96-7. [Gongwer News Service, 5/13/98; HB 5424, Roll Call #406, 5/13/98]

**Voted Against Allow Local Schools to Decide On Expulsions for Students with Weapons**

In 1995, Walberg voted against HB 4033, which allowed local schools boards and superintendents to decide if students charged with carrying weapons on school grounds should be expelled.

**Voted Against Funding for Remedial Reading Program**

In 1998, Walberg voted against the Michigan Department of Education Budget, which included $5 million in federal Goals 2000 grants. The program would ensure that children can read well by the end of third grade, and fund summer programs for children not yet at reading level.

The bill passed 87-17. [Gongwer News Service, 6/17/98; SB 910, Roll Call #659, HJ 60, 6/17/98]

**Voted Against Michigan Department of Education Budget**

In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill containing the budget for the state Department of Education. The bill included a $2.7 million increase in School Readiness Grants, which targeted at-risk elementary students.

The bill passed 94-12. [HB 4308, RC #374, HJ 45, 5/21/97]

**Opposed Incentives for Adopting Core Curriculum**

In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill that would have provided incentives for schools to adopt the state core curriculum.

The bill passed 78-26. [HB 4244, RC #86, 3/13/97]

**Co-Sponsored Bill Allowing Parents To Request Alternative School Curriculum For Any Subject They Object To**

Co-Sponsored Bill Allowing Parents To Request Alternative School Curriculum For Any Subject They Object To. “Parental objections to books and other school curriculum come up in Michigan and elsewhere. This week's Greater Lansing Outlook explores the issue after a DeWitt High School parent raised questions about a book assigned there. KJ Dell'Antonia, who edits and writes for the New York Times' Motherlode blog, noted that New Hampshire may have the broadest law in the nation allowing parents to object to curriculum assigned in a public school. …’The resulting flurry of argument and debate over the rights of parents in public schools led to New Hampshire legislators passing a law (over a gubernatorial veto) that allows parents to request an alternative school curriculum for any subject to which they register an objection.’ … Five Michigan lawmakers are listed as cosponsors of the Parental Rights Amendment in the current session of Congress, including Reps. Dave Camp, R-Midland, and Tim Walberg, R-Tipton.” [Lansing State Journal, 2/14/14]

**Voted Against Increasing Inconsistency In Federal Education Policy**

Voted Against Decreasing Length Of No Child Left Behind Reauthorization From Six To Three Years. In February 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to decrease the length of the bill's reauthorization of existing elementary and secondary education law from Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2018. According to Rep. Jared Polis, “Having the Federal education policy in place for long enough for all
of its systems around public education to catch up and create rules, create policies to see the new law succeed to the extent that it can are absolutely critical for any Federal education law. The worst possible outcome would be every single 2 or 3 years, this body goes in a radically different direction with regard to Federal education policy, causing every State, every district, every educator, every principal--instead of spending time teaching kids and helping educate children in the classroom--studying up on Federal education policy, trying to fill out new forms, trying to figure out new testing regimes; and, just as they figure them out, we are going to move the ball again. Whatever the Federal education policy is, it is very important to have some consistency.” [HR 5, Vote #96, 2/26/15; House Congressional Record, Page H1255, 2/26/15]

### Voted Against Ensuring Textbooks Meet Education Standards

**Voted Against An Amendment To Create A Federal Ombudsman For School Textbooks.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to establish an ombudsman within the Department of Education to act as a neutral reviewer to ensure that textbooks meet academic standards. “Under Castro's proposal, students, teachers and administrators could submit complaints to the Department of Education ombudsman. The ombudsman would not be able to undo state decisions over textbooks, but could help resolve disagreements over textbook content.” The amendment failed, 182 to 243. [HR 5, Vote #97, 2/26/15; The Hill, 2/26/15]

### 2013: Student Success Act

**2013: Trumpeted House Passage Of Student Success Act.** “I have worked with my colleagues to help restore state and local control for our educators, parents and stu-dents. In July 2013, the House passed the Student Success Act, which marked the first time in more than a decade we approved legislation to revamp K-12 education law. The Student Success Act puts control back in the hands of parents, school leaders and local communities. The bill would also eliminate nearly 70 ineffective or poorly performing programs, and repeals the burdensome Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) metric.” [Rep. Walberg, Press Release, HR 5, 2/23/14]

**Walberg: Bill Eliminated “Nearly 70 Ineffective Or Poorly Performing Programs.”** “The Student Success Act puts control back in the hands of parents, school leaders and local communities. The bill would also eliminate nearly 70 ineffective or poorly performing programs, and repeals the burdensome Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) metric.” [Walberg Press Release, 2/23/14]

### Voted Against A Motion To Guarantee Continued Funding For The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act

**Voted Against A Motion To Guarantee Continued Funding For The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.** In July 2015, Walberg voted against a Democratic motion to recommit that “guarantees continued funding for IDEA [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act], including for students with autism and cognitive disabilities; and protects children with disabilities from abusive seclusion and restraint practices, which, according to the GAO, have resulted in severe injury and even death.” The motion failed, 185 to 244. [HR 5, Vote #422, 7/08/15; Democratic Leader – Motion To Recommit, 7/08/15]
Voted For Student Success Act To Renew And Overhaul No Child Left Behind, Allowing Funding To Follow Lower-Income Students To Other Schools And Distribute Block Grants To States

In July 2015, Walberg voted for the Student Success Act, a bill to “renew and overhaul the 2001 landmark elementary and secondary education law (PL 107-110) known as ‘No Child Left Behind.’” The bill passed, 218 to 213. [H R 5, Vote #423, 7/08/15; CQ Synopsis, 7/08/15]

Student Success Act Would Allow Funding To Follow Students From Lower Income Families To Other Schools, Eliminate And Merge The Funding Of 65 Programs. “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and would make fundamental changes to many of its programs through Fiscal 2019. The bill would allow Title I funding to follow individual students to other schools, and eliminates more than 65 elementary and secondary education programs and merges their funding.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/08/15]

Student Success Act Would Distribute New Title 1 Block Grants To States, Allow Them To Establish Their Own Teach Evaluation Systems Tied To Student Achievement. “The new Title I block grant would give states greater flexibility in how funds are used. It would also allow states to establish their own teacher evaluation systems tied to student achievement.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/08/15]

Student Success Act Would Reauthorize And Expand Charter School Programs, Increase Parental Choice. “The bill would also reauthorize and expand the charter school program and includes other provisions to increase parental choice.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/08/15]
Energy Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Accepted over $170,000 from oil and gas companies in career, while voting multiple times to protect their subsidies and tax breaks

✓ Voted against preventing gas price hikes

✓ Opposed plan to increase energy independence, promote renewables

✓ Voted against requiring companies to have a disaster plan for oil spills

✓ 2008: Voted against a bill seeking to prevent excessive speculation in oil and other futures trading

✓ 2008: Voted against a bill that would make it illegal for foreign countries to collectively manipulate energy prices or supplies

✓ 2013: Voted against requiring Keystone XL developer, Transcanada, to pay for oil spills

✓ Voted against a motion to require that pipeline owners, not taxpayers, were liable for any cleanup costs associated with pipeline explosion

✓ Said he would consider eliminating Department of Energy

✓ 2015: Voted for an amendment eliminating funding for advanced technology vehicle manufacturing

✓ 2015: Voted for amendment cutting funding for nuclear energy and fossil fuel research

✓ Voted against a motion requiring oil companies to give up tax credits

✓ 2015: Voted against amendment that would have raised fees on oil companies to increase funding for Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

✓ 2015: Voted for amendment prohibiting use of funds to increase royalties paid to the US for oil and gas produced on federal land

✓ 2015: Voted against amendment which would have exempted from requirement for
Over his career, Walberg has accepted over $170,000 from oil and gas companies, and voted multiple times to provide them with subsidies and keep their tax breaks. In 2011, he voted against an amendment that would have forced oil and gas companies to disclose how much they spend on executive bonuses when applying for oil and gas leases. He supported the Keystone pipeline, and voted against requiring companies to have a disaster plan for oil spills. Walberg voted against preventing gas price hikes and price gouging. Walberg has voted to protect tax breaks for oil companies. He voted against renewable energy tax credits, and opposed a plan to increase energy independence while promoting renewable energy.

Earlier, in 2007, Walberg voted against a bill intended to crack down on Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries by subjecting them to federal antitrust laws by eliminating their sovereign immunity. The Heritage Foundation supported the lifting of OPEC’s immunity. In 2015, Walberg voted against a Democratic motion prohibiting LNG exports to any nation that is a state sponsor of terrorism.

In a vote that deviates from his career supporting the oil industry’s benefits, in 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment cutting funding for nuclear energy and fossil fuel research.

In 2013, Walberg voted against a motion requiring Keystone XL developer, Transcanada, to pay for oil spills. Furthermore, he voted against a motion which would have required gas pipeline owners, not taxpayers be liable for any cleanup costs associated with pipeline explosions. Additionally, Walberg voted against a motion requiring that oil companies give up tax credits.

In 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would have raised fees on oil companies to increase funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Additionally, in 2015, he voted against an amendment that would have prohibited coal rules from going into effect if it harmed infants, children, and the elderly. Also in 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment prohibiting use of funds to increase royalties paid to the US for oil and gas produced on federal land. Finally, the same year, he voted against an amendment which would have exempted from requirement for Congressional approval rules governing pipelines carrying natural gas and hazardous materials.
Over his career, Walberg has accepted $176,120 in donations from oil and gas companies. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 9/13/13]

**Attacked for Accepting Campaign Contributions from Oil Companies**

In 2008, the Michigan Democratic Party had a volunteer dress as an oil can named Oley and hand out flyers that said Walberg accepted $20,000 in campaign contributions from “Big Oil” and “thanked” him for supporting oil companies.

“We’re just here to thank Tim Walberg for doing all the work to keep profits high,” the protester said. [Hillsdale Daily News, 8/23/08]

**Voted to Give Subsidies to Oil Companies**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment that would cut subsidies to energy companies for fossil fuels research and development by $142 million.

According to the amendment’s sponsor, Representative John Kline (R-MN), the amendment was an attempt to make oil companies pay for fossil fuel research and development as opposed to taxpayers, particularly in light of the record profits being made by oil, gas and coal companies.” [Congressional Record, 6/19/07, Page: 6706]

The amendment was defeated 123-303. [HR 2641, Vote #511, 6/19/07]

**Voted to Protect Tax Breaks for Big Oil Companies**

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Rep. William Keating, who offered the motion to recommit, said, “Our alternative is an alternative of sensible spending cuts. Let’s stop sending taxpayer money to the most profitable companies in the world.” [CQ Today, 3/01/11]

The motion failed, 176-249. [HJR 44, Vote #153, 3/01/11]

**Voted Against Cutting Oil and Gas Subsidies Instead of Education to Balance the Budget**

In 2011, Walberg voted against prioritizing subsidies for major oil and gas companies and corporate jets as spending cuts before cutting education spending to help balance the budget.

The motion would have amended the underlying bill “to make sure it raised taxes on corporate jets and oil companies before cutting funding for education.” [Buffalo News, 7/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/29/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [S. 627, Vote #676, 7/29/11]
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**Opposed Repealing Tax Breaks for Big Oil**

In 2007, Walberg voted against shifting certain revenue from royalties and tax incentives from oil and gas companies into a reserve fund for alternative and renewable energies.

The bill would require current offshore fuel producers who are not paying federal royalties to agree to pay royalties when fuel prices reach certain thresholds or pay fees based on how much fuel they produce. [New York Times, 1/19/07; Speaker Pelosi Press Release, 1/18/07; CQ Floor Votes, 1/18/07]

The bill passed 264-163. [HR 6, Vote #40, 1/18/07]

**Claimed Bill Raised Gas Prices, Hurt Working Families**

In 2007, Walberg issued a statement that claimed that HR 6, the CLEAN Energy Act, would raise gas prices, thereby hurting working families.

From Walberg’s statement:

>This is the first tax increase vote in 13 years, and it didn’t take the new majority more than two weeks to bring it to the floor to punish the American worker. Bottom line, this bill will increase our reliance on foreign oil, decrease our competitiveness and raise the prices at the pumps and the energy bills of working families. [Representative Walberg press release, 1/18/07]

**Voted Against Having Gas Companies Disclose How Much They Spend on Bonuses**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment which would force oil and gas companies to disclose how much they spend on executive bonuses when applying for oil and gas leases.

The amendment would require companies seeking off-shore oil and gas leases under the programs listed in H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act, to disclose the amount of money their executives received in bonuses in the previous quarter. [The Hill, 5/11/11]

The amendment failed 186-240. [HR 1231, Vote #314, 5/11/11]

Walberg said he would consider eliminating federal departments such as Education, Commerce and Energy. Education-related powers could be returned to the state, he said.” [Michigan Live, 10/31/12]

Voted Against Preventing Gas Price Hikes

In 2011, Walberg voted against limiting the seizures of American farm and ranch land and to prevent gas price hikes.

The motion would have directed “the president to ensure federal agencies take ‘any feasible step’ to prevent an increase in gas prices and limit seizures of American farm and ranch land.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/11]

The motion failed 181-248. [HR 1938, Vote #649, 7/26/11]

Voted For FY16 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill Appropriating $35.4 Billion Towards Army Corps Of Engineers, Department Of Energy And Nuclear Weapons Programs

Voted For FY16 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill Appropriating $35.4 Billion For Army Corps Of Engineers, Department Of Energy And Nuclear Weapons Programs. In May 2015, Walberg voted for the Energy and Water Development bill, which increased funding to weapons programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and nuclear weapons programs. “The House passed its second 2016 appropriations bill on Friday, this time to fund the Department of Energy and water infrastructure projects. Passed 240-177 along party lines, the measure would provide $35.4 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Energy and nuclear weapons programs. The measure provides $1.2 billion more than the current enacted spending level, but $633 million less than what the Obama administration requested.” The bill passed, 240 to 177. [H.R. 2028, Vote #215, 5/01/15; The Hill, 5/01/15]

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projects. … In total, the measure provides $150 million for the Nuclear Waste Disposal Program.” [The Hill, 5/01/15]

**Bill Cut $279 Million From Renewable Energy Programs.** “Fearing an escalation of nuclear weapons, Rep. John Garamendi, D-Walnut Grove, on Friday voted against HR 2028, a $35.4 billion appropriations bill that also includes energy and water development projects. The bill passed, 240-177. …Meanwhile, renewable energy programs are funded at only $1.7 billion, a cut of $279 million compared to FY 2015, Garamendi said. The bill also includes language that would weaken the Clean Water Act in some circumstances.” [Davis Enterprise, 5/03/15]

**Bill “Locks In Sequestration.”** “The House on Friday passed a spending bill that would boost funding for the nation’s weapons programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and nuclear research, after beating back amendments that would drastically slash funding for various Department of Energy research programs. …Democrats criticized spending levels and individual policy riders in the bill, including one that would bar the Obama administration from implementing its National Oceans Policy and another that would permanently block the White House from moving forward on the so-called clean water rule. But their main point of contention was the bill's adherence to an overall spending framework that locks in sequestration.” [CQ Roll Call, 5/01/15]

**Bill Contained Rider Allowing Guns To Be Carried On All Corps Of Engineers’ Lands.** In May 2015, Walberg voted for the Energy and Water Development bill, which contained a rider allowing guns to be carried on all Corps of Engineers’ Lands. “Some provisions in the House energy and water bill approved Friday range far afield, such as a so-called legislative ‘rider’ allowing guns to be carried on all Corps of Engineers’ lands. Citing the politically divisive firearms policy, among other reasons, the White House issued a veto threat against the legislation.” The bill passed, 240 to 177. [H.R. 2028, Vote #215, 5/01/15; San Jose Mercury News, 5/01/15]

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**Voted For Amendment Reducing Appropriations In FY16 Energy And Water Bill By 11%**

**Voted For Amendment Reducing Appropriations In Energy And Water Bill By 11%; National Nuclear Security Administration And Defense Activities Exempted.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment reducing appropriations in energy and water bill by 11%, with the National Nuclear Security Administration, Environmental, defense activities and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. “Hudson, R-La., amendment that would reduce funds in the bill by 11 percent across the board,
except for those designated for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Environmental and Other Defense Activities or Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.” The amendment failed, 143 to 278. [H.R. 2028, Vote #205, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Amendment Would Have “Slashed Spending By 11.2% Across The Board.”** “The House on Friday passed a spending bill that would boost funding for the nation’s weapons programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and nuclear research, after beating back amendments that would drastically slash funding for various Department of Energy research programs. … Simpson and his allies were able to hold off a bevy of amendments seeking to drastically shift or cut funding in the bill, including one from North Carolina Republican Richard Hudson that would have slashed spending by 11.2 percent across the board.” [CQ Roll Call, 5/01/15]

**Voted For Amendment Reducing Appropriations In FY16 Energy And Water Bill By 1%**

**Voted For Amendment Reducing Appropriations In FY16 Energy And Water Bill By 1%**. In May 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment reducing appropriations in energy and water bill by 1%. “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce each amount made available under the act by 1 percent.” The amendment was rejected, 159-248. [H.R. 2028, Vote #210, 5/01/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/01/15]

**Voted To End Funding For Renewable Energy**

**Voted For Amendment To Cut $3.2 Billion By Eliminating Funding For Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding For Nuclear Energy.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, reduce Nuclear Energy by $691,886,000, and zero out funding for Fossil Energy and to apply the aggregate savings of $2,954,660,000 to the spending reduction account. “REP. TOM McCINTOCK, R-Calif, that would eliminate funding for the energy efficiency and renewable energy program, nuclear energy and fossil fuel research and apply the $3.2 billion savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected 110 to 311. [H.AMDT.172, Vote #200, 4/30/15; Congressional Quarterly House Action Report, 4/30/15]

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**Voted For Amendment That Would Have Eliminated Funding For Renewable Energy And Decreased Funding For Nuclear Energy.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and apply the savings of $1,657,774,000 to the spending reduction account. The amendment was rejected 139 to 282. [H.AMDT.172, Vote #199, 4/30/15]

**Voted Against Increasing Funding For Energy Projects By $20 Million**

**Voted Against Amendment To Add $20 Million To Keep Funding For Energy Technology Research At Current Levels.** In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would increase funding for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) by $20 million and to reduce funding for Departmental Administration by a similar amount.
“Earlier in the evening, California Democrat Eric Swalwell proposed an amendment bumping funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy up $20 million from the $280 million level in the underlying bill, using funds directed toward departmental administrative functions. The measure would keep funding for the agency, which supports breakthrough energy technology research, at the current level.” The amendment was rejected 202 to 219. [H.AMDT.178, Vote #202, 4/30/15; Congressional Quarterly News, 4/30/15]

**Voted Against Holding Pipeline Owners Liable For Explosions**

**Voted Against Motion To Require Pipeline Owners, Not Taxpayers, Are Liable For Any Cleanup Costs Associated With Pipeline Explosion.** In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit that would require that natural gas pipeline owners, not taxpayers, are liable for any damages, repair, and clean-up in the wake of a natural gas pipeline explosion. [HR 161, Vote #40, 1/21/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/21/15]

**Voted Against Prohibiting LNG Exports To State Sponsors Of Terrorism**

**Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit LNG Exports To State Sponsors Of Terrorism & Ensure LNG Exports Are On US-Built Ships.** In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would prohibit LNG exports to any nation that is a state sponsor of terrorism, or to any nation or corporation that engages in cyber-attacks against the United States, and would ensure that U.S. flagged and built ships are used to export LNG. The motion to recommit failed, 175-237. [HR 351, Vote #49, 1/28/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/22/15]

**Voted Against $30 Million In Drought Relief, State Electricity Energy Reliability And Assurance**

**Voted Against Appropriating $30 Million Towards Drought Relief, State Electricity Energy Reliability And Assurance.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would increase funding for drought relief and state electricity energy reliability and assurance by $30 million. The motion failed, 180 to 235. [H.R. 2028, Vote #214, 5/01/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/01/14]

**Voted Against Amendment To Allow Commercial Biofuels Production For Defense Purposes**

**Voted Against Amendment To Allow Commercial Biofuels Production For Defense Purposes.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment allowing DOE research funds to be used for commercial biofuels production for defense purposes. “Bonamici, D-Ore., amendment that would remove a provision in the bill that would bar funds authorized for an Energy Department bioenergy research program from being used to fund commercial biofuels production for defense purposes.” The amendment failed, 208 to 215. [HR 1806, Amendment #10, Vote #255, 5/20/15; Science Magazine, 5/20/15; CQ]

**Voted Against Amendment That Would Have Increased Funding For Water And Drought Work While Cutting Fossil Fuel Funding**

**Voted Against Amendment That Would Have Increased Funding For Water And Drought Work While Cutting Fossil Fuel Funding.** In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would have increased funding for Water and Related Resources
by $5 million and reduced funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by $20 million. “The same goes for the second amendment Ruiz introduced last week, which moves $5 million away from the study of fossil fuels and towards the study of drought mitigation in the West via the Bureau of Reclamation.” The amendment was rejected 172 to 249. [H.AMDT.162, Vote #196, 4/29/15; Desert Sun, 5/02/15]

**Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Use Of Funds To Study Report Analyzing Life Cycle Of Green House Gas Emissions And Interactions With Liquefied Natural Gas**


**2014: Voted to Approve Keystone XL Pipeline**

In November 2014, Walberg voted to bypass the State Department and approve the Keystone XL pipeline.

The bill was narrower than earlier House-passed measures. It did not include provisions addressing federal permits from the Bureau of Land Management, permits for migratory birds, Clean Water Act regulations on the discharge of dredged waters, or some protections from the Endangered Species Act. [Roll Call, 11/12/14]

The resolution passed, 233-185. [HR 748, Vote #517, 11/13/14]

**2015: Voted For The Keystone XL Pipeline**

Voted For The Keystone XL Pipeline. In January 2015, Walberg voted for approving the Keystone XL pipeline. “The House voted Friday to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, seizing on the momentum from a Nebraska Supreme Court ruling hours earlier that removed the last major legal obstacle to building the politically charged oil project.” The bill passed 266 to 153. [HR 3, Vote #16, 1/09/15; Politico, 1/09/15]

**2013: Voted Against Requiring Keystone Developer, Transcanada, to Pay for Spills**

In 2013, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit to require TransCanada, the developer of the Keystone XL pipeline, to pay for oil spills.

The motion would certify that the oil through the pipeline would be treated similarly to conventional crude for the purposes of determining contributions that fund the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund.

The motion failed 194-223. [HR 3, Vote #178, 5/22/13]
Voted Against Bill Requiring Keystone Oil Be Used in the USA

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment that would prohibit approval and construction of the Keystone XL pipeline until the president determined that the oil and refined fuels transported through it is used in the United States and not exported.

An exception would exist if the president found that an exception was in the national interest or required by law.

The amendment failed 162-255. [HR 3, Vote #179, 5/22/13]

Supported Keystone XL Oil Pipeline

In 2012, Walberg supported the Keystone XL pipeline, and said the project would create 20,000 “shovel-ready” jobs and over 100,000 ancillary jobs, as well as create more energy independence and security. [Hillsdale Daily News, 1/11/12]

Voted to Require the President to Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline Permit

In 2011, Walberg voted to require the President to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline within 60 days of the bill becoming a law.

The bill required President Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline within 60 days of the bill becoming law unless “it is determined that the pipeline is not in the national interest.” [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11]

The bill passed 234-193. [HR 3630, Vote #923, 12/13/11]

Voted to Place an Artificial Deadline on Keystone XL Oil Pipeline Permit

In 2011, Walberg voted to implement a deadline on the Obama Administration to make a ruling on the Keystone XL oil pipeline permit.

The bill forced the Obama Administration to make a ruling to approve or disapprove of the Keystone XL oil pipeline permit either by November 1, 2011, or within 30 days after the final environmental impact statement. Critics of the pipeline argued that the bill would block federal agencies and the public from fully weighing in on an environmental impact statement that was to be issued by the State Department.

Rep. Gerry Connolly called the pipeline’s promise of more domestic petroleum products a “charade.” [Houston Chronicle, 7/27/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/11]

The bill passed 279-147. [HR 1938, Vote #650, 7/26/11]

Voted Against Barring Oil and Gas Drilling Near Great Lakes and Everglades
In February 2012, Walberg voted against prohibiting federal or state permits or leases for new oil and gas drilling within five miles of the Great Lakes or the Florida Everglades.

The motion was rejected 176-241. [HR 3408, Vote #70, 2/16/12]

**Voted Against Cutting Funding to Produce Energy-Efficient Cars**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a short-term appropriations bill that would’ve cut $1.5 billion from the Department of Energy’s Advance Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

The continuing resolution would fund the federal government through November 18, 2011. The legislation would cut $1.5 billion from the Department of Energy’s Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program while providing $3.65 billion for disaster assistance.

“I was disappointed to see that the House shortchanged the Federal Emergency Management Agency,” Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader, said on the Senate floor, “failing to provide the funding to adequately help Americans whose lives have been devastated by floods, hurricanes and tornadoes.” [New York Times, 9/21/11]

The motion to concur failed 195-230. [HR 2608, Vote #719, 9/21/11]

**Vehicle Manufacturing Program Was Bush-Era Program, Supported Thousands of Jobs**

The Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing program was signed into law and first funded under President George W. Bush.

According to the Center for American Progress, cutting the program would “compound economic harm by hurting American manufacturing plants and eradicting tens of thousands of jobs as companies retool to build more efficient vehicles for the future.”

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 included the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing program to help auto companies and their suppliers convert their domestic plants to produce more fuel-efficient vehicles and to create or maintain auto industry jobs. It provided direct loans to help them retool their facilities or build new ones to make parts or build vehicles that are at least 25 percent more efficient than cars in 2005. [Center for American Progress, 9/15/11]

**Voted For Amendment Eliminating Funding For Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program; Republican Rep. Opposed Bill Believing It Would “Hamper Oversight” Of Existing Loans**

**Voted For Amendment Eliminating Funding For Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment eliminating funding for advanced technology vehicles program. “The House also rejected 171-250 an amendment by South Carolina Republican Mark Sanford to eliminate funding for the Energy Department's loan guarantee program for advanced technology vehicle manufacturing. Sanford argued that the program is dated and has outlived its purpose, but Energy-Water cardinal Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said zeroing out its funding would hamper oversight
Republican Rep. Mike Simpson Opposed Eliminating Funding, Believing It Would “Hamper Oversight Of The $8 Billion In Loans Already Doled Out.” “Sanford argued that the program is dated and has outlived its purpose, but Energy-Water cardinal Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said zeroing out its funding would hamper oversight of the $8 billion in loans already doled out.” [CQ Roll Call, 4/30/15]

Called for Increased Domestic Energy Production

In May 2012, Walberg wrote an op-ed calling for increased domestic energy production, in which Walberg criticized President Obama for refusing to move forward on the Keystone Pipeline and for cancelling oil leases on federal lands.

“The private sector, not the government, is and will always remain the real job creator in our country. If producers are given more liberty to pursue these techniques, it could put America in a position to become one of the largest energy producers in the world. And that would mean more jobs, greater security and lower energy prices,” Walberg wrote. [Walberg op-ed, Detroit News, 5/04/12]


Voted Against Amendment Continuing ARPA Goal Of Reducing Imports Of Foreign Energy, Through The Development Of Energy Efficiency Technology. In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 maintaining greenhouse gas emission goals for ARPA-E projects. The amendment would strike a provision in the bill that removed Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) goals for pursuing the development of energy technologies to reduce foreign energy imports, the reduction of energy-related emissions, including greenhouse gases, and improvement in the energy efficiency of all economic sectors. The amendment failed, 190 to 232. [H.R. 1806, Amendment #11, Vote #256, 5/20/15; CQ, 5/20/15]

Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Use Of Funds To Enforce Energy Efficiency Standards For Incandescent Light Bulbs

Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Use Of Funds To Enforce Energy Efficiency Standards For Incandescent Light Bulbs. In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment prohibiting the use of funds to regulate energy efficiency standards for incandescent bulbs. “The House adopted an amendment from Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Texas) late Thursday night that would prohibit the use of funds to enforce energy efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs. The Texan likened the energy conservation measure to an issue of individual liberty. ‘We should not be forcing these light bulbs on the American public,’ Burgess said. ‘The bottom line is the federal government has no business taking away the freedom of Americans to choose what bulbs to put in their homes.’” The amendment passed, 232 to 189. [H.R. 2028, Vote #207, 4/30/15; The Hill, 5/01/15]

Voted For Expedited Permitting For Natural Gas Pipeline Projects
**Voted For Bill To Expedite FERC Permitting For Natural Gas Pipeline Projects.** In January 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that “would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve or deny a natural gas pipeline project within one year after receiving a completed application. Federal agencies responsible for issuing permits would have to issue a ruling within 90 days of when FERC issues its final environmental statement for the project. Under the bill, FERC could extend that period for another 30 days. The bill would provide that if a federal agency does not rule within the required time period, the permit will be deemed approved 30 days later.” The bill passed, 253 to 169. [HR 161, Vote #41, 1/21/15; CQ]

**Voted For Requiring Expedited Consideration Of LNG Export Permit Applications**

**Voted For Legislation To Require Expedited Consideration Of LNG Export Permit Applications.** In January 2015, Walberg voted for legislation that “would require the Energy Department to make a decision on pending applications to export liquefied natural gas within 30 days of the bill's enactment or at the end of the public comment period, whichever is later. Under the bill, applications would have to publicly disclose the countries that would receive the proposed exports. It also would authorize the U.S. Court of Appeals for the circuit where the proposed export facility will be located to exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action pertaining to such applications. The court would be required to order the Energy Department to approve any applications within 30 days if it finds the agency did not issue a decision by the bill's deadline.” [HR 351, Vote #50, 1/28/15; CQ]

**Co-sponsored Legislation to Drill in Artic National Wildlife Refuge**

In March 2011, Walberg co-sponsored the American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act, which repealed the prohibition on drilling in ANWR. [HR 49, co-sponsored 3/14/11]

**Voted to Support Drilling in ANWR, Outer Continental Shelf**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to instruct conferees to adjust budget levels to assume $2 billion in increased revenues from expanding federal leases for oil exploration and development in the western federal lands, the Outer Continental Shelf and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/14/08]

The motion failed 185-229. [S Con Res 70, Vote #321, 5/14/08]

**Circulated Discharge Petition for Bill to Drill in ANWR**

In 2008, Walberg introduced a discharge petition to force a vote on the No More Excuses Energy Act. The bill encouraged construction of new gas refineries on federal lands, allowed for oil and gas drilling in ANWR, and lifted the ban on oil exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf. The bill extended tax credits for wind energy facilities, as well as for natural gas production and nuclear energy. [HR 3089, introduced 7/18/07; Discharge Petition No. 0008, 6/10/08]
Representative Kuhl claimed the No More Excuses Energy Act would save consumers at least $1.98 per gallon. [Representative Kuhl press release, 6/17/08]

**Supported Drilling in Artic National Wildlife Refuge**

Walberg has been a consistent supporter of Republican and Big Oil’s plans to drill for oil in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a Republican plan to increase oil drilling and overhaul energy policies.

The measure included allowing offshore drilling, exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and provisions related to energy efficiency, “smart grid” technologies, loan guarantees, alternative fuels and coal gasification. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/04/07]

The measure was defeated 169-244. [HR 3221, Vote #831, 8/04/07]

**Walberg: Drilling Can Be Done “Discreetly and Safely”**

In August 2006, Walberg claimed that drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge could be done “discreetly and safely,” touting it as a way to reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/02/06]

**Voted Against Determining the Benefit of Lowering Environmental Standards for Off-shore Drilling**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion which required the EPA administrator to determine if a Republican bill would actually result in lower gas prices at the pump.

The motion would have required the EPA administrator to study whether relaxing the off-shore oil and gas permitting process, as laid out in the Republicans’ underlying bill, would actually reduce the cost of gas per gallon at gas stations. Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee suggested that this bill would lower gas prices. [House Energy and Commerce Press Release, 6/22/11; Congressional Record, 6/22/11]

The motion failed 177-245. [HR 2021, Vote #477, 6/22/11]

**Voted to Force the Sale of Off-shore Oil Leases near Virginia and in the Gulf of Mexico**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which forced the sale of oil and natural gas leases in the waters off the coast of Virginia and in the Gulf of Mexico about a year after the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe.

The legislation required the Secretary of the Interior to hold sales for specific off-shore leases located in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Virginia. It also stated that the environmental requirements for these sales would be considered as having been met by the current Environmental Impact Statement. [New York Times, 5/06/11; CQ Floor Votes, 5/05/11]
The bill passed 266-149. [HR 1230, Vote #298, 5/05/11]

Before that vote, Walberg even voted against a motion which specified that all the oil and natural gas produced by the land from these leases would be sold only in the United States.

The motion failed 171-238. [HR 1230, Vote #297, 5/05/11]

**Voted to Limit Outer Continental Shelf Drilling Regulations**

In 2011, Walberg voted to limit the EPA’s ability to regulate drilling on the outer continental shelf.

The bill limited the EPA to six months to deny air pollution permits for offshore rigs and platforms. The bill also “limits challenges to the EPA’s appeals board and restricts which emissions can be evaluated.” [Washington Post, 6/23/11]

The bill passed 253-166. [HR 2021, Vote #478, 6/22/11]

**Voted to Allow Offshore Drilling on the East Coast and Off of Southern California**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which expanded the available land for offshore drilling to include areas in the Pacific near southern California and off the east coast in the Atlantic Ocean.

The legislation would have expanded the land available for offshore drill leasing to include parts off the shore of southern California and the eastern seaboard during the 2012-2017 five-year oil and gas leasing period. [The Hill, 5/11/11; The Hill, 3/29/11; Bloomberg News, 5/11/11]

The bill passed 243-173. [HR 1231, Vote #320, 5/12/11]

**Would Not Promise Funding for Michigan State University Energy Project**

In 2011, Walberg said he supported a project at the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) but wanted to wait to see what the funding looked like before supporting it in 2012.

Michigan State University was selected as the site for the Department of Energy FRIB project in 2008. The $600 million facility would have 400 scientists and staff and is estimated to have a $1 billion impact on Greater Lansing’s economy. [Lansing State Journal, 3/29/11]

**Voted to Speed Up Oil and Gas Lease Approvals in the Gulf of Mexico**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which required the Department of the Interior to rule on exploratory drilling permits for lessees in the Gulf of Mexico in 60 days or less or the permit would be considered approved.

The legislation required the Department of the Interior to deem applications for oil and gas drilling permits approved 30 days, or as many as 60 days (after two possible 15 day extensions), after receiving
the application. If the application is denied then the Department of the Interior must provide written reasons for the denial.

Democrats opposed the bill because they felt that it would hinder the ability of the Department of the Interior to approve the leases in a responsible way. [The Hill, 05/05/11; The Hill, 5/11/11; USA Today, 5/12/11; CQ BillAnalysis, 5/20/11; FoxBusiness, 5/11/11]

The bill passed 226-163. [HR 1229, Vote #309, 5/11/11]

Before that vote, Walberg even voted against a motion which would stop the sale of new leases to companies which still owed fines and penalties for economic and environmental damages in the Gulf of Mexico.

The motion failed 186-239. [HR 1229, Vote #308, 5/11/11]

**Voted Against Having Gas Companies Disclose How Much They Spend on Bonuses**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment which would force oil and gas companies to disclose how much they spend on executive bonuses when applying for oil and gas leases.

The amendment would require companies seeking off-shore oil and gas leases under the programs listed in H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act, to disclose the amount of money their executives received in bonuses in the previous quarter. [The Hill, 5/11/11]

The amendment failed 186-240. [HR 1231, Vote #314, 5/11/11]

**Voted Against Requiring Companies to Have a Disaster Plan for Oil Spills**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment that required oil and gas companies to have contingency plans for worst-case scenarios, including plans for oil containment and cleanup, when applying for 5-year oil and gas off-shore permits.

The amendment would require companies seeking off-shore oil and gas leases under the 5-year oil and gas leasing programs listed in H.R. 1231, the Reversing President Obama’s Offshore Moratorium Act, to submit plans for a worst-case scenario oil spill including oil containment and cleanup. Due to a lack of planning for oil containment and cleanup the Deepwater Horizon oil spill leaked about 185 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. [The Hill, 5/11/11; Congressional Record, 5/11/11; New York Times, 10/17/11]

The amendment failed 195-223. [HR 1231, Vote #315, 5/11/11]

**Mocked Question on Oil Spill During Candidate Debate**

In 2010, Walberg mocked the debate moderator for asking a question about the Kalamazoo River oil spill.

“These are valuable questions about the economy, aren’t they?” Walberg said. [MIRS, 10/13/10]
**Voted for Cuts to the Department of Energy Budget**

In 2011, Walberg voted to cut funding for the Department of Energy in Fiscal Year 2012, including to high speed rail and renewable energy programs and to repeal regulations on light-bulbs.

The bill, which provides funding for the Department of Energy in Fiscal Year 2012 cut $1 billion from similar Fiscal Year 2011 funding. This funding goes to the Department of Energy and the Army Corps of Engineers programs. The bill moved $1 billion from high speed rail funding to flood relief along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. It also cut $491 million from the renewable energy programs from FY11 leaving it at $1.3 billion for FY12. The bill blocks the administration from closing the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project and, because of an amendment, repeals the 2007 bipartisan regulation on light bulbs which would make them more energy efficient. [Associated Press, 7/15/11]

The bill passed 219-196. [HR 2354, Vote #600, 7/15/11]

**Voted Against Requiring Selling American Oil and Gas Here in America**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion which would have required that oil and gas developed from leases made in the underlying bill would have to be sold in the United States.

The motion required that all the oil and natural gas generated from the new leases be sold in the United States. The motion would have also required that the number of non-producing leases be cutting in half by 2017. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/12/11]

The motion failed 180-243. [HR 1231, Vote #319, 5/12/11]

**Voted Against Banning Export of Oil and Gas Produced to Foreign Countries**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against an amendment that would bar the export of oil and gas produced under new leases as a result of the requirements imposed by the bill.

The bill prohibited oil and gas produced under new leases authorized by this legislation from being exported to foreign countries, ensuring American resources remain in America to benefit American consumers.

The amendment failed 161-256. [HR 4480, Vote 400, 6/21/12]

**Voted Against Barring Oil Companies from New Drilling Leases if Taking Massive Tax Benefits**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against prohibiting major oil companies from receiving new drilling leases authorized under the bill unless they agree not to claim certain tax benefits, including the percentage depletion allowance and the domestic production activities deduction.

The motion was rejected 166-243. [HR 4480, Vote #409, 6/21/12]
Percentage Depletion Allowance a Massive Tax Cut to Big Oil

Percentage depletion allowance is a deduction on taxable income made from a reservoir’s oil production.

Below is an example of the practice, excerpted from Robert Bryce’s “Cronies: Oil, the Bushes, and the Rise of Texas, America’s Superstate”:

“An oilman drills a well that costs $100,000. He finds a reservoir containing $10,000,000 worth of oil. The well produces $1 million worth of oil per year for ten years. In the very first year, thanks to the depletion allowance, the oilman could deduct 27.5 per cent, or $275,000, of that $1 million in income from his taxable income. Thus, in just one year, he’s deducted nearly three times his initial investment. But the depletion allowance continues to pay off. For each of the next nine years, he gets to continue taking the $275,000 depletion deduction. By the end of the tenth year, the oilman has deducted $2.75 million from his taxable income, even though his initial investment was only $100,000.” [Kansas City Star, accessed 7/09/12]

Domestic Production Activities Deduction Incentivizes US Industry to Remain

The domestic production activities deduction allows certain businesses operating within the United States to claim a tax deduction of nine percent of income, incentivizing them to remain within the country. [Orange County Register, 6/11/12]

Decided to Run Again After Representative Schauer’s Cap and Trade Vote

In 2009, Walberg announced he would run again for Congress in Michigan’s 7th district, after disagreeing with Schauer’s votes for costly government packages including the American Clean Energy and Security Act, commonly referred to as cap and trade.

“I think that was the straw that broke the camel’s back,” Walberg said. “It was time to get back in the arena and to contend not only for this seat but to contend for restoring this nation’s economy, and for policies that would put our nation back on the road to economic growth and individual liberty.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/15/09]

Voted Against Tax Incentives for Renewable Energy

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would extend expiring tax provisions through 2009.

Specifically, the bill would provide tax incentives for carbon capture and sequestration demonstration projects, and investment in renewable energy. These tax incentives would be offset by prohibiting individuals from understating foreign oil and gas extraction income in the calculation of foreign tax credits, freezing the deduction amount for oil and gas companies and prohibiting individuals who work for certain offshore corporations to defer tax on compensations. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/26/08]

The bill passed 257-166. [HR 7060, Vote #649, 9/25/08]
Sierra Club Released Ad Targeting Walberg To Vote To Renew The Wind Production Tax Credit

Sierra Club Released Ad Targeting Walberg To Vote To Renew The Wind Production Tax Credit. “The following information was released by the Sierra Club: Sierra Club launched a national ad campaign today, urging Congress to reauthorize a critical incentive for domestic wind energy investments. The effort, which includes substantial online and television ad buys, focuses on Members of Congress with wind manufacturing jobs in their districts and states that are at risk if the Wind Production Tax Credit is not renewed. The first wave of ads targets twenty House members who have been silent as the Wind Production Tax Credit has expired, and involves a television ad targeting Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-07) and extensive online ad buys in 20 other districts. The ad targeting Walberg will air more than 5,000 times throughout June on broadcast and cable channels in Michigan's 7th district.” [Sierra Club, Press Release, 6/12/14]

Did Not Vote Regarding Offshore Drilling, Renewable Energy

In 2008, Walberg did not vote on a bill to give states the option to allow oil and gas offshore drilling between 50 and 100 miles off the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, except for waters in the Gulf of Mexico off the Florida coast. The federal government could permit drilling from 100 to 200 miles offshore. It stipulates that the federal government would collect all royalties from new oil and gas leases permitted under the bill. It would require utilities to obtain 15 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2020. It also includes roughly $19 billion in new tax incentives for renewable energy, new coal technologies and alternative-fuel vehicles.

Despite the objections of Republicans who said it would do little to boost offshore oil and gas production. President Bush threatened a veto. A Republican attempt to stall the measure was defeated. Democrats touted the bill as a compromise that would expand domestic production and invest in alternative energy sources. It would allow drilling beyond 100 miles off U.S. shores and give states the option of allowing production beyond 50 miles from the shores. It proposes major incentives for renewable energy, building efficiency and advanced technologies for coal-fired power plants. [CQ Weekly, 9/16/08]

The bill passed by a vote of 236 to 189. [HR 6899, Vote #599, 9/16/08]

Voted For Bill Expanding “Offshore Energy Production”

Voted For Lowering Gasoline Prices To Fuel An America That Works Act. “Thursday, Rep. Walberg voted in favor of H.R. 4899, the Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act, to lower prices for consumers by expanding production fo America's energy resources. Specifically, H.R. 4899 will require that the Administration move forward with new offshore energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources, remove government roadblocks and ensure resources from Alaska are developed and are transported quicker and more efficiently.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 6/30/14]

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**Participated in “Spontaneous Uprising” On House Floor To Support Energy Legislation**

In 2008, Walberg and other House Republicans protested against Speaker Pelosi’s decision to leave for August recess without having scheduled a House vote on energy legislation.

Representative Boehner called the event a “spontaneous uprising” and an “historic revolt.” [Representative Boehner press release, 8/01/08]

**Modeled Protest After Moses Petitioning Pharaoh**

In 2008, Walberg spoke on the House floor in protest of Speaker Pelosi’s decision to call a recess before scheduling a vote on proposed energy bills.

“My speech was patterned after Moses petitioning Pharaoh - ‘let my people vote’ - on an energy measure that would use wind, solar and alternative fuels,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/05/08]

**Voted Against Releasing 70 Million Barrels of Crude Oil**

In July 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill that would require the Energy Department to release 70 million barrels of lighter grade crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in exchange for the same amount of heavier grade crude oil.

The measure would replace the high-grade petroleum with heavy, sour oil that is tougher to refine. [CQ Today, 7/24/08]

The motion failed 268-157, falling short of the 2/3 majority required under suspension of the rules. [HR 6578, Vote #527, 7/24/08]

**Said Plan Would Compromise National Security**

In 2008, Walberg opposed a plan to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help bring down high gas prices that summer.

“Rather than work on real energy solutions, Speaker Pelosi and her faithful followers would rather compromise America’s national security and deplete our emergency oil reserves… This is another silly gimmick that does nothing to increase energy production, instead it just depletes an emergency energy source,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 8/12/08]

**Opposed Requiring Holders of Oil Leases to Drill or Release Land**
In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would strip oil companies of their leases to federal land not being used for drilling.

Democrats referred to the bill as the “use it or lose it” measure, saying that oil companies already lease 68 million acres of government land and waters that they are not exploiting, and before opening new areas, the companies should be forced to use the leases they hold. [CQ Today, 6/26/08]

Many Republicans opposed the bill, saying that it was easier to blame others for the rise in oil prices. “…blame it on oil companies, blame it on OPEC,” Republican Minority Leader John Boehner said. “There’s only one group, only one group in this chamber we ought to blame, and that is all the liberals in this House who have voted for ‘no energy’ each and every time over the last 18 years that I’ve been here.” [CQ Today, 6/26/08]

The bill failed 223-195. [HR 6251, Vote #469, 6/26/08]

**Opposed DRILL Act**

In 2008, Walberg opposed the Drill Responsibly on Leased Lands Act. Democrats said the bill would force oil companies to drill on 68 million acres where drilling was not already taking place.

Walberg criticized the bill, saying it did not open new land for drilling, restricted exploration, made environmental lawsuits easier, and banned non-union construction of pipelines.

[Representative Walberg press release, 8/11/08]

**Opposed Fees for Oil Company Drilling in Gulf of Mexico**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would help states recoup property taxes lost due to having large tracts of federal land.

The bill would reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools program, which helps offset the loss of tax revenue from federal lands. The bill would also allow counties to opt to receive 25 percent of the revenues from economic activities on National Forest lands and 50 percent on Bureau of Land Management lands in lieu of traditional direct payments.

The bill would offset the cost of this program by imposing a fee on oil and gas producers in the Gulf of Mexico that erroneously received permanent royalty-free leases in 1998 and 1999. [CQ Today, 6/05/08]

The bill failed 218-193. [HR 3058, Vote #387, 6/05/08]

**Opposed Budget that Invested in Renewable Energy**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a conference report that would establish the congressional budget for fiscal year 2009. The report would call for $3.1 trillion in spending in fiscal year 2009 and federal revenue totaling $2.7 trillion. The spending allowed for up to $1 trillion in discretionary spending for the fiscal year, plus $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. [Congressional Quarterly]
The bill would project a $22 billion budget surplus by fiscal year 2012. Democrats argued that it would also allow the budget to remain in balance in 2013 using estimates from the Congressional Budget Office. [CQ Today, 6/05/08; “Summary of the 2009 Budget Conference Agreement,” House Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

Republicans argued that the conference report for the budget was the largest tax increase in history, saying that the budget would increase taxes by at least $638 billion over the next five years. [“The Largest Tax Increase in History, However They Slice It,” Republican Caucus, The Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

Specifically, the bill would provide $7.7 billion in funding for renewable energy, energy efficiency and other energy programs. This figure was $2.8 billion, or 55.4 percent, more than the 2008 level. It would also reject the President’s budget cuts to energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. [“Summary of the 2009 Budget Conference Agreement,” House Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

The conference report passed 214-210. [S Con Res 70, Vote #382, 6/05/08]

**Opposed Extension of Tax Credits for Renewable Energy**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would revive or extend about $55.5 billion in tax breaks for individuals and businesses for one year.

Specifically, the bill would allot $1.7 billion to allow individuals to deduct state sales taxes instead of income taxes from their 2008 tax filing, and $2.6 billion to extend the deduction for tuition and related expenses through 2008. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill also extended tax credits for solar energy, wind energy, biomass, geothermal energy and certain coal projects. The bill would also create a new category of tax credit bonds to help state and local governments with projects designed to reduce greenhouse gases. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill passed 263-160. [HR 6049, Vote #344, 5/21/08]

**Supported a Measure to Prioritize Federal Grants Towards Energy Efficient Technologies**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the Small Business Act that would award grants to small businesses taking steps to improve their energy efficiency and cut their CO2 emissions.

Supporters said the amendment would reward small businesses for innovative and cost-cutting energy strategies at a time of sharply rising energy prices. [U.S. House of Representatives, 4/23/08]

The amendment was adopted 355-48. [HR 5819, Vote #213, 4/23/08]

**Supported Expanding Development of Alternative Energy**

In 2008, Walberg supported expanding development of alternative energy.
“We need to expand the development of wind, solar and other alternative energies and build new nuclear power plants,” Walberg said. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 9/05/08]

**Voted to Suspend Rules for Strategic Petroleum Reserve Acquisitions**

In May 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would require the Interior and Energy departments to halt acquisition of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) until the end of 2008. The departments could resume shipments if the president determined that the average price of oil in the United States for the most recent 90-day period was $75 a barrel or less.

While even the bill’s supporters noted that its effect on prices at the gas pump would be minimal, “bipartisan support for freezing SPR purchases was a breakthrough of sorts in a longstanding partisan impasse on contentious oil issues.” [CQ Weekly, 5/19/08]

The motion passed 385-25. [HR 6022, Vote #307, 5/13/08]

**Co-sponsored Boutique Fuel Reduction Act**

In 2008, Walberg co-sponsored the Boutique Fuel Reduction Act to limit the number of regional “boutique” fuel blends in an attempt to reduce the price of gas.

“We need to do all we can to bring down the price at the pump, and this bill is a component which will bring gasoline to the market quicker, at a lower cost and with less confusion,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 5/22/08; HR 2493, co-sponsored 5/21/08]

**Signed Discharge Petition for Fuel Mandate Reduction Act**

In 2008, Walberg signed a discharge petition for the Fuel Mandate Reduction Act, which would limit the number of regional “boutique” fuel blends. [Representative Walberg press release, 7/15/08; HR 2493, Discharge Petition No. 0013, 7/15/08]

**Co-Sponsored Bill to Lift Moratorium on Off-Shore Production of Natural Gas**

In 2007, Walberg co-sponsored a bill to lift a twenty-three year moratorium on exploring and developing off-shore production of natural gas. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 1/04/08]

**Voted Against Energy Bill That Would Reduce Dependence on Fossil Fuels**

In 2007, Walberg voted against comprehensive energy legislation that would raise automobile fuel-efficiency standards for the first time in 32 years and require increased use of renewable energy sources to generate electricity.

Democrats characterized the legislation as “a new direction” in U.S. energy policy away from dependence on fossil fuels.
✓ The bill would boost corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards by 40 percent, to an industry average of 35 miles per gallon by 2020, the first such action since 1975, when Congress first enacted the federal auto fuel economy requirements.

✓ The bill would expand the use of ethanol sevenfold to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022 with 21 billion gallons coming from cellulosic feedstock such as wood chips and prairie grass.

✓ The bill would require electric utilities to produce at least 15 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020 and direct the Energy Department to set new energy efficiency standards for appliances and building construction.

✓ It also would eliminate or reduce $13 billion in subsidies and tax breaks for the five major oil and gas companies to be used for tax incentives for development of renewable energy sources like ethanol from grasses and wood chips and biodiesel and for energy efficiency programs and conservation. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/06/07; Associated Press, 12/06/07]

The motion was agreed to 235-181. [HR 6, Vote #1140, 12/06/07]

**Voted to Protect Oil Companies, Against Energy Efficiency**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to authorize $16.1 billion in energy-related tax provisions, including new tax credit bonds to encourage energy efficiency in residential property and more production of “clean” energy.

The bill authorized $3.6 billion in bonds for state and local governments to fund energy conservation efforts.

The costs of the bill were offset primarily by reducing current tax benefits for oil and gas companies.

The bill also raised taxes on the oil and gas industry and used the proceeds to extend and expand tax breaks for renewable energy, hybrid cars and energy-efficient buildings and appliances.

In addition, the bill created a $6 billion “green bond fund” that would help local and state governments build energy-efficient projects. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/04/07]

The bill passed 221-189. [HR 2776, Vote #835, 8/04/07]

**Opposed Plan to Increase Energy Independence, Promote Renewables**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, develop innovative new technologies, reduce carbon emissions, create green jobs, protect consumers, increase clean renewable energy production, and modernize our energy infrastructure. The bill set new efficiency standards for appliances, lighting and buildings, and create new programs to research infrastructure and delivery of alternative fuels.
The bill also required oil and natural gas producers who did not pay royalties on leased federal land under existing law to either agree to renegotiate their leases or pay a new fee.

In addition, the bill expanded an existing federal program to promote the capture and storage of carbon dioxide and set a goal of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions by federal agencies by 2050.

The bill also required utilities, starting in 2010, to produce at least 2.75 percent of electricity from renewable sources, with percentages rising each year to 15 percent by 2020. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/04/07]

The bill passed 241-172. [HR 3221, Vote #832, 8/04/07]

**Voted Against Increased Use of Renewable Energy**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to increase the use of renewable energies.

The amendment required retail electricity suppliers, starting in 2010, to produce at least 2.75 percent of electricity from renewable energy sources, with percentages rising each year to 15 percent by 2020. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/04/07]

The amendment passed 220-190. [HR 3221, Vote #827, 8/04/07]

**Co-Sponsored Bill Removing Limits on Offshore Gas Drilling**

In July 2007, Walberg added his name as a co-sponsor to the National Environment and Energy Development (NEED) Act.

The NEED Act would allow for American natural gas production on the Outer Continental Shelf while directing obtained royalties to states and to renewable fuels research and environmental cleanup and restoration.

The bill would provide states the right to explore off their coasts. The first 25 miles would be off-limits, while the 100 mile mark and out would be opened for exploring effective immediately upon enactment. The status of waters between 25-75 miles offshore would be left up to the states. [Representative Walberg press release, 7/03/07]

**Claimed Stricter Fuel Economy Would Aid Foreign Carmakers**

In August 2007, Walberg criticized a bill that raised fuel economy standards in the United States, calling the bill’s requirements “draconian.” The bill required that a given carmaker’s fleet of vehicles meet an average fuel economy of 35 miles-per-gallon.

Walberg argued that the bill aided foreign Carmakers, because American Carmakers had a higher percentage of trucks and SUVs in their product mix compared to foreign companies.

Congress should support American manufacturing and American workers, but the U.S. Senate did the exact opposite last month when it approved a draconian energy bill… Clearly, the new mandate would
benefit foreign manufacturers while punishing the American automotive industry,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 8/10/07]

**Voted to Cut Funding for Renewable Energy Programs**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Energy and Water appropriations bill that would reduce funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs by $102 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 107-320. [HR 2641, Vote #509, 6/19/07]

**Voted to Allow Energy Development on Federal Lands**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to a bill that would authorize the National Landscape Conservation System at the Bureau of Land Management.

The amendment would have specified that the act would not restrict energy development within the system. [CQ Today, 4/09/08]

The amendment passed 333-89. [HR 2016, Vote # 170, 4/09/08]

**Supported Use of Energy Efficient Light Bulbs**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce and Justice to require the use of energy efficient light bulbs in government offices.

The amendment barred the use of funds in the bill to purchase light bulbs that do not have an “Energy Star” designation. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/07]

The amendment passed 404-16. [HR 3093, Vote #738, 7/26/07]

**Walberg on Oil Drilling: “Let’s Not Rape the Land”**

In 2008, Walberg discussed the No More Excuses Energy Act and other attempts to reduce gas prices at a community forum. Several people asked about oil drilling hurting the land.

“Let’s not rape the land, but use it appropriately,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 6/14/08]

**Supported Tax Breaks for Alternative Fuels**

In 2006, Walberg said that he supported tax breaks for alternative fuels.

“I’m committed to giving tax breaks to all citizens, including business,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/02/06]
Opposed Extension of Tax Credits for Renewable Energy, R&D Tax Credit

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would revive or extend about $55.5 billion in tax breaks for individuals and businesses for one year.

Specifically, the bill would allot $1.7 billion to allow individuals to deduct state sales taxes instead of income taxes from their 2008 tax filing, and $2.6 billion to extend the deduction for tuition and related expenses through 2008. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill also included $8.8 billion to extend a research and development credit which gives companies an extra incentive to invest in future products through 2008. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill also extended tax credits for solar energy, wind energy, biomass, geothermal energy and certain coal projects. The bill would also create a new category of tax credit bonds to help state and local governments with projects designed to reduce greenhouse gases. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill passed 263-160. [HR 6049, Vote #344, 5/21/08]

Voted Against Increased Funding For Renewable Energy Projects And Reduced Funding For Fossil Fuels

Voted Against Amendment That Would Have Increased Funding For Renewable Energy And Decreased Funding For Fossil Fuel Energy. In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by $25,500,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy by $34,000,000. The amendment was rejected 173 to 248. [H.AMDT.167, Vote #198, 4/29/15]

Voted Against Reducing Funding By $45 Million For Fossil Fuel Research

Voted Against Amendment To Decrease Funding For Fossil Energy Research And Development By $45 Million. In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by $45 million and to apply the savings to the spending reduction account. “Page 22, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by $45,000,000)” The amendment was rejected 175 to 246. [H.AMDT.174, Vote #201, 4/30/15; Congressional Quarterly, 4/30/15]

Voted For Increased Funding For Fossil Fuels While Cutting Renewable Energy

Voted For Increasing Fossil Energy Research Funding By $50 Million While Cutting Renewable Energy Funding. In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would have increased funding for funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by $50 million and to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by a similar amount. The amendment was rejected 177 to 244. [H.AMDT.164, Vote #197, 4/29/15]

2014: Opposed Effort To Promote Green Technologies So As To Emphasize The Production Of Oil And Gas Production
Offered Amendment To Ban Funding Of National Media Campaign To Promote Green Technologies. “Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Chairman, I thank the chair for the good work done on this piece of legislation, but I offer an amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to carry out a national media campaign to promote alternative green technologies. In 2007, Congress authorized the Department of Energy to create a national media campaign to convince Americans to buy green technologies at the tune of $5 million a year. Now, my amendment would simply prohibit funds from going to this misguided, unnecessary, government-run campaign.” [Congressional Record, 7/10/14]

Believed Oil And Gas Production Be Emphasized Over Promotion Of Green Technologies. “Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Chairman, I thank the chair for the good work done on this piece of legislation, but I offer an amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to carry out a national media campaign to promote alternative green technologies. … They are smart enough to know, as are the overwhelming majority of American citizens in all of our districts, Mr. Chairman, to know what energy sources work for them, work best for their families, for their businesses, and especially when our country has emerged and is emerging still further—if we would allow it and encourage it as an energy superpower—and now leads the world in natural gas and oil production. Instead of funding unnecessary ad campaigns, let's get to work on energy policy which takes advantage of our energy abundance and leads to lower prices, more jobs and greater global security.” [Congressional Record, 7/10/14]

Voted Against Amendment Allowing Energy Department To Verify Scientific Results With Additional Study

Voted Against Amendment Allowing Energy Department To Verify Scientific Results With Additional Study. In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act that would have removed provisions allowing the Department of Energy to verify scientific results in climate research. “The amendment would have struck from the bill provisions placing added reporting requirements on research funded by the Energy Department and eliminating duplicative projects in climate change research. Lowenthal said duplicative research projects were necessary to reproduce and verify previously published science, but the bill provisions would block such research, and also curtail the Energy Department’s ability to choose to fund projects based on their merits.” The amendment failed 187 to 236. [HR 1806, H.Amdt. 250, Vote #254, 5/20/15; Portland Press Herald 5/24/15]

Voted Against Requiring Oil Companies Give Up Tax Credits

In 2013, Walberg voted against a motion requiring that oil companies benefitting from the streamlined permit process in the underlying bill would first agree not to claim the domestic production activities tax credit. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/20/13]

The underlying bill, the Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act, would roll back federal regulations regarding oil and gas leasing. [Statement of Administrative Policy, 11/19/13]

The motion failed 189-232. [HR 1965, Vote #599, 11/20/13]

Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Prevented Hydraulic Fracturing On Federal
Land

Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Prevented Hydraulic Fracturing On Federal Land. In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment “that would remove the bill’s prohibition on BLM from implementing its final rule governing fracking on federal lands.” Specifically, the amendment struck “section 439 from the bill which provides for prohibitions regarding hydraulic fracturing.” The amendment failed 250 to 179. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.576, Vote #402, 7/08/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/08/15]

Voted Against Protecting Schools, Hospitals and Nursing Homes from Pollution

In September 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would forbid expedited federal mining permits for corporations releasing toxic pollution from petroleum coke that harms air quality or contaminates drinking water within 5 miles of a school, hospital or nursing home. [HR 2 Motion to Recommit, 9/2014]

The motion failed, 193-222. [HR 2, Vote #514, 9/18/14]

Voted Against Stricter Regulation of Pesticides that Cause Cancer

In July 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would require stricter regulations on pesticides that are suspected or known carcinogens that harm children or that are used in areas with higher cancer rates. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/31/14]

The motion failed, 195-233. [HR 935, Vote #469, 7/31/14]

Voted Against Amendment Increasing Fees On Oil Companies To Bolster The Pipeline And Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Voted Against Amendment Increasing Fees On Oil Companies To Bolster The Pipeline And Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would have “raised fees on oil companies to increase funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, which regulates oil pipelines.” The amendment failed 202 to 222. [HR 2577, Vote #305, 6/04/15; Scripps Howard Foundation, 6/16/15]

Voted Against Requiring Governors To Certify That Any Electricity Rate Increases Associated With Implementing Clean Power Plan To Be Greater Than Any Cost Associated With Weather Events Associated With Human-Induced Climate Change

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including sea level rise, flooding, frequent and intense storms, frequent and intense wildfires or drought.”
The amendment failed 182 to 243. [HR 2042, H.AMDT.527, Vote #382, 6/24/15; CQ Billtrack, 6/24/15]

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Amendment Was To REINS Act Which Would Give “Congress The Final Say Over All Major Regulations.” “The controversial regulatory reform bill, which the House will vote on later this week, would give Congress the final say over all major regulations. […] The regulatory reform measure would give Congress final say over any rule with an annual economic impact of $100 million or more. Federal agencies would be required to submit major rules to Congress for approval before they could take effect. This would all but guarantee Republicans the ability to block dozens of controversial rules from the Obama administration and drastically slow the pace of regulations.” [The Hill, 7/27/15]
## Environmental Issues

### Significant Findings

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- **Two top campaign donors contributed to pollution of Ann Arbor, Monroe and Adrian, MI, schools; some sites were ranked in the top percentile of polluted schools in the country**

- **Backed by owner of two coal-fired power plants considered “by far the largest source of” sulfur dioxide in Wayne County, MI**

- **Introduced bill to allow states to opt out of Clean Air and Clean Water Acts**

- **Voted to prevent air pollution regulation implementation; voted to undermine the Clean Water Act**

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- **Voted against motion that would have required the EPA to “plan and implement a strategy, using existing authority, to control air pollution that could affect the Great Lakes”**

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- **Sponsored bill to prevent EPA from regulating of greenhouse gases**
Member of League of Conservation Voters’ “Dirty Dozen”

- Voted for consideration of bill possibly creating “dangerous exemptions from catch limits” designed to prevent overfishing
- Voted against protecting new species and habitats under the Endangered Species Act
- Voted for bill which prevented Department of Energy from conducting new climate change research unless the research could be considered unique
- Voted for bill to “make it harder for the government to require companies that deal with hazardous substances to carry enough insurance to cover cleanup”
- Voted against a motion ensuring that communities have a say in natural gas pipeline locations
- 2015: Voted against an amendment to increase funding for inland oil spill programs by more than $5 million
- 2015: Voted against requiring alternate safe drinking water within 24 hours if drinking water had unsafe coal pollution levels

Walberg has a dismal record on the environment, and was named to the League of Conservation Voters’ “Dirty Dozen.” He introduced a bill to allow states to opt out of Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. He voted to prevent air pollution regulation implementation and voted to undermine the Clean Water Act. Walberg voted to block regulation of dangerous pollutants like mercury, receiving $5,200 from groups supporting the measure within five days of the vote. He sponsored a bill to prevent the EPA from regulating of greenhouse gases, but voted against ensuring deregulation of greenhouse gases wouldn’t threaten national security. In June 2014, Walberg voted against a motion barring the Secretary of State from approving transnational pipelines if a spill from the pipeline would contaminate drinking water in the Great Lakes.

In 2016, following the Flint water crisis, Walberg asked questions at several US House Committee hearings seeking to determine culpability for situation. In a hearing at which Michigan Governor Rick Snyder appeared to answer questions regarding Flint, Walberg was criticized by a Democratic Rep. for asking the Governor “softball questions.” Indeed, Michigan Live wrote Walberg had given “Neighborly questions” to Snyder and “Seemingly defended” him, and “Did not press his homestate governor during questioning at the hearing.”

During the hearings, Walberg heavily criticized EPA administrators for their role and reactions to the crisis. Speaking to the EPA chief, he claimed to have met with
the author, Miguel Del Toro, of a “preliminary memo” that found “High levels of lead in Flint’s water supply,” stating how the chief disregarded it. Walberg claims to have discussed with Del Toro about EPA backlash against him when they met, but according to an email from Del Toro disputing Walberg’s claim, their conservation consisted of “Hi and bye.”

In terms of his actual response to Flint, Walberg said the crisis “Shows that government can’t protect us all,” further saying that “It comes down to people watching out for themselves and staying attuned.” The DCCC issued a press release criticizing him for the comments.

Walberg’s two top campaign donors were responsible for numerous instances of pollution in Michigan. DTE Energy, a major utility company in Michigan, contributed thousands to Walberg’s campaigns over his career in Congress, while owning two coal-fired plants considered “by far the largest source of” sulfur dioxide pollution in Wayne County. Furthermore, the utility company’s Monroe, MI, power plant was listed in a USA Today Special Report among facilities responsible for pollution outside multiple schools in Monroe. The schools were listed between the 15th and 20th percentile in the country for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. Additionally, another top campaign donor, Ervin Industries, contributed to the pollution of Ann Arbor and Adrian, MI, schools. One school, St. John’s Lutheran in Adrian, ranked in the 1st percentile in the nation for exposure to cancer causing toxics and other toxic chemicals.

In addition to receiving support from companies polluting Michigan schools, in 2011, Walberg voted twice against rules aiming to reduce mercury pollution. In September of the same year, he voted for a bill blocking regulations to reduce emissions of pollutants from coal-fired power plants by the Environment Protection Agency. Furthermore, he voted against a motion prior to final consideration of the bill that would have required the EPA to “plan and implement a strategy, using existing authority, to control air pollution that could affect the Great Lakes.” Within five days of the vote, he received $5,200 in contributions from interest groups supporting the block on the rules. Additionally, Walberg voted for a bill seeking to nullify EPA rules designed to limit mercury pollution from cement plants. Before final consideration of the bill, he voted against a motion to implement then-current emission standards for cement kilns within five miles of a school, day-care, playground or hospital with a maternity ward or neonatal unity.

Walberg voted numerous times against funding research on climate change. In 2015, Walberg voted for a bill to prevent the Department of Energy from conducting new climate change research unless it was proven to be “unique.” Additionally, the bill cut programs to modernize the energy grid. In the same year, he voted against an amendment that would have restored funding for energy and climate change research.
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Flint Water Crisis

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Claimed To Have Met With Author Of “Preliminary Memo” That Found “High Levels Of Lead In Flint Water Supply” And Discussed How EPA Chief Disregarded It. “WALBERG: Ms. Hedman, in July 2015, you told Flint’s mayor to disregard Mr. Del Toral’s preliminary memo that found high levels of lead in Flint’s water supply. Why did it take another five months for the final report to come out? HEDMAN: I never told the mayor to disregard that memo. In fact, if you look at Appendix 3 to my testimony, you’ll see what actually occurred during the conversation that I had with the mayor…WALBERG: There’s great dispute on that coming across the board. HEDMAN: Yes, I wrote the email and I know what I said and if we could take the time to take a moment to talk about that, I think we could clear that up. WALBERG: I’m not sure we could. Mr. Del Toral certainly has a different recollection of it, as well as responses to him. And I had the opportunity to talk with him in Flint this
Saturday, as well. Very different from what we are being told here and that’s the concern.”[US House Committee on Oversight and Reform Youtube, 58:56-1:00:00, 3/15/16]

Author’s Email: Meeting With Walberg In Flint Consisted Of “Hi And Bye.” “On the meetings with congressional folks…the first I heard about my ‘meeting’ with Chaffetz was via an email from Nicole Cantello who forwarded an article to me which stated that I had met with him. As I told Nicole, the only time I saw him was at an open house in Flint last Saturday. I was at the corrosion control booth and he stopped by, shook my hand, we exchanged greetings, and he moved on. Same thing with Congressman Walberg. Hi and bye.” [Committee on Oversight & Government Reform, Del Toral email, 3/16/16]

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Walberg: “Governor Has Been There Many Days. This Administrator Of EPA Didn’t Show Up Until February.” “You didn't even show up until February of this year,” Walberg told McCarthy. "And I would remind the members on the other side of the aisle, the governor has been there many days. This administrator of EPA didn't show up until February.”” [MLive, 3/17/16]

Walberg To Snyder: “We Appreciate You Voluntarily Release All OF Your Emails So They Could Be A Part Of The Record.” “We appreciate you voluntarily releasing all of your emails so they could be part of the record,” Walberg told Snyder. ‘We appreciate the fact that you're willing to answer tough questions that this committee will offer today and outline the steps you're taking to solve the crisis and help Flint recover.’” [MLive, 3/17/16]

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“It Comes Down To People Watching Out For Themselves And Staying Attuned.” WALBERG: “This shows that government can’t protect us against everything. It comes down to people watching out for themselves and staying attuned.” [Spotlight MPP, 6:50-7:02, 3/03/16]

DCCC Press Release: Walberg Told Constituents That Flint Crisis Proved That “Government Can’t Protect Us All.” “The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee issued the following news release: Well this was unexpected: Tim Walberg doesn't believe it's his job to protect Americans from contaminated drinking water. Yes, you heard that right. Over the weekend, self-proclaimed ‘Arch Conservative’ Tim Walberg told a gathering of constituents that the ongoing water crisis and public health disaster in Flint proved to him that "government can't protect us all," showing once more that Walberg's extreme ideology is actually becoming dangerous to his own constituents.” [DCCC Press Release, 2/08/16]

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Voted For An Amendment To “Promote Clean Drinking Water And Weaken GOP Legislation Targeting An Obama Administration Proposal. “House Energy and Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.) joined Democrats in calling for an emergency hearing on the crisis. Upton also voted in favor -- along with Michigan Republican Reps. Candice Miller, Tim Walberg, Dave Trott and Bill Huizenga -- of an amendment backed by Kildee and other Democrats meant to promote clean drinking water and weaken GOP legislation targeting an Obama administration proposal (E&E Daily, Jan. 13).” [Environment and Energy Daily, 1/19/16]

Mlive: “Walberg Criticized For Asking Snyder 'Softball Questions' During Flint Water Hearing. “U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg grilled Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy during a Thursday morning congressional hearing on the Flint water crisis, while at one point seemingly defending Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder. "You didn't even show up until February of this year," Walberg told McCarthy. "And I would remind the members on the other side of the aisle, the governor has been there many days. This administrator of EPA didn't show up until February." Snyder and McCarthy both testified before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which is investigating the Flint water crisis…The congressman continually interrupted McCarthy and spoke over her as she tried to answer his questions. He was much less combative with Snyder, a fellow Republican. State Rep. Gretchen Driskell, a Democrat from Saline who is running for Walberg's seat this year, responded Thursday morning with criticism, suggesting Walberg went too easy on Snyder and isn't doing enough to hold him accountable. "This morning Congressman Walberg had the opportunity to ask Gov. Snyder important questions, but instead he thanked Snyder for voluntarily coming and asked two softball questions without follow up," she said. "Walberg's conciliatory and appreciative tone and softball questions are what we were worried about."…Dan Kotman, a spokesman for Walberg, rejected the notion that Walberg went easy on Snyder, noting he pressed the governor on the Legionnaires' issue. "He has repeatedly said there is plenty of blame to go around and government at every level failed, which includes the state," Kotman said. Driskell held a press conference in Lansing on Thursday to announce questions she gathered from constituents for Walberg to ask Snyder. "We've got to hold Gov. Snyder accountable for the crisis in Flint, something Congressman Walberg has so far completely failed to do," Driskell said. "It's unfortunate that it took weeks of demands, but now that the governor is finally going before Congress, the people of Michigan have questions they need the answers to." [Mlive, 3/17/16]

Walberg Said he Wouldn’t Want His Children To Drink Flint Water. “Congressional interrogators on Wednesday sharply criticized state and federal regulators for failing to react to warnings of rising lead levels in Flint's tap water, chastising Michigan officials for not taking adequate steps to protect public health and blasting the federal EPA for not forcing the state's hand sooner."The Flint water crisis is ... a human disaster brought on by the failures of humans as well as brought on by failures of government at all levels," said U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, a Republican fromTipton and a member of the committee. "I wouldn’t want my kids or my grandkids to have to drink this type of water. ... It's not the kind of thing we should think of (happening) in America.” [Detroit Free Press, 2/04/16]

Daily Flights To Washington DC From Capital Region International Airport Ceased Resulting In Loss Of Revenue For Airport. “It's been a month since daily flights to Washington D.C. from Capital Region International Airport ceased. It could be two more months before one of two competing airlines
gets federal approval to take over the defunct route, far beyond the Nov. 5 decision the airport had originally hoped for. American Airlines announced its bid for the D.C. route in August. Delta Air Lines threw its cap in the bidding pool in September, delaying federal approval. In the meantime, the airport is suffering…. To make up for the loss in revenue, the airport has hiked user fees for the remaining airlines to generate an additional roughly $400,000 while taking roughly $750,000 from its reserves to break even, said Robert Selig, airport president and CEO. Each day the airport goes without the D.C. route, it loses roughly $1,000 in landing fees, which cover operating costs.” [Lansing State Journal, 11/02/15]

Walberg Sent Letter To Pressure USDOT And FAA To Approve American Airlines Bid In Order Re-Open Route; Delta Also Had Bid. “When American Airlines announced its bid in August, it received an outpouring of support that included 1,200 letters and emails from government officials, business owners, special interest groups and residents in the region. Now that the original deadline to fill the route won't be met, government officials are writing more letters to pressure USDOT and the FAA to approve the bid quickly. Republican Congressmen Mike Bishop, Tim Walberg and John Moolenaar sent one last week…. Delta's bid for the route made for a longer USDOT and FAA approval process, requiring the agencies to hear lengthy testimonies from both companies.” [Lansing State Journal, 11/02/15]

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[DTE Energy Contributed Total Of $45,459 Walberg, Ranking Among Top Donors Over Course Of Career. According to Opensecrets, Ervin Industries contributed a total of $45,459 to Walberg over the course of his career, ranking as one of his top contributors. [Opensecrets, Accessed 10/06/15]
**Note: DTE Energy contributes to both Democrats and Republicans**

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**Hurd Road Elementary School Was In 11th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals.** According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant in Monroe, MI ranked in 11th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data Accessed 6/10/15]

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**DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside Jefferson Middle School In Monroe, MI.** According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant in Monroe, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” Jefferson Middle in Monroe, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

**Jefferson Middle School Was In 17th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals.** According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Jefferson Middle School in Monroe, MI ranked in 17th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]
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EPA Filed Lawsuit Against DTE Energy For “Modification” To Monroe Power Plant, Claiming They Did Install New Emission Scrubbers, Violating Clean Air Act; Judge Dismissed Lawsuit, Saying Company Did Not Need To Install New Emission Scrubbers As Plant Was Grandfathered In

2011: Environmental Protection Agency Filed Suit Against DTE Energy For “Modifications” To Monroe Plant, Claiming The Work Required Installation Of New Emission Scrubbers. “A Michigan utility spent $65 million last year replacing key parts at the state's largest coal-fired power plant. When regulators found out, they hauled the company into court for what it didn't do: Spend millions more at the same time to greatly eliminate air pollution.... A year ago, DTE turned off Unit 2 for three months to replace boiler parts and improve the plant's efficiency. The EPA said it knew nothing about the project until it read a story in The Monroe Evening News, headlined: ‘Extreme Makeover: Power Plant Edition,’ which described the work and its benefit to the local economy. The utility has insisted it was nothing more than ‘routine maintenance’ that is standard in the industry. The EPA, however, said it was a modification that easily required state-of-the-art technology to eliminate virtually all emissions at a plant open since the 1970s.” [Associated Press, 3/24/11]

Saulius Mikalonis Column: Federal Judge Dismissed Lawsuit As Modifications To Plant Were Not Deemed “Major Modifications.” “On August 23, 2011, Judge Bernard Friedman of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan dismissed a lawsuit filed by the EPA against DTE for allegedly violating the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for work being done at DTE's Monroe Power Plant. … The CAA prohibits the construction of new facilities that are considered a major emitting facility. Recognizing that there were many major emitting sources already in existence and that the cost to upgrade those facilities would be cost prohibitive, the 1977 amendments to the CAA allowed the ‘grandfathering’ of those already existing sources and requiring that they not go through ‘New Source Review’ until such time as the facility conducted ‘major modifications’ to those sources. Since that time, EPA and the regulated industry have been battling about what constitutes ‘major modifications,’ which would trigger New Source Review, and when the activity is merely ‘routine maintenance, repair, and replacement,’ which would not trigger New Source Review.” [Michigan Live, Saulius Mikalonis column, 9/13/11]

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Abbot School Was In 53rd Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Abbot School in Adrian, MI ranked in 53rd percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Ervin Industries Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside St. John’s Lutheran School In Adrian, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” St. John’s Lutheran School in Adrian, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

St. John’s Lutheran School Was In 1st Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, St. John’s Lutheran School in Adrian, MI ranked in 1st percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Ervin Industries Plant Listed Among Facilities Responsible For Toxics Outside McKinley Elementary School In Adrian, MI. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries in Adrian, MI was listed as one of the “Polluters most responsible for toxics outside” McKinley Elementary School In Adrian, MI. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]
McKinley Elementary School Was In 4th Percentile In Country For Exposure To Cancer Causing Toxics And Toxic Chemicals. According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, McKinley Elementary School in Adrian, MI ranked in 4th percentile for exposure to cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic chemicals. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

Chlorine Represented 37% Of Pollution At School. According to a special report by USA today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Chlorine made up “37% of overall toxicity” as a chemical “responsible for the toxicity outside” of McKinley Elementary School. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

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**Toxic Chemicals Emitted By Ervin Industries Inc. Was Manganese And Manganese Compounds.** According to a special report by USA Today on Toxic Air and America’s Schools, Ervin Industries in Adrian, MI emitted toxic chemicals Manganese and Manganese compounds. [USA Today Special Report: The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air And America’s Schools, Report Released in 2008 Based on 2005 Data, Accessed 6/10/15]

**Walberg’s Top Donor Owned Two Coal-Fired Power Plants Considered “By Far The Largest Source Of” Sulfur Dioxide In Wayne County**

**Walberg Received $16,000 From DTE Energy.** According to Opensecrets, Tim Walberg received $16,000 total from DTE Energy during the 2014 Election. Individuals connected to the company gave $600 to Walberg. Political Action Committees connected to DTE Energy contributed $10,000. [Opensecrets, Accessed 5/11/15]

**Detroit Free Press: DTE Energy’s Permits For Coal-Fired Power Plants In Wayne County Would “Allow Far More Emissions Than An Earlier Reduction Plan From Michigan Department Of Environmental Quality.”** “Environmental groups are criticizing air pollution permits sought by DTE Energy for its coal-fired power plants in Wayne County, saying they don't go far enough to protect air quality and public safety. The proposed permits will reduce sulfur dioxide emissions from current levels at DTE's River Rouge and Trenton Channel plants — but allow far more emissions than an earlier reduction plan from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that was scuttled last summer.” [Detroit Free Press, 3/10/15]

**DTE’s River Rouge Plant Was In Violation Of Federal Rules On Sulfur Dioxide.** “The River Rouge area is in violation of federal rules on sulfur dioxide levels, and the new permits are DTE and the state's attempt to get and stay under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency limits. DTE's River Rouge and Trenton Channel power plants are by far the largest sources of the pollutant in Wayne County.” [Detroit Free Press, 3/10/15]

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**2013: “Monroe Plant Dinged With Mercury Pollution”**

Environmental Group “Branding DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant As One Of The Nation’s 10 ‘Most Toxic’ Power Plants Due To Mercury Pollution.” “An environmental group is branding DTE Energy’s Monroe Power Plant as one of the nation’s 10 ‘most toxic’ power plants due to mercury pollution, but the utility says the plant’s sheer size is the reason it’s on the group’s list. The Monroe plant was ranked ninth on the list because it emitted 708 pounds of mercury into the air during 2011, based on reports the utility submits to the federal government. …The Monroe plant, along with the others, account for 18 percent of all mercury submitted from all plants nationwide, according to the Environmental Integrity Project, an environmental advocacy group headquartered in Washington, D.C.” [Monroe News, 1/07/13]

DTE Energy Claimed Installing Mercury Emission Reduction Systems By 2015, Which Would Reduce Emissions By 90-Percent. “DTE says it’s doing just that at the Monroe plant. The company has poured millions into the giant 3,000 megawatt power plant in recent years to add anti-pollution control equipment. ‘We are installing systems at the Monroe Power Plant that will reduce mercury emissions by at least 90 percent,’ said John J. Austerberry, a DTE spokesman. ‘Those systems will be in full operation in late 2014 and will meet state regulations requiring a 90 percent reduction of mercury emissions beginning in 2015.’ He said because the plant is one of the largest in the country, it always ranks high on emissions lists.” [Monroe News, 1/07/13]

Voted For Expediting Environmental Reviews Of Logging And Underbrush Removal Projects On Tribal And Federal Lands, But Would Impose Barriers To Challenge Projects In Court

Voted For Expediting Environmental Reviews Of Logging And Underbrush Removal Projects On Tribal And Federal Lands. In July 2015, Walberg voted for the Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015 that “would speed up environmental reviews of logging and underbrush removal projects on tribal and federal lands. The Obama administration opposes the measure … The bill would allow shortened environmental reviews for projects to remove trees after natural disasters such as floods, landslides or insect or disease outbreaks; tree removal to comply with forest management plans such as wildlife habitat improvement; and thinning to reduce the risk of wildfires. Democrats questioned a provision that would require individuals or groups that want to challenge approved projects in court to post bonds large enough to cover estimated legal fees and expenses.” The bill passed, 262 to 167, and then referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. [HR 2647, Vote #428, 7/09/15; CQ News, 7/09/15]

The Office Of Management And Budget Claimed HR 2647 Will Undermine Public Trust In Forest Management Projects. “HR 2647 includes several provisions that will undermine collaborative, landscape-scale forest restoration by undermining public trust in forest management projects and by limiting public participation in decision-making.” [Office of Management and Budget, 7/08/15]

Would Also Reduce Available Funding In The Forest Service’s Budget For Restoration And Risk Reduction Programs. “[T]he requirement in H.R. 2647 to fully fund the ten-year average for wildland fire suppression would mean that less funding is available each year in the agencies’ budgets for restoration and risk reduction programs as it is diverted to the ever-increasing ten-year average.” [Office of Management and Budget, 7/08/15]
Would Make It More Difficult To Challenge Forest Restoration Projects In Court. “[T]he Administration opposes provisions in the bill that require litigants to post a bond when challenging forest restoration projects. As the Forest Service has demonstrated, the best way to address concerns about litigation is to develop restoration projects in partnership with broad stakeholder interests through a transparent process informed by the best available science.” [Office of Management and Budget, 7/08/15]
Environmental Votes And Comments

Low Marks from Environmental Organizations

Walberg has consistently earned low marks from environmental organizations for his commitment to protecting natural resources, conservation and other key environmental issues.

The following table illustrates Walberg’s scores from key environmental groups:

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Member of League of Conservation Voters “Dirty Dozen”

In 2008, the League of Conservation Voters made Walberg a member of its “Dirty Dozen” for his environmental record. [Editorial, Detroit Free Press, 10/24/08]

Included in Dirty Dozen in 2010

In 2010, the League of Conservation Voters made Walberg a member of its “Dirty Dozen” for the second time.

“Two dismal years in Congress was proof enough that Tim Walberg will do nothing to create clean energy jobs for Michigan workers or protect national treasures like the Great Lakes,” Tony Massaro, LCV Senior Vice President for Political Affairs, said. [League of Conservation Voters press release, 9/09/10]
League of Conservation Voters Ran Radio Ad Against Walberg

In 2010, the League of Conservation Voters and the National Wildlife Federation Action Fund spent $50,000 on radio ads against Walberg for his allegiance to Big Oil. [League of Conservation Voters press release, 10/18/10; LCV YouTube, posted 10/16/10]

LCV Ran TV Ad Against Walberg

In 2010, the League of Conservation Voters and BlueGreen Alliance funded a television ad highlighting Walberg’s failure to bring clean energy jobs to Michigan.

The ad, titled “The Movie,” featured movie posters emphasizing Walberg’s votes against clean energy and his absence from the vote on the auto industry bailout vote in 2008. [League of Conservation Voters press release, 10/08/10]

BlueGreen Alliance and Sierra Club Ran Mail Campaign Criticizing Walberg

In 2010, the BlueGreen Alliance and Sierra Club funded a mail campaign criticizing Walberg for failing to support renewable energy policies. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/21/10]

LCV Ran Television Ads Against Walberg

In 2011, the League of Conversation Voters and Sierra Club funded television ads criticizing Walberg for opposing new clean air standards, including voting for the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act, which would block clean air protections. [League of Conservation Voters press release, 10/11/11; Vote #741, 9/23/11]

Voted Against Protecting Great Lakes from Oil Spills

In June 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would bar the Secretary of State from approving transnational pipelines if a spill from the pipeline would contaminate drinking water in the Great Lakes.

The motion would also bar approval of transnational pipelines if the owner or operator was responsible for previous oil spills. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/24/14; The Hill, 6/24/14]

The motion failed, 185-227. [HR 3301, Vote #353, 6/24/14]

Voted Against Amendment To Increase Funding For Inland Oil Spill Programs By More Than $5 Million

Voted Against Amendment To Increase Funding For Inland Oil Spill Programs. In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to increase funding for inland oil spill programs. The Amendment would reduce funding for Bureau of Ocean Energy Management by $5,434,000 and to increase funding for Inland Oil Spill Programs by a similar amount. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Lois Capps, “When it comes to oil spills, the damage gets worse by the minute, so ensuring that spill response
teams are properly trained and prepared to respond quickly is essential to minimizing the impacts. This is precisely why the EPA has jurisdiction over the inland oil spill program. … Despite its scope and importance, this program has been seriously underfunded for years, and H.R. 2822 only makes things worse by funding this program at nearly 25 percent less than the President Requested. My amendment would simply increase funding for this program by 5.4 million, to match the President’s requested amount of $23.4 million for fiscal year 2016.” The amendment failed, 184 to 243. [HR 2822, Vote #394, 7/08/15; Bill Summary, Library of Congress, 7/08/15, House Congressional Record, Page H4741, 6/25/15]

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<td>Democrats opposed provisions of the law that would weaken an environmental law requirement if critical mine exploration or mine permits meet safeguards of federal or state permitting agencies. The legislation would limit the review process for mineral exploration to 30 months, during which federal permitting agencies would need to defer to state data and analysis. [CQ Weekly, 9/23/13]</td>
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The amendment would exempt regulations that would result in reduced incidence of cancer, premature mortality, asthma attacks, or respiratory disease in children or seniors from a Republican bill that would allow the Secretary of Energy to veto some environmental regulations. [CQ Vote Studies]

“As currently written, H.R. 1582 would cripple the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency to protect the water we drink and the air we breathe. My amendment simply ensures that the EPA can continue to protect children and seniors from the harmful impacts of pollution,” Rep. Lois Capps, the amendment’s sponsor, said. [Capps statement, Congressional Record, page H5291, 8/01/13]

The motion failed 188-221. [HR 1582, Vote #431, 8/01/13]

Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Funding For Energy Department’s Climate Models Program

Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Funding For Energy Department’s Climate Models Program. In May 2015, Walberg voted for amendment prohibiting funding for the Energy Department’s climate models program. “The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Paul A. Gosar, R-Arizona, to the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The amendment would bar funding for the Energy Department’s Climate Model Development and Validation program. Gosar said funding Energy’s ‘duplicitous and wasteful’ climate modeling effort was not central to Energy’s mission and was redundant, given an abundance of other global climate models being adopted by other U.S. and foreign governments and private businesses.” The amendment passed, 224 to 184. [H.R. 2028, Vote #209, 5/01/15; Bangor Daily News, 5/08/15]

CQ Roll Call: Program “Evaluates Predictive Models Of The Earth’s Climate.” “Nearly all Democrats united to vote against the $35.4 billion spending measure (HR 2028), which advanced by a vote of 240-177 after lawmakers debated amendments late into the night Thursday and early Friday. … Lawmakers also approved an amendment 224-184 that would bar funding for a DOE program that evaluates predictive models of the Earth's climate.” [CQ Roll Call, 5/01/15]

Voted For Bill That Contained Cuts For Scientific And Climate Change Research

Voted For Department Of Energy Cuts Aimed At Limiting Scientific And Climate Change Research. In May 2015, Walberg voted for the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015, which contained targeted cuts for Department of Energy funding aimed at limiting scientific and climate change research. “On Wednesday, the House passed a new iteration of the COMPETES Act that’s nearly unrecognizable from its original version. Overall spending remains the same, but under Science, Space and Technology Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, the 2015 reauthorization carries the imprimatur of the Republican Party, with targeted cuts the GOP calls ‘fiscally responsible’ and Democrats decry as ‘draconian.’ The new version contains language that would bar some Department of Energy climate science research, dictate research priorities to entities that have typically had more autonomy and ban certain federally-sponsored research from influencing policy decisions. With passage of the bill Wednesday night, 217-205, legislation that was once a Democrat-touted achievement has become a potential selling point for the GOP — transformed so thoroughly that President Barack Obama promised to veto the latest version and no Democrats supported it.” The bill passed 217 to 205. [HR 1806, Vote #258; Roll Call, 5/20/15]
Bill Cut Programs To Modernize Energy Grid And Funding For Alternative Fuel Research.
“The White House’s Office of Management and Budget warned Monday evening that it would advise President Barack Obama to veto the bill, called the COMPETE Re-authorization Act. OMB praised the investments research and technology but panned cuts to programs focused on energy grid modernization and alternative fuels. … COMPETES focuses on the Department of Energy and the National Science Fund, giving each more than $200 million in general research funding increases. But this comes with serious strings attached. Researchers and the White House claim the bill’s cuts to alternative energy research hampers growth in a critical field, and the bill bars the Energy Department from setting recommendations for the Environmental Protection Agency based on its own research.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/20/15]

Bill Eliminated Six Department Of Energy Programs. “The bill would also eliminate six Department of Energy programs that Alexander's office said were never fully implemented and reform five others.” [The Hill, 5/20/15]

Bill Sponsor: Legislation Cuts Funding For “Social And Behavioral Science, Redundant Climate Research, And Subsidies For Private Companies.” “The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015, legislation I introduced that the House will consider this week, sets priorities aimed at stimulating economic competitiveness and growth. Our bill increases funding for the physical sciences and biology, from which come most of the scientific breakthroughs with the potential to stimulate new industries and jobs. Funding is cut for lower priority areas, including social and behavioral science, redundant climate research, and subsidies for private companies.” [The Hill, Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) Op-Ed, 5/18/15]

Bill Prevents Department Of Energy From Conducting New Climate Change Research, Must Prove That The Research Would Be Unique Before Approval

Bill Prevents Department Of Energy From Conducting New Climate Change Research, Must Prove That The Research Would Be Unique Before Approval. “Scalise said that Republicans intend to end funding on ‘programs that don't meet the national interests’ with legislation, passed Wednesday 217-205, that would focus federal research in biology, chemistry, math and computer science. But Democrats, who didn't provide a single vote for the bill, said that while there may be a few questionable research projects funded by the federal government, the Republican-drafted bill makes deep cuts in vital scientific research and seems intended to block research into climate change. The bill bars the Department of Energy's Office of Science and Technology from approving new climate change science research ‘without making a determination that such work is unique and not duplicative of work by other agencies.’ Avoiding duplication makes sense, particularly at a time of large deficits and significant other funding priorities, said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas.” [Times-Picayune, 5/20/15]

Bill Cut Funding For The National Science Foundation By 45% And Decreased Geoscience Funding By 12%
organizations, which say that the plan would limit the agencies’ ability to fund the most promising research, and from the White House. Some of the most controversial provisions apply to the NSF. The bill suggests slashing funds for the agency’s social, behavioural and economic-sciences directorate from US$272.2 million in fiscal year 2015 to $150 million a year in 2016 and 2017 — a 45% cut. And it calls for a 12% decrease in geoscience funding, to $1.2 billion annually.” [Nature, 5/21/15]

**Voted For Prohibiting EPA Regulations That Relied Upon Non-Public Scientific Research, Limiting EPA’s Ability To Combat Pollution And Climate Change**

**Voted For Prohibiting EPA Regulations That Relied Upon Non-Public Scientific Research.** In March 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that “prohibits EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule or other ‘covered action’ unless all scientific and technical information used to decide upon the rule is made available to the public so the research can be independently analyzed and reproduced.” The bill passed 241 to 175. [HR 1030, Vote #125, 3/18/15; CQ House Action Reports, 3/13/15]

**Would Limit EPA's Ability To Write Regulations To Combat Pollution And Climate Change.** “Critics say the bill would severely handicap the EPA’s ability to write regulations necessary to fight pollution and climate change and protect the environment and human health, and would require the EPA to violate patient confidentiality. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy has criticized the accusation from the GOP, saying transparency and sound science are among the agency’s priorities.” [The Hill, 2/27/15]

**Voted Against Amendment To Restore Funding For Energy And Climate Change Research**

**Voted Against Amendment To Restore Funding For Energy And Climate Change Research.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would have restored funding levels for scientific research. The amendment would have provided for “sustained growth and sensible policies across the scientific agencies, in keeping with the goals of the original Competes legislation.” “A bill opponent, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, criticized its flat funding of research and development, politicization of the scientific grant-making process, and decreased funding of the ARPA-E program for breakthrough energy research.” The motion failed 179 to 239. [HR 1806, Vote #257; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 5/20/15; Albany Herald, 5/23/15]

**Amendment Sponsor LTE: Bill Made “Ideologically Driven Cuts” To Clean Energy And Climate Change Research.** “The chairman, however, is wrong about the way in which research should be prioritized. Politicians should not make ideologically driven cuts to particular areas of investigation with which they disagree, such as clean energy, climate research or the social sciences. Instead, research priorities should be set through the constantly evolving deliberation and debates within the scientific community and at the individual grant level about the areas that need further investigation. It is the National Science Foundation’s well-proven, scientific merit-review process, in which trained experts select the highest quality proposals across all fields of science and engineering, that ought to guide how we invest. Politicians, most of whom do not possess the same scientific or technical expertise, are ill-equipped to predict where the next breakthroughs are most likely to occur. Substituting our judgment for that of scientists would likely result more in missed opportunities than in new advances for American science and innovation.” [The Hill, Reps. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) Letter to Editor, 5/26/15]

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Voted For Undermining The Clean Water Act

**Voted For Halting EPA’s Waters Of The United States Rulemaking Relating To Smaller Waterways That Feed Into Larger Ones.** In May 2015, Walberg voted for the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act which “would require the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw its Waters of the United States rule. The rule would define the EPA’s oversight authority over streams, ponds and small waterways that feed into larger ones...” According to Rep. Donna Edwards, “H.R. 1732 would halt the current Clean Water rulemaking, and require the agencies to withdraw the proposed rule and restart the rulemaking process. This is after one million public comments, a 208 day comment period, and over 400 public hearings.” The bill passed 261 to 155. [HR 1732, Vote #219, 5/12/15; The Hill, 4/29/15; Edwards Press Release, 4/29/15]

Voted Against Protecting America’s Waterways To Ensure Safe Drinking Water Supply

**Voted Against Protecting America’s Waterways To Ensure Safe Drinking Water Supply.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would “protect the quality of America’s water supply for safe drinking, particularly in the Great Lakes, which has been affected by harmful algal blooms; drought mitigation in California and the West; agriculture and irrigation; and flood and coastal storm protection from wetlands.” The motion failed 175 to 241. [HR 1732, Vote #218, 5/12/15; Democratic Leader, 5/12/15]

Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Issuing Final Clean Water Rules If They Violated Previous Court Decisions

**Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Issuing Final Clean Water Rules If They Violated Previous Court Decisions.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act proposed by Rep. Donna Edwards. According to Edwards, “Under my amendment, the administration cannot expand the scope beyond those water bodies covered prior to the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court in those two cases, and it cannot be inconsistent with Justices Scalia’s and Kennedy’s judicial opinions in Rapanos. In addition to that, they can’t increase the regulation of ditches.” The amendment failed 167 to 248. [HR 1732, Vote #217, 5/12/15; Edwards Press Release, 4/29/15]

Voted to Undermine Critical Environmental Protections

In 2013, Walberg voted to require that the Environmental Protection Agency submit a report to Congress and to the Department of Energy before it could receive final approval to implement energy-related regulations that could cost more than $1 billion.

Supporters of the bill believed it would bring greater transparency to EPA regulations and reduce the overall costs of compliance with such rules, which, they believed, caused energy prices to increase. Opponents of the bill, however, argued that it would block critical regulations that protected the environment and public health, and would allow key protections, such as the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act, to be invalidated. [Energy and Commerce Committee Report, 7/22/13]
The Energy and Commerce Committee’s ranking member, Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA.), called the bill “yet another science-denying attack on the EPA.”

“At some point, we need to stop acting like members of the flat earth society and start listening to the scientists,” Waxman said. [The Hill, 7/10/13]

The bill passed 232-181. [HR 1582, Vote # 432, 8/01/13]

**CBO: Bill Would Cost $35 Million to Implement**

According to a Congressional Budget Office report, “implementing H.R. 1582 would cost $35 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts…CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1582 would not have a significant impact on spending by EPA because most of the analysis that it would need to complete under H.R. 1582 will already be conducted to meet similar reporting requirements under existing Executive Orders. CBO estimates, however, that DOE would need additional appropriations of about $7 million annually to meet new and expanded reporting requirements under H.R. 1582.” [H.R. 1582 Cost Estimate, Congressional Budget Office, 7/22/13]

**Introduced Bill To Allow States to Opt Out of Clean Air and Clean Water Acts**

In 2013, Walberg introduced the Flexibility to Farm Act in order to protect farmers from EPA regulations by allowing states to opt-out of compliance with provisions of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

“It’s obvious that the EPA has gone beyond protecting the environment with its rules and regulations - to hurting the farming community…” Farmers should be spending their time planting seeds, raising livestock and harvesting crops - not filling out paperwork or paying fines for mud puddles in their backyard,” Walberg said. [Walberg op-ed, Adrian Daily Telegram, 4/24/13]

**Walberg Op/Ed: “EPA’s Attempts To Regulate Dust And Redefine Puddles As “Navigable Waters,” Examples Of “Wasteful Spending And Harmful Regulations”**

**Walberg Editorial: “EPA’s Attempts To Regulate Dust And Redefine Puddles As “Navigable Waters,” Examples Of “Wasteful Spending And Harmful Regulations.”** “In my office sits a ‘U.S. debt clock’ which tracks each dollar added to our debt. The debt clock has only ticked upwards in large part due to wasteful spending and harmful government regulations. … In Hillsdale County, we have seen this approach for some time. From the EPA’s attempts to regulate dust and redefine puddles as ‘Navigable waters,’ to the Department of Labor's misguided Youth Ag Labor Rule, it is clear Washington doesn’t understand rural life.” [Coldwater Daily Reporter, Walkberg Op/Ed, 5/02/14]

**Voted to Prevent Air Pollution Regulation Implementation**

In 2011, Walberg voted to prevent air pollution regulations from going into effect.

The bill would exempt what is called “nuisance dust” from regulation under the Clean Air Act. The bill defined “nuisance dust” as particulate matter “generated primarily from natural sources, unpaved roads,
agricultural activities, earth moving, or other activities typically conducted in rural areas.” [Salt Lake Tribune, 12/10/11; CQ Floor Votes, 12/08/11]

Democrats warned that the bill could pose a threat to public health because it would cover dust from mining operations, smelters and other industrial sources. The Congressional Budget Office also estimated that it would cost the EPA $10 million to rework its existing air pollution standards and to study whether changes would be necessary in its national monitoring network. [USA Today, 12/08/11]

The bill passed 268-150. [HR 1633, Vote #912, 12/08/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted against a motion to ensure that the Environmental Protection Agency would continue to be allowed to regulate particulate containing cadmium, lead or asbestos released from mining activities and from demolition and renovation. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/08/11]

The motion failed 166-252. [HR 1633, Vote #911, 12/08/11]

**Voted to Nullify Rules Regulating Emissions for Commercial and Industrial Boilers**

In 2011, Walberg voted to nullify certain rules regulating emissions for commercial and industrial boilers.

The bill would nullify the current rules for commercial and industrial boilers and require the Environmental Protection Agency to write new rules and finalize them within 15 months of the bill becoming law. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 275-142. [HR 2250, Vote #791, 10/13/11]

...Even Opposed Amendment To Prohibit the Usage of Boilers Near Senior Homes

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted against a motion to implement the current proposed commercial and industrial boiler standards for any waste incinerator within five miles of a nursing home, assisted living facility, or hospital. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/13/11]

The motion failed 170-246. [HR 2250, Vote #790, 10/13/11]

**Voted to Block Environmental Protection Agency Rules on the Disposal of Coal Ash**

In 2011, Walberg voted to block the Environmental Protection Agency rules on the disposal of coal ash.

The bill blocked the EPA rules on the disposal of coal ash which would either regulate it as a federal hazardous-waste or require states to regulate it as a non-hazardous waste. The bill instead allowed states to regulate coal-ash as a municipal waste. [Houston Chronicle, 10/15/11; CQ Floor Votes, 10/14/11]

According to the Houston Chronicle, “coal ash – the residue of coal combustion at electric utility plants – contains a range of toxic metals, including chromium, arsenic and lead. Environmental groups, which want the EPA to regulate coal ash as a hazardous waste, say those chemicals can get into groundwater when ash-disposal structures fail, putting people at risk. [Houston Chronicle, 10/15/11]
The bill passed 267-144. [HR 2273, Vote #800, 10/14/11]

Opposed Disaster Preparedness Measure to Monitor for Potential Coal Ash Collection Failure

Before final passage of the bill, Walberg even voted against a motion which would require monitoring for imminent failures of coal-ash impoundment systems and the notification of state and local first responders and evacuation of the endangered people. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/14/11]

The motion failed 172-238. [HR 2273, Vote #799, 10/14/11]

Voted Against Ensuring Deregulation of Greenhouse Gases Wouldn’t Threaten National Security

In 2011, Walberg voted against allowing the EPA and the Secretary of Defense to certify if a lack of greenhouse gas regulation would threaten national security before repealing those regulations.

The amendment prevented the provisions of this legislation from going into effect until the EPA Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, certified that the consequences of not regulating greenhouse gas emissions. The certification would include the consequences of the subsequent impact on climate change, including the potential to create sustained natural and humanitarian disasters and the ability to likely foster political instability where societal demands exceed the capacity of governments to cope. It would also require certification that the repeal of those regulations did not jeopardize American security interests at home or abroad. [Congressional Record, p. H2380, 4/06/11]

The overarching bill changed the definition of air pollutant to exclude greenhouse gas as it pertained to climate change (though greenhouse gases could be regulated for reasons other than climate change). It also repealed previous EPA regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases and barred the EPA from issuing any new regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases. Automobile emission standards were exempt from this bill. [CQ House Action Report, 4/04/11]

The amendment failed, 165-260. [HR 910, Rush of Illinois Amdt #10, Vote #239, 4/06/11]

Op/Ed: President Obama’s Directing Environmental Protection Agency To Further Regulate Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants “Troubling”

Op/Ed: President Obama’s Directing Environmental Protection Agency To Further Regulate Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants “Troubling.”. “From transportation to job creation, an abundant supply of energy is critical to the health of our economy, especially in Monroe County where DTE Energy and CMS Energy employ more than 600 people combined. But uncertainty about high energy costs is making it harder for Michigan's businesses to grow and for families to live within their budget. If we want to see a return to stable energy prices and increased job growth, we need to step away from the president's expansive regulatory agenda and instead get serious about implementing an all-of-the-above energy plan. This year certainly has seen its share of troubling proposed energy regulations for manufacturing states such as Michigan. In June, the president issued a memorandum directing the
Environmental Protection Agency to further regulate existing fossil fuel-fired power plants.” [Monroe Evening News, Walberg Op/Ed, 11/17/13]

Voted to Bar the EPA from Regulating Greenhouse Gas

In 2011, Walberg voted to prohibit the EPA from addressing climate change by regulating greenhouse gases, to change the definition of air pollutant in the Clean Air Act and to keep states from addressing climate change through the regulation of greenhouse gases.

The bill changed the definition of air pollutant to exclude greenhouse gas as it pertained to climate change (though greenhouse gases could be regulated for reasons other than climate change). It also repealed previous EPA regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases and barred the EPA from issuing any new regulations on stationary sources of greenhouse gases. Automobile emission standards were exempt from this bill. [CQ House Action Report, 4/04/11]

“This really is a shocking attack on states’ rights and on public health,” said Stanley Young, a spokesman for the California Air Resources Board, which was working on emissions standards for cars that would take effect in 2017. He estimated that the bill could roll back scheduled cuts in pollution and petroleum consumption by 25 percent nationwide. [San Francisco Chronicle, 3/14/11]

The bill passed 255-172. [HR 910, Vote #249, 4/07/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted against a motion which would have specified that the authority of the EPA administrator under the Clean Air Act wouldn’t be abridged by the bill when it came to protecting the health of children and seniors from air pollution produced by large sources of carbon dioxide. The motion failed 191-236. [HR 910, Vote #248, 4/07/11]

Sponsored Bill to Prevent Regulation of Greenhouse Gases

In 2011, Walberg sponsored the Defending America’s Affordable Energy and Jobs Act, which would prevent the President, EPA, or any federal agency from regulating greenhouse gases without Congressional approval. [HR 750, introduced 2/16/11]

Voted to Undermine the Clean Water Act

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which undermined the Clean Water Act by removing the EPA’s ability to enforce the Act.

The bill banned the EPA from issuing new or revising water-quality standards if a state standard had already been approved by the agency without the state’s consent. The EPA would also be banned from removing its approval of a state program or limiting federal funds to that program if it disagreed with the way the regulation was implemented, or if the EPA disagreed with the state’s water quality standard.

This effectively removed the EPA’s authority to supervise and regulate the states. [New York Times Editorial, 7/15/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/13/11]
The bill passed 239-184. [HR 2018, Vote #573, 7/13/11]

**Voted Against Protecting Our Drinking-Water Sources**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion which continued the EPA’s authority to regulate pollutants in drinking-water sources.

The motion stated that the legislation would not affect the EPA’s authority when it comes to regulating pollutants, including arsenic or perchlorate, into public drinking-water sources.

The motion failed 188-238. [HR 2018, Vote #572, 7/13/11]

**Voted to Allow Clean Air Laws to be Weakened**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prevent clean air laws from being rolled back to protect polluters.

The amendment prohibited the use of funds in the bill for the EPA to develop or implement a proposed rule that would ease hazardous air pollution emissions standards for major source polluters as defined under the Clean Air Act. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment passed 252-178. [HR 2643, Vote #556, 6/26/07]

**Voted Against Clean Michigan Initiative**

In 1998, Walberg was one of only four members of the House to vote against the funding for the Clean Michigan Initiative, which sent a $675 million bond program to voters. The funds would be used to help clean up urban brownfield sites and pay for water pollution abatement programs.

The bill passed 94 to 4. [SB 904, Roll Call #840, 7/02/98]

The bills received wide bipartisan support, including Governor John Engler, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Manufacturers Association, the Michigan Environmental Council and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Walberg was also one of only a handful of House members to vote against the remaining components of the Clean Michigan Initiative. [HB 4849, 5719, 5620 & SB 902, Roll Call #836-9, 7/02/98]

**Voted for a Swap of Federal Land with Foreign-Owned Copper Mine Company**

In 2011, Walberg voted to convey land in Arizona to the Resolution Copper Company for a “giant mine” in exchange for different land in Arizona.

The bill authorized a land swap for the land in Arizona in order for Resolution Copper Co. to develop the largest copper mine in North America by exchanging land in Arizona with the federal government. The bill would exchange “about 2,400 acres in the Oak Flat area of the Tonto National Forest in return for
giving more than 5,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land throughout Arizona to the federal government”.

Opponents of the project said it would harm Apache tribal lands and threaten the region’s already scarce water supply. Other critics noted that Resolution Copper’s foreign-based parent company could bring in foreign workers to run the mine or use robotic technology operated outside of the United States. [Arizona Republic, 10/26/11; CQ Floor Votes, 10/26/11]

The bill passed 235-186. [HR 1904, Vote #809, 10/26/11]

**Voted Against Blocking Business with Iran-Linked Mining Company**

In 2011, Walberg voted against blocking an American company from partnering with a British mining company with ties to Iran for the largest copper mine in North America.

The motion would have kept Resolution Copper from partnering with entities that have shared interest with the Iran Foreign Investment Company.

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, “Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday mounted a vigorous offense against the bill, saying that Resolution Copper was owned by London-based Rio Tinto, and that that company is partnered with the Iran Foreign Investment Company in mining uranium in Namibia.” [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 10/26/11]

The motion failed 187-237. [HR 1904, Vote #808, 10/26/11]

**Voted to Nullify Rules Limiting Mercury Pollution from Cement Plants**

In 2011, Walberg voted to nullify rules limiting mercury pollution from cement plants.

The bill would nullify Environmental Protection Agency rules for cement plant emissions and require the development of new rules which would not go into effect until 2017. [Washington Post, 10/09/11; CQ Floor Votes, 10/06/11]

According to the Washington Post, the EPA projected up to $19 in public-health benefits for every dollar of compliance cost to manufacturers. The rule would curb emissions of mercury, which spread to water and fish and can cause brain damage in infants and children. The rules also would curb emissions of particulates that cause heart and lung diseases, as well as gases such as nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide that form smog. [Washington Post, 10/9/11]

The bill passed 262-161. [HR 2681, Vote #764, 10/06/11]

Before final consideration of the bill, Walberg even voted against a motion to implement the current emissions standards for cement kilns within five miles of a school, day-care, playground or hospital with a maternity ward or neonatal unit. The motion failed 176-247. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/06/11; HR 2681, Vote #763, 10/06/11]
**Supported Eliminating Endangered Species Status For Wolves**

**Supported Bill Predicted To Lead To Challenge Of Endangered Status Of Wolves.** “The question of whether gray wolves should be hunted or protected returned to the spotlight Thursday in Lansing and Washington, D.C. In December, a federal judge placed wolves back on the endangered species list, a decision that has not been welcomed in many parts of Michigan after the federal interior secretary in 2011 took the predators off the protected list in part because of their growing numbers. In response, U.S. Rep. Dan Benishek, R-Crystal Falls, joined four Democrats and 10 other Republicans in supporting the introduction of legislation Thursday that would direct the secretar of the interior to reissue rules on the status of the wolves in Michigan and the other western Great Lakes states, as well as Wyoming. … Other Michigan co-sponsors are Reps. Tim Walberg of Tipton and Bill Huizenga of Zeeland.” [Detroit News, 2/13/15]

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**50 Wildlife Biologists Signed Letter Urging Congress Not To Eliminate Federal Protections For Wolves.** “Two months after a federal judge dropped a bombshell ruling that placed Great Lakes gray wolves back on the endangered species list, hunting proponents and natural resource officials are lining up options to over-turn the decision. … On Wednesday, the Humane Society also sent a letter signed by 50 wildlife biologists - including Michigan's Isle Royale National Park wolf researchers Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich - asking Congress not to strip federal protections from wolves.” [Livingston County Press, 2/19/15]

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**2014: Michigan Voters Rejected Ballot Initiatives Seeking To Allow Wolf Hunting**

**2014: Michigan Voters Rejected Ballot Initiatives Seeking To Allow Wolf Hunting.** “Michigan voters rejected further wolf hunts on two ballot initiatives last November, but the votes were rendered moot by separate legislative action that would have granted the state's Natural Resources Commission the authority to name any animal a game species.” [Livingston County Press, 2/19/15]

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Voted Against Protecting New Species under Endangered Species Act

In 2011, Walberg voted against protecting new species and habitats under the Endangered Species Act.

The amendment struck language from the underlying bill which “barred the Fish and Wildlife Service from listing new species and habitats for protection under the Endangered Species Act.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/27/11]

The amendment passed 224-202. [HR 2584, Vote #652, 7/27/11]

Voted for a Repeal of Increased Efficiency Standards for Light Bulbs

In 2011, Walberg voted for a repeal of bipartisan regulations that increased energy efficiency standards for light bulbs.

The bipartisan regulations passed in 2007 increased energy efficiency standards for light bulbs. The regulation requires bulbs to be 25-30 percent more efficient by 2014 and 60 percent more efficient by 2020. The bill would have also removed $30 million in funding for education and research that was to go along with the new energy standards. [New York Times, 7/13/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/11]

The bill failed to reach a two-thirds majority to pass, 233-193. [HR 2417, Vote #563, 7/12/11]

Voted Against Protecting 150 Years of California Water Rights Laws

In February 2012, Walberg voted against clarifying that nothing in the underlying water bill would preempt or supersede state laws, including state water laws. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/29/12]

The motion aimed at protecting 150 years of California water rights laws and public trust protections, including water-pumping restrictions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that were considered the last line of defense for protecting water quality for Delta farming and urban users, and the rewatering of a dried-up stretch of the San Joaquin River to revive salmon runs. [Central Valley Business Times, 2/27/12; Los Angeles Times, 3/01/12]

The motion was rejected, 178-248. [HR 1837, Vote #90, 2/29/12]

Voted Against Federal and State Cooperation in Protecting Forests, American-Made Products
In June 2012, Walberg voted against allowing the Agriculture and Interior departments to enter into contracts with a state to treat insect-infected trees and remove hazardous fuels in order to reduce the risk of wildfires. It would clarify that nothing in the underlying bill would override Native American Tribal sovereignty.

The amendment would also call for requiring the Interior secretary to ensure that all items offered for sale in National Park gift shops or visitor centers are made in the United States.

The motion failed 188-234. [HR 2578, Vote #386, 6/19/12]

**Opposed Funding for Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

In 2008, Walberg opposed funding of $454 million through 2014 for the Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration programs. This funding included $289 million over seven years for a national ocean exploration program and $164.5 million over seven years for a national undersea research program. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/14/08]

The bill passed 352-49. [HR 1834, Vote #62, 2/14/08]

**Opposed National Landscape Conservation System**

In 2008, Walberg voted against legislation that codified the National Landscape Conservation System, comprising approximately 27 million acres of areas considered to have significant historical, cultural, ecological, scientific or scenic value. The measure also included within the system any area that Congress had already designated for preservation.

Wilderness and historic preservation advocates said the bill would ensure the conservation system is permanent and make it easier for these lands to receive federal funding. They say it also allows the Bureau of Land Management to oversee the lands as comprehensive ecosystems and not just individual “units.”

Republicans critics of the legislation believed the bill encouraged lawsuits and could lead to confusion about decisions on land use. [Congressional Quarterly Today, 4/08/08]

The bill passed, 278-140. [HR 2016, Vote #174, 4/09/08]

**Voted to Stall National Landscape Conservation System**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that nothing in the bill should affect the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment within the National Landscape Conservation System (NCLS).

The motion from Rep. Cannon (R-Utah), would have instructed the committee to rework the bill’s language to ensure that the act did not impede gun owners’ Second Amendment rights within NLCS lands.
Denise Ryan, legislative representative for public lands at the National Wildlife Federation, called Cannon’s motion an effort to kill the bill and not a question about Second Amendment rights. [Public Lands Foundation Release, 4/09/08]

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 208-212. [HR 2016, Vote #173, 4/09/08]

**Supported Sham Amendment to Protect Grazing Rights**

In 2008, Walberg voted in support of a Republican amendment to a bill that would authorize the National Landscape Conservation System at the Bureau of Land Management.

The amendment, introduced by Rep. Pearce (R-NM) was described as a simple clarification of language to protect the ranching economies of the western States. The measure was endorsed by the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, by the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, New Mexico Wool Growers and the New Mexico Federal Lands Council.

Opponents of the amendment feared it could operate to force grazing into sensitive conservation areas where it was prohibited, and that Pearce’s intent was to use a simple authorization bill to undermine provisions of existing grazing laws that had been on the books for years. [Statements by Reps. Pearce and Grijalva, H2111, 4/09/08]

The amendment passed, 214-207. [HR 2016, Vote #172, 4/09/08]

**Voted to Not Reauthorize Public Lands Programs**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a conference bill that designated new park, wilderness and scenic areas and would authorize programs and activities in the Forest Service, the departments of Interior and Energy, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Land Management. It would add 106,000 acres in Washington state to the National Wilderness Preservation System, which would be known as the “Wild Sky Wilderness.”

The legislation provided a stable immigration policy for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) and also provided them with a non-voting Delegate to Congress. [Congressional Quarterly, 4/29/08; Rep. Christenson Release, 4/30/08]

The bill passed, 291-117. [S 2739, Vote #226, 4/29/08]

**Opposed Funding for Grassland and Wetland Reserve Programs**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to instruct House conferees to insist on language to maintain the House-passed funding allotment for three conservation programs: the Grassland Reserve Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Wetlands Reserve Program. The motion also would instruct conferees to agree to a Senate-passed provision that would eliminate federal payments for crops planted on land with no previous cropping history.
The motion was offered by Rep. Kind (D-WI) with the purpose of instructing conferees to ensure that the full funding originally written into the House version of the bill be restored in conference. Kind asked that conferees “get back to what the House passed last year under conservation, give the farmers throughout the country the tools they need to be good stewards of the land, and do it in a nonmarket, nontrade-distorting fashion.” [Statement by Rep. Kind, H2995, 5/06/08]

Critics of the motion said that the conference process was arduous and that conferees did not wish to compound the difficulties by ‘tying their hands’ and stalling the Farm bill yet again. [Statement by Rep. Lucas, H2996, 5/06/08]

The motion was rejected, 140-274. [HR 2419, Vote #258, 5/06/08]

**Opposed Increased Industrial Waste Dispersed in Lake Michigan**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it disapproves of Indiana issuing a permit to allow British Petroleum (BP) to increase levels of industrial waste expelled into Lake Michigan. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The resolution passed 387-26. [HCR 187, Vote #719, 7/25/07]

**Voted for Creating Water Reuse Authority in California**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would create a cooperative agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and North Bay Water Reuse Authority in Sonoma County, Calif., and other regional partners for water reclamation and reuse projects.

It would authorize funds for up to 25 percent of the total cost of the projects, or $25 million, whichever is less.

A two-thirds majority of those present and voting, 276 in this case, was required for passage under suspension of the rules. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/05/07]

The motion was agreed to 358-55. [HR 236, Vote #1130, 12/05/07]

**Voted to Allow the Importation of Polar Bears Killed in Canada**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit allowing American hunters to import the heads and hides of polar bears killed in Canada.

The amendment prohibited the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from granting any more permits for importing polar bear parts.

Rep. Jay Inslee (D-WA), who offered the amendment, argued that polar bears are already endangered and the U.S. shouldn’t condone hunting them at the same time the Fish and Wildlife Services has proposed designating them as a threatened species. [The Oklahoman, 6/28/07]
The amendment failed 188 – 242. [HR 2643, Vote #573, 6/27/07]

**Voted to Cut Funds for Mexican Wolf Recovery Program**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds to operate the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 172 - 258. [HR 2643, Vote #558, 6/26/07]

**Voted to Cut Funding for Mississippi River Army Corps Work**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to cut funding for the Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River and tributaries project by $18 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 111-315. [HR 2641, Vote #504, 6/19/07]

**Voted to Cut Funding for Environmental Cleanup**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would have cut funding for environmental cleanup programs.

The amendment would have increased funding for the Park Service’s operations account by $100 million.

In order to achieve that increase, however, the amendment cut funding for the EPA’s environmental programs and management by $62 million and for Superfund cleanup activities by $160 million.

The amendment also reduced funds for the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions by $1 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 156-274. [HR 2643, Vote #551, 6/26/07]

**Opposed Funds for Equipment for Anadromous Fish Research**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds for equipment for anadromous fish research. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/27/07]

The amendment was defeated 97 – 330. [HR 2643, Vote #566, 6/27/07]

**Opposed Importation of Foreign Garbage to Michigan Landfills**

In 2007, Walberg did not support importation of foreign garbage into Michigan landfills. Trash importation was a controversial issue in Michigan for many years.

“Michigan instituted laws banning Canadian trash in 1988, but the Supreme Court struck down these laws a mere four years later and ruled that Congress has not granted such authority to state and local governments,” Walberg said. [Walberg op-ed, Jackson Citizen-Patriot, 4/25/07]
“For too long, Michigan has had its hands tied by the federal government and it is time to let decisions about the integrity and safety of our land be made by those who inhabit the land,” Walberg said. [Cornwall Standard Freeholder (Ontario), 4/25/07]

**Supported Amnesty for Polluters**

In 1996, Walberg voted in favor of a bill (SB 728) that opponents claimed gave amnesty to polluters and discouraged whistle blowing employees from turning in polluting companies.

Under the bill, a company could conduct an environmental audit of its property that would be privileged and protected from disclosure. If a company, or an individual, reported a condition that required correction to a state or local agency, it could be exempt from either civil or criminal action.

In addition, the bill would allow a company to take action against an individual who disclosed information on its environmental audit, unless the individual could show the company was fraudulently hiding the materials.

“This is an amnesty bill,” said Senator Jim Berryman (D-Adrian), and Senator Ken DeBeaussaert argued that individuals who blew the whistle on companies could be taken to court by those companies and fined up to $25,000 for revealing information in an audit.

The Michigan Environmental Council blasted the bill, saying it allowed corporations to “conceal their wrongdoing from the state and local prosecutors.” [Gongwer News Service, 11/8/95]

The bill passed 71-37. [SB 728, RC #145, 2/27/96]

**Compared Lifting Ban of Offshore Oil Drilling To Manhattan Project and Space Race**

In 2008, Walberg praised President Bush for lifting the executive ban on offshore oil exploration, and compared its importance to the Manhattan Project and the space race.

“Lifting the ban on offshore drilling will lead to lower gas prices, more production of American energy and a safer America. Just as with the Manhattan Project or the race to the moon, breaking our dependence on foreign oil should be a national priority,” Walberg said. [Walberg press release, 7/14/08]

**Voted to Support Drilling in ANWR, Outer Continental Shelf**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to instruct conferees to adjust budget levels to assume $2 billion in increased revenues from expanding federal leases for oil exploration and development in the western federal lands, the Outer Continental Shelf and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/14/08]

The motion failed 185-229. [S Con Res 70, Vote #321, 5/14/08]

**Circulated Discharge Petition for Bill to Drill in ANWR**
In 2008, Walberg introduced a discharge petition to force a vote on the No More Excuses Energy Act.

The bill encouraged construction of new gas refineries on federal lands, allowed for oil and gas drilling in ANWR, and lifted the ban on oil exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf. The bill extended tax credits for wind energy facilities, as well as for natural gas production and nuclear energy. [HR 3089, introduced 7/18/07; Discharge Petition No. 0008, 6/10/08]

Representative Kuhl claimed the No More Excuses Energy Act would save consumers at least $1.98 per gallon. [Representative Kuhl press release, 6/17/08]

**Supported Offshore Drilling**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Department of Interior to allow new offshore drilling.

The amendment would have stricken a provision in the bill prohibiting the Interior Department from using funds for new offshore oil and natural gas leases off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington, in the north Atlantic off the East Coast and in certain parts of the Gulf of Mexico. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 167-264. [HR 2643, Vote #553, 6/26/07]

**Voted to Allow Offshore Gas Drilling**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill that would expand offshore drilling.

The amendment would have allowed the Interior Department to issue new leases for offshore natural gas development in areas at least 25 miles from the U.S. coast. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 196-233. [HR 2643, Vote #552, 6/26/07]

**Supported Plan to Allow Offshore Drilling, Drilling for Oil at ANWR**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a Republican plan to increase oil drilling and overhaul energy policies.

The measure included allowing offshore drilling, exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and provisions related to energy efficiency, “smart grid” technologies, loan guarantees, alternative fuels and coal gasification. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/04/07]

The measure was defeated 169-244. [HR 3221, Vote #831, 8/04/07]

**Voted Against Blocking Commercial Leasing for Oil Shale Resources**
In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to block the Bureau of Land Management from moving ahead with a commercial leasing program for oil shale resources. [Congressional Quarterly Today, 6/27/07]

The amendment passed 219 – 215. [HR 2643, Vote #574, 6/27/07]

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The amendment passed 216 – 210. [HR 2643, Vote #577, 6/27/07]

*NOTE: This vote was a revote of Vote #574 demanded by Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT)*

**Voted to Allow States to Decide on Oil Shale Development**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment by Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT) to the fiscal year 2008 Interior appropriations bill to allow states that want to develop oil shale to be allowed to do it. [Deseret Morning News, 6/28/07]

The amendment failed 204 – 223. [HR 2643, Vote #576, 6/27/07]

**Voted For Allowing The Speaker Of The House And Senate Majority Leader To Appoint Members To Committee Reviewing Energy Department Carbon Capture Research Program**

**Voted For Allowing The Speaker Of The House And Senate Majority Leader To Appoint Members To Committee Reviewing Energy Department Carbon Capture Research Program.** In May 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would allow the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate to appoint members to the STEM Education Advisory Panel and a second advisory committee that would oversee the Energy Department’s carbon capture and sequestration research program. The amendment passed 234 to 183. [HR 1806, H.Amdt. 248, Vote #253, 5/20/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/20/15]

**Voted to Gut the Ability of the EPA to Manage Superfund Sites**

In January 2014, Walberg voted for a bill that the Sierra Club said would “gut the Superfund law.”

The Huffington Post reported that the bill “would make it harder for the government to require companies that deal with hazardous substances to carry enough insurance to cover cleanup. The bill would also require more consultation with states before the government imposes cleanup requirements for Superfund sites.” [The Huffington Post, 1/09/14]

The Sierra Club criticized that the bill “would essentially transfer responsibility for hazardous waste site cleanup from the EPA to the states and gut the power of the EPA to effectively manage hazardous waste cleanups under Superfund provisions.” [Sierra Club, 1/13/14]
The bill passed, 225-188. [HR 2279, Vote #10, 1/09/14]

**Voted To Consider Bill That Could Create “Dangerous Exemptions From Catch Limits” Designed To Prevent Overfishing**

**Voted For Resolution To Consider Bill That Could Create “Dangerous Exemptions From Catch Limits,” Preventing Overfishing.** In May 2015, Walberg voted to consider reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which “provide[s] flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fisherman[.]” U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) has proposed several changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act that he says will give fishery managers more flexibility in rebuilding fish stocks. He has said the changes will allow fishery managers to address the economic needs of fishermen. But some fishermen and environmentalists said Young’s proposal creates dangerous exemptions from catch limits that are designed to prevent overfishing. They point to a recent federal report that says several economically valuable East Coast fish stocks are rebounding and no longer subject to overfishing as evidence that the Magnuson-Stevens act is effective in its current form.” The resolution passed 237 to 174. [H Res 274, Vote #215, 5/21/14; Associated Press, 4/30/15]

**Rep. Raul Grijalva:** “HR 1335 Would Take Us Back To The Dark Ages By Gutting Science-Based Requirements To Rebuild Overfished Stocks And Set Annual Catch Limits.” “The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee today passed a bill to renew the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the nation’s fundamental fisheries law. The sponsor, Alaska Congressman Don Young, says the law has kept foreign fishing fleets off America’s shores and sustained healthy fisheries. …’H.R. 1335 would take us back to the dark ages by gutting science-based requirements to rebuild overfished stocks and to set annual catch limits,’ said Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona, the committee’s top Democrat.” [Alaska Public Radio, 4/30/15]

**Press Release: Voted To Provide Funding For National Institutes Of Health And National Park Service**

**Press Release: Voted To Provide Funding For National Institutes Of Health And National Park Service.** “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Today Rep Walberg voted to provide immediate funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Park Service. Both pieces of legislation passed with bipartisan support.” [Walberg Press Release, 10/02/13]

**Voted For Amendment Limiting Water Used To “Flush Fish Diseases Out Of Klamath River”**

**Voted For Amendment Limiting Water Used To “Flush Fish Diseases Out Of Klamath River.”** In May 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment limiting the amount of water released from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River, which protects salmon from becoming infected by fish diseases. “An amendment to a House appropriations bill to limit the amount of water sent down the Trinity River has come under fire from fish and wildlife groups that say the move could lead to a massive fish die-off downstream in the Klamath River. The amendment, by U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale, would prohibit releasing more water from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River in late summer to keep salmon from becoming sickened by fish diseases. LaMalfa said the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which controls the dam, should not be
allowed to send more water downstream than allowed under 15-year-old agreement called the ‘Record of Decision.’” The amendment passed, 228 to 183. [H.R. 2028, Vote #213, 5/01/15; Record Searchlight, 5/07/15]

Amendment Limited Amount Of Water Released From Dam Into Trinity River. “An amendment to a House appropriations bill to limit the amount of water sent down the Trinity River has come under fire from fish and wildlife groups that say the move could lead to a massive fish die-off downstream in the Klamath River. The amendment, by U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale, would prohibit releasing more water from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River in late summer to keep salmon from becoming sickened by fish diseases.” [Record Searchlight, 5/07/15]

Record Searchlight: 2012-2015: U.S. Bureau Of Reclamation Sent Higher Levels Of Colder Water To “Flush Disease-Causing Pathogens Out Of The River.” “During the past three years, the bureau has sent higher levels of colder water down the river to flush fish diseases out of the Klamath River. In the fall thousands of salmon annually swim up the Klamath River, crowding into pools, where fish diseases can spread in the warmer water conditions. The past three years, the bureau has used water from the Trinity, which flows into the Klamath, to flush disease-causing pathogens out of the river, ease fish crowding and lower the water temperature.” [Record Searchlight, 5/07/15]

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Fisheries And Environmental Groups Believed Measure Had Potential To Cause Massive Fish Die Offs. “An amendment to a House appropriations bill to limit the amount of water sent down the Trinity River has come under fire from fish and wildlife groups that say the move could lead to a massive fish die-off downstream in the Klamath River. The amendment, by U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale, would prohibit releasing more water from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River in late summer to keep salmon from becoming sickened by fish diseases. LaMalfa said the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which controls the dam, should not be allowed to send more water downstream than allowed under 15-year-old agreement called the ‘Record of Decision.’ … The amendment was added to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which the House approved last week.” [Record Searchlight, 5/07/15]

Pacific Coast Federation Of Fishermen’s Association Believed Fish Kill Would Negatively Affect West Coast Commercial And Recreational Fishing Industry. “Glen Spain, Northwest regional director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, said a fish kill would also hurt the West Coast commercial and recreational fishing industry. ‘Again, it’s going to affect the economy of the whole Northern California if we have another fish kill,’ Spain said.” [Record Searchlight, 5/07/15]
Higher Flows Into River Meant Less Water Was Piped Into Powerhouses, Forcing Redding To Buy More Expensive Electricity Elsewhere. “Higher flows down the Trinity River mean that less water is piped over the mountains from Lewiston Lake to the Carr Powerhouse at Whiskeytown Lake and the Spring Creek Powerhouse at Keswick Lake. When those two powerhouses generate less electricity, Redding Electric Utility has to purchase more expensive power from other sources, Eastman said. ‘Requiring the Bureau to maintain Trinity flows under the Record of Decision keeps more water available to all Central Valley Project water recipients, including Redding and agriculture in the North State,’ he said. REU pays about $6.5 million per year for electricity from the Western Area Power Administration, which distributes the power, said Barry Tippin, Redding’s assistant city manager. The city pays hundreds of thousands of dollars more for power if it has to get electricity from other sources when hydropower generation runs low, he said.” [Record Searchlight, 5/07/15]

Voted For Prohibiting Listing Of Prairie Chicken As Threatened/Endangered

Voted For Prohibiting Listing Of Prairie Chicken As Threatened Or Endangered Species. In May 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would “prohibit the listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened or endangered species until 2021. The amendment also would de-list the American burying beetle as a threatened or endangered species.” The amendment passed, 229-190. [H.R 1735, Vote #236, 5/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/16]

Voted For Amendment To Block Bureau Of Reclamation From Buying Water To Increase Instream Flow To Help Fish

Voted For Amendment To Block Bureau Of Reclamation From Buying Water To Increase Instream Flow To Help Fish. In May 2015, Walberg voted for amendment to prohibit the buying of water for the purpose of enhancing river flow to help fish. “The House briefly debated at about 1:20 a.m. Friday, and eventually approved along nearly party lines, an amendment by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., that would block the Bureau of Reclamation from buying water for the purpose of supplementing river flows to help fish.” The amendment passed, 228 to 183. [HR 2028, Vote #211, 5/01/15; Associated Press, 5/01/15]

U.S. Bureau Of Reclamation Public Affairs Officer: Major Water Purchases Were Made To Meet Water Quality Standards. “Rep. Tom McClintock’s amendment to forbid federal agencies from purchasing water during California’s catastrophic drought in order to release it into rivers to meet environmental requirements was adopted May1 as part of the House of Representatives’ Fiscal Year 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. The amendment was adopted on a vote of 226-9, and final passage of the Appropriations Act on a vote of 230-7. … Public Affairs Officer Erin Curtis said the agency’s major water purchases in recent years have been on the San Joaquin River in order to comply with the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan intended to meet water quality standards at Vernalis, not far from where the Stanislaus River meets the San Joaquin River.” [Calaveras Enterprise, 5/08/15]

U.S. Bureau Of Reclamation Public Affairs Officer: Bureau Required By Law To Release Water To Protect Water Quality, Fish And Wildlife. “Curtis noted in an email that the bureau is required by a variety of environmental laws to release water to protect water quality as well as fish
and wildlife. Among the beneficiaries of those releases are farms and cities that draw water from the
San Joaquin River Delta.” [Calaveras Enterprise, 5/08/15]

**Farms And Cities Benefit From Releases.** “Among the beneficiaries of those releases are farms and
cities that draw water from the San Joaquin River Delta.” [Calaveras Enterprise, 5/08/15]

**Calaveras Enterprise: Flows From The Stanislaus River Help Dilute Salt Contamination That Would Otherwise Render Water In the Delta Unusable For Irrigation.** “Rep. Tom McClintock’s amendment to forbid federal agencies from purchasing water during California’s catastrophic drought in order to release it into rivers to meet environmental requirements was adopted May1 as part of the House of Representatives’ Fiscal Year 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. … Flows from the Stanislaus River help dilute salt contamination that would otherwise render water in the delta unusable for irrigation and more expensive to treat for drinking water.” [Calaveras Enterprise, 5/08/15]

**Voted to Undermine California’s Water Laws**

In February 2014, Walberg voted for a bill that would roll back state and federal laws to send more water
from the Delta to the San Joaquin Valley.

The San Jose Mercury News reported that the bill “would roll back federal environmental protections, halt
restoration of the San Joaquin River’s flow and salmon habitat, and pre-empt various state water and
endangered-species laws.” [San Jose Mercury News, 2/04/14]

The bill passed, 229-191. [HR 3964, Vote #50, 2/05/14]

**Voted Against Requiring Companies to Disclose Toxic Chemicals in Drinking Water**

In February 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would require chemical manufacturers to report to
regulatory agencies on the potential risks of chemicals that could contaminate water supplies prior to
using them. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/05/14]

The motion failed 187-231. [HR 3590, Vote #40, 2/05/14]

**Voted to Block Federal Oversight of Fracking**

In November 2013, Walberg voted for a bill that would block the federal government’s ability to impose
new rules on fracking. [The Hill, 9/06/13]

ThinkProgress reported that under the law, “Unless a state has not passed any laws regarding fraking, the
U.S. Department of Interior…would have no say in whether companies disclose chemicals in fracking
fluid; whether water that comes back up from fracked wells is polluted; or whether people can request
public hearings on fracking permit applications.” [ThinkProgress, 11/19/13]

The bill passed, 235-187. [HR 2728, Vote #604, 11/20/13]

**Voted Against Requiring Public Disclosure of Chemicals Used in Fracking**
In November 2013, Walberg voted against a motion that would grant the Secretary of the Interior and state governments the authority to require public disclosure of chemicals, processes and the location of fracking. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/20/13]

The motion failed, 188-232. [HR 2728, Vote #603, 11/20/13]

**Voted Against Ensuring Communities Have a Say in Natural Gas Pipeline Locations**

In November 2013, Walberg voted against a motion that would ensure the ability of communities to engage in the permitting and construction processes of local natural-gas pipelines. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/21/13]

The motion failed, 180-233. [HR 1900, Vote #610, 11/21/13]

**Voted to Limit Environmental Reviews**

In March 2014, Walberg voted to limit environmental reviews required by the National Environmental Policy Act,

The bill would create an 18-month maximum deadline for an environmental assessment and a 36-month maximum deadline for an environmental impact statement. [The Hill, 3/06/14]

The bill passed, 229-179. [HR 2641, Vote #113, 3/06/14]

**Voted Against Voted Against An Amendment That Sought To Disrupt The Ivory Market And Prevent Killing Of Elephants For Their Ivory**

**Voted Against Voted Against An Amendment That Sought To Disrupt The Ivory Market And Prevent Killing Of Elephants For Their Ivory.** In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would have sought to disrupt the ivory market and prevent killing of elephants for their ivory. The amendment “would block implementation of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rules and policies necessary to disrupt ivory markets and ensure that U.S. citizens do not contribute to the ongoing slaughter of African elephants.” The amendment failed 244 to 183. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.584, Vote #405, 7/08/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/08/15; NRDC June & July 2015 Legislative Threats to the Endangered Species Act, 8/03/15]

**Voted Against Amendment To Provide Funding For Water Recycling And Reuse Projects**

**Voted Against Amendment To Provide Funding For Water Recycling And Reuse Projects.** In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would fund water reclamation programs and water reuse projects so that the Bureau of Reclamation can investigate additional opportunities to reclaim and reuse wastewater and naturally impaired ground and surface water. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 179-242. [HR 2898, Vote #445, 7/16/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/15]

**Voted Against Requiring Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites To Follow Groundwater Monitoring Standards**
Voted Against Requiring Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites To Follow Groundwater Monitoring Standards. In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that “would require all inactive surface impoundments to follow post-closure groundwater monitoring standards in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rule.” The amendment failed, 177-245. [HR 1734, Vote #454, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]

Voted Against Requiring Alternate Safe Drinking Water Within 24 Hours If Drinking Water Had Unsafe Coal Pollution Levels

Voted Against Requiring Alternate Safe Drinking Water Within 24 Hours If Drinking Water Had Unsafe Coal Pollution Levels. In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that “would require the owner or operator of a coal combustion residuals surface impoundment to survey all nearby drinking water supply wells and to supply an alternative source of safe drinking water within 24 hours if well water sampling exceeds groundwater quality standards for constituents associated with the presence of coal combustion residuals.” The amendment failed, 192-231. [HR 1734, Vote #455, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]
## Environment – Great Lakes Issues

### Significant Findings

- Supported drilling under Great Lakes, saying, “I don’t understand,” why it was not allowed
- 2012: Voted against motion against barring drilling in the Great Lakes
- “Insanity” not to do whatever necessary to prevent Asian carp in Great Lakes
- 2015: Voted against an amendment to shift $4 million from BLM to Fish and Wildlife Service to fight against invasive species
- 2013: Voted against a motion to provide $3.65 million for increased funding to fight invasive species
- Voted for EPA funds to clean and restore Great Lakes
- 2015: Voted against an amendment that would have required criteria to prevent toxic contamination of groundwater and to protect water sources, including the Great Lakes

Walberg supported drilling for oil under the Great Lakes. However, he said he would do whatever necessary to keep Asian carp out of the Lakes, but has cast some votes against fighting invasive species, including voting against $3.65 for increased funding to fight the problem.

### Supported Drilling Under Great Lakes, Saying, “I Don’t Understand” Why It Was Not Allowed

In May 2007, Walberg told a group of Lansing-area constituents at a town hall meeting that he did not understand why the United States did not drill under the Great Lakes.

“I don’t know how many of you realize that here in this state in the United States, we do not allow even the slant directional drilling under the Great Lakes,” Walberg said. “Our environmental lobby has done so well in lobbying efforts from keeping us from doing that, that we don’t drill in ANWR, we don’t drill under the Great Lakes... I don’t understand that.”

“So I say let’s get away from being held by the markets so tightly on petroleum sources,” he continued. “Unless we are willing to use what we have and provide competition to the world market because we can say to OPEC then ‘to hell with them’ we got our own Alaskan oil, we have our own Great Lakes oil and we got our own intercontinental shelf oil… That’s how I look at it.” [Michigan Democratic Party release,
When pushed at another town hall meeting on whether he would support Great Lakes drilling if state and federal laws barring such drilling were repealed, Walberg answered, “I don’t deal in hypotheticals. You do that. I deal with reality.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/05/07]

**Voted Against Barring Oil and Gas Drilling Near Great Lakes and Everglades**

In February 2012, Walberg voted against prohibiting federal or state permits or leases for new oil and gas drilling within five miles of the Great Lakes or the Florida Everglades.

The motion was rejected 176-241. [HR 3408, Vote #70, 2/16/12]

**“Insanity” Not To Do Whatever Necessary to Prevent Asian Carp in Great Lakes**

In 2011, Walberg said that it would be “insanity” not to do “whatever is necessary to rid ourselves of Asian carp,” that threaten the Great Lakes. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/12/11]

**Signed Letter Asking that House Committee Prioritize Protecting Great Lakes from Asian Carp**

In 2013, Walberg joined a bipartisan group of members of Congress to request that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to prioritize the protection of the Great Lakes region from Asian carp.

“As our economy continues to slowly recover, it is necessary to ensure that preventive measures are in place to protect our Great Lakes region that supports 1.5 million U.S. jobs,” the letter read. [Representative Upton press release, 5/14/13]

**Voted Against $3.65 Million for Increased Funding to Fight Invasive Species**

In July 2013, Walberg voted against increased funding for the Corps of Engineers Investigations and Construction by a total of $3.65 million, intended to fight invasive species.

Rep. Brad Schneider (IL) said the motion was to ensure the “Great Lakes and the Mississippi River are protected from the continued threat of invasive species, including and particularly taking practical steps to address the threat of Asian carp to our fishing, tourism, and navigation on our Nation's inland waterways.” [Congressional Record, H4365, 7/10/13]

The motion would increase by $7 million funding for flood and natural disaster preparation; and increase by $2 million funding for energy efficiency and renewable-energy activities. It also would reduce by $12.7 million funding for Energy Department administration activities. [CQ Votes]

The measure failed 195-230. [HR 2609, Vote #344, 7/10/13]

**Voted Against Amendment To Shift $4 Million From BLM To Fish And Wildlife Service To Fight Against Invasive Species**

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Voted Against Amendment To Shift $4 Million From BLM To Fish And Wildlife Service To Fight Against Invasive Species. In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to reduce the Bureau of Land Management by $4,010,000 and increase the US Fish and Wildlife Service by $3,902,000. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. John Garamendi, “There is a problem in the [Sacramento-San Joaquin River] delta … The delta is being totally overrun by water hyacinths. Other parts of the United States and the West are also finding these invasive water squats plants plugging their pumps, reducing water supply … What this amendment does is address that problem by adding $3,902,000 to the aquatic habitat and species conservation fund, thereby allowing the Federal agencies to work with the State and local agencies to attack the aquatic plants … those who want to have more water flowing south to the San Joaquin Valley and southern California’s great metropolitan areas, including Orange County, ought to be in favor of unplugging the pumps and getting the water hyacinths reduced in the delta.” The amendment failed, 181 to 244. [HR 2822, Vote #393, 7/08/15; Bill Summary, Library of Congress, 7/08/15, House Congressional Record, Page H4733, 6/25/15]

Voted Against Motion To Require Criteria To Prevent Toxic Contamination Of Groundwater And To Protect Water Sources, Including Great Lakes

Voted Against Motion To Require Criteria To Prevent Toxic Contamination Of Groundwater And To Protect Water Sources, Including Great Lakes. In July 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that “would require implementing agencies to require that all surface impoundment structures meet criteria sufficient to prevent toxic contamination of ground water and to protect drinking water sources, including the Great Lakes.” The amendment failed, 184-240. [HR 1734, Vote #457, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]

Voted Against Motion To Prevent Contamination of Groundwater and the Great Lakes

In July 2013, Walberg voted against preventing contamination of groundwater and sources of drinking water, including the Great Lakes, from coal ash waste disposal sites. The amendment failed 192-225. [HR 2218, Vote #417, 7/25/13]

Voted Against Motion to Control Air Pollution that Could Affect the Great Lakes

Before consideration of the final bill, Walberg even voted against requiring the EPA to “plan and implement a strategy, using existing authority, to control air pollution that could affect the Great Lakes.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/23/11]

The motion failed 180-233. [HR 2401, Vote #740, 9/23/11]

Voted to Block Regulation of Dangerous Pollutants

In 2011, Walberg voted to block regulations to reduce emissions of pollutants from coal-fired power plants by the Environment Protection Agency.
The bill would have required the establishment of a committee to analyze the impact of certain EPA regulations on the economy, delaying the rules, including those on mercury emissions. [Chicago Tribune, 9/24/11; CQ Floor Votes, 9/23/11]

The bill passed 249-169. [HR 2401, Vote #741, 9/23/11]

**Voted Against An Amendment To The STREAM Act That Would Direct Funding For Development In Distressed Communities**

**Voted Against An Amendment To The STREAM Act That Would Direct Funding For Development In Distressed Communities.** In January 2016, Walberg Voted Against an amendment to the STREAM Act that would direct funding for economic development for distressed communities. The amendment would “direct funds from the abandoned mined lands fund to economically distressed communities to promote economic revitalization, diversification, and development.” The amendment failed, 203-219. [HR 1644, Vote #39, 1/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/12/16]

**Voted For Amendment Aimed At Protecting Drinking Water Quality From Surface Mining Operations**

**Voted For Amendment Aimed At Protecting Drinking Water Quality From Surface Mining Operations.** In January 2016, Walberg Voted For an amendment that “would have prevented the rule in the underlying bill from being delayed if it protects drinking water quality.” The amendment failed 189 to 223. [HR 1644, Vote #38, 1/12/16; CQ Votes, 1/12/16]

**Voted Against Requiring Companies To Report Chemicals That Could Contaminate Public Drinking Water**

**Voted Against Requiring Companies To Report Chemicals That Could Contaminate Public Drinking Water.** In February 2016, Walberg voted against a motion “that would require any manufacturer of items that contain chemicals that could contaminate public drinking water to submit data to relevant state and federal agencies on the product's risks to human health and the environment, including studies on neurotoxicity and cancer-causing effects. Exposing the public to such items without these studies would be considered prohibited under a federal toxic substances law.” The motion failed 165-238. [HR 2406, Vote #100, CQ, 2/26/16]

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**2014: Trumpeted House Bill Passed Concerning Water Regulations.** “As part of its coverage of the Nov. 4 election, The Monroe News put this question to the candidates and asked them to answer it in no more than 100 words: What can lawmakers do to assure improved water quality for both drinking and for recreation? … U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton: There needs to be some common sense in properly and effectively regulating and preserving our water resources. I’ve co-sponsored legislation to address Asian carp and also better understand the causes of algal blooms in the Great Lakes, their tributaries and surface fresh waters and efforts to mitigate against them. The government should also focus on maintaining a strong water infrastructure, rather than meddle where they are not helpful. Already this year the House
passed a bill to prevent D.C. bureaucrats from going way beyond their authority; they want to be able to regulate small ditches with water on farms.” [Monroe Evening News, 10/12/14]

**Voted for EPA Funds to Clean and Restore Great Lakes**

In 2008, Walberg supported the Great Lakes Legacy and Renewal Act. The bill authorized $150 million per year over five years for the Environmental Protection Agency to use toward cleanup efforts of “areas of concern” in the Great Lakes.

The bill also financed 65 percent of the costs associated with monitoring, cleanup and restoration of polluted areas, and provided $5 million toward research and development of new cleanup methods.

“Sadly, our lakes suffer damage every day through untreated sewage, toxic pollutants and aquatic invasive species… This bill will help address many of these problems, and I am pleased to support it,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 9/18/08]

**Voted for Great Lakes Restoration**

In 2007, Walberg announced that he would vote to override President Bush’s veto of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. The bill helped “eliminate existing and prevent future aquatic invasive species from entering the Great Lakes while restoring wetlands area around the Great Lakes.”

“Every day we wait to address these problems they get worse and the solutions get more costly,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 11/06/07; Associated Press, 11/06/07]

**Opposed Increased Industrial Waste Dispersed in Lake Michigan**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it disapproves of Indiana issuing a permit to allow British Petroleum (BP) to increase levels of industrial waste expelled into Lake Michigan. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The resolution passed 387-26. [HCR 187, Vote #719, 7/25/07]

**Voted For Bill Removing Timeframe Which Allowed For Rebuilding Of Depleted Fishing Stocks**

**Voted For Bill Removing Timeframe Which Allowed For Rebuilding Of Depleted Fishing Stocks.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for the reauthorization of the Magnusen-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, to remove the ten-year timeframe, which allowed for the rebuilding of depleted fishing stocks. “Defying a White House veto threat, the Republican-controlled House on Monday approved a bill to give regional fisheries managers more power to set local fishing levels in federal waters. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, would remove a 10-year timeframe for rebuilding depleted fish stocks and allow fisheries managers to consider the economic needs of fishing communities in setting annual catch limits.” The bill passed 225 to 152. [HR 1335, Vote #267, 6/01/15; Associated Press, 6/01/15]
Alaska Public Radio: Opponents Believed Bill Would Allow Commercial Interests To Push Managers To Set Too High Of Harvest Levels. “A bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the nation’s primary fishing law, passed the U.S. House this evening, largely on party lines. The sponsor, Alaska Congressman Don Young, says the bill makes practical revisions to continue a law that has restored the health of America’s fisheries. … Young’s bill also introduces a controversial element of flexibility in fisheries management. It would eliminate the mandatory 10-year planning period for rebuilding depleted stocks. Opponents says that allows for commercial interests to pressure managers to set harvest levels too high. Young, though, says the rebuilding time frame should vary, depending on the needs of the species.” [Alaska Public Radio, 6/01/15]

Independent National Research Council: 43-Percent Of Fish Stocks Classified As Overfished Were “Rebuilt Or Showed Good Progress Toward Rebuilding Within 10 Years.” “A 2013 report by the independent National Research Council found that federal efforts to rebuild depleted fish populations have largely been successful, but said pressure to overfish some species remains high and some fish stocks have not rebounded as quickly as projected. Forty-three percent of fish stocks identified as being overfished were rebuilt or showed good progress toward rebuilding within 10 years, the time limit required by the Magnuson-Stevens law, the report said. Another 31 percent were on track to rebuild if sharply reduced fishing levels remain in place, the report said.” [Associated Press, 6/01/15]

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Ethics Issues

Significant Findings

✓ In 2008, voted against ethics bill creating Office of Congressional Ethics

✓ In 2015, voted to limit the power of the Office of Congressional Ethics and House Ethics Committee in investigating members

✓ In 2013, voted to allow citizens to record conversations with most federal employees

✓ Supported lobbyist reform; voted to strengthen gift ban

In 2008, Walberg voted against legislation to establish an independent House ethics committee. Additionally, in 2015, he voted to limit the power of the Office of Congressional Ethics in investigating members. Furthermore, in 2013, he voted to allow citizens to record conversations with most federal employees. However, Walberg previously supported lobbyist reforms, including strengthening a gift ban and cracking down on bundling.

Voted Against Ethics Bill Establishing The Office Of Congressional Ethics

In 2008, Walberg voted against legislation to establish an independent panel of the House ethics committee to consider alleged violations by House members and employees.

The measure created an independent Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE), whose primary mandate will be to carry out probes and refer allegations of unlawful activity made against Members of Congress to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. This new independent organization would be led by a bipartisan, six-person panel whose membership will be jointly agreed to by both the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader.

With the creation of a new Office of Congressional Ethics and previously approved lobby reform legislation, Democrats said that the New Direction Congress has demonstrated its commitment to making the 110th Congress and future Congresses more ethically transparent and morally accountable. [Congressional Quarterly, Rep. Clyburn Press Release, 3/11/08]

The measure was adopted by a vote of 229-182. [H Res 1031, Vote #122, 3/11/08]

Voted For Limiting Power Of OCE And House Ethics In Investigating Members

Voted For Limiting Power Of OCE And House Ethics In Investigating Members. In January 2015, Walberg voted for a House Rules package that contained a rules change that would help members under
ethics investigations by the Office of Congressional Ethics and House Ethics Committee. “The new language, added Monday night to the sections that establish the House Ethics Committee and the independent Office of Congressional Ethics, says the two bodies ‘may not take any action that would deny any person any right or protection provided under the Constitution of the United States.’ The language also states that a person subject to a review by the Office of Congressional Ethics ‘shall be informed of the right to be represented by counsel and invoking that right should not be held negatively against them.’ … ‘Clearly (the new language) was put in there to allow members of Congress to restrain certain activities of the ethics committees based on their own interpretation of what the Constitution means,’ said Craig Holman of the watchdog group Public Citizen.” The resolution passed, 234-172. [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/06/15; USA Today, 1/06/15]

Voted to Block Ethics Bill

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The rule was adopted by a vote of 207-206. [H Res 1031, Vote #121, 3/11/08]

Voted to Allow Recording of Talks with Federal Employees, Curb Their Benefits

In August 2013, Walberg voted for the “Stop Government Abuse Act,” a bill which would have allowed citizens to record conversations with most federal employees, curbed certain benefits, and place senior officials under serious investigation on unpaid leave.

The bill would cap bonuses at five percent of their salaries for senior career government officials during sequestration, and federal employees would no longer have received pay when on leave for serious investigation. [Washington Post, 8/01/13]

The bill was part of a series before leaving “Washington for a five-week summer break… aimed mostly at embarrassing the Obama administration and scoring political points.” [Washington Post, 7/31/13]

The bill passed 239-176. [H.R. 2879, Vote #436, 8/01/13]

Voted to Crack Down on Abuses of U.S. Attorney Appointment Privileges
In 2007, Walberg voted for legislation to curtail President Bush’s ability to appoint interim U.S. attorneys who can serve indefinitely without Senate confirmation.

The bill restored the process for temporarily replacing U.S. attorneys to what it was prior to the 2006 reauthorization of the Patriot Act, which included language to allow the president to indefinitely appoint replacements to vacant U.S. attorney positions without Senate approval.

Under the bill, the attorney general would be empowered to appoint a temporary replacement who could serve for up to 120 days. If the Senate had not confirmed a permanent replacement by then, the chief judge of the federal district would be able to appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the Senate acts. [Congressional Quarterly Today, 5/21/07]

According to Congressman John Conyers (D-MI), the House sponsor of the bill, the measure “will restore historical checks and balances to the process by which interim U.S. attorneys are appointed.” [Congressional Quarterly Today, 5/22/07]

The bill passed 306-114. [S. 214, Vote #397, 5/22/07]

Supported Landmark Lobbying Reform Bill

In 2007, Walberg voted for landmark lobbying reform legislation to change the way business is done in Washington by ending the K Street project, requiring improved disclosure of contributions to members’ charities or entities and establishing a public database of member travel and personal financial disclosure forms. [House Democratic Caucus, 5/24/07]

The bill expanded rules governing registered lobbying and required lobbyists to file quarterly reports electronically, which would be made available to the public.

Lobbyists and firms that employ them would have to certify they have not provided, requested or directed any gift, including travel, to be made to a member of Congress, or an officer or employee of either chamber.

It also amended House rules to bar contact with a member’s spouse who serves as a lobbyist and requires members and senior staff to disclose to the ethics committee job negotiations after they leave Congress and require that they recuse themselves from any related issues.

The bill would create penalties for members who attempt to influence partisan hiring by outside firms. It would amend House rules concerning attendance by members and staff at charitable events to provide that such events do not have to be “widely attended” in order to be exempted from the gift ban. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

The bill passed 396-22. [HR 2316, Vote #423, 5/24/07]

Supported Crack Down on “Bundling”
In 2007, Walberg voted for a bill to require registered lobbyists to provide quarterly reports to the House clerk and secretary of the Senate regarding the process known as bundling. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

Bundling takes place when lobbyists collect contributions to turn over to candidates, political parties and political action committees, including those connected to lawmakers. The provision also would affect lobbyists raising money for presidential candidates.

The legislation would apply to contributions totaling more than $5,000 in a quarter that they provide to a covered recipient. [CQ Today, 5/24/07; Bloomberg News Service, 5/24/07]

The bill passed 382-37. [HR 2317, Vote #420, 5/24/07]

**Voted For Measure to Strengthen Gift Ban**

In 2007, Walberg voted for a motion to strengthen House ethics rules banning gifts for members of Congress and their staffs.

The motion amended House rules to forbid members and staff from accepting gifts from lobbyists of state and local governments.

In addition, the Chabot motion prohibits any congressional employee who previously worked as a lobbyist from communicating with their old lobbying firm and clients for one year, mandated quarterly reports and full disclosure for registered lobbyists who bundle campaign contributions, and required lobbyists to publicly disclose the bills and earmarks they are working to support. [Congressional Quarterly, Chabot Press Release, 5/24/07]

The motion passed 346-71. [HR 2316, Vote #422, 5/24/07]

**Supported Ethics Reform That Created a Zero Tolerance Ban on Gifts from Lobbyists**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a package that ended the K Street project, created a zero tolerance ban on gifts from lobbyists, and generally barred members from going on trips financed by lobbyists, except for one-day trips or those paid for by universities. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-1, 1/03/07]

The measure passed 430-1. [HRS 6, Vote #7, 1/05/07]

**Supported Civility and Openness in Conducting House Business**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of prohibiting holding open record votes on the House floor in order to reverse the outcome of the vote, requiring conference committee meetings to be open to all conferees, and prohibiting changes to conference reports after conferees have finalized an agreement. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-1, 1/03/07]

The measure passed 430-0. [HRS 6, Vote #8, 1/05/07]
Voted in Favor of Overhaul of Ethics and Lobbying Rules

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to overhaul congressional lobbying and ethics rules for members and their staffs, as well as requiring the disclosure of “bundled” campaign contributions that exceed $15,000 in a six-month period or $30,000 in a year.

The bill extended the time period before former senators can become lobbyists to two years while former House members would have to wait one year.

The bill also required quarterly disclosure reports on lobbying activities and denied congressional pensions to members convicted of certain felonies committed after the date of enactment.

The measure required senators, candidates for Senate and presidential candidates to pay charter rates for trips on private planes while barring House candidates from accepting trips on private planes.

Among changes to House and Senate rules, the bill prohibited a member’s staff from having lobbying contact with the member’s spouse and imposed new earmark disclosure requirements in the Senate. Civil penalties for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements were raised to $200,000. [CQ Weekly, 8/06/07]

The bill passed 411-8. [S. 1, Vote #763, 7/31/07]

Walberg Passed Amendment Which Would Require Agencies To Report Detailed Cost and Performance Info On Programs To OMB For Government Wide Inventory Program

Walberg Passed Amendment Which Would Require Agencies To Report Detailed Cost and Performance Info On Programs To OMB For Government Wide Inventory Program. “The following information was released by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Today the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee held a mark up to consider six pieces of legislation along with six postal naming bills. The following actions were taken by the Committee: H.R. 598, the Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act (Rep. Walberg, R-MI): Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-07) offered an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) which was agreed to by voice vote and the bill was reported favorably to the House. Requires agencies to report detailed cost and performance information on programs to OMB for a government-wide program inventory. The bill, as reported, accommodates concerns about cost and feasibility raised by OMB.” [US House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Press Release via States News Service, 7/22/15]

Voted to Allow Ethics Investigation into Rangel

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an ethics investigation into House Ways and Means Chairman Charles Rangel. The Boehner privileged resolution would remove Rangel from his chairmanship and establish a subcommittee in the House Standards and Official Conduct Committee within 10 days of the resolution’s adoption to investigate whether Rangel violated U.S. tax code in his reporting of rental income for a property he has owned in the Dominican Republic since 1988. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/18/08]
Rangel was the subject of news reports revealing discrepancies on his financial disclosure forms; accounting irregularities that resulted in back taxes owed on undeclared income from a vacation property in the Dominican Republic; storage of a car with expired tags in a House parking garage; and his use of rent-stabilized apartments in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City. Speaker Pelosi said there was no need for Rangel to step down.

In July, a measure seeking censure of Rangel failed, with 25 Republicans siding with Democrats in a 254-138 vote to table it. The ethics committee’s top Republican, Doc Hastings of Washington, said the committee should hire a special counsel and form an investigative subcommittee to look into the Rangel matter. He said that he had been calling for the panel to launch an official investigation since the end of July. [CQ Today, 9/18/08]

The motion to table the resolution was agreed to by a vote of 226 to 176. [H Res 1460, Vote #609, 9/18/08]

**Supported Ethics Investigation into Bill Jefferson**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a privileged resolution that would direct the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate alleged illegal conduct and House rules violations by Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-LA).

Under the measure, the Committee was required to report its findings and recommendations to the House, including whether he should be expelled from the House. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/05/07]

In June 2007, Jefferson was indicted on bribery, racketeering, money laundering, obstruction of justice, and related charges. The 16-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va. charged Jefferson with solicitation of bribes, honest services wire fraud, money laundering, obstruction of justice, violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, racketeering, and conspiracy.

The indictment alleged that from in or about August 2000 through in or about August 2005, Jefferson, while serving as an elected member of the U.S. House of Representatives, used his position and his office to corruptly seek, solicit and direct that things of value be paid to Jefferson and his family members in exchange for his performance of official acts to advance the interests of people and businesses who offered him the bribes. [Capitol Hill Broadcast Network, 6/04/07]

The resolution passed 373-26. [H Res 452, Vote #430, 6/05/07]

**Supported Resolution Condemning Murtha**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a motion to table (kill) a resolution sponsored by Republican leader John Boehner (R-OH) condemning Congressman John Murtha (D-PA) for allegedly bringing “dishonor and discredit to the House of Representatives by misusing the powers of the chair.”

According to CQ Today, Republicans complained that Murtha “did not show the proper degree of fairness or respect as Speaker pro tempore toward a colleague,” Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) during a
The debate over approval of the Journal of the previous day’s proceedings. [CQ Today, 8/05/07; Congressional Record, 8/03/07, Page 9695]

The motion to kill the resolution passed 211-178. [H Res 612, Vote #822, 8/03/07]

**Voted to Censure Rep. Pete Stark**

In 2007, Walberg voted to censure Rep. Pete Stark for his comments during floor debate on October 18, 2007 on the override vote on the president’s veto of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/23/07]

Criticizing the President for his refusal to add $35 billion over five years to expand SCHIP to 10 million kids, Stark said Bush was able to find money for the troops, but not for children’s health.

“You don’t have money to fund the war or children. But you’re going to spend it to blow up innocent people if we can get enough kids to grow old enough for you to send to Iraq to get their heads blown off for the president’s amusement,” Stark said. [Associated Press, 10/18/07]

The motion to table the resolution passed 196-173. [H Res 767, Vote #986, 10/23/07]

*Note: A vote for censure is a “no” vote to table the resolution.*

**Opposed Partisan Amendment Calling for FBI Investigation of Mollohan**

In 2007, Walberg voted in opposition to a Republican amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill to redirect $1 million within the FBI to focus on an investigation of Congressman Alan B. Mollohan (D-WV).

The amendment was sponsored by Congressman Steve King (R-IA), a hard right conservative who angered even his own party’s leadership by introducing the amendment.

According to The Hill, “Republican leaders were annoyed by King’s move last Wednesday because they weren’t consulted and only learned of it when he circulated a ‘Dear Colleague’ asking for support the same day, according to one lawmaker and a GOP leadership aide.” [The Hill, 7/31/07]

The FBI is reportedly investigating Mollohan for his ties to non-profits and the millions of dollars in earmarks he has channeled to them. At least one of the non-profit officials has partnered with Mollohan in real-estate deals.

Mollohan has denied any wrongdoing and says the FBI has not contacted him about the allegations. [The Hill, 7/31/07]

The amendment was overwhelmingly defeated 19-389, with even 167 Republicans voting against the measure. [HR 3093, Vote #726, 7/25/07]

**Voted to Reprimand Murtha**
In 2007, Walberg voted against a Democratic motion to kill a resolution denoting that Congressman John Murtha (D-PA) has been guilty of a violation of the Code of Official Conduct and merits the reprimand of the House. The resolution alleged that Murtha had threatened to revoke another lawmaker’s earmarks.

According to The Hill, “The earmark drama began last week when Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) said that Murtha approached him on the floor and told him ‘in a loud voice’ that there would be consequences for offering a procedural motion, which would have abolished $23 million for the National Drug Intelligence Center, which is based in Murtha’s district.”

House rules state that lawmakers cannot make spending projects conditional on how another lawmaker decides to vote. [The Hill, 5/23/07]

Murtha later apologized to Rogers. [The Hill, 5/24/07]

The motion to kill Rogers’ resolution passed 219-189. [H Res 428, Vote #402, 5/22/07]
FEMA and Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

- 2006: Opposed hurricane relief
- Mixed record on National Flood Insurance Program
- Mixed record on hurricane relief funds
- In 2014: Voted against a motion to reauthorize funds for rural schools, firefighters and policemen
- 2014: Voted against funds to fight and prevent forest fires
- 2014: Voted three times against the consideration of a delay in flood insurance rate increases

In 2006, Walberg opposed hurricane relief funds generally, saying “we have come to believe that government should supply everything for us in every way.” However, his voting record is mixed on both hurricane relief funds and the National Flood Insurance Program – sometimes voting for and sometimes voting against funding. In 2014, Walberg voted against funds to fight and prevent forest fires. Additionally, he voted against a motion to reauthorize a motion to reauthorize funds for rural schools, firefighters and policemen.

In 2014, Walberg voted against the consideration of a delay in flood insurance rate increases three times.

Opposed Hurricane Relief

In 2006, Walberg argued that in situations like Hurricane Katrina, the most efficient relief work was done not by government agencies but by private charities like the Salvation Army and church groups.

“We have come to believe that government should supply everything for us in every way,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/18/06]

Voted Against Providing $51 Billion in Emergency Aid to Victims of Hurricane Sandy

In January 2013, Walberg voted against providing $51 billion in emergency aid to victims of Hurricane Sandy. The governors of New York and New Jersey previously requested $82 billion in aid to cover damage in their states.
The aid would be directed to those victims whose homes were damaged or destroyed, as well as to business owners who suffered heavy losses. The package would also pay for repairing transit systems, fixing bridges and tunnels, reimbursing local governments for emergency spending, and replenishing shorelines. [New York Times, 1/28/13]

The bill passed, 241-180. [HR 152, Vote #23, 1/15/13]

**Republican Congressman Called No Votes “Disgraceful”**

Republican Congressman Pete King called House Republicans who voted against Hurricane Sandy aid “disgraceful” and said they made representatives from the impacted region feel like “third-world beggars.”

“Quite frankly, it’s going to be difficult going back and working with people you sit next to,” said King. [New York Daily News, 1/18/13]

**… Even Voted to Offset Relief Funds with Cuts to Military**

In January 2013, Walberg voted for an amendment sponsored by Congressman Mick Mulvaney that would require a 1.63 percent cut to all discretionary spending to offset the original $17 billion Hurricane Sandy relief bill.

Republican Congressman Bill Young, chairman of the Appropriations Defense subcommittee, said he opposed the amendment because it would cut military pay. Politico reported that amendment would include cuts to the Pentagon’s budget. [The Hill, 1/15/13; Politico, 2/05/13]

The amendment failed, 162-258. [HR 152, Vote #14, 1/15/13]

**Voted to Consider Bill to Delay Flood Insurance Premium Increases**

In 2014, Walberg voted to consider a vote on a Senate-passed bill to delay flood insurance premium increases resulting from the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. [Times-Picayune, 2/04/14]

The New York Times reported that “over the past year, millions of coastal property owners were hit with flood insurance rate increases that sent their premiums soaring up to five or 10 times the previous amounts. As their insurance bills soared and their property values plummeted, homeowners begged lawmakers to block or delay the Biggert-Waters provisions.” [New York Times, 1/30/14]

The previous question was approved 225-193. A vote against the motion would have allowed for consideration of the bill to delay flood insurance premium hikes. [H Res 470, Vote #34, 2/04/14]

- **Headline:** House rejects Democratic proposal for quick vote on Senate-passed bill delaying flood insurance hikes [Times-Picayune, 2/04/14]

**…Then Voted Again to Reject Considering Bill to Delay Flood Insurance Premium Increases**

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### Voted to Provide Funds to Cover Insurance Claims of Victims of Hurricane Sandy

In January 2013, Walberg voted for providing $9.7 billion in assistance to victims of Hurricane Sandy. The funds would be the first part of a larger aid package sought by affected states.

The bill would give the National Flood Insurance Program the authority to borrow $9.7 million to cover insurance claims filed by those whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the storm. FEMA previously notified Congress that it would be unable to cover all of the claims. [New York Times, 1/04/13]

All votes against the aid came from House Republicans. The bill passed, 354-67. [HR 41, Vote #7, 1/04/13]
Voted Against Reauthorizing Funds for Rural Schools, Firefighters and Policemen

In February 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would reauthorize the Payments in Lieu of Taxes initiative, or federal payments to local governments to offset losses in property taxes to non-taxable Federal lands within their boundaries. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/06/14]

The Department of the Interior reported that PILT payments help rural communities fund firefighters and police departments, construction of publics cools and roads, and search-and-rescue operations. [Department of the Interior, accessed 4/08/14]

The motion failed 194-222. [HR 2954, Vote #53, 2/06/14]

Voted Against Funds to Fight and Prevent Wildfires

In February 2014, Walberg voted against authorizing $50 million to fight wildfires. The motion would authorize an additional $50 million for hazardous fuels reduction on public lands. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/06/14]

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Voted for Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness Funding

In 2013, Walberg voted for the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act.

The bill would strengthen national preparedness and response for public health emergencies, eliminate bureaucratic inefficiencies and accelerate the stockpiling of vaccines.

The bill passed, 370-28, and was signed into law. [HR 307, Vote #56, 3/04/13]

Voted Against $8.1 Billion in Emergency Disaster Relief Funding for Fiscal Year 2012

In 2011, Walberg voted against providing $8.1 billion in emergency disaster relief funding for fiscal year 2012.

The bill provided $8.1 billion in emergency funding for FY2012 disaster relief, of which $6.4 billion would go to the Federal Emergency management Agency Disaster Relief Fund and $1.7 billion to the Army Civil Corps of Engineers. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/16/11]
The bill passed 351-67. [HR 3672, Vote #943, 12/16/11]

**Voted Against Eliminating the National Flood Insurance Program**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment to eliminate the National Flood Insurance Program.

The amendment to eliminate the National Flood Insurance Program would not impact current coverage but would prevent the NFIP from issuing new policies or renewing old ones. The amendment would allow states to form interstate compacts to provide flood insurance. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/11; Associated Press, 7/12/11]

The amendment failed 38-384. [HR 1309, Vote #560, 7/12/11]

**Voted For Reforming the National Flood Insurance Program**

In 2011, Walberg voted for extending and making bipartisan reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program.

The bill would extend the National Flood Insurance program for five years and make bipartisan reforms to help extend the life of the program, in which some 20,000 communities nationwide participated. Some of these reforms included increasing the allowed premium percentage increase, increasing the minimum deductible for properties, and allowing communities that are required to buy flood insurance to seek a suspension while they worked to improve their flood protection systems. [Associated Press, 7/12/11]

The bill passed 406-22. [HR 1309, Vote #562, 7/12/11]

**…But Against Prohibiting Insurance Companies from Increasing Rates on Flood Victims**

However, Walberg voted against a motion to authorize FEMA to provide flood victims in major emergency or disaster zones, as declared by the president in 2011, grants to help with their rebuilding costs. The motion would have also allowed those people to be exempted from flood insurance premium increases for three years.

The motion failed 181-244. [HR 1309, Vote #561, 7/12/11]

**Voted Against a Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against a House Conference Report that reauthorized the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Conference Report extended the National Flood Insurance Program through Sept. 30, 2017 and provided for the distribution of penalties paid by those responsible for the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill to Gulf Coast states for environmental restoration activities.

According to Fox News, “Failure to renew the program would have been a blow to the fragile housing market because potential homeowners in flood-susceptible areas would be unable to close on mortgages
or refinance loans. A two-month lapse in the program in 2010 resulted in some 1,400 home sales a day being cancelled.” [Foxnews.com, 7/29/12]

The motion passed, 373-52. [HR 43438, Vote # 451, 6/29/12]

**Said Requirement that At Risk Homes Buy FEMA Flood Insurance Violated Rights**

In 2011, Walberg introduced legislation that would place a five year delay on the requirement that homeowners located within a new floodplain map purchase flood insurance through FEMA.

Walberg claimed many homes were included in flood zones due to faulty mapping methods.

“I heard directly from my constituents about the negative impact these FEMA floodplain maps would create on their pocketbooks, and I believe this is a true violation of the rights named in the Declaration of Independence - namely liberty and happiness,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 2/26/11]

**Introduced Amendment To Place Moratorium on New Maps Passed House**

In 2011, an amendment to the Flood Insurance Reform Act sponsored by Walberg passed the House. The amendment would impose a moratorium on the mapping program until new standards and methods are recommended by a group called the Technical Mapping Advisory Council to improve accuracy. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/14/11]

**Opposed Funds to Rebuild New Orleans Levees**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would provide domestic disaster assistance, particularly for the Gulf Coast. The amendment appropriated $21.2 billion for domestic programs, military construction and foreign aid programs.

It would provide $4.6 billion for military construction and $5.8 billion for levee building in Louisiana. The amendment would provide a permanent expansion of education benefits for post-Sept. 11 veterans, offset with a 0.47 percent surtax on modified adjusted gross income above $500,000 per year for individuals and $1 million for couples.

It also would temporarily extend unemployment insurance benefits and place a moratorium through March 2009 on seven Medicaid regulations proposed by the administration. It would appropriate $9.9 billion for the State Department, USAID and international food assistance. [Congressional Quarterly, Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 5/16/08]

The amendment passed 256-166. [HR 2642, Vote #330, 5/15/08]

**Opposed Funding Dam Rehabilitation**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize $201 million over five years for a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant program to provide assistance to states for the rehabilitation of publicly-owned deficient dams. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/29/07]
The bill passed 263-102. [HR 3224, Vote #1010, 10/29/07]

**Opposed “Multiperil” Insurance Coverage for those Affected by Both Flood and Wind Damage**

In 2007, Walberg voted against reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal year 2013. The bill increased the current limits on coverage that could be purchased by both homeowners and businesses. A key addition to the legislation was to allow the program to provide optional “multiperil” coverage to cover both wind and floor risk in one policy. It also authorized $400 million in each fiscal year through 2013 for FEMA to modernize all floor maps and to map the 500-year floodplain. [Congressional Quarterly]

The expansion was proposed by Mississippi Democrat Gene Taylor, whose Gulf Coast home was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina and who later sued his insurance company for denying his wind-damage claim. The expansion of coverage required that wind coverage could only be obtained by homeowners with flood coverage.

Critics of the new provision argued that the program had $17.5 billion in debt from the 2005 Gulf Coast storms like Katrina and that wind coverage would crowd private insurers out of the market. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 9/29/07]

The bill passed 263-146. [HR 3121, Vote #921, 9/27/07]

**Supported Funds for Minneapolis Bridge Repair and Construction**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to provide assistance in the wake of the collapse of a bridge on I-35 in Minneapolis.

The bill authorized the Transportation Department to carry out a project to repair and reconstruct the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis.

It authorized $250 million from the general fund of the Treasury for the project, and set the federal share for the project at 100 percent. The bill permitted the Transportation Department to reimburse the Minnesota Transportation Department for the costs of additional public transportation needs arising from the collapse. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/03/07]

The bill passed 421-0. [HR 3311, Vote #819, 8/03/07]

... But Voted to Block Minneapolis Bridge Funds In the First Place

In 2007, Walberg voted to block consideration of legislation to provide assistance in the wake of the collapse of a bridge on I-35 in Minneapolis.

The vote was on the adoption of the resolution to allow for House floor consideration of three bills. A vote against the resolution was a vote to block consideration of the three bills, one of
which authorized the repair and reconstruction of the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/03/07]

The resolution passed 228-196. [H Res 600, Vote #818, 8/03/07]

**Voted to Cut Housing Funds for Hurricane Victims in Louisiana, Mississippi**

In 2007, Walberg in favor of an amendment that would have cut housing funds for families in Louisiana and Mississippi in order to provide funding for hurricane victims in Texas.

In the underlying bill, a proposed $3 billion housing fund provided 75 percent of its funds for Louisiana and 25 percent for Mississippi.

The amendment, proposed by Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX), would have provided Texas with 10 percent of this housing fund, 5 percent taken from Louisiana and 5 percent from Mississippi. [CQ House Action Reports, 5/21/07]

The amendment was defeated 163-240. [HR 1427, Vote #389, 5/22/07]

**Opposed Bill to Strengthen Small Business Disaster Loan Programs**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to overhaul the Small Business Administration’s disaster loan program and create a disaster planning position within the agency.

Under the bill, the SBA would be required to develop and implement a disaster response plan and maintain a 1,000 person “disaster reserve corps.”

Individual disaster loan limits would be doubled to $3 million. The agency would be required to create a centralized application tracking system and revise repayment and disbursement timetables to treat borrowers more favorably. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/18/07]

President Bush opposed the bill. [Statement of Administration Policy, 4/17/07]

The bill passed 267-158. [HR 1361, Vote #225, 4/18/07]

**Opposed Emergency Funding for Hurricane Recovery**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation that would provide $42.8 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition, the bill provided $6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, $3.3 billion for military healthcare costs and $2.25 billion for homeland security anti-terrorism programs. It also would raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years and provide $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

The bill also required another congressional vote in late July to release the remaining $52.8 billion for the Pentagon, and would withhold funds until the president reports by July 13 on progress the Iraqi
government has made toward meeting specified benchmarks and goals set by the bill and Congress has adopted a joint resolution releasing the “fenced off” funds. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

The bill passed 221-205. [HR 2206, Vote #333, 5/10/07]

... But Voted In Favor of Emergency Funding Two Weeks Later

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an emergency appropriations bill that included $2.9 billion for hurricane relief.

The $2.9 billion in funding for Gulf Coast Recovery included $1.3 billion to repair and complete flood and storm damage reduction projects in Louisiana and Mississippi, $30 million for colleges and universities and $30 million for schools in the Gulf Coast most severely impacted by the hurricanes to help them recover to normal operations.

The measure also included $1 billion for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund, including $860 million to pay for waiving the requirement that local communities struggling to recover pay 10 percent of federal rebuilding costs – a waiver that has been provided 32 times since 1985 for other major disasters, but which the Bush Administration resisted.

The measure appropriated $22.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending, including $7.7 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, $3.1 billion for military base closure expenses, $1.8 billion for veterans’ medical care, $650 million for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, $1.1 billion for anti-terrorism homeland security activities, and $3 billion for agriculture disaster relief.

The measure also included a provision to raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years. To help small businesses with the costs of raising the minimum wage, the measure provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

The measure passed 348-73. [HR 2206, Vote #424, 5/24/07]

**Supported Emergency Disaster Funds**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to appropriate $97.8 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending.

The measure included $87 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and $3.4 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund.

In addition, the bill would establish 18 “benchmarks” for the Iraqi government and require the president to report on progress towards meeting the benchmarks. It would permit, but not require, the president to withhold reconstruction funds if the benchmarks were not met. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

The motion passed 280-142. [HR 2206, Vote #425, 5/24/07]
Voted Against Considering a Delay in Flood Insurance Rate Increases 3 Times

In 2014, Walberg voted 3 times against considering delaying flood insurance premium increases resulting from the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. [Times-Picayune, 2/04/14]

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The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act would have delayed the premium increases. [Times-Picayune, 2/04/14]

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Voted To Fund Federal Emergency Management Agency

Press Release: Voted To Fund Federal Emergency Management Agency. “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Rep Walberg released the following statement after voting to provide immediate funding for nutrition assistance for low-income women and children and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Both bills passed with bipartisan support and are now before the Senate for further consideration.” [Walberg Press Release, 10/04/13]

Opposed Flood Insurance Premium Increases

In March 2014, Walberg voted for stopping flood insurance premium increases for some homeowners while capping future premium increase.

The bill would reinstate the flood insurance program’s grandfathering provision that was eliminated under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, meaning that homes compliant with previous flood maps would not be hit with large premium increases under new maps.
The bill would also limit yearly premium increases to an average of 15 percent per year while stipulating that no individual policy holder pay an increase of more than 18 percent per year. [Times-Picayune, 3/12/14]

The bill passed, 306-91. [HR 3370, Vote #91, 3/04/14]

**Voted Against Preserving Legal Recourse To Salvage And Reforestation Projects Conducted In Response To Catastrophic Events**

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## Foreign Policy Issues

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- 2015: Voted against eliminating $600 million in funding for Syria train and equip fund
- 2015: Voted against prohibiting Secretary of Defense from waiving restrictions on aid for Pakistan

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### Voted Against Eliminating Funds To Equip Iraq and Kurdish Military To Fight ISIS

Voted Against Eliminating $715 Million To Equip Iraqi Government And Kurdish Military To Fight ISIS. In June 2015, Walberg voted against against an amendment “to further eliminate the $715 million allocated for equipping the Iraqi government and Kurdish military forces against ISIS.” The amendment was rejected, 56-375.  [The Hill, 6/10/15; HR 2685, Vote #342, 6/10/15]
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Afghanistan

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Cuba
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Voted Against Prohibiting Flights And Maritime Commerce Between The United States And Cuba

Voted Against Prohibiting Flights And Maritime Commerce Between The United States And Cuba. In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would have prohibited funding to implement provisions in the bill that would limit economic ties with Cuba by “bar[ring] use of funds to facilitate new flights originating from the United States that land, or pass through, property confiscated by the Cuban government,” and “bar[ring] use of funds by the Federal Maritime Commission to issue a license or certificate for a commercial vessel that docked or anchored within the previous 180 days within seven miles of a port on property that was confiscated by the Cuban government.” The amendment failed 176 to 247. [HR 2577, Vote #306, 6/04/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/04/15]

Syria

Opposed Military Action in Syria

In 2013, Walberg opposed military intervention in Syria.

“The president has yet to provide a convincing objective or outcome of this attack," Walberg said. “This has produced an almost total lack of support from the American people whom I serve.” [Lansing City Pulse, 9/11/13]

Voted Against Amendment to Remove Language Considering All Courses of Action in Syria

In June 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment that would strip language expressing the sense of Congress on the conflict in Syria.

The amendment would remove the language from the defense authorization bill that stated the Congress would consider all courses of action to remove Assad from power, begin operational planning to secure Syria’s chemical and biological weapons and prepare for supplying lethal aid to the rebels. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/19/13; Journal News, 6/27/13]

The amendment failed 123-301. [HR 1960, Vote #234, 6/14/13]

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“Go In Full-Bore,” To Fight Islamic State. “On the recent fight against the Islamic State group and the ongoing fight against terrorism, both candidates said the U.S. needed to go into the fight with a coalition of partners. Walberg specified that ‘if we do not go in full-bore ... I do not think the American people will stand with us.’” [Lansing State Journal, 10/19/14]

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Libya

Voted Against Supporting Limited US Effort in Libya

In 2011, Walberg voted against authorizing the limited use of force in support of NATO.

The one-year authorization of limited use of force in support of NATO’s mission in Libya would have also required the president to consult with and brief Congress on a regular basis. [The Hill, 6/23/11; Politico, 6/24/11; CBS News, 6/22/11]


Voted to Limit Funds for the NATO Mission in Libya
In 2011, Walberg voted to limit funds for the NATO mission in Libya to help remove Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

The bill limited the spending of defense funds appropriated only to “non-hostile American support of the NATO-led mission.” [Politico, 6/24/11]

The resolution “would require a withdrawal from engagements there - excepting ‘forces engaged in non-hostile actions such as search and rescue, aerial re-fueling, operational planning, intelligence/surveillance/reconnaissance, and non-combat missions,’ according to Boehner.” [CBS News, 6/22/11]

The bill failed 180-238. [HR 2278, Vote #494, 6/24/11]

**Voted to Reprimand the President on the Use of Force in Libya**

In 2011, Walberg voted to reprimand the President for the use of force in Libya without congressional approval.

The bill, according to the Washington Post, rebuked President Obama for failing “to provide Congress with a compelling rational” for the military campaign in Libya but stopped short of demanding he withdraw U.S. forces from the fight. [Washington Post, 6/04/11]

The bill passed 268-145-1. [H Res 292, Vote #411, 6/03/11]

**Voted to Remove US Forces from Libya**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a resolution which would direct the President to remove all US Forces from Libya within 15 days of the passage of the resolution.

According to The Hill, “[Rep. Dennis] Kucinich said he thought he won over Republicans by focusing more on the need for Congress to assert its Constitutional prerogative to declare war than on the wisdom of the mission itself.” [The Hill, 6/04/11]

The resolution failed 148-265. [H Con Res 51, Vote #412, 6/03/11]

**Said Facts About The Benghazi Attacks Were Covered Up By Obama Administration**

“Said Facts About The Benghazi Attacks Were Covered Up By Obama Administration. “The first issue Walberg addressed was congressional probes into the 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. Through these hearings and information the House Oversight Committee has learned, including emails between senior Obama administration officials, Walberg has become convinced that the Obama administration covered up facts of the attack. ‘It sounds like a coverup to me, and it sounds like it's done for political reasons,’ Walberg said after reading the emails to the crowd.” [coldwater Daily Reporter, 5/06/14]

**Voted To Extend Select Committee Investigation Of Benghazi**
Voted To Extend Select Committee Investigation Of Benghazi. In January 2015, Walberg voted for a House Rules package that extended the House select committee investigation into the 2012 attacks on the U.S. embassy in Benghazi. The resolution passed, 234-172. [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/06/15]

Extension Set Not Limit On Budget Or Time Frame. “Five Democrats on the select committee lamented the reauthorization, which set no limit on the committee's budget or time frame, which means it could last well into the presidential election year.” [New York Times, 1/06/15]

Investigation Estimated To Cost $1.5 Million In 2014. “The House is on track to spend around $1.5 million this year on the Republican-created special committee to further investigate the 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, according to congressional spending reports.” [USA Today, 12/03/14]

Previous House Investigations Into Benghazi Found No Wrongdoing. “Democrats call the committee a waste of time and money. No questions about the attack are left to answer, they say, particularly after a new House Intelligence Committee report found no wrongdoing by government agencies.” [USA Today, 12/03/14]

Voted For Prohibiting Funding For START Treaty Until Russia Withdraws From Ukraine

Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Funding To Implement START Treaty Until Russia Withdraws From Ukraine. In May 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would “bar funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Defense Department in fiscal 2016 from being used to implement the New START treaty until the president certifies that Russia’s armed forces are ‘no longer illegally occupying Ukrainian territory,’ as well as certain other certifications.” The amendment was adopted, 235 to 182. [H.R. 1735, Vote #234, 5/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/15]

Voted to Create the Select Committee on Benghazi

In May 2014, Walberg voted to create the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi.

USA Today reported that the special committee could cost as much as $3.3 million in taxpayer dollars, “a bigger budget than the House Veterans Affairs and Ethics Committees were given this year.” [USA Today, 7/07/14]

The Associated Press reported that Congress’ previous investigations into Benghazi “have cost the Pentagon millions of dollars and thousands of hours of personnel time.” In August 2014, the previous investigation concluded after finding “that there was no deliberate wrongdoing by the Obama Administration.” [Associated Press, 3/25/14; San Francisco Chronicle, 8/01/14]

The resolution passed, 232-186. [H Res 567, Vote #209, 5/08/13; Hill, 5/08/14]

Voted to Block Vote to Make Committee Completely Bipartisan
In May 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration of a bill that would make the Benghazi Select Committee completely equal in Democrat and Republican membership and give the committee bipartisan deposition authority, subpoena power, staffing and resources. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 5/08/14]

The previous question passed, 223-192. [H Res 575, Vote #206, 5/08/14]

**Voted to Block Vote on Committee Transparency**

In September 2014, Walberg voted for consideration of a bill that would require the Benghazi Select Committee adopt normal committee rules. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered.

Democrat Rep. Louise Slaughter said that her previous question “would strike a special waiver for the Benghazi Select Committee that lets them avoid the transparent and deliberative process of debating and voting on their own written rules for media access, which every other committee has to do…” [Congressional Record, 9/16/14]

The previous question passed, 224-188. [H Res 722, Vote #498, 9/16/14]

### Iraq

**Compared Security Situation in Iraq to Detroit**

In March 2007, Walberg compared war-torn Iraq to Detroit and Harvey, IL, saying that 80 to 85 percent of the country was as safe as the two cities. Walberg made his original statements on the “Ebling and You” radio show in Lansing. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/25/07]

From the Ebling & You Show:

*Walberg:* “Talking to our troops as well as some of the officers who have returned, they indicate to me that 80 to 85 percent of the country [Iraq] is reasonably under control at least as well as Detroit.”

*Jack Ebling:* “I’ve never heard Iraq compared to Detroit before.”

*Walberg:* “Well in fact in many places it’s as safe and cared for as Detroit or Harvey, Illinois or some other places that have trouble with armed violence that takes place on occasion.” [Ebling & You show transcript; Michigan Democratic Party release, 3/26/07]

**Claimed Comments Were Compliment to Detroit**

At the Jackson County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner, Walberg called his offensive comparison of Iraq to Detroit “a compliment to the people of Detroit.” He also refused to apologize for his original comments.
“I would like to know how Congressman Walberg thinks comparing a country in a bloody civil war which includes suicide bombings, beheadings and torture to Michigan’s biggest city is a ‘compliment to the people in Detroit,’” Michigan Democratic Party Chair Mark Brewer said. [Michigan Democratic Party release, 3/26/07]

**Said He Had No Reason To Apologize For Comments**

According to the Battle Creek Enquirer, Walberg denied any racist intent in his comments.

“No apology is necessary. I have no reason to. There was nothing racist about it. I meant it as a compliment to people in Detroit and Chicago. Aren’t there white people in Chicago? Aren’t there white people in Detroit?” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/26/07]

**Comments Comparing Iraq to Detroit Criticized in Editorial**

Reaction to Walberg’s comments was strongly negative. The Port Huron Times Herald castigated Walberg in an editorial, saying he was “out of touch with reality.”

From the Port Huron Times Herald:

“In the four years since the war began, 1,576 people have died violently in Detroit. About the same number have died in Iraq thus far this month... It is worrisome that a member of Congress, even a novice member, could be so out of touch with reality. It raises a question: Was Walberg merely shilling for the president and peddling false hope about a war gone wrong, or is he really this dense? [Editorial, Port Huron Times Herald, 3/26/07]

**Representative Kilpatrick: Walberg’s Comments “Outrageous,” “Defeatist”**

Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, whose son Kwame was mayor of Detroit, criticized Walberg in a scathing press release on Walberg’s comments.

From Representative Kilpatrick’s release:

“Detroit is struggling to win the fight against the negative, defeatist attitudes of people such as Congressman Walberg, who refuse to acknowledge our accomplishments. Instead of using bombs and guns, they use ignorant statements. Congressman Walberg and other naysayers fail to recognize that Detroit has an indomitable will and strength of character; our spirit will never die.” [Representative Kilpatrick press release, 3/22/07]

**2008: Claimed Clear Connection Between Saddam Hussein and 9/11**

In 2008, Walberg was asked on a local radio show what the difference was between the United States invading Iraq and Russia’s involvement in Georgia.
“Well, the difference here is there was clear connections in Iraq to Saddam Hussein to what went on on 9/11 and the development of the Taliban and al-Qaida terrorist network,” Walberg said.

When asked about the comment later, Walberg said: “The fact is I strongly believe that terrorism must be defeated here and abroad. Al-Qaida was and is a threat to our family’s security - they have proven that.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/22/08]

**Believed Weapons of Mass Destruction May Be Buried in Iraqi Desert**

In 2008, Walberg said he believed that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq that were then buried in the desert. [Detroit News, 10/29/08]

**Walberg (2006): Saddam Hussein Sponsored Terrorism**

In a 2006 Detroit News candidate questionnaire, Walberg claimed that Saddam Hussein sponsored terrorists, and said that the U.S. must “take the fight to the terrorists.”

From the questionnaire:

President Bush was correct to remove a terrorist-sponsoring, America-hating, WMD-possessing, oil-rich murderous dictator from power. The United States must take the fight to the terrorists to thwart their efforts to attack us here. We must continue down the path to victory, and while war is awful, our troops are fighting a necessary battle and they and the mission need our support. A date certainly will only encourage the enemy and cripple the mission. [Detroit News, 7/17/06]

**Voted Against Withdrawing Troops From Iraq**

**Voted Against Withdrawing Troops From Iraq By The End Of 2015 At The Latest.** In June 2015, Walberg voted against a resolution “which would have required Obama to remove the troops within 30 days, or by the end of 2015 if the administration determined it was not safe to do so within the 30-day timeframe.” The resolution failed 139 to 288. [H Con Res 55, Vote #370, 6/17/15; Reuters, 6/17/15]

**Voted Against Limiting the Presence of Armed Forces in Iraq**

In July 2014, Walberg voted against a resolution to direct the President not to escalate the war in Iraq without first going to Congress for permission.

The Huffington Post reported, “Passed by a large 370 to 40 majority, the resolution declares: “The President shall not deploy or maintain United States Armed Forces in a sustained combat role in Iraq without specific statutory authorization for such use enacted after the date of the adoption of this concurrent resolution.” [Huffington Post, 7/25/14]

The resolution passed, 370-40. [H Con Res 105, Vote #452, 7/10/14]

**Voted Against $115 Billion for Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**
In 2011, Walberg voted against authorizing $662.4 billion for defense programs, including $115.5 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The bill passed 283-136. [HR 1540, Vote #932, 12/14/11]

**Supported Troop Surge in Iraq**

In 2008, Walberg wrote that his trip to Iraq proved to him that the surge was working.

“If I had to pick one thing to tell my constituents, it would be that the surge is doing what it was supposed to do… the counterinsurgency strategy implemented by General Petraeus has allowed American and Iraqi forces to stabilize and secure much of Iraq” Walberg said. [Walberg Op-Ed, Jackson Citizen Patriot, 1/28/08]

Walberg told the *Battle Creek Enquirer* that everyone from General Petraeus to the soldiers believed the surge was working and “the only negatives that were expressed were saying it should have been done earlier.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 1/17/08]

**Before Visiting Iraq, Claimed “Peace is Taking Place”**

In August 2007, Walberg claimed that President Bush’s “troop surge” strategy in Iraq was working. While he has never visited Iraq, Walberg said he intended to go in the future.

Walberg said he has been told by troops returning from Iraq, as well as from legislators on both sides of the aisle, that more areas of the country are becoming secure.

“There is clear evidence the surge is working. Peace is taking place,” Walberg told a town hall meeting. “I’ve been told that 49 percent of Baghdad is under the control of Iraqi security forces, backed by the U.S.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/16/07]

**Opposed Withdrawal Deadline**

After visiting Afghanistan in 2007, Walberg said that any resolution on Afghanistan needed to be free of deadlines.

“It should not include a timetable for troop withdrawal,” Walberg said. “I remain very much committed to the fact that that just doesn’t make good sense for a guy like me, let alone for a military person who understands that you don’t telegraph your intentions to an enemy without significant consequences.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/06/07]

**Said Course of Action Had To Be Victory**

In 2007, Walberg said he was not prepared to recommend any changes to military action in Iraq and Afghanistan.
“Our course of action has to be to complete it with victory,” Walberg said. “We’ve spoken about the definition of victory being basically that each country is able to govern itself, keep a democratically elected government functioning, meet the basic needs of its citizens, security, health and physical needs.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 12/06/07]

In 2008, Walberg made similar comments about the necessity of victory.

“The only reason to bring the troops home is victory,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 3/21/08]

**Supported Staying in Iraq Until Democracy Was Self-Sustaining**

In 2006, Walberg said that “we ought to stay [in Iraq] until it is complete, until an Iraqi democracy can be self-sustaining.”

“We too easily forget 9/11,” Walberg said. “We too easily forget the bombing of the Cole.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/18/06]

**2006: Supported Withdrawal in a “Clearly Defined, but Secret Way”**

In 2006, Walberg said that American leadership should work toward withdrawal in a clearly defined, but secret way.

From the Adrian Daily Telegram:

“Says America’s leadership should be able to work toward withdrawal in a clearly defined, but secret, way, so as not to aid the enemy by fully disclosing the plan. Believes troop removal should not occur until American goals in Iraq are accomplished. Says completing U.S. objectives will send a “statement to all death spots in the world” and “honor those who have died fighting.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/30/06]

**Opposed Resolution Condemning Bush Escalation Plan**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a resolution that would express support for U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq while disapproving of President Bush’s decision to deploy more than 20,000 additional U.S. combat troops to that country.

The resolution passed 246 to 182. [H Con Res 63, Vote #99, 2/16/07]

**Walberg: “Mistakes Have Been Made,” But “Victory is the Only Option”**

In a House floor speech, Walberg acknowledged mistakes in the Iraq War, but argued that “victory is the only option.”

From Walberg’s floor speech:
Without a doubt, mistakes have been made, and these mistakes are important to acknowledge, but we must go forward with a new strategy in Iraq based on quantifiable goals and measurable results. We must not retreat. At this critical time, the American people long for true leadership and resolve. I urge my colleagues to put aside political posturing and partisanship and ensure our troops have the resources and support needed to complete this mission. Victory is the only option. [Statement by Representative Walberg, H1672, Congressional Record, 2/15/07]

**Will Not Vote for “Anything Except Total Victory”**

In November 2006, Walberg said he will not vote for any approach that involves “anything except total victory,” but said that he is willing to look at alternate approaches.

Walberg said Republicans have to recognize that voters in the 2006 election were responding to the war, which public opinion polls indicate has become increasingly unpopular.

“It was clearly a reaction that that,” he said. “We can’t get away from it.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 11/11/06]

**Opposed Permanent Base in Iraq**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a bill to prohibit any funding for the creation of a permanent military base in Iraq.

The bill prohibited any funds made available by any act of Congress to be obligated or expended to establish any military installation or base for the permanent stationing of U.S. armed forces in Iraq, or to exercise U.S. economic control of the oil resources of Iraq. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The bill passed 399-24. [HR 2929, Vote #717, 7/25/07]

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**Opposed Measure to Bring our Troops Home by August 2008**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that would set in motion a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq by August 2008 and establish waiveable requirements for unit readiness and deployment lengths.
The bill included $2.8 billion to enhance medical services for active duty forces, mobilized personnel and their family members and $1.7 billion for veterans’ health care priorities including maintenance at VA health care facilities like Walter Reed. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-3, 3/20/07]

The measure passed 218-212. [HR 1591, Vote #186, 3/23/07]

**Opposed Supporting Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that provided $95.5 billion for the Department of Defense.

This provided support for the 140,000 troops deployed in Iraq and 20,000 in Afghanistan.

It also fully funded the original surge force of 21,000 soldiers plus an additional 4,729 personnel in Iraq and 7,200 in Afghanistan. It included $3.3 billion for Defense Health and $1.8 billion for Veterans Health, while the President requested nothing for Veterans Health in the supplemental.

The bill included a timeline to begin withdrawal, but removed the date certain for when all troops need to be out of Iraq. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-1, 4/24/07]

The bill passed 218-208. [HR 1591, Vote #265, 4/25/07]

**Opposed Veto Override of Iraq Accountability Legislation**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a measure to overturn President Bush’s veto of legislation to require accountability in Iraq.

The original bill, which was vetoed by Bush on May 1, 2007, would provide $124.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency funding, as well as set as a goal of redeploying most U.S. combat troops in Iraq by the end of March 2008, if the president can certify the Iraq government is meeting benchmarks, and by the end of 2007 if he cannot.

The measure also provided $95.5 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, $6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, $3.5 billion in crop and livestock disaster assistance and $2.25 billion for homeland security anti-terrorism programs. Also included in the bill was a provision to raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years and provide $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (284 in this case) of both chambers are necessary to override a veto. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/02/07]

The veto override attempt was defeated 222-203. [HR 1591, Vote #276, 5/02/07]

**Voted to Allow Troops to Remain in Iraq Indefinitely**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor a motion to recommit a bill requiring the withdrawal of troops from Iraq to the Armed Services Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language stating that a determination to withdraw or redeploy troops should be based on a number of factors
including protection of members of the U.S. armed forces, the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. embassy. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

Democrats largely opposed the measure because it could be used to justify allowing troops to stay in Iraq indefinitely. [Congressman David Obey, Congressional Record, 5/10/07; Page H4805]

The motion was defeated 210-218. [HR 2237, Vote #329, 5/10/07]

**Opposed Troop Withdrawal from Iraq**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to require the withdrawal U.S. troops and contractors in Iraq with funds provided by the Defense Department within 90 days of the bill’s enactment.

Under the bill, withdrawal would have had to be completed within 180 days. The bill prohibited any funds made available to the Defense Department from being used to increase the number of U.S. troops serving in Iraq in excess of the number serving there as of Jan. 1, 2007, unless the increase has been specifically authorized in advance by Congress.

President Bush opposed the bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

The bill was defeated 171-255. [HR 2237, Vote #330, 5/10/07]

**Opposed Accountability in Iraq**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation that would provide $42.8 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The bill required another congressional vote in late July to release the remaining $52.8 billion for the Pentagon, and would withhold funds until the president reports by July 13 on progress the Iraqi government has made toward meeting specified benchmarks and goals set by the bill and Congress has adopted a joint resolution releasing the “fenced off” funds.

In addition, the bill provided $6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, $3.3 billion for military healthcare costs and $2.25 billion for homeland security anti-terrorism programs. It also would raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years and provide $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

President Bush opposed the bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

The bill passed 221-205. [HR 2206, Vote #333, 5/10/07]

**Voted to Block Accountability in Iraq**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit an emergency appropriations bill on Iraq funding to the Armed Services Committee with instructions to remove language that would have required the Bush administration to report to Congress on benchmarks for success in Iraq.
The motion would have struck language in the bill that would strike a section of the bill requiring the president to submit to Congress by July 13 reports on the progress the Iraqi government has made in meeting political and military benchmarks. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

The motion failed 195-229. [HR 2206, Vote #332, 5/10/07]

### Voted to Honor Local Service Members Who Lose Their Lives

In 2007, Walberg was voted in favor of a bill to allow the governor of a state or territory, or the mayor of the District of Columbia, to fly the U.S. flag at half staff after the death of a local active-duty member of the military. [Congressional Quarterly]

The bill would require all federal government agencies in a state to comply with a governor’s proclamation to fly the national flag at half-staff in honor of those who lose their lives serving their country.

Congressman Bart Stupak introduced the bill when fallen service members were honored with lowered flags in their hometowns and at the sites of their memorial services, but not in surrounding communities. While federal facilities in the hometown and at the site of the memorial services lowered their flags, some federal institutions in neighboring communities did not, creating an uneven display of respect. [Congressman Bart Stupak press release, 6/14/07]

The bill passed 408-4. [HR 692, Vote #346, 5/15/07]

### Supported Iraq Benchmarks without Deadline for Troop Withdrawal

In 2007, Walberg voted for legislation to appropriate $97.8 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending.

The measure included $87 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and $3.4 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund.

In addition, the bill would establish 18 “benchmarks” for the Iraqi government and require the president to report on progress towards meeting the benchmarks. It would permit, but not require, the president to withhold reconstruction funds if the benchmarks were not met. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

Many Democrats opposed the measure because it did not contain language calling for a deadline for U.S. combat troops to withdraw from Iraq. [CQ Weekly, 5/28/07]

The motion passed 280-142. [HR 2206, Vote #425, 5/24/07]

### Voted In Favor of Re-Establishing Iraq Study Group

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would add $1 million for the United States Institute of Peace to re-establish the Iraq Study Group, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the State Department’s diplomatic and consular affairs.
According to the amendment’s sponsor, Representative Chris Shays (R-CT), the purpose of reconstituting the Study Group was to give Congress an additional assessment of the situation in Iraq and provide new observations and recommendations in light of changing conditions one year later.

“Last fall, the Iraq Study Group provided Congress a thoughtful assessment on one of the most important issues of our time,” Shays said. “As we approach another crossroad in this conflict, having that thoughtful insight again will be invaluable.” [Rep. Chris Shays press release, 6/21/07]

The amendment passed 355-69. [HR 2764, Vote #529, 6/21/07]

### Opposed Accountability in Iraq, Redeployment of Troops

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to require the Defense secretary to begin redeploying U.S. troops and contractors out of Iraq within 120 days of the bill’s enactment.

The redeployment, except for a “limited presence,” would have to be completed by April 1, 2008. It would require the president, no later than Jan. 1, 2008, to transmit to Congress a comprehensive U.S. strategy for Iraq that includes a justification of the minimum force levels required to protect U.S. national security interests in Iraq after April 1, 2008, a description of the specific missions of U.S. forces to be undertaken, the cost of maintaining such a force and the expected duration of the missions. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/07]

President Bush opposed the bill. [Statement of Administration Policy, 7/12/07]

The bill passed 223-201. [HR 2956, Vote #624, 7/12/07]

### Voted to Not Require Rest and Recuperation for Troops in Iraq

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for members of the regular and reserve components of the U.S. military serving in Iraq.

The bill established the time between deployments to combat zones to be at least equal to the length of the most recent deployment.

For National Guard and reserve members, the bill called for time between deployments to be at least three times longer than the length of the most recent deployment, and exempted special operations forces units and allowed the president and military service chiefs to waive these requirements in response to unforeseen circumstances. [CQ Today, 8/02/07]

President Bush opposed the bill. [Statement of Administration Policy, 8/02/07]

The bill passed 229-194. [HR 3159, Vote #796, 8/02/07]

### Supported Reporting Requirements on the Redeployment of Forces in Iraq
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill requiring the Secretary of Defense to report on the status of planning for the redeployment of Armed Forces from Iraq.

The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff would be required to meet with and brief Congress on those reports within sixty days after the enactment of the Act and every ninety days thereafter.

The bill also recognized that it is necessary for the security of U.S. Armed Forces, civilians, contractors and Iraqi nationals who have aided the mission in Iraq for the Department of Defense to have comprehensive contingency planning.

The bill was called “a rarity in the 110th Congress – a war question on which most members of both parties could agree.” [Congressional Quarterly, 10/03/07]

The bill passed 377-46. [HR 3087, Vote #927, 10/02/07]

### Supported Oversight of Government Contractors in War Zones

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to bring all government contractors working in war zones within the reach of the federal criminal code.

Under the legislation, contractors who worked for the State Department and other agencies would be brought under the jurisdiction of the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, which already applied to Pentagon employees and contractors supporting Defense Department missions.

The bill restricted contracting after 2007 in Iraq and Afghanistan until the State and Defense departments and the Agency for International Development completed a memorandum of understanding that would define their responsibilities there, including responsibility for deciding which contractors got weapons and the rules for using them. [CQ Today, 10/04/07]

The bill passed, 389-30. [HR 2740, Vote #940, 10/04/07]

### Voted to Exclude Intelligence Activities from Increased Oversight of Contractors

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit which clarified a bill designed to bring government contractors working in war zones within the reach of the federal criminal code.

The motion was aimed at ensuring that intelligence activities in war zones would be able to continue. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/04/07]

The motion to recommit passed 342-75. [HR 2740, Vote #939, 10/04/07]

### Opposed Government Silence on Iraqi Corruption

In 2007, Walberg supported a resolution rebuking the Bush administration for withholding information on the corruption and criminality that has plagued the Iraqi government.
After the State Department instructed its staff not to address corruption in the Iraqi government, the department retroactively classified two reports by the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad that concluded the government “is not capable of even rudimentary enforcement of anticorruption laws.” [Congressional Quarterly, 10/16/07]

The resolution stated that “it is an abuse of the classification process to withhold from Congress and the people of the United States broad assessments of the extent of corruption in the Iraqi government.” [Congressional Quarterly, 10/22/07]

The resolution passed 395-21. [H Res 734, Vote #969, 10/16/07]

**Voted in Favor of Staying the Course in Iraq**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit HR 4156, the Iraq supplemental funding bill, to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with language that would remove a provision requiring troop withdrawal.

The motion also would strike troop readiness and application of the Army field manual provision. Additionally, it would strike language that would express the sense of Congress that all funds are for redeployment and that the amounts are sufficient to meet the needs of the armed forces. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/14/07]

The motion failed 192-231. [HR 4156, Vote #1107, 11/14/07]

**Voted Against Funding our Troops, Against Accountability in Iraq**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that appropriated $50 billion in emergency supplemental funds for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan until Feb. 1, 2008.

The bill would require troops to begin withdrawing from Iraq within 30 days of enactment, with a goal of withdrawing most troops by Dec. 15, 2008.

The measure would restrict U.S. armed forces to missions of force protection, counterterrorism and training of Iraqi security forces. It also would prohibit the deployment of troops who are not fully trained and equipped, and require all U.S. personnel, including CIA, to follow the Army field manual’s rules against torture. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/14/07]

“We all view this as a significant statement, a turning point,” Rep. James McGovern (D-MA) said. “This is the beginning of the end of the war in Iraq.” [The Hill, 11/14/07]

The bill passed 218-203. [HR 4156, Vote #1108, 11/14/07]

**Voted for Republican Motion Calling for Continued Funding in Iraq**
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to instruct House conferees to agree to the provisions in the Senate amendment opposing any legislation that would undermine the military’s ability to prevent a failed state in Iraq.

The motion also would urge conferees to continue funding for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The motion was intended to undercut Democratic efforts to withhold or tie strings to Iraq war appropriations. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/05/07]

“The Republican motion to instruct puts the House on record acknowledging the consequences of a precipitous withdrawal from Iraq and not fully funding our troops and their missions,” said motion sponsor Duncan Hunter (R-CA). [CQ Today, 12/05/07]

The motion was agreed to 328-83. [HR 1585, Vote #1128, 12/05/07]

**Supported Funding for War in Iraq**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to add the war money to an appropriations bill that would provide $162.5 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, with $96.6 billion for fiscal 2008 and $65.9 billion for fiscal 2009. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/08]

132 Republicans voted “present” in a strategy concocted by Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana and members of a conservative faction, the Republican Study Committee (RSC), who pressed for a dramatic demonstration to Democrats of how dependent they are on Republican votes to keep money for the troops flowing. [CQ Weekly, 5/16/08]

The motion was rejected 141-149. [HR 2642, Vote #328, 5/15/08]

**Opposed Measure to Require Administration to Begin Withdrawal of Troops from Iraq**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would require a troop withdrawal from Iraq within 30 days of the bill’s enactment, with a goal of completing the withdrawal of combat troops by December 2009.

It would also limit agreements between the U.S. and Iraqi governments and impose other restrictions on Iraq War policy by requiring Congress to authorize any agreement between the U.S. and the Iraqi government committing U.S. forces.

The amendment would require the Iraqi government to match reconstruction aid and to sell fuel to the U.S. military at the same price it is sold to Iraqi consumers.

The amendment would prohibit any combat unit not assessed as fully mission capable from deploying to Iraq and limit deployment time, but allow for presidential waivers.

It would also prohibit interrogation techniques not authorized in the Army Field Manual on the subject and prohibit establishing a permanent base in Iraq. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/08]
The amendment was adopted, 227-196. [HR 2642, Vote #329, 5/15/08]

**Opposed Measure to Require Congressional Approval Before Committing U.S. to Defend Iraq**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 Defense Authorization bill.

The amendment would require congressional authorization for any agreement obligating the U.S. military to defend Iraq. [CQ Today, 5/22/08]

The amendment passed 234-183. [HR 5658, Vote #359, 5/22/08]

**Opposed Accountability of Spending in Iraq**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 Defense Authorization bill.

The amendment would require the president to submit a report on the long-term costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan within 90 days of the bill’s passage. This report would include the costs of operations, reconstruction and health care benefits through at least fiscal year 2068. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/22/08]

The amendment passed 245-168. [HR 5658, Vote #360, 5/22/08]

**Opposed Measure to Prohibit Contractors from Performing Interrogations**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 Defense Authorization bill.

The amendment would bar the use of contractors as interrogators. The White House had promised to veto the bill if this amendment was included. [CQ Today, 5/22/08]

The amendment passed 240-168. [HR 5658, Vote #361, 5/22/08]

**Opposed Measure to Require Taping of Detainee Interrogations**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2009 Defense Authorization bill.

The amendment would require the videotaping of interrogations of detainees such as suspected terrorists and insurgents. [CQ Today, 5/22/08]

The amendment passed 218-192. [HR 5658, Vote #362, 5/22/08]

**Voted to Fund War in Iraq**


The bill would authorize $601.4 billion in defense programs at the Pentagon and Energy Department for fiscal year 2009, including the authorization of $70 billion for several months of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan and a 3.9 percent pay raise for U.S. military personnel. [CQ Today, 5/22/08]
The bill passed 384-23. [HR 5658, Vote #365, 5/22/08]

**Supported Funding for Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to concur to the Senate amendment to the House amendment no. 1 that would appropriate $165.4 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, including $99.5 billion for military operations for fiscal 2008 and $65.9 billion for fiscal 2009.

In its consideration of the supplemental spending bill, the Senate stripped out the House provision regarding conditions on the war. Many Democratic leaders voted against amendment No. 1 because it removed “reasonable conditions in defining what [the] national policy [was] in Iraq.” [Statement by Rep. Obey, H5667, 6/19/08]

In a floor statement about the legislation, Speaker Pelosi declared her intention to vote against Amendment No. 1 “because of the huge amount of money that is in this bill to fund the war in Iraq without any conditions, without any limitation on time spent there…We owe our troops more than sending them into war on a false premise, without the equipment and training they need, without a plan for success, without a strategy to leave. This war has not made the region more stable, it has not made our country safer. It has undermined our capability to protect the American people. It should come to an end safely, honorably, responsibly, and soon.” [Statement by Speaker Pelosi, H5671, 6/19/08]

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 268-155. [HR 2642, Vote #431, 6/19/08]

**Supported Funds for War in Iraq**

In 2008, Walberg voted for the final version of the fiscal year 2009 defense authorization bill.

The bill would authorize national security programs in the Defense and Energy departments totaling $611 billion. The bill would include approximately $68 billion for expenses related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill also included a 3.9 percent pay raise for military personnel. [CQ Today, 9/24/08]

The bill passed 392-39. [S 3001, Vote #631, 9/24/08]

**Iran**

**Voted Against Restricting Companies with Ties to Iran from Participating in “Crowdfunding”**

In 2011, Walberg voted against restricting companies with ties to Iran from participating in “crowdfunding.”

The motion would have banned crowdfunding securities sales from being affiliated, in any way, with corporations doing business with Iran. Crowdfunding is funding from a crowd of people — that is, many people provide small amounts of money for financing. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/03/11; Forbes, 1/13/12]

The motion failed 187-237. [HR 2930, Vote #824, 11/03/11]
**Voted Against New Sanctions For Banks Doing Business with Iran Central Bank**

In 2011, Walberg voted against new sanctions against financial institutions that do business with Iran’s central bank, contained in the fiscal year 2012 defense authorization bill.

The bill passed 283-136. [HR 1540, Vote #932, 12/14/11]

**Voted Against Blocking Business with Iran-Linked Mining Company**

In 2011, Walberg voted against blocking an American company from partnering with a British mining company with ties to Iran for the largest copper mine in North America.

The motion would have kept Resolution Copper from partnering with entities that have shared interest with the Iran Foreign Investment Company.

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, “Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday mounted a vigorous offense against the bill, saying that Resolution Copper was owned by London-based Rio Tinto, and that that company is partnered with the Iran Foreign Investment Company in mining uranium in Namibia.” [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 10/26/11]

The motion failed 187-237. [HR 1904, Vote #808, 10/26/11]

**Voted to Protect a 20 Percent Tax Break for Companies Violating Iranian Trade Sanctions**

In April 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit that would have eliminated a 20 percent income tax cut for companies that violate U.S. trade sanctions against Iran. [Washington Post, 4/22/12]

The motion failed 179-229. [HR 9, Vote #176, 4/19/12]

**Voted to Block Debt Relief for Countries with Business Ties to Iran**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit a bill that would allow as many as two dozen poor countries to qualify for new debt relief.

The motion to recommit sought to bar countries with business ties to Iran from being eligible for debt relief. However, the wording of the motion led to the elimination of a requirement that savings from debt relief be applied to poverty reduction. The motion to recommit also erased a ban on conditions that critics said limited countries’ abilities to boost spending on education or health care. [CQ Today, 4/16/08]

The motion passed 291-130. [HR 2634, Vote # 198, 4/16/08]

**Supported Expanded Sanctions on Iran**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to expand sanctions on Iran.
The bill expanded the definition of those subject to sanctions for making investments that increase Iran’s ability to develop its petroleum resources.

Under the bill, the new definition would add financial institutions, insurers, underwriters, guarantors and any other business organizations, including any foreign subsidiaries, to the list of entities already barred from investing in Iran. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/31/07]

The bill passed 415-11. [HR 957, Vote #772, 7/31/07]

**Voted to Crack Down on Investors in Iran**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a bill to authorize state and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, entities with investments of $20 million or more in Iran’s energy sector.

The bill also allowed state and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies that sell arms to the government of Iran, and financial institutions that extend $20 million or more in credit to the Iran government for 45 days or more. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/31/07]

The bill passed 408-6. [HR 2347, Vote #765, 7/31/07]

**Voted to Allow Bush to Plan for Attack on Iran**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the 2007 Defense Authorization bill that would prohibit funds in the bill for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan from being used to plan a contingency operation in Iran. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/16/07]

President Bush opposed the amendment.

The amendment was defeated 202-216. [HR 1585, Vote #364, 5/16/07]

**Opposed Restrictions on Potential Military Action in Iran**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the 2007 Defense Authorization bill that would clarify that no previously enacted law authorizes military action against Iran.

The amendment prohibited the use of funds authorized in the bill or in any other act to take military action against Iran without specific congressional authorization unless there is a national emergency created by an attack by Iran upon the United States, its territories or possessions or its armed forces. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/16/07]

President Bush opposed the amendment. [CQ Today, 5/17/07]

The amendment was defeated 136-288. [HR 1585, Vote #365, 5/16/07]

**Voted to Not Allow Speaker to Visit Dangerous Regimes**
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill for travel by the Speaker of the House to Cuba, North Korea, Sudan, Iran and Syria.

The amendment’s sponsor, Representative Steven King (R-IA) charged that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had committed the “most blatant violation of the Logan Act by a top elected official in the history of our country” with her April 2007 trip to Syria. King alleged that Pelosi infringed on the president’s constitutional duties by attempting to negotiate with a state sponsor of terrorism.

The Logan Act prohibits U.S. citizens without authority from interfering with relations between the United States and other countries.

A Pelosi spokeswoman dismissed King’s amendment as a “cheap political stunt.” [Des Moines Register, 6/24/07]

The amendment was defeated 84-337. [HR 2764, Vote #541, 6/22/07]

Israel

Said Defending Israel a Biblical History and Imperative

In 2011, Walberg criticized President Obama for his approach to defending Israel, saying that he “doesn’t get it.”

Invoking what he called “biblical history and imperative,” Walberg said, “I want God’s blessing on this country and that blessing that’s on Israel as God’s chosen people will be carried out to this country as well. That’s not religious, that’s historical and I will stand with that.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/12/11]

Did Not Vote Consistently for Financial Assistance for Israel

The bulk of U.S. support for Israel comes each year in the appropriations bill for Foreign Operations and export financing.

In 2007, Walberg voted against the appropriations bill for foreign operations and export financing, which included $2.4 billion in military assistance for Israel. The bill passed 241-178. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/22/07; HR 2764, Vote #542, 6/22/07]

Supported Missile Defense for Israel

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of the fiscal year 2008 defense authorization bill, which authorized $645.5 billion for fiscal 2008 defense-related spending, including $141.8 billion in fiscal 2008 emergency supplemental funding for ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, including a 3.5 percent increase in pay for military personnel.

The bill authorized $205 million to expand integration of the U.S. missile defense system with Israel.
It also called for speeding up the co-production of Arrow missiles, the David’s Sling short-range missile defense system, and beginning the procurement the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system for the Middle East. [Congressional Quarterly Bill Summary, HR 1585]

The bill passed 397-27. [HR 1585, Vote #373, 5/17/07]

**Supported Missile Defense Funds for Israel**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the fiscal year 2008 defense authorization bill with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would expand the ballistic missile defense system with Israel.

The bill instructed the Defense secretary, within 180 days of enactment, to report to Congress about the system and would authorize $205 million for the system, offset by a reduction in the bill’s amounts for procurement and research, development, testing and evaluation areas, other than missile defense. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/17/07]

The motion passed 394-30. [HR 1585, Vote #372, 5/17/07]

**Supported Ban on Funds for Palestinian Authority, Terrorists**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the Foreign Operations appropriations bill would prohibit direct aid to the Palestinian Authority.

According to the amendment’s sponsor, Representative Mike Pence (R-IN), the measure was aimed at reinforcing existing law to prevent U.S. taxpayer funds from being sent to terrorist groups.

“Given the recent events in the Palestinian territories and the strong commitment of this body to prevent taxpayer funding from reaching the hands of terrorists, I offer an amendment that reinforces previous prohibitions on funding Palestinian terrorist organizations,” Pence said. [The Republic, 6/22/07]

The amendment passed 390-30. [HR 2764, Vote #540, 6/22/07]

**Supported Sending Troops to Israel**

In July 2006, Walberg said that he would vote in favor of sending U.S. troops to support Israel in its conflict with Lebanon if he won election to Congress and such a bill came to the floor.

“Absolutely, I would send troops,” Walberg said. “It is a right of a free country to defend itself, and it has. Good free people need to be defended.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/22/06]

**Press Release: Condemned American Studies Association’s Academic Boycott Of Israel**

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We hope that the ASA will learn to appreciate the mutually beneficial academic ties between the United States and Israel and work with us to promote peace and academic freedom. Sincerely, … 107.

Tim Walberg” [Brad Schneider Press Release via States News Service, 1/17/14]

Pakistan

Voted Against Prohibiting Secretary Of Defense From Waiving Restrictions On Aid For Pakistan

Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Secretary Of Defense From Waiving Restrictions On Aid For Pakistan. In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would disallow “the secretary of Defense, in consultation with the secretary of State, to waive certain restrictions on aid to Pakistan by certifying in writing to congressional defense committees that it is in national security interest to do so.” The amendment failed, 114-318. [H.R. 2685, Vote #344, 6/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15]

Other

Family Took In Liberian Refugee

In 2008, Walberg co-sponsored legislation that extended temporary protective status for Liberian refugees through 2009.

In explaining his support, Walberg told the story of Richard, who fled Liberia after watching rebel soldiers assault his wife and then knock him unconscious. After arriving in the United States, Richard lived with the Walbergs for about a year. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 1/13/08]

Co-sponsored Legislation to Withdraw the United States from the United Nations

In 2010, Walberg said he co-sponsored legislation while in Congress to withdraw the United States from the United Nations. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 43:00, 6/25/10]

Voted to Condemn the Obama Administration for Swapping Prisoners for Army Sgt. Bergdahl

In September 2014, Walberg voted for a resolution to condemn the Obama administration for releasing five individuals from Guantanamo Bay in exchange for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl without notifying Congress beforehand.

President Obama argued that the notification requirement can be ignored in cases where Americans lives are at risk, and said he worried that congressional leaks could endanger the deal. Sgt. Bergdahl spent five years in captivity before the May 2014 exchange. [Marine Corps Times, 9/09/14]

The resolution passed, 249-163. [H Res 644, Vote #485, 9/09/14]
Gun Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Walberg: “law-abiding citizens should be armed as equally as criminals”

✓ Voted to override state laws regarding concealed carry of guns

✓ Supported controversial concealed carry legislation, and said denial of concealed carry licenses causing rape and murder

✓ Voted four times to block consideration of a bill to prohibit suspected terrorists from buying guns

Walberg is strongly pro-gun, which high ratings from the NRA and other gun rights groups. Walberg thinks that “law-abiding citizens should be armed as equally as criminals.” In 2011, Walberg voted to override state laws regarding concealed carry of guns. While in the Michigan legislature, Walberg supported controversial concealed carry legislation that said licenses “shall” be granted unless a specific reason could be given not to, and argued that the denial of concealed carry licenses was causing rape and murder.

Brian Dickerson Column, Detroit Free Press: Walberg Distrusts “Own Government’s National Security Agencies Even More Than They Distrust Refugees”


Brian Dickerson Column, Detroit Free Press: Walberg “Ignored Email And Phone Inquiries From The Free Press Seeking Their Response” To Proposal To Ban People On No-Fly List From Buying Firearms

Midland, Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, and Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, who together represent nine of Michigan's 14 congressional districts. Most of the nine ignored repeated e-mail and phone inquiries from the Free Press seeking their response to the White House proposal that the approximately 21,000 people (including about 500 U.S. citizens) on the no-fly list, managed by the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, be forbidden to purchase firearms.” [Detroit Free Press, Brian Dickerson Column, 12/10/15]

**Brian Dickerson Column, Detroit Free Press: “Keep The Names Of These Elected Representatives In Mine”**

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**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Prohibiting Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns**

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King’s Bill Would Prevent People On U.S. Terrorist Watch Lists From Buying Firearms. “At about the time Wednesday that two shooters under investigation for potentially having terrorist ties were gunning down people at a community center in San Bernardino, House Republicans blocked legislation that would help prevent people on U.S. terrorist watch lists from buying firearms legally.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 12/3/15]

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Voted Against Exempting Claims By Gun Owners Seeking Monetary Relief On Defective Firearms

Voted Against Exempting Claims By Gun Owners Seeking Monetary Relief On Defective Firearms. In January 2016, Walberg voted against an amendment that “amendment that would exempt claims brought by a gun owner seeking monetary relief involving the defective design or manufacturing of a firearm.” The amendment failed, 163-232. [HR 1927, Vote #25, 1/08/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/08/16]

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Voted For Designating Gun Violence Research An NSF Priority

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and highway mortality. A yes vote was to adopt the amendment to HR 3293.” The motion failed, 177 to 241. [H.R. 3293, Vote# 69; St. Louis Post Dispatch, 2/12/16]

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Allow The CDC To Study The Effects Of Gun Violence

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Allow The CDC To Study The Effects Of Gun Violence. In February 2016, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a bill that “would lift a ban on allowing the Centers for Disease Control to research the causes of gun violence … The CDC’s self-imposed prohibition has been in place since 1996. In the 1990s, the National Rifle Association accused the CDC of trying to use scientific studies to promote gun control, such as one that found having a gun in the home increased the odds for injury. Congress later threatened to cut the CDC's budget by the same amount the CDC was spending on gun violence research. Lawmakers also enacted legislative language prohibiting the use of funds to ‘advocate or promote gun control.’ The CDC has since then shied away from pursuing the topic. Republicans have continued to defend the ban.” The previous question passed, 237 to 180. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 609, Vote #65; Congressional Record, 2/10/16; The Hill, 11/05/15]

High Scores from Gun Safety, Pro-Gun Groups

Walberg’s voting record on gun issues has drawn moderately positive marks from organizations that advocate gun safety laws as well as organizations such as the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America.

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[Project Vote Smart, accessed 6/20/13]

Received A+ Rating from National Rifle Association

In an award likely viewed positively in the conservative 7th District, Walberg received an A+ lifetime rating from the National Rifle Association, according to his campaign website.

“Tim Walberg believes the Second Amendment is a constitutional guarantee, not a personal opinion. He is a resolute supporter of sportsmen, a proud member of the NRA, and possesses a lifetime A+ NRA voting record rating.” [Walberg for Congress, via archive.org, accessed 10/02/07]
Endorsed By Gun Rights Groups

In 2010, Walberg was endorsed by the National Rifle Association, Shooters’ Alliance for Firearms Rights, and Gun Owners of America. [Walberg campaign email, 7/23/10; Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/21/10; Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/28/10]

Taken At Least $12,950 from Gun Rights Groups

In 2008, Walberg accepted $10,950 from gun rights groups including Gun Owners of America and the National Rifle Association. In 2012, Walberg accepted $2,000 from the NRA. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 9/13/13]

Said Background Checks Were Already Required at Gun Shows

In 2013, Walberg told a constituent that through background checks were required when purchasing a gun at every gun show. [Chelsea Town Hall, 8/23/13]

Walberg: “Law-Abiding Citizens Should Be Armed As Equally As Criminals”

In 2013, Walberg called for increased enforcement of existing gun laws.

“We are not doing that. We are not aggressively enforcing gun laws,” Walberg said. “Law-abiding citizens should be armed as equally as criminals.” [Bedford Now, 2/16/13]

Voted to Override State Laws Regarding Concealed Carry of Guns

In 2011, Walberg voted to require states that allow concealed-carry permits to recognize the conceal-carry permits issued by other states.

According to Bloomberg News, “the measure…would grant permit reciprocity across every state except Illinois, the District of Columbia and two territories, which all ban concealed weapons.” The measure would not cover machine guns or other “destructive devices.”

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy of New York called the bill “anticommunity, antisafety and antipolice,” noting that it would require states with strong gun safety laws “to allow out-of-state visitors, potentially as young as 18, to walk down our streets armed and dangerous.” [Bloomberg News, 11/17/11]

The bill passed 272-154. [HR 822, Vote #852, 11/16/11]

… Even Allowed Concealed Weapons for Stalkers and Abusers

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted against a motion that prevented the forced recognition if the permit carrier had been convicted of a sex offense against a minor; had a restraining order for harassing, stalking or threatening loved ones, partners or the children of partners; or if the attorney general had determined them suspected to be, engaged in, or supported terrorism. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/17/11]
The motion failed 161-263. [HR 822, Vote #851, 11/16/11]

**Voted for Bill to Expand Rights of Sportsmen**

In 2012, Walberg voted for a bill to protect and expand opportunities or recreational hunting, fishing and shooting.

Among other provisions, the bill prevented the EPA from regulating ammunition and fishing tackle, expanded fishing and hunting opportunities on federal lands, and allowed hunters to receive important permits for polar bear trophies. [Owosso Argus-Press, 4/21/12]

**Voted to Prohibit Funding to Enforce Gun Reporting Law**

In 2011, Walberg voted to prohibit the use of federal funds to enforce a law that required licensed firearm dealers to report multiple sales of assault weapons.

According to the Washington Post, the original law would require gun dealers to “alert authorities when they sell within five consecutive business days two or more semiautomatic rifles greater than .22 caliber with detachable magazines.”

It was strongly opposed by the National Rifle Association. [Washington Post, 2/19/11]

The bill passed, 277-149. [HR 1, Vote #115, 2/18/11]

**Voted to Repeal District of Columbia Gun Ban**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would repeal District of Columbia laws prohibiting firearm possession, including the possession of semiautomatic firearms. It would repeal the District’s requirements for firearm registration and the requirement that firearms be disassembled or secured with a trigger lock in the home. It would remove criminal penalties for possessing firearms in the home and allow the District’s residents to purchase firearms in Maryland and Virginia. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/17/08]

In a victory for gun-rights advocates, the House passed legislation Wednesday that would broadly roll back District of Columbia gun laws. Lawmakers voted to amend narrower legislation by Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton a substitute amendment by Travis W. Childers drawn from his broader measure (HR 6691). Eighty-two Democrats backed Childers in a vote that was a victory for the National Rifle Association (NRA), while nine Republicans voted against his amendment. [CQ Today, 9/18/08]

The bill passed by a vote of 266 to 152. [HR 6842, Vote #601, 9/17/08]

**“Doubled Down,” Voting In 2014 To Prohibit Washington, D.C. To Implement Certain Firearm Laws**

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continue to defend this liberty throughout my service in Congress. I believe the 2nd Amendment is an individual right to be taken literally.’ Walberg voted in 2008 to repeal portions of the Washington, D.C., firearms ban and doubled down on his stance in 2014, voting to prohibit the district from implementing certain firearms laws.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/10/14]

**Supported Hunting and Fishing on Federal Lands**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to a bill that would authorize the National Landscape Conservation System at the Bureau of Land Management.

The amendment protected the right of sportsmen to hunt and fish on nearly 27 million acres of public land and sought to ensure that the underlying bill did not limit access for hunting, fishing, trapping or recreational shooting on land enrolled in the National Landscape Conservation System. [Rep. Jason Altmire Release, 4/09/08]

The amendment passed 416-5. [HR 2016, Vote #171, 4/09/08]

**Voted to Protect Rights of Gun Owners in Bill That Designated Historic Trail Along East Coast**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit on a bill that would delegate a new historic trail along the East Coast.

The motion to recommit required that the bill be sent back to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions to add language requiring the land within the trail be governed by state and local gun laws. [CQ Today, 7/10/08]

The motion was rejected 202-211. [HR 1286, Vote #483, 7/09/08]

**Supported Controversial Concealed Carry Legislation**

In 1998, Walberg supported a package of House bills that changed the premise under which concealed weapons permits could be issued and denied in Michigan.

The most controversial aspect of the package was wording in HB 5551 that said a citizen “shall” qualify for a concealed weapon permit unless the local gun board could give a specific reason to deny the permit. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 6/24/98]

Walberg, along with a group of other legislators, voted against the state police budget to protest delays on concealed carry reform legislation. [HB 5593, Roll Call #757, 7/01/98; Statement on Nay Vote, HJ 66, 7/01/98]

**Said Denial of Concealed Carry Licenses Causing Rape and Murder**

In a statement with other legislators explaining their protest vote, Walberg said that the denial of concealed carry permits was causing criminals to rape and murder law abiding citizens.

“The majority of this body understands that individuals have the right to defend themselves and that current law is denying licenses to law-abiding citizens. Because of the arbitrary license
denials, criminals are raping, maiming, robbing, and murdering law-abiding citizens,” the statement read. [Statement on Nay Vote on HR 5593, HJ 66, 7/01/98]

**Supported Similar Legislation in 1995**

In 1995, Walberg supported HB 4720, which included similar “shall issue” language. A broad coalition of law enforcement groups said the bill would lead to more street violence.

Supporters of the measure said “the police reaction showed paranoia on the part of law enforcement management and a lack of understanding of the Constitution.”

Ron Deziel, president of the Michigan Association of Chief of Police, said the bill would “promote a vigilante mentality with untrained citizens taking the law into their own hands.” [Gongwer News Service, 9/12/95, HB 4720, introduced 4/25/95]

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**Co-sponsored Resolution to Place Monument to Second Amendment at State Capitol**

In 1997, Walberg offered a resolution to urge the Michigan Capitol Commission to authorize the placement on the grounds of the Capitol a monument to recognize the significance of the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. [H Con Res 61, introduced 9/30/97]

**Supported Gun Safety Instruction in Schools**

In 2000, Walberg said that he sponsored unsuccessful legislation in the State House to allow students to receive gun safety instruction if requested by parents in the district.

From Walberg’s letter to the editor:

> There is no question that as long as the Second Amendment remains in our Constitution - and forever may it remain - children will come in contact with firearms. It is only a question of when, even for the children of non-gun-owning families. Wouldn’t it be better that the child’s first response when coming upon a gun was to “stop, don’t touch, leave the area, report the gun to an adult” as instructed in the NRA Eddie the Eagle gun safety program? Think about the additional impact of potential positive peer pressure coming from the majority of that child’s classmates having been trained in that same program. This was the type of instruction given in the past by parents and grandparents when more homes had guns and less gun violence occurred. [Walberg LTE, Adrian Daily Telegram, 3/19/00]

**Voted Against Making Hunters Wear Orange**

In 1984, Walberg voted against a measure to require hunters to wear orange so they can be seen easier.

The measure passed 89-6. [HB 5460, 5/02/84]

**Opposed Safety Changes on Toy Guns**
In 1988, Walberg voted against a measure to require the barrels of toy weapons to be painted fluorescent orange. Walberg was one of eight to oppose the measure in an effort to prevent policemen from being confused by toy guns.

The bill passed 87-8. [HB 5413, 11/17/88]
Health Care Issues
**Significant Findings**

- Battle Creek Enquirer: Said “Everyone in the country has access to health care, even if it's through an emergency room.”
- Battle Creek Enquirer: Made comment on emergency room and healthcare in response to a man asking him a question about 2008 statement when he said the “Emergency room was a viable health care option”
- Said universal health care “absolutely not” a right
- Voted for health care repeal; has said Affordable Care Act intrusive on liberty
- Used McDonalds as example of hiring possibilities without Affordable Care Act
- Voted against prioritizing underserved communities when funding health centers
- Allowed repealing health care while keeping benefits for Members of Congress
- Invited campaign donors to testify against Affordable Care Act
- Voted against amendment allowing Department of Interior to issue rules under Mining Control and Reclamation Act in order to reduce certain respiratory diseases and birth defects
- 1984: Voted against bill to require insurance companies to cover hospice care
- 1989: Opposed mandatory breast cancer coverage
- 1988: Voted five times against bills to study and treat Alzheimer’s disease
- 2008: Opposed overriding President Bush’s veto on reauthorization of State Children’s Health Insurance Program; Reauthorization included $35 billion expansion of program
- 2007: Voted against reauthorizing State Children’s Health Insurance Program
- 2014: Voted to turn Medicare into a voucher program
- 2014: Voted against allowing Medicare negotiate prescription drug prices
- 1988: Voted five times against bills to study and treat Alzheimer’s Disease
In 2006, Walberg said universal health care “absolutely not” a right. He repeatedly voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and has said the ACA is intrusive on liberty. He said that health care reform hurt job creators, and used McDonalds as example of hiring possibilities without Affordable Care Act. Walberg voted against prioritizing underserved communities when funding health centers. Walberg continues to vote to dismantle parts of the Affordable Care Act, despite the cost savings it will bring. Repeal, which Walberg has voted for, would cost jobs, increase the deficit, and increase the number of uninsured people.

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At the beginning of his tenure in public service, Walberg voted against a bill designed to force insurance companies and other similar entities to cover hospice care. Fast forward over twenty years later and, in 2007, Walberg voted against the Children’s Health Insurance Program of 2007. Furthermore, in 2008, Walberg opposed overriding President Bush’s veto of a bill reauthorizing State Children’s Health Insurance Program. The legislation included a $35 billion expansion of the program, but Walberg claimed the bill would “give children’s health-care funds to illegal immigrants and childless adults.”

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### Affordable Care Act

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In 2013, Walberg voted for repealing the Affordable Care Act. It was the 37th time House Republicans voted to repeal all or parts of the law.

According to the New York Times, the vote would be “at least the 43rd day since Republicans took over the House that they have devoted time to voting on the issue…That means that since 2011, Republicans have spent no less than 15 percent of their time on the House floor on repeal in some way.” [New York Times, 5/14/13]

In 2012, CBS News reported that the 30 attempts by House Republicans to repeal all or part of the law had cost taxpayers over $50 million. [CBS News, 7/11/12]

According to a staff report from the Energy and Commerce committee, repeal for Mcihiganmean:

- Drug costs for over 106,700 seniors would have been $153.4 million higher.
- 94,000 young adults would not have had coverage through their parents’ plans.
- 1.6 million women and 990,000 seniors and people with disabilities would not have had access to free preventive care.
- 114,000 people would not have received $13.9 million in rebates from their insurance companies.
- And next year, 1.1 million people will not have access to quality, dependable health insurance coverage.

[Energy and Commerce committee, May 2013]

The measure passed, 229-195. [HR 45, Vote #154, 5/16/13]

Signed Letter to Defund Affordable Care Act

In 2013, Walberg signed a letter calling on House leadership to support legislation defunding the Affordable Care Act.

The letter called for any spending bill to defund the Affordable Care Act. At the time, Congress was negotiating appropriations bills to continue to fund the government. If the House passed a bill that stripped all money to implement health care reform, the Democratic majority in the Senate would reject the bill, and could lead to a government shutdown. [Detroit Free Press, 8/23/13]

2015: Voted For A Full Repeal Of The ACA

Voted For A Full Repeal Of The ACA. In February 2015, Walberg voted for repealing the ACA. “The House voted … to abolish the 2010 health care law in Congress’ first repeal vote of the year … The House has voted more than 50 times to roll back all or portions of the law.” The bill passed 239 to 186. [HR 596, Vote #58, 2/03/15; CQ News, 2/03/15]

Vote Was Republicans 56th Attempt To Repeal Affordable Care Act. “In Tuesday’s repeal effort by House Republicans — their first of this Congress and their 56th overall — it became clear that they had succeeded at one thing: They had bored even themselves into a slumber.” [Washington Post, 2/03/15]

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**Voted For Deceptive and Unnecessary Delay in Implementation of Obamacare**

In July 2013, Walberg voted to delay for one year, until the beginning of 2015, the requirement in the Affordable Care Act that businesses with 50 or more full-time employees provide health insurance to their workers or pay a penalty. It would also delay associated reporting requirements for employers and insurance providers for one year. [CQ Floor Votes]

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the bill “essentially codifies recent announcements by the Administration that these provisions will become effective in 2015 instead of 2014 as originally envisioned.” [CBO, 7/16/13]

Jon Healey, a columnist for the Los Angeles Times, described this vote as part of the House Republicans’ “crusade to dismantle Obamacare.” [Los Angeles Times, Healey column, 7/17/13]

The measure passed 264-161. [H Res 2667, Vote #361, 7/17/13]

**Voted Against Protecting Tax Credits to Lower Cost of Health Insurance**

In 2013, Walberg voted against protecting tax credits and rebates to purchase health insurance if a delay of the individual insurance mandate were implemented.

The amendment would prohibit delaying “provisions of the 2010 health care overhaul law which reduce out-of-pocket costs and cost-sharing for individuals and families, provide tax credits and rebates for health insurance or prohibit discrimination on the basis of pre-existing conditions and gender.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/17/13]

The motion failed 193-230. [HR 2668, Vote #362, 7/17/13]

**Voted to Delay Individual Requirement to Obtain Health Coverage**

In 2013, Walberg voted to delay until 2015 the Affordable Care Act requirement that individuals maintain minimal essential health care coverage.

According to CQ Weekly, delaying “central provisions” like the individual insurance mandate would “essentially amount to a temporary repeal” of the health care reform law.

The bill passed 251-174. [CQ Weekly, 7/22/13; HR 2668, Vote #363, 7/17/13]
Delaying the Individual Mandate would “Cripple the Coverage Expansion”

“An analysis released by the Urban Institute on Monday found that… delaying the individual mandate, on the other hand, would cripple the coverage expansion.” [National Journal, 7/16/13]

CBO: Individual Mandate Delay Could Cause Health Insurance Premiums to Rise

“In fact, delaying the individual mandate for one year could spur the precise effect that Republicans have worried will come from the Affordable Care Act—causing health insurance premiums to climb, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation said in a preliminary cost estimate on the bill Tuesday… In fact, delaying the individual mandate for one year could spur the precise effect that Republicans have worried will come from the Affordable Care Act—causing health insurance premiums to climb, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation said in a preliminary cost estimate on the bill Tuesday.” [National Journal, 7/16/13]

CBO: Mandate Delay Would Increase Uninsured by 11 Million

According to the Congressional Budget Office, “delaying the mandate to have health insurance coverage would increase the number of people without health insurance coverage—relative to the current-law projections—by about 11 million people in 2014, resulting in an estimated 55 million uninsured in that year.” [CBO, 9/06/13]

Voted Against Protecting Families from Reductions in Insurance Coverage

In July 2013, Walberg voted against protecting employees from employers reducing insurance coverage for individuals and families receiving job-based health benefits if a delay in the Affordable Care Act’s insurance mandate for businesses was implemented.

The motion failed 188-230. [HR 2667, Vote #360, 7/17/13; CQ Floor Votes, 7/17/13]

Used McDonalds as Example of Hiring Possibilities Without Affordable Care Act

In 2011, Walberg cited recent hiring by McDonalds restaurants as an example of how businesses thrive when not subjected to federal mandates. McDonalds had been exempted from the Affordable Care Act.

“When you are not under the gun of the ObamaCare mandates, you can hire employees. We ought to give that same opportunity to other employers around this nation,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 6/22/11]

Called Affordable Care Act Intrusive on Liberty
In 2010, Walberg hosted a town hall meeting on the recently passed Affordable Care Act while campaigning to take back his congressional seat. Walberg said the bill was the wrong direction for the country.

“It was intrusive on what liberty is all about,” Walberg said. [Hillsdale Daily News, 4/30/10]

**Voted to Repeal Health Care Reform After Supreme Court Found it Constitutional**

In July 2012, Walberg voted to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the related provisions of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

According to CNN, “The vote amounted to political theater because the measure is sure to die in the Democratic-led Senate and the White House has made clear Obama would veto any repeal.”

In debate on the issue this week, Democrats noted the Supreme Court ruled on June 28 to uphold the health care law’s constitutionality, which they said should end talk of repeal and instead inspire bipartisan efforts to address the nation’s weak economic recovery. [CNN, 7/11/12]

The bill passed 244-185. [HR 6079, Vote #460, 7/11/12]

**Voted Against Giving Up Own Health Care Benefits if Repeal Passed**

But Walberg voted against giving up taxpayer-funded health care benefits if repeal passed.

“Prior to the final vote, the House rejected a Democratic motion that would have required any legislator supporting the repeal measure to give up government-provided health care.” [CNN, 7/11/12]

The motion failed 180-248. [HR 6079, Vote #459, 7/11/12]

**Voted to Block Tax Credits for Families and Small Businesses**

In August 2013, Walberg voted against protecting provisions in the 2010 healthcare overhaul law that would provide tax credits for families or small businesses for the purchase of health insurance for employees.

The amendment failed 175-250. [HR 2009, Vote #446, 8/02/13]

**Voted to Block Individuals from Getting Subsidies for Health Care**

In 2013, Walberg voted for the “Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act,” to prohibit the Treasury secretary, or any delegate including the IRS, from implementing or enforcing provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

The bill was introduced after claims that the IRS targeted conservative organizations. [Tom Price Press Release, 5/17/13]
“Assertions that the IRS will have access to personal health information is wrong and deliberately misleading,” said Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich. [Denver Post, 8/02/13]

The bill was part of a series before leaving “Washington for a five-week summer break… aimed mostly at embarrassing the Obama administration and scoring political points.” [Washington Post, 7/31/13]

The bill passed, 232-185. [H.R. 2009, Vote #447, 8/02/13]

**Cantor Made “Pants on Fire” False Statement on IRS Access to Health Care Records**

In August 2013, Republican Majority Leader said, during debate over the “Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act,” that “the IRS will have access to the American people’s protected health care information.”

Politifact.com ruled the statement “Pants on Fire” false.

“But contrary to Cantor’s claim, IRS officials have repeatedly testified before Congress that they will not have access to the intimate details of anyone’s health records. Cantor’s unfounded statement does nothing more than amp up public fear for his ongoing fight to repeal Obamacare. We rate it Pants on Fire.” [Politifact, 8/19/13]

**Voted to Restrict Working Families’ Access to Subsidized Health Coverage**

In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill that would bar individuals from receiving federal subsidies toward their purchase of health coverage through insurance exchanges until the Department of Health and Human Services confirmed that a system to verify household income and coverage requirements was in place. [CQ Weekly, 9/16/13]

The health care reform law provides access to affordable health insurance through federal subsidies for many working families that do not receive employer-sponsored health insurance. [Associated Press, 9/12/13]

The bill passed 235-191. [HR 2775, Vote #458, 9/12/13]

**Vote Marked House GOP’s 41st Attempt to Repeal the Affordable Care Act**

“The vote marked the 41st time the GOP-controlled House has tried since 2011 to repeal or delay the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.” [Tennessean, 9/13/13]


The bill “will do nothing but prevent millions of hard-working American families from gaining affordable health care coverage,” said Rep. Frank Pallone. [Associated Press, 9/12/13]
Income Verification Measure was already built into Affordable Care Act

“To prevent fraud, the IRS will check the person’s actual income when he or she files their tax return that next April. Anyone who might get a bigger subsidy than they’re eligible for will have to pay back the difference to the IRS.” [CNN, 9/14/13]

Disagreed With Supreme Court Ruling on Affordable Care Act

In 2012, Walberg released a statement opposing the Supreme Court ruling that upheld the Affordable Care Act.

“Today the Supreme Court ruled that President Obama broke his pledge of the law not increasing taxes and that there does not seem to be a limit to what the federal government can force us to do,” Walberg said.

Walberg said that the ruling did not prevent Congress from repealing and replacing the law, and he remained committed to doing so. [Hillsdale Daily News, 6/30/12]

Signed Amicus Brief Urging Supreme Court to Rule ACA Unconstitutional

In 2012, Walberg signed an amicus brief from the American Center for Law and Justice urging the Supreme Court to uphold a lower court decision that the individual mandate was unconstitutional. [ACLJ press release, 2/07/12]

Signed Amicus Brief In Support of Lawsuit Challenging Constitutionality of ACA

In 2011, Walberg signed an amicus brief in support of the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. [ACLJ Amicus Brief, 5/04/11]

Said Affordable Care Act Allowed Government to Spy on Doctors

In 2011, Walberg told the audience at a Tea Party meeting in Coldwater about a provision in the Affordable Care Act that he compared to spying on doctors.

From WTVB:

“Walberg said President Obama has now authorized an investigation, or in another word, the Congressman termed, spying, on physicians to find out if they’re following the plan he referred to as Obamacare.

Walberg said it would be carried out through various means and wondered while we’re worried about wire-tapping and other such issues, the administration is having Big Brother watch over doctors. He asked don’t they have enough to do just keeping us healthy.” [WTVB, 6/28/11]
Voted Against Helping States Provide Health Insurance Exchanges

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill eliminating funding to help states set up insurance exchanges created by the 2010 healthcare reform law.

The bill repealed funds designed to help states set up the required insurance exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act in 2010. This bill would have only removed the federal funding designated to help the states set up exchanges and would not have removed the mandate for the state insurance exchanges. [The Hill, 5/03/11; Politico, 5/03/11]

The bill passed 238-183. [HR 1213, Vote #285, 5/03/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted against a motion which required insurance plans offered under the state insurance exchanges to disclose how much of an impact pre-existing conditions have had on premiums and policy denials.

The motion failed 190-231. [HR 1213, Vote #284, 5/03/11]

Voted to Stop Construction of School-based Health Facilities

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which repealed funds allocated in the Affordable Care Act for the construction of school-based health facilities.

The bill would eliminate a $50 million dollar per year program designed to build school-based health facilities which was created by the Affordable Care Act in 2010. This is one of a group of bills intended to repeal the Affordable Care Act one piece at a time rather than using a comprehensive bill. [The Hill, 5/04/11; The Hill, 5/08/11]

Some of the funds for this program were dispensed on July 14, 201. $95 million was awarded to 278 school-based health center programs which could help them increase the number of patients annually they see from 790,000 to 123,000. [HHS.gov, 7/14/11]

The bill passed 235-191. [HR 1214, Vote #290, 5/04/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted against a motion which required the Department of Health and Human Services to compile and make public the list of applicants for school-based health center construction. A list of 278 schools who received funding on July 14, 2011 was published with a press release from Health and Human services.

The motion failed 180-230. [HR 1214, Vote #289, 5/04/11; HHS.gov, 7/14/11]

Voted to Eliminate the Disease Prevention and Public Health Fund

In 2011, Walberg voted to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund which was created by the Affordable Care Act and would have received almost $18 billion dollars in the years to come. [Roll Call, 4/13/11]
The goal of the Prevention and Public Health Fund was to provide funds to communities and states to prevent chronic diseases. [CQ House Action Report, 4/11/11]

According to Dr. Jeff Susman, the Editor-in-Chief at the Journal of Family Practice, “[… T]his fund supports: training and development of primary care providers to use evidence-based interventions to address tobacco control, obesity prevention, and HIV-related health disparities; integration of primary care and behavioral health care; promotion of healthy lifestyles and activities aimed at reducing obesity-related conditions and costs, including the First Lady’s “Let’s Move!” initiative; implementation of anti-tobacco media campaigns, telephone-based smoking cessation service, and outreach programs targeting vulnerable populations […] [Journal of Family Practice, Editorial, 5/01/11 ]

The bill passed 236-183. [HR 1217, Vote #264, 4/13/11]

Before the bill passed, Walberg even voted against a motion which would have changed the funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund from mandatory to discretionary spending and specified that the fund would be used for prevention, wellness and public health activities for people 65 and older. The motion failed 189-234. [HR 1217, Vote #263, 4/13/11]

**Voted to Bar Funds to Implement Health Care Reform Law**

In 2011, Walberg voted to bar the use of funds to carry out the provisions of the 2010 health care reform bill and its reconciliation measures, or any amendment made by those laws.

The amendment was adopted, 241-187. [HR 1, King amendment #267, Vote #98, 2/18/11]

Then Walberg voted to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the federal government to implement the provisions of the health care reform bill. That amendment was adopted, 237-191. [HR 1, King amendment #268, Vote #99, 2/18/11]

**Supported Budget Measure Restoring $3.6 Billion In Funding To Health Centers**

Supported Budget Measure Restoring Funding To Health Centers. “U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, said he supports a budget measure to restore funding to health centers across the country, despite a provision under the Affordable Care Act that would cut billions from health care providers. With $3.6 billion from American health centers in 2015, Walberg visited Jackson's Center for Family Health this week to highlight his support to restore funding despite the fiscal cliff five years in the making. The funding cut is expected in September.” [Michigan Live, 2/24/15]

Health Centers Faced Possibility Of 70-Percent Funding Reduction Under The Affordable Care Act. “Health centers are facing a potential 70 percent reduction in federal funding as part of the Affordable Care Act, said Molly Kaser, president and CEO of the Center for Family Health.” [Michigan Live, 2/24/15]

2014: Voted to Strip 1 Million Workers of Health Coverage
In April 2014, Walberg voted for a bill that would cause 1 million workers to lose their health coverage while increasing the deficit by $74 billion.

The Save American Workers Act would redefine a full-time work week from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week under the Affordable Care Act in order to mitigate the effect of the law’s employer mandate.

The Congressional Budget Office found that the bill would cause 1 million workers to lose their employer-based insurance coverage, with 500,000 becoming uninsured. The bill would also add $74 billion to the deficit over 10 years. [Congressional Budget Office, 2/25/14]

The bill passed, 248-179. [HR 2575, Vote #156, 4/03/14]

Voted For Increasing Definition Of Full-Time Under Affordable Care Act

Voted For Increasing Definition Of Full-Time From 30 Hours To 40 Hours Under Affordable Care Act. In January 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that would lengthen the Affordable Care Act’s definition of a full-time work week to 40 hours from 30 hours. “The House will vote again on Thursday to lengthen Obamacare’s full-time workweek definition to 40 hours, but the Senate has work to do before it can hope to get its first anti-Obamacare bill to the president’s desk.” The bill passed, 252-172. [HR 30, Vote #14, 1/08/15; Politico, 1/08/15]

Bill Would Increase Deficit By $53.2 Billion And Cut Healthcare For About 1 Million Workers. “The independent Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday that the House’s bill would add $53.2 billion to the deficit from 2015 to 2025. That’s because fewer businesses would pay fines and because some of the employees who would have been covered at work will instead get subsidies to buy plans on the Obamacare exchanges. The CBO estimated that about 1 million people would lose their work-based coverage, a fact that Democrats intend to highlight.” [Politico, 1/08/15]

Voted Against Motion To Prohibit 56th Republican Vote To Repeal The ACA

Voted Against Prohibiting 56th Republican Vote To Repeal The ACA. In February 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would prohibit Republicans 56th vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act. The motion to recommit failed, 179 to 241. [HR 596, Vote #57, 2/03/15; Democratic Leadership Summary, 2/03/15]

Voted for Taxpayer Funded Lawsuit Against the President

In July 2014, Walberg voted to authorize a lawsuit against President Barack Obama, accusing him of “deliberately exceeding the bounds of his constitutional authority” in regards to the Affordable Care Act. [Associated Press, 7/30/14]

The Hill reported that the lawsuit would cost the House up to $350,000. The private law firm chosen by the house would bill at a rate of $500 per hour. [The Hill, 8/25/14]

As of October 2014, two law firms that had originally agreed to bring the suit against President Obama had dropped involvement in the case. [National Journal, 11/02/14]
The resolution passed, 225-201. [H Res 676, Vote #468, 7/30/14]

...But Voted to Block Votes on Ending Tax Break for Outsourcers, Equal Pay for Women, Raising the Minimum Wage, and Letting Students Refinance Loans

In July 2014, Walberg voted to block votes on the Bring Jobs Home Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Fair Minimum Wage Act and the Students' Emergency Loan Refinancing Act. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bills to be considered. The vote was prior to the House vote to authorize a lawsuit against President Barack Obama. [Congressional Record, 7/30/14]

The bills that could have been considered would eliminate some tax breaks for companies shipping jobs overseas while providing a tax credit for companies bringing jobs home, ensure women receive equal pay for equal work, raise the minimum wage to $10.10, and allow students to refinance their student loans. [Bloomberg, 7/30/14]

The previous question passed, 227-195. [H Res 694, Vote #465, 7/30/14]

Other

Voted For Ending Medical Device Tax

Voted For Repeal Of Medical Device Tax Under The Affordable Care Act. In June 2015, Walberg voted for repealing the medical device tax implemented under the Affordable Care Act. “The House defied a White House veto threat and voted Thursday to abolish a tax on medical device makers as a group of Democrats uncharacteristically joined Republicans in moving to kill part of President Barack Obama's health care law … The Republican-led House has voted more than 50 times since 2011 to void all or part of Obama's health care overhaul, usually along party lines.” The bill passed 280 to 140. [HR 160, Vote #375, 6/18/15; Associated Press, 6/18/15]

Voted Against Considering Protections on Insurance Company Misconduct

In November 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Consumer Health Plan Protection Act, which would require state insurance commissioners to investigate and penalize insurance companies for inadequate cancellation notices. The bill would also require states take action against excessive premium increases. [Congressional Record, H7126, 11/15/13]

A vote against ordering to the previous question would have brought the bill to the floor for a vote.

The previous question passed, 225-193. [H Res 413, Vote #583, 11/15/13]

Voted Against Rejecting Attempts to Turn Medicare into a Voucher Program

In April 2014, Walberg voted against the Democratic budget alternative. The budget would reject proposals to replace Medicare with a voucher or premium support system. [House Democratic Budget Substitute, FY 2015]
The budget failed, 163-261. [H Con Res 96, Vote #176, 4/10/14]

**Voted For Repeal Of IPAB—Medicare Cost-Control Board—Which CBO Said Would Result In Higher Medicare Spending**

**Voted For Eliminating Medicare Cost-Control Board.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for the Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2015. “The House easily passed a repeal of Obamacare's Independent Payment Advisory Board, with a handful of Democrats voting with Republicans against a part of the law aimed at checking the growth of Medicare spending. The Independent Payment Advisory Board has never been used. It consists of 15 members and was included in the law to control the rate of Medicare growth and to help the program come up with savings. The law said the board would make savings recommendations if Medicare spending was projected to exceed a certain target rate, but so far, spending hasn't grown fast enough to trigger the IPAB. The 244-154 vote occurred days before an expected Supreme Court ruling on the legality of Obamacare subsidies.” The bill passed, 244-154. [HR 1190, Vote #376, 6/23/15; National Journal, 6/23/15]

**Bill Repealed Independent Payment Advisory Boards.** “H.R. 1190 would repeal the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that established the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) and that created a process by which the Board (or the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services) would be required under certain circumstances to modify the Medicare program to achieve specified savings.” [Congressional Budget Office, 6/11/15]

**Congressional Budget Office: Elimination Of Board Would “Probably Result In Higher Spending For The Medicare Program In The Years 2022 Through 2025.”** “CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1190 would not have any budgetary impact between 2015 and 2021, but would increase direct spending by $7.1 billion over the 2022-2025 period. That estimate is extremely uncertain because it is not clear whether the mechanism for spending reductions under the IPAB authority will be triggered under current law for most of the next ten years; under CBO’s current baseline projections such authority is projected to be triggered in 2025. However, given the uncertainty that surrounds those projections, it is possible that such authority would be triggered in more than one of those years; taking into account that possibility, CBO estimates that repealing the IPAB provision of the ACA would probably result in higher spending for the Medicare program in the years 2022 through 2025 than would occur under current law. CBO’s estimate represents the expected value of a broad range of possible effects of repealing the provision over that period.” [Congressional Budget Office, 6/11/15]

**Bill Offset By Cuts To Prevention And Public Health Fund.** “The House easily passed a repeal of Obamacare's Independent Payment Advisory Board, with a handful of Democrats voting with Republicans against a part of the law aimed at checking the growth of Medicare spending. …Although only 11 Democrats ended up voting for the repeal, others might have done so if the bill wasn't offset by cuts to Obamacare's Prevention and Public Health Fund.” [National Journal, 6/23/15]

**Fund Trained More Primary-Care Doctors.** “The graph that my subconscious came up with charted all the cuts to the Prevention and Public Health Fund. That's a $15 billion Obamacare program initially meant to — you guessed it — fund prevention and public health activities. This has included everything from training more primary-care doctors to supporting healthy corner stores. The funds are not earmarked for any specific activity. Instead, they get doled out each year. And that has made the
Prevention Fund a prime target for legislators looking to pay for other health-care activities.” [Washington Post, 4/19/13]

**Voted to Extend Sequestration Cuts to Medicare for One Year**

In February 2014, Walberg voted to extend sequester cuts to mandatory spending under Medicare for one year. The two-percent cuts to Medicare insurers and providers were originally set to end in 2023. Extending the cuts would generate $2.3 billion.

The extension would pay to reverse a one percent cut to the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for veterans under the age of 62. [The Hill, 2/11/14]

The bill passed, 326-90. [S 25, Vote #60, 2/11/14]

**ALTERNATE: Voted Against Cutting Veterans’ Pensions**

In February 2014, Walberg voted for reversing a one percent cut to the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for veterans under the age of 62.

The reversal would be paid for by extending sequester cuts to Medicare for one year, to 2024. [The Hill, 2/11/14]

The bill passed, 326-90. [S 25, Vote #60, 2/11/14]

**Voted for Budget Resolution to Delay Obamacare and Restrict Women’s Access to Care**

In 2013, days before the government would shut down, Walberg voted for a continuing resolution that would fund the government through December 15 but added an amendment would delay the Affordable Care Act by one year as well as a “conscience clause” for employers and insurers.

According to CNN, the so-called “conscience clause” would “allow employers and insurers to opt out of preventative care for women which they find objectionable on moral or religious grounds. That prominently includes birth control, which most insurers are required to provide for free under current Obamacare rules.” [CNN, 9/28/13]

“To be absolutely clear, the Senate will reject both the one-year delay of the Affordable Care Act and the repeal of the medical device tax,” Reid said in that statement. “After weeks of futile political games from Republicans, we are still at square one: Republicans must decide whether to pass the Senate’s clean CR, or force a Republican government shutdown.” [Washington Post, 9/28/13]

The motion passed 231-192. [HJ Res 59, Vote #498, 9/29/13]

**Republicans: Vote Would Not Affect Pre-Existing Conditions, Children Covered on Parents’ Plan**

“GOP aides said that under the legislation headed toward a vote, most portions of the health law that already have gone into effect would remain unchanged. That includes requirements for
insurance companies to guarantee coverage for pre-existing conditions and to require children to be covered on their parents’ plans until age 26. It would not change a part of the law that reduces costs for seniors with high prescription drug expenses.” [Associated Press, 9/28/13]

**Voted Against Amendment Allowing Department Of Interior To Issue Rules Under Mining Control And Reclamation Act In Order To Reduce Certain Respiratory Diseases And Birth Defects**

In September 2012, Walberg voted against an amendment to H.R. 3409 seeking to allow the Department of the Interior to release rules under Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to reduce rates of certain respiratory diseases and birth defects. “Amendment sought to allow the Secretary of Interior to promulgate rules under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act if such rules would reduce the prevalence of pulmonary diseases, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease or reduce the prevalence of birth defects or reproductive problems in pregnant women or children.” [H.R. 3409, Vote #592, 9/21/12; H.R. 3409, H.Amdt.1483, 9/20/12]

**Allowed Repealing Health Care While Keeping Benefits for Members of Congress**

In January 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that would not allow Congress to repeal the health reform bill without a majority of members of the House and Senate agreeing to forgo federal benefits themselves.

The motion to recommit instructed the repeal bill to be sent back to three committees to require a majority of House and Senate members to give up federal health care benefits before repeal could take place.

“Congress should live by the same rule it imposes on everyone else,” said Rep. Robert Andrews. “There are serious consequences of this bill and we believe that repealing it is unfair and just plain wrong. It would even be more wrong for those who support the repeal to live by a different standard.” [The Hill, 1/19/11]

The bill failed, 185-245. [H.R. 2, Vote #13, 1/19/11]

Walberg called criticism for his vote disingenuous, and said the proposal was political gamesmanship.

“It isn’t genuine,” Walberg said. “It’s just simply to put Republicans on the hot seat of voting against something kind, sweet, American apple pie, girl-next-door-type provisions, as this was.” [WILZ, 1/21/11]

**Voted to Keep Federal Health Care Benefits a Secret**

In January 2011, Walberg voted against requiring the disclosure of whether Members were enrolling in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program.

The bill failed, 191-239. [H Res 5, Vote #5, 1/05/11]

**Opted Out of Congressional Health Care Plan**
In 2010, Walberg spokesman Joe Wicks said that Walberg planned to reject the federal employee health plan available to him as a Congressman, because he received free health care as a benefit from his 16 years of service in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Wicks said Walberg did not take the federal plan during his first term in office. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 12/07/10]

**Voted for Increasing Home Heating Assistance by $50 Million**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would increase funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) by $50 million. The amendment would reduce funding for substance abuse and mental health services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by $98 million.

The amendment was rejected, 104-322. [HR 1, Bass amendment #565, Vote #71, 2/17/11]

**Believed “Abstinence-Until-Marriage-Method” Decreased HIV/AIDS Rate More Than Condom Prevention Policy**

**Believed “Abstinence-Until-Marriage-Method” Decreased HIV/AIDS Rate More Than Condom Prevention Policy.** “Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the amendment offered by my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Pitts), and in support of this evidence-based approach to reducing the spread of HIV and AIDS. Furthermore, no country with a generalized epidemic that has relied on condom prevention alone has reported a decline in HIV/AIDS prevalence rates. Because studies have shown that the abstinence-until-marriage method is producing the best results, I urge my colleagues to consider the merits of the Pitts amendment and support this important and, need I say, life-changing and lifesaving legislation.” [Congressional Record, 6/21/07]

**Supported The Purchase Of Health Care Across State Lines**

**Supported The Purchase Of Health Care Across State Lines.** “Walberg co-sponsored a bill in 2013 to repeal Obamacare and has voted repeatedly for its reversal. ‘There are better ways of addressing the problems in our health care system than imposing big government solutions such as the Affordable Care Act,’ Walberg said. ‘I believe fixing these problems requires com-mon-sense solutions that reduce cost ... by allowing the purchase of insurance across state lines, letting small businesses join together to purchase coverage at a more affordable price, ending lawsuit abuse and expanding the use of medical savings accounts.’” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/10/14]

**Said People Should Follow Advice Of Physicians When Vaccinating Children**

**Said People Should Follow Advice Of Physicians When Vaccinating Children.** “The aggressive pushback came a day after two likely 2016 GOP presidential hopefuls – Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie – suggested parents should have a choice in deciding whether to vaccinate their children. … Paul, meanwhile, stood by his comments to CNBC that vaccinations should be ‘voluntary’ and are an ‘issue of freedom.’ … Still, Paul wasn't completely alone on Capitol Hill. Rep.
Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), a former pastor, immunized his three children but said citizens should follow the advice of physicians in determining how to protect against diseases.” [The Hill, 2/04/15]

2011: Voted Against Prioritizing Underserved Communities When Funding Health Centers

In 2011, Walberg voted against prioritizing underserved communities when providing funds for qualified teaching health centers.

The motion would have amended the underlying bill to require that the Secretary of Health and Human Services prioritize underserved communities when determining the allotment of funding for qualified teaching health centers. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/25/11]

The motion failed, 184-263. [HR 1216, Vote #339, 5/25/11]

Walberg then voted for the bill which eliminated a mandatory $230 million appropriation for qualified teaching health centers to expand or establish programs to provide training to medical residents. It was the fourth in a series of five GOP measures aimed at repealing or adjusting mandatory funding for programs under the 2010 health care overhaul law. [CQ Weekly, 5/30/11; HR 1216, Vote #340, 5/25/11]

Voted Against Reauthorizing the State Children’s Health Insurance Program

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that would reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program at nearly $60 billion over five years, expanding the program by $35 billion.

To offset the cost of the expansion, the bill would increase the tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to $1 per pack and raise taxes on other tobacco products.

The bill would limit program eligibility to families earning three times the federal poverty level or less. It also would require the Social Security Administration to verify the citizenship of all applicants and require states to phase out coverage of childless adults by the end of 2008. [Congressional Quarterly]

The bill is nearly identical to an earlier version of the SCHIP expansion, HR 976. The most substantive change is that HR 3963 would limit SCHIP eligibility to families earning at or less than three times the federal poverty level -- about $62,000 for a family of four. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 10/27/07]

The bill passed 265-142. [HR 3963, Vote #1009, 10/25/07]

Voted to Make SCHIP Enrollment More Difficult

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the State Children’s Health Insurance (SCHIP) bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would require that states specify how they will cover 90 percent of all eligible low-income children before expanding their coverage, include special rules for coverage of children with family incomes above 200 percent of the poverty line and require states to determine eligibility based on gross family income.
A yes vote backed a bill that, in part, made SCHIP enrollment more difficult for families above 200 percent of the poverty line and required immigrant applicants to more fully document their legality. [Newport News Daily Press, 10/28/07]

The motion was rejected by a vote of 164-242. [HR 3963, Vote #1008, 10/25/07]

**Voted with President Bush in Opposition to Reauthorizing and Expanding Children’s Health Insurance**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an attempt to override President Bush’s veto of the bill that would reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program at nearly $60 billion over five years, expanding the program by $35 billion.

To offset the cost of the expansion, the bill would increase the tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to $1 per pack and raise taxes on other tobacco products.

The bill would provide coverage to pregnant women and dental coverage to children enrolled in the program.

States would have to meet new requirements before being allowed to expand eligibility beyond 300 percent of poverty. It also would authorize $100 million to fund state outreach and enrollment efforts and establish a contingency fund for states with funding shortfalls due to increased enrollment. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/18/07]

The bill failed 273-156. A two-thirds majority was required to override the veto. [HR 976, Vote #982, 10/18/07]

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The motion was agreed by a vote of 265-159. [HR 976, Vote #906, 9/25/07]

**Opposed Expansion of Children’s Health Care**
In 2007, Walberg voted against the Children’s Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007, legislation to expand the current State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by $47.8 billion.

The bill expanded the current State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by $47.8 billion in order to bring 5 million children into the government health insurance program in addition to the 6.6 million children already enrolled.

The measure also expanded the federal subsidy program for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, eliminates the current penalty for those enrolling late in the new Medicare prescription drug program, requires that the poorest Medicare beneficiaries be put in prescription drug plans that cover 95% of the 100 most used drugs, and makes permanent the program that helps low-income people pay their Medicare premiums. The White House threatened to veto the bill as an ill-advised expansion of government-run insurance.” [Congressional Quarterly House Action Reports, No. 110-21/July 31, 2007]

According to the Washington Post, the bill included two “noteworthy innovations. It would focus additional federal health-care spending on ensuring that poor children eligible for coverage actually receive it. And it would end expensive and unnecessary subsidies for managed-care programs for seniors while making new efforts to help the poorest seniors.” [Washington Post, 7/30/07]

The bill passed 225-204. [HR 3162, Vote #787, 8/01/07]

Falsely Claimed That Illegal Immigrants Could Gain Coverage

In 2007, Walberg claimed that illegal immigrants would be able to get benefits under the reauthorization of SCHIP.

“Illegal immigrants would be allowed and encouraged to apply for SCHIP and Medicaid benefits by the elimination of a requirement that persons applying for such services show proof of citizenship or nationality,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 8/07/07]

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even if it's through the emergency room. Walberg agreed the emergency room was not the most efficient method.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/27/09]

**Cautioned Against Drastic Changes in Health Care**

In 2009, Walberg led a health care reform forum organized by Republicans. Walberg cautioned against making drastic, impractical changes to health care. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/27/09]

**Opposed Single Payer Health Care System**

In 2008, Walberg opposed a single provider health care system, because it would give bureaucrats decision making authority over every American’s health coverage.

“Supporters of this government-run health care approach advocate its ability to provide every American with a level of health care coverage, but fail to elaborate on the actual quality of care this approach will provide. Government-run health care programs all over the world are currently failing to meet the needs of those who need coverage,” Walberg said. [Walberg op-ed, Coldwater Daily Reporter, 5/08/08]

**Used Sick Grandchildren as Affirmation That America’s Health Care System Works**

In 2006, Walberg said that doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital told him that had his twin grandchildren been born in any other county, they wouldn’t have had a shot at survival.

Walberg said the experience affirmed for him that the American health care system worked, because it was not solely propelled by the government. A disengaged government, he said, works best for the people, young and old. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/25/06]

John Timothy Walberg died shortly after from complications caused by his birth. John and his brother Micah were born three months premature. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/27/06]

**Used Deceased Grandchild to Argue That Bureaucrats Have Too Much Control Over Health Care**

In 2010, at a town hall meeting, Walberg used the example of his twin grandchildren, one of whom died in infancy, to argue that the health care bill allowed bureaucrats too much power over individual health care decisions.

“I don’t want any government employee ... telling me ... that those kids are too compromised,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 4/29/10]

**Sponsored Making Health Care Affordable Act**

In 2008, Walberg introduced the Making Health Care Affordable Act. The bill included six core reforms:

- a tax credit for individuals and families to purchase health insurance,
- a system to allow small businesses to band together to purchase health insurance,
• the ability to purchase health insurance across state lines,
• expanded health savings accounts,
• created a cap on damages in medical malpractice cases, and
• established an electronic medical records bank. [Representative Walberg press release, 6/04/08]

The Making Health Care Affordable Act “would give tax credits of $2,500 for individuals and $6,000 for a family of four, allow small businesses to band together to increase buying and lower health care costs and allow individuals the option to purchase health insurance across state lines.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/01/08]

**Walberg: Universal Health Care “Absolutely Not” A Right**

During an October 2006 debate with Democratic opponent Sharon Renier, Walberg and his opponent were asked whether they thought every American had a right to universal health care.

“Absolutely not,” Walberg answered. “It is not a right, it is an opportunity that we have.” He said the solution to high health care costs is to slow down lawsuits by enacting tort reform and to eliminate “unnecessary and over-restrictive regulations” that make it more expensive for pharmaceutical companies to develop new products.

Renier accused Walberg of “amazing hypocrisy” because, as a former state legislator, he is eligible for lifelong health insurance. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 10/18/06]

**Voted Against Increasing Funding for Native American Health Facilities**

In 2011, Walberg voted against increasing funding for Indian health facilities.

The amendment increased funding for Indian health facilities in the underlying bill by $18 million and was budget neutral by reductions in the underlying bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/11]

The amendment failed 175-237. [HR 2584, Vote #632, 7/25/11]

**Planned to Study Impact of Wage Increase for Home Health Care Workers**

In March 2012, Walberg announced plans to study whether “an Obama administration proposal mandating minimum wage and overtime pay” for home homecare workers would drive up costs.

“The changes run contrary to what congress intended when it established this program exemption nearly four decades ago,” said Walberg. “The administration has a responsibility to provide a clear and compelling reason why that important balance must now be upset and a greater burden must be placed on some of our most vulnerable citizens.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/19/12]

**Voted to Allow Repeal of CLASS Program**

In February 2012, Walberg voted to allow repeal of the Community Living Assistance Services and Support (CLASS) program without protections.
The CLASS program was signed into law as part of the Affordable Care Act and was intended to create a voluntary insurance program to help the elderly and disabled pay for home care.

The motion was designed to prevent the repeal of the CLASS program until the Department of Health and Human Services certified that a national voluntary insurance program was in effect for purchasing community-living assistance services and supports for individuals.

Specifically, the CLASS program targeted individuals who have Alzheimer’s disease, chronic diabetes, heart disease or advanced stages of cancer, a disability or traumatic injury or any other serious disease or health condition. [Reuters, 2/01/12]

The motion was rejected 175-247. [H.R. 1173, Vote #17, 2/01/12]

**Voted Against Medical Device Tax on Companies that Ship Jobs Overseas**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against applying the medical device tax to companies that ship American jobs overseas.

The medical device tax was signed into law as part of the Affordable Care Act. The estimated 2.3 percent sales tax would apply to manufacturers and importers of devices like pacemakers and stents, defibrillators, artificial hips and knees, surgical tools and X-ray machines.

The motion would send the bill back to the House Ways and Means Committee and report it back immediately with an amendment that would stipulate that the medical device tax would apply to the sale of a medical device by a manufacturer, producer or importer that outsourced American jobs during the calendar year that the sale occurred. [New York Times, 6/07/12]

The motion was rejected 179-239. [H.R. 436, Vote #360, 6/07/12]

**Opposed Medical Marijuana**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to protect state laws that allow the use of medical marijuana.

The amendment was an attempt to bar the use of funds in the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill to prevent the implementation of state laws authorizing the use of marijuana for medical reasons in certain states. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The amendment was defeated 165-262. [HR 3093, Vote #733, 7/25/07]

**Voted to Cut Funds from DC’s Needle Exchange Program**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the 2008 Financial Services appropriations bill that would prohibit the use of funds for the District of Columbia for any Needle Exchange Program. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/28/07]
The amendment was defeated 208 – 216. [HR 2829, Vote #589, 6/28/07]

**Supported Association Health Plans that Gut State Health Care Coverage**

In August 2007, Walberg said he believed Congress must support the creation of Association Health Plans (AHPs) which allow small businesses to band together through associations and purchase quality health care for workers and their families at a lower cost. [Representative Walberg press release, 8/31/07]

Yet, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) found that more than 75 percent of small business workers - representing over 20 million workers and their dependents - would see their health insurance premiums increase as a result of AHPs.

The CBO also found that that up to 8 million workers who had insurance would be shifted into cheaper, lower benefit, “bare bones” AHP health plans where their coverage would be notably less than previous levels.

Finally, in order to make the insurance plans less expensive, they would be exempt from state health coverage mandates. The National Governors Association, 41 Attorneys General, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, National Small Business United, and 69 local Chambers of Commerce opposed the legislation. [“Association Health Plans,” Education & Workforce Committee, Minority Staff]

Walberg said the U.S. is faced with two choices for medical care: socialized medicine or the free market concept.

“I like the idea of associated health plans as opposed to one insurer — the government,” he said. “Competition has to be brought back to health care.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/16/07]

**Signed Divided We Fail Pledge**

In 2008, Walberg signed the Divided We Fail pledge in which he promised to work toward bipartisan solutions to solve America’s health care and financial problems.

The effort was led by AARP, Business Roundtable, NFIB and SEIU. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 5/06/08]

**Signed Solutions State Here Petition**

In 2008, Walberg signed the Solutions Start Here health care petition, thereby agreeing to work with the next president and Congress to provide “quality, affordable health care coverage” to all Americans.

Signers also promised to work toward giving consumers choice in insurers, doctors and hospitals; ensuring medical records are kept “private, safe and secure”; and ensuring individuals don’t lose coverage if they lose their jobs. The petition was sponsored by the National Federation of Independent Businesses. [Hillsdale Daily News, 6/24/08]
**Supported Funding for Global HIV/AIDS Program**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would reauthorize funding for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

The bill would reauthorize PEPFAR for $48 billion from fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2013, including $2 billion in fiscal year 2009 for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The bill would also set aside $5 billion for malaria and $4 billion for tuberculosis. [CQ Today, 7/24/08]

Additionally, the bill would repeal a ban on HIV-positive visitors to the United States and overturn an existing law requiring that one-third of the money for HIV prevention be spent on abstinence education. The bill would also include new linkages between AIDS and nutrition programs. [CQ Today, 7/24/08]

The bill passed 303-115. [HR 5501, Vote #531, 7/24/08]

**Supported Mental Health Parity Bill**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would require insurers to cover mental health conditions in the same manner as physical health conditions.

The bill would require insurers to cover treatment for mental ailments in the same manner as physical conditions. Co-pays, treatment limits and coverage in and out of insurers’ provider networks would be the same for mental ailments and physical conditions. [CQ Today, 9/23/08]

The bill passed 376-47. [HR 6983, Vote #625, 9/23/08]

**Did Not Vote on Mental Health Parity Bill**


The bill would require health insurers to offer mental health benefits equal in cost and scope to medical health benefits and to cover a wide variety of mental health conditions.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), would also bar insurers from requiring larger co-payments or imposing lower reimbursement ceilings for mental health conditions.

Earlier, the White House issued a policy statement saying the administration opposed any bill that expanded mental health parity benefits beyond those laid out in the Senate legislation, which passed Sept. 18, 2007. [Congressional Quarterly Today, 3/05/08]

The bill passed 268-148. [H Res 1014, Vote #101, 3/05/08]

**Voted to Weaken Mental Health Parity Bill**
In March 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act with instructions that it be reported back immediately with language substituting the text of the Senate-passed bill (S 558), which would not specify what conditions insurers must cover. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/05/08]

The House bill would require health insurers to offer mental health benefits equal in cost and scope to medical health benefits and to cover a wide variety of mental health conditions. [CQ Today, 3/05/08]

The motion failed 196-221. [HR 1424, Vote #100, 3/05/08]

**Supported Partisan Delay of Mental Health Parity Bill**

In March 2008, Walberg voted against motion to table (kill) an appeal of the ruling of the chair that a motion to recommit the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act was not germane.

The motion that was declared not germane would recommit the bill with instructions that it be reported back immediately with an amendment substituting the text of the Senate-passed bill (HR 3773), which would amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/05/08]

The motion passed 223-186. [HR 1424, Vote #99, 3/05/08]

**Voted to Block Mental Health Parity Bill**

In March 2008, Walberg voted against adopting rules for debate for HR 1424, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

The bill would require health insurers to offer mental health benefits equal in cost and scope to medical health benefits and to cover a wide variety of mental health conditions. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/05/08]

The motion passed 209-198. [HR 1424, Vote #96, 3/05/08]

**Voted to Block Mental Health Parity Bill**

In March 2008, Walberg voted against a resolution to allow a vote on HR 1424, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

The resolution provided for floor consideration of the bill, which would require health insurers to offer mental health benefits equal in cost and scope to medical health benefits and to cover a wide variety of mental health conditions. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/05/08]

The measure passed 215-192, allowing the bill to proceed to a vote. [HR 1424, Vote #94, 3/05/08]

**Supported Consistency in Mental Health Coverage**
In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would extend a mental health benefits law through 2008 while lawmakers prepare a broader parity measure.

The bill would extend current provisions of a 1996 law that barred group health plans that offer mental health coverage from setting different lifetime or annual dollar limits for such treatment than those imposed for treating other illnesses. [Congressional Quarterly; Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 2/09/08]

The bill passed 384-23. [HB 4848, Vote #35, 2/07/08]

**Opposed Veto Override for SCHIP**

In 2008, Walberg opposed overriding President Bush’s veto of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program SCHIP. The vote fell 26 short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass. SCHIP would provide. The bill reauthorized SCHIP at nearly $60 billion over five years, expanding the program by $35 BILLION. To offset the costs it raised the tax on cigarettes by 61 cents, to $1 per pack and raised taxes on other tobacco products.

The bill limited program eligibility to families earning three times the federal poverty level or less. It also required the Social Security Administration to verify the citizenship of all applicants and required states to phase out coverage of childless adults by the end of 2008. [CongressNow, 1/23/08]

The override failed 260-152. [HR3963, Vote #22, 1/23/08]

**Voted to Block SCHIP Veto Override Attempt**

In 2008, Walberg opposed a motion made by Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) to end debate and consider a veto override of the bill to reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program at nearly $60 billion over five years, expanding the program by $35 billion. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/23/08]

The motion passed 217-195. [HR 3963, Vote #21, 1/23/08]

**Claimed SCHIP Expansion Would Cover Undocumented Immigrants and Childless Adults**

In 2008, Walberg opposed efforts to override President Bush’s veto of the SCHIP expansion.

“Rather than direct funds to poor children, their bill would give children’s health-care funds to illegal immigrants and childless adults and move two million children from private to government health insurance,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 1/23/08]

**Supported Funding for AIDS Relief in Africa**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of more than tripling the money available for a program fighting AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in Africa and other stricken areas of the world.
The bill authorized $10 billion a year, or $50 billion through 2013. Of that, $41 billion was for AIDS prevention and treatment, significantly expanding a program credited with saving more than 1 million lives in Africa alone in the largest U.S. investment ever against a single disease. $4 billion was marked for tuberculosis and $5 billion for malaria.

The $41 billion includes up to $2 billion a year for the international Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The bill limits U.S. contributions to the Global Fund to one-third of total contributions.

The bill expands the AIDS program, originally focused on 15 mainly sub-Saharan African countries, to include Caribbean nations as well as Malawi, Swaziland and Lesotho in Africa. The bill increases coordination with drinking water and nutrition programs and efforts to educate girls and women.

[Associated Press, 4/03/08]

The bill passed 308-116. [HR 5501, Vote #158, 4/02/08]

**Voted to Block AIDS Funding for Africa**

In 2008, Walberg voted against considering a bill that would triple the money available for a program fighting AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in Africa and other stricken areas of the world.

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[Associated Press, 4/03/08]

The rule was adopted 221-192. [HR 5501, Vote #155, 4/02/08]

**Voted to Cut Funding for AIDS Relief**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of reducing the amount of spending authorized for a program fighting AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in Africa and other stricken areas of the world.

The vote came on a motion to recommit the bill to the Foreign Affairs Committee was offered by lawmakers unhappy with the $50 billion price tag. The motion would send the bill back to committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would reduce the bill’s authorization levels from $50 billion to $30 billion. [Associated Press, 4/03/08; CQ Floor Votes, 4/02/08; Washington Post, 4/03/08]

The motion was rejected 175-248. [HR 5501, Vote #157, 4/02/08]

**Supported Grants for Children’s Emergency Medical Services**

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In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would reauthorize the federal Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, also known as the Wakefield Act.

The bill would extend the length of time for which grants may be awarded for projects that improve children’s emergency medical services from three years to four years and was supported by many medical and emergency medicine associations. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/08/08; States News Service, 4/08/08]

The bill passed 390-1. [HR 2464, Vote # 162, 4/08/08]

**Supported Grants for Brain Injury Research and Rehabilitation**


Specifically, the bill would renew a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention program that funds state programs for the tracking and reporting of brain injuries. It would also reauthorize a Health Resources and Services Administration grant program that funds state brain injury rehabilitation programs. [CQ Today, 4/08/08]

The bill passed 392-1. [S 793, Vote # 163, 4/08/08]

**Voted For Reauthorizing CHIP & Reforming Medicare Fee Payments For Doctors**

**Voted For Allowing Reform Medicare Fee Payments For Doctors & To Reauthorize Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).** In March 2015, Walberg voted for a bill to provide permanent solution for paying doctors that treat Medicare patients and reauthorize the CHIP program for an additional two years. “The Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved sweeping changes in the way Medicare pays doctors, clearing the bill for President Obama and resolving an issue that has bedeviled Congress and the Medicare program for more than a decade. The 92-to-8 vote in the Senate, following passage in the House last month by a vote of 392 to 37, was a major success for Republicans, who devised a solution to a complex policy problem that had frustrated lawmakers of both parties. Mr. Obama has endorsed the bill, saying it ‘could help slow health care cost growth.’ The bill, drafted in the House in negotiations between Speaker John A. Boehner and Representative Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader, also extends the Children’s Health Insurance Program for two years, through 2017. Without action by Congress, doctors would have faced a 21 percent cut in Medicare fees.” The bill passed, 392 to 37. [HR 2, Vote #144, 3/26/15; NY Times, 4/14/15]

**Opposed Ban on Human Cloning**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to prohibit reproductive human cloning and transporting human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology intended for human cloning.

Under the bill, violators would be subject to fines of up to $10 million and up to 10 years in prison.

The bill’s sponsor, Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO) argued that there is no federal law preventing irresponsible individuals from conducting research in an attempt to achieve human reproductive cloning.
“The most effective way to prevent human reproductive cloning in the United States is to pass a federal prohibition on this practice and impose severe penalties for doing so,” DeGette said of the bill. “Our bill would make it illegal to use cloning technology to initiate a pregnancy and thereby create a cloned human being.” [Congresswoman Diana DeGette press release, 6/06/07]

President Bush opposed the bill.

A two-thirds majority of those present and voting (278 in this case) was required for passage under suspension of the rules. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/06/07]

The measure was defeated 204-213. [HR 2560, Vote #439, 6/06/07]

Conservative Groups Trashed Ban

In 2007, National Right to Life described a bill to ban human cloning as a “stealth attempt by Democratic leadership to pass ‘clone-and-kill’ bill.”

“But, of course, the ‘ban’ did nothing of the sort,” Right to Life argued. “In excruciatingly careful language, the thoroughly hidden objective was to pave the way for large-scale cloning of human embryos - cloned human embryo farms... H.R. 2560 would allow - indeed, it is carefully constructed to encourage - the creation of any number of cloned human embryos. H.R. 2560 would allow development of these cloned human embryos (individual members, male or female, of the species Homo sapiens) in the laboratory, perhaps even for weeks, so that they can be killed in order to harvest their stem cells or used in other research that will kill them - a practice opposed by about 75% of the public.” [National Right to Life, 6/07/07]

Voted to Kill Stem Cell Research Bill

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to commit legislation to allow for the use of federal funds in research on embryonic stem cell lines to the Energy and Commerce Committee.

The motion would have committed the bill to Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would remove the section of the bill allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cells, but would allow funding for research on “embryonic-like” cells. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/07/07]

According to stem cell research-supporter Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, the motion would have gutted the bill.

“What it does, it strips out the embryonic stem cell research portion of the bill, which of course is the bill,” DeLauro said in opposition to the motion. “Instead, it simply leaves the section that also encourages alternative forms of research. So any Member of this House who supports embryonic stem cell research and who has voted for it in the past must oppose this motion to commit. Let me say it again: What this motion to commit does, it strips the embryonic stem cell research out of the bill.” [Congressional Record, 6/07/07; Page: 6141]
The motion was defeated 180-242. [S 5, Vote #442, 6/07/07]

**Opposed Stem Cell Research**

In 2007, Walberg voted against bipartisan legislation to allow for the use of federal funds in research on embryonic stem cell lines derived from surplus embryos at in vitro fertilization clinics, but only if donors give their consent and are not paid for the embryos. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/07/07]

The bill passed 247-176. [S. 5, Vote #443, 6/07/07]

**Opposed Stem Cell Research**

In 2007, Walberg voted against the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, which increased the number of “lines” of stem cells that would be eligible to be used in federally funded research.

It required that any stem cells used in research must be from embryos from in vitro fertilization clinics that would otherwise be discarded. The measure was identical to the bill vetoed by President Bush in 2005.

The bill was supported by those who believe that the availability of more stem cells for research purposes will accelerate progress toward finding cures and treatments for a wide variety of diseases. It was opposed by those who contend that widened embryonic stem cell research will result in the destruction of human life, and is unnecessary because there are more promising research alternatives than using human embryos. [Chicago Tribune, 1/12/07; Los Angeles Times, 1/12/07]

The bill passed 253-174. [HR 3, Vote #20, 1/11/07]

**Supported Non-Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

In 2007, Walberg supported adult stem cell research.

From Walberg’s press release:

“As I begin my first term in the U.S. House with the same ardent commitment to the sanctity of life, I want to preface my remarks by saying I wholeheartedly support stem cell research in all cases except one -- any form of research that requires the eradication of a human life. The legislation this Congress is considering not only destroys human life and could ultimately lead to human cloning, but also is antiquated. Embryonic stem cell research has seen consistently disappointing and fruitless results, while nearly every month more studies come out showing that ethical adult stem cell research continues to flourish. [Representative Walberg press release, 1/11/07]

**Presented Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition With $625,000 Federal Grant**
Presented Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition With $625,000 Federal Grant. “For the second time in six years, the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition has received another five-year Drug Free Communities Grant to continue its fight against prescription drug and heroin use in the region. The coalition marked the recent award of the $625,000 grant from the federal government at its meeting Friday at the United Way Building in Monroe. U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, presented a copy of the check to April Demers, executive director of the coalition, and Trooper Tressa Duffin from the Michigan State Police, a member of the executive committee who served as acting chairman for Renee Shaw from Salvation Army Harbor Light, who could not attend.” [Monroe Evening News, 11/08/14]

Walberg: “No Greater Wrong” Than Euthanasia

In 1998, Walberg opposed any law that would allow euthanasia (or doctor-assisted suicide).

Then-state Representative Walberg described an aunt who brought joy to children by telling Bible stories in the weeks before her death.

Walberg said there was “no greater wrong” than asking doctors to “provide a way to die.” [Detroit Free Press, 3/13/98]

1989: Walberg Opposed Mandatory Breast Cancer Screening Coverage

In 1989, Walberg was one of only two members of the Michigan House of Representatives to oppose a series of bills that required health insurance companies, HMOs and health care corporations to cover breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment if ordered by a doctor.

All the bills passed and were signed into law. [HB 4076, 4077, and 4072, 4/19/89]

Voted Five Times Against Bills to Study And Treat Alzheimer’s Disease

In 1988, Walberg voted against a series of bills designed to study and treat Alzheimer’s disease. He was one four or fewer representatives to vote against each measure. [HB 5348, HB 4560, HB 5463, HB 5159, and HB 5173, 4/20/88]

Voted Against Recruiting Doctors For Underserved Areas

In 1989, Walberg voted against a bill that would establish a program to recruit health professionals for underserved areas and populations.

The bill passed 91-9. [SB 393, 12/13/89]

Opposed Bill to Require Insurance Coverage of Hospice Care

In 1984, Walberg voted against a bill designed to force insurance companies and other similar entities to cover hospice care.

The bill passed 92-3. [HB 4953, 6/06/84]
Press Release: Voted To Fund Nutrition Assistance For Low-Income Women And Children

Press Release: Voted To Provide Funding For Nutrition Assistance For Low-Income Women And Children. “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Rep Walberg released the following statement after voting to provide immediate funding for nutrition assistance for low-income women and children and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Both bills passed with bipartisan support and are now before the Senate for further consideration.” [Rep. Walberg Press Release, 10/04/13]

Voted Against Motion To Protect The Regulatory Process For Social Security And Medicare

Voted Against Motion To Protect The Regulatory Process For Social Security And Medicare. In July 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to exempt rulemaking for Social Security and Medicare from the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act which would require congressional approval for new rules written by federal agencies. The motion failed 167 to 241. [HR 427, Vote #481, 7/28/15; Motion to Recommit, 7/28/15]
Immigration and Border Issues

### Significant Findings

- Voted to restart deportations of DREAMers and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- Opposed birthright citizenship
- Supported English as the official language
- Voted for border fence
- Defended Arizona’s immigration law, Saying Michigan “should model its immigration policy” on the law
- 2014: Voted three times against considering comprehensive immigration reform legislation

Walberg voted to restart deportations of DREAMers and opposed the constitutional right to birthright citizenship. He supported English as the official language and voted to build a fence between the United States and Mexico. Walberg also defended Arizona’s SB1070, saying that officials were just trying to enforce federal law. In 2014, he voted three times against considering comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

### Voted to Restart Deportations of Eligible DREAMers

In 2013, Walberg voted for an amendment that would restart deportations of young, undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children.

The amendment to the homeland security appropriations bill would prohibit the use of funds to implement President Obama’s order that would protect approximately 800,000 eligible individuals.

The amendment was sponsored by the extreme anti-immigration Rep. Steve King of Iowa. It passed 224-201. [HR 2217, Vote #208, 6/06/13]

**Headlines:**

- House votes to resume deporting young DREAM Act immigrants [Associated Press, 6/06/13]
- House Republicans vote to defund immigration program [ABC News/Univision, 6/06/13]
- GOP backs amendment to deport ‘DREAMers’ [Roll Call, 6/06/13]
Toured Local Farms With Extreme Representative Steve King

In 2011, Walberg brought Representative Steve King along to talk with local farmers about agriculture legislation. [Hillsdale Daily News, 5/10/11]

**Voted For Restarting Deportations Of Undocumented Families**

**Voted For Amendment To Defund Immigration Executive Order.** On January 14, 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to defund President Obama’s executive action on immigration. “One of the amendments would choke off funding for Obama’s executive action announced in November, which would allow some illegal immigrants to stay in the country and obtain work permits.” The amendment was adopted 237 to 190. [HR 240, Vote #29, 1/14/15; The Hill, 1/14/15]

**Voted to End DACA and Make Hundreds of Thousands of DREAMers Eligible for Deportation**

In August 2014, Walberg voted to make 550,000 young undocumented immigrants eligible for deportation.

The bill would effectively end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals while barring President Obama from expanding the program. The bill would block the 550,000 current beneficiaries from renewing their status in the program. Politico reported that the move “essentially makes those hundreds of thousands of young undocumented immigrants eligible for deportations.” [Politico, 8/01/14; The Hill, 8/01/14]

The bill passed, 216-192. [HR 5272, Vote #479, 8/01/14]

**Did Not “Hold It Against (Dreamers) … But We Are A Nation Of Laws”**

**Walberg Did Not “Hold It Against (Dreamers, But We Are A Nation Of Laws.”** “Walberg later brought up the issue of so-called ‘dreamers,’ or undocumented people who were brought to the United State as children. ‘That's an issue we have to address,’ Walberg said. ‘If my son or daughter were needing health care and I couldn't get it in my country, I would do anything, including give my life, to get that care for my kids. ‘I don't hold it against (dreamers),’ Walberg said. ‘But we are a nation of laws.’” [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 5/06/14]

**Voted For Restarting Deportations Of Undocumented Families And DREAMers**

**Voted For Bill Restarting Deportations Of Undocumented Families And DREAMers.** In January 2015, Walberg voted for a federal funding bill that defunded President Obama’s executive action on immigration and ended a program that halted the deportation of some illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children. “Democrats rallied against the bill, which would fund the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through September, after Republicans adopted a series of contentious amendments that take aim at facets of Obama’s immigration policy. One of the amendments would choke off funding for Obama’s executive action announced in November, which would allow some illegal immigrants to stay in the country and obtain work permits. A second amendment would halt the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA), which lifts deportation for some illegal immigrants who
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Voted For Amendment To End Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals. In January 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security funding bill that would end a program to suspend the deportation of DREAMers. “A second amendment would halt the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA), which lifts deportation for some illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children.” The amendment was adopted 218 to 209. [HR 240, Vote #30, 1/14/15; The Hill, 1/14/15]

Voted For Amendment To Defund President Obama’s Executive Actions On Immigration. In January 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security funding bill that would defund President Obama’s executive action on immigration. The amendment further barred funding for any substantially similar policies issues after January 9, 2015 and declared that such immigration policies had no statutory or constitutional basis. The amendment was adopted 237 to 190. [HR 240, Amendment No. 1, Vote #29, 1/14/15]

Voted For Bill Providing More Than $47 Billion For Department Of Homeland Security Funding. In January 2015, Walberg voted for a federal funding bill providing $47.8 billion for Homeland Security in FY 2015. The bill also included $12.6 billion for Customs and Border Protection, $6.3 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, $10 billion for the Coast Guard, and $10.8 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The bill passed 236 to 191. [HR 240, Vote #35, 1/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/14/15]

Voted to Restart Deportation of Millions of Undocumented Immigrants

In December 2014, Walberg voted to nullify President Obama’s executive action on immigration.

The executive action would halt deportation of nearly five million undocumented immigrants by expanding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and granting temporary legal status to undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and residents who have been in the country for at least five years. [Fox News, 12/04/14; Washington Post, 11/20/14]

The resolution passed, 219-196. [HR 5759, Vote #550, 12/04/14]

…Even Voted Against Protecting Military Families and Victims of Domestic Violence

In December 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would protect deportation exemptions for parents, spouses and children of U.S. citizens who have served or are serving in the military. The motion would also protect exemptions for victims of domestic violence, victims of crimes and human trafficking, and Cuban nationals. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/04/14]
The motion failed, 194-225. [HR 5759, Vote #549, 12/04/14]

**Voted Against Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

In April 2014, Walberg voted against the Democratic budget alternative. The budget would increase spending and revenue levels to allow for passage of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act while emphasizing the need for comprehensive immigration reform. [House Democratic Budget Substitute, FY 2015]

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that the budget would “overhaul the immigration system,” while Fox News reported that the budget would include comprehensive immigration reform. [Wall Street Journal, 4/07/14; Fox News, 4/10/14]

The budget failed, 163-261. [H Con Res 96, Vote #176, 4/10/14]

**Voted Three Times Against Considering Comprehensive Immigration Reform**


The bill would provide a path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented workers while requiring the Department of Homeland Security to create a detailed plan to secure the border. The bill would also require employer use of E-Verify. [Washington Post, 10/02/13; New York Times, 3/26/14]

The CBO estimated that the bill would cut the federal deficit by $900 billion over 20 years. [Think Progress, 3/25/14]

- Walberg voted to prevent consideration of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 3/26/14; H Res 524, Vote #142, 3/26/14]

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The previous question passed, 226-198. [H Res 696, Vote #471, 7/31/14]

**Would Require Undocumented Immigrants To Pay a Fine, Go Back to the End of the Line**

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In 2013, Walberg said he would require undocumented immigrants to pay a fine and go back to the end of the line and follow the appropriate procedures to live here.

“I like to see immigration encouraged in this country. But it also has to be done legally,” Walberg said. [Bedford Now, 2/16/13]

**Claimed To Support House Comprehensive Immigration Proposals**

**Supported House Comprehensive Immigration Reform Proposals.** “Businesses and individuals could do better economically without government interfering in their lives, said U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton. … He said the House also offered comprehensive immigration reform proposals to secure the borders, monitor work programs for laborers and punish immigrants who are criminals. The plan differs from the Senate bill that he said provides amnesty for immigrants, but which polls show is not backed by Americans.” [Monroe Evening News, 2/22/14]

**Opposed President Obama’s Executive Orders On Immigration**

**Opposed President Obama’s Executive Orders On Immigration.** “Yesenia Pilar has lived and worked here for 21 years, raised kids here for 16 years, and still she’s felt not quite at home. That’s why she joined about two dozen people Thursday night at Cristo Rey Church in cheering President Barack Obama’s announcement of executive actions that could prevent the deportation of millions of immigrants living the U.S. illegally - including, likely, her. … Many Republicans quickly slammed Obama's move as beyond his constitutional authority. Rep. Tim Walberg, a Tipton Republican whose congressional district covers Eaton County, said in a statement Thursday ‘the President appears poised to ignore Congress, the American people, and the root problems in our broken immigration system.’ He added: ‘My constituents are looking for real solutions on jobs, promoting our economy, and a workable immigration policy - not more executive orders.’” [Lansing State Journal, 11/21/14]

**Supported English as Official Language**

In 2012, Walberg’s campaign website said he believed English should be the official language. [walbergforcongress.com, accessed 6/12/13]

**Received Award For Dedication to English Language**

In 2008, Walberg received the “A in English” award from U.S. English, Inc. for his “dedication to preserving the unifying role of the English language in the United States.”

The award was presented based on their legislative scorecard, which included co-sponsorship of the English Language Unity Act and votes “on reducing multilingualism in government and allowing employers the flexibility to enact English-in-the-Workplace policies.” [Representative Walberg press release, 5/15/08]

**Voted for Improving Cell Phone Communication on the Border**
In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to improve border security by increasing cell phone coverage on the border.

The bipartisan amendment used $10 million to improve cell phone communication on the border, an idea originally belonging to Rep. Gabby Giffords. [The Hill, 6/01/11]

The amendment passed 327-93. [HR 2017, Vote #387, 6/01/11]

**Voted Against Increasing Funding for Customs and Border Security**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment that increased border security and customs funding by $32 million in the Homeland Security Appropriations legislation.

The amendment would have increased the funding for customs and border security by $32 million by transferring $16 million from the Office of the Undersecretary for Management and another $16 million from the Office of the Undersecretary for Science and Technology. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/01/11]

The amendment failed 162-256. [HR 2017, Vote #388, 6/01/11]

**Opposed Birthright Citizenship**

In a 2010 interview, Walberg said that he opposed birthright citizenship:

> QUESTION: Would you vote or work to end the birthright citizenship, we have in the US?

> WALBERG: Yeah. Yeah. I mean, that is done by the courts. That wasn’t done by the Constitution. The Constitution, I think was very clear when it was enacted, that was for freeborn slaves, and it has been carried on by the courts to say it includes anchor babies. No. I would be very supportive of making it very clear, that just because you have a baby over here, that doesn’t make them a citizen. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 52:45, 6/25/10]

**Defended Arizona Immigration Law, Saying Michigan “Should Model It’s Immigration Policy” On The Law**

In 2010, Walberg defended Arizona’s immigration law, claiming that 70 percent of Americans supported the law.

> “That’s all they’re doing - enforcing the law,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 5/20/10]

**2010: Believed Michigan “Should Model Its Immigration Policy After Arizona’s.”** “Walberg did spend a few minutes talking about his idea for a ‘fair tax,’ which would rescind the 16th Amendment and restructure the current tax system for a single, flat sales tax on everything. Walberg likes to say that this would make “drug pushers” pay taxes on their ‘Lexus and houses.’ He also believes Michigan should model its immigration policy after Arizona’s, even though the U.S. Department of Justice says it’s unconstitutional for police to detain suspected illegal immigrants based on appearance.” [Lansing City Pulse, 10/27/10]
“We Can What Arizona Did.” “We can do what Arizona did,’ Walberg told the crowd. ‘It caused immigrants to flee — sadly they went to other states.” [Lansing City Pulse, 10/27/10]

**Voted Against Preventing Illegal Immigrants from Being Employed on School Worksites**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would make charter schools eligible for funding under a school construction bill.

Section 309 of the amendment dictated that no funds provided under the legislation could be used in the employ of illegal immigrants and mandated that all local educational agencies must have a background check policy for all employees in order to be eligible for funds. [Congressional Record, H4948, 6/04/08]

The amendment passed, 260-151. [HR 3021, Vote # 374, 6/04/08]

**Voted to Deny Financial Assistance for Illegal Immigrants**

In May 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to a bill providing grants and loans to rehabilitate foreclosed properties. The amendment clarified that illegal immigrants would be ineligible for financial assistance under the bill. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/08/08]

The underlying legislation would authorize a loan and grant program for the purchase and rehabilitation of owner-vacated, foreclosed homes. Of the funds, $7.5 billion would be for loans, and $7.5 billion would be for grants. [CQ Bill Analysis, HR 5818]

The amendment passed 391-33. [HR 5818, Vote #297, 5/08/08]

**Voted to Ban Undocumented Immigrants from Public Housing**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would require all housing units built as of January 1, 2005 to be replaced at a one-for-one rate if demolished.

The bill would also clarify that those illegally in the United States would not be eligible for public housing funded by HOPE VI grant money. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/17/08]

The bill passed 388-20. [HR 3524, Vote #12, 1/17/08]

**Voted to Ban Illegal Immigrants from Receiving Small Business Grants**

In 2008, Walberg voted in support of an amendment to the Small Business Act that prohibited Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program awards from going to businesses that have repeatedly hired or recruited illegal immigrants. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/08]

The amendment was adopted 406-0. [HR 5819, Vote #215, 4/23/08]
Voted to Deny Tax Credits to Undocumented Immigrants

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit on a bill that would make revisions to certain record-keeping requirements in the tax filing process.

The motion would have added language to the bill aimed at preventing so-called “sanctuary cities,” or cities which do not report illegal immigrants to the federal government, from issuing tax-exempt debt. The motion would have also increased IRS efforts to prevent illegal immigrants from claiming the earned-income tax credit. [CQ Today, 4/15/08]

The motion was rejected 210-210. [HR 5719, Vote #189, 4/15/08]

Voted To Bar Lawsuits against Employers Requiring Employees to Speak English

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion that would instruct House conferees to accept a section of the Senate-passed bill that would bar the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from suing employers for requiring employees to speak English. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/08/07]

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-186. [HR 3093, Vote#1076, 11/08/07]

Co-sponsored Resolution Opposing Driver’s Licenses for Illegal Immigrants

In 2007, Walberg was an original co-sponsor of a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to states issuing drivers licenses to illegal immigrants.

“A driver’s license allows access to all kinds of legal documents and activities in our country and granting drivers licenses to illegal immigrants rewards those who have broken our laws. I have consistently stated that any and all attempts to enact immigration reform must not include amnesty for illegal immigrants, and this amounts to backdoor amnesty,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 11/05/07]

Co-sponsored Secure America through Verification and Enforcement Act

In 2007, Walberg was an original co-sponsor of the Secure America through Verification and Enforcement Act (SAFE) Act of 2007.

The bill would “work to secure Americas borders, create mandatory work authorization verification and reduce illegal immigration through interior enforcement.” [Representative Walberg press release, 11/08/07]

Voted to Prohibit Housing Assistance for Illegal Immigrants

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion that would instruct House conferees to insist on including in the conference report provisions prohibiting the use of funds in the bill to hire or provide housing assistance to illegal immigrants. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/08/07]

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 397-16. [HR 3074, Vote #1067, 11/08/07]
**Voted to Require ID Verification for Mortgage Applicants**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion that would require that the bill require a creditor to verify the identity of an individual seeking a residential mortgage. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/15/07]

The motion was rejected 188-231. [HR 3915, Vote #1117, 11/15/07]

**Voted to Block Funds for Undocumented Immigrants**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit to fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to employ undocumented immigrants or to provide rental housing assistance to an illegal immigrant not qualified to receive such assistance. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/02/07]

According to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), who opposed the motion, the measure was little more than an attempt to stall the bill because there were no funds in the bill that would apply to motion.

“There are no funds in this bill which would authorize any actions for illegal aliens; not for rural housing, not for employment, not for any of the activities funded under this bill,” DeLauro said on the floor of the House. [Congressional Record, 8/02/07; Page 8649]

The motion was defeated 212-216. [HR 3161, Vote #814, 8/02/07]

**Voted to Prevent Undocumented Immigrants from Gaining Access to SCHIP**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to authorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program for one year and block illegal immigrants from gaining access to the program.

The motion included language to continue the enforcement of the five-year waiting period for illegal immigrants to get into the program and required citizenship documentation for eligibility purposes.

The underlying bill that the motion sought to amend already included language preventing illegal immigrants from using SCHIP. [CQ Weekly, 8/06/07]

The language also eliminated proposed cuts to Medicare providers and Medicare Advantage plan payments. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/01/07]

Those cuts were targeted at private health plans. Under the Medicare Advantage plan pays about about 12 percent more per beneficiary than traditional Medicare costs, according to CBO and the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, which has recommended reducing the imbalance. [CQ Weekly, 8/06/07]

The motion was defeated 202-226. [HR 3162, Vote #786, 8/01/07]

**Voted to Cut Funding for the Criminal Alien Assistance Program**

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In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce and Justice to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

The motion would have recommitted the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to provide additional funding for the Department of Justice immigration law enforcement capabilities and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/07]

The motion provided no specific means for how to increase the funding, or what would be used to offset the increased funds.

However, because the motion called for increased funding for the program, it would have resulted in cuts to other law enforcement funding in the bill.

“Indeed, if this motion to recommit were passed and were acted upon, we would have to go back and cut State and local law enforcement, FBI, DEA, and meth programs,” said Congressman Alan Mollohan (D-WV). “We would have to cut law enforcement funding that puts police on the streets, that hires additional FBI agents, additional DEA agents, and funds meth programs.” [Congressional Record, 7/26/07, Page H8673]

The motion was rejected 209-215. [HR 3093, Vote #743, 7/26/07]

**Supported Increased Funds for Keeping Undocumented Criminals Behind Bars**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by $55 million.

The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program provides federal payments to states and localities that incur correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period. [State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, usdoj.gov]

The increased funding was offset by a reduction of $25 million for the Commerce Department’s salaries and expenses account, $25 million for the Justice Department’s general administration account and $5 million for the FBI construction account. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The amendment passed 388-39. [HR 3093, Vote #725, 7/25/07]

**Supported Increased Funding for Southwest Border Prosecutors**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill to increase funding for the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Fund’s Southwest Border Prosecutor Initiative.
The amendment increased funding for the program by $10 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Census Bureau’s Periodic Censuses and Programs. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

According to the amendment’s sponsor, Congresswoman Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV), “The Southwest Border Prosecutor Initiative helps relieve border communities of the steep costs of Federal drug prosecutions.” [Statement of Congresswoman Shelly Moore Capito, Congressional Record, 7/25/07, Page H8435]

Democrats in Congress had originally proposed $30 million for the program, while President Bush had requested no funding. [Statement of Congressman Alan Mollohan, Congressional Record, 7/25/07, Page H8435]

The amendment passed 229-196. [HR 3093, Vote #722, 7/25/07]

**Voted to Block Lawsuit Against Companies that Require Employees to Speak English**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce and Justice to bar the use of funds in the bill by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to commence litigation against employers on the grounds that they require employees to speak English. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/26/07]

The amendment was defeated 202-212. [HR 3093, Vote #734, 7/26/07]

**Opposed U.S.-Mexican Freeway**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Transportation appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds in the bill for participation in working groups on a proposed U.S.-Mexican freeway. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/24/07]

The amendment passed 362-63. [HR 3074, Vote #707, 7/24/07]

**Voted to Require Student Aid Forms to be in English**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to require student aid forms to be in English-only.

The amendment would have barred the use of funds in the bill by the Education Department to provide or process the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form in any language other than English. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 191-233. [HR 3043, Voted #676, 7/19/07]

**Voted to Prevent Undocumented Immigrants from Receiving Social Security**
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to prevent implementation of a totalization agreement between the United States’ and Mexico’s Social Security systems.

The amendment barred the use of funds in the bill by the Social Security Administration to compensate employees who administer Social Security benefit payments under any agreement between the United States and Mexico that establishes arrangements between the two nations’ social security benefits systems. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

The amendment was aimed at blocking illegal immigrants from receiving Social Security benefits through a loophole in the Social Security totalization agreement between the United States and Mexico.

According to the amendment’s sponsor, Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA), “Our totalization agreement with Mexico threatens the Social Security Trust Fund by allowing Mexican workers in the U.S. to claim Social Security benefits and vice versa.”

Gingrey claimed his amendment would prohibit funding for the current totalization agreement, which was signed in 2004. [Congressman Phil Gingrey press release, 7/19/07; Arizona Republic, 6/26/04]

Opponents of the amendment said that there is no way under existing law that anyone who does not have authorization to work in this country, including undocumented immigrants, qualify for receipt of Social Security benefits. [Statement of Congressman Xavier Becerra, Congressional Record, 7/18/07; Page H8108]

The amendment passed 254 – 168. [HR 3043, Vote #673, 7/19/07]

**Opposed Bush-Kennedy Immigration Reform Compromise**

In May 2007, Walberg announced his opposition to the immigration reform compromise forged by President Bush, Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), and other legislators. Walberg cited the bill’s provision providing a path to citizenship as his reason for opposing the bill, and claimed it provided “amnesty” to illegal immigrants.

“Most disappointing to me is that this bill takes away from where the real focus of this debate should be. We need to secure our borders and create a work permit program that meets the evolving needs of today’s agriculture industry,” Walberg said in a press release. [Representative Walberg press release, 5/18/07]

Walberg expanded on his opposition to the compromise in a Battle Creek Enquirer opinion piece:

> Currently, a group of senators, along with President Bush, are promoting a “grand compromise” on an immigration proposal that grants amnesty to illegal immigrants. This legislation, the Bush-Kennedy immigration bill, provides illegal immigrants the eligibility to pay in-state tuition and the ability to get federally subsidized loans. … Drafted in a series of secret meetings, the Bush-Kennedy bill claims to solve every single problem in our nation’s immigration system at one time. The result is a bill that, if passed, would be almost impossible to implement and add more layers to America’s
already ineffective immigration process. … The most disappointing aspect of the Bush-Kennedy bill is that it takes away from where the real focus of the immigration debate should be: America’s national security. [Walberg op-ed, Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/27/07]

**Voted to Require Valid Social Security Number for Mortgages**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to prohibit Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks from obtaining primary residential mortgages that were granted to any individuals who do not have a valid Social Security number.

According to Congressional Quarterly Today, the amendment was aimed at preventing illegal immigrants from benefiting under the legislation. [Congressional Quarterly Today, 5/22/07]

The amendment passed 217-205. [HR 1427, Vote #391, 5/22/07]

**Voted to Require Proof of Citizenship to Obtain Housing Funds**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to require all owners or renters of housing built with money from the proposed affordable-housing trust fund to prove legal residency.

According to Congressional Quarterly Today, the amendment was aimed at preventing illegal immigrants from benefiting under the legislation. [Congressional Quarterly Today, 5/22/07]

The amendment passed 235-188. [HR 1427, Vote #387, 5/22/07]

**Supported Automated Risk Assessment System at the Border**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security authorization bill that would recommit the bill to the Homeland Security Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would allow the Homeland Security Department secretary to authorize the Automated Targeting System to be deployed at the border. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/09/07]

The Automated Targeting System is an automated system helps that coordinates information from available sources and allows Customs officials to perform risk assessments of people entering the United States.

The system would collect information to perform risk assessments of people entering the United States.

According to the motion’s sponsor, Congressman Charlie Dent (R-PA), the 9/11 Commission recommended such a system in order to target particular, identifiable suspects or indicators of risk and give border officials the resources to establish that people are who they say they are, intercept identifiable suspects, and disrupt terrorist operations. [Congressman Charlie Dent press release, 5/09/07]

Opponents of the measure, however, noted that the funding to implement the program would divert funding from the soon-to-be implemented US-VISIT system, which will biometrically check aliens who
are entering the United States. [Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Congressional Record, 5/09/07; Page H4714]

The motion passed 264-160. [HR 1684, Vote #317, 5/09/07]

**Voted to Increase Funds for Border Personnel by Cutting Office Of Undersecretary of Management**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement salaries and expenses account by $9 million.

The funding increase was offset by reducing funding for the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by $10 million. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment passed 286-127. [HR 2638, Vote #469, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Increase Funding for Border Fence by Cutting Undersecretary of Management**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to increase funding the Customs and Border Protection fencing, infrastructure and technology account by $89 million.

The funding was offset by a reduction for the Office of the Undersecretary for Management by the same amount. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment passed 241-179. [HR 2638, Vote #471, 6/15/07]

**Voted To Fund Border Security Programs At Department Of Homeland Security**

**Voted To Fund Border Security Programs At Department Of Homeland Security.** “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Today Rep Walberg voted to provide immediate funding for border security programs at the Department of Homeland Security. The legislation passed with bipartisan support by a vote of 249 - 175 and is now before the Senate for further consideration.” [Walberg Press Release, 10/10/13]

**Voted for Partisan Emergency Border Supplemental Appropriations**

In August 2014, Walberg voted for a supplemental appropriations bill aimed at solving the crisis at the border.

The bill was the second attempt by House Republicans to pass a border supplemental appropriations bill. Republican leadership pulled a vote on their initial bill after it failed to attract support from House Conservatives. The final bill was significantly revised with input from House conservatives - including Reps. Steve King and Michelle Bachmann. [Washington Post, 8/01/14]
The bill contained $659 million in additional funding for federal agencies dealing with the influx of immigrants across the border, change a 2008 anti-trafficking law to make it easier for the government to deport Central American minors, and provide $35 million to border-state governors. President Barack Obama had originally requested $3.7 billion to address the crisis at the border. The Los Angeles Times reported that the bill “won’t do much to resolve the emergency.” [Los Angeles Times, 8/01/14]

The bill passed, 223-189. [HR 5230, Vote #478, 8/01/14]

**Voted to Cut TSA Funding to Increase Border Patrol**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill that would add $125 million for Customs and Border Protection salary and expenses.

The increased funds were offset by a reduction for the Transportation Security Administration’s aviation security direction and enforcement by the same amount. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 96-327. [HR 2638, Vote #475, 6/14/07]

**Voted to Not Delay Border Fence**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill to stop potential delays of the construction of border security fencing.

The amendment would have eliminated language barring the use of funds for fencing on certain federal lands unless the decision to locate the fencing has been coordinated with the relevant federal agency and the department makes every effort to minimize the impact on wildlife and natural resources.

It would have also eliminated language barring the use of funds unless there has been formal consultation with affected state and local communities to solicit their advice and support. [CQ House Action Reports, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 190-233. [HR 2638, Vote #476, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Fund Aerial Vehicles for Border Patrol over Other Priorities**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill to allow funding for the procurement of additional unmanned aerial vehicles.

The amendment struck a provision in the bill blocking the funds until the Customs and Border Protection certified to the House and Senate Appropriations committees that they are a higher priority and more cost effective than other items in the Air and Marine Recapitalization and Modernization Plan. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 192-232. [HR 2638, Vote #477, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Delay Visa Requirements**
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds in the bill to implement the travel document requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative until June 1, 2009. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will require all U.S. citizens, Canadians, citizens of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, and citizens of Mexico to have a passport or other accepted secure document to enter or re-enter the U.S. by January 1, 2008. [Department of State Press Release, 4/05/05]

The bill passed 379-45. [HR 2638, Vote #483, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Allow Foreign Citizens into the United States without a Visa**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds to carry out the visa waiver program, through which travelers from certain countries can enter the United States for up to 90 days without obtaining a visa. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 76-347. [HR 2638, Vote #484, 6/15/07]

**Voted for Border Fence**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to require funds in the bill for Customs and Border Protection fencing, infrastructure or technology to be used for a minimum of two layers of reinforced fencing and roads for a border fence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The amendment prevented the use of those funds for infrastructure and technology that could be used instead of a border fence. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 149-272. [HR 2638, Vote #486, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Cut Funding for Border Infrastructure, Technology**

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**Supported Tough GOP Immigration Bill**
In 2005, Walberg said that the proposal passed by the House of Representatives had been the closest to his ideal immigration plan.

From the Adrian Daily Telegram:

Says the proposal passed by the U.S. House of Representatives has been the closest to his ideal plan. First, Walberg says, borders need to be secured. No amnesty will be offered, but the legal immigration process must remain open. Immigrants must have clear documentation. “As we find them, then we must deal with the illegals that are here and deal with the employers that knowingly hire illegal aliens,” he says. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/30/06]

Bill Made Charitable Organizations Felons

In 2005, the House of Representatives voted for final passage of legislation to tighten border controls and prevent illegal immigrants from getting jobs.

The bill would build hundreds of miles of fence along the U.S.-Mexico border, require that businesses verify the legality of all employees’ status through a national database, fortify border patrols, and declare illegal immigrants and those who help them to be felons.

The felony provision was controversial, making millions of illegal immigrants in this country felons and anyone who aids them felons as well, including charitable and religious organizations that may help illegals. According to the New York Times, “The border security measure would for the first time make it a federal crime to live in the United States illegally, a provision that would turn millions of undocumented immigrants into felons. Currently, living in this country illegally is a violation of civil immigration law, not criminal law.

The bill would require the mandatory detention of many immigrants ... and broaden the immigrant-smuggling statute to include employees of social service agencies and church groups who offer services to illegal workers.” [Washington Post, 12/17/05, 4/12/06, New York Times, 12/17/05]

The motion passed 239-182. [HR4437, Vote #661, 12/16/05]

Voted For Allowing A Vote On Homeland Security Bill Without Stopping Immigration Changes


Supported by Extreme Immigration Group
In 2006, Walberg was supported by Al Garza, executive director of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, although he said the group could not make a formal endorsement.

The Minuteman Corps launched private patrols of the border between the United States and Mexico. The group was in Michigan to educate people outside the southwest about illegal immigration.

“People here in Michigan are completely oblivious to the reality of what’s going on,” Garza said. Illegal immigrants are moving into towns across the country and “little by little, taking over and making changes.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 8/03/06]

**Voted For Anti-Immigrant Amendment That Would Discourage Victims From Reporting Abuse**

**Voted For Anti-Immigrant Amendment That Would Discourage Victims From Reporting Abuse.** In January 2015, Walberg voted for an anti-immigrant amendment that purports to prioritize immigration enforcement actions against illegal immigrants convicted of violent or sexually-oriented offenses. However, the Conference of Catholic Bishops stated that this amendment “would discourage many [domestic violence] victims from reporting abuse.” The amendment was adopted 278-149. [HR 240, Amendment No. 3, Vote #31, 1/14/15; Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Floor Remarks, 1/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/14/15]

**Voted For Removing Provision Encouraging Defense Department To Allow DREAMers To Serve In Military; Alabama Media: Amendment “Keeps DREAMers Out Of Military”**

**Voted For Removing Provision Encouraging Defense Department To Allow DREAMers To Serve In Military.** In May 2015, Walberg voted for removing an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill that “would encourage the Pentagon to consider allowing immigrants brought to the country as children to [serve in the military].” [HR 1735, Vote #229, 5/14/15; NPR, 5/13/15]


**Voted For Withholding Federal Law Enforcement Grant Funding From State And Local Governments That Do Not Comply With Federal Immigration Laws**

**Voted For Withholding Federal Law Enforcement Grant Funding From State And Local Governments That Do Not Comply With Federal Immigration Laws.** In July 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that would “withhold certain federal law enforcement grants to state and local governments that bar their officials from taking certain immigration-related actions, such as gathering or maintaining information on the immigration or citizenship status of individuals or sharing such information with federal immigration authorities.” The bill passed 241-179. [HR 3009, Vote #466, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

Significant Findings

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- Consistent supporter of Right-to-Work policy, co-sponsoring National Right to Work Act
- 2015: Supported bill seeking to overturn rule by National Labor Relations Board, which would have “streamlined” unionization process

Walberg voted to protect companies retaliating against workers trying to unionize, and to allow them to outsource American jobs. Walberg opposed legislation to strengthen organizing rights. He was the only member of House Education and Labor Committee to vote against collective bargaining rights for public safety workers. He has also supported the “Right to Work” movement, and co-sponsored the National Right to Work Act. In 2015, he voted to block new election rules By National Labor Relations Board. Unions believed the new rules would “modernize regulations and delay frivolous lawsuits.” In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill to provide four weeks of paid parental leave to federal and congressional employees.

Between 2011 and 2012, Walberg voted five times against the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on federal projects. A report by Cornell University said PLAs “can achieve cost savings” for taxpayers. In June 2011, he voted for an amendment prohibiting the use of PLAs on federally funded Homeland Security projects. He later voted for an amendment to prohibit the use of project labor agreements on federal defense construction projects. Finally, he voted against an amendment seeking to strike section of bill prohibiting project labor agreements.
Low Scores From Union Groups

Walberg’s voting record on union issues has drawn low scores from union groups, including the AFL-CIO and AFSCME.

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[Project Vote Smart, accessed 4/22/16; AFL-CIO, accessed 4/22/16]

2012, 2013: Co-sponsored National Right to Work Legislation

In 2012, Walberg co-sponsored the National Right-to-Work Act. He co-sponsored similar legislation in 2013. [HR 2040, co-sponsored 2/07/12; HR 946, co-sponsored 3/05/13]
The bill, introduced by Congressman Steve King, would prevent workers benefitting from union contracts from being required to pay fees associated with contract negotiations. [Center for American Progress, 2/02/12]

**629,000 Union Members in Michigan**

In 2014, 631,000 Michigan residents were members of a union, or 15.7 percent of the working population. [Bureau of Labor Statistics, Accessed 5/27/15]

**Said Michiganders Should Worry Right to Work States Taking Their Jobs, Not Other Countries**

At a June 2010 meet and greet, Walberg said that Michiganders should be more worried about losing manufacturing jobs to Right to Work states than to Mexico or China.

“The states that are cleaning out clock economically, taking our manufacturing jobs - It’s not China and Mexico that we should really be worrying that much about. We’re getting jobs back from China because of quality issues. We should be worrying about the other states, including the ones right on our border like Indiana, where Mitch Daniels is cleaning our clock, a Right to Work state,” Walberg said. [MI07 Raw Footage YouTube, 6/16/10]

**Sent Fundraising Letters For National Right to Work**

In 2008, Walberg sent out letters to help raise money for the National Right to Work Committee. [Editorial, Detroit News, 11/21/08]

**Voted Against Prohibiting State Funds From Promoting Right to Work**

In 1996, Walberg voted against an amendment to prohibit any state funds from being used to promote “right to work” efforts.

The amendment passed 83-17. [MIRS Captiol Capsule, 3/26/96; HB 5583, Kaza amendment, RC #259, 3/26/96]

**Voted to Delay Votes On Union Formation**

In 2011, Walberg voted to institute mandatory waiting periods into the voting process for workers to form a union.

The bill would delay votes on forming a union until at least 35 days after a successful pre-election hearing, which would happen at least 14 days after certifying a unionization petition. [Associated Press Financial Wire, 11/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 11/30/11]

The bill passed 235-188. [HR 3094, Vote #869, 11/30/11]

Before voting on the bill, Walberg voted against motion that required unionization elections to happen within the same period as required to elect a new CEO, under the laws of the individual state. The motion
also prohibited mandatory attendance meetings campaigning for or against unionization. [Congressional Record, H7984, 11/30/11; CQ Floor Votes, 11/30/11]

The motion failed 185-239. [HR 3094, Vote #868 11/30/11]

**Voted to Protect Companies Retaliating Against Workers Trying to Unionize**

In 2011, Walberg voted to protect companies retaliating against workers by prohibiting the National Labor Relations Board from “ordering any employer to close, relocate or transfer employment under any circumstances.”

The bill would have prohibited the National Labor Relations Board from taking action against companies that it felt were retaliating against workers for forming a union, striking, or exercising any of their other federally protected rights. These actions include “ordering a company to reinstate production or make certain investments, at a given location” or “blocking a firm’s decision to relocate” and would apply to all decisions that had not been finalized prior to the passage of the legislation. [New York Times, 9/15/11; CQ Floor Votes, 9/15/11]

The bill passed 238-186. [HR 2587, Vote #711, 9/15/11]

**…And to Allow Them to Outsource American Jobs**

Walberg even voted against a motion which would have ensured that the National Labor Relations Board retained the “authority to order a company to maintain or restore jobs that have been or will be outsourced to a foreign country in violation of the National Labor Relations Act.” [CQ Floor Votes, 9/15/11]

The motion failed 189-235. [HR 2587, Vote #710, 9/15/11]

**Voted For Blocking Implementation Of Union Election Rules Set By NLRB**

**Voted For Blocking Implementation Of Union Election Rules Set By NLRB.** In March 2015, Walberg voted for blocking new election rules the National Labor Relations Board put in place for union elections. “The National Labor Relations Board’s new rules governing representation elections went into effect April 14. The rules block certain litigation ahead of union certification elections, set new timelines for pre-election and postelection hearings, allow parties to file documents electronically and require employers to disclose employees’ phone numbers and email addresses to union organizers. The NLRB and unions say the new rules modernize regulations and delay frivolous lawsuits.” The resolution passed 232 to 186. [S J Res 8, Vote #128, 3/19/15; CQ News, 4/30/15]

**President Obama Said He Would Veto Measure.** The measure “is highly unlikely to become law, as the White House has vowed to veto the measure.” [International Business Times, 3/19/15]

**Voted to Change Union-Representation Ballot Counting Rules**
In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which changed the union-representation ballots rules for rail and airline employees.

The legislation would have reduced the overall funding for the FAA by $4 billion dollars and contained an anti-union rule that changed the way union-representation ballots are counted for companies governed by the Railway Labor Act, which includes rail and airlines. [CRS Report, R41666, 3/03/11; CQ BillAnalysis, 6/07/11]

The bill passed 223-196. [HR 658, Vote #220, 3/29/11]

**Voted to Prohibit PLAs on Federal Projects**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to a continuing resolution to keep the government funded that would have prohibited the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on federal projects.

Project Labor Agreements require construction jobs to be filled by local workers; establishes wages, working hours and dispute resolution; and ensures safety guidelines on the job site are enforced. [aflcio.org]

The amendment failed 210-210. [HR 1, Vote #126, 2/19/11]

**Voted to Prohibit PLAs on Federal Homeland Security Projects**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security appropriation bill that would have prohibited the use of project labor agreements on federally funded Homeland Security projects.

The amendment failed 207-213. [HR 2017, Vote #396, 6/02/11]

**Opposed PLAs on Certain Construction Projects**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment to the FY12 Military Construction/VA appropriations bill that would strike the section of the bill prohibiting the use of funds to implement or enforce project labor agreements on federal construction projects of more than $25 million.

The amendment passed 204-203. [HR 2055, Vote #413, 6/13/11]

**Voted to Prohibit PLAs on Federal Defense Construction Projects**

In 2012, Walberg voted for an amendment to the 2013 Defense Authorization bill that would prohibit the use of project labor agreements on federal defense construction projects.

The amendment passed 211-209. [HR 4310, Vote #267, 5/17/12]

**Opposed PLAs in Military Construction Bill**
In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Military Construction appropriations bill that would strike the section of the bill prohibiting project labor agreements. The amendment passed 218-198. [HR 5854, Vote #302, 5/31/12]

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Voted to Prohibit Collective Bargaining for TSA Employees

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would prohibit collective bargaining for TSA employees. The amendment passed 218-205. [HR 2017, Vote #403, 6/02/11]

Opposed Bill to Provide Paid Parental Leave to Federal Employees

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would provide that four of the 12 weeks of parental leave given to federal and congressional employees would be paid leave. Employees also would be allowed to use accrued annual or sick leave for parental leave. The bill would not require employees to demonstrate a
medical need for using their sick time for parental leave. The bill also would authorize the Office of Personnel Management to extend the parental leave period for up to eight weeks. [CQ Today, 6/19/08]

The bill passed 278-146. [HR 5781, Vote #428, 6/19/08]

Voted for Partisan Delay of Parental Leave for Federal Employees

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit a bill that would provide that four of the 12 weeks of parental leave given to federal and congressional employees would be paid leave time to the Oversight and Government Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would ban employees who do not comply with court-ordered child support arrangements from being eligible for the paid leave included in the bill.

The bill included language ensuring that federal employees would be compensated for four of the 12 weeks of leave they are already entitled to under the Family and Medical Leave Act. [CQ Today, 6/19/08]

The motion failed 206-220. [HR 5781, Vote #427, 6/19/08]

Opposed Union-Friendly FAA Reauthorization

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that would change the process of labor negotiations between the agency and air traffic controllers, making it more union-friendly.

It would bar the imposition of new work rules if labor negotiations between the agency and controllers reach an impasse and requiring binding arbitration if an agreement is not reached.

It would also require airlines and airports to develop contingency plans for stranded passengers, increase the maximum age for pilots from 60 to 65 and change labor laws applying to certain FedEx employees and allowing them to unionize more easily. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/20/07]

The bill passed 267-151. [HR 2881, Vote #890, 9/20/07]

Opposed Legislation to Strengthen Organizing Rights

In 2007, Walberg voted against the Employee Free Choice Act, a bill to protect the rights of workers to organize a union.

The bill changed existing law by allowing employees – not employers – to decide whether or not to hold a union election. The legislation would certify a union if a majority of workers signed cards authorizing it or allow them to hold an election by secret ballot. [Office of the Committee on Education and Labor Democrats, 02/2007; Los Angeles Times, 3/02/07; Congressional Quarterly, 2/19/07]

It also established steps to push employers and unions toward agreement on an initial contract and created penalties for intimidation of employees. [Congressional Quarterly, 3/05/07]
The bill passed 241-185. [HR 800, Vote #118, 3/01/07]

Walberg: Bill Strips Protections on “Sanctity of Free and Open Society”

Walberg claimed the Employee Free Choice Act was coercive and stripped protections on private ballots that he said protect the “sanctity of free and open society.”

“We are about to consider a bill that strips away the very tool that protects the sanctity of a free and open society the private ballot. Private ballots ensure workers have elections without fraudulent interference, coercion or intimidation. Confidence will be lost with a system that forces workers to publicly declare their intentions,” Walberg said. [Statement by Representative Walberg, H2042, Congressional Record, 3/01/07]

Voted to Make it Harder for Unions to Organize

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to block the Employee Free Choice Act.

The amendment would have barred the use of funds in the bill by the National Labor Relations Board to recognize a union as an exclusive employee representative if it has not been chosen in a secret-ballot election. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 167-255. [HR 3043, Vote #674, 7/19/07]

Only Member Of House Education and Labor Committee to Vote Against Collective Bargaining for Public Safety Workers

In June 2007, the House Education and Labor Committee approved legislation that would set a federal law governing collective bargaining for state and local municipal employees.

The legislation was approved 42-1, with Walberg the lone dissenter.

Supporters of the legislation, including Republicans who backed it only reluctantly, said it would give police officers, firefighters and other civil employees protection when it comes to organizing and collective bargaining. They noted it would not allow strikes by civil employees. [National Journal, 6/21/07]

Walberg then voted against the bill on the floor, where it passed 314-97. [HR 980, Vote #633, 7/17/07]

Supported Bill Seeking To Overturn Rule By National Labor Relations Board Which Would Have “Streamlined” Unionization Process

Supported Bill Seeking To Overturn Rule By National Labor Relations Board. “Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I rise today in strong support of S.J. Res. 8. … This resolution, which I am proud to sponsor along with Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, invokes
Congress' authority under the Congressional Review Act to block the NLRB's ambush election rule and anything substantially like it. … Mr. Speaker, I hate to say it this way, but the fact of the matter is that the NLRB is creating a solution to a problem that does not exist by wholly changing the union election process through their new ambush election rule. This rule, if left unchecked, restricts the right of employers to speak to their employees during their organizing campaign. It cripples--it cripples--the rights of workers to make an informed decision. It denies all stakeholders access to a fair process. And isn't that what we are about?... The NLRB should serve as an impartial arbiter of labor disputes, and I urge my colleagues to join the Senate in passing S.J. Res. 8, which will stop these harmful and unjust actions committed by the NLRB and preserve fair election policies which have been in place for decades.” [Congressional Record, 3/19/15]

USA Today: Rule Would Have “Streamlined Process for Workers to Vote Unionize.” “President Obama vetoed a congressional resolution seeking to overturn new unionization voting rules Tuesday, keeping in place procedures that will allow a more streamlined process for workers to vote to unionize. Republicans said those new rules would allow for ‘ambush elections,’ and tried to roll back the new National Labor Relations Board rule with a congressional resolution of disapproval.” [USA Today, 3/31/15]

Voted For Preventing VA Employees From Performing Union Related Activities While At Work

Voted For Preventing VA Employees From Performing Union Related Activities While On The Job. In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would prevent VA employees from performing union related activities while on the job. The amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Jody Hice (GA-10) claimed that the practice known as official time wastes taxpayer dollars and said “The Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the agencies with the most egregious use of official time. This agency is singlehandedly responsible for almost one-third of all the reported official time usage in the entire Federal Government.” The amendment failed to pass 190 to 232. [HR 2029, Vote #190; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15; Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

Voted Against Prohibiting Funding Contractors Who Have Violated The Fair Labor Standards Act

Labor and Working Family Issues – Outsourcing and Expatriates

Significant Findings

✓ Voted to let companies hide when they ship jobs overseas

✓ 2004: participated in a GOP debate, at which, the Lansing State Journal wrote that “during the debate, candidates all agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation’s economy

✓ Walberg said NAFTA created jobs – NAFTA hit Michigan harder than any other state

✓ Opposed amendment prohibiting companies with recent wage theft convictions from receiving federal tax dollars

✓ November 2014: Campaign donor, Koch Industries’ subsidiary closed Marysville, MI plant and laid off 75 people

✓ May 2015: Subsidiary of one of largest campaign donors, Koch Industries, closed Parchment, MI plant, eliminating 57 jobs

✓ March 2006: Three months after purchasing subsidiary, campaign donor closed Gaylord, MI plant and cut 210 jobs

✓ 2006 – 2007: Amidst high annual profits, campaign donor DTE Energy announced plans to lay off nearly 2,000 Michigan workers

✓ In a span of five months, Walberg-backer Demmer Corporation laid off over 200 Lansing-area workers

✓ Voted against Buy American provisions for hydropower

✓ Would allow government contracts with companies shipping American jobs overseas

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In 2013, he voted to allow government contracts with companies shipping American jobs overseas. Walberg voted to protect a 20 percent tax break for companies outsourcing jobs. In 2012, Walberg voted against an amendment proposing requiring publicly traded companies to annually disclose the number of jobs outsourced to foreign countries. Walberg’s belief in allowing companies to outsource jobs is not strictly focused in the realm of policy, but extends into personal belief when, in 2004, Walberg participated in a GOP debate, at which, the Lansing State Journal wrote that “during the debate, candidates all agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation’s economy.”

Over the years, Walberg’s top campaign donors have outsourced or laid off thousands of Michigan workers as they contributed thousands to his campaigns. A top backer, Amway Corp., outsourced 50 jobs from Ada, Michigan to Europe and Asia. The company is owned by the Devos family, which represents a powerful force in anti-labor causes.

In November 2014, Walberg-backer Koch Industries’ subsidiary, closed the Marysville, MI plant and laid off 75 workers. The city manager described the closure as a “surprise.” In May 2015, another subsidiary of Koch Industries closed a plant in Parchment, MI and eliminated 57 jobs. The mayor said the decision to close the plant came as a surprise as the company had previously said the plant was doing well. The mayor went on to say, “I understand corporate finances but it’s a pop in the nose for this community.” Furthermore, the closure marked the end of the paper industry in a town that was known as “Paper City.” The end of “Paper City” was not the only destruction Koch industries wrought on Michigan families. In 2006, three months after purchasing Georgia-Pacific, which owned a Gaylord, MI plant, Koch Industries closed the facility, leaving 210 people without a job. The state of Michigan ended up providing $800,000 in assistance to the families who lost jobs after the Department of Labor discovered the eliminated jobs were due to increased imports. Furthermore, the Otsego County Economic Alliance Director said the vendors and suppliers of the plant were forced to cut an additional 155 jobs since the closure. The layoffs were a campaign issue in the 2014 election for Michigan’s U.S. Senate seat.

From 2006 to 2007, amidst high annual profits, campaign donor DTE Energy, a major utility in Michigan, laid off 1,245 union workers. The job cuts were the result of a self-review of the utility’s business, what the company labeled its “performance excellence process,” which aimed to reduce costs. Furthermore, over a span of five months between 2012 and 2013, Walberg-backer defense industry company, Demmer Corp. laid off over 200 people.

**Walberg Said NAFTA Created Jobs**

In 2010, Walberg expressed support for NAFTA at a meet and greet in Jackson.

“It’s been proven- - it’s been proven that it’s supplied more jobs of equal or better pay to our country over the course of time,” Walberg said of NAFTA. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/03/10; MIRS, 9/03/10]
NAFTA Hit Michigan Harder Than Any Other State

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the North American Free Trade Agreement has resulted in a net loss of 63,143 jobs for the state of Michigan. Michigan was the hardest hit state as a share of total state employment. [Economic Policy Institute, “NAFTA’s Cautionary Tale,” 7/20/05]

2010, Economic Policy Institute: Walberg’s District Lost 3,100 Jobs Due To NAFTA, Ranking As 15th Among “Hardest-Hit Congressional Districts” Nationally. According to the Economic Policy Institute, the Michigan 7th Congressional district lost 3,100 jobs due to NAFTA, ranking 15th among the “Hardest-hit Congressional districts” nationally. [Economic Policy Institute, 2011]

Walberg Participated In 2004 GOP Debate; Lansing State Journal: “During The Debate, Candidates All Agreed That Outsourcing Is Both Necessary And Good For The Nation’s Economy” In 2004, the Lansing State Journal reported that all of the candidates at a Republican primary debate that Walberg attended “agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation’s economy.” [Lansing State Journal, 4/27/04]

Lansing State Journal: Walberg Participated In Debate and “During The Debate, Candidates All Agreed That Outsourcing Is Both Necessary And Good For The Nation’s Economy.” “Brad Smith and the five other Republicans seeking to succeed Nick Smith participated in a debate Monday sponsored by the Eaton County Republican Party. The seat historically has gone to a Republican. The other GOP candidates for the two-year term are former state Sen. John Schwarz of Battle Creek, state Reps. Gene DeRossett of Manchester and Clark Bisbee of Jackson and former state Reps. Tim Walberg of Tipton and Paul DeWeese of Eaton Rapids…. During the debate, candidates all agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation's economy.” [Lansing State Journal via Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/30/08]

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Shauer Ad Attributed Outsourcing Quote To Walberg, But “Problem Is, In That Article,[…] Does Not Quote Walberg Saying That.” “State Sen. Mark Schauer has a new ad out called ‘Tables’ which criticizes U.S. Rep Tim Walberg on jobs. The ad shows a man and a woman whose jobs were outsourced to companies in Mexico and China, and then says Walberg said outsourcing is good for the economy. In the background, next a photo of Walberg this phrase appears in quotes; ‘agreed that outsourcing is ... good,’ and cites an article in the Lansing State Journal from 2004. The problem is, in that article, (which you can read in full after the jump) does not quote Walberg saying that.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/30/08]

Voted Against Prohibiting Federal Contracts for Companies Moving to Offshore Tax Havens

In July 2014, Walberg voted against an amendment that would prohibit federal contracts for companies that move to offshore tax havens like Bermuda to avoid paying taxes. [New York Times, 7/15/14]

The amendment passed, 221-200. [HR 4923, Vote #387, 7/10/14]

Voted to Protect Companies that Ship Jobs Overseas and Violate Child Labor Laws

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In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill to prevent the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) from taking most official actions until the Senate confirmed new members, the Supreme Court upheld President Obama’s recess appointments, or the first session of the 113th Congress ended. It would also invalidate every action taken since January 2012 that required a quorum.

The bill was approved 219-209 and received bipartisan opposition. [HR 1120, Vote #101, 4/12/13]

**Voted to Protect Companies that Ship Jobs Overseas and Violate Child Labor Laws**

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment to prohibit the invalidation of NLRB decisions involving any former member of the Armed Services; any attempt by a U.S. employer to outsource jobs; any violation by a foreign-owned company against the rights of an American worker; workers seeking to bargain on issues related to health and safety; workers seeking to bargain the addressing of discrimination based on age, sex, disability, race, religion, or other personal characteristics; and any employer found to have violated child labor laws in the 5 years prior to the case being brought to the Board.

The motion was rejected 197-229. [HR 1120, Vote #100, 4/12/13]

**Voted to Transition to Tax System That Would Reward Moving Jobs Overseas**

In 2012, Walberg voted for a plan to transition the federal tax code to a “territorial tax system.” [HR 6169, Vote #522, 8/1/12]

Currently, U.S. companies pay the tax rate of the country where the outpost is located and then, if they bring those profits home, often pay some U.S. taxes as well. Under this proposal, companies essentially would pay just the tax rate of the country where the profits are earned.

According to a Center for American Progress study using an analysis by Reed College economist Kimberly Clausing, a territorial tax system like the one proposed by House Republicans, would result in “800,000 jobs in low-tax countries and potentially displacing U.S. jobs.”

According to the CAP study, a territorial system “would exacerbate the worst features of our current tax system. It would: enhance the tax code’s rewards for moving jobs and investments overseas; provide a gratuitous windfall to some of the very companies that have already shifted jobs and profits overseas; further invite the offshore tax haven abuse that deprives the U.S. Treasury of tens of billions of dollars in revenue every year.” [Citizens for Tax Justice, 3/22/12; Center for American Progress, 7/16/12]

**Voted Against Closing Corporate Inversion Tax Loophole To Fund Investments In U.S. Transportation Infrastructure**

In July 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit that “would help improve America’s roads, bridges, and highways by stopping corporations that seek to avoid paying their fair share of taxes by moving their business address to another country. Instead, those reclaimed resources will be invested in much-needed American transportation infrastructure improvements.” The
motion was rejected by a vote of 185-244. [HR 3038, Vote #440, 7/15/2015; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 7/15/15]

**Voted for Tax Cuts for Companies That Ship Jobs Overseas**

In April 2012, Walberg voted to cut corporate income taxes by 20 percent for corporations with less than 500 employees. The legislation did not require companies to use the benefit to expand payrolls, and they could receive it whether they were laying off workers or sending jobs abroad.

The cut would be available to companies with 1 to 499 employees. The bill was projected to add $46 billion to the national debt. [Washington Post, 4/22/12]

The bill passed 235-173. [HR 9, Vote #177, 4/19/12]

**2015: Opposed Amendment To Prohibit Companies With Recent Wage Theft Convictions Or Civil Penalties From Receiving Taxpayer Dollars**

**Opposed Amendment To Prohibit Companies With Recent Wage Theft Convictions Or Civil Penalties From Receiving Taxpayer Dollars.** “Mr. POCAH. Mr. Chairman, hopefully, the second time is the charm. This is an amendment on behalf of myself, Representative Ellison, and the Congressional Progressive Caucus. This amendment would bar taxpayer dollars from going to companies that have recent wage theft convictions or civil penalties reported in the government’s contracting database. … Mr. WALBERG. I thank the chairman. I appreciate the concern that my colleague has on this issue. … Mr. Chairman, I would ask my colleagues to reject this amendment. We have in place opportunities now that can and should be used. We even have instances where the Labor Department has violated, and, under this amendment that is being offered, they would be held at risk as well. It is not an amendment that is needed; it is an amendment that will disrupt the process, and it is an amendment that will not move us forward and really make changes with FLSA that can and should be made.” [Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

**2012: Did Not Vote on “Make it in America” Requirement in Federal Hydropower Leases**

In March 2012, Walberg did not vote on a motion that would have required that companies leasing the right to develop hydropower at the Bureau of Reclamation’s facilities use only materials that were manufactured in America on those projects.

The motion failed, 182-237. [H.R. 2842, Vote #99, 3/07/12]

**Voted to Let Companies Hide When They Ship Jobs Overseas**

In March 2012, Walberg voted against an amendment that would require large U.S. companies to disclose how many of their jobs are based on U.S. soil and how many are based abroad.

According to the Washington Post, the amendment was an attempt to shed light on the number of American jobs being outsourced. [Washington Post, 2/01/12]

The amendment was rejected, 175-239. [HR 3606, Vote #107, 3/08/12]
Opposed Helping American Small Manufacturers

In October 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Make it in America Manufacturing Act of 2013. A vote against ordering the previous question would have brought the bill to the floor for a vote. [Congressional Record, H6848, 10/29/13]

The bill would have established grants for state and regional manufacturing partnerships to provide loans and help small manufacturers export products. [The Times, 6/30/13]

The previous question passed, 226-193. [H Res 391, Vote #563, 10/29/13]

2013: Voted Against Buy America Provisions for Hydropower

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act that would require, when practicable, all materials used for conduit hydropower generation be manufactured in the United States.

The motion was rejected 194-226. [HR 678, Vote #95, 4/10/13]

Voted Against Requiring U.S. Naval Ships to Be Repaired in the United States

In May 2012, Walberg voted against requiring that naval and other U.S. flagged vessels be repaired inside the United States or Guam.

The motion to recommit, proposed by Rep. John Garamendi (CA), would bar naval and other U.S. flagged vessels from being overhauled, repaired or maintained in shipyards outside of the U.S. or Guam. The proposal would allow the Defense Secretary to waive the prohibition in cases of national security or urgent repair.

The motion was rejected 182-236. [HR 4310, Vote #290, 5/18/12]

Voted Against Preventing Government Contracts with Corporations that Ship Jobs Overseas

In 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would prohibit the Department of Defense from contracting with companies that outsourced jobs. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/22/14]

The motion failed 194-239. [HR 4435, Vote #239, 5/22/14]

Would Allow Government Contracts with Companies Shipping American Jobs Overseas

In January 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that would prohibit spending on contracts with companies determined to have outsourced American jobs abroad.

Voted to Protect a 20 Percent Tax Break for Companies Outsourcing Jobs

In April 2012, Walberg voted against a motion that would have eliminated a 20 percent income tax cut for companies that send U.S. jobs overseas. [Washington Post, 4/22/12]

The motion failed 179-229. [HR 9, Vote #176, 4/19/12]

Voted Against Reducing Outsourcing, Making New Drilling Materials in America

In June 2012, Walberg voted against requiring that all materials used to drill new leases issued under the bill be made in America, and that lease holders make efforts to reduce outsourcing of jobs.

The motion was rejected 166-243. [HR 4480, Vote #409, 6/21/12]

Said Michiganders Should Worry Right to Work States Taking Their Jobs, Not Other Countries

At a June 2010 meet and greet, Walberg said that Michiganders should be more worried about losing manufacturing jobs to Right to Work states than to Mexico or China.

“The states that are cleaning out clock economically, taking our manufacturing jobs - It’s not China and Mexico that we should really be worrying that much about. We’re getting jobs back from China because of quality issues. We should be worrying about the other states, including the ones right on our border like Indiana, where Mitch Daniels is cleaning our clock, a Right to Work state,” Walberg said. [MI07 Raw Footage YouTube, 6/16/10]

Voted to Protect International Agriculture Companies

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit the 2007 Farm Bill to stop a tax increase on agricultural companies.

The motion would have sent the bill to the Agriculture Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language to strike a tax provision that would raise $4 billion over five years by ending the ability of foreign companies operating in the United States to shift income to a third country. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/27/07]

The motion was defeated 198-223. [HR 2419, Vote #755, 7/27/07]

2012: “Approximately 10” Workers In Ad, MI Filed For Trade Adjustment Assistance; Department Of Labor Certified Their Petition

Alticor Employees Filed TAA Petition On Behalf Of Workers Saying “Approximately 10” Alticor Workers In Ada, MI Were Potentially Laid Off As “Some Production Is Shifting From Ada, MI To Foreign Countries.” According to a petition for Trade Assistance, “F.) How many workers have been or may be separated (if know)? Approximately 10. Two Warehouse facilities will be consolidating and segments of production will move overseas starting Jan 2011. … Production from Lakeview, CA is shifting either overseas, to Buena Park, CA or to Ada, MI. Additionally some production is shifting from
Ada, MI to foreign countries. The production is shifting to existing facilities in Ada, Michigan and Buena Park, California is intended to minimize job loss in those two locations that would have resulted in the shift of some production to a foreign country.” [U.S. Department of Labor, Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance, Petition 81441, Filed 3/23/12]

Alticor Worker Filed TAA Petition, Saying “Approximately” 150 Alticor Workers In Lakeview, CA Were Potentially Laid Off Due To Outsourcing Of Production To Foreign Countries. According to a petition for Trade Assistance, “l.) How many workers have been or may be separated (if known)? Approximately 150. G) Is the firm or any art of the firm closing (if know)? If yes, when? Yes, the Lakeview, California facility will have a phased closure, to be completed by 2013. … Production from Lakeview, CA is shifting either overseas, to Buena Park, CA or to Ada, MI. Additional, some production is shifting from Ada, MI to foreign countries. The production shifting to existing facilities in Ada, Michigan and Buena Park, California is intended to minimize job loss in those two locations that would have resulted in the shift of some production to a foreign country.” [U.S. Department of Labor, Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance, Petition 81441, Filed 3/23/12]

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Lakeview, CA Factory Closure Occurred In 2010, Portion Of 150 Jobs Outsourced To Mexico And Brazil

2010: Amway Closed Lakeview, CA, Outsourcing Portion Of Jobs To Mexico And Brazil. “Amway Corp. will close its facility in Lakeview that has grown and processed the Nutrilite line of dietary supplements for more than a half century, the company said in a recent statement. The shutdown will eventually affect 150 employees and be phased in over three years, the Michigan-based company said. Amway said it is closing the factory and downsizing several others because much of its customer base is now international. … one of the Lakeview work will be shifted to a processing facility in Buena Park, which is expanding its capacity, and some to a plant near Amway's Ada, Mich., headquarters. Other jobs will go to Washington state, Mexico and Brazil. ‘More than 80 percent of our customers buy our products outside the United States and Amway needs to update its supply chain to reflect that,’ Steve Van Andel, Amway's chairman, said in the statement. Rob Zieger, Amway's director of corporate communications,
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Jobs Shifted To “Enterprise Process Center” In Costa Rica. “Amway Corp. said Monday it would eliminate 93 jobs, mostly at its Ada headquarters, over the next 15 months as it consolidates its finance offices in regional process centers around the globe. Representatives of the direct sales company said they hope to find other ways to reduce the job cuts, including attrition, early retirement and moving employees to positions elsewhere in Amway. Those who cannot find a job elsewhere within the company will be given job-placement assistance and a severance payment. …Amway has more than 4,000 employees in the Grand Rapids area. In October, the company notified employees of the consolidation in a confidential memo obtained by The Press. At that time, the company said it would take several weeks to determine how many jobs would be lost. Regional centers The first ‘enterprise process center’ is to be in Costa Rica in Central America. Other centers are planned for central Europe and Asia that will affect operations in those regions.” [Grand Rapid Press, 11/17/09]

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Amway And Alticor Co-Founder Richard Devos Sr. And Family Were Involved In Anti-Labor Causes

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Campaign Donors And Michigan Layoffs

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2005: Koch Industries Bought Georgia-Pacific. “Koch Industries Inc. agreed to purchase building-products and paper maker Georgia-Pacific Corp. for $13.2 billion, bringing the maker of Brawny paper towels and Dixie cups under the roof of what will become the nation's largest private company by revenue.” [Wall Street Journal, 11/14/05]

Georgia Pacific Spokeswoman: Closure Of Plant “Strategic Decision Based On Our Business Needs.” “The plant, which is part of Georgia-Pacific's Dixie division, manufactures food wraps and other items for the food industry. That work will be move to plants in Green Bay, Wis., and Hattiesburg, Miss., said Julie VanDeWater, a Georgia-Pacific spokeswoman. ‘This is a strategic decision based on our business needs and ability to be competitive long-term and has nothing to do with the quality of work from GP's employees at the plant,’ the company said in a press release. ‘The employees have operated the facility safely and effectively for many years.’” [Kalamazoo Gazette, 5/11/15]

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Parchment Was Known As “Paper City.” “The ‘Paper City’ loses its last paper plant. The City of Parchment is losing its last paper plant. The 57-employees at Georgia Pacific’s Dixie Plant were notified Friday that the plant will be closing by the end of the year, and its work consolidated at plants in Wisconsin and Mississippi. It’s the latest and the last of a series of announcements as plants one by one have shuttered their doors, replaced by more efficient plants overseas.” [WKZO, 5/09/15]

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Koch Industries Subsidiary, Flint Hills Resources Closes Marysville, MI Plant And Lays Off 75 Workers. “Flint Hills Resources in Marysville is closing. Seventy-five people are employed at the plant at 2701 Range Road. ‘This is a really tough day and is certainly not a reflection of our Marysville employees,’ said Jake Reint, Flint Hills Resources spokesman. ‘Our plant has struggled to remain competitive in the recent years.’ It will take about six months to wind down operations at the plant, according to a statement from the Wichita, Kansas company. The company produces plastic, mainly for the automotive industry, such as the plastic paneling inside vehicles. ‘We shared the news today with our employees,’ Reint said. ‘At the end of the six months, we will begin the first layoffs in May 2015 and completely close the doors in July 2015.’ …‘Worldwide our parent company has 3,000 job openings that we are encouraging our employees to apply to,’ Reint said. ‘For those who choose not to, we will try to assist them with job placement, interview skills and resume skills.’” [Times Herald, 11/06/14]
Flint Hills Believed Texas Facility Would Gain Due To Closure Of Plant. “Flint Hills has a larger facility in Longview, Texas, which it believes will gain business after the Marysville plant closes. Reint said improvements are needed at the Marysville plant.” [Times Herald, 11/06/14]

Marysville City Manager: “Closure Was A Surprise.” “Marysville City Manager Randy Fernandez said the closure was a surprise. ‘Their decision is final, and we will work through this,’ Fernandez said. “This will definitely impact our city, but we do have other momentum in the city, other businesses are expanding, so we will weather the storm.”” [Times Herald, 11/06/14]

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Local Business Owner Said Lost 25-30 Percent Of Revenue “Day That The Georgia Pacific Plant Shut Down, Closed Their Doors.” “For Ryan Lalone, owner of Tradition Truck Services on Millbocker road, business was great when Georgia Pacific was open. But in early of 2006 business dropped when GP closed their Gaylord plant. ‘I lost 25-30 percent of my revenue the day that the Georgia Pacific plant shut down, closed their doors, it was quite a blow,’ Lalone said. 210 people lost their jobs. While the doors have never re-opened, in the 2-plus-year's time, there have been several re-development plans come and go. Most recently, in February of this year, the Glawe Company of Alpena announced a $46.5 million purchasing agreement for the 900 acre facility.” [Up North Live, 9/05/13]
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Otsego County Economic Alliance Director: 13.5-Percent Of Manufacturing Jobs In Otsego County, MI Was Lost. “Finally, the numbers are starting to roll in. About $12 million in annual payroll - nearly $8 million in Otsego County alone - will be lost as the result of this month's announced closing of the Georgia-Pacific (G-P) plant and its effect on ancillary businesses. Otsego County Economic Alliance Director Jeff Ratcliffe broke down recently compiled economic impact figures for legislators and approximately 50 concerned citizens at a townhall meeting at the University Center, Monday. The event was hosted by Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, and Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland. ‘The 210 direct jobs lost when the plant closed represent 13.5 percent of manufacturing jobs in Otsego County. Of those jobs lost, 74 percent of them were held by people who live in the county,’ explained Ratcliffe, as he outlined the figures to panel members including meeting hosts Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland; Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire; as well as Senate Commerce and Labor Committee Chairman Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, and Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Holland, House Commerce Committee chairman.” [Gaylord Herald Times via Gaylord Otsego County Economic Alliance, 3/22/06]

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Detroit News, HEADLINE: DTE Gives Union Job-Cut Details; Company Tells Utility Workers 1,245 Positions Will Be Eliminated By End Of 2007 Even As Profits Grow. [Detroit News, 4/27/07]

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control our own fate.’ … DTE officials told the company's largest union, Utility Workers Union of America Local 223, that 1,245 of the 4,800 positions it represents will be cut. Slated for elimination are 506 customer-service positions, 235 jobs in the power-plant division, 232 jobs in the natural-gas division, 201 jobs in distribution operations and 71 corporate services positions, the union said on its Web site. In addition, about 800 non-union positions will be cut.” [Detroit News, 4/27/07]

**Detroit Free Press: Layoffs Were A Result Of Review OF DTE’s Business, What Company Labeled “Performance Excellence Process.”** “The layoffs are one result of an ongoing review of DTE's business, what the company calls its performance excellence process, which aims to reduce costs. ‘In order to maintain our position as a strong Michigan-based company, through the performance excellence process, we have to take tough action to become even stronger,’ Simons said. DTE reported $136 million in net income Wednesday for the first three months of the year, an 11% increase compared with the same period the year before.” [Detroit Free Press, 4/28/06]

**Company Earned $537 Million In 2005, A 25 Percent Increase Over 2004.** “TE Energy Co. plans to eliminate as many as 2,000 jobs over the next two years, or 18 percent of the utility company's 11,000 employees. The parent company of electrical utility Detroit Edison and natural gas supplier Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. plans to cut 1,000 to 1,200 union jobs and 600 to 800 nonunion jobs, chief executive Anthony F. Earley Jr. told employees this week. The Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press reported Thursday. … DTE spokeswoman Lorie Kessler said the job cut numbers are preliminary estimates. The company earned $537 million in 2005, up 25 percent from 2004. Revenues rose about 20 percent to $9.02 billion.” [Associated Press, 3/16/06]

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**Significant Findings**

- **2014**: Said people could not live on federal minimum wage, while calling efforts to raise wage “premature”

- **In 2013**, dismissed raising federal minimum wage to $15 an hour as “socialism”

- **Said federal government wrong to set a minimum wage**, and voted against minimum wage increases 10 times over course of congressional career and state government career

- **Supported efforts to prohibit issuing of work waivers for the Needy Families Assistance program**

- **Opposed extending minimum wage and unemployment benefits to nearly 2 million home health care workers**

- **Said Fair Labor Standards Act “doesn’t fit with 21st century workplace”**

- **2012**: Introduced two bills seeking to prevent Department of Labor from extending minimum wage and overtime benefits to home care workers

- **Said people on welfare in the 1980s were in “servitude and in many cases against their own wills or desires”**

- **Original co-sponsor of “Pay Working Families Less Act” would give private sector workers the option of paid time off in lieu of cash wages for overtime hours worked, which would harm low wage workers**

- **Supported cuts to Michigan Works**

- **Voted to repeal Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage requirements twice, while voting to bar funding five times**

- **Voted for amendment aiming to block enforcement of prevailing wage requirements for federal construction projects**

- **Voted to prohibit PLAs on federal projects**
✓ Voted against bill requiring OSHA to regulate combustible gases
✓ Opposed OSHA safety and health program requiring employers find and fix safety hazards in the workplace
✓ Voted against bill to require OSHA to issue standards regulating worker exposure to an artificial butter flavoring cited as a cause of a rare lung disease dubbed “popcorn lung”
✓ Opposed June 2015 Department of Labor ruling on overtime rule, which would extend overtime benefits to an estimated 5.9 million people, including 100,000 in Michigan
✓ October 2015: Opposed a proposed rule by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration that would make a franchiser legally responsible for safety regulations at franchisee’s business
✓ Introduced bill to eliminate homecare workers overtime benefits

Walberg was an original co-sponsor of “Pay Working Families Less Act,” which cut overtime wages without guaranteeing paid vacation when workers need it. Walberg has voted ten times against raising the minimum wage during his career in government. He supported cuts to Michigan Works. Walberg voted to repeal Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage requirements, and to prohibit PLAs on federal projects.

Walberg has consistently criticized any effort to raise the minimum wage and help working people. In 2014, he said that although he believed people could not live on the minimum wage, calling efforts to increase the wage “premature.” A year earlier, in 2013, he described raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour as “socialism.” Finally, in 2007, Walberg said the federal government was wrong to set any level of minimum wage.

Over the course of his career in public service, Walberg has voted against raising the minimum wage eight times. During his tenure in the Michigan state House, Walberg voted three times against raising the minimum wage. While in Congress, Walberg has voted against raising the federal minimum wage on five occasions. In 2007, he voted three times against raising the wage from $5.15 to $7.25 before eventually relenting and voting for the increase within an emergency appropriations bill. Additionally, in 2013, Walberg voted against a measure to raise the wage from $7.25 to $10.10 over three years. Also in 2013, he voted against raising the minimum wage to $10.10 for 16.5 million minimum wage workers, including 940,000 in Michigan. Finally, in 2014 alone, Walberg voted against consideration of the Fair Minimum Wage Act four times.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Workforce Protection, Walberg comes into contact with a variety of workplace rights issues. For example, in 2013, he helped lead opposition to
a Department of Labor regulation extending minimum wage and overtime benefits to nearly 2 million home healthcare workers. The workers, of which 90-percent were women, were previously denied such benefits under the Fair Labor Standards’ Act companionship exemption. A certified nursing assistant remarked following the Department’s decision that it was “embarrassing to explain why the wages for this job are so low.” Walberg’s history of opposing minimum wage and overtime benefits for home healthcare workers extends to 2012, when he introduced two bills to block the Department of Labor from the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Furthermore, in 2015, on the House floor, Walberg said the Fair Labor Standards Act “Doesn’t fit with the 21st Century workplace.”

During his tenure as a public representative, Walberg had a history of pushing work requirements for assistance programs for the needy. In 2013, while on the House floor, Walberg spoke out in support for a bill to ban any waivers for work requirements for temporary assistance for needy families program. A year earlier, in 2012, he advocated for a Joint Resolution opposing a waiver of worker requirements for the Needy Families program. Finally, in the 1990s, Walberg co-sponsored and passed work requirement legislation.

Walberg has repeatedly attempted to repeal or bar funding for federal prevailing wage requirements, voting to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act twice, while voting five times to prohibit funding for the requirement. Furthermore, in April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment blocking the enforcement of prevailing wage requirements for federal construction projects.

In terms of worker safety, Walberg voted in 2008 against a bill requiring the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue rules regulating combustible industrial dusts. Additionally, in 2012, he expressed his opposition to a then-anticipated rule to require all employers to implement safety and healthy programs to find and fix hazards in their work place. Also, in 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to require OSHA to issue standards regulating worker exposure to an artificial butter flavoring which was cited as a cause of a rare lung disease labeled “popcorn lung.”

In June 2015, Walberg came out against a Department of Labor ruling on overtime rule, which would extend overtime benefits to an estimated 5.9 million people, including 100,000 in Michigan. The Los Angeles Times wrote that employees earning an annual salary of $50,440 or less would be eligible for overtime benefits under the rule. Prior to the ruling, salaried workers making $23,660 and over were not eligible for overtime. According to the Washington Post, the previous limit was below the poverty line for a family of four.

Believed People Could Not Live On Minimum Wage, But Called Efforts To Increase Wage “Premature”
them. ‘People can't live on minimum wage, whatever wage that is,’ said Walberg, chairman of the House Sub-committee on Workforce Protections. ‘We need to grow an economy and increase the opportunity for people to have expanded wages, and that's what I'm concerned with.’” [Detroit News, 1/28/14]

**2007: Said Federal Government Wrong to Set a Minimum Wage**

At a 2007 Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce meeting, Walberg said the bill to raise the federal minimum wage could put a financial burden on businesses, leading employers to “ask two people to do the work of three.”

Walberg said he felt the federal government was wrong to set any level of minimum wage, saying that the minimum wage could be better set by the marketplace. However, Walberg said he thought he wouldn’t try to take it off the books.

“We have one. It doesn’t make any difference now,” Walberg said. “There’s going to be one. We’re not going backwards.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 2/20/07]

**Opposed Raising the Minimum Wage**

At a candidate debate in 2006, Walberg opposed raising the minimum wage.

“Fifty dollars an hour? A hundred dollars? Why stop there?” Walberg said. [Demas column, Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/08/07]

**Voted Against Considering Raising the Minimum Wage Ten Times**

In 2014, Walberg voted four times against considering the Fair Minimum Wage Act. The bill would phase in a federal minimum wage increase to $10.10 per hour over two years.

Raising the minimum wage to $10.10 would increase earnings for 16.5 million workers, including 940,000 workers in Michigan. [Politico, 2/25/14; Economic Policy Institute, 12/19/13]

- Walberg voted against consideration of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013. [Congressional Record, 2/26/14]
  The previous question passed, 224-192. [H Res 487, Vote #65, 2/26/14]

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  The previous question passed, 225-192. [H Res 492, Vote #79, 2/27/14]

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  The previous question passed, 229-194. [H Res 530, Vote #152, 4/02/14]
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The previous question passed, 222-193. [H Res 539, Vote #157, 4/04/14]

2007: Voted three times against raising the minimum wage

In 2007, Walberg voted against an increase to the federal minimum wage by $2.10 over two years - from the previous level of $5.15 an hour to $7.25 an hour. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/10/07]

The bill passed 315-116. [HR 2, Vote #18, 1/10/07]

In 2007, Walberg voted against increasing the minimum wage from by $2.10 an hour to $7.25 an hour. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-3, 3/20/07]

The measure passed 218-212. [HR 1591, Vote #186, 3/23/07]

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation that would provide $42.8 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition, the bill raised the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years and provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

The bill also included $6.8 billion for hurricane recovery and relief, $3.3 billion for military healthcare costs and $2.25 billion for homeland security anti-terrorism programs.

The bill also required another congressional vote in late July to release the remaining $52.8 billion for the Pentagon, and would withhold funds until the president reports by July 13 on progress the Iraqi government has made toward meeting specified benchmarks and goals set by the bill and Congress has adopted a joint resolution releasing the “fenced off” funds. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

The bill passed 221-205. [HR 2206, Vote #333, 5/10/07]

1990s: Voted Against Increase in Michigan’s Minimum Wage Three Times

In 1997, Walberg voted against increasing the state minimum wage from $3.35 per hour to $5.15 per hour.

The bills passed 93-13 and 89-15. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 2/19/97, 2/20/97; SB 1, RC #40, 2/19/97; HB 4177, RC #41, 2/20/97]

...And Again

In 1996, Walberg voted against raising the state minimum wage. The bill passed 94-12. [HB 4180, 9/10/96]

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In 1990, Walberg voted against raising the state minimum wage from $3.35 per hour to $5.00 per hour by 1993. The bill passed 64-43. [HB 4294, 2/14/90]

**Voted Against Paying Workers on Military Bases A Minimum Wage Of $10.10**

In 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would require that any entity entering into a contract with the Department of Defense pay its employees a minimum wage of $10.10. The motion would also prohibit the Department of Defense from contracting with any entity that did not provide equal pay for female employees. [Motion to Recommit; CQ Floor Votes, 5/22/14]

The motion failed 194-239. [HR 4435, Vote #239, 5/22/14]

**2014: Opposed President Obama’s Proposal To Raise Minimum Wage To $10.10 An Hour**

Walberg’s Communications Director Criticized President Obama’s Proposal To Raise Minimum Wage To $10.10 An Hour. “By the cheers of the crowd inside the Intramural Sports Building on the campus of the University of Michigan Wednesday afternoon, one would have thought the more than 1,200 in attendance were listening to stars of the men's team basketball speak. But while members of the team were in attendance, the crowd hung on to every word as President Barack Obama delivered a speech advocating for raising the federal minimum wage to $10.10 an hour. … ‘I think our goal should be to increase wages, create jobs and provide opportunities for all hardworking Americans. It's inexcusable the President and Senate refuses to even consider the dozens of House-passed jobs bills passed in the last year which could provide relief for the millions of Americans struggling to find work and make ends meet,’ said Sarah Kuziomko, communications director for Congressman Tim Walberg.” [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 4/03/14]

**Voted Against Raising the Minimum Wage to $10.10 for 16.5 Million Minimum Wage Workers, Including 940,000 Michigan Workers**

In April 2014, Walberg voted against the Democratic budget alternative. The budget would raise the minimum wage to $10.10. [House Democratic Budget Substitute, FY 2015]

Raising the minimum wage to $10.10 would increase earnings for 16.5 million workers, including 940,000 workers in Michigan. [Politico, 2/25/14; Economic Policy Institute, 12/19/13]

The budget failed, 163-261. [H Con Res 96, Vote #176, 4/10/14]

**2013: Voted Against Minimum Wage Increase**

In March 2013, Walberg voted against a measure to increase the minimum wage from $7.25 to $10.10 per hour over three years.

Upon enactment, the measure would have increased the federal minimum wage from $7.25 to $8.20 within three months. A year from this date, the federal minimum wage would increase from $8.20 to $9.15. A year from this date, the federal minimum wage would increase to $10.10.
The measure failed, 184-233. [HR 803, Vote #74, 3/15/13]

Raising the Minimum Wage Would Benefit as Many as 30 Million Americans...

According to the Economic Policy Institute, “Increasing the federal minimum wage to $10.10 by July 1, 2015, would raise the wages of about 30 million workers, who would receive over $51 billion in additional wages over the phase-in period.” [Economic Policy Institute, 3/13/13]

… and Generate 140,000 Net New Jobs

According to the Economic Policy Institute, “Across the phase-in period of the minimum-wage increase, GDP would increase by roughly $32.6 billion, resulting in the creation of approximately 140,000 net new jobs (and 284,000 job years) over that period.” [Economic Policy Institute, 3/13/13]

At the Time, 71 Percent of Americans Favored Increasing Minimum Wage

A Pew Research/USA Today poll in February 2013 found that 71 percent of Americans favored increasing the minimum wage. [Pew Research/USA Today poll, 2/13-18/13]

2013: Dismissed Minimum Wage Increase To $15 An Hour As Leading To Socialism

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May 2007: Voted In Favor of Emergency Appropriations Bill, Which Included Provision Raising Minimum Wage To $7.25 An Hour Two Weeks After Voting Against Same Bill

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an emergency appropriations bill that included a provision to raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years.

To help small businesses with the costs of raising the minimum wage, the measure provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

The measure appropriated $22.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending, including $7.7 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It also provided $3.1 billion for military base closure expenses, $1.8 billion for veterans medical care, $650 million for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, $2.9 billion for hurricane relief, $1.1 billion for anti-terrorism homeland security activities and $3 billion for agriculture disaster relief. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]
The measure passed 348-73. [HR 2206, Vote #424, 5/24/07]

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Voted to Repeal Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Requirements Two Times, While Voting 5 Times To Bar Funds

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to a continuing resolution that would fund the government that would repeal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements on federal projects.

The Davis-Bacon prevailing wage law ensures that workers on public construction projects funded by taxpayer dollars are paid a wage comparable to the local standard or “prevailing” wage. It prevents unscrupulous contractors from low-balling bids and undercutting community wages with cheap, unskilled labor. [aflcio.org]

The amendment failed 189-233. [HR 1, Vote #144, 2/19/11]

Voted to Repeal Davis-Bacon Requirements for FAA Projects

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the FAA reauthorization bill that would repeal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements on federal projects.

The amendment failed 183-238. HR 658, Vote #216, 4/01/11]

Voted to Repeal Davis-Bacon Requirements for Homeland Security Projects

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would have repealed Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements on federally funded Homeland Security projects.
The amendment failed 183-234. [HR 2017, Vote #395, 6/02/11]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements on Federal Construction Projects**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the FY12 Military Construction/VA appropriations bill to bar the use of funds to administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements on federal construction projects.

The amendment failed 178-232. [HR 2055, Vote #414, 6/13/11]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Energy and Water appropriations bill to bar the use of funds to administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements except for contracts of more than $20 million.

The amendment failed 183-238. [HR 2354, Vote #585, 7/15/11]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements**

In 2012, Walberg voted for an amendment to bar the use of funds to enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.

The amendment failed 180-237. [HR 5854, Vote #303, 5/31/12]

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The amendment failed 184-235. [HR 5325, Vote #338, 6/06/12]

**Voted to Bar Funds for Davis-Bacon Requirements**

In 2012, Walberg voted for an amendment to bar the use of funds to enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements in the 2013 Defense Appropriations bill.

The amendment failed 182-235. [HR 5856, Vote #486, 7/18/12]

**Voted For Blocking Enforcement Of Prevailing Wage Requirements For Federal Construction Projects**

**Voted For Blocking Enforcement Of Prevailing Wage Requirements On Federal Construction Projects.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would prohibit using funds for the enforcement of prevailing wage requirements laid out by the Davis-Bacon Act. The Davis-Bacon Act
requires contracts working on federally funded construction projects to pay workers the prevailing wage in whichever jurisdiction a construction project is taking place. The amendment failed to pass 186 to 235. [HR 2029, Vote #191; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15]

**Opposed Government Contractors Paying a Prevailing Wage**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would bar the use of the funds in the bill for the enforcement of the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires government contractors to pay employees the prevailing wage.

Supporters claimed that the Davis-Bacon Act inflated the cost of construction programs by overcompensating employees and requiring burdensome paperwork. Opponents argued that the amendment would cut the quality of construction programs and harm the middle class. [Tulsa World, 8/10/08]

The amendment was rejected, 143-275. [HR 6599, Vote #561, 8/01/08]

**Voted to Undermine Prevailing Wage Laws**

In 2008, Walberg voted for an amendment introduced by Rep. Steve King (R-IA) to bar the use of appropriations authorized under HOPE VI to be used to pay Davis-Bacon wages.

The amendment would have barred federally funded or assisted construction projects from using the Davis-Bacon act to determine that workers be paid prevailing wage rates. [Congress Now, 1/16/08]

The amendment failed 136-268. [HR 3524, Vote #15, 1/17/08]

**Voted to Block Prevailing Wage**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Agriculture appropriations bill that would waive the Davis-Bacon law.

Davis-Bacon requires prevailing wages to be paid on public works projects, for government contracts to construct renewable energy systems. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/02/07]

The amendment was defeated 152-278. [HR 3161, Vote #807, 8/02/07]

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In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the departments of Housing and Urban Development and Transportation to bar the use of funds in the bill to implement wage requirements under the Davis-Bacon Act.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires contractors for projects that receive federal funds to pay the prevailing local wages and benefits to employees. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/24/07]
The amendment was defeated 148-278. [HR 3074, Vote #712, 7/24/07]

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In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill to that have blocked the Davis-Bacon law from being applied to grants or contracts for projects funded in the bill.

Davis-Bacon requires contractors for projects that receive federal funds to pay the prevailing local wages and benefits to employees. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 145-277. [HR 2638, Vote #488, 6/15/07]

**Supported Amendment Prohibiting Project Labor Agreements From Being Mandatory Condition Of Federal Project**

**Supported Amendment Prohibiting Project Labor Agreements From Being Mandatory Condition Of Federal Project.** “Mr. WALBERG. I thank the gentleman from Arizona, and I thank him for his amendment. I support it, but I respectfully do not support the Grimm amendment. I'm from Michigan. Michigan takes no backseat in this country to union labor. … Again, this provision in the bill does not prohibit PLAs. It is neutrality. Studies have found that PLA mandates increase the cost of construction between 12 percent and 18 percent compared to non-PLA projects subject to prevailing wage laws. That's a decisionmaking process. That's a point that ought to be considered. It doesn't do away with PLAs, but it says it ought to be considered in the cost. Shouldn't taxpayers have that consideration? Shouldn't quality have that consideration? PLA mandates typically restrict jobs to construction workers referred from union hiring halls, effectively shutting out in Michigan and other places 86 percent of the Nation's construction workforce.” [Congressional Record, 5/31/12]

**Opposed Project Labor Agreement Mandates For Defense Industry**

**Opposed Project Labor Agreement Mandates For Defense Industry.** “Mr. WALBERG. I thank the gentleman for yielding. Mr. Chairman, I stand in strong support of this amendment, an amendment that I think speaks to a rationality in our contracting, and especially when we think of what we're talking about here in the defense world. It's one thing to have PLAs that virtually make unfair competition for 86 percent of all of our construction contractors, because 86 percent, nationwide, don't have PLA agreements, they're nonunion, and yet have skilled workers doing the jobs they are expected. For defense contracting to have a mandate that there must be a PLA agreement in place oftentimes will put our defense industry in the position of accepting a product that is more expensive and potentially of a lesser quality in the process.” [Congressional Record, 5/17/12]

**2013: Opposed Extending Federal Minimum Wage Laws To Nearly 2 Million Home Healthcare Workers**

**Opposed Extending Federal Minimum Wage Laws To Home Healthcare Workers.** “Home health care industry workers who mainly assist the elderly or immobile will now be included under federal minimum wage laws beginning in 2015, the Labor Department announced Tuesday. … Republicans
argued the decision would only hurt the elderly. ‘The department's previous estimates suggest this regulation could increase the cost of care by $2 billion over the next decade. Faced with higher costs, some individuals will have no choice but to leave their homes and enter institutional living,’ said House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline, R-Minn., and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections Chairman Tim Walberg, R-Mo., in a joint statement.” [Examiner, 9/17/13]

Press Release: Believed Inclusion Would Increase Costs. “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) and Subcommittee on Work-force Protections Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) issued the following joint statement after the Department of Labor finalized changes to the companion care exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act: ‘Today's regulatory action by the Department of Labor will raise costs and limit access to in-home care for vulnerable Americans.’” [Walberg Press Release, 9/17/13]

October 13, 2013: Renewed Request For Information. “COMMITTEE RENEWS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DOL COMPANION CARE REGULATION The following information was released by the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce: On October 1, the U.S. Department of Labor published a final rule making significant changes to the long-standing minimum wage and overtime exemption for companionship services under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).’’ [US House Committee on Education and the Workforce via States News Services, 10/31/13]

Nearly 2 Million Domestic Care Workers Received Minimum Wage and Overtime Rights Under Order. “The Labor Department moved Tuesday to extend minimum wage and overtime pay rights to nearly 2 million domestic care workers. The burgeoning in-home health industry has long been exempt from those rights, with aids and assistant nurses traditionally falling under the Fair Labor Standards Act's ‘companionship exemption,’ under which they are denied the benefits.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

Workers Previously Were Denied Benefits. “The burgeoning in-home health industry has long been exempt from those rights, with aids and assistant nurses traditionally falling under the Fair Labor Standards Act's 'companionship exemption,' under which they are denied the benefits.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

Warned People Would Be Forced To Leave Their Homes And Enter Institutional Living.” “Those concerns were echoed Tuesday by a pair of Republicans on the House Education and the Workforce Committee, who pointed to estimates indicating the regulation could lead to $2 billion in increased healthcare costs over the next decade. ‘Faced with higher costs, some individuals will have no choice but to leave their homes and enter institutional living,’ Committee Chairman John Kline (R-Minn.) and Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), who chairs the panel's subcommittee on Workforce Protections, said in a joint statement.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

Certified Nursing Assistant: “Embarrassing To Explain Why The Wages For This Job Are So Low.” “Carolyn Gay, a certified nursing assistant of 20 years, says she wants to inspire teens to become caregivers to the elderly. ‘I'm getting older, and in another 10 years I'm going to need one of these girls to look after me,’ said Gay, 72, a Polk County, Fla., resident who speaks at area high-school career days. But it's not always an easy choice to advocate, she said. ‘It's embarrassing to explain why the wages for this
job are so low.’ Well-prepared helpers for seniors and disabled Americans soon could be harder to find. The current workforce is aging, and low pay may make the career unattractive to entrants, said Catherine Ruckelshaus, legal co-director of the National Employment Law Project, which focuses on low-wage workers.” [Bloomberg News, 9/27/13]

**90-Percent Of Home Healthcare Workers Women.** “Approximately 90 percent of direct care workers are women, and nearly half are minorities, according to the Labor Department.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

**Worker And Activist Groups Supported Inclusion.** “Several worker and activist groups, including the Direct Care Alliance, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards and the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, heralded the rule's release.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

**Inclusion Supported By Direct Care Alliance.** “Several worker and activist groups, including the Direct Care Alliance, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards and the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, heralded the rule's release.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

**Home Care Providers Filed Suit In Federal Court Against Order.** “In October 2013, the Department of Labor decided to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to narrow the definition of ‘companionship services,’ a move that would have forced most home care providers to pay their employees minimum wage and overtime. Before the change could go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, associations representing home care providers filed suit. In December, a district court judge in Washington, D.C., sided with the health care providers, vacating the new regulation and staying its Jan. 1 implementation. The case of Home Care Association of America v. Weil has since been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Oral arguments in the case are scheduled to begin May 7.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 4/10/15]

**Home Care Association Appealed Decision To The U.S. Court Of Appeals.** “In October 2013, the Department of Labor decided to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to narrow the definition of ‘companionship services,’ a move that would have forced most home care providers to pay their employees minimum wage and overtime. Before the change could go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, associations representing home care providers filed suit. In December, a district court judge in Washington, D.C., sided with the health care providers, vacating the new regulation and staying its Jan. 1 implementation.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 4/10/15]

**December 2014: Federal Court Sided With Home Care Providers, Vacating Order.** “In October 2013, the Department of Labor decided to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to narrow the definition of ‘companionship services,’ a move that would have forced most home care providers to pay their employees minimum wage and overtime. Before the change could go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, associations representing home care providers filed suit. In December, a district court judge in Washington, D.C., sided with the health care providers, vacating the new regulation and staying its Jan. 1 implementation.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 4/10/15]

**April 2015: Joined With Republican Congressmen In Filing Amicus Brief In Federal Appeals Court Case Over Extension Of Overtime and Minimum Wage Benefits To Home Care Workers.** “In October 2013, the Department of Labor decided to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to narrow the definition of ‘companionship services,’ a move that would have forced most home care providers to pay..."
their employees minimum wage and overtime. Before the change could go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, associations representing home care providers filed suit. In December, a district court judge in Washington, D.C., sided with the health care providers, vacating the new regulation and staying its Jan. 1 implementation. … Roberts, a Republican, teamed with Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Mich., in offering the brief. It was signed by seven other senators, all Republicans, along with Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-Kan.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 4/10/15]


April 2014: Signed Onto Letter Written By South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson Opposing Decision To Increase Minimum Wage For Federal Contractors. “The following information was released by the office of South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson: House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel Chairman Joe Wilson (SC-02) released the following statement after sending a letter to Department of Labor Secretary Thomas Perez regarding the Administration's decision to increase the minimum wage for federal contracts and its negative impacts for those employed on a military installation. 39 additional Members of Congress signed onto this letter, including House Education and the Workforce Chairman John Kline (MN-02). … In addition to Chairman Wilson, the following Members joined in co-signing the letter: … Tim Walberg (MI-7),” [South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson Press Release via States News Service, 4/10/14]

2012: Introduced Two Bills Blocking Department Of Labor From Extending Minimum Wage And Overtime Benefits To Home Healthcare Workers

Introduced Two Bills Denying Department Of Labor From Issuing Rules Affecting Home Healthcare Workers Exemption From Fair Labor Standards Act. “Mr. WALBERG. Rising health care costs remain a top concern for many Americans, particularly the Baby Boomers heading off into retirement and individuals with disabilities. However, one service in particular--home companion care--has come under attack from the Department of Labor and faces a sharp rise in costs. Currently, the Fair Labor Standards Act provides exemptions for home care workers. And for more than four decades now, the exemption has helped seniors and individuals with disabilities maintain access to affordable in-home care. … In response, I have introduced two bills to ensure seniors and individuals with disabilities keep their access to affordable companion care. Both bills will also prevent the Federal Government from interfering with decisions that should be made by families. The first bill, H.R. 5969, the Ensuring Access to Affordable and Quality Companion Care Act, will clarify that home caregivers employed by a third-party employer or living with the individuals receiving care continue to be exempt from the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The second, H.R. 5970, The Protecting in-Home Care From Government Intrusion Act, will stop the Secretary of Labor from finalizing or enforcing a proposed rule that severely narrows the Fair Labor Standards Act exemption for in-home caregivers.” [Congressional Record, 6/27/12]

Home Healthcare Workers Were Denied Minimum Wage And Overtime Benefits Under “Companionship Exemption” Under Fair Labor Standards Act. “The Labor Department moved Tuesday to extend minimum wage and overtime pay rights to nearly 2 million domestic care workers. The burgeoning in-home health industry has long been exempt from those rights, with aids and assistant
nurses traditionally falling under the Fair Labor Standards Act’s ‘companionship exemption,’ under which they are denied the benefits.” [The Hill, 9/17/13]

**Introduced Legislation To Eliminate Homecare Workers Overtime Benefits**

**Home Healthcare News: Sponsored To Eliminate Homecare Workers Overtime Benefits.**
“Legislation aimed at restoring overtime exemptions for home care workers has been introduced in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, just days before the Department of Labor is slated to actively enforce a rule extending federal minimum wage and overtime protections to such employees. Given the bill’s chances of survival, though, one trade organization has now vowed to take its previously filed lawsuit against the rules to the Supreme Court. The measure, dubbed the “Ensuring Access to Affordable and Quality Home Care for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act,” seeks to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to return home care workers to a category that exempts them from receiving overtime. It is sponsored by Sen. Pat Roberts, a Kansas Republican, and Rep. Tim Walberg, a Republican from Michigan.” [Home Healthcare News, 11/09/15]


**Bill Introduced “Just Days Before Department Of Labor” Was To Enforce Rule Extending Federal Minimum Wage And Overtime Rules To Homecare Workers.** “Legislation aimed at restoring overtime exemptions for home care workers has been introduced in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, just days before the Department of Labor is slated to actively enforce a rule extending federal minimum wage and overtime protections to such employees. Given the bill’s chances of survival, though, one trade organization has now vowed to take its previously filed lawsuit against the rules to the Supreme Court.” [Home Healthcare News, 11/09/15]

**Opposed June 2015 Department Of Labor Ruling On Overtime Rule, Which Would Extend Overtime Benefits To An Estimated 5.9 Million People, Including 100,000 In Michigan**

**Opposed June 2015 Department Of Labor Ruling On Overtime Rule.** “The following information was released by the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce: House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) and Workforce Protections Subcommittee Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) issued the following joint statement after the Department of Labor proposed changes to federal overtime rules:… Unfortunately, this proposal is a missed opportunity. It will increase costs on small businesses, make it harder for workers to advance up the economic ladder, and do nothing to address the complexity of the regulations or reduce unnecessary litigation. The administration has crafted a regulatory proposal that will stifle productivity and personal opportunity.” [US House Committee on Education and the Workforce Press Release via States News Service, 6/30/15]

**Department Of Labor Believed New Rule Would Allow 100,000 Salaried Employees In Michigan To Accept Overtime Pay.** “The Obama administration is unveiling long-awaited new rules that would allow more workers — including potentially tens of thousands of Michiganders — to claim
The Labor Department says the regulations could affect up to 5 million workers, including up to 100,000 employees in Michigan, according to state-by-state breakdown released by the White House.” [Detroit Free Press, 6/30/15]

Crain’s Detroit Business: Labor Market Analysts Estimated Rule Possibly Increase Number Of Overtime Eligible Employees By 5.9 Million. “The proposed overtime rules, which President Barack Obama directed the department to update in June, would increase the minimum pay for an employee to be considered salaried and, therefore, exempt from overtime eligibility to $50,440 a year from $23,660. Labor market analysts have estimated the proposal could increase the number of overtime-eligible employees by as much as 5.9 million.” [Crain’s Detroit Business, 8/23/15]

Los Angeles Times: Department Of Labor’s Overtime Rule Would Extend Overtime Benefits To An Estimated 5 Million People. “President Obama on Wednesday announced a long-anticipated change in labor rules, which would extend overtime benefits to an estimated 5 million people nationwide. Here’s how federal overtime regulations work now and how they would change under the proposed rules.” [Los Angeles Times, 6/30/15]

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Prior To Ruling, Salaried Workers Making $23,660 And Over Were Not Eligible For Overtime; $23,660 Limit Below Poverty Line For Family Of Four.

Prior To Ruling, Threshold For Overtime Eligibility Was $455 Weekly; Salaried Worker Making Over $23,660 Annually Would Not Qualify For Overtime Pay Under Federal Standards. “Currently, the threshold is $455 a week, meaning a salaried worker making more than $23,660 a year does not automatically qualify for overtime pay under federal standards. The threshold was last updated in 2004, and the Obama administration says it’s been eroded by inflation. President Obama also is proposing to adjust the salary threshold automatically in the years to come, either by tying it to inflation indexes or by basing it on median wage levels.” [Los Angeles Times, 6/30/15]

Washington Post: $23,660 Threshold Below Poverty Line For Family Of Four. “In a speech set for Thursday in Wisconsin, President Obama plans to explain that he’s trying to solve a problem. In 1975, the overtime rule covered 62 percent of the salaried workforce. Since then, inflation has eroded coverage to the point where only 8 percent of salaried workers qualify and the $23,660 a year cutoff is below the poverty line for a family of four.” [Washington Post, 6/30/15]

Criticized Department Of Labor Rules Affecting Nondiscrimination And Affirmative Action Requirements For Federal Contractors
Criticized Department Of Labor Rules Affecting Nondiscrimination And Affirmative Action Requirements For Federal Contractors. “House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) and Workforce Protections Subcommittee Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) have requested information on two rules finalized by the Department of Labor affecting the nondiscrimination and affirmative action requirements of federal contractors. Additionally, Chairman Walberg has invited Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) Director Patricia Shiu to testify at a subcommittee hearing scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 10 a.m. in room 2175 of the Rayburn House Office Building. ‘Federal contractors have a moral and legal obligation to ensure employment discrimination is not tolerated in the workplace,’ said Rep. Walberg. ‘Unfortunately, regulations that are supposed to prevent discriminatory hiring practices by federal contractors are broken. … I'm disappointed to see the Labor Department make an already flawed regulatory scheme worse. Quotas and more paperwork will do more to promote costly litigation than the hiring of our nation’s most vulnerable workers.’” [US House Committee on Education and the Workforce Press Release, 9/20/13]

Press Release: Requested Information Concerning Two Rules From Department Of Labor Affecting Nondiscrimination And Affirmative Action Requirements Of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. “The following information was released by the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce: House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) and Workforce Protections Subcommittee Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) have requested information on two rules finalized by the Department of Labor affecting the nondiscrimination and affirmative action requirements of federal contractors.” [US House Committee on Education and the Workforce Press Release, 9/20/13]

Believed Federal Labor Standards Act “Doesn’t Fit With the 21st Century Workplace”

Believed Federal Labor Standards Act “Doesn’t Fit With the 21st Century Workplace. “Mr. WALBERG. I thank the chairman. I appreciate the concern that my colleague has on this issue. I know it is sincere. … There is agreement on both sides of the aisle that the FLSA is the cornerstone of workers' wage and hour protections, but in many ways, the regulations implementing the law are flawed and outdated. For that reason, we have asked for consideration with the President, with the administration, the Department of Labor, both sides of the aisle, to look at reforming and fixing the Fair Labor Standards Act that has been in place an awful long time before present practices and doesn't fit with the 21st century workplace.” [Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

Supported Prohibiting Waivers For Work Requirements In Needy Families Assistance Program

Supported Bill To Prohibit Waivers For Work Requirements In Needy Families Assistance Program. “Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 107, I call up the bill (H.R. 890) to prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration. … Mr. WALBERG. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Speaker, welfare work requirements have helped Michiganders and millions of Americans reduce their dependency on government assistance and get back on their feet again, and that's a good thing. And that, for many people, is the American Dream. … Congress should repeal the HHS's waiver plan and prevent the administration from waiving the work requirements. It's the right thing to do. It's time to move past this waiver debate so we can move
forward with building a stronger, sounder TANF program that promotes self-sufficiency and positive action. Please join me in supporting H.R. 890.” [Congressional Record, 3/13/13]

Supported Joint Resolution Opposing Rule Waiving Work Requirements For Needy Families Assistance Program. “Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 788, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and ask for its immediate consideration. … Mr. WALBERG. … This country is great. Let's work together. Let's pass this resolution, H.J. Res. 118.” [Congressional Record, 9/20/12]

2013: Touted Passing Welfare Work Requirement Bill While In Michigan State Legislature

Touted Passing Welfare Work Requirement Bill While In Michigan State Legislature. “Mr. WALBERG. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. … In the 1990s, while serving in the Michigan Legislature, I had the privilege of cosponsoring legislation that did this very thing in promoting workfare and edufare that ultimately became, arguably, the pattern for the 1996 Federal reform. It changed lives. We had welfare recipients who were completely reliant on government now given hope. I'll never forget the single-parent mother who was on welfare for most of her adult life and said in a public service announcement that she asked to be involved with, after going on edufare and then workfare, I was angry when I was first approached with this requirement.” [Congressional Record, 3/13/13]

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Voted Against Prohibiting VA Contracts With Employers Who Have Violated Labor Laws

Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Federal Funds For Contracts With Employers Who Have Previously Violated The Fair Labor Standards Act. In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would have prohibited the use of federal funds for contracts with employers who have previously violated the Fair Labor Standards Act. The amendment failed to pass 186 to 237. [HR 2029, Vote #189; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15]

Supported Cuts to Michigan Works, Which Operated 100 Service Centers Across Michigan Where Unemployed People Could Access Jobs, Search Resources And Enroll In Training
In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill that eliminated funding for the Workforce Investment Act. Without the federal funding provided by the act, the Michigan Works program would have had to shut down.

Michigan Works operated more than 100 service centers across Michigan where unemployed people could access job search resources, meet with career counselors, and enroll in training.

Walberg said the cuts “will get the government out of the way so that the private sector can create jobs.” [Lansing State Journal, 3/01/11]

**Defended Cuts to Program; Said Government Needed Better Rate of Return**

In 2011, Walberg defended his vote to cut Michigan Works at a local town hall meeting.

According to Walberg, only 1,329 of the 130,000 people who used resources at South Central Michigan Works were able to find jobs. Walberg said the government needed to get a better rate of return on its investment. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 3/06/11]

**Aide Said Program Could Survive 25 Percent Cuts**

In 2011, Walberg spokesman Kent Sholars said that the cuts were necessary to deal with the federal budget deficit, and were not targeted at Michigan Works.

Sholars said Walberg believed Michigan Works provided valuable services, and cited reports from Michigan Works affiliates that the bill would cut about 25 percent of their funds.

“I don’t think that a 25 percent cut is anything anybody looks forward to, but there are plenty of businesses that have had to deal with that, and they’re surviving just fine,” Sholars said. [Lenawee County Daily Telegram, 3/04/11]

**Skipped Legislative Breakfast for Local Michigan Works After Vote**

In 2011, Walberg committed to attending South Central Michigan Work’s annual legislative breakfast, but instead held a constituent meeting.

The Jackson Citizen Patriot called the proposed elimination of federal funds for the program the “elephant in the room” at the breakfast. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 3/21/11]

**Original Co-sponsor of “Pay Working Families Less Act”**

In 2013, Walberg was an original co-sponsor of a bill that would undermine the 40 hour work week, cut workers’ pay, and provide no guarantee of paid vacation days for employees when they need them.

The bill would give private sector workers the option of paid time off in lieu of cash wages for overtime hours worked. However, opponents noted that low-paid workers who accrued overtime would “effectively give his or her employer an interest-free loan” and would only be able to take time off with the consent of the employer. [Huffington Post, Appelbaum post, 4/16/13]
“By giving working families and employers the voluntary flexibility to rearrange work schedules, we are letting them do what is best for their family. We’re giving them the freedom to take a sick child to the doctor, spend time with family, or collect overtime wages,” Walberg claimed. [Representative Walberg press release, 5/08/13]

The White House released a statement of policy saying the president’s advisors would recommend a veto of the bill. The White House noted that the bill “would not prevent employers from cutting the overtime hours and reducing the take-home pay of employees who currently have the right to overtime compensation. The legislation does not provide sufficient protections for employees who may not want to receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay.” [Statement of Administration Policy, HR 1406, 5/06/13]

The bill passed 223-204. [HR 1406, Vote #137, 5/08/13]

**Wouldn’t Protect Time Off for Medical Appointments or Sick Family Members**

Before final passage of the bill, Walberg voted against a measure to ensure that employees could not be denied the use of compensatory time for certain events.

The measure would ensure compensatory time to attend medical appointments; to care for a sick family member or if the employee is sick; or to attend counseling or rehabilitation appointments for injuries sustained by the employee as a member of the Armed Forces.

The measure failed 200-227. [HR 1406, Vote #136, 5/08/13]

**Center for Economic and Policy Research: Bill Would “Undermine the 40-Hour Work Week” and Would Provide “Employers With a Powerful Incentive to Increase Workers’ Overtime Hours”**

According to the Center for Economic and Policy Research: “The proposed legislation undermines the 40-hour work week that workers have long relied on to give them time to spend with their kids. The flexibility in this comp time bill would have employees working unpaid overtime hours beyond the 40-hour workweek and accruing as many as 160 hours of compensatory time. A low-paid worker making $10 an hour who accrued that much comp time in lieu of overtime pay would effectively give his or her employer an interest-free loan of $1,600 – equal to a month’s pay. That’s a lot to ask of a worker making about $20,000 a year. Indeed, any worker who accrues 160 hours of comp time will in effect have loaned his or her employer a month’s pay. This same arithmetic provides employers with a powerful incentive to increase workers’ overtime hours.” [The Hill, 4/08/13]


In an op-ed submitted to the Huffington Post a senior economist with the Center for Economic and Policy Research wrote: “Touted by Republicans as a new comp time initiative that will give
hourly-paid workers the flexibility to meet family responsibilities, it is neither new nor about giving these workers much needed time off to care for their families. The bill rehashes legislation Republicans passed in the House in 1997, some 16 years ago, and that they introduced again in most subsequent Congresses. Its major effect would be to hamstring workers -- likely increasing overtime hours for those who don’t want them and cutting pay for those who do.” [Huffington Post, 4/16/13]

**National Partnership for Women and Families: “You Have No Ability to Take That Leave When You Need It. The Employer Can Decide”**

In a statement to the Chicago Tribune, a senior advisor for the National Partnership for Women & Families said: “It should be called the Employer Flexibility Act, because at every turn here, the employer gets to decide… It pretends to provide a set of options to employees. But even if they elect to take the comp time instead of wages, when they can take it is fully at the discretion of the employer. You have no ability to take that leave when you need it. The employer can decide.” [Chicago Tribune, 4/22/13]

**9to5: Bill is a “Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing” That Would “Ensure Workers Have Less Time, Less Flexibility and Less Money”**

In a statement, the executive director of 9to5 said: “Much like a wolf in sheep’s clothing, the falsely cloaked Working Families Flexibility Act would hurt, not help, families. The Working Families Flexibility Act, a true misnomer, would in reality ensure workers have less time, less flexibility and less money.” [9to5, 4/11/13]

**House Republicans Have Unsuccessfully Pushed to Gut the Fair Labor Standards Act for More Than a Decade**

According to New York Magazine: “Similar legislation has been bouncing around Capitol Hill for years; one recent attempt died in committee in 2003. In the past, Democrats argued that the proposed legislation would only weaken overtime rights, because the comp time will be controlled by employers, who may also discriminate against employees who want to be paid their overtime wages in cash. Democrats also have an alternate plan for making sure moms ‘don’t have to choose between work and family’: Demand employers offer family-friendly leave policies and pay overtime wages.” [New York Magazine, 4/30/13]

**Said Obama Administration Taken Adversarial Approach to FLSA Enforcement**

In 2011, Walberg spoke against the Obama administration’s enforcement of the Fair Labor Standards Act, arguing that it has had a chilling effect on job creators.

From his statement:

…not only has the administration proposed budget cuts to important resources that assist and educate employers, it has also taken an adversarial approach to enforcement of the law. The bureaucracy is growing with more staff dedicated to punitive enforcement activities
and drafting burdensome regulations, which means employers will have fewer resources to help follow the law and face an ever growing bureaucracy ready to catch them when they don’t. [Walberg statement, Hearing on “Examining Regulatory and Enforcement Actions Under the Fair Labor Standards Act,” 11/03/11]

### Denied There Were Classes in America

In 2013, speaking to a Tea Party meeting, Walberg denied that classes exist in the United States, saying that he was a “Swede raised in a Polish ghetto in Chicago.” [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 10/24/12]

### Said There Was A “Strategic and Stark” Division Between Haves and Have-Not

In 2012, Walberg was the keynote speaker at the Lenawee County Republican’s Lincoln Day fundraiser. Walberg spoke out against charges that Congress had done nothing, mentioning a slate of bills that had passed the House but stalled in the Senate.

At the event, Walberg said there was a “strategic and stark dividing of our country, with the so-called ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots.’”

“A division of our country has taken place almost unlike anything except if you went back to the Civil War,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 5/15/12]

### Voted Against Protecting TRICARE Subcontractor Employees under Labor Protection Laws

In 2011, Walberg voted against protecting TRICARE subcontractors and defense contractor employees under labor protection laws.

The motion would have struck a provision in the conference report that exempted TRICARE network providers from labor protection laws. According to a press release from the author of the motion, “By striking this section, the motion would guarantee that employees of TRICARE subcontractors and other defense contractors are afforded labor protections for civil rights, disabilities, and veterans.” [CQ Floor Votes, 12/14/11; Rep. Sanford Bishop Press Release, 12/14/11]

The motion failed 183-234. [HR 1540, Vote #931, 12/14/11]

### Voted to Allow Violent or Sexual Criminals to be State Employees with Federal Funding

In 2011, Walberg voted against keeping individuals convicted of violent crimes, sexual crimes or murder against children from being employed by state entities that receive federal grants.

The motion would have required that state entities receiving federal grants perform criminal background checks for school employees and refuse employment to people convicted of certain crimes such as violent or sexual crimes against children. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/13/11]

The motion failed 189-231. [HR 2218, Vote #704, 9/13/11]
Voted Against Protecting Online Password Privacy

In March 2012, Walberg voted against a motion that would ensure that the Federal Communications Commission could continue to protect online privacy, including creating rules that prohibit regulated entities from requiring that job applicants or employees give their employers their passwords to social networking websites, including Facebook.

The motion to recommit would have been included in new Federal Communications Commission Rulemaking regulations.

“If you are a Facebook user, you should never have to share your password … People have an expectation of privacy,” said Rep. Ed Perlmutter. [CBS News, 3/29/12]

The motion failed, 184-236. [H.R. 3309, Vote #137, 3/27/12]

Voted Against Prohibiting Employers from Asking Workers for Their Facebook or Twitter Passwords

In April 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to prohibit employers from requiring that job applicants or employees disclose their confidential passwords to social networking sites without a court order.

The amendment would also prohibit the government from establishing a national firewall to control access to and the use of the Internet.

The motion was rejected 183-233. [H.R. 3523, Vote #191, 4/26/12]

Voted for Dangerous Regulatory Freeze

In 2012, Walberg voted for a regulatory freeze until the unemployment level dropped to 6 percent or less.

The Obama administration threatened a veto on the bill as it would “undermine critical public health and safety protections” and “interfere with carrying out laws passed by Congress.” [Associated Press, 7/26/12]

The bill passed 245-172. [HR 4078, Vote #536, 7/26/12]

Opposed OSHA Safety and Health Program Requirement

In 2012, Walberg opposed an anticipated OSHA rule that would require all employers to implement safety and health programs to find and fix hazards in their workplace.

Walberg wrote:

While safety and health programs adopted voluntarily by employers have helped many companies improve their workplace safety cultures, mandating them and specifying how they must be set up is a not a good approach. The moment this regulation gets issued, safety and health programs will go from being a good idea to a legal requirement, which
means employers will have to meet the OSHAs standards rather than what works best for them. [Walberg opinion, Washington Examiner, 2/24/12]

**Opposed OSHA Regulation of Combustible Dusts**

In 2008, Walberg voted against legislation requiring the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to regulate combustible dusts.

The Worker Protection Against Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Act required the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue rules regulating combustible industrial dusts, like sugar dust, that can build up to hazardous levels and explode.

The Chemical Safety Board urged OSHA in 2006 to issue rules controlling dust hazards, but OSHA repeatedly failed to act. This legislation created an enforceable standard to replace OSHA’s previous policy of voluntary compliance to ensure that employers are aware of all safety hazards and will act to protect their workers. [House Majority Whip Release, 4/30/08]

The bill passed, 247-165. [HR 5522, Vote #233, 4/30/08]

**Voted Against Mining Safety Reform**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would shorten deadlines for mining operators to conform to new safety requirements, provide the Mine Safety and Health Administration with subpoena power and increase penalties for multiple safety violations. The bill would also require mine operators to install new communications equipment sooner than previously mandated. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/16/08]

The bill passed 214-199. [HR 2768, Vote #10, 1/16/08]

**Voted Against Safety Requirements for Mining Equipment**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to a mining safety bill that would provide the mining industry with an additional 90 days to install fire-resistant conveyor belts. The amendment would also authorize $30 million for the Mine Safety and Health Administration to purchase new dust-monitoring devices. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/16/08]

The amendment passed 234-183. [HR 2768, Vote #5, 1/16/08]

**Voted Against Funding Mental Health Services for Miners**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment to a mining safety bill that would authorize $10 million in grants for rehabilitation services for current and former miners suffering from work-related drug dependency. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/16/08]

The amendment passed 364-53. [HR 2768, Vote #6, 1/16/08]

**Voted to Delay Mining Safety Bill**
In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would require a study panel to evaluate the risk assessment procedures of deep mine conditions. The amendment would also require the Labor Department to promulgate regulations within 180 days of passage and compile a registry of miners who test positive for substance abuse. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/16/08]

The substitute amendment would require several additional studies on mine safety and strip the bill of most of the other changes that were originally offered. [CQ Bill Analysis, HR 2768]

The amendment failed 188-229. [HR 2768, Vote #8, 1/16/08]

**Voted Against Holding Mining Companies Accountable**

In 2007, Walberg against a bill that would hold mining companies accountable by overhauling federal regulations of hard-rock minerals, which include copper, uranium and gold.

Mining companies would be required to pay royalties for hard rock mines on federal land equal to 8 percent of gross income for new mines and 4 percent on existing mines that are not fully operational. Two-thirds of the royalties would go towards cleaning abandoned mines, with the remainder used to provide public facilities and services in areas affected by hard-rock mining.

The bill would impose new environmental standards for the industry and expand the types of land on which mining would be prohibited. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/01/07]

“We’re dealing with a law that has been relatively unchanged, that was enacted when Ulysses S. Grant was still in the White House,” Natural Resources Committee chairman Nick Rahall (D-WV) said. [CQ Weekly, 11/01/07]

The bill passed 244-166. [HR 2262, Vote #1033, 11/01/07]

**Voted to Gut Bill Holding Mining Companies Accountable**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit a bill overhauling mining regulations to the Natural Resources Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that would clarify that no royalty would apply to minerals used in the manufacture of technology to produce solar or nuclear energy.

The bill also would delay the bill’s effective date until the Interior secretary certifies that the bill would not lead to the loss of American mining-related jobs. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/01/07]

The motion failed 170-240. [HR 2262, Vote #1032, 11/01/07]

**Voted Against Bill To Require OSHA To Issue Standards Regulating Worker Exposure To Artificial Butter Flavoring Cited As A Cause Of Rare Lung Disease Dubbed “Popcorn Lung”**
In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that would require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue standards regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, used in artificial butter flavoring and recently cited as a cause of a rare lung disease dubbed “popcorn lung.” [ABC News, 9/06/07]

The final standard, due within two years of the bill’s enactment, would apply to all establishments involved in flavoring manufacturing and would have to include worker safety requirements. The measure would also require the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health to conduct a study on flavorings used in microwave popcorn. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/26/07]

The bill was backed by organized labor and the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association, which represents the makers of artificial butter. It was opposed by business groups that warn that not enough data have been collected to set a permissible exposure limit. [CQ Today, 9/25/07]

The bill passed 260-154. [HR 2693, Vote #913, 9/26/07]

**Voted to Risk Health of Popcorn Factory Workers by Delaying Regulations**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to weaken protections for workers in popcorn factories.

The amendment was aimed at weakening a bill to require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue standards regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, used in artificial butter flavoring and recently cited as a cause of a rare lung disease dubbed “popcorn lung.” [ABC News, 9/06/07]

The amendment would have required the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to wait until the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health concludes there is sufficient data to support a recommended exposure limit and establishes such a limit before OSHA issues a final standard. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/26/07]

The amendment failed 189-233. [HR 2693, Vote #912, 9/26/07]

**Supported Increased Federal Contracting with American Businesses**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment aimed at increasing federal contracting with American small businesses.

The amendment extended small business contracting goals to the federal government’s overseas contracts.

By including overseas contracts in federal small business contracting goals, federal agencies will be discouraged from using foreign companies or outsourcing to large businesses that then may subcontract with foreign companies. Reports estimate that by extending contracting goals to the government’s overseas contracts American small businesses could gain contracts worth nearly $15 billion. [Congressman Heath Shuler press release, 5/10/07]
The amendment passed 398-29. [HR 1873, Vote #320, 5/10/07]

**Voted to Require Department of Homeland Security to Buy American**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security authorization bill that would have blocked efforts to buy American uniforms and other gear for the Department of Homeland Security.

The amendment, sponsored by Congressman Tom Davis (R-VA) would have stricken a provision in the bill that would bar the use of funds by the department to procure uniforms, protective gear, badges or identification cards if the items are manufactured outside of the United States. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/09/07]

The amendment was defeated 36-390. [HR 1684, Vote #315, 5/09/07]

**North Dakota Employment Law Firm: Spoke To Labor Secretary Thomas Perez Weekly**

“Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez, confirmed in July 2013, is the former head of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He also was the secretary of labor for Maryland, where he focused on misclassification. Fortney noted that Perez keeps lines of communication open with the ‘other side,’ specifically calling Senator Tim Walberg (R-Michigan) weekly.” [North Dakota Employment Law Letter via Vogel Law Firm, 5/14]

**Sponsored Bill Considered Beneficial For Federally Contract Workers**

“There isn't much that Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) and President Barack Obama agree on these days, but the two were able to agree Thursday on a bipartisan bill which Obama signed into law. The Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act was introduced by Walberg and Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.) to help shift responsibility for wage adjustments for federally-contracted workers. The two congressmen serve on the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections where Walberg is the chairman and wrote the bill in an effort to streamline the process in which contracted workers get paid. … Under the Davis-Bacon Act, federally-contracted workers are required to be paid a ‘local prevailing wage,’ on any government project. They are also to be paid time and a half for work done after working 40 hours in a week. However the claims for those wages were handled through the Government Accountability Office, while the Department of Labor (DOL) enforced the law. With the passing of this new law, the DOL will handle all claims and it should help make the process smoother for workers trying to get their compensation.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 11/25/13]


**Voted To Provide Back Pay To Federal Workers Impacted By The Shutdown**

“The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Today Rep Walberg
voted to uphold the longstanding tradition of paying back federal workers impacted by government shutdowns. The legislation passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support and is now before the Senate for further consideration.” [Walberg Press Release via States News Service, 10/05/13]

**Introduced Amendment Barring Awarding Federal Contracts “Based On Race, Ethnicity, Or Sex”**

“Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer an amendment to the Department of Defense appropriations bill that is straightforward, as the amendment simply states this: ‘None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to award a grant or contract based on the race, ethnicity, or sex of the grant applicant or prospective contractor.’ I was glad a similar amendment passed unanimously last week on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, with the acceptance of the Chairman of Appropriations. … My support of nondiscrimination compels me to continue working against discrimination in government policies because every American deserves equal treatment when competing for business contracts, and our Federal Government should treat all applicants for such contracts on an equal basis. This amendment would require the Department of Defense to make contracting decisions based on the quality of work of a firm, the cost, and equality among firms.” [Congressional Record, 8/04/07]

**Argued For Eliminating Overtime Pay In Favor Of Comp Time Off**

“I thank the chairman. I find it unbelievable to sit here and listen to the divisive, erroneous, fear-mongering information that's being put forth by the other side of the aisle. It's unbecoming. Today's workplaces are a lot different than they were just a generation ago. … This important legislation, this compassionate legislation, allows private sector employees to choose--and I say ‘choose,' Mr. Speaker--choose paid time off or comp time as compensation for working overtime hours, and this policy has already proven extremely successful. … This is simply not right. Certainly every employee faces a unique set of circumstances and challenges and responsibilities. For some, taking time at home is a good thing for them. Additional pay is not necessary for them at that point, but having the opportunity to spend time with their children, to go to parent-teacher conferences and do other things with family is more valuable than a few extra dollars in the bank.” [Congressional Record, 5/08/14]

**Voted Against Amendment That Would Strike Provision Turning Medicare Into Premium Support System, Would Include Paid Sick Leave Provision**

In April 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would ask the House agree with the Senate in favoring paid sick leave and preventing Medicare from becoming a voucher program. “In the House, Van Hollen, who’s running for Senate in the Old Line State, said he wants the House to vote on at least two things: the right for workers to earn paid sick leave and another that would bar Medicare from being turned into a voucher program, a GOP aspiration.” The motion failed 187 to 239. [H. Con Res. 11, Vote #153, 4/14/15; Motion to Instruct Conferees, 4/14/15; Politico, 4/14/15]

**September 2015: Opposed President Obama’s Paid Sick Leave Executive Order Requiring All**
Federal Contractors To Provide Employees With One Hour Paid Sick Leave For Every 30 Hrs Worked

September 2015: Opposed President Obama’s Paid Sick Leave Executive Order. “The following information was released by the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce: House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) and Workforce Protections Subcommittee Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) today issued the following joint statement in response to the president's paid sick leave executive order announcement: For more than a decade, Republicans have championed legislation that would give working moms and dads greater flexibility to meet the needs of their families. Our proposal would empower workers with the ability to accrue paid time off to use as they see fit, whether it's recovering from an illness, caring for an aging relative, or simply attending a child's sporting event. We can provide working families more flexibility without more government mandates and executive orders. Unfortunately, a commonsense solution has been stymied by Democrats beholden to union bosses who want to deny workers the right to choose what's best for their families.” [US House Committee on Education and the Workforce Press Release via States News Service, 9/07/15]

President Obama Issued Paid Sick Leave Executive Order Requiring All Federal Contractors To Provide Employees With One Hour Paid Sick Leave For Every 30 Hrs Worked. “Mr. Obama’s speech coincided with a new executive order requiring all federal contractors to give their employees at least one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked. The order, to be finalized next year through new Labor Department regulations, will go into effect in 2017 and will apply only to new federal contracts.” [Washington Times, 9/08/15]

Opposed A Proposed Rule By Occupational Health And Safety Administration That Would Make A Franchiser Legally Responsible For Safety Violations At Franchisee’s Business

Opposed A Proposed Rule By Occupational Health And Safety Administration That Would Make A Franchiser Legally Responsible For Safety Violations At Franchisee’s Business. “Republican lawmakers are questioning a proposed new rule by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, demanding in a letter Wednesday to the Labor Department that it turn over all internal deliberations regarding it. The letter strongly implies that the department is working with a major labor organization, the Service Employees International Union, on adopting the rule, which would benefit SEIU’s labor organizing. Reps. John Kline of Minnesota and Tim Walberg of Michigan, respectively the chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee and chairman of its Workforce Protections Subcommittee, wrote the letter, which was addressed to Labor Secretary Tom Perez. The letter reacts to a recent OSHA proposal to expand its rules for when a franchiser is legally responsible for safety violations at a franchisee’s business. Kline and Walberg strongly object to the proposal, arguing it will force the agency's investigators to ‘delve into unrelated matters -- financial and otherwise -- far outside their expertise.’” [The Examiner, 10/14/15]
Significant Findings

✓ Voted against considering unemployment insurance extension 7 times
✓ Voted to reduce the maximum unemployment benefits from 99 weeks to 59 weeks, while the unemployment rate in Michigan was 9.4-percent; He received $5,500 from groups supporting bill within five days of vote
✓ Voted against renewing long-term unemployment benefits while unemployment rate in Michigan was 9.1-percent
✓ Said unemployment benefits gave incentives not to work
✓ Voted to block President Obama’s welfare initiative

Walberg said that unemployment benefits gave people too much incentive not to work, and has repeatedly voted against renewing and extending unemployment benefits. Walberg also voted to block President Obama’s welfare initiative, which was requested by Republican governors.

In 2013 and 2014, Walberg voted against consideration of unemployment insurance extension seven times. Due to the lack of an extension, as of March 2014, 76,580 people in Michigan lost their unemployment insurance. Furthermore, the Michigan economy lost $139,441,834 due to the expiration. The unemployment rate in Michigan in during the time period was a high of 8.9 to 8 in 2013, but declined to 7.9% in 2014.

Voted Against Considering Unemployment Insurance Extension 7 Times

In 2013, Walberg against considering extending emergency unemployment benefits 7 times.

Emergency unemployment insurance for the long term unemployed ended for 1.3 million Americans in December 2013. [Washington Post, 12/23/13]

As of March 2014, 76,580 people in Michigan were cut off unemployment insurance and the Michigan economy lost $139,441,834 due to the expiration. [House Ways and Means Committee Democrats, 3/05/14; 3/31/14]

✓ Walberg voted against consideration of a three-month, fully paid-for extension of federal unemployment insurance. [Congressional Record, 12/12/13]
The previous question passed, 227-195. [H Res 438, Vote #637, 12/12/13]

✓ Walberg voted against consideration of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. [Congressional Record, 1/09/14]

The previous question passed, 226-191. [H Res 455, Vote #5, 1/09/14]

✓ Walberg voted against consideration of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. [Congressional Record, 1/15/14]

The previous question passed, 228-195. [H Res 458, Vote #19, 1/15/14]

✓ Walberg voted against consideration of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. [Congressional Record, 1/28/14]

The previous question passed, 222-194. [H Res 465, Vote #26, 1/28/14]

✓ Walberg voted against consideration of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act. [Congressional Record, 3/05/14]

The previous question passed, 221-184. [H Res 497, Vote #93, 3/05/14]

✓ Walberg voted against consideration of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act. [Congressional Record, 3/06/14]

The previous question passed, 219-191. [H Res 501, Vote #99, 3/06/14]

✓ Walberg voted against consideration of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act. [Congressional Record, 4/08/14]

The previous question passed, 219-190. [H Res 544, Vote #169, 4/08/14]

Voted Against Extending Unemployment Insurance; As Of March 2014, 76,580 Were Cut Off From Unemployment Insurance

In April 2014, Walberg voted against the Democratic budget alternative. The budget would extend Emergency Unemployment Compensation for one year. Emergency unemployment insurance expired in December 2013. [House Democratic Budget Substitute, FY 2015]

As of March 2014, 76,580 people in Michigan were cut off unemployment insurance and the Michigan economy lost $139,441,834 due to the expiration. [House Ways and Means Committee Democrats, 3/05/14; 3/31/14]

The budget failed, 163-261. [H Con Res 96, Vote #176, 4/10/14]
According to the Department of Labor, the unemployment rate in Michigan in 2013-2014 was a high of 8.9 to 8 in 2013, but declined to 7.9% in 2014 [DOL, Michigan, 2013-2014]

Voted to Reduce the Maximum Unemployment Benefits from 99 Weeks to 59 Weeks, While Unemployment Rate In Michigan Was 9.4%; Received $5,500 From Groups Supporting Bill Five Days Before Vote

In 2011, Walberg voted to reduce the maximum duration of unemployment benefits from 99 weeks to 59 weeks.

The bill which covered a number of different subjects limited the maximum duration of unemployment benefits from 99 weeks to 59 weeks. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11]

The bill passed 234-193. [HR 3630, Vote #923, 12/13/11]

Said Unemployment Benefits “Gave Incentive[s] Not To Work”

In 2013, Walberg said that welfare and entitlement programs gave workers incentives to stay unemployed.

Workers are given “so much incentive not to work or stay unemployed for 99 weeks,” Walberg said. “It’s counterproductive.” [Monroe Evening News, 5/05/13]

Received $5,500 from Groups Supporting Bill Within Five Days of Vote

Within five days of his vote, Walberg received $5,200 in donations from interest groups supporting the bill.

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[Maplight, accessed 9/13/13]

Michigan Unemployment Rate In December 2011 Was 9.4%. According to the Department of Labor, the Unemployment rate in Michigan in December 2011 was 9.4%.

Voted To Block President Obama’s Welfare Initiative

In 2013, Walberg voted for a bill to prohibit the Obama administration from issuing waivers that would have allowed governors to alter work requirements for welfare recipients.

The administration proposal would allow states to apply for waivers from certain work requirements in the welfare law as long as they instituted alternatives to increase participation in work programs.
Republicans charged Obama was trying to gut welfare-to-work requirements.

The bill passed 250-164. [HR 890, Vote #68, 3/13/13]

“We must prevent the president from undermining a program so critical in reducing poverty for low-income Americans,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 3/13/13]

Co-sponsored Resolution To Block Waivers

In 2012, Walberg co-sponsored a joint resolution to block the Obama administration from allowing states to seek waivers to alter work requirements for welfare recipients. [HJ Res 118, cosponsored 9/18/12]

Change Was Requested By Republican Governors

In 2005, 29 Republican governors signed a letter in support specific provisions to be included in a reauthorization the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The letter asked for increased state flexibility in managing TANF programs, because “increased waiver authority, allowable work activities, availability of partial work credit and the ability to coordinate state programs are all important aspects of moving recipients from welfare to work.” [RGA letter, 5/19/05]

In 2011, Republican Utah Governor Gary Herbert’s administration urged the Department of Health and Human Services to give Utah more flexibility to effectively place beneficiaries in employment, and said they were “especially interested in the development of a waiver authority in the TANF grant.” [State of Utah Department of Workforce Services, 8/01/11]

The Obama administration cited the Utah letter when it announced the new waiver policy in 2012. [FactCheck.org, 8/09/12]

Republican Architect of Welfare Reform Said Change Did Not Gut Reform

In 2012, Ron Haskins, former Senior Advisor for Welfare Policy under President Bush, said of the Obama administration’s waiver policy: “There’s no plausible scenario under which it really constitutes a serious attack on welfare reform.” [NPR, 8/22/12]

Co-sponsored Bill to Eliminate Dual Mandate of Federal Reserve

In 2013, Walberg co-sponsored the Sound Dollar Act, which ordered the Federal Reserve to focus on the single mandate of price stability, instead of the dual mandate of both low inflation and full employment.

The bill also limited future purchases of United States treasuries by the Federal Reserve. [Representative Brady press release, 3/14/13]
Voted Against Renewing Long-Term Unemployment Benefits, While Unemployment Rate Was 9.1-percent

In February 2012, Walberg voted against renewing long-term unemployment benefits as a part of bill to extend the payroll tax cut. The bill renewed long-term unemployment benefits into January 2013.

The cost of the bill was partially offset by requiring larger pension payments from newly hired federal employees and lawmakers, auctioning blocks of electromagnetic spectrum used by television broadcasters, and reducing funds for programs listed in the Affordable Care Act. [CQ Vote Summary, 2/17/12]

The bill passed 293-132. [H.R. 3630, Vote #72, 2/17/12]

February 2012: Unemployment Rate In Michigan Was 9.1-percent. According to the Department of Labor, the unemployment rate in Michigan was 9.1-percent in February 2011. [Department of Labor, 2/12]

Supported Extension of Unemployment Benefits

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would extend unemployment insurance.

Specifically, the bill would provide seven additional weeks of benefits for those whose unemployment insurance has run out, and 13 additional weeks for jobless workers in states with an unemployment rate higher than 6 percent. [CQ Today, 10/03/08]

The bill passed 368-28. [HR 6867, Vote #683, 10/03/08]

Opposed Extension of Unemployment Benefits

In 2008, Walberg voted against a $60.8 billion economic stimulus package designed to fund infrastructure projects, unemployment insurance and Medicaid.

The bill would specifically extend unemployment insurance benefits by seven weeks nationwide and an additional 13 weeks in states with high unemployment. [CQ Today, 9/26/08]

The bill passed 264-158. [HR 7110, Vote #660, 9/26/08]

Supported Unemployment Benefit Extension

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would extend federal unemployment benefits to individuals for 13 weeks beyond the 26 weeks already authorized under law for all states.

The bill included language that would extend federal unemployment benefits for another 13 weeks to states with high unemployment.
The bill also included language that would set the extended benefit program to expire March 31, 2009. [CQ Today, 6/12/08]

The bill passed 274-137. [HR 5749, Vote #412, 6/12/08]

**Voted to Make it Harder to Obtain Extended Unemployment Benefits (REQUIRE 20 WEEKS)**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit a bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it be reported back forthwith with language that would require individuals to work 20 weeks to qualify for the extended benefits, allow for additional money to the newly hired to help with gasoline prices; and target the extended benefits to states with high unemployment rates.

The bill would extend federal unemployment benefits to individuals for 13 weeks beyond the 26 weeks already authorized under law by all states.

The bill also included language that would provide another 13 weeks of unemployment benefits to individuals in states with high unemployment rates. [CQ Today, 6/12/08]

The motion failed 170-243. [HR 5749, Vote #411, 6/12/08]

**Opposed Extension of Unemployment Benefits**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would provide extended unemployment benefits for people out of work longer than six months. The amendment appropriated $21.2 billion for domestic programs, military construction and foreign aid programs.

It would provide $4.6 billion for military construction and $5.8 billion for levee building in Louisiana. The amendment would provide a permanent expansion of education benefits for post-Sept. 11 veterans, offset with a 0.47 percent surtax on modified adjusted gross income above $500,000 per year for individuals and $1 million for couples.

It also would temporarily extend unemployment insurance benefits and place a moratorium through March 2009 on seven Medicaid regulations proposed by the administration. It would appropriate $9.9 billion for the State Department, USAID and international food assistance. [Congressional Quarterly, Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 5/16/08]

The amendment passed 256-166. [HR 2642, Vote #330, 5/15/08]

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**Believed Notion That Unemployment Insurance Grew Economy Was “Absurd.”** “Mr. WALBERG. I thank the gentleman. I thank you for your leadership. … It is hard to take seriously the objections of the Democrat side of the aisle here when they talk about the middle class, they talk about employees and their
efforts to help them, a party who enshrines the minimum wage and unemployment insurance as the golden grail of what grows an economy. I find that absurd.” [Congressional Record, 4/02/14]
LGBT Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Said it was a “sin” to be gay
✓ Said “society itself is at risk and cannot continue,” following Supreme Court decision allowing states to legalize same-sex marriage
✓ Co-sponsored First Amendment Defense Act
✓ Supported constitutional ban on same sex marriage
✓ Voted to ban same sex marriage in Michigan
✓ Voted to support DOMA
✓ Said that treating same sex couples fairly under the law was “not the direction we need to be going”
✓ Voted against extending hate crimes protections to sexual orientation

Walberg is not a supporter of the LGBT community. Walberg thinks that it is a sin to be gay, and has said that treating same sex couples fairly under the law was “not the direction we need to be going.” He is a consistent opponent of marriage: he voted to ban same sex marriage in Michigan, supported a constitutional ban, and voted to support DOMA. Walberg has also voted against more expansive hate crime legislation.

Walberg: Being Gay is a “Sin”

During a July 2004 debate with his primary opponents, Walberg said that being gay is a sin.

“It’s a sin to be gay,” Walberg said. “The Bible says it’s a sin. I’m not going to differ with my creator, God.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/20/04]

Walberg: “Society Itself Is At Risk And Cannot Continue,” Following Supreme Court Decision Allowing States To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage

Said “Society Itself Is At Risk And Cannot Continue,” Following Supreme court Decision Allowing States To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage. “Reaction to this morning’s historic decision to strike down DOMA has been fast and furious—and will no doubt continue to be throughout the day. Below is a small smattering of who’s been taking to the airwaves and Twitter to express their disappointment with the
Supreme Court's landmark rulings. ... Rep. Tim Walberg, Michigan Republican: ‘Society itself is at risk and cannot continue.’” [Slate, 6/26/13]

**Co-Sponsored First Amendment Defense Act**

**Walberg Co-Sponsored Legislation To Allow Employers To Fire Single Women For Being Pregnant.** In July 2015, Walberg signed on as a co-sponsor to the First Amendment Defense Act. According to the Huffington Post, “critics say the language is so broad, the bill creates a license to discriminate that would allow employers to fire women for getting pregnant outside of wedlock ... The bill specifically protects those who believe that marriage is between ‘one man and one woman’ or that ‘sexual relations are properly reserved to such a marriage.’” Ian Thompson, a legislative representative at the American Civil Liberties Union, said that in addition to targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, the bill ‘clearly encompasses discrimination against single mothers’ and would hobble the ability of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the federal body that protects women from sex-based discrimination, to act.” [HR 2802, 7/13/15; Huffington Post, 7/17/15]

**Legislation Would Allow Employers To Fire Single Women For Being Pregnant, Discriminate Against Same-Sex Couples.** “As evidence, they point to Blum’s support for legislation known as the First Amendment Defense Act, a bill that would allow employers to fire single women for getting pregnant and open the door for discrimination against same-sex couples along with gay and lesbian people.” [Iowa Daily Democrat, 7/28/15]

**Senior Fellow At Cato: “Say Nada To” First Amendment Defense Act**

**Senior Fellow At Cato: “Say Nada To” First Amendment Defense Act.** “GAY MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS: SAY NADA TO FADA When Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis found herself fighting contempt charges after refusing to let her office issue marriage licenses to gay couples or anyone else, the National Organization for Marriage declared her case to be ‘powerful evidence of why it is simply imperative that we enact the First Amendment Defense Act (FADA) at the federal and state levels.... Until FADA is enacted by Congress and state legislatures, we will have more and more Kim Davis’s.’” [Newsweek, 9/10/15]

**Said Supreme Court Decision on DOMA Threatened “Orderly Continuance of Society”**

In 2013, Walberg released a statement following the Supreme Court’s decisions on the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposal 8.

“I remain of the principled belief that marriage should continue to stand for the union of a man and woman. The activist Supreme Court has decided that the desires of adults are more important than the needs of children and the orderly continuance of society,” Walberg said. [Representative Walberg press release, 6/26/13]

**Supported the Defense of Marriage Act**

In 2011, Walberg voted to support the Defense of Marriage Act.
The amendment to the Defense Appropriations bill banned the use of any funds to be used in violation of the Defense of Marriage Act. This vote was largely symbolic and was intended to show support for the Defense of Marriage Act according to the author of the amendment. [Los Angeles Times, 7/09/11; The Hill, 7/07/11]

The amendment passed 248-175. [HR 2219, Vote #516, 7/07/11]

**Voted to Approve Millions in Taxpayer Funding to Defend DOMA**

In 2013, Walberg voted to allow the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group to defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act. [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/03/13]

As of January 2013, Speaker John Boehner had committed $3 million of taxpayer money to BLAG for the legal defense of DOMA. [The Hill, 1/15/13]

Treating Same Sex Couples Fairly Under The Law “Not the Direction We Need to Be Going”

At a 2004 candidate debate, Walberg said that anyone, heterosexual or homosexual, had the right to will property to relatives or domestic partners, which he did not oppose.

His opponent, Representative Schwarz, said that gay couples should be treated fairly under the law, and be legally eligible for health care and other benefits.

“Frankly, that is not the direction we need to be going in society,” Walberg said.

“They’ve got rights,” Walberg said of homosexual couples. “They have the right to put a will in place. They can leave their entire fortune to their favorite pet dog if they wanted to.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/22/04]

**Daily Telegram Said Candidates Should Focus on Local Issues**

In 2004, the Adrian Daily Telegram criticized Walberg and Schwarz for debating gay marriage rather than more pressing local issues.

From the Telegram:

“We wonder how well the voters of the 7th District are being served by these candidates -- as well as others on a state and national basis -- who spend so much of this precious time with would-be constituents engaged in philosophical argument over an issue that, while certainly a worthy discussion, does not have much day-to-day impact here at home.

When there are more pressing, life and death concerns that need to be solved here at home, it’s hard for us to see the utility in focusing so much energy to discuss such a small issue: how gay couples are viewed in the eyes of the law.” [Editorial, Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/22/04]
**Voted to Delay the Repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell**

In 2011, Walberg voted to delay the repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.

The FY2012 Defense Authorization bill contained a number of policy riders including one that changed the process for the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” banning homosexuals from serving openly in the military. Under the rider, which was included in the bill, the repeal would be delayed until the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine chiefs could certify that the repeal wouldn’t harm their units’ “readiness, effectiveness, cohesion, and morale.” [Wall Street Journal Blog-Washington Wire, 5/12/11; CQ BillAnalysis HR 1540, 7/04/11]

The bill passed 322-96. [HR 1540, Vote #375, 5/26/11]

**Co-sponsored Constitutional Amendment Opposing Same Sex Marriage**

In 2013, Walberg was an original co-sponsor of the Marriage Protection Amendment, which defined marriage as consisting of only the union of a man and a woman. It prohibited the federal government or any state government from allowing marriage to be conferred upon any other union.


**Supported Constitutional Ban on Same-Sex Marriage**

In July 2006, Walberg told the Detroit News that he would support a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

“Yes. Judges are attempting to redefine marriage. The Marriage Amendment is necessary to preserve the sanctity of marriage, which is the nucleus of the home and the building block of society,” Walberg wrote. [Detroit News, 7/17/06]

**Constitutional Amendment Necessary to Control Activist Courts**

In 2006, Walberg told the Adrian Daily Telegram that he supported the Federal Marriage Amendment.

Walberg said he did not think “the Constitution should be easily altered,” but believed in this instance it was necessary to “control the activist courts.” [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/30/06]

**Threatened to Remove Judges That Allow Gay Marriage from Office**

At a primary candidate debate in 2004, Walberg said he had a message for judges allowing gay marriages to take place.

“You either cease and desist in violating the Constitution in this area or we’ll remove you from office,” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 6/02/04]
Voted to Ban Same Sex Marriage

In 1996, Walberg voted to ban same sex marriage in Michigan, even though the practice was already outlawed in the state.

The bill passed 88-14. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/29/96; SB 937, RC #581, 5/29/96]

Voted to Prohibit Recognition of Same Sex Marriages from Other States

In 1996, Walberg voted to prohibit Michigan from recognizing same sex marriages performed in other states. Republican opponents of the bill were concerned it was an unconstitutional violation of contract law.

The bill passed 74-28. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 5/29/96; HB 5562, RC #582, 5/29/96]

Co-sponsored Resolution to Encourage Passage of Defense of Marriage Act

In 1996, Walberg co-sponsored a resolution in the Michigan House to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Defense of Marriage Act. [H Con Res 361, introduced 5/21/96]

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Opposed Bill to Crack Down on Hate Crimes

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to crack down on hate crimes.

The bill would make certain violent crimes against an individual because of race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability, stand-alone hate crime offenses.

It also authorized federal grants of $5 million in fiscal 2008 and 2009 to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in prosecuting violent hate crimes.

Under the bill, crimes of violence using fire, gun or a bomb would be punishable by a fine, up to 10 years in prison or both. Crimes such as kidnapping or that result in a death would be punishable by a fine, up to a life sentence or both.
President Bush opposed the bill, and the arch-conservative Public Advocate claimed that the bill would “grant special rights to homosexuals.” [CQ Weekly, 5/07/07; publicadvocateusa.org, 5/27/07]

The bill passed 237-180. [HR 1592, Vote #299, 5/03/07]

**Voted for Redundant Measure to Protect Seniors, Military from Hate Crimes**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit hate crimes legislation to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that includes the elderly and military personnel among those protected by federal hate-crime law. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/03/07]

Democrats largely opposed the motion it was viewed as a cynical attempt to kill the hate crimes bill and because individuals included in the amendment, seniors and members of the armed services, are already entitled to protection under the law. For example, it is already a Federal crime to kill or attempt to kill any member of the armed services under 18 U.S.C. 1114.

Likewise, programs already exist to provide assistance to prosecutors and law enforcement in the enforcement of crimes against elders.

According to Judiciary Chairman John Conyers (D-MI), the underlying bill was aimed at protecting classes of individuals “who have been and are the group-wide victims of systemic violence: hanging a man because of his race, dragging someone to death because they are disabled.” [Congressional Record, 5/03/07; Page H 4449]

The motion was defeated 189-227. [HR 1592, Vote #298, 5/03/07]

**Would Not Stay Away from Issues He Considered “Moral Absolutes”**

During his 2004 campaign, Walberg criticized Representative Joe Schwarz’s record on same-sex unions and traditional values. He told a rally of supporters that he would not shy away from issues he considered “moral absolutes.”

“I’ve been sobered to hear people like Joe Schwarz say ‘we (have to) get off these moral absolutes. Don’t tell me to stay away from the moral absolutes,’” Walberg said. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/29/04]

**Voted Against Extending Hate Crime Protection to Sexual Orientation**

In 1998, Walberg voted against HB 4674, which would allow a person threatening or assaulting another individual because of his or her sexual orientation to be charged under Michigan’s ethnic intimidation law.

The bill passed 57-38. [Gongwer News Service, 11/12/98; HB 4674, RC #966, 11/12/98]

**Introduced Amendment Barring Health Insurance Benefits for Domestic Partners of Legislators**

In 1998, Walberg introduced an amendment to a general appropriations bill for the state government that prohibited funds from paying for health insurance benefits for unmarried domestic partners of legislators.
or legislative employees. [HB 5595, Walberg amendment, 5/12/98]

**Joined Brief Filed With Supreme Court Arguing Reversal Of State Same-Sex Marriage Bans Threatened Religious Freedom**

“Seeing the potential for their religious and social beliefs to be stripped from state laws, supporters of same-sex marriage bans in Michigan and elsewhere inundated the U.S. Supreme Court with briefs arguing it has no right to intervene and to do so will cause legal havoc. Friend-of-the-court briefs from myriad sources - the Family Research Council, black ministers and leaders of the 2012 Republican National Convention's platform committee among them - poured into the court ahead of Friday's deadline, many warning of unintended consequences harming families and children if the court reverses the bans. … ‘This court stands at a crossroads,’ added the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in its brief. Fifty-seven members of Congress - Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Michigan Reps. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, among them - also argued that a reversal by the court could ‘damage the rights of a self-governing people’ and set ‘an unwarranted precedent.’” [Detroit Free Press, 4/03/15]

**Voted to Waste Millions of Taxpayer Dollars to Defend Discriminatory DOMA Ruling**

On the first day of the 113th Congress in January 2013, Walberg voted to authorize an additional $1.5 million to finance the legal defense of the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/03/13]

**Huffington Post: Lawmakers Gave a Green Light… to Defend the DOMA in Court**

“A GOP source told The Huffington Post that, during a closed-door meeting of the House Republican Conference, lawmakers gave a green light to including language in the 113th Congress rules package that authorizes the House legal team, known as the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group (BLAG), to keep paying outside counsel to defend the Defense of Marriage Act in court. The proposed House rules package also states that BLAG continues to “speak for” the House in its defense of DOMA.” [Huffington Post, 1/02/13]
Other Social Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Flip-flopped on President Obama birther statements
✓ Voted against Rosa Parks Day and Martin Luther King Day
✓ 2015: Voted for delaying a resolution that would require the removal of all Confederate symbols from the House

Walberg said that he didn’t have enough information to know if the President was born in the United States or if he was a Muslim or a Christian. He later said that President Obama needed to show his birth certificate in order to quell rumors. While in the Michigan House of Representatives, Walberg voted against making both Rosa Parks Day and Martin Luther King Day public holidays.

In 2015, Walberg voted for resolution that would require removal of all Confederate symbols from the House. Later, he referred to the vote that would have banned confederate flags at federal cemeteries as “a game.”

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Said Republican Party “Kept Every Promise WE Made, But We Didn’t Communicate It.” “The hope is there will be a new day for the GOP. ‘We have to talk about empowerment, that we have a heart,’ Walberg said. "We've kept every promise we made, but we didn't communicate it.”” [Hillsdale Daily News, 11/09/15]

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The Hill: House Delays Floor Vote On Removing Confederate Symbol From Capitol. “The House referred a resolution on Thursday that would remove symbols of the Confederacy from the Capitol and adjacent office buildings to the committee level for possible later consideration. … [Democratic Rep. Bennie] Thompson’s resolution is privileged, which forces the House to expedite its consideration. The House vote on Thursday of 240-184 sends his resolution to the House Administration Committee for further review, instead of immediately voting on the measure. Democrats uniformly opposed the move to delay consideration, while all but one Republican voted in favor. [The Hill, 6/25/15]

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Said America Strayed From Its Roots in Electing President Obama

In 2011, Walberg said that Americans had left its roots when they elected President Obama.
“We’ve come so far from our roots to even elect a president like that,” Walberg said. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 6/29/11]

**September 28, 2010: Did Not Know If President Obama Was Muslim Or A Citizen**

In 2010, a caller to WBCK’s “Live with Renk” asked Walberg if he believed President Obama was born in the United States and if he was a Muslim, and Walberg said he was not sure.

“My question is, do you believe this president was born in America, because I have not seen enough evidence to see he is an American citizen and do you believe that he is a Muslim?” the caller asked.

“You know, I don’t know. I really don’t know. We don’t have enough information about this president. He was never given a job interview that was complete,” Walberg answered. “But that’s not the issue now. He is president. Right now we need to make sure that he doesn’t remain as president, whether he’s an American, a Muslim, a Christian, you name it.” [Politico, 9/24/10; Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/28/10]

**September 28, 2010: Walberg Took President Obama at His Word That He Is American and Christian**

In a statement the day after the radio show, Walberg said: “I take the president at his word that he’s a Christian and he’s certainly an American citizen.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/28/10]

**October 14, 2010: Battle Creek Enquirer: “Walberg Calls for Birth Certificate”**

In 2010, Walberg told voters at a campaign event that President Obama should show his birth certificate to Washington leaders if he wanted to end rumors about his citizenship.

“I’m going to take (Obama) at his word that he’s an American citizen,” Walberg said. “I don’t know why it isn’t re-solved other than the fact that the president hasn’t resolved it yet.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/14/10]

**Voted Against Rosa Parks Day**

In 1997, Walberg was one of five House members to vote against a bill to designate February 4 as Rosa Parks Day. The legislators said the measure was a step on the way to declaring a state holiday for Ms. Parks.

The bill passed 98-5. [Gongwer News Service, 5/15/97; SB 322, RC #353, 5/15/97]

**Voted Against Martin Luther King Day**

In 1984, Walberg was one of only three members to oppose making Martin Luther King Jr. Day a public holiday.
The bill passed 97-3. [SB 528, 1/17/84]

**Said He Had “Many Muslim Friends”**

In 2011, a Washington Post column wrote that many lawmakers participating in Representative Peter King’s hearings on the loyalty of Muslim Americans would preface their accusations to say they had Muslim friends.

“I have many Muslim friends,” Walberg said. [Washington Post, 3/13/11]

**Disputed Remarks By President Obama That Muslims Were Not Only Group Committing Atrocities**

Disputed Remarks By President Obama That Muslims Were Not Only Group Committing Atrocities. “Another question from Tom Allen, a partner in Stanford Allen Chevrolet, concerned President Obama's comments at a recent National Day of Prayer breakfast in Washington, D.C., saying Muslims weren't the only religious group committing atrocities. Rep. Walberg said he and his wife, Sue, were among the 3,600 people present who were stunned to hear the president criticize Christians for having a ‘bad history’ as well because of the Crusades in the late Middle Ages. ‘That was 1,200 years ago,’ the 63-year-old lawmaker said. ‘How could our president chastise America's Christian community and compare that with what they did to that pilot? He took a tremendous amount of heat for that. Then he said we're not providing enough jobs for the jihadists? That's not sitting well with the American people.’” [Monroe Evening News, 2/21/15]

**Said Constitution Allowed for Mosque on Ground Zero**

In a 2010 campaign e-mail, Walberg said that the Constitution allowed for the building of a mosque on Ground Zero. [Walberg campaign email, 8/20/10]

… But Criticized President Obama for Supporting It

In that same campaign email, Walberg criticized Obama for supporting the Ground Zero mosque:

“The president demonstrates weakness and is wrong to offend the memories of the September 11th fallen by voicing support for building an Islamic mosque on Ground Zero. Our Constitution allows the building of the mosque, but the American president should not validate the efforts of radical Islamists to build such a symbol on the ground where Islamic terrorists killed 3,000 Americans.” [Walberg campaign email, 8/20/10]

**Supported Constitutional Amendment Recognizing Right to Practice Religion**

In 1998, Walberg supported a concurrent resolution in the Michigan House to memorialize the Congress of the United States to propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to recognize a person’s right to practice religion on public property. [H Con Res 94, HJ 34, 4/02/98]
Opposed Bill Allowing Homeless People To Vote

In 1990, Walberg voted against a bill allowing homeless people to vote.

The bill passed 85-12. [HB 5530, 4/02/90]

Supported Death Penalty

In 2006, Walberg said that he supported the death penalty under clear circumstances. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/30/06]

Decorated Office with “First Principles” Wall

In 2011, Walberg said that after returning to Congress, he added a “first principles” wall to reflect his view that the nation is at a philosophical and political crossroads.

The wall includes super-sized reproductions of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. Another wall features a Gadsden flag, depicting snake and the words “Don’t Tread on Me” and a frequently used symbol of the Tea Party. [Roll Call, 11/21/11]

Complained About House Office Building Cafeteria’s Green Initiative

In 2008, Walberg complained about changes House Office building cafeteria on a local radio show.

Walberg said that his morning double espresso “tasted chemical,” and that he did not like having his scrambled eggs served in a cardboard container. [Roll Call, 1/17/08]

Did Not Want Remarks to Local Ministerial Association To Be Published

In 2008, Walberg spoke at a meeting of the Coldwater Area Ministerial Association. The Coldwater Daily Reporter covered other speeches at the event, but reported Walberg did not want his comments to be published. [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 3/06/10]

Opposed Coldwater City Council Ban On Banners and Signs in Park

In 2011, Walberg opposed a Coldwater City Council resolution which banned the display of banners and other signs in Four Corners Park.

The Thomas Moore Law Center sued the city on behalf of a local Tea Party group in order to lift the ban.

“To pass any ordinance or resolution that would prohibit members of the public from expressing their right to free speech is a violation of their Constitutional rights. As I fight to protect our Constitution, I encourage you to do the same,” Walberg said. [Common Sense Patriots of Branch County v City of Coldwater, 4/07/11; Walberg LTE, Coldwater Daily Reporter, 4/16/11]

Advocated Sunset Requirements
In 2010, Walberg advocated adding sunset requirements to new laws so they would need to be reexamined and debated periodically. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 4/20/10]

**Supported Part Time Congress**

In 2008, Walberg said that the country would be better off with a part time Congress.

“If I had a choice between going to a part-time Congress and a part-time Legislature - which I support - I’d take a part-time Congress,” Walberg said. “We would be much better off for that.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/28/08]

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**Suggested Bills Should be Limited in Number of Pages**

In 2010, Walberg suggested that bills should have a page limit and be focused on single issues. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 13:15, 6/25/10]

**Voted For Requiring Agency Rulemakers To Consider Low-Income Populations**

Voted For Requiring Agency Rulemakers To Consider Low-Income Populations. In January 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment “that would require agencies to review the potential effects of new rules on low-income populations.” The amendment passed 254 to 168. [HR 185, Vote #23, 1/13/15; The Hill, 1/13/15]
Seniors’ Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Supported Social Security privatization
- Said Social Security was a Ponzi scheme and “socialism at its finest”
- Voted to increase out of pocket costs for Medicare
- Voted to turn Medicare into a voucher system
- Voted to increase retirement age

While Walberg has tried to deny it, he has consistently supported the privatization of Social Security. He has also called Social Security a Ponzi scheme and socialism at its finest. Walberg voted for Republican budgets that would increase out of pocket costs for Medicare, turn the program into a voucher system, and increase the retirement age.

**Third Largest Group Donating to Walberg Was Retired People**

Over his career, retired people have donated $452,748 to Walberg, the third largest total of any interest group. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 6/11/13]

**Walberg: Social Security is “Socialism at its Finest”**

At a primary candidate panel in 2004, Walberg debated Democratic candidate Drew Walker over Social Security privatization, and called Social Security “socialism at its finest.”

From the Adrian Daily Telegram:

Walker said the privatization of Social Security in the wake of corporate scandals and unstable stock prices could lead to individuals putting their retirement savings at risk in uninsured private accounts.

“What an incredible scandal; I would certainly never take part in that,” Walker said. “Social Security is one of the foundations of our society for getting older.”

The question then turned to Walberg, who began by expressing his feelings about Walker’s statement.
“Wow, I just heard socialism at its finest,” said Walberg, a former state representative. “Oh come on, that’s offensive,” Walker replied.

“That’s defined as socialism when the government is required to take care of all of us,” said Walberg, followed by audience laughter. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 6/02/04]

**Voted Against Protecting Social Security and Medicare from Shutdown**

In September 2013, Walberg voted against critical protections in the event of a shutdown brought on by the Republican continuing resolution that could bring on a government shutdown over health care funding.

The amendment would fund military personnel accounts, the Social Security Administration’s administrative expenses, the Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services program management account and the Veterans Benefit Administration’s operating expenses through Sept. 30, 2014.

It also would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement a system that would privatize the Social Security program, reduce the insurance benefits it provides or to establish a Medicare voucher plan that provides limited payments to purchase health care in the private sector.

The amendment would increase funding for the Essential Air Service by $2.7 million. [CQ Votes, 9/20/13]

The amendment failed 190-228. [HJ Res 59, Vote #477, 9/20/13]

**Said Stock Market Safe for Retirement Savings In Long Run; 2008 Crash “Short Term Burp”**

In 2013, Walberg supported allowing individuals to invest their Social Security in a 401k type plan, saying that despite “short term burps” it would work in the long run.

Walberg said:

> [We need to] find a system that will be more of a choice system — with Social Security still as an option — but other options that will be qualified for people like yourself to make decisions about whether it’s a 401K-type plan that over the long haul works. Short-time burps take place at times, but over the long-haul works. [Chelsea Town Hall, 8/23/13]

**Dow Jones Lost Nearly 40 Percent In One Year**

Had seniors been relying on private social security accounts in the Stock Market during the 2008 collapse, they might have lost nearly 40 percent of their retirement savings in the 12 months leading up to the collapse. On October 9, 2007 the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 14,164.53. On October 9, 2008 the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 8,579.19. [Yahoo Finance]
In 2010, Walberg’s campaign website said “Tim believes we need to keep the promises made by Social Security and also allow younger workers the option to save their own money in their own name in their own account.” [walbergforcongress.com, accessed 6/12/13]

**2010: Supported Privatization but Would Not Touch Benefits Already Promised**

In 2010, Walberg clarified comments he had made in a radio interview, saying that he did favor the option of placing Social Security contributions in private accounts, but that he did not want to touch benefits already promised to contributors. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 11/03/10]

**Younger Workers Should Have Option of Private Accounts**

In 2010, Walberg said he believed younger workers should be given the option of private accounts for Social Security.

From an Associated Press questionnaire:

“I believe we need (to) secure the contract and keep the promises made by Social Security and also allow younger workers the option to save a portion of their own money in their own name in their own account. Americans should be given the opportunity to save, invest and have ownership in their personal Social Security retirement account.” [Associated Press, 10/18/10]

**2010: “Definitely” Supported Privatization**

During a 2010 interview with iCaucus, Walberg said he “definitely” supported social security privatization:

“Yeah, when you throw the word privatization out, a seasoned campaigner like me understands that that is a buzzword that is just about as negative as a noose hanging around your neck. But in talking with you, we all understand what that means, and I would definitely support the privatization of the so-called Social Security system.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/16/10]

**Agreed that Social Security is a Ponzi Scheme**

In 2010, when an interviewer stated Social Security is “a Ponzi Scheme,” Walberg responded, “You’re right.” [Walberg iCaucus interview, 33:00, 6/25/10]

**October 2008: Denied Support of Privatization**

In 2008, in response to a Schauer campaign ad that claimed Walberg wanted to privatize Social Security, Walberg said he did not support privatizing the program.
Instead, Walberg said he would insulate funds from use for anything other than Social Security benefits and Medicare.

“I’m glad to respond to my record,” Walberg said. “A record that has never offered privatization for Social Security, regardless of what (Schauer) said.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 10/08/08; 11/02/08]

**September 2008: Supported Privatization**

In 2008, Walberg supported personal accounts for social security.

“I introduced the bipartisan Social Security and Medicare Lockbox Act to protect funds for current and future retirees, and I also support giving future younger workers the option of saving part of their payroll taxes in personal accounts,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 9/09/08]

**2006: Supported Bush Plan to Privatize Social Security**

In 2006, when asked if he supported Social Security privatization, Walberg said that the supported privatization, and that raising the retirement age and cutting benefits were only attempts to avoid true reform.

From the Detroit News:

“I support efforts to expand our ownership society by allowing younger workers to voluntarily invest a portion of their payroll taxes and allowing the money to be secured in personal investment accounts. Once the system is fully transitioned into personal investment accounts, the system will involve real savings and real rates of return. Raising the retirement age, cutting benefits, or raising taxes are not actual solutions, but rather attempts to avoid true reform.” [Detroit News, 7/17/06]

In 2006, Walberg told the Adrian Daily Telegram that he supported the President’s plan, including privatization of a portion of Social Security contributions. [Adrian Daily Telegram, 7/30/06]

... Though Privatization Puts Seniors’ Retirement Investments at Risk

If plans like Walberg’s had been in place when the stock market crashed, individuals could have lost nearly 40 percent of their retirement investments. And his plan could create a windfall of up to $279 billion in fees for his friends on Wall Street.

**Privatization Would Cut Benefits...**

According to the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, “privatization is not a plan to save Social Security; it is a plan to dismantle Social Security. Privatization means increased retirement risks, severe cuts in Social Security benefits, and a multi-trillion dollar increase in the federal debt.
“Privatization diverts money out of Social Security into individual accounts leaving an even larger solvency problem. Privatizers fill this funding gap by dramatically cutting Social Security benefits. They cover the rest by borrowing money, thereby increasing the debt burden on all taxpayers by trillions of dollars over the next half century. With market-based accounts, the risk of an adequate retirement is placed entirely on the individual.” [National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare website, accessed 7/09/08]

… And Gamble Social Security on Wall Street

According to the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, “Privatization will replace Social Security’s guaranteed defined benefits with individual investment accounts. In other words, privatization would take money out of Social Security and have workers invest instead in Wall Street.” [www.ncpssm.org/news/archive/vp_ssprivatization/]

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Wall Street Would Make $279 Billion in Fees from Social Security Privatization

In February 2005, Newsday wrote, “No one knows whether workers would prosper in private Social Security accounts, but financial firms would likely pull in big bucks… The Securities Industry Association calculated that the plan would generate at most $279 billion in fees, or about 8.6 percent of the $3.3 trillion in the financial sector’s total revenues, over 75 years.” [Newsday, 2/20/05]

Voted Against Protecting Social Security and Medicare Benefits from Privatization

In March 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have prohibited continuing appropriations funds for fiscal year 2011 for being used in developing or implementing a system that cuts Social Security benefits or that privatizes Social Security.

The amendment also prohibited funds from being used to develop or implement a system that cuts Medicare benefits, eliminates guaranteed health coverage for seniors or establishes a Medicare voucher plan that limits payments to beneficiaries in order to purchase health care in the private sector.

The motion failed, 190-239. [HJR 48, Vote #178, 2/15/11]

Voted Against Ruling Out Privatizing Social Security

In April 2014, Walberg voted against the Democratic budget alternative. The budget would rule out privatizing Social Security. [House Democratic Budget Substitute, FY 2015]
The budget failed, 163-261. [H Con Res 96, Vote #176, 4/10/14]

Supported An Extreme Tea Party Budget, Which Increased The Retirement Age For Social Security And Medicare Eligibility

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which would have enacted the Fiscal Year 2012 Republican Study Committee Budget.

The budget would have called for the repeal of the 2010 health care bill, increased the retirement age for Social Security eligibility and Medicare eligibility, would have fundamentally changed both the Medicare and Medicaid programs and would have cut mandatory spending by $1.9 trillion over 10 years.

According to the New York Times, “This plan goes even further than Mr. Ryan’s approach, proposing $1.7 trillion of tax cuts over the next five years and reducing agency budgets by about 30 percent — more than the 15 percent offered by Mr. Ryan’s plan. Additionally, the federal workforce, under the committee’s vision, would be greatly reduced and the Medicaid and Medicare programs would be overhauled.” [New York Times, 4/15/11]

The bill failed 119-136. [H Con Res 34, Vote #275, 4/15/11]

**NOTE:** 172 Democrats voted present to force Republican supporters to vote against the bill.

Voted Against Making Deep Cuts to Social Security Benefits in Bowles-Simpson Plan

In March 2012, Walberg voted against reducing Social Security benefits, cut Medicare and Medicaid benefits, offer more tax incentives for U.S. firms to export jobs overseas and lower tax rates for rich people and Wall Street.

The amendment failed 38-382. [H Con Res 112, Vote #145, 3/28/12]

**Budget Would Reduce Deficit by $4 Trillion**

The Bowles-Simpson plan would’ve directed lawmakers to reduce the federal deficit by more than $4 trillion over ten years through a combination of spending cuts and tax increases. [Wall Street Journal, 3/28/12]

**Budget Would Cut Social Security Benefits**

According to an analysis of the Bowles-Simpson plan by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the plan “Changes in the basic benefit formula would further reduce benefits. While these benefit cuts would be largest for workers with above-average earnings, they would affect the vast majority of retired and disabled workers. The co-chairs would soften the impact on some low earners by adding a new, enhanced minimum benefit equal to 125 percent of the federal poverty level. But the proposed minimum benefit is clumsily designed — few low-paid workers actually
would qualify for it [...] As a result, even many very low-income workers would face benefit cuts.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2/17/11]

**Budget Would Increase the Social Security Retirement Age**

According to an analysis of the Bowles-Simpson plan by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: “Under the co-chairs’ plan, the full retirement age would continue rising after 2022 (in accordance with changes in average life expectancy) and the ‘early-retirement age’ would rise by the same amount, with certain ‘hardship’ exemptions as described below. Sometime before 2050, the early eligibility age would reach 63 for most workers and the full retirement age would reach 68. By about 2070, the early eligibility age would reach 64 and the full retirement age would reach 69. Contrary to a widespread misimpression, any increase in the full retirement age amounts to an across-the-board cut in benefits for all retirees regardless of the age at which they file — including people who do not retire until 67 or even 70.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2/17/11]

**Budget Would Increase the Payroll Tax**

According to an analysis of the Bowles-Simpson plan by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: “The co-chairs’ proposal contains only one provision that would directly raise revenues. It would gradually increase the maximum amount of a worker’s earnings that are subject to the Social Security payroll tax (an amount that now stands at $106,800) so that 90 percent of all earnings would be taxable, as Congress intended in the 1977 Amendments. (Currently, about 85 percent of earnings in covered employment are taxable, a figure that is expected to slip to 83 percent in coming years.) This provision would be phased in extremely slowly; the Social Security actuaries estimate that the 90-percent target would not be reached until around 2050.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2/17/11]

**Voted for House Republican Budget for FY 2012, Increasing Medicare Costs By $6,400 Annually**

In 2011, Walberg voted for the FY 2012 budget resolution proposed by Congressman Paul Ryan. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/15/11]

The bill passed 235-193. [H Con Res 34, Vote #277, 4/15/11]

“I am encouraged by the early details of the budget released today by Chairman Ryan. I believe that it’s a serious proposal that puts us on a path to prosperity and avoids the impending fiscal meltdown.” [Representative Walberg press release, 4/05/11]

**Budget Would Increase Medicare Costs by $6,400**

In 2011, the USA Today reported that the House Republican budget passed in April would cost beneficiaries an average of $6,400 more annually, based on estimates from the Congressional Budget Office. [USA Today, 10/03/11]

**AARP: Budget “Removing Medicare’s Promise”**
In April 2011, the AARP wrote to members of Congress opposing the Republican Budget. “By creating a “premium support” system for future Medicare beneficiaries, the proposal will increase costs for beneficiaries while removing Medicare’s promise of secure health coverage – a guarantee that future seniors have contributed to through a lifetime of hard work,” wrote Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond of the AARP. [AARP, 4/06/11]

**Budget Targeted Medicare**

According to the McClatchy-Tribune News Service, “The most controversial part of Ryan’s plan is its eventual elimination of Medicare, the federal health plan for seniors … Ryan’s plan would end Medicare for anyone who retires after 2021 and replace it with a “premium support” program, in which the federal government would subsidize private health plans.” [McClatchy-Tribune News Service, 4/05/11]

**Would Force Seniors to Buy Health Coverage Through Private Insurers**

According to a Kaiser Family Foundation policy brief, beginning in 2022, “all newly-eligible Medicare beneficiaries (i.e., individuals turning 65 as well as younger, disabled individuals becoming eligible for Medicare) would only have access to health coverage through private insurance plans, rather than through the current government-run Medicare program (i.e., traditional Medicare), or under a Medicare Advantage plan.” [Kaiser Family Foundation Policy Brief, Proposed Changes to Medicare in “Path to Prosperity,” 4/08/11]

**CBO: Medicare Beneficiaries Would Purchase Private Health Insurance Policies**

According to the CBO, “Among other changes, the proposal would convert the current Medicare program to a system under which beneficiaries received premium support payments- payment that would be used to help pay the premiums for a private health insurance policy…” Also according to the report, “Beneficiaries of the premium support payments would choose among competing private insurance plans operating in a newly established Medicare exchange.” [CBO, 4/05/11]

**Walberg: Ryan Budget Put Medicare on Pathway of Long-Term Sustainability**

In 2011, Walberg said Democrats were distorting Medicare issues in the FY2012 Ryan budget for political purposes and were “push[ing] our seniors off a cliff.”

“As the Democrats continue to present no credible plan to save Medicare for future generations, the Republicans have led and presented an alternative to put Medicare on a pathway of long-term sustainability while giving consumers more choice in their health care decisions,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/08/11]

**Voted Present on Saving Medicare $157 Billion by Negotiating Prescription Drug Prices**

In 2013, Walberg voted present on a budget proposal that would have allowed Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices.
The Washington Post Plum Line reported that under the Congressional Progressive Caucus’ “Back to Work” budget, “Medicare is permitted to use its size to negotiate prescription drug prices—saving $157 billion over ten years…” [Washington Post, 3/14/13]

The budget failed 84-327. [H Con Res 25, Vote #85, 3/20/13]

**Cosponsored a Bill That Could Force Deep Cuts in Social Security, Medicare and Defense**

In 2011, Walberg co-sponsored the One Percent Spending Reduction Act of 2011, which was written by Congressman Connie Mack. [HR 1848 Cosponsors]

According to the Palm Beach Post:

> “Under the proposal, the federal government would reduce spending by 1 percent each year over six years. In the seventh year, federal dollars would be limited to 18 percent of gross domestic product, a measure of the overall economy’s size. By the eighth year the plan would balance the budget and save $7.5 trillion over 10 years, Mack and supporters say. If Congress and the president couldn’t reach an agreement about what to cut, the plan would trigger automatic across-the-board spending cuts over a decade, beginning in 2013. CRS concluded that would force an almost $2.9 trillion reduction in defense spending; $1.1 trillion from Social Security; and $211 billion from Medicare.” [Palm Beach Post, 10/05/12]

**Supported Bill to Protect Seniors from Abuse**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that was aimed at protecting seniors from abuse.

Specifically, the bill would direct the attorney general to study state laws on the abuse, neglect and exploitation of elderly people and report back to Congress. The measure would authorize $3 million annually from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2015 for the attorney general to develop a strategy for preventing abuse and exploitation of the elderly. [CQ Today, 9/23/08]

The bill passed 387-28. [HR 5352, Vote #626, 9/23/08]

**Voted to Protect Medicare Payments to Physicians, For Increased Funding**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill to stop a 10.6 percent cut in Medicare’s physician payment rates, scheduled to take effect July 1, 2008.

The White House opposed a provision that would partially offset the cost of the bill by cutting some bonus payments to private Medicare Advantage plans in areas with teaching hospitals. Medicare Advantage plans are paid at a higher rate than traditional Medicare, and Democrats have long argued that the private plans’ rates should be cut.

The Bush administration and many Republicans argue that the plans inject private competition into the market and will eventually lower costs. A Government Accountability Office study released in June 2008
found that in 2005 the private plans often overestimated how much money they spent on patient care, leading to higher than projected profits. [CQ Today, 6/25/08]

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 355-59. [HR 6331, Vote #443, 6/24/08]

**Voted in Opposition to Bush on Critical Medicare Payments Bill**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of overriding President Bush’s veto of a bill that would prevent a cut in Medicare physician payments.

The bill would replace a 10.6 percent cut to Medicare physician pay plans with 18 months of stable payments. The cost of these payments would be offset by cutting bonus payments to the Medicare Advantage plans, which are private Medicare plans. [CQ Today, 7/15/08]

Democrats had argued that Medicare Advantage’s private plans were too expensive and said that the override was necessary to stop doctors from refusing to see Medicare patients. [CQ Today, 7/15/08]

The Bush administration saw the private plans as the future of Medicare and argued that they enabled patient choice. The administration opposed the bill because of the cuts in funding to Medicare Advantage. [CQ Today, 7/15/08]

The override passed 383-41. [HR 6331, Vote #491, 7/15/08]

**Opposed Medicare Prescription Drug Negotiation**

In 2007, Walberg voted against requiring the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices.

The bill included discounts, rebates, and other price concessions that may be charged for drugs covered under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program. [Chicago Tribune, 1/13/07; CQ Weekly, 1/08/07]

The bill passed 255-170. [HR 4, Vote #23, 1/12/07]

**Supported Repeal of Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit…**

In 2006, Walberg said smaller government was his “Number 1 priority,” and that along with making the Bush tax cuts permanent and instituting a national 23 percent sales tax, he favored the repeal of the Medicare prescription drug benefit. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 8/06/06]

… But Five Months Later Said that Medicare Drug Plan Was Working

In 2007, Walberg wrote an editorial opposing a Democratic proposal for Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices with drug companies. Despite having earlier called for the repeal of the drug benefit, he said the program was working.
From the editorial:

…if we really want to look at how effective the government is at “negotiating” prices, do we need look any further than past examples of egregious government spending, such as the purchase of $400 hammers or $600 toilet seats? … The Medicare prescription drug plan is working, and recent efforts to “fix” the drug plan through a government-run solution will create tremendous problems for our seniors and their families. [Walberg editorial, Lansing State Journal, 1/24/07]

**Voted to Prevent Reimportation of Prescription Drugs**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the Department of Agriculture appropriations bill to prevent the reimportation of prescription drugs.

The amendment would have removed language in the bill which barred the use of funds by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prevent individuals, wholesalers and pharmacists from importing FDA-approved prescription drugs. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/02/07]

The amendment was defeated 152-278. [HR 3161, Vote #806, 8/02/07]

**Voted to Block Bonuses for Presidential Appointees in SSA, Medicare**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to block bonuses for senior level employees or presidential appointees to the Social Security Administration, Medicare or Medicaid.

The amendment would have barred the use of funds in the bill for a bonus or other performance-based cash award to any employee of the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services who was appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate, or is in a senior executive service position. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

The amendment was defeated 185-238. [HR 3043, Vote #672, 7/19/07]

**Opposed Delay to Medicaid Cuts**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a moratorium on the implementation of new Medicaid rules that the Bush Administration said were aimed at ending federal payment for services they don’t think Medicaid should cover and curtailing abuses in the system. [Congressional Quarterly, 5/02/08]

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) decried the bill on the Senate floor the week prior to the House vote on the measure. He argued that HR 5613 would spend $1.7 billion to delay the Medicaid regulations suggested by President Bush until 2009.
Grassley also cautioned that if the regulations were indefinitely delayed, the cost to taxpayers could be “almost $20 billion over the next five years and almost $50 billion over the next ten years.” [U.S. Senate, 4/16/08]

The motion passed 349-62. [HR 5613 Vote #209, 4/23/08]

**Voted to Prevent Illegal Immigrants from Receiving Social Security**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to prevent implementation of a totalization agreement between the United States’ and Mexico’s Social Security systems.

The amendment barred the use of funds in the bill by the Social Security Administration to compensate employees who administer Social Security benefit payments under any agreement between the United States and Mexico that establishes arrangements between the two nations’ social security benefits systems. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/07]

The amendment was aimed at blocking illegal immigrants from receiving Social Security benefits through a loophole in the Social Security totalization agreement between the United States and Mexico.

According to the amendment’s sponsor, Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA), “Our totalization agreement with Mexico threatens the Social Security Trust Fund by allowing Mexican workers in the U.S. to claim Social Security benefits and vice versa.”

Gingrey claimed his amendment would prohibit funding for the current totalization agreement, which was signed in 2004. [Congressman Phil Gingrey press release, 7/19/07; Arizona Republic, 6/26/04]

Opponents of the amendment said that there is no way under existing law that anyone who does not have authorization to work in this country, including undocumented immigrants, qualify for receipt of Social Security benefits. [Statement of Congressman Xavier Becerra, Congressional Record, 7/18/07; Page H8108]

The amendment passed 254 – 168. [HR 3043, Vote #673, 7/19/07]

**Voted Against Protecting Jobs Programs for Veterans, Seniors and the Disabled**

In 2013, Walberg voted against amending the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to explicitly prohibit any cuts to the program.

WIA provides employment protections, employment or training opportunities for seniors, disabled veterans, women in nontraditional occupations, youth, or people with disabilities. The motion would also raise the minimum wage, in increments over the course of two years, to $10.10 and increase the minimum wage for tipped employees to 70 percent of the minimum wage. [Congressional Research Service, 3/02/06; Huffington Post, 3/15/13]

The measure failed 184-233. [HR 803, Vote #74, 3/15/13]
**Voted Against Protecting Seniors from Abusive, Deceptive, or Unfair Practices**

In 2011, Walberg voted against ensuring the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau would retain its ability to protect seniors from abusive, deceptive, or unfair practices.

The motion failed 183-232. [HR 1315, Vote #620, 7/21/11; CQ Floor Votes, 7/21/11]

**Voted to Make Process More Difficult for Seniors and Veterans to Get Benefits**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would make it harder for low-income veterans and Social Security recipients to retain counsel in a civil action against the United States, like when fighting for benefits.

The Lummis amendment imposed a seven-month moratorium on all legal fees paid under the Equal Access to Justice Act, a Reagan-era law designed to help people afford an attorney while suing the government.

“We’re in the middle of two wars right now and to make it harder for a veteran — fighting for his benefits — to have an attorney is a horrible thing. That’s not what this country is about,” Robert Chishold, a prominent veterans’ law attorney said. [Politico, 2/23/11]

The amendment passed, 232-197. [HR 1, Lummis amendment #195, Vote #85, 2/17/11]

**Voted for FY 2013 Republican Study Committee “Cut, Cap and Balance” Budget Plan**

In March 2012, Walberg voted for the Republican Study Committee “Cut, Cap, and Balance” budget substitute amendment, offered as a more conservative alternative to the Ryan budget.

The substitute amendment reportedly “more closely resembles the Tea Party budget” than the Ryan budget offered for FY 2013. It would convert Medicare into a “premium support” plan that would provide premium subsidies to enrollees to offset the cost of health insurance policies.

Additionally, the budget plan would reform Social Security by raising its eligibility age.

The budget would also cut the top corporate and individual tax rate to 25 percent, eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax and the estate tax and repeal President Obama’s healthcare reform plan.

Lastly, the budget plan would convert the federal share of Medicaid spending into a block grant to states that would be level-funded at $267 billion per year for the next 10 years. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/29/12; The Hill, 3/27/12]

The amendment was defeated 136-285. [H.Con.Res.112, Vote #149, 3/29/12]

**Voted Against Tax Credit for At-Home Care of Elderly Relatives**
In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill that would provide a state tax credit to families who incur at-home services for an elderly or disabled family member.

The bill passed 84-18. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 3/20/97; HR 4213, Roll Call #140, 3/20/97]

**Voted Against Preventing Higher Energy Costs for Seniors**

In June 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would bar the Department of Energy from granting authorization for natural gas exports if the export would increase the price of gas, home heating or electricity for seniors. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/25/14]

The motion failed, 192-225. [HR 6, Vote #358, 6/25/14]

**Association Of Mature American Citizens Chose Tom Pletake Was Chosen As “Liaison Delegate” To Walberg**

**Association Of Mature American Citizens Chose Tom Pletake Was Chosen As “Liaison Delegate” To Walberg.** “The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) recently announced its selection of Tom Platek as ‘Liaison Deligate’ to Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan's 7th US Congressional District. Although this is a volunteer position, candidates must have submitted a complete application and brief resume for vetting. After being selected, one of the responsibilities of the delegate is to regularly meet with the congressman and pass on requests and positions of AMAC's members.” [Michigan Live, 1/24/14]

**Association Of Mature American Citizens Was “The Conservative Alternative To AARP.”** “The Association of Mature American Citizens is the conservative alternative to AARP, the voice of Americans ages 50 and older. The association's motto is ‘Better for You. Better for America!’” [Michigan Live, 1/24/14]

**Voted For Jeopardizing Social Security**

**Voted For Jeopardizing Social Security.** In January 2015, Walberg voted for a House Rules package that contained a provision that could threaten benefit cuts to Social Security. The provision would block Congress from redirecting payroll tax revenue from Social Security to the Social Security disability program to help keep the program afloat. The provision would block a transfer unless it was part of a larger plan to address Social Security’s finances through benefit cuts or tax increases. The resolution passed, 234-172. [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/06/15; Politico, 1/20/15]

**Eleven Million Recipients Of Disability Benefits Faced A 19 Percent Benefit Cut.** “The GOP’s immediate target is Social Security’s sprawling disability insurance program, which has grown at a pace far beyond its revenues and will exhaust its trust fund reserves by December 2016, threatening a 19 percent cut in benefits.” [Politico, 1/20/15]

**Eleven Million People Receive Disability Benefits.** “About 11 million people get disability benefits, nearly 40 percent more than a decade ago.” [Associated Press, 1/07/15]
Small Business Issues

Significant Findings

- Voted to loosen auditing and filing requirements for small businesses
- Voted to loosen business regulations, open the door for empty shell companies
- Opposed allowing small businesses greater access to investors
- 2013: Voted against bill designed to help small manufacturers

Walberg voted to loosen auditing and filing requirements for small businesses. He also voted to loosen business regulations that opened the door for empty shell companies. He also opposed allowing small businesses greater access to investors through the SBA.

In 2013, Walberg voted against consideration of bill to establish grants for state and regional manufacturing partnerships to provide loans and help small manufacturers export products.

Voted to Loosen Auditing Requirements for Small Businesses

In March 2012, Walberg voted to define “emerging growth companies” and exempt them from certain auditing requirements.

“Emerging growth companies” must have less than $1 billion in annual revenue, gone public no more than five years ago, and floated no more than $700 million in stock. Those companies would only have to report two years of audited financial statements before they go public. [Bloomberg Businessweek, 4/05/12]

A company would lose its “emerging growth” status if it issued more than $1 billion in non-convertible debt over the prior three years.

The bill passed 390-23. [HR 3606, Vote #110, 3/08/12]

Voted to Loosen Filing Requirements for Small Businesses

In March 2012, Walberg voted to increase the annual public offering threshold for companies to be exempt from full SEC filing requirements from $5 million to $50 million.
It would raise the minimum shareholder threshold at which companies are required to register with the SEC from 500 to 2,000. It would also raise the minimum shareholder threshold at which banks are required to register to 2,000.

The bill passed 390-23. [HR 3606, Vote #110, 3/08/12]

**Voted to End SEC Ban on Soliciting Investors, Selling Securities without Registering**

In March 2012, Walberg voted to end an SEC ban that prevented small, privately-held companies from using advertisements to solicit investors and allow companies to sell up to $2 million worth of securities - with an investment cap of $10,000 per individual -- without registering with the SEC.

The bill passed 390-23. [HR 3606, Vote #110, 3/08/12]

**Voted to Loosen Business Regulations, Open the Door for Empty Shell Companies**

In March 2012, Walberg voted for the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act that would define “emerging growth companies” and exempt them from certain independent auditing requirements. It would increase from $5 million to $50 million the annual public offering threshold for companies to be exempt from full Securities and Exchange Commission filing requirements and raise the number of shareholders that would trigger mandatory SEC registration from 750 to 2,000. The bill would also allow for companies to sell up to $1 million worth of securities without registering with the SEC.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the JOBS Act defined “emerging growth companies” according to how companies “once they have applied to go public” should be “exempt from some financial-reporting and corporate-governance requirements.”

The Wall Street Journal noted that companies newly classified as “emerging-growth” would not have to comply with requirements with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The law provides that those companies are allowed “to make fewer financial disclosures” and the confidential reviews under the law “are designed to let companies sort out any differences with the SEC behind closed doors.”

In the months after the bill was passed, at least a dozen of the companies “seeking to use its looser rules for going public aren’t the type of high-tech growth companies lawmakers had in mind” and are “basically empty shells with almost no employees that are used in mergers or as a backdoor route to U.S. stock listings.” [Wall Street Journal, 6/04/12]

The bill would also lift a SEC ban that prevents small, privately-held companies from using advertisements to solicit investors and would require anyone acting as a “crowdfunding” intermediary to register with securities regulators.


The motion passed 380-41. [HR 3606, Vote #132, 3/27/12]
Voted Against Prioritizing American Inventors

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion which moved patents to be developed and produced in America to the front of the approval line.

The motion would have required the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to prioritize patents which pledge to develop or manufacture their products in the United States. The motion would also deny this prioritization to nationals of countries that deny adequate and effective protection for patent rights or fair and equitable access for persons that rely on patent protection. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/23/11]

The motion failed 172-251. [HR 1249, Vote #490, 6/23/11]

Voted to Increase Funding for Economic Development Assistance

In 2011, Walberg voted in favor of increased funding for economic development assistance programs in the Economic Development Administration of the Commerce Department by $80 million. Equal funding would be taken from funds for the periodic census at the Census Bureau.

According to Michaud, from 2004 to 2008, the EDA-funded projects directly led to the creation of approximately 200,000 jobs nationwide. [Michaud press release, 2/16/11]

The amendment was adopted, 305-127. [HR 1, Michaud amendment #153, Vote #50, 2/16/11]

Supported Reauthorization of Small Business Research and Technology Programs

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of amending the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program. The bill would grant awards for research and development projects conducted by small businesses and would require agencies to spend a larger portion of their research and development budgets on innovative research and technology transfer project awards.

As amended by the House, the measure would encourage more grant applications from small-business owners who are service-disabled veterans. It would provide that veterans will be given priority when applying for SBIR and STTR awards. The measure would also prohibit businesses owned or partly owned by an illegal immigrant from receiving Small Business Innovation Research grants and would ban any business that knowingly recruited or hired an illegal immigrant from receiving future grants. [Congressional Quarterly]

The bill passed 368-43. [HR 5819, Vote #217, 4/23/08]

Voted to Stall Legislation to Award Small Business Grants

In 2008, Walberg voted to kill a bill to give preference in awarding grants to businesses that are owned by veterans, located in areas with high unemployment or that have taken steps to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/08]
During debate on the motion, Congressman Heller (R-NV) defended his motion, suggesting it would “help research ways to lower the price of fuel for Americans and small businesses.” Rep. Heller argued that H.R. 5819 should have also included “projects that have potential to lower gas and diesel costs.” [U.S. House of Representatives, 4/23/08]

The motion was rejected 195-215. [HR 5819, Vote #216, 4/23/08]

**Opposed Allowing Small Businesses Greater Access to Investors**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that reauthorized and expanded investment programs run by the Small Business Administration (SBA). In particular the legislation updated the Small Business Investment Company program and the New Market Venture Capital program, which had a lack of funding in previous years.

The bill created the Angel Investment Program in the SBA’s investment division that would partner with licensed investor groups that would be required to invest in small startup businesses. In exchange, the groups would receive up to $2 million in matching funds. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 9/29/07]

This legislation increased the cap on federal funding available to small businesses to $150 million, expand criteria for companies primarily investing in small manufacturers, and allows companies that have received conditional approval from the SBA to receive early grant assistance up to $50,000. [Representative Crenshaw Release, 9/28/07]

New language in the bill excluded employees of private investors when determining the size of a small business, which helped companies that needed to make it under the 500 employee cap that use to include the employees of a venture capital firm as part of a small businesses’ affiliates.

The bill also revised the New Markets Venture Capital program, which focused on economic development in low-income communities. It also created more incentives for investment in small manufacturing companies. [St. Joseph News-Press, 9/29/07]

The bill passed 325-72. [HR 2643, Vote #923, 9/27/07]

**Opposed Funding for Small Startup Businesses**

In 2007, Walberg supported a motion to recommit made by Tim Walberg (R-MI) to strike provisions from the Small Business Investment Act that would authorize funds for the Angel Finance program.

The Angel program would be part of the Small Business Administration’s investment division and would partner with licensed investor groups who would be required to invest in small startup businesses. In exchange, the groups would receive up to $2 million in matching funds.

The program was criticized by Walberg as an entitlement program to help millionaires decide what to invest in. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 9/29/07]

The motion to recommit was defeated 183-213. [HR 3567, Vote #922, 9/27/07]
Voted for Small Business Tax Breaks

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an emergency appropriations bill that included $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives.

The measure appropriated $22.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending, including $7.7 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, $3.1 billion for military base closure expenses, $1.8 billion for veterans’ medical care, $650 million for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, $2.9 billion for hurricane relief and $1.1 billion for anti-terrorism homeland security activities.

The measure also included a provision to raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years. To help small businesses with the costs of raising the minimum wage, the measure provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/24/07]

The measure passed 348-73. [HR 2206, Vote #424, 5/24/07]

Supported Increased Contracting for Women and Minority-Owned Businesses

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a bill to expand federal government contracting with minority and women-owned businesses.

The bill would increase the federal government’s small-business procurement goal to 30 percent from 23 percent under current law as well as the goal for procurement for minority and women-owned businesses to 8 percent from 5 percent.

The measure also limited the ability of federal agencies to bundle small projects into large contracts. The bill required the Small Business Administration to take steps to reduce erroneous entries in the government’s contractor registry. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

President Bush opposed the bill. [Statement of Administration Policy, 5/08/07]

The bill passed 409-13. [HR 1873, Vote #323, 5/10/07]

Voted to Not Expand Small Business Contracting

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to increase the government-wide small business procurement goal to 30 percent from 25 percent. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/10/07]

The amendment passed 371-55. [HR 1873, Vote #321, 5/10/07]

Supported Increased Federal Contracting with American Businesses

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment aimed at increasing federal contracting with American small businesses.
The amendment extended small business contracting goals to the federal government’s overseas contracts.

By including overseas contracts in federal small business contracting goals, federal agencies will be discouraged from using foreign companies or outsourcing to large businesses that then may subcontract with foreign companies. Reports estimate that by extending contracting goals to the government’s overseas contracts American small businesses could gain contracts worth nearly $15 billion. [Congressman Heath Shuler press release, 5/10/07]

The amendment passed 398-29. [HR 1873, Vote #320, 5/10/07]

**Opposed Increased Small Business Access to Homeland Security Contracting**


The bill authorized $39.9 billion for homeland security programs, including $300 million between fiscal 2008 and 2010 for grants to states to prevent terrorists or other individuals from fraudulently obtaining and using state-issued identification cards, as well as for developing more secure documents for issuance by the states. [Congressional Quarterly]

The bill reinstated critical funding for first responder programs like the State Homeland Security Grant program and FIRE Act grants. [Committee on Homeland Security, 5/09/07]

The bill also required the department to conduct a comprehensive homeland security review, and eliminated the department’s authority to establish a unique personnel management system. [Congressional Quarterly]

The bill also increased the ability of the Inspector General to investigate disaster response and border security programs and strengthened the integrity in the agency’s contracting practices and promotes small business opportunities. [Committee on Homeland Security, 5/09/07]

The bill passed 296-126. [HR 1684, Vote #318, 5/09/07]

**Supported Increased Loan Opportunities for Small Businesses**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a bill to improve the access to capital programs for small businesses.

The bill authorized the Small Business Administration to create four new 7(a) loan programs, which provide long-term loans for business startups or business expansions.

The measure also expanded the number of certified development companies eligible to issue SBA guaranteed loans. It allowed premier lenders to maintain a lower loss reserve that was equal to 1 percent of the total outstanding loan. Under the bill, if a lender chooses to be a premier lender, it would have to pay 15 percent of the SBA’s total loss on a defaulted loan. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/25/07]

The bill passed 380-45. [HR 1332, Vote #263, 4/25/07]
Opposed Bill to Strengthen Small Business Disaster Loan Programs

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to overhaul the Small Business Administration’s disaster loan program and create a disaster planning position within the agency.

Under the bill, the SBA would be required to develop and implement a disaster response plan and maintain a 1,000 person “disaster reserve corps.”

Individual disaster loan limits would be doubled to $3 million. The agency would be required to create a centralized application tracking system and revise repayment and disbursement timetables to treat borrowers more favorably. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/18/07]

President Bush opposed the bill. [Statement of Administration Policy, 4/17/07]

The bill passed 267-158. [HR 1361, Vote #225, 4/18/07]

Said Work as Pastor Gave Him Business Experience to Fix the Economy

In 2010, Walberg said that his 18 years as a pastor gave him the necessary business experience to help fix the economy.

“I have had to live fiscally conservative as well as talk fiscally conservative,” Walberg said. [Hillsdale Daily News, 6/01/10]

Said Members of Congress from Other States Thanked Him For Sending Jobs To Their Districts

In 2008, Walberg said that occasionally, members of Congress from other states thanked him for new jobs in their districts.

“Why are they thanking me? Because these are jobs that have been re-located from Michigan to other states, states with regulatory and tax structures that encourage business growth and innovation rather than discourage it,” Walberg said. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 2/01/08]

Voted For Increasing Review Of Small Business Administration Regulations, Expand Right To Challenge New Rules

Voted For Increasing Review Of Small Business Administration Regulations, Expand Right To Challenge New Rules. In February 2015, Walberg voted for the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 to “give the Small Business Administration more authority to ensure federal agencies grant small businesses flexibility in following regulations… Under the bill, the SBA would have new authority to ensure agencies comply with the law's regulatory review requirements, including by getting more directly involved with agency reviews of proposed rules. It would expand the ability of small businesses and other small entities affected by an agency's regulations to legally challenge those rules.” The bill passed 260 to 163. [HR 527, Vote #68, 2/05/15; CQ News, 2/05/15]

Voted Against Amendment Striking Provision In Bill Which Allowed SBA’s Chief Counsel
Authority To Set Small Business Size Qualifications

Voted Against Amendment Striking Provision In Bill Which Allowed SBA’s Chief Counsel To Set Size Small Business Size Standards. In February 2015, Walberg voted against Schrader of Oregon Part A Amendment No. 4, an amendment to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 that would strike a provision in the bill that would provide the Small Business Administration's chief counsel with authority to set size standards for small businesses and approve such standards. The amendment failed 184 to 234. [HR 527, Vote #65, 2/05/15; CQ]
**Technology**

### Significant Findings

- **Supported “Expanded Internet Access”**
- **Opposed FCC classification of Internet as utility under Title II of Communications Act**

In 2014, supported net neutrality and opposed a decision by the FCC to classify the internet as a utility under Title II of the Communications Act.

#### Supported Net Neutrality

**Supported “Expanded Internet Access.”** “INTERNET NEUTRALITY. Walberg: ‘I will continue to support expanded Internet access and guard against ... regulations that will stifle innovation.’” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/10/14]

#### Opposed Decision By FCC To Classify The Internet As A Utility Under Title II Of the Communications Act

**Opposed Decision By FCC To Classify The Internet As A Utility Under Title II Of the Communications Act.** “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Rep. Tim Walberg issued the following statement in response to President Obama's announcement of his support for regulating the Internet as a utility under Title II of the Communications Act: ‘The President's recently announced support for regulating the Internet as a utility is bad for consumers, entrepreneurs, and the future of our economy. The Internet has served as an engine for economic growth precisely because of its freedom from undue government regulation and interference. The FCC is an independent body and should resist this political pressure from the White House to regulate the internet in a way which will increase online censorship, kill jobs and limit future innovations.’” [Walberg Press Release, 11/11/14]

#### Voted For U.S. Government’s Oversight Of Internet’s Naming And Addressing System Over To The International Community

**Voted For U.S. Government’s Oversight Of Internet’s Naming And Addressing System Over To The International Community.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill, the Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2015. “The DOTCOM Act would allow the U.S. government to transfer its power to oversee the Internet's naming and addressing system — what turns www.google.com into a viewable Web page — over to the international community. While this might sound like giving the Internet to America's rivals, Washington actually ceded those powers long ago, and it retains them in name only. Today, that managing function is performed by a nonprofit called the International Corporation for Names and Numbers, or ICANN.” The bill passed, 378 to 25. [HR 805, Vote #377, 6/23/15; Washington Post, 7/21/15]
### Significant Findings

- Said he “never voted for a tax increase” but voted for tax increases in the Michigan House, supported local tax increase and increase in state sales tax.
- Voted against an amendment that would “ban federal contracts for companies that set up sham headquarters in offshore tax havens like Bermuda”.
- Voted against a motion seeking to end tax breaks for companies for companies moving operations overseas to avoid paying U.S. taxes.
- Voted to block consideration of bill ending a tax deduction for a U.S. company for the costs of relocating overseas; bill provided a tax credit for companies moving operations back to U.S.
- Voted against the elimination of a bonus depreciation tax break to corporations that relocate overseas.
- Supported Fair Tax and Flat Tax; 2006: Moderate GOP group ran ads highlighting Walberg’s extremism on taxes.
- Introduced legislation to make Bush tax cuts permanent.
- Voted for repealing the Estate Tax, which would reward .2% of Americans or 5,400 of the “Well-Off”.
- Voted against limiting tax deductions for executive bonuses.
- Voted against considering payroll tax cut extension for working Americans six times.
- Signed Americans for tax Reform Pledge not to eliminate tax deductions.

In 2006, Walberg insisted that he never voted for a tax increase and wasn’t going to. However, he voted for tax increases while in the Michigan House and supported property tax reform that included an increase in state sales tax. Walberg also voted for Republican budgets that would increase taxes on the middle class. And yet, Walberg also wrote an op-ed in 2000 in which he said he had “long stated that if I ever saw a tax increase needed to continue a necessary program... I would support it.” Walberg supported the Fair Tax and Flat Tax, both of which hurt working...
families. He also fought to make the Bush tax cuts permanent for even the wealthiest Americans.

In 2014, Walberg voted multiple times to shield companies seeking to move companies overseas in order to avoid paying taxes. In July, he voted against an amendment which, according to the New York Times, sought to “ban federal contracts for companies that set up sham headquarters in offshore tax havens like Bermuda.” The same month, Walberg voted against a motion to end tax breaks for companies relocating overseas to avoid paying U.S. taxes. Again in July, he voted to block consideration of a bill to end a tax deduction for U.S. companies for the costs of relocating overseas. Additionally, the bill would have provided a tax credit for companies moving their operations back to the United States. In July 2014, Walberg voted against the elimination of a bonus depreciation tax break to corporations that relocate overseas. In September, Walberg voted to block consideration of a bill to tighten restrictions on companies that move overseas to avoid paying U.S. taxes by increasing the percentage of foreign investors necessary to qualify the company to pay taxes at the foreign rate rather than the U.S. rate.

Over the course of his career in Congress, Walberg has voted multiple times to side with the richest portion of Americans. In 2015, he voted for repealing the federal Estate Tax, which would reward two percent of Americans or an estimated 5,400 of the most “well-off.” In order to qualify for the Estate Tax, a person would need to inherit at least $5.4 million. A USA Today editorial described it as “a rather exclusive group.” In January 2015, Walberg voted against limiting tax deductions for executive bonuses. Finally, he voted against considering a payroll tax cut for working Americans six times.

**Voted Against Prohibiting Federal Contracts for Companies Moving to Offshore Tax Havens**

In July 2014, Walberg voted against an amendment that would prohibit federal contracts for companies that move to offshore tax havens like Bermuda to avoid paying taxes. [New York Times, 7/15/14]

**New York Times: Amendment Would Have Banned “Federal Contracts For Companies That Set Up Sham Headquar ters In Offshore Tax Havens Like Bermuda.”** “The House on Thursday voted 221 to 200 to approve an amendment by one of its most vocal liberal members, Representative Rosa DeLauro, Democrat of Connecticut, to ban federal contracts for companies that set up sham headquarters in offshore tax havens like Bermuda. Thirty-four Republicans bucked their party to push it to passage.” [New York Times, 7/15/14]

The amendment passed, 221-200. [HR 4923, Vote #387, 7/10/14]

**Voted to Block Vote on Tightening Rules for Companies Moving Overseas to Dodge Taxes**

In September 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration the Stop Corporate Inversions Act. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 9/10/14]
The bill would tighten restrictions on companies that move overseas to avoid paying U.S. taxes by increasing the percentage of foreign investors necessary to qualify the company to pay taxes at the foreign rate rather than the U.S. rate. [Crain’s Chicago Business, 9/04/14]

The previous question passed, 227-196. [H Res 717, Vote #490, 9/10/14]

### Voted Against Ending Tax Breaks for Companies Moving Overseas to Avoid U.S. Taxes

In July 2014, Walberg voted against a motion to deny five charitable tax extenders and provisions to corporations that move overseas to avoid paying U.S. taxes. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/17/14]

The tax breaks included a charitable deduction for food donations, a tax break for contributions from certain retirement accounts, a conservation tax break for landowners, a tax cut for some private foundations, and an extension of the period for which taxpayers can claim donations on their tax return. The tax breaks would cost $16 billion over 10 years. [The Hill, 7/17/14]

The motion failed, 185-227. [HR 4719, Vote #431, 7/17/14]

### Voted to Block Vote on Ending Tax Break for Companies that Outsource Jobs

In July 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration of a bill that would end a tax deduction for moving costs for companies moving overseas while providing a tax credit for companies moving back to the United States. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 7/24/14; Bloomberg, 7/30/14]

The previous question passed, 226-191. [H Res 680, Vote #442, 7/24/14]

### Voted Against Ending Tax Break for Companies Moving to Tax Havens

In July 2014, Walberg voted against denying the bonus depreciation tax break to corporations that relocate to avoid paying U.S. taxes. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/11/14]

The bonus depreciation tax break allows companies to write off a percentage of new equipment. The underlying House bill would permanently extend the tax break, costing $287 billion over a decade. [PBS News, 7/11/14; Wall Street Journal, 7/11/14]

The motion failed, 191-229. [HR 4718, Vote #403, 7/11/14]

### Promised Taxes Would Not Increase As A Result Of His Votes

In 2007, Walberg apologized that he could not do more state tax policies as a federal representative.

“While I wish I could do more, I always at least make [my constituents] this guarantee: They will not see any of their taxes rise because of the votes I cast,” Walberg said. [RedState, 12/11/07]
Walberg: “I’ve Never Voted For A Tax Increase, And I’m Not Going To”

In 2008, Walberg discussed the differences between his record and that of his opponent, Mark Schauer.

“I’ve never voted for a tax increase, and I’m not going to. Schauer voted for all but one tax increase,” Walberg said. [Hillsdale Daily News, 8/23/08]

Claimed Never To Have Voted for Tax Increase While in Lansing, But Voted To Increase Taxes Multiple Times

In 2006, Walberg claimed never to have voted for a tax increase during his time in the Michigan legislature. [Associated Press, 8/09/06]

Voted for Tax Increases While State Representative

In 2008, Walberg’s congressional opponent, Mark Schauer, said that Walberg voted for legislation that raised the sales tax two percent when he was a state representative, as well as a bill that allowed cities to increase taxes.

“His fundamental statement that he’s never voted for a tax increase just isn’t right,” Schauer said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 8/07/08]

Walberg voted for the following tax increases while in a member of the Michigan House of Representatives:

- In 1988, Walberg voted for a bill that allowed cities to increase taxes. The bill passed the House 62-35. [SB 709, RC #915, 12/07/88]
- In 1990, Walberg voted for a bill that allowed business to tax new tires. The bill passed 101-2. [HB 4068, RC #343, 5/03/90]
- In 1996, Walberg voted for legislation to increase fees on motorcycles. The bill passed the House 95-7. [HB 5569, RC #705, 6/07/96]
- In 1997, Walberg voted for a bill that allowed car rental companies to impose a two percent tax increase on customers. The bill passed the House 56-53. [HB 4741, RC #941, 12/02/97]

“If Tim Walberg is lying to us about never voting for a tax increase, what else is he lying about?” Michigan Democratic Party Chair Mark Brewer asked. [MDP press release, 8/06/08]

Supported 27 Percent Increase in Diesel Fuel Tax

In 1997, Walberg voted to increase the state diesel fuel tax from 15 to 19 cents per gallon, an increase of 27 percent. The tax increase would not affect long-haul trucking, whose fuel taxes were set by the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax, but small trucks such as pickups and delivery vans and cars that use diesel fuels.

Supporters claimed the increase would level the playing field for small businesses, as similar
vehicles running on gasoline had already seen a fuel tax increase. Opponents claimed the bill unfairly targeted small business.

Senator Dianne Byrum, who opposed the increase, claimed it would be the biggest tax increase on small businesses in years. [Gongwer News Service, 2/26/98; Journal of the Senate, 2/26/98]

The bill passed the House 105-0. [HB 4841, RC #984, 12/09/97]

1996: Supported Increase in State Sales Tax

In 1986, Walberg was a prime co-sponsor of Proposal A, a measure to reform property taxes. The measure was placed on the ballot and passed in 1994. [Lansing State Journal, 7/29/04]

In 1994, Walberg said that he planned to vote for the ballot proposal, and as recently as 2012, Walberg expressed pride in having co-sponsored the measure. [Detroit Free Press, 3/11/94; Monroe Evening News, 10/28/12]

In addition to reforming property taxes, Proposal A also included a 50 percent increase in the state sales tax, from 4 to 6 percent. [MLive, 9/17/08]

2000: Supported Millage Increase in Lenawee County

In 2000, Walberg supported a millage increase to fund the Lenawee Vo-Tech Center.

From Walberg’s letter to the editor:

“It is a tax increase, and anyone who knows my legislative record on tax increases is justifiably surprised to hear me encourage the voters to support this 1.1 mill increase. An increase of $55 in taxes on a $100,000 home is nothing to sniff at. However… It is the skilled vocations, those being taught at Vo-Tech, that will provide the financial resources for our children and grandchildren.

I have long stated that if I ever saw a tax increase needed to continue a necessary program, offering equal benefit to all, and providing a service better than any available, I would support it.” [Walberg LTE, Adrian Daily Telegram, 5/26/00]

Said Tax Relief For Job Creators Best Way To Create Jobs

In 2008, Walberg said that tax relief was the best way to create jobs.

“The best way to create jobs and help families is to give incentive-based, permanent tax relief to job-creators,” Walberg said. [Detroit Free Press, 1/28/08]

Voted Against Preventing Tax Deductions For Executive Bonuses Exceeding $1 Million
**Voted Against Preventing Tax Deductions For Executive Bonuses Exceeding $1 Million.** In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would prevent companies from claiming tax deductions for executive bonuses exceeding $1 million if they failed to give lower level employees raises to match increases in the cost of living. The motion failed, 168-243. [H Res 5, Vote #5, 1/06/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/06/15]

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing U.S. Corporations From Moving Overseas To Dodge Paying Taxes.** In January 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of the Stop Corporate Expatriation and Invest in America’s Infrastructure Act, a bill that would prevent U.S. corporations from moving overseas to dodge taxes. “The second is an infrastructure bill that would stop corporations from relocating abroad and redirect tax money lost through these so-called inversions to infrastructure projects in the U.S. That money would be sent to the highway trust fund.” The previous question passed, 239 to 168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 5, Vote #4, 1/06/15; Politico, 1/05/15; Congressional Record, 1/06/15]

**Voted to Deny Consideration of the Big Oil Welfare Repeal Act**

In 2013, Walberg voted to deny consideration of the Big Oil Welfare Repeal Act, which would prohibit major integrated oil companies from receiving a tax deduction for domestic oil and natural gas production activities.

The previous question was approved 236-190. A vote against the motion would have allowed for consideration of the HR 1426, Big Oil Welfare Repeal Act. [H Res 140, Vote #93, 4/10/13]

**Voted Against Raising Taxes on 77 Percent of Americans**

In January 2013, Walberg voted against averting the fiscal cliff. The fiscal cliff deal raised federal income and payroll taxes on 77 percent of Americans, resulting in a $600 billion tax increase on high income Americans.

The Tax Policy Center estimated that under the bill, households making between $40,000 and $50,000 would face an average tax increase of $579 while households making between $50,000 and $75,000 would face an average increase of $822 in 2013. [Associated Press, 1/02/13]

The tax rate on individuals making over $400,000 a year and couples making over $450,000 a year would rise to 39.6 percent. The deal would also increase the tax rate on capital gains and dividends and create new deduction limits and surcharges.

The New York Times reported that the combined tax increases on high income Americans would total $600 billion over 10 years and the Wall Street Journal reported that the bill “represented the largest tax increase in the past two decades.” [New York Times, 1/04/13; Wall Street Journal, 1/02/13]

The bill passed, 257-167. [HR 8, Vote #659, 1/01/13]

**Opposed Raising Federal Gas Tax To Fix And Build America’s Infrastructure**

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Opposed Raising Federal Gas Tax In Order To Fix And Build Nation’s Infrastructure. “A proposal to raise the federal gas tax to fix and build America's roads and bridges is proving unpopular with members of Michigan's congressional delegation. … Rep. Tim Walberg agrees. ‘Addressing America's infrastructure needs should be an important priority of the new Congress, but raising the federal gas tax is not the right answer,’ said Walberg, R-Tipton.” [Detroit News, 1/28/15]

Opposed 3.6 Percent Surtax on Incomes Over $1 Million

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion which would have imposed a 3.6 percent surtax on incomes over $1 million.

The motion would have imposed a 3.6 percent surtax on incomes over $1 million, which would be indexed to inflation beginning in 2012. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [HR 3630, Vote #922, 12/13/11]

Voted Against Additional 1.1 Percent Payroll Tax Cut for Working Families

In 2011, Walberg voted against an additional 1.1 percent payroll tax cut for working families.

The motion would have increased the employee payroll tax cut to 3.1 percent for 2012 from 2.0 percent. According to an analysis by the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of Tax Policy, expanding the tax cut to 3.1 percent would have been a “tax cut of about $1,550 for the typical American working family in 2012” when compared to no extension of the payroll tax cut. [HR 3630, Vote #922, 12/13/11; Congressional Record, H8820, 12/13/11; Office of Tax Policy – Treasury Department, 11/30/11; CQ House Action Report, HR 3630, 12/12/11]

The motion failed 183-244. [HR 3630, Vote #922, 12/13/11]

Voted Against Considering Payroll Tax Cut Extension for Working Americans Six Times

In 2011, Walberg voted against the consideration of a payroll tax cut extension for working Americans six times.

✔ Walberg voted for a measure preventing Democrats from considering the Payroll Tax Holiday Extension Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief for 2012. [Congressional Record, H7955-1957, 11/30/11]

The previous question passed 239-184. [H Res 477, Vote #870, 11/30/11]

✔ Walberg voted for a measure preventing Democrats from considering the Payroll Tax Holiday Extension Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief for 2012, and the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2011, which extended unemployment benefits. [Congressional Record, H8151-8152, 12/06/11]

The previous question passed 236-184. [H Res 479, Vote #889, 12/06/11]
Walberg voted for a measure preventing Democrats from considering the Payroll Tax Holiday Extension Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief for 2012, and the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2011, which extended unemployment benefits. [Congressional Record, H8269-8270, 12/08/11]

The previous question passed 241-173. [H Res 487, Vote #902, 12/08/11]

Walberg voted for a measure preventing Democrats from considering an amendment in the nature of a substitute, which extended middle class tax relief, unemployment benefits, and the Medicare reimbursement doctor fix. [Congressional Record, H8756, 12/13/11]

The previous question passed 236-182. [H Res 491, Vote #918, 12/13/11]

Walberg voted for a measure preventing Democrats from considering the Middle Class Fairness and Putting America Back to Work Act of 2011, which extended middle class tax relief, unemployment benefits, and the Medicare reimbursement doctor fix. [Congressional Record, H8919, 12/14/11]

The previous question passed 235-173. [H Res 493, Vote #925, 12/14/11]

Walberg voted for a measure preventing Democrats from considering a bill passed by the Senate, which extended middle class tax relief, unemployment benefits, and the Medicare reimbursement doctor fix for two months. [Congressional Record, H9956-9958, 12/20/11]

The previous question passed 233-187. [H Res 502, Vote #944, 12/20/11]

NOTE: Voting for the measure is a vote against considering the payroll tax extension. A vote against the measure would have allowed Democrats to proceed.

Supported Bipartisan Compromise on Payroll Tax Extension

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bipartisan payroll tax extension compromise that would extend a $1,000 tax cut to 160 million Americans. Instead of passing the Senate’s bipartisan compromise, the motion to go to conference would have required further negotiations with the Senate.

“Even though Republicans and Democrats in the Senate were willing to compromise for the good of the country, a faction of Republicans in the House are refusing to even vote on the Senate bill -- a bill that cuts taxes for 160 million Americans,” President Obama said.

The Senate compromise extended the payroll tax cut and unemployment insurance for two months.

The motion passed 229-193. [HR 3630, Vote #946, 12/20/11; CBS News, 12/20/11; ABC News, 12/20/11]

Opposed Repealing the Bush Tax Cuts
In 2011, Walberg voted against legislation which eliminated the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts for those making more than $250,000 a year.

The legislation allowed the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts to expire and maintained funding for low-income heating assistance and Community Development Block Grants and increased funding for food stamps and infrastructure. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/15/11; The Hill, 4/13/11]

The bill failed 166-259. [H Con Res 34, Vote #276, 4/15/11]

**Introduced Legislation to Make Bush Tax Cuts Permanent**

In 2007, Walberg introduced the Tax Increase Prevention Act, which would repeal the expiration dates of the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 and make them permanent. [HR 2734, introduced 6/14/07]

Walberg said the bill would “prevent a massive $400 billion tax increase on families and job providers.” Citing a Heritage Foundation study, Walberg claimed allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire would raise taxes by $3,019 for every person in the 7th District, cause 2,272 job losses and cost the district’s economy $207 million. [Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 2/01/08; Walberg opinion, Washington Times, 6/16/07]

**Supported Making Bush Tax Cuts Permanent**

In his 2010 iCaucus interview, Walberg said he supported making the Bush tax cuts permanent:

“So, a lot of those things I would push forth, like the tax relief has to be there. The fact that until we do fair cut, the Bush tax cuts have to made permanent if they are allowed to go out, which it looks like they’re going to do it.” [Walberg iCaucus interview, 40:55, 6/25/10]

**2012: Introduced Legislation to Make Bush Tax Cuts Permanent**

In 2012, Walberg introduced a bill that would have made the Bush tax cuts permanent, repealed the estate tax, and extended the increased exemption for the alternative minimum tax, among other provisions. [HR 6225, introduced 7/26/12]

**Said Bush Tax Cuts “Blessed Nation”**

**Said 2001 And 2003 Tax Cuts “Blessed Nation.”** “Mr. WALBERG. Absolutely. I appreciate you bringing it up, and I appreciate my good friend from Ohio for endorsing legislation that I've offered, and to have you as co-sponsors on it as well, that would make permanent the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts that have blessed this Nation and its taxpayers well and have allowed this economy to grow at a steady pace for the longest time in history.” [Congressional Record, 12/18/12]

**Voted For Repealing Federal Estate Tax, Which Would Reward .2% Of Americans Or 5,400 “Well-Off Americans” Who Inherit At Least $5.4 Million**
Voted For Repealing Estate Tax. In April 2015, Walberg voted for repealing the estate tax. “The measure also would repeal the generation-skipping transfer tax and reduce the top marginal rate for the federal gift tax from 40 percent to 35 percent.” The bill passed, 240-179. [HR 1105, Vote #161, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

USA Today: “Repealing Estate Tax Would Reward .2%.” “Of the nearly 3 million Americans who die every year, only about two-tenths of 1% have enough assets to qualify. It’s a rather exclusive group. This isn’t to disparage people who worked hard enough (or, in some cases, were lucky enough) to have estates that big. It’s just that, at a time when income inequality is one of the nation’s most vexing problems, the 0.2% hardly need extra help from Congress.” [Editorial, USA Today, 4/16/15]

CBPP: “Roughly 2 Of Every 1,000 Estates Face The Estate Tax.” “Today, 99.8 percent of estates owe no estate tax at all, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation.[3] Only the estates of the wealthiest 0.2 percent of Americans -- roughly 2 out of every 1,000 people who die -- owe any estate tax. (See Figure 1.) This is because of the tax’s high exemption amount, which has jumped from $650,000 per person in 2001 to $5.43 million per person in 2015.” [CBPP, “10 Facts You Should Know About The Federal Estate Tax,” 3/23/15]

USA Today: Vote “Affects An Estimated 5,400 Well-Off Americans Every Year.” “Vote to repeal the estate tax, which affects an estimated 5,400 well-off Americans every year. We say ‘well off’ because you need to leave your heirs at least $5.4 million ($10.8 million for a couple) to have to pay any federal estate taxes at all. Of the nearly 3 million Americans who die every year, only about two-tenths of 1% have enough assets to qualify. It’s a rather exclusive group.” [Editorial, USA Today, 4/16/15]

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Bill Impacted Fewer Than 6,000 Families. “This tax is levied on the portion of estates exceeding $5.43 million per person or $10.86 million per married couple, and because of those exemption levels, it affects less than 1 percent of estates, or fewer than 6,000 families in 2014.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, 4/19/15]

Bill Would Add $269 Billion To National Debt. “Voting 240 for and 179 against, the House on April 16 passed a GOP-sponsored bill (HR 1105) that would permanently repeal the federal estate tax in a way that would add $269 billion to national debt through fiscal 2025.” [Albuquerque Journal, 4/19/15]


that there were 20 small, closely held farms and businesses that were subject to the tax that year. It’s unknown how many of them, if any at all, were sold to pay the levy. So Hurt’s statement comes up empty. We rate it False.” [Politifact, 5/03/15]

**Voted For Considering Estate Tax Repeal On House Floor**

**Voted For Considering Estate Tax Repeal On House Floor.** In April 2015, Walberg voted to consider a bill repealing the federal estate tax on the House floor. The rule was adopted, 242-182. [HRes 200, Vote #155, 4/15/15; CQ Votes, 4/15/15]

**Signed Pledge to Repeal Estate Tax**

In 2010, Walberg signed the American Family Business Institute’s Death Tax Repeal pledge, committing to vote for permanent repeal of the federal estate tax. [Hillsdale Daily News, 5/10/10]

**Co-sponsored Estate Tax Repeal**

In 2011, Walberg co-sponsored the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act. [HR 1259]

**Voted Against Preventing Giving Tax Benefits To Those Convicted Of Tax Fraud**

**Voted Against Preventing Giving Inheritance Tax Benefits To Those Convicted Of Tax Evasion Or Fraud.** In April 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would have prevented giving inheritance tax benefits to those convicted of tax evasion or fraud. The motion “would disqualify from the bill's provisions individuals convicted of attempting to evade the gift tax or before the bill's enactment engaged in a transaction with intent to evade the estate tax.” The motion failed, 186-232. [HR 1105, Vote #160, 4/16/15; CQ Votes, 4/16/15]

**Supported Abolishing IRS**

In a 2010 interview, Walberg said that he supported abolishing the Internal Revenue Service:

INTERVIEWER: The Internal Revenue Service.

WALBERG: It ought to be abolished. [Walberg iCaucus interview, 62:20, 6/25/10]

**Pushed The IRS To Grant Greater Hillsdale Humane Society’s Tax Exempt Status**

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Co-sponsored Bill to Eliminate Capital Gains Tax

In 2007, Walberg co-sponsored the Capital Gains Inflation Relief Act, which would stop families, small business owners, and family farmers from being taxed on gains that came simply from inflation. Walberg said the legislation would encourage investment and savings. [HR 1261, 3/06/07; Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 2/01/08]

Co-sponsored Bill to Reduce Corporate Tax Rate

In 2008, Walberg co-sponsored the Economic Growth Act, “which would give incentive-based, permanent tax relief to job-creators so that the private sector can invest in new equipment and capital, hire more employees and create more good-paying jobs.”

The bill would reduce the corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent, and allow for full expensing of new equipment purchases. [HR 5109, co-sponsored 1/23/08; Walberg Weekly Wrap Up, 1/25/08]

Voted Against Extending the Payroll Tax Relief Offset By Larger Pension Payments from Lawmakers

In 2012, Walberg voted against extending the 4.2 percent employee payroll tax rate through the rest of the year.

The cost of the bill was partially offset by requiring larger pension payments from newly hired federal employees and lawmakers, auctioning blocks of electromagnetic spectrum used by television broadcasters, and reducing funds for programs listed in the Affordable Care Act. [CQ Vote Summary, 2/17/12]

The bill passed 293-132. [H.R. 3630, Vote #72, 2/17/12]

Protected a 20 Percent Tax Break for Porn, Lobbying, and Prostitution

In April 2012, Walberg voted against eliminating a 20 percent income tax cut for companies engaged in pornography, lobbying, drug trafficking, illegal prostitution, companies that send U.S. jobs overseas, golf
courses that discriminate their membership on the basis of gender or race, and companies that violate U.S. trade sanctions against Iran.

The original bill provided a 20 percent income tax cut to virtually all U.S. partnerships and corporations with fewer than 500 workers. The motion would also have required Members of Congress who benefit from the tax cut to disclose that fact to constituents. [Washington Post, 4/22/12]

The motion failed 179-229. [HR 9, Vote #176, 4/19/12]

**Voted Against Middle Class Tax Cuts**

In 2012, Walberg voted against an amendment to focus tax cuts on income under $250,000 for joint filers, or about 98 percent of taxpayers and 97 percent of small business owners. The amendment was attached to a Republican bill that included extending tax cuts for the nation’s wealthiest 2 percent.

According to the Associated Press: “Republicans would extend the current rates of 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent and 35 percent for another year. Democrats would do the same, but not for individuals earning more than $200,000 annually and couples making $250,000. Those types of taxpayers, now paying top rates of 33 percent or 35 percent, respectively, would pay up to 36 percent or 39.6 percent. Democrats would limit itemized deductions and phase out the personal exemption that can be claimed by those highest-earning households; Republicans would not.” [Associated Press, 8/01/12]

The amendment failed 170-257. [HR 8, Vote #543, 8/01/12]

**Demanded Voting to Extend Bush Tax Cuts on Wealthiest**

In 2012, Walberg voted for a Republican bill to fully extend all of the Bush tax cuts, including on the wealthiest 2 percent, for one year.

According to an analysis of the Bush tax cuts, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities concluded: “The sum of the average annual tax cuts delivered to households with incomes over $1 million in each of the last nine years exceeds $1.1 million. The average tax cut these individuals received was more than $110,000 in each of these years.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 7/30/12]

The bill passed 256-171. [HR 8, Vote #545, 8/01/12]

**Voted for Republican Tax Policies Helping Millionaires, Corporations**

In 2012, Walberg voted for a plan to fast-track the tax code elements of the Republican budget, which gave tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans.

The Republicans’ proposal would relax some of Congress’s normal procedural rules in order to enact an overhaul of the tax code — so long as the tax overhaul meets the objectives laid out in the House budget plan authored by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan.
The bill would allow for lowering rates for millionaires, reducing corporate taxes to 25 percent, and adopting a territorial tax system. [Center for Tax Justice, 7/26/12]

The bill passed 232-189. [HR 6169, Vote #552, 8/02/12]

**Opposed Bill to Protect Taxpayers from the Alternative Minimum Tax**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a one-year adjustment for the Alternative Minimum Tax to prevent an additional 21 million taxpayers from paying it on their 2008 income.

Democrats put revenue-raising offsets into the bill, arguing that the $62 billion in revenue that would be lost through the patch must be made up. The revenue increases targeted private-equity managers, the oil and gas industry, certain foreign-owned corporations and merchants who underreport their income.

Republicans contended that offsets were unnecessary because the patch would simply maintain the tax status quo. They also said a temporary tax reprieve should not require permanent revenue increases and argued that the budget deficit should be closed by spending cuts, not revenue increases. [CQ Today, 6/25/08]

The bill passed, 233-189. [HR 6275, Vote #455, 6/24/08]

**Opposed Budget to Provide Middle Class Tax Relief**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a conference report that would establish the congressional budget for fiscal year 2009. The report would call for $3.1 trillion in spending in fiscal year 2009 and federal revenue totaling $2.7 trillion. The spending allowed for up to $1 trillion in discretionary spending for the fiscal year, plus $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/05/08]

The bill would project a $22 billion budget surplus by fiscal year 2012. Democrats argued that it would also allow the budget to remain in balance in 2013 using estimates from the Congressional Budget Office. [CQ Today, 6/05/08; “Summary of the 2009 Budget Conference Agreement,” House Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

Republicans argued that the conference report for the budget was the largest tax increase in history, saying that the budget would increase taxes by at least $638 billion over the next five years. [“The Largest Tax Increase in History, However They Slice It,” Republican Caucus, The Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

Specifically, the bill would accommodate tax relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax for more than 20 million households, as well as middle-income tax cuts and other tax relief, so long as they were in compliance with the pay-as-you-go rule. [“Summary of the 2009 Budget Conference Agreement,” House Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

The conference report passed 214-210. [S Con Res 70, Vote #382, 6/05/08]

**Supported Rebates for Taxpayers to Stimulate Spending**
In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of concurring with a Senate amendment to a stimulus package that would provide advance refund of a tax credit for most taxpayers equal to $600 for individuals and $1,200 for couples.

Families would receive $300 for each child under 17. It would begin phasing out the benefit for individuals with adjusted gross incomes above $75,000 and married couples with incomes above $150,000.

Companies could write off an additional 50 percent of new investment expenditures in 2008 for items subject to depreciation over 20 years or less. Small businesses would be allowed to write off the entire cost of new investment expenditures up to $250,000.

It would temporarily raise the size of mortgage loans the Federal Housing Administration could insure and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could purchase.

It would expand eligibility for rebate checks to include low-income senior citizens, disabled veterans and widows of veterans. It also would provide that illegal immigrants would not be eligible for rebate checks. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/07/08; CQ Weekly, 2/09/08]

The bill passed 380-34. [HR 5140, Vote #42, 2/07/08]

**Supported Tax Cuts, Rebates for Taxpayers to Stimulate Spending**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bipartisan, $146 billion fiscal stimulus package that would provide tax rebates and business incentives intended to jolt the economy with new spending.

The bill would provide advance refund of a tax credit for most taxpayers equal to $600 for individuals and $1,200 for couples, with the payments phased out for individuals earning more than $75,000 and couples earning more than $150,000.

It would provide a minimum payment of $300 for individuals paying less than that in income taxes who show earned income of at least $3,000. And it would provide an additional payment of $300 a child for all families receiving a payment.

On the business side, the House plan would give companies a 50 percent bonus deduction on new equipment that would normally be depreciated over many years. And it would double the limit on expenses to $250,000 from $125,000 that small businesses can deduct from annual income, with a total cap of $800,000.

This version of the stimulus would raise the size limit on “conforming” mortgage loans the Federal Housing Administration could insure and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could purchase, a step that would help homeowners in expensive markets refinance their loans. [CQ House Action Reports, 1/28/08; New York Times, 1/30/08]

The motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill was agreed to 385-35. [HB 5140, Vote #25, 1/29/08]
Opposed Extension of Deduction for State Sales Taxes, Deduction for Tuition

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would revive or extend about $55.5 billion in tax breaks for individuals and businesses for one year.

Specifically, the bill would allot $1.7 billion to allow individuals to deduct state sales taxes instead of income taxes from their 2008 tax filing, and $2.6 billion to extend the deduction for tuition and related expenses through 2008. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill also extended tax credits for solar energy, wind energy, biomass, geothermal energy and certain coal projects. The bill would also create a new category of tax credit bonds to help state and local governments with projects designed to reduce greenhouse gases. [CQ Weekly, 5/26/08]

The bill passed 263-160. [HR 6049, Vote #344, 5/21/08]

Voted to Stall Bill to Extend Tax Breaks

In 2008, Walberg voted against a motion to order the previous question on a bill that would revive or extend about $55.5 billion in tax breaks for individuals and businesses for one year. [CQ Today, 5/21/08]

The motion passed 223-190. [HR 6049, Vote #338, 5/21/08]

Voted to Cut Taxes without Budget Offsets

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit a bill that would revive or extend about $55.5 billion in tax breaks for individuals and businesses for one year.

The motion would have had the bill reported back with an amendment that would have added an Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) patch, lengthened the extension of several tax breaks and stripped out the bill’s offsets. [CQ Today, 5/21/08]

The motion failed 201-220. [HR 6049, Vote #343, 5/21/08]

Supported Tax Breaks for First-Time Homebuyers

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to a housing package that would establish a refundable tax credit of up to $7,500 for first-time homebuyers that would serve as an interest-free loan.

It provided an additional standard deduction in 2008 of up to $350 for individuals and $700 for married couples for state and local property taxes.

It also would authorize an additional $10 billion in tax-exempt bonds that would be used to refinance subprime loans, finance the construction of low-income rental housing, and support loans to first-time homebuyers.
It also increased the number of low-income housing tax credits. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/08/08]

The motion passed 322-94. [HR 3221, Vote #302, 5/08/08]

**Opposed IRS Reforms**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would make revisions to certain record-keeping requirements in the tax filing process.

The bill would eliminate an IRS debt-collection program that used private companies to collect delinquent taxes. It would also require more reporting on how taxpayers use their Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). [CQ Weekly, 4/21/08]

Supporters of the bill argued that federal workers would be able to collect delinquent taxes more efficiently than private companies. Opponents of the bill contended that the existing debt-collection program allowed the IRS to go after tax delinquents it would not otherwise contact. [CQ Weekly, 4/21/08]

The bill passed 238-179. [HR 5719, Vote # 190, 4/15/08]

**Opposed Consideration of IRS Reform Bill**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a rule that would allow a vote on a bill that would make revisions to certain record-keeping requirements in the tax filing process.

The bill would eliminate an IRS debt-collection program that used private companies to collect delinquent taxes. It would also require more reporting on how taxpayers use their Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). [CQ Weekly, 4/21/08]

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The rule passed 222-195. [HR 5719, Vote # 187, 4/15/08]

**Voted for Partisan Attempt to Stall IRS Reforms**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit on a bill that would make revisions to certain record-keeping requirements in the tax filing process.

The motion would have added language to the bill aimed at preventing so-called “sanctuary cities,” or cities which do not report illegal immigrants to the federal government, from issuing tax-exempt debt. The motion would have also increased IRS efforts to prevent illegal immigrants from claiming the earned-income tax credit. [CQ Today, 4/15/08]
The motion was rejected 210-210. [HR 5719, Vote #189, 4/15/08]

**Opposed Budget that Protected Middle Class Taxpayers**

In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal year 2008 budget conference report that began to reverse six years of Republican fiscal mismanagement, provided for middle-class tax relief and would return the budget to balance – reaching a surplus of $41 billion in 2012 – without raising taxes. [House Budget Committee, Overview of FY2008 Budget Conference Agreement, 5/16/07]

The budget supported middle class tax relief, including an extension of marriage penalty relief, the child tax credit, and the 10 percent bracket.

The budget also supported reform of the estate tax to protect small businesses and family farms. [House Budget Committee, Conference Agreement on the FY 2008 Budget Resolution: Building on the “Six for ‘06, 5/24/07]

The budget passed 214-209. [SCR 21, Vote #377, 5/17/07]

**Opposed FAA Tax Increases**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill that raised taxes on air travel.

The bill increased the general aviation fuel tax from 21.8 cents per gallon to 35.9 cents per gallon, and the commercial aviation fuel tax from 19.3 cents per gallon to 24.1 cents per gallon, with the extra revenue dedicated to air traffic control modernization. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/20/07]

The bill passed 267-151. [HR 2881, Vote #890, 9/20/07]

**2004-2013: Supported Extremist Fair Tax That Would Enact a 23 Percent National Sales Tax**

In 2006, Walberg said that he would support the Fair Tax, which would enact a 23% national sales tax on all goods and services sold at retail. Walberg said he supported a national sales tax as a means to “reducing taxes, junking the tax code and abolishing the IRS.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 7/05/06]

**Fair Tax On Top of List of Priorities if Elected**

In 2004, Walberg was asked to list his priorities in Congress if elected, and listed abolishing the IRS and instituting a Fair Tax at the top of his list.

“Ideally, I would like to abolish the income tax and the IRS (replace with fair tax), shutdown the Department of Education, enact the human life amendment, and rid the world of terrorists,” Walberg said. [Lansing State Journal, 7/29/04]

**Co-Sponsored Fair Tax Legislation**
In 2011, Walberg co-sponsored Fair Tax legislation, which would eliminate the current tax system and replace it with a consumption tax. [HR 25, co-sponsored 1/05/11]

In 2013, Walberg co-sponsored Fair Tax legislation. [HR 25, co-sponsored 1/03/13]

**Said Fair Tax Would Eliminate “Underground Economy”**

In 2013, Walberg said that a fair tax would cause drug dealers and the underground economy to go away.

“It would replace it with a simple national sales tax just on first person goods and services, that way everyone would have skin in the game including the drug pusher. The underground economy would go away because they purchase the same things that you and I do,” Walberg said. [Chelsea Civil Discourse Meeting, 2:00, 8/27/13]

**2008: Said Constitutional Change to Implement Fair Tax**

In 2008, Walberg said that he liked the Fair Tax, but that a Constitutional change would be needed to implement it.

“I’m for anything to make taxes more simple,” Walberg said. “There is no such thing as a ‘fair’ tax, but this is fairer, because you choose to buy, choose to pay the tax . . . I like it, however we would need to change the Constitution to do that.” [Coldwater Daily Reporter, 3/21/08]

**... Though Fair Tax Hits Middle Class and Cuts Taxes for Corporations and Millionaires**

Walberg supported a plan that would impose a 23 percent national sales tax on all of us, while eliminating federal income taxes for corporations and reducing them for millionaires.

**The Fair Tax Would Eliminate Federal Income Taxes for Corporations**

According to Americans for Fair Taxation, the group that is backing the effort to impose a Fair Tax, the tax would replace the individual income tax, payroll taxes, the corporate income tax, the self-employment tax, and the estate tax. [Americans for Fair Taxation, “The Fair Tax Act of 2007 – HR 25: Plain English Summary,” fairtax.org, accessed 7/30/08]

**The Fair Tax Would Reduce Taxes for Millionaires**

Below is a breakdown of how the Fair Tax would impact Michigan taxpayers. According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the bottom 80 percent of Michigan taxpayers would see a tax increase of $3,046 on average, while the top 5 percent of Michigan taxpayers would see a tax reduction of $44,294 on average.

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[Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 9/2004]

… Though Fair Tax Hits Families Buying Essentials

Under the Fair Tax, families would be hit hard, paying a 23 percent sales tax on nearly everything they buy, including groceries, prescription drugs, clothing, and gas.

**NOTE:** The Fair Tax does not apply to the purchase of used goods or education expenses. Hence the use of “nearly” instead of “all”.

**Fair Tax Would Apply to All Goods and Services Sold at Retail**

According to Americans for Fair Taxation, the group that is backing the effort to impose a Fair Tax, the tax would apply to all goods and services sold at retail.

It would NOT apply to the purchase of used goods or to education expenses.

From Americans for Fair Taxation:

Effective January 1, 2009 it replaces the above taxes with a national retail sales tax on all goods and services sold at retail. The tax rate is set to be revenue neutral – at the level necessary to replace the revenues generated by the repealed taxes. … A 23-percent (of the tax-inclusive sales price) sales tax is imposed on all retail sales for personal consumption of new goods and services. Exports and the purchase of inputs by businesses (i.e., intermediate sales) are not taxed, nor are used goods or any savings, investment, or education tuition expenses. [Americans for Fair Taxation, “The Fair Tax Act of 2007 – HR 25: Plain English Summary,” fairtax.org, accessed 7/30/08]

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… Including Clothing

According to FairTax.org, new clothing would be taxed under the Fair Tax:

The FairTax is a single-rate, federal retail sales tax collected only once, at the final point of purchase of new goods and services for personal consumption. Used items are not taxed. Business-to-business purchases for the production of goods and services are not taxed. A rebate makes the effective rate progressive. [Fairtax.org FAQ]

… Including Gas

Factcheck.org, an organization that checks the validity of claims made in political advertising and other media, confirmed that the Fair Tax would not only apply to gasoline, but would be placed on top of existing taxes.

According to Factcheck.org, the list would include:
✓ Purchases of new homes
✓ Rent
✓ Interest on credit cards, mortgages and car loans
✓ Doctor bills
✓ Utilities
✓ Gasoline
✓ Legal fees [Factcheck.org, “Unspinning the Fair Tax,” 5/31/07]

… Though Fair Tax Hits Families Paying Their Mortgage

By supporting the Fair Tax, Walberg supports eliminating federal tax deductions for mortgage and property taxes, which would raise taxes for the middle-class.

Fair Tax Would Eliminate the Mortgage Interest Deduction
According to Americans for Fair Taxation, an organization that supports a shift from our federal and state tax system to a 23% national sales tax, the Fair Tax would make mortgage interest deductions “irrelevant.”

In a 2007 report the organization released on the impact of the Fair Tax on home ownership, Americans for Fair Taxation state that the new tax system would treat home purchases like any other retail good.

From the Americans for Fair Taxation report:

“Under the FairTax, the purchase of a home, just like the purchase of a car, food, or any good or service for personal use is seen for what it is: An item of consumption. Since the FairTax taxes all consumption without exception (except previously taxed goods and services), the FairTax imposes a 23 percent (tax-inclusive rate) tax on the purchase price of new homes.”

The report goes on to say that the FairTax “taxes new homes at 23 percent and repeals the income tax along with the [mortgage interest deduction].” [American for Fair Taxation, “Promoting Home Ownership: How the Fair Tax’s Benefits for Homeowners Exceed the Mortgage Interest Deduction,” 2007, accessed 9/17/08]

... Though Fair Tax Double Taxes Our Seniors

Under the Fair Tax, seniors would be taxed twice.

**Seniors Who Saved Would Face Double Tax Under Fair Tax System**

According to PolitiFact.com, seniors who had saved their money would face a “double tax” under the Fair Tax system:

> “Then we checked with the SEIU. They acknowledged that the Fair Tax would be a replacement for the current tax system. But they made an interesting point -- that for seniors, the explicit target audience for the ad, there is something that you might call double taxation. For many years, seniors paid taxes on their income when they earned it. **Whatever they didn’t spend, they saved, and in their retirement years, when they aren’t earning fresh income that would be tax-free under the Fair Tax, those accumulated savings would be spent -- and thus taxed at 23 percent. Voila -- double taxation.**” [politifact.com, 10/20/10]

**Economic Experts Agreed the Fair Tax Would Double Tax Seniors**

In 2010, former Reagan and Bush administration official Bruce Bartlett and Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center senior fellow Bob Williams both said that the Fair Tax would double tax seniors:
“Bartlett said the proposal ‘penalizes those who are older who have saved for their retirement during an era when saving was heavily penalized by the income tax. But rather than being able to spend their savings tax free, as they anticipated, they will now have to pay sales taxes on everything they buy, including health care. It will be hard for them to avoid seeing this as a double tax.

Bob Williams, a senior fellow with the Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center, agreed that the Fair Tax double-taxes savings.” [politifact.com, 10/20/10]

2006: Moderate GOP Group Ran Ads Highlighting Walberg’s Extremism on Taxes

In July 2006, the Republicans Who Care Individual Fund, affiliated with the moderate Republican Main Street Partnership, unveiled ads criticizing Walberg’s support for the Fair Tax.

“Given that Walberg’s agenda includes support for a dangerous new national sales tax, it’s not surprising that he was once named one of Michigan’s worst legislators.” Walder said, referring to a Detroit News ranking that listed Walberg as one of the worst state legislators. [Republicans Who Care press release, 7/11/06]

Supported Extremist Flat Tax That Would Shift Tax Burden from Rich to Us

In 2010, Walberg supported a radical overhaul of our tax system that cuts taxes for the wealthiest Americans and raises taxes on the struggling middle class. His plan would shift the tax burden from millionaires to the rest of us. [Walberg op-ed, Hillsdale Daily News, 10/27/10]

**Flat Tax Would Shift Burden from Rich to Non Rich**

According to a report by the Economic Policy Institute, lower tax rates for the wealthy under a flat tax will have to be financed by some combination of higher taxes on the middle class and larger budget deficits.

A flat tax that raises the same revenues as our current tax code would shift a significant portion of the tax burden from the rich to average workers.

According to Citizens for Tax Justice, under a flat tax, the fortunate few with incomes above $200,000 will see their taxes fall by an average of $53,940. [Falling Flat: The Dubious Case for a Flat Tax, Economic Policy Institute, 1/17/96]

Walberg Signed Americans for Tax Reform Pledge Not to Eliminate Tax Deductions

In 2003, Walberg was listed as a signer of the Americans for Tax Reform’s Taxpayer Protection Pledge, stating that he opposed any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates. [ATR press release, 10/30/03; ATR Pledge]
… That Protected Tax Breaks for Companies that Ship Jobs Overseas

Even though 63,143 jobs have been lost in Michigan to unfair trade deals like NAFTA, Walberg signed a pledge that protected tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas to places like India and China.

**NAFTA Hit Michigan Harder Than Any Other State**

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the North American Free Trade Agreement has resulted in a net loss of 63,143 jobs for the state of Michigan. Michigan was the hardest hit state as a share of total state employment. [Economic Policy Institute, “NAFTA’s Cautionary Tale,” 7/20/05]

**President Obama Called for the Elimination of Tax Breaks for Companies that Create Jobs Overseas**

On May 4, 2009, President Obama stated that his budget would end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. The President’s proposal would accomplish this goal by stopping letting American companies that create jobs overseas to take deductions on their expenses when they do not pay any American taxes on their profits. [Obama Remarks, 5/04/09]

**India and China Remain Top Outsourcing Destinations**

In July 2009, Bloomberg Businessweek reported that India remains the world’s top outsourcing destination for IT and back-office functions, with China close behind. [Bloomberg Businessweek, 7/10/09]

… That Protects Big Oil Profits While We Pay More at the Pump

Walberg wants to let big oil companies keep reaping massive profits at our expense, while we pay more at the pump. He signed a pledge that protects tens of billions in special tax breaks for big oil companies, who also enjoy giant breaks on royalties from the government.

**Regular Gallon of Gas in STATE Cost $3.57**

As of June 26, 2013, a regular gallon of gas in Michigan cost $3.57. [AAA Fuel Gauge report]

**ATR Opposed Bipartisan Gang of Ten Proposal to End Tax Loopholes Enjoyed by Oil Companies**

In 2008, a group of bipartisan Senators proposed closing the tax loopholes enjoyed by oil companies; however, the ATR stated that the Republicans who co-sponsored the proposal
were violating the Pledge as it would increase the net income taxes on oil companies. [Chattanooga Times Free Press, 9/13/08]

ATR’s specific complaint that the proposal repealed section 199 tax credits which ATR valued at 30 Billion Dollars.

From the ATR’s Letter to Senate Co-Sponsors:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), I strongly urge you to oppose the compromise energy plan agreed to by the “Gang of Ten” on August 1, 2008.

We commend the Senate’s bi-partisan attempt to solve the current energy crisis. However, the compromise plan proposed by the original “Gang of Ten” Senators contains several fatally flawed provisions.

The most glaring of which is the repeal of IRS Sec. 199 which will raise taxes on American energy production by $30 billion, and which by itself is a Taxpayer Protection Pledge violation. [Emphasis added; ATR Letter, 9/10/08]

Oil Companies Have Received Breaks on Royalties from Federal Government in Gulf of Mexico

In April 2010, the Houston Chronicle reported that the oil industry was opposing efforts to collect royalties on oil and natural gas produced in federal waters.

A 1995 law allowed the government to waive royalty payments that are usually required for oil and natural gas produced in federal waters, however the government has contended that it could resume collecting royalties if oil prices rose above certain thresholds, but Energy companies countered that royalties could resume only if a certain volume of production had been reached. [Houston Chronicle, 7/27/10]

Oil Companies Are Able to Reclassify Royalty Payments as Taxes Giving them a Break on American Taxes

In July 2010, the New York Times reported that since the 1950s which the State Department’s backing oil companies have been able to reclassify the royalties charged by foreign governments to American oil drillers as taxes which entitled the companies to subtract those payments from their American tax bills. It is estimated that this practice will cost the US $8.2 million over the next ten years.

From the New York Times:

Other tax breaks were born of international politics. In an attempt to deter Soviet influence in the Middle East in the 1950s, the State Department
backed a Saudi Arabian accounting maneuver that reclassified the royalties charged by foreign governments to American oil drillers. Saudi Arabia and others began to treat some of the royalties as taxes, which entitled the companies to subtract those payments from their American tax bills. Despite repeated attempts to forbid this accounting practice, companies continue to deduct the payments. The Treasury Department estimates that it will cost $8.2 billion over the next decade. [New York Times, 7/03/10]

… That Opposed Holding Big Oil Companies Accountable

Walberg signed a pledge that opposed holding big oil companies accountable for contributing their fair share to clean up disastrous oil spills like the one in the Gulf, leaving taxpayers to foot the bill.

ATR Opposed Plan to Increase Oil Spill Liability Fund Financing

On May 28, 2010, the House passed a bill which increased the taxes which oil companies must pay on a barrel of oil to increase funding to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, to pay for damages from major spills like the Gulf of Mexico disaster. [Associated Press, 5/29/10; AFP; 5/28/10]

When the bill made its way to the Senate, ATR wrote that supporting the legislation would be a violation of the pledge as it increased the taxes on a barrel of oil.

From ATR:

Americans for Tax Reform continues to oppose the tax extenders package in the US Senate. Besides the tax increase on a barrel of oil, the bill as a whole is a tax increase – both a marginal rate increase and an income tax increase, thus violating the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. [ATR, 6/22/10]

Supported Huge Tax Cut for Business

In June 1995, Walberg voted in favor of a bill modifying the single business tax (SB 342) that could cost the state as much as $200 million in lost revenue.

The bill would modify the base for the single business tax (SBT) for businesses that sell out of state from the current 50% of sales and 25% of payroll and property to 100% on sales.

Senate Minority Floor Leader John Cherry (D-Clio) claimed that the bill put school funding at risk.

Cherry said the bill would “create a fiscal crisis down the road that none of us will have to live with because of term limits” and would mean the state could not meet its commitments to public schools under Proposal A. [Gongwer News Service, 6/8/95]

The bill passed 27-8. [SB 342, RC #1144, 11/29/95]
Co-sponsored Local Officials Tax Relief Act

In 2008, Walberg co-sponsored legislation to exempt towns and townships from having to pay Social Security and payroll taxes on employees making under $1,300 a year.

The bill would allow small towns to save money by avoiding reporting requirements for “citizens who essentially volunteer their time and receive minimal amounts of compensation for their service.” [Representative Pomeroy press release, 7/25/08]

Voted For Making Individuals With Delinquent Tax Debt Ineligible For Federal Employment

Voted For Making Individuals With Severely Delinquent Tax Debt Ineligible For Federal Employment. In April 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that would make individuals with “seriously delinquent tax debt” ineligible for federal employment, and would include existing federal employees. The bill failed, 266-160. A two thirds majority was required to pass the bill, under suspension of the rules. [HR 1563, Vote #157, 4/15/15; CQ News, 4/15/15]

Bill Opponents Noted That Tax Compliance Rate Was 97 Percent For Civil Servants. “Opponents noted in debate that the tax compliance rate for civil servants was 97 percent in 2014, compared to 95 percent for House members and their staffs and 91 percent for the public at large. Civil servants owed $1.14 billion in delinquent taxes last year.” [Bakersfield Californian, 4/18/15]

Voted Against Requiring State & Local Tax Deduction Legislation To Not Increase Deficit Or Delay Comprehensive Tax Reform

Voted Against Requiring State & Local Tax Deduction Legislation To Not Increase Deficit Or Delay Comprehensive Tax Reform. In April 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would prevent deficit increases or delays in overall tax reform as a result of state & local tax deduction legislation. The motion also provided a one year extension of a state and local sales tax deduction rather than a permanent extension to make sure Congress could perform fiscally responsible tax extensions. The motion failed, 179-243. [HR 622, Vote #158, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

Voted For Permanently Allowing Taxpayers To Deduct State And Local Sales Taxes

Voted For Permanently Allowing Taxpayers To Deduct State And Local Sales Taxes. In April 2015, Walberg voted for a bill “that would make permanent the ability of taxpayers to deduct state and local sales taxes in lieu of state and local income taxes, which expired at the end of 2014. The measure would be effective for tax years beginning with 2015.” The bill passed, 272-152. [HR 622, Vote #159, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

Albuquerque Journal: Bill Not Paid For, Would Add $42 Billion To National Debt. “Because the bill is not paid for, it would add $42 billion to national debt through fiscal 2025.” [Albuquerque Journal, 4/19/15]
**Voted For Considering State And Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act On House Floor.** In April 2015, Walberg voted to consider the State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act of 2015 on the House floor. The rule was adopted, 242-182. [HRes 200, Vote #155, 4/15/15; CQ Votes, 4/15/15]

**Voted For Research Tax Credits**

**Voted For Permanent Research And Tax Development Tax Credit.** In May 2015, Walberg voted for the American Research Competitiveness Act of 2015. “H.R. 880, the American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015 (Brady) to simplify and make the research & development tax credit permanent.” The bill passed 274 to 145. [HR 880, Vote #260, 5/20/15; Roll Call, 5/01/15]

**Voted Against Extending Research Tax Credit By Two Years And Preventing Deficit Increase.** In May 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit with instructions for the American Research Act of 2015. “Motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would remove the bill's proposal to make permanent the research and development tax credit that expired at the end of calendar year 2014, and change the way elements of the credit are calculated. The bill would replace those provisions with language that would extend the credit for two years and would state that the bill shall not result in increasing the deficit or delaying or weakening efforts to adopt a permanent extension of the research credit in a ‘fiscally responsible manner.’” The motion failed, 181-240. [HR 880, Vote #259, 5/20/15; CQ, 5/22/15]

**Voted to Find Internal Revenue Service Director Lois Lerner in Contempt of Congress**

In May 2014, Walberg voted for a resolution to find Internal Revenue Service Director Lois Lerner in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Lerner was under investigation by the Committee for alleged IRS targeting of the tax exempt status of conservative groups. Lerner headed the IRS division responsible for applications for tax-exempt status. [Fox News, 9/23/13]

Politico reported that critics of the vote “compared the entire process to the 1950’s, when Sen. Joe McCarty directed a series of contempt votes on Americans who refused questioning about what he called their ‘un-American’ activities.” [Politico, 5/07/14]

The resolution passed, 231-187. [HR 574, Vote #203, 5/07/13]
Trade Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Voted against protections from Chinese currency manipulation
- Voted for free trade deals in Colombia, Panama, South Korea, Peru
- Voted multiple times for blocking consideration of bill to re-authorize the Export-Import bank, but in June 2015, voted for consideration of bill to re-authorize the bank; Reversed stance again in July, voting twice against reauthorization; In the end voted for reauthorization of bank
- Walberg said NAFTA created jobs – NAFTA hit Michigan harder than any other state
- 2004: Participated in a GOP debate, at which, the Lansing State Journal wrote that “during the debate, candidates all agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation’s economy
- 2015: Voted for Trade Promotion Authority on the Trans Pacific Partnership, which Ford Motor Company said did not “contain adequate protections against currency manipulation
- 2015: Claimed trade agreements had improved America’s well-being
- 2015: Voted for an amendment reducing funding for International Trade Administration by $312 million; opposed by Republican Rep. for degrading ability to fight against “unfair subsidies given by foreign governments”
- 2015: Voted against an amendment to increase funding to a program that “helps U.S. manufacturing firms capitalize on business opportunities and make them more competitive in global markets”
- 2015: Voted against an amendment to prohibit funds for trade agreement negotiations where the terms are confidential

Walberg voted against protections from Chinese currency manipulation but voted for free trade deals in Colombia, Panama and South Korea.
In March 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a bill to re-authorize Export-Import bank, but then in June 2015, vote for the consideration of a bill to re-authorize the bank.

In 2015, Walberg voted for the Trade Promotion Authority on the Trans Pacific Partnership, saying it would “hold the President and any future President accountable to both the American worker and Congress.” Additionally, he voted against an amendment to prohibit funds for trade agreement negotiations where the terms are confidential. His vote for TPP came despite the Ford Motor Company saying the trade agreement did not “contain adequate protections against currency manipulation.” In June 2015, he claimed trade agreements had improved America’s economic well-being.

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Walberg Said NAFTA Created Jobs

In 2010, Walberg expressed support for NAFTA at a meet and greet in Jackson.

“It’s been proven- - it’s been proven that it’s supplied more jobs of equal or better pay to our country over the course of time,” Walberg said of NAFTA. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/03/10; MIRS, 9/03/10]

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Walberg Participated In 2004 GOP Debate; Lansing State Journal: “During The Debate, Candidates All Agreed That Outsourcing Is Both Necessary And Good For The Nation’s Economy”

In 2004, the Lansing State Journal reported that all of the candidates at a Republican primary debate that Walberg attended “agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation’s economy.” [Lansing State Journal, 4/27/04]

Lansing State Journal: Walberg Participated In Debate and “During The Debate, Candidates All Agreed That Outsourcing Is Both Necessary And Good For The Nation’s Economy.” “Brad Smith and the five other Republicans seeking to succeed Nick Smith participated in a debate Monday sponsored by the Eaton County Republican Party. The seat historically has gone to a Republican. The other GOP
candidates for the two-year term are former state Sen. John Schwarz of Battle Creek, state Reps. Gene DeRossett of Manchester and Clark Bisbee of Jackson and former state Reps. Tim Walberg of Tipton and Paul DeWeese of Eaton Rapids…. During the debate, candidates all agreed that outsourcing is both necessary and good for the nation's economy.” [Lansing State Journal via Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/30/08]

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Shauer Ad Attributed Outsourcing Quote To Walberg, But “Problem Is, In That Article,[…] Does Not Quote Walberg Saying That.” “State Sen. Mark Schauer has a new ad out called ‘Tables’ which criticizes U.S. Rep Tim Walberg on jobs. The ad shows a man and a woman whose jobs were outsourced to companies in Mexico and China, and then says Walberg said outsourcing is good for the economy. In the background, next a photo of Walberg this phrase appears in quotes; ‘agreed that outsourcing is … good,’ and cites an article in the Lansing State Journal from 2004. The problem is, in that article, (which you can read in full after the jump) does not quote Walberg saying that.” [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 9/30/08]

Voted For Trade Promotion Authority, Saying It Would “Hold President And Any Future President Accountable To Both The American Worker And Congress”

Voted For Trade Promotion Authority, Saying It Would “Hold President And Any Future President Accountable To Both The American Worker And Congress.” “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-07) released the following statement regarding his vote on Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), which establishes the guidelines for Congress and the President for negotiating future trade agreements. In Michigan, more than 1.2 million jobs are dependent on American trade…. While TPA is not a trade agreement, it is instead a way to hold this President and any future President accountable to both the American worker and Congress.” [Tim Walberg Press Release, 6/12/15]

Claimed Trade Agreements Had Improved America’s Economic Well-Being

Claimed Trade Agreements Had Improved America’s Economic Well-Being. “Congressman Tim Walberg took time out of his schedule on Monday to meet with Hillsdale County residents at the Jonesville City Hall, during a town hall meeting…. He emphasized that when America is absent when trade agreements are made, other countries such as China, lead the trade agreement negotiations. He emphasized a critical need for America to be significantly more involved with trade agreement negotiations so that American employer and employee interests can be represented in these negotiations. He related that the purpose of the trade agreements is to provide Americans with a hand up and not a hand down. Despite many people believing that trade agreements have reduced the economic welfare of Americans, with big-box stores selling foreign-made products and a few areas of commerce where there is a trade deficit, overall, there has been a boost in the welfare of American families. He emphasized that the average American household is $13,600 better off because of the current trade agreements.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 6/24/15]

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trade deal that will likely play out in a number of top House and Senate contests in 2016, whether or not it's passed by Congress…. Michigan's 7th District: A slowing industrial economy has also taken its toll on the 7th District, which includes a tiny slice of Lansing. In her quest to unseat four-term Rep. Tim Walberg in a Tilts Republican race, Democratic state Rep. Gretchen Driskell has attacked him for voting to fast-track the deal. Walberg has not said whether he'll sup-port final passage.” [CQ News, 11/06/15]

Ford Motor Company Said TPP Did Not “Contain Adequate Protections Against Currency Manipulation”

Ford Motor Company Said TPP Did Not “Contain Adequate Protections Against Currency Manipulation.” “In the Safe Republican district, actress Melissa Gilbert is challenging freshman Rep. Mike Bishop. She's already made TPP a factor, hitting him for supporting fast-track and neglecting Michigan workers…. Ford Motor Company, a Michigan-based company, announced Thursday that the deal didn't contain adequate protections against currency manipulation - a critique Driskell seized on later that day.” [CQ News, 11/06/15]

Voted For Bill To Re-Authorize The Export-Import Bank

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Bill Was Advanced To Vote By The Little-Used Discharge Petition That Forced House To vote On The Legislation Against The Wishes Of Party Leadership. “If Republicans aren’t already divided enough, several dozen party members have signed a petition that will force the House to vote on whether to revive a controversial government-run bank that helps big American companies sell goods overseas. Some 41 Republicans signed a so-called discharge petition in an effort to fully reopen the Export-Import Bank. They joined ranks with nearly all Democrats to meet the 218-vote threshold required to allow a bill to reach the House floor…. A discharge petition is an obscure technique used to force a vote on an issue against the wishes of party leadership. They are rarely used and rarely succeed.” [MarketWatch, 10/09/15]

Voted Against Amendment Increasing Financing Set-Aside For Small Businesses By Ex-Im Bank, Absence Of Increase Would Temporarily Bar Issuing Guarantees

Voted Against Amendment Increasing Financing Set-Aside For Small Businesses By Ex-Im Bank, Absence Of Increase Would Temporarily Bar Issuing Guarantees. In November 2015, Walberg voted against an “amendment that would increase by five percent each fiscal year for four years the percent of financing available to the Export-Import Bank that it is required to set aside for small businesses. Absent an increase in the set-aside, the bank would be temporarily barred from issuing guarantees, insurance or credit more than $100 million benefitting one person.” The amendment failed, 121 to 303. [H.R. 22, Amendment #73, Vote #607, 11/04/15; CQ, 11/04/15]
Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Ex-Im Bank From “Guaranteeing, Insuring Or Extending Credit” In Transactions Absent Competition From Foreign Credit Agencies

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Voted For Amendment Requiring Ex-Im Financing Recipients Of $10 Million Or More To Have Been Denied By Private Sector At Least Twice

Voted For Amendment Requiring Ex-Im Financing Recipients Of $10 Million Or More To Have Been Denied By Private Sector At Least Twice. In November 2015, Walberg voted for an “amendment that would require recipients of Export-Import Bank financing of more than $10 million to have been denied financing at least twice by the private sector. It also would institute penalties for inaccurate claims made by financing recipients about the availability of competing foreign export financing or private sector financing.” The amendment failed, 124 to 302. [H.R. 22, Amendment #75, Vote #609, 11/04/15; CQ, 11/04/15]

Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Ex-Im Financing Of Foreign Companies If Receiving Foreign Government Support From Country With Sovereign Wealth Fund Value Of $100 Million Or More

Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting ExIm Financing Of Foreign Companies If Receiving Foreign Government Support From Country With Sovereign Wealth Fund Value Of $100 Million Or More. In November 2015, Walberg voted against an “amendment that would prohibit the Export-Import Bank from providing financing to foreign companies that benefit from support from a foreign government if the foreign government's sovereign wealth funds have a value of more than $100 billion.” The amendment failed, 116 to 308. [H.R. 22, Amendment #76, Vote #610, 11/04/15; CQ, 11/04/15]

Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Treasury Department Loss Guarantee For Ex-Im Bank

Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Treasury Department Loss Guarantee For Ex-Im Bank. In November 2015, Walberg voted against an “amendment that would eliminate the Treasury Department's guarantee of losses at the Export-Import Bank.” The amendment failed, 117 to 308. [H.R. 22, Amendment #77, Vote #611, 11/04/15; CQ, 11/04/15]

Voted For Amendment Limiting Ex-Im Bank Single Sector Credit Exposure To 20 Percent, Prohibit Single Person From Benefiting From More Than 10 Percent

Voted For Amendment Limiting Ex-Im Bank Single Sector Credit Exposure To 20 Percent, Prohibit Single Person From Benefiting From More Than 10 Percent. In November 2015, Walberg voted for an “amendment that would require the Export-Import
Bank's credit exposure in a single industrial sector to be limited to 20 percent of the bank’s total credit exposure. It also would prohibit the bank from issuing financing in a fiscal year if doing so would result in a single person benefitting from more than 10 percent of the total dollar amount of the bank's credit assistance in the fiscal year.” The amendment failed, 114 to 314. [H.R. 22, Amendment #78, Vote #612, 11/04/15; CQ, 11/04/15]

Voted Against Allowing Companies To Appeal Directly To Ex-Im Board Of Directors Regarding Economic Harm Caused By The Bank’s Transactions

Voted Against Allowing Companies To Appeal Directly To Ex-Im Board Of Directors Regarding Economic Harm Caused By The Bank’s Transactions. In November 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment, “that would allow companies to appeal directly to the Export-Import Bank's board of directors regarding an allegation that the company would suffer economic harm from a proposed bank transaction.” The amendment failed 129-298. [HR 22, Vote #616, 11/04/15; CQ, accessed 1/07/16]

Voted For Requiring The Export-Import Bank To Use Fair Value Accounting Principles In Financial Statements

Voted For Requiring The Export-Import Bank To Use Fair Value Accounting Principles In Financial Statements. In November 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment, “that would require financial statements of the Export-Import Bank to be in accordance with fair value accounting principles.” The amendment failed 133-295. [HR 22, Vote #615, 11/04/15; CQ, accessed 1/07/16]

Voted Against Prohibiting The Export-Import Bank From Providing Financing To A Foreign Borrower Without The US Company Guaranteeing The Loan Be Repaid

Voted Against Prohibiting The Export-Import Bank From Providing Financing To A Foreign Borrower Without The US Company Guaranteeing The Loan Be Repaid. In November 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment, “that would prohibit the Export-Import Bank from providing financing to a foreign borrower in connection with the export of goods or services by a U.S. company without a guarantee from the company of repayment by the foreign borrower, and a pledge of collateral, in certain percentages specified in the measure. It also would require that the guarantee be senior to any other obligation. Small businesses would be exempt.” The amendment failed 115-313. [HR 22, Vote #613, 11/04/15; CQ, accessed 1/07/16]

Voted Against Bringing A Bill To Reauthorize The Export-Import Bank To The Floor

Voted Against Bringing A Bill To Reauthorize The Export-Import Bank To The Floor. In October 2015, Walberg voted against a “motion to discharge from the House Rules Committee and bring to the House floor the rule (H Res 450) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 597) that would reauthorize the Export-Import Bank through fiscal 2019.” The motion carried 246-177. [HR 597, Vote #569, 10/23/15; CQ 10/23/15]

Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of Re-Authorization Of Export-Import Bank

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Export-Import Bank Reauthorization

Voted For Blocking Consideration Export-Import Bank Reauthorization. In September 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a vote to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank. The previous question carried, 238-179. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on Export Import Bank Reauthorization. [HR 420, Vote #497, 9/17/15; Congressional Record, 9/17/15]

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Voted For Block Reauthorization Of Export-Import Bank

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Reauthorizing The Export-Import Bank. In October 2015, Walberg voted for to block consideration of a vote to reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. The previous question carried, 237-180. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank. [H RES 449, Vote #529, 10/01/15; Democratic Leader, Previous Questions, 10/01/15]

July 2015: Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Renewing The Export-Import Bank

Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Renewing The Export-Import Bank. In July 2015, Walberg voted for to block consideration of an “amendment to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.” The previous question carried, 242-180. A vote against the previous question was to
force the vote on reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. [H Res 388, Vote #483, 7/29/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/29/15]

**July 2015 Voted For Blocking Vote On Reauthorization of Export-Import Bank**

**Voted For Blocking Vote On Immediate Reauthorization Of Export-Import Bank.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for blocking a vote to re-authorize the Export-Import bank. Congressional Republicans failed to take action and the bank’s charter expired. [H Res 319, Vote #371, 6/17/15; USA Today, 7/01/15; House Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, accessed 7/08/15]

**June 2015: Voted For Consideration Of Bill To Re-Authorize The Export-Import Bank**

**June 2015: Voted For Consideration Of Bill To Re-Authorize The Export-Import Bank.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for consideration of a bill to re-authorize the Export-Import Bank. “The Democratic Previous Question would force a vote to re-authorize the Ex-Im Bank, ending Republicans’ needless crisis.” The previous question passed 243 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.Res. 333, Vote #379, 6/24/15]

**March 2015: Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Re-Authorize Export-Import Bank**

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Re-Authorize Export-Import Bank.** In March 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of a bill to “force an immediate vote to re-authorize the Export-Import Bank, a self-funded agency that provides certainty and support to American businesses and creates American jobs.” The previous question passed 233 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 152, Vote #126, 3/19/15; 114th Congress Previous Questions, 3/19/15]

**2014: Voted to Block Long-Term Reauthorization of Export-Import Bank**

In September 2014, Walberg voted to block a seven-year reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 9/15/14]

The Export-Import Bank supports more than 200,000 American jobs by providing financing or guarantees for $37.4 billion in American exports. Nearly 90 percent of the Export-Import Bank’s transactions support American small businesses. [Chamber of Commerce, accessed 11/18/14]

The previous question passed, 224-188. [H Res 722, Vote #498, 9/16/14]

**Voted For Amendment Reducing Funding For International Trade Administration By $312 Million; Opposed By Republican Rep. For Degrading Ability To Fight Against “Unfair Subsidies Given By Foreign Governments”**

**Voted For Amendment Reducing Funding For International Trade Administration By $312 Million.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment which would cut funding to the International

Texas Republican Rep. Opposed Amendment Saying Cut Would Degrade “Ability To Fight Against ‘Unfair Subsidies Given By Foreign Governments To Their Businesses That Cause American Workers To Lose Their Jobs.” “Funding trade promotion: The House has rejected an amendment sponsored by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2578). The amendment would have eliminated $312 million of funding for trade promotion programs at the government’s International Trade Administration. McClintock said trade promotion was the proper responsibility of private businesses, both individually and in trade associations, and taxpayers should not pay for the profits of private businesses. An amendment opponent, Rep. John Abney Culberson, R-Texas, said the funding cut would degrade the International Trade Administration’s ability to fight against “unfair subsidies given by foreign governments to their businesses that cause American workers to lose their jobs.” The vote, on June 2, was 154 yeas to 263 nays.” [Citizens-Times, 6/05/15]

Voted Against Amendment To Increase Funding To Program That “Helps U.S. Manufacturing Firms Capitalize On Business Opportunities And Make Them More Competitive In Global Markets.”


Politifact: Program “Helps U.S. Manufacturing Firms Capitalize On Business Opportunities And Make Them More Competitive In The Global Markets.”” During the 2008 presidential campaign, Barack Obama promised to double funding for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a program run by the U.S. Commerce Department that helps U.S. manufacturing firms capitalize on business opportunities and make them more competitive in the global markets.” [Politifact, 9/30/11]

Program Provided Business Information And Resources To U.S. Manufacturing Firms. “The Hollings Manufacturing Extensions Partnership is part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which in turn falls under the U.S. Department of Commerce. The partnership, which consists of federal, state and local organizations, provides business information and resources to U.S. manufacturing firms to make them more competitive in the global markets.” [Politifact, 11/06/09]

Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Funds For Trade Agreement Negotiations Where The
**Terms Are Confidential**

**Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Funds For Trade Agreement Negotiations Where The Terms Are Confidential.** In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act that “prohibit[s] the use of funds to negotiate or enter into a trade agreement whose negotiating texts are confidential.” The amendment failed 27-399. [HR 2578, Vote #282, 6/03/15]

**Voted For Extension Of Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**Voted For Extension Of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).** In June 2015, Walberg voted for a “motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide Trade Promotion Authority for trade agreements negotiated by the administration, under which they would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures without amendment, and would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance programs to help displaced U.S. workers. The portion of the Senate amendment covered by the division would reauthorize, through June 30, 2021, trade adjustment assistance programs and alternative trade adjustment assistance for workers laid off because of the impact of foreign competition. Offsets would include an extension of certain customs fees and prevention of certain taxpayers with high levels of foreign income from receiving the refundable portion of the child tax credit.” The motion failed 126-302. [HR 1314, Vote #361; CQ Floor Votes, 6/12/15]

**NYT: TAA Failing Would Cripple President Obama’s Trade Agenda.** “Hours after President Obama made a dramatic, personal appeal for support, House Democrats on Friday thwarted his push to expand trade negotiating power — and quite likely his chance to secure a legacy-defining accord spanning the Pacific Ocean. In a remarkable blow to a president they have backed so resolutely, House Democrats voted to end assistance to workers displaced by global trade, a program their party created and has supported for four decades. That move effectively scuttled legislation granting the president trade promotion authority — the power to negotiate trade deals that cannot be amended or filibustered by Congress.” [New York Times, 6/12/15]

**Voted For Granting President Trade Promotion Authority**

**Voted For Senate Amendment To Provide Trade Promotion Authority For Trade Agreements Negotiated By The Administration.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would provide Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) for trade agreements negotiated by the administration, under which they would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures without amendment. However, due to Congress rejecting Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in the vote immediately preceding, votes in favor of TPA were rendered largely irrelevant. “Republicans moved quickly to hold a vote on Trade Promotion Authority, but even though the bill received a majority of votes, it will not go to the president’s desk because it does not match the Senate-passed package.” The amendment passed 219 to 211. [HR 1314, Vote #362, 6/12/15; The Atlantic, 6/12/15]

**Voted For Granting Trade Promotion Authority**

**Voted For Concurring In Senate Amendment To Grant The President Trade Promotion Authority.** In June 2015, Walberg voted for Trade Promotion Authority (TPA). “The House on Thursday took the
first step toward resuscitating the White House’s trade agenda by passing legislation granting President Obama fast-track authority … This is the second time in a week the House has voted to approve the controversial fast-track bill. On Friday, the House voted 219-211 in favor of fast-track, which would make it easier for Obama to complete a sweeping trans-Pacific trade deal … House Democrats have historically favored TAA, but they voted against it on Friday to kill fast-track, which is deeply opposed by unions and other liberal groups.” The amendment passed 218 to 208. [HR 2146, Vote #374, 6/18/15; The Hill, 6/18/15]

Voted For Adopting A Rule To Extend Trade Adjustment Programs And The African Growth Opportunity Act

Voted For Adopting A Rule In Order To Concur Senate Amendment To Extend TAA Programs And AGOA. In June 2015, Walberg voted for the “adoption of the resolution (H Res 338) that would make in order a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 1295) that would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs that help U.S. workers harmed by trade agreements until 2021 and the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) through FY 2025.” The rule was adopted 251-176. [H. Res. 338, Vote #386, CQ Floor Votes, 6/25/15]

Voted For Reauthorizing TAA And Extending AGOA, The Generalized System Of Preferences And The Preferential Duty Treatment For Haiti

Voted For Reauthorizing The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program And Extending AGOA, The Generalized System Of Preferences And The Preferential Duty Treatment For Haiti. In June 2015, Walberg voted for a trade preferences bill that would reauthorize the Trade Adjustment Assistance program. “The House Thursday finally sent President Barack Obama a bill to reauthorize the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which had become a casualty of a protracted fight between the White House and congressional Democrats over fast track. The 286-138 vote on the trade preferences bill (HR 1295) included 175 Democrats, many of whom earlier this month voted against trade assistance, or TAA, measure as part of their strategy to block fast-track Trade Promotion Authority. In the end, only six Democrats voted against TAA. … The trade preferences bill includes the African Growth and Opportunity Act, known as AGOA, and the Generalized System of Preferences that provides developing nations access to the U.S. market through the duty-free treatment of exports. It also includes preferential duty treatment for certain goods from Haiti. The bill also includes a House-passed provision that would replace a $700 million cut to Medicare in 2024, originally proposed to help pay for TAA.” The bill passed, 286 to 138. [HR 1295, Vote #388, 6/25/15; CQ News accessed 8/20/15]

Voted Against Prohibiting Helium Exports to Sanctioned Countries

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment to prohibit the export of helium from the Federal Helium Reserve to Iran, North Korea, or Syria, or any person in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

The amendment, offered by Rep. Brad Schneider, failed 186-211. [HR 527, Vote #127, 4/26/13]

Voted Against Protections from Unfair Chinese Currency Manipulation
In 2011, Walberg voted against a bipartisan effort to crack down on unfair Chinese currency manipulations that cost American jobs.

The motion would have added the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act to the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act. The motion would have allowed the U.S. government to impose tariffs on goods produced in countries that “fundamentally” undervalue their currencies. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

According to the Economic Policy Institute, “If only China revalued [their currency] by 28.5%, the growth in U.S. GDP would support 1,631,000 U.S. jobs.” That revaluation of the yuan/dollar exchange rate by China alone would increase U.S. GDP by $207 billion dollars in 18 to 24 months. [Economic Policy Institute, 6/17/11]

The motion failed 192-236. [HR 3078, Vote #780, 10/12/11]

### Voted to Implement the Colombia Trade Agreement

In 2011, Walberg voted to implement the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

The agreement “reduce[d] most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce[d] barriers to trade in services, increase[d] protections for intellectual property and require[d] Colombia to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards”. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

Critics of the trade agreement said it failed to crack down on violence against union activists. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 262-167. [HR 3078, Vote #781, 10/12/11]

### Voted to Implement the Panama Trade Agreement

In 2011, Walberg voted to implement the Panama Trade Agreement.

The bill implemented the Panama Trade Agreement which “reduce[d] most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce[d] barriers to trade in services, increase[d] protections for intellectual property and require[d] Panama to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards”. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

Critics of the trade agreement said it would take away legal tools used to fight tax evasion and money laundering. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 300-129. [HR 3079, Vote #782, 10/12/11]

### Voted to Implement the South Korea Trade Agreement

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The bill implemented the South Korea Trade Agreement which “reduce[d] most tariffs and duties on goods traded between the two countries, reduce[d] barriers to trade in services, increase[d] protections for intellectual property and reduce[d] tariffs on U.S. autos exported to South Korea”. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/12/11]

Critics of the trade agreement said there were no guarantees the deal with South Korea would boost U.S. auto exports. [USA Today, 10/13/11]

The bill passed 278-151. [HR 3080, Vote #783, 10/12/11]

**New York Times: United Auto Workers Supported Trade Agreement**

**New York Times: United Auto Workers Supported Trade Agreement.** “An unusual split in the labor movement has developed over President Obama’s proposed free-trade pact with South Korea, with two powerful unions backing the deal — a development that experts say will make Congressional ratification far more likely. The United Automobile Workers are pleased that the agreement will increase auto exports to Korea, and the United Food and Commercial Workers are encouraged that the pact will bolster meat exports to Korea.” [New York Times, 12/08/10]

**AFL-CIO Opposes South Korea Free Trade**

**Associated Press, HEADLINE: AFL-CIO Opposes South Korea Free Trade.** [Associated Press, 12/09/10]

**Voted for Extending Trade Adjustment Assistance**

In 2011, Walberg voted for extending Trade Adjustment Assistance that provides retraining to workers and others who lost their jobs due to unfair trade practices.

According to the Indianapolis Star, qualified workers are “eligible for college tuition payments, relocation benefits and health insurance tax credits not available to other unemployed workers. And they have a longer eligibility period for unemployment benefits.” [Indianapolis Star, 10/13/11]

The motion to concur passed 307-122. [HR 2832, Vote #784, 10/12/11]

**Voted Against Re-Authorizing Export-Import Bank, Despite Positive Benefits For Small Michigan Businesses**

**Voted Against Re-Authorizing Export-Import Bank.** “The Export-Import Bank's lending cap and charter must be authorized by Congress. The charter is set to expire Sept. 30. When Congress last voted on the bank in 2012, all of Michigan's Democrats voted for it to continue. Among the Republicans, Amash and Reps. Tim Walberg, Fred Upton and Bill Huizenga voted against continuing the bank's charter.” [Lansing State Journal, 8/13/14]

**2007-2014: Bank Supported $9 Billion In Exports From 190 Michigan Companies.** “When Rex Materials was looking for some help to increase its exports about six years ago, the Livingston County
manufacturer discovered an obscure federal agency, the Export-Import Bank. For a fee, the bank insured the company against the risk that a foreign buyer wouldn't pay its bills. That allowed Rex Materials to price its product -- equipment used to cast aluminum -- competitively enough to find buyers in Europe, the Middle East, Australia and Japan. … In the past seven years, the bank has supported $9 billion worth of exports from 190 Michigan companies.” [Lansing State Journal, 8/13/14]

**Chamber Of Commerce And Michigan Manufacturers Association Believed Bank Filled Gap In Private Financing Market.** “Business groups, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Manufacturers Association, say the bank fills a gap in the private financing market. ‘I have a number of members who have really worked their websites and are making trade show visits over-seas to get new customers and help diversify their customer base,’ said Chuck Hadden, who heads the Michigan Manufacturers Association. ‘And this really helps them do that.’” [Lansing State Journal, 8/13/14]

**Lansing State Journal: “Most Of The Michigan Companies That Have Used The Bank In Recent Years Are Small Businesses.”** “Although most of the Michigan companies that have used the bank in recent years are small businesses, the Michigan company that the bank has supported the most is Ford Motor Credit Co, the financial services arm of Ford Motor Co. The bank has supported $7.3 billion in Ford's exports since 2007, according to the agency. That compares with, for example, about $13 million in exports for Rex Materials.” [Lansing State Journal, 8/13/14]

**Voted Against Reauthorizing Export-Import Bank Charter**

In May 2012, Walberg voted against reauthorizing the U.S. Export-Import Bank’s charter for the next two years. The bill would incrementally increase to $140 billion the cap on outstanding loans, guarantees and insurance that the bank is authorized to have at any given time.


The motion was agreed to 330-93. [HR 2072, Vote #224, 5/09/12]

**Opposed Measure to Suspend Fast Track, Delay Columbia Trade Bill**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a resolution that suspended “fast-track” requirements for consideration of HR 5724, which would implement a free trade agreement between the United States and Colombia.

Adoption of the resolution (H Res 1092), indefinitely stalled further legislative action in the House on the trade pact’s implementing legislation countering President Bush’s effort to force a speedy vote on a measure opposed by many Democrats.

Minority Leader Boehner, called the vote “an effort to kill the Colombia free-trade agreement.”

Rep. McGovern, a member of the House Rules Committee, said the resolution was “a direct response to the arrogance of this president,” and Majority Leader Hoyer said passage of the resolution would give Congress “more time to discuss this with the administration.”
Most Democrats opposed the trade agreement, saying the Colombian government had not taken sufficient
steps to reduce violence against union members. Republicans countered that Colombia had worked hard
to crack down on right-wing paramilitary groups blamed for much of the violence. [CQ Today, 4/10/08]

The resolution passed, 224-195. [HR 1092, Vote #181, 4/10/08]

**Supported Helping Workers Hurt by Trade**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of the reauthorization of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)
programs for workers laid off due to the impact of foreign trade. The TAA program provides retraining
and wage and health insurance subsidies to workers who lose their jobs as a result of increased imports or
production shifts by foreign competitor. The bill expanded the program to include service workers and
allowed for entire industries to be eligible as opposed to individual companies. [Congressional Quarterly
Weekly, 11/04/07]

The bill increased the health care tax credits for unemployed workers by 20 percent. It raised funding
authority for training programs to $440 million and offset the cost of the program expansion by extending
for three years the current payroll tax that funds unemployment benefits, and delaying for three years a tax
break for companies that pay taxes overseas. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/31/07]

The bill also increased from 60 days to 90 days the notification period required of companies in advance
of plant closings or substantial layoffs. [Washington Post, 11/08/07]

The bill passed 264-157. [HR 3920, Vote #1025, 10/31/07]

**Voted In Favor of Reducing Help for Workers Hurt by Trade Agreements**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of the substitute amendment offered by Jim McCrery (R-LA) to modify
the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program for workers, firms and farmers for five years. The
amendment cut the benefits outlined for the extension of the Program only increasing the federal share of
monthly TAA participant premiums for the Health Coverage Tax Credit by 5 percent.

The substitute also allowed states to apply for waivers of unemployment compensation program rules and
expanded the new markets tax credit to those impacted by trade and globalization job loss. [CQ Floor
Votes, 10/31/07]

The amendment also authorized up to $8,000 per worker for retraining, but Democrats pointed out that
represented a cap because some states already provide more. [CQ Today, 10/31/07]

The amendment was defeated 196-226. [HR 3920, Vote #1024, 10/31/07]

**Voted For Trade Agreement with Peru**

In 2007, Walberg voted for a trade agreement between the United States and Peru. The agreement reduced
most tariffs and duties affecting trade between the two countries, increased protections for intellectual
property and required Peru to take steps to strengthen its labor and environmental enforcement standards. [CQ Floor Votes, 11/08/07]

Under the agreement, 80 percent of U.S. exports of consumer and industrial goods to Peru would enter duty-free immediately. [CQ Today, 11/08/07]

The bill passed 285-132. [HR 3688, Vote #1060, 11/08/07]

### Voted to Extend Duty Free Products from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation extending the duty-free treatment of certain products from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru until February 2008. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/27/07]

The legislation passed 365 – 59. [HR 1830, Vote #583, 6/27/07]

### Voted Against Ending Prohibition On Using Funds Regarding The Legal Trade And Transport Of Ivory

Voted Against Ending Prohibition On Using Funds Regarding The Legal Trade And Transport Of Ivory. In July 2015, Walberg voted against “an amendment to strike section 120 prohibiting use of funds regarding legal trade and transport of ivory.” The amendment failed 189-239. [HR 2822, Vote #397, 7/08/15; H AMDT 553, 7/08/15]

Rep. Raul M Grijalva: Amendment Was Introduced After One Ton Of Illegal Ivory Was Found In Philadelphia. “Last week, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service destroyed more than one ton of illegal African elephant ivory, most of which had been confiscated from a Philadelphia antique dealer named Victor Gordon. All of this ivory – and all of the unknown volume of ivory Gordon sold over the past decade – was not antique, but instead had been made to look so after being removed from recently poached elephants. Sales of illegal ivory fund crime syndicates and terrorist groups, and anyone who has bought or sold any of the ivory that Gordon put into circulation before he was caught is complicit in giving financial support to these organizations, whether intended or not.” [Rep. Raul M Grijalva Letter, 7/07/15]

Rep. Raul M Grijalva: Original Bill Blocked Fish And Wildlife From Implementing Ivory Rules. “This is why we have to end the ivory trade in the United States now. Unfortunately, section 120 of H.R. 2822 would block implementation of Fish and Wildlife Service rules and policies necessary to disrupt ivory markets and ensure that U.S. citizens do not contribute to the ongoing slaughter of African elephants, which are being killed at the rate of one every 15 minutes.” [Raul M Grijalva Letter, 7/07/15]

Voted For Stripping Out Provisions In The Customs Enforcement Bill Protecting American Workers From Currency Manipulation

In December 2015, Walberg voted for a motion that the House insist on the House amendment to the Senate amendment and request a conference on the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (HR 644). The House amendment did not include language “combat currency manipulation… [by] directing the Department of Commerce to slap duties on goods that have unfairly benefited from undervalued currency.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 252-170. [H R 644, Vote #652, 12/1/15; Congressional Record, 12/01/15]

Voted Against Investigating Currency Manipulation By Foreign Governments

In December 2015, Walberg voted against a motion requiring the United States Trade Representative “to investigate currency manipulation by foreign governments and public entities and specifies the methodology with which the Trade Representative determines currency manipulation.” The motion was rejected, 193-232. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/02/15; HR 644, Vote #655, 12/02/15]

Voted Against A Motion In Support OF A Customs Bill

In December 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to “challenge Republicans to support a Customs Bill that honors American workers, addresses human trafficking, and protects our environment.” The motion failed, 172-239. [HR 644, Vote #692, 12/11/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 12/11/15]

Voted For Strengthening Trade Enforcement, Protecting Intellectual Property, And Closing Loophole On Goods Made With Child Labor

In December 2015, Walberg voted for the Conference Report to the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. “The Conference Report facilitates trade by strengthening trade enforcement, including provisions to guard against evasion of anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws, protect intellectual property against piracy, and target sources of unfair trade and provisions streamlining the flow of legitimate trade by modernizing Customs operations and reducing paperwork. Also, it closes a loophole in current law that allows the importation of products made using child or forced labor.” [HR 644, Vote #693, 12/11/15; The Daily Whip, 12/11/15]

Voted For Conference Report On Trade Bill That Would Barr The Inclusion Of Climate Change Provisions In Fast Track Trade Deals

In December 2015, Walberg voted for the Conference Report to the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. The Conference Report contained language that “would single out greenhouse gas emission provisions as being ineligible for inclusion in a trade deal, raising concerns about its impact on efforts to protect the environment in trade deals as called for in the May 10, 2007, Agreement setting out Democratic priorities for trade negotiations.” The report passed, 256-158. [HR 644, Vote #693, 12/11/15; The Daily Whip, 12/11/15]
Transportation Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Voted to eliminate funding for rural airports
- Voted against billions in funding for federal highways and transit
- In 2008, opposed Amtrak reauthorization
- In 2013, voted for $1.4 billion in Amtrak subsidies
- In 2015, voted for bill regulating commercial space ventures, which exempted the industry from passenger safety regulations for 10-years
- 2015: Voted for consideration of bill opposed by trucker safety groups that eliminated industry safety regulations

Walberg voted to eliminate funding for rural airports, and voted against billions in funding for federal highways and transit. Walberg also opposed Amtrak reauthorization. In 2015, he voted for the consideration of a bill opposed by trucker safety groups that eliminated safety regulations.

**Voted For Amendment Reauthorizing Surface Transportation Programs For Six Years, Turning It Into A Block Grant Program And Changing Environmental Reviews**

Voted For Amendment Reauthorizing Surface Transportation Programs For Six Years, Turning It Into A Block Grant Program And Changing Environmental Reviews. In November 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to adopt “the amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole, including an amendment consisting of the text of the surface transportation reauthorization measure (HR 3763) approved by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, with modifications. That amendment would reauthorize surface transportation programs for six years, with policy provisions including those that would change the Surface Transportation Program into a block grant program, create a new grant program for nationally significant freight and highway projects, and make a number of changes to the environmental review process. . Another amendment would liquidate the Federal Reserve's surplus funds and redirect that money to the General Fund. The House amendments did not affect a Senate move to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.” The amendment passed 363 to 64. [H R 22, Vote #623, 11/05/15; CQ, 11/05/15]

**Voted For Consideration Of Bill Opposed By Trucker Safety Groups That Eliminated Industry**
Voted For Consideration Of Appropriations Bill Providing For $55 Billion In Funding For The Departments Of Transportation, And Housing And Urban Development. In June 2015, Walberg voted for a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2557 and H.R. 2578. According to CQ Bill Track, “A resolution providing for consideration of HR 2577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of HR 2578, bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes.” According to the Hill, “The House is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a $55 billion Republican funding bill for the departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development. The measure, which is known as THUD, provides $55.3 billion in funding the departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, which is a $1.5 billion increase over the agencies’ current 2015 spending levels.” The bill passed 242 to 180. [H. Res. 287, Vote #268, 6/02/15; CQ Bill Track, 6/01/15; The Hill, 6/09/15]

Appropriations Bill Opposed By Trucker Safety Groups For Eliminating Industry Safety Regulations. “President Obama is threatening to veto a $55 billion Republican funding bill for the departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development. The White House said Tuesday that Obama would reject the measure, which is known as THUD, on the grounds that it underfunds federal transportation and housing programs, and includes a number of policy riders involving travel restrictions between the U.S. and Cuba, and truck driver scheduling. … Truck safety groups have accused GOP lawmakers of using the appropriations process to undo a series of trucking regulations they say makes U.S. roads safer, including limits on the length and weight of trucks. Trucking companies have opposed these limits for years.” [The Hill, 6/02/15]

Voted For Five-Year Comprehensive Highway Funding Bill That Reauthorized Export-Import Bank And Reauthorized Amtrak. In December 2015, Walberg voted for adopting the conference report to “accompany the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act (HR 22) that would reauthorize federal-aid highway and transit programs for five years, through FY 2020, at increased funding levels. The bill would transfer over $70 billion from the Treasury's general fund and other funds to cover projected shortfalls in the Highway Trust Fund and to fully fund the measure’s estimated $305 billion cost. Further, the bill would reauthorize Amtrak, renew the charter for the Export-Import Bank, and roll back a reduction in the crop insurance program used as an offset in last month's two-year budget deal.” The conference report was adopted, 359-65. [HR 22, Vote #673, 12/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/3/15]
the surface transportation reauthorization measure (HR 3763) approved by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, with modifications. That amendment would reauthorize surface transportation programs for six years, with policy provisions including those that would change the Surface Transportation Program into a block grant program, create a new grant program for nationally significant freight and highway projects, and make a number of changes to the environmental review process. Another amendment would liquidate the Federal Reserve’s surplus funds and redirect that money to the General Fund. The House amendments did not affect a Senate move to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.” The amendment passed 363 to 64. [H R 22, Vote #623, 11/05/15; CQ, 11/05/15]

**Voted to Cut Funding for 13 Airports that Receive Essential Air Service Funds**

In 2011, Walberg voted to cut funding for 13 airports that were either receiving subsidies of more than $1,000 dollars per passenger or were closer than 90 miles to a major hub airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization allowed the FAA to continue operating but cut funding for 13 rural airports, some of which were closer than 90 miles to the nearest major hub airport and which received subsidies of more than $1,000 per passenger. Cutting these subsidies would have saved $16.5 million. [New York Times, 7/23/11]


The bill passed 243-177. [HR 2553, Vote #611, 7/20/11]

**Voted to Eliminate Critical Funding for Rural Airports**

In 2011, Walberg voted for a bill which reduced funding levels for the FAA and ended the Essential Air Service (EAS) program which provides critical funding for rural airports (except in Alaska and Hawaii).

The legislation would end the EAS program on October 1st, 2013 (except in Hawaii and Alaska). In 2010 the EAS program served about 150 rural communities across the country. According to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS) six communities in the state would be impacted by the termination of the EAS program. [CRS Report, R41666, 3/03/11; CQ BillAnalysis, 6/07/11]

The bill passed 223-196. [HR 658, Vote #220, 3/29/11]

**Voted Against Additional Air Marshals to High Risk Flights**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that changed the union-representation ballots rules for rail and airline employees.

The motion would have required the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to deploy federal air marshals on the highest risk passenger flights.
The motion failed 184-235. [HR 658, Vote #219, 3/29/11]

**Voted to Allow Highway Funds to be Used for Foreign Construction Projects**

In April 2012, Walberg voted against prohibiting highway trust funds from being used for foreign construction projects.

The motion would have added an amendment that would prohibit the use of Highway Trust Fund revenues for the construction of highways in foreign countries and rescind $12.3 million in funds available for a road in Canada.

It would also prohibit funds for the “Alabama Porkway,” a 65-mile, six-lane beltway surrounding the city of Birmingham estimated to cost as much as $4.7 billion before construction began.

The motion was rejected 176-242. [H.R.4348, Vote #169, 4/18/12; Huffington Post, 4/18/12]

**Voted for Amendment That Barred Funding for California’s High-Speed Rail Project**

In June 2012, Walberg voted for an amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill for high-speed rail in California or for the California High-Speed Rail Authority. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/29/12]

The amendment, offered by California Rep. Jeff Denham, forbid the use of federal funds for California’s high-speed rail project for fiscal year 2013, including prohibiting the transfer of highway appropriations to any rail projects. The amendment cut off funding for the high-speed rail project in California despite an original plan calling for $10 billion in federal funds in conjunction with $9 billion in voter-approved bonds and $10 billion from the private sector to fund the project. [Southern California Public Radio, 6/29/12; Miami Herald, 7/09/12]

The amendment passed, 239-185. [HR 5972, Vote #448, 6/29/12]

**Voted Against Billions in Funding for Federal Highways and Transit**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against a House Conference Report that would provide billions in funding by the Highway Trust Fund, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration.

The Conference Report would provide $21.2 billion for the Highway Trust Fund, $80 billion in contract authority for programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration, and $21.3 billion for programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

Secretary Ray LaHood spoke of the Highway Trust Fund, saying, “Today America is one big pothole and we have lots of bridges that are crumbling…The Highway Trust Fund was a great source to build our interstate highway system, but it has been diminished.” [Bloomberg News, 2/01/12]

The motion passed, 373-52. [House Conference Report, HR 43438, Vote #451, 6/29/12]

**Voted for $103.6 Billion FY13 Transportation-HUD Appropriations**
In June 2012, Walberg voted for a bill to appropriate $103.6 billion in FY13 for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development.

The bill provided $69.7 billion for the Department of Transportation, including $16 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, $39.9 billion for highway programs, and $10.4 billion for transit programs. The bill provided $33.6 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including $19.1 billion for the rental assistance program. [CQ Vote Summary, 6/29/12]

The conservative organization FreedomWorks urged members of Congress to vote against the bill and said the vote would be a key vote in their 2012 Economic Freedom scorecard. [FreedomWorks Press Release, 6/28/12]

The bill passed 261-163. [H.R. 5972, Vote #450, 6/29/12]

**Opposed Cuts to Transportation Funding**

In 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to instruct conferees on the Surface Transportation Act that would drastically cut funding, especially for mass transit.

The motion to instruct conferees would limit funding the Highway Trust Fund to $37.5 billion for fiscal 2013, roughly what it brought in revenue from gasoline taxes and other transportation-related levies. Rep. Peter DeFazio argued that would create a negative balance for transportation and infrastructure spending and the loss of at least 1.6 million jobs. [CQ Today, 6/08/12]

The motion failed 82-323. [HR 4348, Vote #378, 6/08/12]

**Voted Against Authorizing Funds to Fix Bridges in Need of Repair**

In February 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would enact the SAFE Bridges Act, a bill that would authorize $5.5 billion for bridges in need of repair. [CQ Floor Votes, 2/05/14]

The motion failed, 187-231. [HR 3590, Vote #40, 2/05/14]

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Said Obama Administration Needed To Fund Border Agents And Toll Plaza For Canada-Detroit Bridge To Proceed. “State Rep. Bill LaVoy, D-Monroe, asked the congressman about any news on building a $2.1 million bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, to boost international trade between the two countries. Rep. Walberg said Canada has agreed to pay for border patrol agents and a welcome center on the Canadian side. But funding for agents and a toll plaza on the American side has not been approved. ‘The president has to initiate that,’ he said. ‘We can't do that alone.’”

Said Construction Time For New Bridge 3 To 5 Years. “State Rep. Bill LaVoy, D-Monroe, asked the congressman about any news on building a $2.1 million bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, to boost international trade between the two countries. Rep. Walberg said Canada has agreed to pay for border patrol agents and a welcome center on the Canadian side. But funding for agents and a toll plaza on the American side has not been approved. … He predicted it would take 3-5 years to build the new bridge. He said the federal government still has not released money that was okayed 16 years ago by
Congress for major upgrades of I-75 and I-275 needed to relieve congestion from the Ambassador Bridge.” [Monroe Evening news, 2/21/15]

**2009: Moroun Deviated From Agreed Upon Construction Plan With State In Order To Divert Traffic Towards Company Owned Stores**

**2004: Moroun Hired By Michigan Department Of Transportation To Improve Roads Leading To Ambassador Bridge.** “The proposed bridge, the New International Trade Crossing, is, unlike the bridges Miller has supported, outside her district. But it would also compete with the Ambassador Bridge - one of two privately owned international bridges in America - whose owner, the colorful billionaire Manuel ‘Matty’ Moroun, has donated to Miller's campaign. … In 2004, the Michigan Department of Transportation hired Moroun's company to improve the roads leading to the Ambassador Bridge. The project, which was supposed to be finished by 2008, led to disagreements between state officials and Moroun.” [Roll Call, 6/06/12]

**2009: State Sued Moroun Over Project And An Appeals Court Sent Him To Jail.** “A three-judge panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals Thursday evening denied 84-year-old billionaire Manuel (Matty) Moroun’s and his top aide's request for release from jail pending appeal. That means the Ambassador Bridge owner and president, sent to jail this morning by a Wayne County judge until they comply with his order to finish Gateway project ramps, will stay in jail at least until the appeals court hears further arguments. … MDOT sued the bridge company in 2009 after its saw that DIBC was not building its portion according to what MDOT said was the agreed-upon design. Instead, the company built a roadway that took traffic past the company’s lucrative duty-free store and fuel pumps, and that kept thousands of trucks bound for expressways on Fort and other surface streets.” [Detroit Free Press, 1/12/12]

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**As Part Of Project, Moroun’s Company Built Series Of Ramps And Roads To Ease Traffic By Bypassing Local Surface Streets.** “The jailing culminates years of litigation and efforts by the Michigan Department of Transportation to get the Moroun family’s Detroit International Bridge Co. to build its portion of the Gateway project at the Ambassador Bridge as agreed in a 2004 contract. Gateway is a $230-million joint effort by MDOT and the bridge company to ease border crossings by connecting the Ambassador Bridge directly to I-75 and I-96 through a series of new ramps and roads. Gateway would allow truckers and other motorists to bypass local surface streets in southwest Detroit.” [Detroit Free Press, 1/12/12]

**Company Deviated From Agreed Upon Design To Build Roadways To Benefit Company’s “Lucrative Duty-Free Store And Fuel Pumps.”** “MDOT sued the bridge company in 2009 after its saw that DIBC was not building its portion according to what MDOT said was the agreed-upon design. Instead, the company built a roadway that took traffic past the company’s lucrative duty-free store and
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**Voted For Eliminating Discretionary Funding For Essential Air Service Program**

Voted For Amendment Eliminating Discretionary Funding For Essential Air Service Program. In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment that would eliminate discretionary funding for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program and increase the spending reduction account by $155 million, the amount that the underlying bill would provide in discretionary funding for the EAS program. The amendment, failed 166 to 255. [HR 2577, Amendment #8, Vote #298, 6/04/15; CQ, 6/04/15]

**Expressed Support for High Speech Rail if Economically Viable**

In 2010, Walberg said that he would support a high speed rail line between Detroit and Chicago if it was not an economic burden to Michigan.

“If this is funding that has come back and is slated for the development of high-speed rail, I certainly wouldn’t stand in the way of it, and I would be there to encourage it as long as it is economically viable,” Walberg said. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 11/18/10]

**Voted For Blocking DOT From Financing Rail Projects With Top Speeds Under 150MPH**

Voted For Blocking DOT From Financing Rail Projects With Top Speeds Under 150MPH. In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to a DOT and HUD appropriations bill that would “bar funding for the Transportation Department to authorize exempt facility bonds to finance passenger rail projects that cannot attain the spee[sic] of 150 mph.” The amendment was rejected 148-275. [HR 2577, Vote #317, 6/09/15; CQ Summary, 6/09/15]

**Voted Against $3 Million In Additional Funding For Federal Railroad Safety**
Voted Against Additional $3 Million In Additional Funding For Federal Railroad Safety. In June 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would “reduce by $3 million funding for the Federal Aviation Administration's operations account, with the reduction targeted at funding for staff offices, and provide an additional $3 million for the Federal Railroad Administration's safety and operations account.” The amendment failed 184 to 230. [HR 2577, Vote #308, 6/04/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/04/15]

Voted For Increasing Safety Funding By Nearly $17 Million For Existing Rail Lines

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Voted For Baring Funding For Rule Meant To Reduce The Probability Of Train Accidents Involving Trains Carrying Flammable Liquids

Voted For Baring Funding For Rule Meant To Reduce The Probability Of Train Accidents Involving Trains Carrying Flammable Liquids. In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment barring funding for a rule that is “designed to reduce the consequences and, in some instances, reduce the probability of accidents involving trains transporting large quantities of flammable liquids.” The amendment failed 136 to 286. [HR 2577, Vote #312, 6/09/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/09/15; Federal Register, 5/08/15]

Voted Against Funding For Positive Train Control

Voted Against Motion Authorizing $6 Million For Positive Train Control Systems, Technology That Could Have Prevented Deadly 2014 Amtrak Crash. In June 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill. “[The motion] intended to help give Amtrak funds to pay for positive train control technology, a safety upgrade that the National Transportation Safety Board said could have prevented the May 12 derailment of a passenger train near Philadelphia that killed 8 and injured more than 200. The motion offered a $6 million increase in capital and debt service grants to Amtrak, offset by a decrease in the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Information Technology Fund.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 181-244. [HR 2577, Vote #328, 6/09/15; Congressional Quarterly News, 6/09/15]

Voted For Preventing Local Officials From Working With The Department Of Transportation To Reduce Motorcycle Fatalities

Voted For Preventing Local Officials From Working With The Department Of Transportation To Reduce Motorcycle Fatalities. In June 2015, Walberg voted for an amendment to the Transportation And HUD Appropriations Bill that would remove language from the bill that would allow the
Transportation secretary to engage in activities with states and state lawmakers to consider proposals related to reducing motorcycle fatalities. The amendment passed, 235 to 189. [HR 2577, Amendment #9, Vote #299, 6/04/15; CQ, 6/04/15]

Supported Highway Bridge Safety Bill

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would authorize funding for bridge repairs and inspection. The bill would authorize $1 billion to improve repair work on the nation’s bridges and to restructure how the federal government monitors them. [CQ Today, 7/28/08]

The bill was introduced in response to the August 2007 collapse of the I-35 bridge over the Mississippi River in which 13 people died and more than 100 were injured. [CQ Today, 7/28/08]

The bill passed 367-55. [HR 3999, Vote #530, 7/24/08]

Voted For $8.1 Billion Short-Term Highway Funding Extension

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Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Long Term Transportation Bill

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Bill Would Also Target Corporations Moving Abroad To Avoid Paying Taxes, Instead Reinvest Money In Transportation Improvements. The bill also intended to “stop corporations that seek to move abroad to avoid paying their taxes and use that money for transportation improvements here in America.” A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on a bill to stop corporations moving abroad to avoid paying taxes. [H Res 369, Vote #450, 7/22/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/22/15]

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provides 6 years of funding so states and localities can address critical infrastructure needs. The bill would also stop corporations that seek to move abroad to avoid paying their taxes and use that money for transportation improvements here in America.” The previous question carried, 240-167. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on long-term transportation funding. [H Res 380, Vote #470, 7/28/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/03/15]

**Opposed Public Transportation Grants**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize $1.7 billion for grants in fiscal 2008 and 2009 for transit agencies that reduce fares or expand public transportation services, as well as an additional $750 million each year for urbanized area formula grants and $100 million per year for formula grants to rural areas.

The bill would authorize $1.7 billion in grants over two years to local transit agencies to expand services and subsidize fares for federal employees. [CQ Today, 6/26/08]

The bill passed 322-98. [HR 6052, Vote #467, 6/26/08]

**Voted to Delay Visa Requirements**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that that would bar the use of funds in the bill to implement the travel document requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative until June 1, 2009. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will require all U.S. citizens, Canadians, citizens of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, and citizens of Mexico to have a passport or other accepted secure document to enter or re-enter the U.S. by January 1, 2008. [Department of State Press Release, 4/05/05]

The bill passed 379-45. [HR 2638, Vote #483, 6/15/07]

**Opposed Increase in Funding for Secure Driver’s Licenses**

In 2007, Walberg voted against an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would add $150 million for grants to assist states to meet requirements under a 2005 law for secure driver’s licenses and identification cards.

The increased funding was offset by a reduction for the Coast Guard Deepwater ship and aircraft modernization program by the same amount. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

The amendment was defeated 155-268. [HR 2638, Vote #479, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Block Funding for More Airport Screeners**
In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that would bar the use of funds in the bill to recruit or hire more than 45,000 full-time equivalent airport screeners. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/15/07]

As of March 2007, there were 45,000 fulltime airport screeners. [CBS News, 3/06/07]

The amendment was defeated 168-255. [HR 2638, Vote #481, 6/15/07]

2008: Voted Against Reauthorizing Amtrak

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would authorize $14.4 billion for Amtrak and other rail investments through fiscal year 2013.

The bill included language that would allow private companies to bid on building a rail line to get passengers between Washington and New York City in less than two hours. [CQ Today, 6/16/08]

The bill passed 311-104. [HR 6003, Vote #400, 6/11/08]

Criticized by Lansing State Journal

In 2008, an editorial in Lansing State Journal expressed disappointment in Walberg’s vote against funding for Amtrak: “Rogers, Walberg and the rest of Congress should continue to seek rail reform. But it does not serve Michigan’s interests to be voting against Amtrak in the meantime.” [Editorial, Lansing State Journal, 8/27/08]

“The Mid-Michigan’s representatives need to get on board. The answer is not to vote against Amtrak, but to work with the rail service to find viable improvements and the funding that supports them,” the paper wrote. [Editorial, Lansing State Journal, 6/25/08]

Voted Against Authorizing $750 Million For Positive Train Control

Voted Against Amendment To Authorize $750 Million In Positive Train Control That Could Have Prevented Amtrak Collision. In May 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment to authorize $750 million in positive train control. “House Democrats wanted increased funding for an automated train control system that could have prevented last week’s deadly Amtrak crash included in a surface transportation bill being voted on Tuesday. . . . A spokesman for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Democrats were offering a motion to recommit on the road and transit measure that the House is voting on Tuesday that would boost the federal government's funding for the automated train control system to $750 million.” [The Hill, 5/19/15; HR 2353, Vote #248, 5/19/15]

2015: Voted In Favor Of $1.4 Billion Amtrak Subsidies

Voted In Favor Of $1.4 Billion Amtrak Subsidies. “Amtrak's net operating loss for last year was $214 million. But this is what passes for "good news" on the taxpayer rail service, which handed out $11.2 million in awards because employees kept the red ink lower than $305 million. For most of the last decade, Amtrak has reported losses of $350 million to $450 million a year. The official losses undercount
the true level of taxpayer abuse. Congress continues to appropriate billion-dollar Amtrak subsidies -- this year, it's $1.4 billion. Imagine the Detroit automakers asking for and receiving bailouts every single year. … GOP Reps. Justin Amash, Dan Benishek and Bill Huizenga were the only three Michigan lawmakers to vote against the subsidies. The state's Democratic delegation voted in favor, joined by Republicans Mike Bishop, John Moolenaar, Candice Miller, Fred Upton, David Trott and Tim Walberg.” [Bay City Times, 4/03/15]

**Press Release: Introduced Amendment To Bill Prohibiting Department Of Transportation From Using Official Funds To Lobby State Governments On Motorcycle Laws**


**Voted To Provide Back Pay To Federal Workers Impacted By The Shutdown**

Press Release: Voted To Provide Back Pay To Federal Workers Impacted By The Shutdown. “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Today Rep Walberg voted to uphold the longstanding tradition of paying back federal workers impacted by government shutdowns. The legislation passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support and is now before the Senate for further consideration.” [Walberg Press Release, 10/05/13]

**Voted For Bill Regulating Commercial Space Ventures, Exempting Industry From Passenger Safety Regulations For 10-Years**

Voted For Bill Regulating Commercial Space Ventures, Exempting Industry From Passenger Safety Regulations For 10-Years. In May 2015, Walberg voted for the SPACE Act of 2015, a bill to regulate the commercial space industry. “Led by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R., Calif.), senior Republican lawmakers supported the bill to extend and update federal protection for commercial launches from some potential liability involving property damage or personal injuries and fatalities on the ground. The legislation, which also effectively bars the Federal Aviation Administration from closely regulating fledgling space-tourism ventures for up to 10 more years, garnered widespread support from closely held companies and industry leaders.” The measure passed 284 to 133. [HR 2262, Vote #262, 5/21/15; Wall Street Journal, 5/21/15]
Veterans’ Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Voted against version of 21st Century GI, but voted for final version
✓ Voted against consideration of a bill expanding help for all family caregivers of seriously injured veterans
✓ Voted to protect his own pay, but not that of troops
✓ Voted against pay raise for military personnel; increasing combat pay
✓ Voted against quicker disability claims processing
✓ Voted against funding for suicide prevention and PTSD treatment
✓ Opposed establishing veteran hiring benchmarks for federal contractors
✓ Voted to kill an amendment to increase the budget of the Veterans Affairs Department by $1.5 billion.
✓ Voted against a motion to require Department of Defense to investigate student loan abuses against members of the military
✓ Voted against motion to prevent airlines from charging members of the military baggage fees
✓ Voted against motion to increase funds for veterans’ healthcare and PTSD treatment

Walberg voted to protect his own pay but not that of troops in the event of a government shutdown. He voted against pay raise for military personnel and against increasing combat pay. He voted against quicker disability claims processing, and against funding for suicide prevention and PTSD treatment.

In November 2013, Walberg voted against the consideration of a bill to expand support for family caregivers of seriously injured veterans by allowing them to participate in the VA program for veteran caregivers. The bill sought to make all family caregivers of veterans eligible as the then-current law stipulated that the program was limited only to veterans injured on or after September 11, 2001. The program provides stipends, health insurance, expanded training and other support services to family’s caregivers.
In 2015, Walberg voted to kill an amendment which sought to increase the budget of the Veterans Affairs Department by $1.5 billion. Furthermore, two years previous, he opposed establishing veteran hiring benchmarks for federal contractors. In 2014, Walberg voted against a motion to require the Department of Defense’s inspector general to investigate excessive student loan interest and fees charged against members of the military.

**Opposed Expanding Help for Families of Seriously Injured Veterans**

In November 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Caregivers Expansion Improvement Act, a bill that would expand support for family caregivers of veterans. The bill would allow all family caregivers of veterans with serious service-connected injuries to participate in the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. [Congressional Record, 11/13/13]

Under current law, eligibility for the program is limited to veterans who were injured on or after September 11, 2001. The program provides stipends, health insurance, expanded training and other support services to families caregivers of seriously injured veterans. [White House, 5/04/11; Esty.House.gov, 11/13/13]

The previous question passed, 224-195. A vote against the question would have allowed for consideration of the bill. [H Res 403, Vote #573, 11/13/13]

**Voted Against Investigating Student Loan Abuses Against Members of the Military**

In 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would require the Department of Defense’s inspector general to investigate excessive student loan interest and fees charged against members of the military. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/22/14]

Prior to the vote, student loan servicer Sallie Mae and affiliated companies agreed to pay $97 million to settle claims that they had charged 60,000 service members excessive interest on their student loans. [Politico, 5/14/14]

The motion failed 194-239. [HR 4435, Vote #239, 5/22/14]

**Voted Against Preventing Airlines from Charging Members of the Military Baggage Fees**

In 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would bar commercial air carriers from charging service members baggage fees when they are deploying, returning from deployment, or traveling on official military orders. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/22/14]

The motion failed 194-239. [HR 4435, Vote #239, 5/22/14]

**Voted Against Increasing Funds for Veterans’ Healthcare and PTSD Treatment**

In June 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would increase funds for military healthcare by $10 million.
The motion would increase funding for the Defense Health Program by $10 million. $5 million of the increase would be directed towards decreasing the veterans’ claims backlog by improving electronic health records at Veterans Affairs, while $5 million would be directed to treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/20/14]

The motion failed, 190-220. [HR 4870, Vote #337, 6/20/14]

**Voted Against Quicker Disability Claims Processing**

In 2013, Walberg voted against an amendment that would help reduce the backlog of disability claims for veterans.

The amendment would add $9.2 million in funding (double the funds in the underlying appropriations bill) to hire an additional 94 claims processors to help reduce the veterans disability claims backlog.

The amendment failed 198-227. [HR 2216, Vote #192, 6/04/13]

**Voted Against a Pay Raise for Military Personnel**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a 1.6 percent pay raise for military personnel, contained in the fiscal year 2012 defense authorization bill.

The bill passed 283-136. [HR 1540, Vote #932, 12/14/11]

**Voted Against Increasing Combat Pay for Troops**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion which would increase combat pay for troops. The motion increased the maximum amount of bonus pay troops receive while in combat to $325 per month effective October 1, 2011. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/26/11]

The motion failed 185-233. [HR 1540, Vote #374, 5/26/11]

**Voted For Blocking Bill To Accelerate Skills Training For US Veterans.**

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Accelerate Skills Training For US Veterans.** In February 2015, Walberg voted for forcing a vote on H.R. 344, a bill to “to carry out a five-year pilot program (to be known as the Veterans Manufacturing Employment Program) to award competitive grants to three states for the establishment and administration of a State Manufacturing Employment Program to make grants to manufacturing employers and labor-management organizations that provide training, on-job training, apprenticeships, and certification classes to eligible veterans.” The previous question passed, 242 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.RES.78, Vote #59, 2/04/15; CRS Summary, 1/14/15]

**Voted For Cutting Veterans Affairs Funding By $1.4 Billion**
Voted For Killing An Amendment To Increase Veterans Affairs Department Budget By $1.5 Billion. In April 2015, Walberg voted for the Dent, R-Pa., point of order that the Bishop, D-Ga., amendment addresses sections of the bill that have not yet been read, and is consequently out of order. The Bishop amendment would increase various spending levels in accounts within the Veterans Affairs department. The ruling of the chair was sustained by a vote of 237-180. [HR 2029, Vote #178, 4/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/29/15; Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

Voted to Protect His Own Pay…

In 2011, Walberg voted against a measure that would have struck all of the provisions in the bill and would have prohibited Members of Congress and the President from receiving basic pay for any period in which there is more than a 24-hour lapse in appropriations. The measure would have also have prohibited the Members and President from receiving retroactive pay. The measure failed 188-237. [HR 1255, Vote #223, 4/01/11]

…But Not That of Soldiers

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit which would have ensured that Service Members would have gotten paid in the event of a government shutdown.

The motion would have added a new section to the bill providing that the salaries of the members of the armed forces would not be interrupted in the event of a government shutdown.

The motion failed 191-236. [HR 1363, Vote #246, 4/07/11]

NOTE: According to the 27th amendment Congress can’t change its pay scale prior to an election The motion would technically violate the Constitution if they were to change the amount that a Representative was to receive. [Fox News, 4/01/11]

… Twice

In 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to protect soldiers’ pay in the case of a government shutdown. The motion would add a provision to the continuing resolution that extended funding for Military, Reserve and National Guard personnel for a full fiscal year. The motion failed, 189-232. [HJRes 117, Vote #578, 9/13/12; Rep. Ron Barber press release, 9/13/12]

Supported Pay Raises for Troops

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of the final version of the fiscal year 2009 defense authorization bill.

The bill would authorize national security programs in the Defense and Energy departments totaling $611 billion. The bill would include approximately $68 billion for expenses related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill also included a 3.9 percent pay raise for military personnel. [CQ Today, 9/24/08]

The bill passed 392-39. [S 3001, Vote #631, 9/24/08]
Voted Repeatedly for Pay Raises for Our Troops

Walberg has repeatedly voted to honor our troops’ service to our nation by giving them pay raises that they need, deserve and earned.

- **2008:** Walberg voted in favor of the fiscal year 2009 Defense Authorization bill. The bill would authorize $601.4 billion in defense programs at the Pentagon and Energy Department for fiscal year 2009, including the authorization of $70 billion for several months of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan and a 3.9 percent pay raise for U.S. military personnel. The bill passed 384-23. [CQ Today, 5/22/08; HR 5658, Vote #365, 5/22/08]

- **2007:** Walberg voted in favor of a bill to appropriate $459.6 billion in defense spending, including a 3.5 percent pay raise. The bill passed 395-13. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/05/07; HR 3222, Vote #846, 8/05/07]

- **2007:** In 2007, Walberg in favor of the fiscal year 2008 defense authorization bill, which authorized $645.5 billion, including a 3.5 percent increase in pay for military personnel. The bill passed 397-27. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/17/07; HR 1585, Vote #373, 5/17/07]

Opposed Establishing Veteran Hiring Benchmarks For Federal Contractors

**Opposed Veteran Hiring Benchmarks For Federal Contractors.** “A top Labor Department official on Wednesday rejected charges that new hiring benchmarks for federal contractors have created a quota system. Patricia Shiu, director of the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), told a congressional panel a pair of rules set to take effect in March would result in the hiring of more than 200,000 veterans and almost 600,000 disabled people. … Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), the subcommittee's chairman, described the goals as arbitrary and argued, ‘the agency has the power to revoke a contract if employers fail to meet these so-called goals.’” [The Hill, 12/04/13]

“Saddling Employers With Onerous New Regulations.” “Instead, he said, the agency is saddling employers with onerous new regulations. ‘They want to follow the rules and do the right thing, but too often they are tied up in unnecessary regulations or tripped up by excessive red tape,’ Walberg said.” [The Hill, 12/04/13]

**Quotas Were “Benchmarks” And Were Not Absolute.** “A top Labor Department official on Wednesday rejected charges that new hiring benchmarks for federal contractors have created a quota system. Patricia Shiu, director of the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), told a congressional panel a pair of rules set to take effect in March would result in the hiring of more than 200,000 veterans and almost 600,000 disabled people. Shiu stressed that absolute quotas ‘are strictly forbidden,’ and said the benchmarks are a way of promoting hiring of veterans and the disabled without punitive action.” [The Hill, 12/04/13]

Voted Against Allowing VA Doctors To Discuss Medical Marijuana As Treatment Option For Veterans

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**Voted Against Amendment To Allow VA Doctors To Talk To Patients About Medical Marijuana As A Treatment Option.** In April 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that would allow doctors at the VA to talk to patients about the use of medical marijuana as a treatment option. “The House rejected a proposal Thursday to allow doctors at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals to discuss the use of medical marijuana with patients … Medical marijuana is legal in more than 30 states and the District of Columbia. But VA doctors are prohibited from completing patient forms seeking recommendations or opinions regarding medical marijuana to treat conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) … Lawmakers from both parties argued veterans should at least be able to receive recommendations from their doctors about the drug's merits. They stressed the amendment wouldn't force doctors to recommend medical marijuana or authorize marijuana possession at VA facilities.” The amendment failed to pass 210 to 213. [HR 2029, Vote #188; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15; The Hill, 4/30/15]

**Voted For Underfunding VA Programs**

**Voted For MilCon-VA Appropriations Bill That Underfunded VA By More Than $1 Billion, Impacting 70,000 Veterans.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for legislation that would underfund the VA and impact veterans’ health care, medical research, education, and cemeteries. “Addressing the Democrats at a closed-door caucus meeting in the Capitol Wednesday, VA Secretary Robert McDonald warned the lawmakers that the GOP's $77 billion bill funding the department and military construction projects in fiscal 2016 falls short of the resources needed to provide health and other services to the nation's veterans. Relaying McDonald's message, Rep. Xavier Becerra (Calif.), chairman of the Democratic Caucus, said the GOP's bill would scale back health benefits for roughly 70,000 veterans, while also denying funds for medical research, education and veterans’ cemeteries … Passed with bipartisan support by the House Appropriations Committee last week, the bill provides a 5.6 percent increase for the VA over 2015 levels, but falls more than $1 billion shy of the figure President Obama had included in his 2016 budget request.” The bill passed 225 to 163. [HR 2029, Vote #193, 4/30/15; The Hill, 4/29/15]

**Voted Against Amendment To Increase VA Funding For Veterans Medical Services By $15 Million.** In April 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would have added $15 million to VA funding for veterans medical services. The motion failed 181 to 236. [HR 2029, Vote #192, Motion to Recommit with Instructions, 4/30/15]

**Voted Against Millions in Additional Funding for Suicide Prevention and PTSD for Veterans**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that would have provided an additional $20 million for veterans’ medical service to help with post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide prevention.

According to the Watertown Daily Times, “Rep. Bill Owens offered an amendment to a military appropriations bill in the House of Representatives that would increase spending on veterans’ mental health services by $20 million.” The $20 million would be put towards better advertising the suicide prevention assistance and services offered to veterans. [Watertown Daily Times, 6/14/11; CQ Floor Vote, 6/14/11]

The motion failed 184-234. [HR 2055, Vote #417, 6/14/11]
**Voted to Make Process More Difficult for Seniors and Veterans to Get Benefits**

In 2011, Walberg voted for an amendment that would make it harder for low-income veterans and Social Security recipients to retain counsel in a civil action against the United States, like when fighting for benefits.

The Lummis amendment imposed a seven-month moratorium on all legal fees paid under the Equal Access to Justice Act, a Reagan-era law designed to help people afford an attorney while suing the government.

“We’re in the middle of two wars right now and to make it harder for a veteran — fighting for his benefits — to have an attorney is a horrible thing. That’s not what this country is about,” Robert Chishold, a prominent veterans’ law attorney said. [Politico, 2/23/11]

The amendment passed, 232-197. [HR 1, Lummis amendment #195, Vote #85, 2/17/11]

**Voted Against Increased Funding for the Yellow Ribbon Program by $200 million**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion that increased funding for the Yellow Ribbon Program by $200 million.

The motion increased funding for the Yellow Ribbon Program by $200 million dollars. “The Yellow Ribbon Program is a Department of Defense-wide effort to support National Guard and Reserve service member families with information on benefits and referrals before, during, and after deployments.” [Yellow Ribbon Program, Accessed 9/29/11]

The motion failed 188-234. [HR 2219, Vote #531, 7/08/11]

**Voted Against Prohibiting Airlines from Charging Baggage Fees to Military Personnel on Orders**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit which prohibited airlines from charging baggage fees to military personnel who are on orders.

The motion prohibited airlines from charging baggage fees for four or fewer bags for members of the military travelling on orders or being deployed or returning from overseas operations.

The motion failed 187-233. [HR 2553, Vote #610, 7/20/11]

**Voted to Shut Down Emergency Mortgage Relief Program**

In 2011, Walberg voted to shut down a program that provided emergency loans to unemployed homeowners facing foreclosure. The legislation would end the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program and rescind the unobligated funds.
The White House said it would veto the bill, saying that the program was needed to spur a housing recovery. The White House argued that that the loan assistance could help as many as 30,000 distressed homeowners. The CBO estimated that the program would cost $840 million over 10 years. [CQ Today, 3/11/11]

The bill passed, 242-177. [HR 836, Vote #174, 3/11/11]

**Voted Against Even Protecting Veterans and Active Service Members**

Before considering terminating the emergency relief program, Walberg voted against a measure that would have protected veterans and active service members from foreclosures.

The measure required the Secretary of HUD in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to determine the amount necessary to provide assistance under the Emergency Housing Act of 1975 to homeowners who are veterans or members of the Armed Forces on active duty. It would also authorize Congress to appropriate this amount of assistance to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program.

The motion failed, 182-238. [HR 836, Vote #173, 3/11/11]

**Voted Against Exempting Services Helping Veterans from Consolidation, Cuts**

In February 2012, Walberg voted against exempting certain properties owned by the Veterans Affairs Department or used to provide veterans’ services from consideration for cuts by the newly established Civilian Property Realignment Commission. The Commission was set up to make recommendations to the President about federal properties to be consolidated, sold, exchanged or redeveloped.

The motion was rejected 186-238. [H.R. 1734, Vote #37, 2/07/12]

**Voted Against Additional $28.3 Million for Medical and Prosthetic Research and Development**

In May 2012, Walberg voted against increased funding for medical and prosthetic research and development by $28.3 million.

The bill would have reduced the amount provided for the Defense Base Closure Account by $56.7 million and used $28.3 million to invest in veteran’s health and prosthetic research and development. [CQ, House Roll Call Vote 304, 5/31/12; Congressional Record, H3358, 5/31/12]

The motion failed, 188-230. [HR 5854, Vote #304, 5/31/12]

**Voted Against Increasing Housing Assistance for Veterans by $75 Million**

In June 2012, Walberg voted against a $75 million dollar increase to a program that provided veterans housing assistance in the form of rental vouchers.
As of 2007, one in four homeless people were homeless, though veterans only made up 11 percent of the population as a whole. [Associated Press, 11/07/07]

The motion failed, 188-233. [H.R. 5972, Vote #449, 6/29/12]

**Voted to Allow Airlines to Charge Baggage Fees to Military Personnel on Orders**

In 2011, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit which prohibited airlines from charging baggage fees to military personnel who are on orders.

The motion prohibited airlines from charging baggage fees for four or fewer bags for members of the military travelling on orders or being deployed or returning from overseas operations.

The motion failed 187-233. [HR 2553, Vote #610, 7/20/11]

**Opposed New GI Bill, Supported Final Version**

In 2008, Walberg voted against an amendment that would create an expanded educational benefit for veterans, imposing a surtax on the very wealthy to offset the costs of the new veterans’ program and suspend implementation of seven Bush administration Medicaid regulations.

The amendment appropriated $21.2 billion for domestic programs, military construction and foreign aid programs.

It would provide $4.6 billion for military construction and $5.8 billion for levee building in Louisiana. The amendment would provide a permanent expansion of education benefits for post-Sept. 11 veterans, offset with a 0.47 percent surtax on modified adjusted gross income above $500,000 per year for individuals and $1 million for couples.

It also would temporarily extend unemployment insurance benefits and place a moratorium through March 2009 on seven Medicaid regulations proposed by the administration. It would appropriate $9.9 billion for the State Department, USAID and international food assistance. [Congressional Quarterly, Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 5/16/08]

The amendment passed 256-166. [HR 2642, Vote #330, 5/15/08]

**Supported Expanding GI Benefits for Veterans Education**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of legislation making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The legislation expanded the education benefits veterans receive under the GI bill to restore the promise of a full, four-year college education and make the veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan part of an American economic recovery, just like the veterans of World War II were. The bill also
allowed service members to transfer educational benefits to their spouses and dependents. [House Appropriations Committee Release, 6/19/08]

The motion was agreed to by a vote of 416-12. [HR 2642, Vote #432, 6/19/08]

**Introduced Veterans Education Bill**


**Voted In Favor of Veterans Funding**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would authorize $47.6 billion for discretionary spending within the Veterans Affairs Department as part of an omnibus spending bill.

Specifically, the bill would allocate $41 billion to the Veterans Health Administration, $4.1 billion above the totals for fiscal year 2008. The VHA would also receive approximately $1.6 billion for prosthetic support and sensory aids, as well as an additional $510 million for trauma and mental health research aimed to improve the quality of life for injured and aging veterans. [CQ Today, 9/24/08]

The bill passed 370-58. [HR 2638, Vote #632, 9/24/08]

**Opposed Budget that Increased Veterans’ Funding by $3.7 Billion**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a conference report that would establish the congressional budget for fiscal year 2009. The report would call for $3.1 trillion in spending in fiscal year 2009 and federal revenue totaling $2.7 trillion. The spending allowed for up to $1 trillion in discretionary spending for the fiscal year, plus $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. [Congressional Quarterly]

The bill would project a $22 billion budget surplus by fiscal year 2012. Democrats argued that it would also allow the budget to remain in balance in 2013 using estimates from the Congressional Budget Office. [CQ Today, 6/05/08; “Summary of the 2009 Budget Conference Agreement,” House Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

Republicans argued that the conference report for the budget was the largest tax increase in history, saying that the budget would increase taxes by at least $638 billion over the next five years. [“The Largest Tax Increase in History, However They Slice It,” Republican Caucus, The Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

Specifically, the budget would increase veterans’ funding for 2009 by 3.7 billion, or 8.2 percent, above existing services. Democrats argued that this would be enough to allow the Veterans Administration to treat 5.8 million patients in 2009, including 333,275 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. [“Summary of the 2009 Budget Conference Agreement,” House Committee on the Budget, 6/04/08]

The conference report passed 214-210. [S Con Res 70, Vote #382, 6/05/08]

**Voted Against Education Benefits For Veterans To Avoid Tax Increase**
In 2008, Walberg voted against final passage of a provision to provide education to veterans that he had co-sponsored, because he opposed a tax increase also included in the bill.

Democrats “put those garbage provisions on (bills) that make it impossible for us to support so they can do the political thing, and then try to in a very cynical fashion make veterans think we don’t support them,” Walberg said. [Detroit News, 6/09/08]

**Opposed Fiscally Responsible FY 2009 Budget with $48.1 Billion for Veterans’ Services**

In 2008, Walberg voted against a budget resolution that would establish the congressional budget for FY 2009. The resolution would call for expenditures of $3.1 trillion and would allow up to $1 trillion in discretionary spending, plus $70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and $5.8 billion for hurricane recovery. [CQ Floor Votes, 3/13/08; CQ Markup and Vote Coverage, 3/11/08]

The bill would also include $48.1 billion in funding for veterans’ benefits and services.

The bill passed 212-207. [H Con Res 312, Vote #141, 3/13/08]

**Opposed Budget That Included Record Increase for Veterans**

In 2007, Walberg voted against the fiscal year 2008 budget conference report that began to reverse six years of Republican fiscal mismanagement, provided for middle-class tax relief and would return the budget to balance – reaching a surplus of $41 billion in 2012 – without raising taxes. [House Budget Committee, Overview of FY2008 Budget Conference Agreement, 5/16/07]

The budget increased funding for veterans’ health care and services by $6.7 billion (18.3 percent) above the 2007 enacted level, and $3.6 billion above the President’s budget

According to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the budget represented a “historic $6.7 billion increase” over the previous year’s budget. [Veterans of Foreign Wars, Washington Weekly, 5/25/07]

Meanwhile, the American Legion wrote, “The American Legion and its 2.8 million members applaud… the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Resolution.” [American Legion]

According to the Military Officers Association of America, “...the resolution makes a strong statement of Congress’s commitment to restoring national confidence that our wounded warriors will receive the kind of first-quality care and services that they have earned...” [Military Officers Association of America]

The budget also saved veterans from paying increased fees totaling $355 million in 2008 and $2.3 billion over five years. The President’s budget imposed those new enrollment fees and increases co-payments on Priority 7 and 8 veterans. [House Budget Committee, Conference Agreement on the FY 2008 Budget Resolution: Building on the “Six for ‘06, 5/24/07]

The budget passed 214-209. [SCR 21, Vote #377, 5/17/07]
**Opposed Historic Funding Increase for Veterans Programs**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a budget that provided a $6.6 billion increase in funding for veterans programs.

However, the Veterans of Foreign Wars applauded the budget, and the House and Senate leadership who were instrumental in the adoption of this historic increase. [VFW Washington Weekly, 4/02/07]

These additional resources would cover increases in the costs of health care, the VA’s increasing patient load, including veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, and help cover the cost of forthcoming recommendations to improve military and veterans’ health care facilities and treatment. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-4, 3/27/07]


**Voted For Funding Military Housing, Health Care and Pay Increase**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a bill that would authorize $696.4 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2008, including $189.5 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The bill included $142.8 billion for operations and maintenance; $119.7 billion for military personnel; $23.7 billion for military construction and family housing and $23.1 billion for the Defense Health Program. The bill would also authorize a 3.5 percent pay increase for military personnel. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/16/08]

The bill passed 369-46. [HR 4986, Vote #11, 1/16/08]

**Supported Giving Veterans Preference for Housing Assistance under HOPE VI**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit from Rep Sam Graves (R-MO) for the HOPE VI bill that instructed the Financial Services Committee to include language to give veterans with at least 90 days of service who were released or discharged honorably an increased in priority for consideration under the housing assistance program. [Congress Now, 1/17/08]

The motion was approved 372-28. [HR3524, Vote #17, 1/17/08]

**Supported $1.9 Billion for Military Medical Care, Including Funds for Walter Reed**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an emergency appropriations bill that included $1.9 billion for military medical care.

The measure appropriated $22.2 billion in fiscal 2007 emergency spending, including $7.7 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.
The measure provided $1.9 billion more for military health care, including $900 million for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury care and research, $500 million for upgrading military health care facilities, $410 million to prevent health care fee increases for our troops and $20 million to address the problems at Walter Reed.

It also provided $3.1 billion for military base closure expenses, $650 million for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, $2.9 billion for hurricane relief, $1.1 billion for anti-terrorism homeland security activities, $1.8 billion for veterans’ medical care and $3 billion for agriculture disaster relief.

The measure also included a provision to raise the minimum wage to $7.25 per hour over two years. To help small businesses with the costs of raising the minimum wage, the measure provided $4.8 billion in small-business tax incentives. [CQ House Action Reports, 5/24/07]

The measure passed 348-73. [HR 2206, Vote #424, 5/24/07]

**Supported Funding Bill to Fulfill Obligation to America’s Veterans**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Military Construction and Military Housing.

The bill worked to fulfill our nation’s obligation to America’s servicemen and women, their families and our veterans.

It provided the largest increase in funding for veterans health care in the VA’s 77-year history, adding over 1,000 new claims processors to reduce the backlog of 400,000 benefits claims. It also increased funding to address the VA’s repair and maintenance needs to prevent a Walter Reed type scandal from occurring in the VA system.

The bill provided $43.2 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, $6.7 billion above 2007 and $3.8 billion over the President’s request for veterans medical care, claims processing personnel, and facility improvements.

Specifically, the bill provided a $3.4 billion increase above 2007 to improve access to medical services for all veterans, including treatment for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan such as traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, increased survival of severe burns, and amputation. [House Appropriations Committee Summary of Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, 6/06/07]

The bill passed 409-2. [HR 2642, Vote #498, 6/15/07]

**Supported Funding Hike for Veterans’ Travel Expenses Paid for with Cuts in VA Hospital Care**

In 2007, Walberg voted for an amendment that would add $125 million for veterans’ travel expenses related to medical services, offset by a reduction for the Veterans Affairs Department general operating expenses by the same amount.
Democrats largely opposed the amendment because it would actually be paid by cuts to staffing at VA Hospitals.

“The source of this money wouldn’t be cutting out the Washington, D.C., office staff,” Congressman Chet Edwards (D-TX) told the amendment’s sponsor, Congressman Jerry Moran (R-KS). “It would be cutting out employees that are serving vital roles in our veterans hospitals in the gentleman’s home State as well as mine.” [Congressional Record, 6/15/07; Page H6546]

The amendment passed 264-152. [HR 2642, Vote #495, 6/15/07]

**Supported Increased Funding for Veterans’ Medical Services**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill for the Department of Veterans Affairs that would increase funding for veterans’ medical services by $22 million.

It also would reduce by $50 million funding for the 1990 military base closure account.

Democrats argued that the underlying appropriations bill already provided a historic increase in funding for veterans’ medical care by $6.7 billion above 2007 and $3.8 billion over the President’s request. [Congressional Record, 6/15/07, Page: 6538]

The amendment was defeated 154-260. [HR 2642, Vote #494, 6/15/07]

**Voted to Increase Housing for Homeless Disabled Veterans by Cutting Affordable Housing Funds**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to provide rental assistance for tens of thousands of disabled homeless American veterans and their families.

The amendment would have directed the Affordable Housing fund to provide housing assistance for supported rental housing for disabled homeless veterans.

The $500 million in annual funds would have replaced the housing fund proposed in the underlying bill, which Republicans derided as a “slush fund” and “yet another federal housing program to be financed by a brand new mortgage tax on hard-working families.” [Congressional Quarterly Today, 5/22/07; Rep. Tom Feeney press release, 5/17/07]

The amendment was defeated 174-246. [HR 1427, Vote #386, 5/22/07]

**Opposed Veterans Health Care Funds**

In 2007, Walberg voted against legislation that provided critical funding for veterans health care, including funds to enhance medical services for active duty forces, mobilized personnel and their family members and $1.7 billion for veterans’ health care priorities including maintenance at VA health care facilities like Walter Reed.
The measure included:

- $550 million to address the maintenance backlog at VA health care facilities to prevent situations similar to those at Walter Reed;
- $250 million for medical administration to ensure sufficient personnel to address the rising number of veterans and to maintain a high level of service;
- $229 million for treating the growing number of veterans;
- $100 million to allow the VA to contract with private mental healthcare providers to offer veterans, including Guard and reserve members, quality and timely care; and,
- $62 million to speed claims processing for returning veterans. [CQ House Action Reports, No. 110-3, 3/20/07]

The measure passed 218-212. [HR 1591, Vote #186, 3/23/07]

**Voted to Help Veterans Receive Small Business Grants**

In 2008, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the Small Business Act to provide greater access for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses to take advantage of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program. [CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/08]

The amendment was adopted 405-0. [HR 5819 Vote #214, 4/23/08]

**Voted to Expand Eligibility for Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to expand eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The bill expanded vocational rehab services to current members of the armed forces who are hospitalized or are receiving outpatient medical care, have a disability of at least 10 percent incurred or aggravated while on active duty, and who are likely to be discharged from the service due to that disability. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/23/07]

The bill passed 414-0. [HR 2239, Vote #414, 5/23/07]

**Supported Increase in Funding for Veterans’ Extended-Care**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment that would add $10 million for Veterans’ Affairs Department (VA) grants to states for the construction of extended-care facilities, offset by a reduction for VA general operating expenses by the same amount.
Democrats largely opposed the amendment because it would cut $10 million from funding necessary to meet one of the VA’s highest priorities: the reduction in the backlog of 400,000 veterans waiting to get their claims reviewed by VA caseworkers. [Congressman Chet Edwards; Congressional Record, 6/15/07; Page H6549]

The amendment was defeated 206-211. [HR 2642, Vote #496, 6/15/07]

**Supported Equipment, Armor for Military Personnel**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of the fiscal year 2008 defense authorization bill, which authorized $645.5 billion for fiscal 2008 defense-related spending, including $141.8 billion in fiscal 2008 emergency supplemental funding for ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, including a 3.5 percent increase in pay for military personnel.

According to Congressional Quarterly, the Democratic authors of the bill “prioritized funding for current troop needs and readiness issues.”

The bill authorized $1 billion for National Guard and Reserve equipment to address their unfunded requirements list.

The bill also included priority funding for troop support in Iraq, such as the $4.6 billion authorized for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles, which are intended to reduce casualties in vehicles from IED attacks.

In addition, the bill authorized $697 million for night vision devices including weapon sights, night vision goggles and other monocular devices, while authorizing $250 million more than the president requested for unfunded training requirements. [Congressional Quarterly Bill Summary, HR 1585]

The bill passed 397-27. [HR 1585, Vote #373, 5/17/07]

**Voted for Redundant Measure to Protect Seniors, Military from Hate Crimes**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a motion to recommit hate crimes legislation to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that includes the elderly and military personnel among those protected by federal hate-crime law. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/03/07]

Democrats largely opposed the motion it was viewed as a cynical attempt to kill the hate crimes bill and because individuals included in the amendment, seniors and members of the armed services, are already entitled to protection under the law. For example, it is already a Federal crime to kill or attempt to kill any member of the armed services under 18 U.S.C. 1114.

Likewise, programs already exist to provide assistance to prosecutors and law enforcement in the enforcement of crimes against elders.

According to Judiciary Chairman John Conyers (D-MI), the underlying bill was aimed at protecting classes of individuals “who have been and are the group-wide victims of systemic violence: hanging a
man because of his race, dragging someone to death because they are disabled.” [Congressional Record, 5/03/07; Page H 4449]

The motion was defeated 189-227. [HR 1592, Vote #298, 5/03/07]

**Supported New Research for Traumatic Brain Injuries**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in the treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injuries.

The bill authorized new research centers for traumatic brain injuries and require the establishment of a comprehensive program to treat traumatic brain injuries at Veterans Affairs Department health centers. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/23/07]

The bill passed 421-0. [HR 2199, Vote #413, 5/23/07]

**Voted Against Making Donations to Vietnam Memorial Tax Deductable**

In 1997, Walberg was one of only three members to oppose a bill to allow a tax deduction for money donated for a Vietnam memorial.

The bill passed 98-3. [HB 4041, RC #53, 2/27/97]

**October 1, 2013: Voted For Bill To Fund National Park Service And Veterans Affairs Departments**

“November 1, 2013: Voted For Bill To Fund National Park Service And Veterans Affairs Departments. The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Today Rep Walberg voted in favor of legislation that would provide funding for the National Park Service and the Veterans Affairs Department. However, both pieces of legislation failed by not gathering enough Democrats to reach the two-thirds required for final passage.” [Walberg Press Release, 10/01/13]

**Voted For Bill To Help Prevent Veteran Suicide**

**Voted For Bill To Help Prevent Veteran Suicide.** In January 2015, Walberg voted for a bill that would “designed to launch new community outreach efforts and recruit more psychiatrists to slow the nation's estimated 22 veterans suicides each day … The Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention bill, named for a Marine veteran activist who took his own life in 2011, would require an annual evaluation of VA suicide prevention programs, to determine which are working and which need to be replaced. It would mandate a new website better detailing the department’s many mental health resources, and create new peer support programs for veterans outreach. Supporters say both of those are relatively simple changes which could produce immediate aid for veterans in crisis. The measure would also start a pilot program to repay student loans of psychiatry students, helping VA officials more quickly fill those specialty vacancies.” The bill passed 403 to 0. [HR 203, Vote #17, 1/12/15; Military Times, 1/12/15]

**Voted to Increase Funds and Providers for Veterans’ Healthcare**

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The bill promised to clean up the scandal-scarred Department of Veterans Affairs by granting its secretary broad new authority to fire and demote senior executives. It also would authorize the leasing or construction of 27 new department facilities, and set aside $5 billion to hire more doctors, nurses and other health care providers, and $10 billion to pay for veterans’ health care at private and public facilities not run by the department. [New York Times, 7/31/14]

The bill passed, 420-5. [HR 3230, Vote #467, 7/30/14]

**Voted to Restore Cuts to Veterans’ Pensions and Raising Military Pay**

In January 2014, Walberg voted for a $1.1 trillion budget agreement that would reverse cuts to veterans’ pensions while providing a raise for military personnel.

The budget agreement would also reverse military retirement cuts for disabled veterans and some military spouses while giving military personnel a 1 percent pay raise. [CNN, 1/14/14]

The bill passed, 359-67. [HR 3547, Vote #21, 1/15/14]

**Voted Against Exempting Rules Changes Regarding Availability Of Medication & Healthcare Management For Veterans From Requirement For Congressional Approval**

Voted Against Exempting Rules Changes Regarding Availability Of Medication & Healthcare Management For Veterans From Requirement For Congressional Approval. In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment that “would exempt rules issued by the Veterans Affairs Department relating to the availability of medication and healthcare management for veterans from the Congressional approval process outlined in the bill.” The amendment failed, 167-239. [HR 427, Vote #480; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

Amendment Was To REINS Act Which Would Give “Congress The Final Say Over All Major Regulations.” “The controversial regulatory reform bill, which the House will vote on later this week, would give Congress the final say over all major regulations. […]The regulatory reform measure would give Congress final say over any rule with an annual economic impact of $100 million or more. Federal agencies would be required to submit major rules to Congress for approval before they could take effect. This would all but guarantee Republicans the ability to block dozens of controversial rules from the Obama administration and drastically slow the pace of regulations.” [The Hill, 7/27/15]

**Voted Against Allowing The Department of Veterans Affairs To Immediately Suspend Employees Without Pay For Threatening Public Health Or Safety**

Voted Against Allowing The Department of Veterans Affairs To Immediately Suspend Employees Without Pay For Threatening Public Health Or Safety. In July 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment granting the Veterans Affairs Department the authority to suspend without pay any employee whose performance or misconduct threatens public health and safety. Rep. Mark Takano, sponsor of the
amendment in the nature of a substitution said during debate on the House floor, “My substitute would mean that, if a VA employee's behavior threatened veterans' health or safety, VA could immediately fire that employee. Current law only allows VA to ask such an employee to leave work while still receiving pay. My substitute would also cap paid administrative leave at 14 days so VA employees would not sit at home and collect a paycheck while fighting a disciplinary action. My substitute would shield our bold VA whistleblowers by protecting existing laws and requiring the VA to backpay any whistleblower unjustly fired for reporting wrongdoing.” The substitute amendment failed, 191 to 233. [HR 1994, Vote #487, 7/29/15; H.Amdt.693, 7/29/15]

Voted Against Protecting Whistleblowers At The Department Of Veterans Affairs

Voted Against Protecting Whistleblowers At The Department Of Veterans Affairs. In July 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to protect VA whistleblowers “who strive to ensure public health and safety, and are willing to expose discrimination and malfeasance, from being fired at will.” The motion failed 184 to 241. [HR 1994, Vote #488, 7/29/15; Democratic Leader – 114th Congress Motions to Recommit, 7/29/15]
# Women’s Issues

## Significant Findings

- Introduced Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act, opposed by National Women’s Law Center for being “one step forward and two steps backward for pregnant workers.

- Praised Michigan Right to Life for their efforts in pushing state legislature to eliminate funding to state Planned Parenthood clinics.

- Voted against reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

- Voted against considering Paycheck Fairness Act three times.

- Repeatedly voted against equal pay legislation.

- **2011:** Co-sponsored bill redefining rape, allowing federal funding in cases of “forcible rape,” but not in cases of statutory rape nor if woman was in danger of “serious health damage.”

- Co-Sponsored First Amendment Defense Act.

- Voted against an amendment to provide exception to Anti-Choice bill to allow abortions after 20 weeks if mother’s life in danger.

- **2014:** Voted for a bill expanding Hyde Amendment.

- **2014:** Voted to block consideration of bill seeking to protect women’s health care rights from employers.

- **2014:** Voted against a motion to increase funds for sexual assault prevention in the military.

- Voted against a motion to increase funds to combat domestic violence.

- **1984:** Voted against requiring rape kits be provided to victims survivors of sexual assault.

Walberg voted against reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, instead voting for a version that stripped protections for LGBT and Native women.

Walberg voted against consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act three times, and voted repeatedly against equal pay legislation. He co-sponsored a bill to redefine.
rape so that exceptions would only be made if a rape was considered “forcible.” In 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment providing an exception to a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks if the mother’s life was in danger. In 2014, he voted for a bill expanding the Hyde Amendment.

In 2014, Walberg voted to block the consideration of a bill to prohibit for-profit employers from using religious beliefs to deny vital health services. The bill was aimed at overturning the U.S. Supreme Court’s Hobby Lobby decision.

In 2014, Walberg voted three times against considering the Paycheck Fairness Act. In Michigan, women earn only 75.3 cents for every dollar their male counterparts earn. In 2014, he voted against a motion to increase funds for sexual assault prevention in the military by $5 million.

In 2015, Walberg voted against an amendment providing an exception to a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks if the mother’s life was in danger. In 2014, he voted for a bill expanding the Hyde Amendment.

In June 2015, Walberg introduced the Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act, which was opposed by National Women’s Law Center for being “one step forward and two steps backward for pregnant workers.” In October 2015, he praised Michigan Right to Life for their efforts in pusing the state Legislature to eliminate funding to state Planned Parenthood clinics.

**Introduced Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act, Opposed By National Women’s Law Center, For Being “One Step Forward And Two Steps Back For Pregnant Workers”**

**Introduced Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act.** “The following information was released by the office of Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg: Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) introduced the Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act in the House and Senate today to strengthen protections for pregnant women in the workplace. The bicameral legislation provides much-needed protections in light of a recent Supreme Court decision, Young v. United Parcel Service, Inc., where the Justices wrote an unclear opinion related to a central provision of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act (PDA) of 1978.” Tim Walberg Press, HR 2800, 6/17/15]

**Introduced Bill In Response To US Supreme Court Ruling That Pregnant Workers May Sue Over Denial Of Accommodations Afforded To Workers With Disabilities.** “A Republican congressman from Michigan is sponsoring a bill he says would protect pregnant women from potential discrimination by employers. U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, introduced the legislation Wednesday in response to a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that pregnant workers may sue over a denial of accommodations afforded to workers with disabilities.” [Detroit News, 6/18/15]

**National Women’s Law Center: Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act Was “One Step Forward And Two Steps Back For Pregnant Workers.”** “The Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act: One Step Forward and Two Steps Back for Pregnant Workers… According to its sponsors, the Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act, S. 1590, H.R. 2800, (‘Amendment Act’) seeks to address a critical problem of pregnant workers being forced to choose between their jobs and their health when they have a medical need for temporary accommodations. “ [National Women’s Law Center, 7/2015]
Co-sponsored First Amendment Defense Act

Walberg Co-Sponsored Bill To Allow Pregnant Single Workers To Be Fired. “Republicans are pushing legislation that aims to protect Americans who oppose these unions on religious grounds. But critics say the language is so broad, the bill creates a license to discriminate that would let employers fire women for getting pregnant outside of wedlock. The First Amendment Defense Act prohibits the federal government from taking discriminatory action against a person -- which is defined to include for-profit corporations -- acting in accordance with a religious belief that favors so-called traditional marriage. [Huffington Post, HR 2802, 7/16/15]

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Praised Michigan Right To Life For Their Efforts In Pushing Legislature To Eliminate Funding To State Planned Parenthood Clinics. “For the first time in 2015, state funding for Planned Parenthood clinics in Michigan has been eliminated from the state budget. More than 15,000 ‘choose life’ ads have been televised in the state. But there is still more work to do on the federal level, said Barbara Rotary, development director for Michigan Right to Life (RTL)…. U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, praised the state RTL for "leading the country year after year" and the House of Representatives for being the most active chamber in the federal government in passing pro-life legislation. He and Ms. Rotary said electing a pro-life president in 2016 was imperative to push through proposals to defund Planned Parenthood and restrict abortions.” [Monroe Evening News, 10/17/15]

Washington Post: In Attempt To Deflect Himself Against “War On Women” Charge, Walberg Said He Wore Pink Tie To Planned Parenthood Hearing “In Solidarity With Women’s Issues.” “Yet House Republicans pressed ahead with their quest Tuesday, hauling Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards before the Oversight and Government Reform Committee for more than five hours of hectoring and finger-wagging about, among other things, her salary and the group's travel expenses. The hearing came about because of videos released in July purporting to show that Planned Parenthood was harvesting body parts from aborted fetuses for profit…. Republicans tried to inoculate themselves against the inevitable ‘war on women’ charges. Chaffetz admitted three Republican women to participate in the hearing (there is only one GOP woman on the panel) and he started his own remarks by emotionally invoking his wife's work with breast-cancer patients. Rep. Tim Wal-berg (R-Mich.) thought it helpful to say that ‘I'm wearing a pink tie in solidarity with women's health issues.’” [Washington Post, 9/30/15]

Voted Against Adding Exception To Anti-Choice Bill To Protect The Health Of The Woman

Voted Against Adding Exception To Anti-Choice Bill To Protect The Health Of The Woman. In May 2015, Walberg voted against adding a woman’s health exception to a 20-week abortion bill. “U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley’s attempt to amend a bill calling for a ban on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy was defeated Wednesday, and the House went on to pass the ban. The Westlake Village Democrat’s motion and amendment would have added language to the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that would have permitted abortions after 20 weeks if a woman’s health were at risk. It was defeated on a mostly party-line 181-246 vote.” [H.R. 36, Vote #222, 5/13/15; Ventura County Star, 5/13/15]
Voted to Limit Healthcare Services for Women, Expanding Hyde Amendment

In January 2014, Walberg voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, a bill “that ultimately seeks to limit abortion services by keeping federal dollars as far away from them as possible.”

The bill would expand the Hyde Amendment which prohibits federal funding for abortions by preventing federal funds from going towards any plan, provider or facility that offered abortion services, impacting health plans subsidized through the Affordable Care Act.

The National Journal reported: “This means that small businesses and individuals would need to select only plans that do not cover abortion, or forgo the tax credits they are eligible for, regardless of whether the consumers actually use the abortion services. The bill gives insurers a big incentive to drop abortion coverage from their plans, or risk losing the large pool of consumers who receive the law's subsidies.” [National Journal, 1/28/14]

The bill passed, 227-188. [HR 7, Vote #30, 1/28/14]

Even Voted Against a Motion that Would Protect Women’s Medical Privacy

In January 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would ensure that nothing in the underlying bill would authorize any party from violating a woman’s medical privacy regarding her choice or use of comprehensive health insurance coverage. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/28/14]

The motion failed, 192-221. [HR 7, Vote #29, 1/28/14]

Voted Against Reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act

In February 2013, Walberg voted against reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

The bill would reauthorize the Act for five years, having previously expired in 2011. The bill would authorize funds for law enforcement training programs, prosecution and victim services. It would also give American Indian tribal courts additional authority over non-tribal domestic violence offenders, and make it illegal for victim services organizations that receive grant funding through the law to discriminate on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. [CQ, 2/28/13]

The bill passed with bipartisan support, 286-138. [S. 47, Vote #55, 2/28/13]

Voted to Strip Protections for LGBT Victims, Native American Women on Reservations

Before final passage of the Senate version, Walberg voted for the House version of the bill which, according to the New York Times, “excluded specific protections for gay, bisexual, or transgender victims of domestic abuse – eliminating ‘sexual orientation’ and ‘gender identity’ from a list of ‘underserved populations’ that face barriers to receiving victim services – and stripped certain provisions regarding Native American women on reservations.” [New York Times, 2/28/13]

The substitute amendment failed, 166-257. [S. 47, Vote #54, 2/28/13]
Mislead Reporters With Press Release Supporting Violence Against Women Act

Walberg released a statement after the vote on the Violence Against Women Act that he “strongly committed to ensuring that all women have access to the resources they need to protect themselves, their children and their families,” and that “was proud to have voted in support of the Violence Against Women Act that included conscious clause protections.”

At least one local media outlet, Battle Creek’s WIN 98.5, ran parts of the release on its website, before realizing that Walberg had not voted for the version of the bill that actually passed the House of Representatives. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 3/01/13]

Voted to Limit Confidentiality Protections for Domestic Violence Victims

In May 2012, Walberg voted against a motion to ensure that nothing would eliminate, reduce, or limit confidentiality protections in the Violence Against Women Act protecting domestic violence victims from future violence. [CQ Vote Summary, 5/16/12]

House Democrats called for adoption of the Senate version of the bill because the House Republican version erased confidentiality protections for immigrant women. [New York Times, 5/16/12]

The motion failed 187-236. [H.R. 4970, Vote #257, 5/16/12]

Voted to Block Vote on Protecting Women’s Health Care Rights from Employers

In July 2014, Walberg voted to block consideration of the Protect Women’s Health from Corporate Interference Act. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [Congressional Record, 7/15/14]

The bill would prohibit for-profit employers from using religious beliefs to deny vital health services that are required by law to their employees in a group health plan. The bill was aimed at overturning the Supreme Court’s Hobby Lobby Decision, which ruled that some for-profit companies do not have to comply with the Affordable Care Act’s contraception mandate. [Politico, 7/09/14]

The previous question passed, 228-192. [H Res 669, Vote #407, 7/15/14]

Voted Against Increasing Funding for Violence against Women Prevention Programs

In 2012, Walberg voted against increasing the Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women funding by $20.5 million. The additional funding would’ve been used to assist the office with prosecuting cases of domestic violence and assisted with domestic violence prevention measures.

The motion was rejected, 181-233. [HR 5326, Vote #248, 5/10/12]

Opposed Considering Legislation to Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act

In March 2012, Walberg voted to block reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.
By ordering the previous question Representative Slaughter was not allowed to offer an amendment to the rule which would have allowed the House to bring up H.R. 4217, a bill which reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act. [Congressional Record, Page H1658, 3/28/12]

The previous question passed, 235-183. [H Res 597, Vote #139, 3/28/12]

… Opposed Consideration Again


If the motion to order the previous question had failed, the House would have considered the Senate version of the Violence Against Women Act, which included expanded protections for those vulnerable groups.

The previous question passed, 245-187. [H Res 656, Vote #254, 5/16/12]

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The National Journal reported: “This means that small businesses and individuals would need to select only plans that do not cover abortion, or forgo the tax credits they are eligible for, regardless of whether the consumers actually use the abortion services. The bill gives insurers a big incentive to drop abortion coverage from their plans, or risk losing the large pool of consumers who receive the law's subsidies.”
[National Journal, 1/28/14]

The bill passed, 227-188. [HR 7, Vote #30, 1/28/14]

Even Voted Against a Motion that Would Protect Women’s Medical Privacy

In January 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would ensure that nothing in the underlying bill would authorize any party from violating a woman’s medical privacy regarding her choice or use of comprehensive health insurance coverage. [CQ Floor Votes, 1/28/14]

The motion failed, 192-221. [HR 7, Vote #29, 1/28/14]

Voted to Exclude Immigrant, Native American, and Lesbian Women from VAWA

In May 2012, Walberg voted to exclude undocumented immigrants, Native Americans, and lesbian women from expanded protection under the Violence Against Women Act.
The House-passed version of the bill stripped those groups of the protections that the Senate bill provided. It also reduced protections for women whose immigration status is dependent on a spouse.


The bill passed, 222-205. [H.R. 4970, Vote #258, 5/16/12]

**Voted Against Increasing Funds to Prevent Sexual Assault in the Military**

In June 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would increase funds for sexual assault prevention in the military by $5 million. The motion would decrease funds for Defense-wide operations and maintenance by the same amount. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/20/14]

The motion failed, 190-220. [HR 4870, Vote #337, 6/20/14]

**Voted Against Increasing Funds to Combat Domestic Violence**

In May 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would increase funds to combat domestic violence by $4 million.

The motion would increase funds by $1 million each for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution programs, grants to combat violence against women, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, and grants to address backlogs of sexual assault kits. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/30/14]

The motion failed, 185-220. [HR 4660, Vote #268, 5/30/14]

**Voted to Increase Funds to Prevent Violence against Women**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to increase funding to protect women from domestic violence.

The amendment provided an additional $5 million in the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill for the Office on Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs.

The funding increase was offset by a reduction of the same amount for the Commerce Department’s management salaries and expenses account. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The amendment passed 405-25. [HR 3093, Vote #732, 7/25/07]

**Voted to Increase Funds to Prevent Violence against Women**

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The amendment provided an additional $14 million in the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill for the Office on Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs.

The funding increase was offset by a reduction of the same amount from the Justice Department general administration salaries and expenses account. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The amendment passed 412-18. [HR 3093, Vote #730, 7/25/07]

**Voted to Increase Funding for Violence Against Women Prevention**

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2008 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill to increase the amount provided for the Office on Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs.

The amendment increased funding for Violence Against Women prevention programs by $10 million, offset by a reduction of the same amount for the National Science Foundation operations and award management program. [CQ Floor Votes, 7/25/07]

The amendment passed 243-186. [HR 3093, Vote #727, 7/25/07]

**Voted Against Providing Exemption to Welfare Work Requirements for Victims of Domestic Violence**

In 1995, Walberg voted against an amendment to provide an exemption to Work Firm requirements for parents who are the victims of domestic violence until the family’s living arrangements had been stabilized.

The amendment failed 49-54. [HB 5353, Martinez amendment, RC #1074]

**Voted Three Times Against Considering the Paycheck Fairness Act; In Michigan, Women Earn Only 75.3 Cents For Every Dollar Their Male Counterparts Earn**

In 2014, Walberg voted three times against considering the Paycheck Fairness Act. In Michigan, women earn only 75.3 cents for every dollar their male counterparts earn. [National Women’s Law Center]

- Walberg voted against consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act. [Congressional Record, 4/11/13]
  
  The previous question passed, 226-192. [H Res 146, Vote #97, 4/11/13]

- Walberg voted against consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act. [Congressional Record, 5/07/13]
  
  The previous question passed, 230-198. [H Res 198, Vote #132, 5/07/13]

- Walberg voted against consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act. [Congressional Record, 4/08/14]
  
  The previous question passed, 219-190. [H Res 544, Vote #169, 4/08/14]

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Voted Against Considering Paycheck Fairness Act

In 2013, Walberg voted against consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would amend the Equal Pay Act to enhance remedies for people who experience pay discrimination on the basis of sex and ensure employers who try to justify paying a man more for the same job must show the disparity is not sex-based.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would prohibit employers from retaliating against employees who discuss or disclose salary information with their co-workers, and would make it easier for women to file class-action lawsuits against employers they accuse of sex-based pay discrimination. The bill would also strengthen the available remedies to include punitive and compensatory damages, bringing equal pay law into line with all other civil rights laws. Lastly, it would direct the Secretary of Labor to conduct studies and provide information to employers, labor organizations, and the general public regarding the means available to eliminate pay disparities between men and women.

Recent Census Bureau data shows that full-time working women make 77 cents for every dollar men make per year. The Paycheck Fairness Act, which DeLauro has introduced in eight consecutive Congresses, would expand the Equal Pay Act to close certain loopholes and allow employees to share salary information with their coworkers. It would also require employers to show that pay disparities between their male and female employees are related to job performance, not gender. [Huffington Post, 4/11/13]

The previous question was approved 226-192. A vote against the motion would have allowed for consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act. [H Res 146, Vote #97, 4/12/13]

- Headline: “Paycheck Fairness Act Vote Blocked by House GOP” [Huffington Post, 4/11/13]

Voted Against Considering Paycheck Fairness Act

In 2013, Walberg voted against considering the Paycheck Fairness Act.

The previous question was ordered so the bill was not brought up. [H Res 198, Vote #132, 5/07/13]

Opposed Paycheck Equity

In 2008, Walberg voted against a bill that would lift the cap on compensatory and punitive damages that women may be awarded in wage discrimination cases.

The bill would also require employers who contended that pay discrepancies did not result from discrimination to give an actual business reason for why female employees were paid less than their male counterparts. [CQ Today, 7/31/08]
Democrats argued that the bill would close some loopholes for pay discrimination. “The current system is rife with loopholes that allowed employers to avoid responsibility for discriminatory pay scales,” Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) said. [CQ Today, 7/31/08]

Republicans criticized the legislation, saying that it would be fodder for frivolous lawsuits. “This bill will make it easier for trial lawyers to cash in, and taxpayers should be outraged that their money is being put to such use,” Representative Virginia Foxx (R-NC) said. [CQ Today, 7/31/08]

The bill passed 247-178. [HR 1338, Vote #556, 7/31/08]

**Opposed Bill to Prevent Wage Discrimination**

In 2007, Walberg voted against a bill to protect the victims of wage discrimination.

The bill amended the 1964 Civil Rights Act to allow employees to file charges of pay discrimination within 180 days of the last received paycheck affected by the alleged discriminatory decision.

It also clarified that an employee is entitled to up to two years of back-pay if it is determined that discrimination occurred. [Congressional Quarterly]

The legislation was introduced in response to a May 29, 2007 Supreme Court ruling, Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., a 5-4 ruling decried by civil rights activists.

According to the ruling, workers filing suit for wage discrimination must do so within 180 days of the actual decision to discriminate against them. That blocked efforts to win redress for discrimination that unfolded in small steps over a period of years. [CQ Today, 7/31/07]

The bill passed 225-199. [HR 2831, Vote #768, 7/31/07]

**Voted Against Equal Pay Legislation**

In 1998, Walberg voted against a bill that would allow women and minorities to go to court if they were not being paid the same as other employees in an equal job.


**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act**

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for blocking consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill that would end the pay gap between men and women and unsure equal pay for equal work. “The legislation would protect workers from retaliation for sharing information about their wages, require employers to explain any pay disparities among workers performing the same job, and allow employees to seek unlimited punitive damages in wage bias cases.” The previous question passed 239 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 189, Vote #148, 4/14/15; Bloomberg, 4/14/15; Congressional Record, 4/14/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/14/15]
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Co-Sponsored Bill Redefining Rape, Allowing Federal Funding In Cases Of “Forcible Rape,” But Not In Cases Of Statutory Rape Nor If Woman Was In Danger Of “Serious Health Damage”

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New York Times Editorial: Bill Would Have Allowed Federal Funding Of Abortions In Cases Of “Forcible Rape” But Not Statutory Rape Nor In Cases Where Woman Was In Danger Of Suffering From “Serious Health Damage.” “Their primary bill —the ‘No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act’— is so broad that it could block insurance coverage for abortions for countless American women. …The Smith bill also would take certain restrictions on federal financing for abortions that now must be renewed every year and make them permanent. It would allow federal financing of abortions in cases of “forcible” rape but not statutory or coerced rape, and in cases where a woman is in danger of death from her pregnancy but not of other serious health damage. It would free states from having to provide abortions in such emergency cases.” [New York Times, Editorial, 1/29/11]

Bill Would Ban District Of Columbia From Utilizing Own Funds To Provide Abortions For Low-Income Women

Bill Would Ban District Of Columbia From Utilizing Own Funds To Provide Abortions For Low-Income Women. “In the District, officials and abortion rights supporters say they are concerned about the potential impact of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, a measure introduced in the House last week that has more than 160 sponsors. In addition to strengthening the U.S. ban on using federal funds for abortion services, the bill would bar the District from using its own money to provide abortions for low-income women. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) said that conservative lawmakers, who normally advocate for state and local governments to have more autonomy, were being hypocritical in supporting the measure.” [Washington Post, 1/25/11]

Voted For Limiting Women’s Access To Reproductive Services

Voted For Bill Blocking Federal Funding For Abortion, Including Tax Credits For Small Businesses Providing Healthcare That Includes Abortion Coverage. In January 2015, Walberg voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which restricted federal funding for abortions and abortion coverage. “The House did easily pass H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.). White House advisers said they would recommend a veto should the bill reach the president’s desk. The Hyde Amendment already prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion, except in cases of incest, rape and life endangerment of the mother. That is passed every year as part of an appropriations bill, but this bill would make that permanent law. The House bill would also restrict small businesses from getting an Affordable Care Act tax credit if they purchase employee health plans that include abortion coverage on
the Small Business Health Options Program, or SHOP exchange.” [HR 7, Vote #45, 1/22/15; Politico, 1/22/15]

**Bill Would Give Big Insurance Companies Incentive To Drop Abortion Coverage.** “The bill gives insurers a big incentive to drop abortion coverage from their plans, or risk losing the large pool of consumers who receive the law's subsidies. Abortion coverage is historically relatively ubiquitous in health plans, so the effect could be far-reaching.” [National Journal, 1/28/14]

**Voted For Repealing Of DC Law Banning Discrimination Based On Contraception Usage.**

**Voted For Repealing DC Reproductive Health Non Discrimination Act.** In February 2015, Walberg voted for disapproving of the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014. “The resolution disapproves, and thereby effectively repeals, the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014, which is intended to ensure that individuals are protected from discrimination by an employer because of the individual's or family member's ‘reproductive health decision’ -- including use of contraception or the planned or intended initiation or termination of a pregnancy.” The bill passed 228 to 192. [HR 596, Vote #194, 4/30/15; CQ House Action Report, 4/29/15]

**Voted For Restricting A Woman’s Right To Choose After 20 Weeks**

**Voted For A Rule To Bring A Resolution To The Floor Disapproving Of A Law That Would Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees Who Use Birth Control.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for the adoption of the rule (H Res 231) providing for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1732) that would prohibit EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing or implementing the currently proposed rule regarding the definition of the ‘Waters of the United States,’ the fiscal 2016 budget conference report (S Con Res 11) and the joint resolution (H J Res 43) disapproving the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. The rule was adopted 242-181. [H Res 231, Vote #181, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Disapproving Of A Law That Would Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees Who Use Birth Control.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for the Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 231) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1732) that would prohibit EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing or implementing the currently proposed rule regarding the definition of the ‘Waters of the United States,’ the.
fiscal 2016 budget conference report (S Con Res 11) and the joint resolution (H J Res 43) disapproving the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. The motion was agreed to 241-181. [H Res 231, Vote #180, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Voted For A Question To Bring A Resolution To The Floor Disapproving Of A Law That Would Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees Who Use Birth Control.** In April 2015, Walberg voted for the question of whether the House should consider the rule (H Res 231) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1732) that would prohibit EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing or implementing the currently proposed rule regarding the definition of the "Waters of the United States," the fiscal 2016 budget conference report (S Con Res 11) and the joint resolution (H J Res 43) disapproving the District of Columbia's Reproductive —Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. The question was agreed to consider by a vote of 240-174. Note: Watson-Coleman, D-N.J., had raised a point of order that the rule would violate clause 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act, regarding unfunded mandates. [H Res 231, Vote #179, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Voted Against Preventing Higher Health Insurance Costs for Women and Children**

In April 2012, Walberg voted against specifying that nothing in a Republican bill to repeal the Prevention and Public Health fund would endorse, promote or result in increased costs for health insurance for women and children.

The motion failed 178-231. [HR 4628, Vote #194, 4/27/12]

After that vote, Walberg voted against a bill that extended a lower interest rate for federally subsidized undergraduate student loans by repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund, established by the President’s health care overhaul. The bill passed 215-195. [HR 4628, Vote #195, 4/27/12]

**Voted Against Cutting $604 Million from the Women, Infants and Children Program**

In 2011, Walberg voted against an amendment that would have cut $604 million dollars, or 10 percent, of the budget from the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC).

The amendment to the fiscal year 2012 Agriculture appropriations legislation reduced the WIC account by 10 percent and transferred the funds to a spending reduction account. [Congressional Record, 6/15/11; The Hill, 6/15/11]

The amendment failed 64-360. [HR 2112, Vote #430, 6/15/11]

**Voted to Limit Affirmative Action**

In 2007, Walberg introduced and voted in favor of an amendment the fiscal year 2008 defense appropriations bill to bar the use of funds in the bill to award a grant or contract based on the race, ethnicity or gender of the grant applicant or prospective contractor. [CQ Floor Votes, 8/05/07]

The amendment was defeated 126-284. [HR 3222, Vote #841, 8/05/07]
### Supported Increased Contracting for Women and Minority-Owned Businesses

In 2007, Walberg voted in favor of a bill to expand federal government contracting with minority and women-owned businesses.

The bill would increase the federal government’s small-business procurement goal to 30 percent from 23 percent under current law as well as the goal for procurement for minority and women-owned businesses to 8 percent from 5 percent.

The measure also limited the ability of federal agencies to bundle small projects into large contracts. The bill required the Small Business Administration to take steps to reduce erroneous entries in the government’s contractor registry. [CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/07]

President Bush opposed the bill. [Statement of Administration Policy, 5/08/07]

The bill passed 409-13. [HR 1873, Vote #323, 5/10/07]

NOTE: A Freedom of Information Act request was filed with the Department of Defense to determine if there are any women or minority-owned businesses with defense contracts in the 7th District. In the response, we were informed by the Department that they do not track contractors by socio-economic data.

### Voted Against Exempting Federal Protections Against Sexual And Domestic Abuse From Additional Legal Challenges

**Voted Against A Motion Exempting Federal Protections Against Sexual And Domestic Abuse From Weakening Provisions.** In February 2015, Walberg voted against a motion that would “recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would limit the provisions of the bill from affecting federal regulations concerning victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.” HR 50 itself “would expand and modify the 1995 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (PL 104-4) that requires all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules... The measure would extend judicial review of agency rules and permit a court to stay, enjoin or invalidate a rule if an agency fails to complete the required UMRA analysis or adhere to the regulatory principles.” The motion failed, 184-239. [HR 50, Vote #63, 1/06/15; CQ Floor Votes, 2/04/15; CQ News HR 50 Coverage, 2/04/15]

**Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act Lets Big Business Write The Rules.”** “But the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards (CSS) says the bill would give businesses special access to regulators and block hypothetical future rules without the public knowing. ‘The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act lets big business write the rules,’ Katherine McFate, president of the Center for Effective Government and CSS co-chair, said in a statement. ‘It doesn’t improve or streamline the regulatory process, which is already plagued by hurdles and delays. This act would make it even more difficult for agencies to implement laws enacted by Congress.’” [The Hill, 1/30/15]
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Voted Against Requiring Rape Kits Be Provided to Survivors of Sexual Assault

In 1984, Walberg voted against a bill that would require hospitals to offer rape kits to possible victims of sexual assault.

The bill passed 89-3. [HB 5405, 5/02/84]

Voted Against Bill To Comply With Federal Child Support Requirements

In 1998, Walberg voted against a package of bills aimed at putting Michigan in compliance with federal child support regulations.

Michigan stood to lose $1 billion in federal block grants if the Legislature had failed to bring Michigan into compliance. However, some opposed a federal requirement to include Social Security numbers on relevant documents in an effort to track parents who owe child support. Several members of the House argued that the requirement was equal to Big Brother invading individuals’ private lives. [MIRS Capitol Capsule, 4/2/98; HB 794, 796-804, 4/02/98]

Won Award From Family Research Council For “Support of Family”

In 2008, Walberg was recognized as a “True Blue” member of Congress by Family Research Council Action and Focus on the Family Action for “his unwavering commitment to the family.”

“Congressman Walberg is to be commended for supporting public policy that values human life, protects our religious liberties, and upholds the institutions of marriage and the family,” FRC Action president Tony Perkins said. [Representative Walberg press release, 1/30/08]

Named Member of the Year by Dads and Moms of Michigan

In 2008, Walberg was named Congress Member of the Year by Dads and Moms of Michigan, “a nonprofit organization aimed at ensuring equal rights for all parties affected by divorce, a family breakup or children born to unmarried parents.” [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/19/08]

Voted Against $5,000 Child Care Tax Credit as State Legislator

As a member of the Michigan House, Walberg voted against a bill to establish a $5,000 child care tax credit.
“What really happened is that Walberg taxed families $5,000 more by opposing the tax credit,” said Walberg’s 2006 opponent Sharon Renier. [HB 4180, 3/04/97; Renier press release, 10/26/06]

Walberg campaign manager Joe Wicks defended Walberg’s vote against the credit because he said it was part of a larger bill that raised Michigan’s gasoline tax. [Ann Arbor News, 10/29/06]

**Voted For Ensuring Transparency And Accountability, Removal Of Terminated Providers For Medicaid And CHIP**

**Voted For Ensuring Transparency And Accountability, Removal Of Terminated Providers For Medicaid And CHIP.** In March 2016, Walberg voted for a bill that would improve transparency and accountability for Medicaid and CHIP providers by instituting improved disclosure requirements. “The bill would create additional requirements for Medicaid and CHIP, like data reporting… The legislation … will increase the efficiency of the Medicaid program by creating a searchable database that is more patient friendly. It would provide beneficiaries served under the Medicaid fee-for-service or primary care case management programs with a directory of physicians participating in the program so those patients can receive the most up to date information and are able to find doctors who accept Medicaid more quickly and efficiently.” [HR 3716, Vote #105, 3/02/16; Office of the Democratic Whip, 3/02/16]

**POTUS Supported Bill, Cited Improved Ability Of States To Identify Terminated Providers.** “H.R. 3716 would improve the ability of States to identify health care providers who have been terminated from participating in Medicare or in another State's Medicaid or CHIP program. The Affordable Care Act requires that State Medicaid programs terminate participation of health care providers that have been terminated by Medicare or another State Medicaid program. This legislation would improve States' ability to fulfill this requirement by codifying this requirement in CHIP, requiring providers participating in Medicaid and CHIP managed care to enroll with the State, and increasing required reporting, sharing of information, and standardization of documentation of reasons for termination.” [Statement of Administration Policy, Executive Office of the President, 3/01/16]

**Bill Would Save $28 Million Over Ten Years.** “The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the bill would reduce direct spending by $28 million over the next ten years.” [Office of the Democratic Whip, 3/02/16]

**Voted Against State Subsidy for Families with Emotionally or Physically Impaired Children**

In 1997, Walberg voted against a bill that would make parents of emotionally impaired and physically or otherwise health impaired children eligible for a state subsidy of $222.11 a month to help finance at-home care.

The bill passed 96-7. [Gongwer News Service, 5/15/97; HB 4753, Roll Call #358, 5/15/97]

**Voted Against Similar Measure in 1983**
In 1983, Walberg voted against a bill to allow parents of mentally impaired children, including those with autism, to receive a state subsidy similar to one received by parents of physically impaired kids.

The bill passed 91-7. [HB 4448, 11/30/83]

**Voted Against Protecting Women from Gender Discrimination in Healthcare**

In September 2014, Walberg voted against a motion that would protect women from discrimination based on gender in their healthcare - including higher premiums for healthcare, loss of contraception, or loss of pregnancy care. [CQ Floor Votes, 9/11/14]

The motion failed, 187-223. [HR 3522, Vote #494, 9/11/14]

**Voted Against Protecting Women’s Medical Privacy**

**Voted Against Motion Prohibiting Violation Of Medical Privacy Regarding Choice Of Health Insurance Coverage, Including Coverage For Victims Of Rape Or Incest.** In January 2015, Walberg voted against a motion to recommit that would prohibit any violation of the medical privacy of a woman regarding her choice of health insurance coverage, and in particular the very sensitive privacy needs of those who are victims of rape and incest. In contrast, the underlying bill goes so far as to restrict a woman’s own private funds under her health insurance coverage for abortion services. [HR 7, Vote #44, 1/22/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/22/15]

**Voted Against Motion That Provided Additional Funding For Programs Including Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women And Missing And Exploited Children**

**Voted Against Motion That Provided Additional Funding For Programs Including Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women And Missing And Exploited Children.** In June 2015, Walberg voted against motion that would provide an additional $3 million for sexual assault victims assistance within the Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs account and an additional $3 million for missing and exploited children programs in the Juvenile Justice Programs account. It would decrease funding for the Justice Information Technology Account by $6 million. The amendment failed, 190 to 232. [HR 2578, Vote #296, 6/03/15; CQ, 6/03/15]
Significant Findings

- Campaign spent $3,550 on boat rentals and sportfishing between June 29, 2015 and July 2, 2015
- Top industries donating to Walberg: Republican or conservative groups, leadership PACs, and retired people
- Between 2008 and 2014, small contributions from individuals decline from over $1.1 million in 2008 to $136,950 in 2014
- Business PAC contributions increased from $116,900 in 2006 to $516,600 in 2014
- Wife charged over $6,000 in reimbursements to Walberg’s campaign during 2014 election
- Walberg claimed nearly $2,100 in reimbursements to campaign in 2014 election
- Received thousands in campaign contributions from billionaire outsourcers
- Disbursed Over $1,000 for “lodging” to Bozzuto Management located in Greenbelt, MD
- Reported $1,960 disbursement to “corporate lobbyist” and campaign donor for “tickets/food”
- Target of significant outside spending in 2008 and 2010
- Significantly outraised opponents in 2006 and 2012
- Largest recipient of donations from Moroun network in 2012

The three top industries to donate to Walberg over his career are Republican and conservative groups, leadership PACs and retired people. Walberg introduced the President of the Grand Hotel at House Committee hearingWalberg’s races against Mark Schauer in 2008 and 2010 were each the target of more than $8 million in outside spending, in addition to millions of dollars raised by the two candidates. In 2006 and 2012, Walberg outraised his opponents 22 to 1 and 13 to 1, respectively. In 2012, Walberg was the largest recipient of donations from the Moroun network.
Between 2008 and 2014, Walberg’s total of small contributions from individuals has declined nearly $1 million while his contribution total from business PACs has increased nearly $400,000. Walberg raised a record high of $1,152,717 in small contributions from individuals in 2008, but in 2014, that total had plummeted to $136,950 in 2014. In terms of donations from business PACs, contributions increased from $116,900 in 2006 to $516,600 in 2014.

In 2014, Walberg reported $1,960 in-kind disbursement to lobbyist and campaign donor Mark Valente III for “tickets/food.” Valente III was previously described as a “corporate lobbyist.” On March 25, 2014, Walberg’s campaign reported a $1,078.88 disbursement to Bozzuto Management, located in Greenbelt, MD, for “lodging.”

### 2016 Election Cycle: Received Nearly $528,000 From Committees Compared To $636,938 In Individual Contributions

According to Walberg’s Federal Election Commission filings, after the 1st Quarter 2016 filing, his campaign had received nearly $528,000 from committees compared to $636,938 in individual contributions. [FEC, Accessed 4/23/16]

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### Top Industries: Leadership PACs, Republican/Conservative Groups Retired

Over his career, as of April 22, 2016 Walberg’s largest contributors have been Leadership Pacs, followed by Conservative and Republican Groups, and retired people.

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**2014 Election: Walberg’s Top Donors Owned Two Coal-Fired Power Plants Considered “By Far The “Largest Source Of” Sulfur Dioxide Pollution In Wayne County**

**2014: Walberg Received $15,200 From Koch Industries.** According to Opensecrets, Tim Walberg received $15,200 total from Koch Industries during the 2014 election. Individuals connected to the company gave $5,200 to Walberg. Political Action Committees connected to Koch Industries gave $10,000. [Opensecrets, Accessed 5/11/15]

**2014: Walberg Received $16,000 From DTE Energy.** According to Opensecrets, Tim Walberg received $16,000 total from DTE Energy during the 2014 Election. Individuals connected to the company gave $600 to Walberg. Political Action Committees connected to DTE Energy contributed $10,000. [Opensecrets, Accessed 5/11/15]

**Detroit Free Press: DTE Energy’s Permits For Coal-Fired Power Plants In Wayne County Would “Allow Far More Emissions Than An Earlier Reduction Plan From Michigan Department Of Environmental Quality.”** “...Environmental groups are criticizing air pollution permits sought by DTE Energy for its coal-fired power plants in Wayne County, saying they don't go far enough to protect air quality and public safety. The proposed permits will reduce sulfur dioxide emissions from current levels at DTE's River Rouge and Trenton Channel plants — but allow far more emissions than an earlier reduction plan from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that was scuttled last summer.” [Detroit Free Press, 3/10/15]

**DTE’s River Rouge Plant Was In Violation Of Federal Rules On Sulfur Dioxide.** “The River Rouge area is in violation of federal rules on sulfur dioxide levels, and the new permits are DTE and the state's attempt to get and stay under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency limits. DTE's River Rouge and Trenton Channel power plants are by far the largest sources of the pollutant in Wayne County.” [Detroit Free Press, 3/10/15]

**Detroit Free Press: “DTE’s River Rouge And Trenton Channel Power Plants Are By Far The Largest Sources Of Pollutant In Wayne County.”** “...The River Rouge area is in violation of federal rules on sulfur dioxide levels, and the new permits are DTE and the state's attempt to get and stay under U.S.
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**2016 Election**

**Walberg Received $1,000 From Terri L Land.** According to Walberg’s 2015 April Quarterly, on February 11, 2015, Terri L Land contributed $1,000 to Walberg’s campaign. [FEC, 2015 April Quarterly report, Filed 5/15/15]

**2014 Election: Walberg Reimbursed Himself $2,095.80 For “Mileage”**

**Walberg Reimbursed Himself $306.95 For Mileage.** According to Walberg’s amended Year-End report, on October 15, 2013, Walberg reimbursed himself $306.95 for “Travel: mileage.” [FEC, Amended Year-End report, Filed 10/15/14]

**Walberg Reimbursed Himself $133.70 For Mileage.** According to Walberg’s amended Year-End report, on November 1, 2013, Walberg reimbursed himself $133.70 for “Travel: mileage.” [FEC, Amended Year-End report, Filed 10/15/14]

**Walberg Reimbursed Himself $134.40 For “Mileage.”** According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on July 31, 2013, Walberg reimbursed himself $134.40 for “mileage.” [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]
Walberg Reimbursed Himself $87.50 For “Mileage.” According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on September 6, 2013, Walberg reimbursed himself $87.50 for “mileage.” [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]


Walberg Reimbursed Himself $240.80 For “Mileage.” According to Walberg’s 2014 Pre-Primary report, on July 3, 2014, Walberg reimbursed himself $240.80 for “mileage.” [FEC, 2014 Pre-Primary report, Filed 7/24/14]


Walberg Reimbursed Himself $159.60 For “Mileage.” According to Walberg’s 2014 Pre-General report, on October 6, 2014, Walberg reimbursed himself $159.60 for “mileage.” [FEC, 2014 Pre-General report, Filed 10/23/14]

**Walberg Reimbursed Himself $70.70 For “Mileage.”** According to Walberg’s 2014 Year-End report, on November 26, 2014, Walberg reimbursed himself $70.70 for “mileage.” [FEC, 2014 Year-End report, Filed 1/31/15]

### 2014 Election: Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed By Walberg’s Campaign $6,128.95

**Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed $2,012.10 For “Supplies/Postage.”** According to Walberg’s 2014 October Quarterly report, on August 17, 2014, Susan Walberg was reimbursed $2,012.10 for “supplies/postage.” [FEC, 2014 October Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/14]

**Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed $3,130 For Postage.** According to Walberg’s Pre-General Election report, on October 10, 2014, Susan Walberg was reimbursed by Walberg’s campaign for $3,130 for “postage.” [FEC, 2014 Pre-General Report, Filed 10/23/14]

**Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed $189.96 For “Supplies/Food.”** According to Walberg’s 2014 October Quarterly report, on September 12, 2014, Susan Walberg was reimbursed $189.96 for “supplies/food.” [FEC, 2014 October Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/14]

**Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed By Campaign $269.28 For “Food.”** According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on July 11, 2013, Susan Walberg was reimbursed $269.28 by Walberg’s campaign for “food.” [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]

**Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed By Campaign $246.97 For “Food/Supplies.”** “According to Walberg’s October 2013 Quarterly report, on September 5, 2013, Susan Walberg was reimbursed $246.97 for “food/supplies.” [FEC, October 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/13]

**Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed $46.82 For “Supplies.”** According to Walberg’s April 2013 Quarterly report, on January 9, 2014, Susan Walberg was reimbursed $46.82 for “supplies.” [FEC, April Quarterly report, Filed 4/15/14]

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**Susan Walberg Was Reimbursed $187 For “Supplies.”** According to Walberg’s July 2014 Quarterly report, on June 18, 2014, Susan Walberg was reimbursed $187 by Walberg’s campaign for “supplies.” [FEC, July 2014 Quarterly report, Filed 7/15/14]

### Employed Person On Campaign Supportive Of Gay Rights
Paid Natasha M Erzbischoff $420.75 For “Salary.” According to Walberg’s 2014 Pre-General report, on October 3, 2014, Natasha M Erzbischoff was paid $420.75 for “salary.” [FEC, Pre-General 2014 report, Filed 10/23/14]

Natasha M Erzbischoff Column: Supported Gay Rights. “After I recovered from disbelief at that heinous ensemble, out of nowhere a whole pack of people appears wearing these ridiculous, whimsical rainbow outfits. I feel faint at the sight and I’m thinking to myself that I’m either losing it or there’s a full moon out. Then I hear a boy chanting: ‘I’m gay and proud, gay and proud, GAY AND PROUD!’ Suddenly it hits me and I start to smile, realizing the cause for all the tacky rainbow is the Chicago Pride Parade. So I extend my hand to the boy that’s chanting, high five him and yell back ‘HELL YEAH.’… Then I realized something else — gay pride isn’t just about being proud of dudes liking dudes or chicks liking chicks. It isn’t just about parading about in rainbow clothes — it’s about parading about in your true colors. It’s about people liking themselves and unapologetically saying to the world ‘I’m me and I’m proud.’” [The Michigan Daily, Natasha M Erzbischoff Column, 7/02/13]

Walberg Campaign Employed Carol Knoblauch While She Was Listed As Treasurer Of An Unaffiliated Federal Campaign Committee


2014 April Quarterly: Carol Knoblauch Listed As Treasurer Of “7th District Federal Campaign Committee.” According to the “7th District Federal Campaign Committee” 2014 April Quarterly report, Carol Knoblauch was listed as Treasurer. [FEC, 7th District Federal Campaign Committee 2014 April Quarterly filing, Filed 4/15/13]

7th District Federal Campaign Committee Stated “Committee Supports/Opposes More Than One Federal Candidate.” “7TH DISTRICT FEDERAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE 7506 Riga Hwy Riga, MI 49276… This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate and is NOT a separate segregated fund or a party committee. Affiliated Committees/Organizations NONE” [FEC, 7th District Federal Campaign Committee Statement of Organization, Filed 10/24/13]

Walberg Campaign Disbursed $1,078.88 For “Lodging” To Bozzuto Management In Greenbelt, MD

Walberg Campaign Disbursed $1,078.88 For “Lodging” To Bozzuto Management Located In Greenbelt Maryland. According to Walberg’s 2014 July Quarterly report, on March 25, 2014, Walberg’s campaign disbursed $1,078.88 to Bozzuto Management for $1,078.88 for “lodging.” The location listed was Greenbelt, MD. [FEC, 2014 July Quarterly report, Filed 7/15/14]

Nathan Wurtzel Was Reimbursed $900 For “Rent”

April Quarterly: Walberg Campaign Disbursed $1,423 To Congressional Institute For “Conference.” According to Walberg’s April 2014 Quarterly report, the Walberg campaign disbursed $1,423 to the Congressional Institute for a “conference fee.” [FEC, April 2014 Quarterly report, Filed 10/15/14]

Walberg Campaign Disbursed $1,127 To Congressional Institute For “Conference Fees.” According to Walberg’s 2014 Year-End report, on November 27, 2014, Walberg’s campaign disbursed $1,127 to the Congressional Institute for “conference fee.” [FEC, 2014 Year-End report, Filed 1/31/15]

Reported $1,960 In-Kind Disbursement To Lobbyist Mark Valente III For “Tickets/Food”

Reported $1,960 In-Kind Disbursement To Mark Valente III For “Tickets/Food.” According to Walberg’s amended July 2013 Quarterly report, on May 9, 2013, Walberg reported a $1,960 in-kind disbursement for “tickets/food” to Mark Valente III. [FEC, July 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 1/28/14]

Mark Valente III Was A Lobbyist. “Two sitting GOP lawmakers, including the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, will raise money next week in an effort to oust Michigan Rep. Justin Amash from Congress. …The invitation solicits donations of at least $1,000 from attendees and up to $5,000 for official event hosts. It lists former New Jersey Rep. Mike Ferguson and lobbyists Marc Cadin and Mark Valente III among those who have anted up to host the event.” [Politico, 6/05/14]


In 2006, Valente III Was Treasurer For John Shimkus’ Political Action Committee. “Corporate lobbyists Mark Valente III and Troup Coronado don't have to hang out in the hallways of Capitol Hill, waiting to buttonhole Rep. John M. Shimkus (R-Ill.). Both men have more convenient ways of reaching the lawmaker. Valente is the treasurer of Shimkus's political action committee, the John S Fund. And Coronado, who lobbies for BellSouth, played host at a Dec. 17 fundraiser for Shimkus at MCI Center. Guests made contributions -- $1,000 per person, $1,500 per couple -- to his reelection campaign, and in turn they got to take in a Bon Jovi performance from the BellSouth suite.” [Washington Post, 1/12/06]

In 2006, Valente Was Described As A “Corporate Lobbyist.” “Corporate lobbyists Mark Valente III and Troup Coronado don't have to hang out in the hallways of Capitol Hill, waiting to buttonhole Rep. John M. Shimkus (R-Ill.).” [Washington Post, 1/12/06]

2006: Valente III “Reflect The Steady Dismantling Of The Wall Between Lobbyists And Members Of The House And Senate.” “There is nothing exceptional about Valente's relationship with Shimkus, or Coronado's fundraising party. But they do illustrate the capital's changing mores. Although the excesses of Jack Abramoff have captured the news, a wide range of other practices -- rarely publicized and fully
legal -- reflect the steady dismantling of the wall between lobbyists and members of the House and Senate.” [Washington Post, 1/12/06]

**Mark Valente III And Wife Gave $6,000 To Walberg**

**Reported $1,960 In-Kind Disbursement To Claudia Valente For “Tickets/Food.”** According to Walberg’s amended July 2013 Quarterly report, on May 9, 2013, Walberg reported a $1,960 in-kind disbursement for “tickets/food” to Claudia Valente. [FEC, July 2013 Quarterly report, Filed 1/28/14]

**Mark Valente III Gave $2,000 To Walberg.** According to a 48 hour notice of contributions filed by Walberg, on October 25, 2014, Mark Valente III gave $2,000 to Walberg. [FEC, Walberg 48 Hour Notice of Contribution, 10/25/14]

**Mrs. Claudia B Valente Gave $1,000 To Walberg.** According to a 48 hour notice of contributions filed by Walberg, on October 25, 2014, Mrs. Claudia B Valente gave $1,000 to Walberg. [FEC, Walberg 48 Hour Notice of Contribution, 10/25/14]

**Claudia B Valente Gave $1,000 To Walberg.** According to Walberg’s 2014 Pre-General report, on October 25, 2014, Claudia B Valente gave $1,000 to Walberg. [FEC, 2014 Pre-General report, Filed 12/04/14]

**Mark Valente III Gave $2,000 To Walberg.** According to Walberg’s 2014 Pre-General report, on October 25, 2014, Mark Valente III gave $2,000 to Walberg. [FEC, 2014 Pre-General report, Filed 12/04/14]

**Top Contributors: 2012 Election Cycle**

CenTra, Inc. is the holding company, whose subsidiary, Detroit International Bridge Company, owns Ambassador Bridge. CenTra, Inc. is owned by Grosse Pointe billionaire Matty Moroun. In 2012, the Detroit International Bridge Company ran ads opposing a new publicly owned bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor, ON. [Michigan Truth Squad, 4/11/11]

CMS Energy is a public utility headquartered in Jackson, MI, and the largest company in the 7th district by annual income. One of its main subsidiaries, Consumers Energy, provides natural gas and electricity to more than half of Michigan residents. Between 2008 and 2010, CMS Energy spent $3.48 million on lobbying, while paying -$27 million in taxes. [CQ district profile, accessed 6/25/13; International Business Times, 12/09/11]

PVS Chemicals is a chemical manufacturer, distributor and marketer headquartered in Detroit.

Alro Steel is a Jackson, MI based distributor of steel, plastic and industrial supplies, and the 4th largest company in the 7th district by annual income. [CQ district profile, accessed 6/25/13]

Ambassador Enterprises is an Indiana company that purchased the former campus of Walberg’s alma mater, Fort Wayne Bible College. [Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, 5/19/11]
Ervin Industries was granted $28,800 in Recovery Act funds as a sub-award for a federal contract for Irradiation Apparatus Manufacturing. $0 were disbursed to the company. [Recovery.gov, accessed 6/12/13]

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Contributions From Business PACs Increased From $116,900 In 2006 To $516,600 In 2014. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Walberg received his lowest total from Business PACs in 2006, taking in $116,900. In 2014, he took in his highest total from Business PACs, $516,600. . [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 5/11/15]
2011-2012: 34 Percent of Contributions Came From PACs

According to an analysis from Center for Responsive Politics, political action committee contributions make up 34 percent of Walberg’s campaign contributions.

The following table shows the breakdown of the different types of sources from which Walberg accepted contributions from 2011 to 2012:

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Independent Expenditures

In 2010, interest groups and political parties reported spending $8,263,776 on independent campaigning in Michigan’s 7th congressional district. Of that total, $3,754,968 benefitted Walberg and $4,508,808 benefitted Schauer. [Washington Post, accessed 6/12/13]

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, outside spending totaled over $7,724,000:

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In 2008, independent expenditures in Michigan’s 7th congressional district totaled almost $8.8 million, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network. [Michigan Campaign Finance Network, April 2009]

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, outside spending totaled over $4,978,000.

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[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/26/13]

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[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/26/13]

In 2006, the NRCC spent $77,000 supporting Walberg – over $20,000 more than Susan Renier’s entire campaign. [Jackson Citizen Patriot, 10/28/06]

**Founded Truth is Markets Work (TIM W) Fund Leadership PAC**

In 2011, Walberg founded a leadership PAC called the Truth is Markets Work (TIM W) Fund.

The TIM W Fund was based in Springfield, VA, and Robert F. Carlin acted as treasurer. [Statement of Organization, 7/05/11]

**Criticized for Campaign Reimbursements to Himself and His Wife**

In 2012, a report by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics criticized Walberg for receiving reimbursements from his campaign.
According to their report, Walberg was reimbursed $3,041 for mileage and other expenses during the 2008 campaign, while his wife was reimbursed $14,520 for petty cash, food, travel and other expenses. In 2010, Walberg was reimbursed $13,598 for mileage, and his wife was reimbursed $3,220 for food and other supplies.

While Walberg is focused “on our nation’s needs,” CREW instead “is spending the day announcing the obvious fact that campaign committees pay for campaign expenses,” Walberg press secretary Sarah Kuziomko said. [Detroit News, 3/30/12]

### Paid Son for Campaign Work

In August 2007, a Detroit News investigation found that Walberg’s son Caleb had been paid $300 for work on his 2006 campaign. [Detroit News, 8/13/07]

### Rudy Giuliani Tried To Attend Walberg Fundraiser

In 2010, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani was announced as possibly appearing at a Rochester Hills fundraiser for Walberg, but had to cancel because of a scheduling issue. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 6/21/10]

### Held Fundraiser with Representative Joe Wilson

In 2009, Walberg held a fundraiser with Representative Joe Wilson, famous for shouting “You lie!” at President Obama during his State of the Union address. [Grand Rapids Press, 9/26/09]

### President Bush Attended Fundraiser for Walberg

In June 2008, President Bush attended a fundraiser in Livonia to support Republican candidates, including Walberg. Money raised from the event benefitted Michigan Republican Party.

“Bush is here to try and help save the ailing campaigns of Joe Knollenberg and Tim Walberg, two congressmen who have rubber-stamped Bush’s failed policies that have shipped our jobs overseas and left us in a mismanaged war,” Michigan Democratic Party chairman Mark Brewer said. [Detroit Free Press, 6/28/08; Associated Press, 6/25/08]

### Walberg Did Not Attend Event

In 2008, Walberg did not attend a fundraiser to support Michigan Republican candidates with President Bush. Money raised from the event benefitted the 2008 Victory Program in Michigan. [Roll Call, 6/26/08]

### October 2008: Walberg Attended Fundraiser With President Bush

In October 2008, Walberg attended a fundraiser with President Bush at the home of Dick DeVos.
The event raised $500,000 to benefit Republican candidates across the country, including Walberg. [Detroit News, 10/16/08]

**First Lady Laura Bush Hosted Fundraiser for Walberg**

In October 2008, First Lady Laura Bush hosted a fundraiser for Walberg at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. [Associated Press, 10/16/08]

**Dick Cheney Attended Fundraiser for Walberg**

In 2008, Vice President Dick Cheney attended a $500 a plate fundraiser for Walberg. [Battle Creek Enquirer, 3/08/08]

**Mitt Romney Attended Fundraiser for Walberg**

In 2008, Governor Romney joined Walberg at a $100 a plate fundraiser at Capitol Harley-Davidson in Dimondale. [Lansing State Journal, 10/08/08]

**2010 Election: Received $204,450 From Business PACS**

**2010 Election: Received $204,450 From Business PACS.** According to Opensecrets, Walberg received $204,450 from business PACs over the course of the 2010 election. [Opensecrets, Accessed 6/19/15]


**2004 Election: Reimbursed For $265.80 By Campaign For “Car Repair-Deer Accident”**

**2004 Election: Reimbursed For $265.80 By Campaign For “Car Repair-Deer Accident.”** According to Walberg’s Federal Election Commission filing, on November 24, 2003, Walberg was reimbursed by his campaign $265.80 for “Car repair-Deer accident.” [Federal Election Commission, Walberg of Congress, 11/24/03]

**Received $5,000 From Former Sen. Spencer Abraham’s Leadership PAC**

**Received $5,000 From Former Sen. Spencer Abraham’s Leadership PAC.** “The leadership PAC for former Sen. Spencer Abraham, who left office in 2001 and later served in President George W. Bush's cabinet, remains active with nearly $19,000 on hand as of June 30. Abraham's PAC, the Fund for American Opportunity, in June gave $5,000 to the campaign of Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, who faces Democratic challenger, state Rep. Gretchen Driskell, and $1,000 each to Reps. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, and Pat Meehan, R-Penn.” [Detroit News, 8/19/15]

**Spencer Abraham Headed International Strategic Consulting Firm.** “The Abraham Group is an international strategic consulting firm headed by former Energy Secretary and U.S. Senator, Spencer Abraham. In addition to Secretary Abraham, the firm's other Principals are: Joseph McMonigle, former
Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Energy and Vice Chairman of the International Energy Agency; and Bob Carey, a former senior official at the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense. Each of the firm's Principals has extensive experience working at senior levels in Congress, the Executive Branch and international affairs. The Abraham Group's mission is to use our experience to provide strategic advice and hands-on assistance for clients seeking opportunities or solutions in the United States and the global market.” [Abraham Group, Accessed 10/28/15]

2013: Spencer Abraham Headed Group To Push For Natural Gas Exports. “Natural gas exports are turning into Washington’s hottest energy question. On Thursday, five big corporations that rely on low gas prices announced a new trade association to try to block “unfettered exports,” and Ron Wyden, the new chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, sent a letter to the Energy Department asserting that the analysis the department was relying on to justify the exports was outdated and inaccurate. The gas drillers, meanwhile, have established a new group to push for export approvals and lined up two former energy secretaries — Bill Richardson, a Democrat, and Spencer Abraham, a Republican — to press their cause.” [New York Times, 1/11/13]

Campaign Disbursed $300 To Amway Corporation For “Rent” In Washington DC

Campaign Disbursed $300 To Amway Corporation For “Rent” In Washington DC. According to Walberg’s campaign operating expenditures filed with the Federal Election Commission, the campaign disbursed $300 to Amway Corporation for “rent” in Washington DC on August 6, 2015. [Federal Elections Commission, 8/06/15]

2015: Steak Houses And Fine Restaurants

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Campaign Spent $3,550 On Boat Rentals And Sportfishing Between June 29, 2015 and July 2, 2015


Campaign Rented A Sportfishing Boat In Wayne, MI For $650 On June 29, 2015. According to Walberg’s campaign operating expenditures filed with the Federal Election Commission, the campaign
disbursed $650 to Fish on II Sportfishing Charters for “rental” in Wayne, MI on June 29, 2015. [Federal Elections Commission, 6/29/15]

**Campaign Rented A Sportfishing Boat In Milford, MI For $650 On June 29, 2015.** According to Walberg’s campaign operating expenditures filed with the Federal Election Commission, the campaign disbursed $650 to Fish on r & d Sportfishing Charters for “rental” in Wayne, MI on June 29, 2015. [Federal Elections Commission, 6/29/15]

**Campaign Disbursed $650 To Wild Things Charter In Dundee MI On June 29, 2015.** According to Walberg’s campaign operating expenditures filed with the Federal Election Commission, the campaign disbursed $650 to Wild Things Charter for “rental” in Dundee, MI on June 29, 2015. [Federal Elections Commission, 6/29/15]

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Appendix II – Official Office Budget

**Significant Findings**

- In 2012, Second highest spender in Michigan delegation
- Between 2007 and 2013, consistently spent more than 90 percent of his office budget
- 2015, spent 97% of his office budget
- In 2013, spent 94.4 percent of office budget
- In 2013 and 2014, spent second highest on Franked Mail, spending significantly higher than the majority of Michigan delegation
- Between 2011 and 2013, highest spender on mass mailings and communications of Michigan delegation
- Spending on franked mail and printing increased significantly during election years
- Between 2011 and 2014, charged taxpayers over $12,000 in travel reimbursements
- Accused of using House funds for politically motivated ads
- Slept in his office while in session

Walberg was the second highest spender in the Michigan delegation during the 112th Congress, consistently spending over 90 percent of his office budget. He continued the trend into 2013, expending 94.4% of his budget. He was among the top 10 members in spending on mass mailings and communications during the 112th Congress. His spending on franked mail and printing increased significantly during election years, and in 2008, he was accused of using House funds for politically motivated ads.

From 2011-2013, ranked as the highest spender of mass mail and communications in the Michigan House delegation. Furthermore, between 2007 and 2013, he consistently spent over 90-percent of his office budget. Additionally, between 2011 and 2014, Walberg charged taxpayers over $12,000 in “private auto mileage reimbursements.”

**2012: Spent Second Highest Percentage of Office Budget in Michigan Delegation**
In 2012, Walberg spent 96 percent of his office budget, the second largest percentage spent of the Michigan delegation. Representative Hansen Clarke spent 98 percent of his budget. [House Statements of Disbursement; Detroit News, 4/22/13]

**Q1-Q4 2015 Disbursements**

**Office Budget:**

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**Franked Mail And Printing:**

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**Between 2007 to 2013, Consistently Spent Over 90 Percent of His Office Budget; Spent 97% in 2015**

Between 2007-2013, Walberg spent well over 90 percent of his representational allowance.

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[House Statements of Disbursement]

**Spent Over $1.3 Million On Franked Mail, Printing Over The Course Of His Congressional Career**

The printing and reproduction budget includes radio advertisements.

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Walberg spent $554,294.67 on mass mailings and communications during the 112th Congress, the 8th most out of any member of the House of Representatives and the highest in the Michigan delegation. [House Statements of Disbursement]

2015: Spent $148,700.88 On Mass Mailings And Communications


2014: Spent $246,879.28 On Mass Mailings And Communications


2013: Ranked As Highest Spender Of Mass Mail And Communications In Michigan House Delegation


In the first two quarters of 2013, Walberg spent $60,950.31 on mass mailings and communications, retaining his spot as the highest spender of the Michigan delegation and 27th most of the entire House. [House Statements of Disbursement]

2014: Second Highest Spender On Franked Mail And Printing And Production Among Michigan’s House Delegation


2014: Walberg Spent Significantly More On Franked Mail And Printing And Production Than Majority Michigan’s House Delegation

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[US House Statement of Disbursement, 2014]

2013: Second Highest Spender On Franked Mail


2013: Third Highest Spender On Printing And Production Among Michigan’s House Delegation


110th Congress: Ranked 10th Among 51 Freshman Legislators in Franked Mailing Spending

Of the 51 freshman legislators in the 110th Congress, Representative Walberg ranked 10th in spending on franked mailings. 26 freshman members sent no mass mailings.
“It shows that we’re trying to be very, very accessible and that we’re here to help and listen to their opinions on important issues,” Walberg spokesman Matt Lahr said.

Among the items Walberg has issued to date are several heavy-stock, full-color documents, such as a “legislative update” approved in mid-March that touted his lawmaker’s support for stricter House ethics rules, as well as legislation to allow states to ban the importation of Canadian trash; to give the White House line-item veto powers; and to promote ethanol. [Roll Call, 7/02/07]

### 2011-2014: Walberg Travel Reimbursements


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Said He Would Limit Constituent Outreach; Freeze Staff Salaries To Meet Budget Cuts

In 2013, Walberg planned for cuts to his office budget by freezing staff salaries and reducing constituent mailings. Walberg said he would likely limit travel back to Michigan and cut down to telephone town halls with constituents. [Detroit News, 4/22/13]

**Increased Staff Salaries**

According to the Port Huron Times Herald, most aides to Walberg earned more in 2012 than they did in 2011.

When asked why Walberg voted to freeze other federal employees’ pay when he increased his staff’s, his spokesman did not directly answer the question.

His spokesman, Sarah Kuziomko, said that House office budgets have shrunk and “we’re working with this lower spending level to best serve 7th District residents.” [Port Huron Times Herald, 7/21/13]

In 2012, Walberg did not give any apparent bonuses to his staff. [CNN, 3/2013]

**Accused of Using House Funds for Politically Motivated Ad**

In May 2008, Walberg used official funds from the House of Representatives to pay for a radio ad inviting constituents to his annual “Service Academy Day.”

The minute long ad, which aired surrounding the Memorial Day holiday, said Walberg’s full name three times.

Democrats alleged that the ad violated House rules that prohibited lawmakers from using taxpayer dollars to communicate with constituents during the three months prior to an election. Michigan’s primary was August 5th.

“I think it’s a little bit ironic that someone like Tim Walberg, who has spent his career preaching that government should get out of our lives, is now using the government to fund his campaign,” Schauer’s campaign manager, BJ Neidhardt said.

Walberg’s chief of staff, Joe Wicks, said the ads were approved by the House’s bipartisan commission that oversees expenditures. [Associated Press, 5/29/08; MIRS, 4/24/08]

**Aired More Than A Dozen Radio Ads Between January and May 2008**

According to the Associated Press, Walberg voice more than a dozen radio ads between January and May of 2008. In 2007, Walberg used radio ads to publicize events in May, June and August.
Walberg’s use of taped radio ads was called “uncommon;” other lawmakers relied on automated phone calls and mailers to reach constituents. [Associated Press, 5/29/08]

**Earlier Taxpayer Funded Ad Called For Tax Relief; Restraining Spending**

In 2008, Walberg used taxpayer funds to air a radio ad to announce a town hall meeting that was criticized for blurring the line between campaign ad and constituent outreach.

“My plan to create good-paying jobs includes making tax relief permanent to prevent a $600 billion tax increase, restraining government spending, making health insurance more affordable, investing in alternative energy and training our students and workers to compete in the global economy,” Walberg said in the ad. [Associated Press, 5/29/08]

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Appendix III – Paid Media Summary


2014 General Election

Americans United For Change

“Tea Party Shutdown”
10/09/13

You can view ad here.


Sierra Club

“Wind Production tax Credit”
6/5/14
:30

You can view ad: here

TRANSCRIPTION:

Narrator: Cleaner air and water, thousands of good paying jobs and the potential for thousands more. That’s what wind energy is bringing to Michigan right now. Wind works, but when Congressman Tim Walberg had the chance to support Michigan wind jobs by supporting the Wind Production Tax Credit he blew it and now good Michigan jobs could get blown away if Congress doesn’t act. Call Congressman Walberg and ask him to support the wind production tax credit and a stronger economy for Michigan.

Byrnes for Congress

“Accountability”
9/04/14

View the ad here

Byrnes: Congressman Tim Walberg makes $174,000 a year serving in Congress.
Narrator: But Congressman Walberg is so used to the pay raises and perks in Washington, that after he voted to close the government he still cashed his paycheck. I’ll put a stop to it. I voted to end lifetime healthcare coverage and cut the salaries of Republicans and Democrats in Lansing. I’m Pam Byrnes, and I approve this message because Michigan needs accountability, not another self-serving politician.

**Byrnes for Congress**

“Real Talk”  
9/04/14  
View the ad [here](#)

Byrnes: I’m Pam Byrnes and I approve this message.

Narrator: Congressman Walberg makes what? 174,000 a year – PLUS $60,000 from the state? That’s a lot more than most of us. I’m tired of this. Congress gets first class trips, and private gyms while we get higher prices and bigger headaches. AND Walberg kept his big salary after voting for the government shutdown? If my business is closed, I don’t get paid. I’m done with Walberg. He’s the worst kind of politician.

**Walberg for Congress:**

“Better Schools”  
9/08/14  
View the ad [here](#)

Narrator: Congressman Walberg, what are you doing to make sure our kids get a good education? We all want better schools, so I voted to enhance local control of education so that parents and teachers have more say. And I voted to improve job training programs to prepare students and workers and finding good jobs. I’m a father, and a proud grandpa. We all have a stake in making sure our kids are well educated and ready for a good future. I’m Tim Walberg, and I approve this message.

**Walberg for Congress**

“Is She Kidding”  
9/10/14  
View the ad [here](#)

Walberg: I’m Tim Walberg, and I approve this message.

Narrator: Is she kidding? Pam Byrnes leaves out how little she cared about middle class families and seniors when she voted for a new sales tax. Nor did Byrnes tell you she voted for an income tax increase and small business tax surcharge. And politician Byrnes didn’t tell you she received state funded lifetime health care and a generous retirement. Pam Byrnes: Big taxer, big liberal, typical politician.
Narrator: Tim Walberg really is the worst type of politician. Out for himself and his corporate friends. Walberg has voted over and over to let Big Oil drill in our Great Lakes. And even after an oil spill right here in Michigan cost over a billion dollars to clean up, Walberg voted to let oil companies off the hook. Congressman Walberg took more than 136 thousand dollars from oil companies. Clean up the oil companies’ mess? It’s time to clean up Congress and get rid of Walberg.

**Walberg for Congress**

**“Independent Watchdog Groups”**

9/28/14

View the ad [here](#)

**Narrator:** I’m Tim Walberg and I approve this message. Independent watchdog groups called Pam Byrnes’ ad against Tim Walberg false. Byrnes is attacking because she can’t defend her record, like voting to allow illegal immigrants to receive government housing subsidies and in-state tuition. That’s right. Byrnes voted to use your tax dollars to pay for benefits to illegal immigrants. Pam Byrnes: we can’t believe her. We can’t afford her. We don’t want her in Washington.

**Walberg for Congress**

**“Create Jobs”**

9/29/14

View the ad [here](#)

**On Screen Text:** Congressman Walberg, what are you doing to create jobs?

**Walberg:** I work in a steel mill. I understand what you’re saying. Good jobs are hard to find. Government regulations and higher taxes get in the way, so I voted to stop Washington bureaucrats from creating costly new regulations and to cut taxes for small businesses and hardworking families. A good job and an honest day’s wages – that’s what it’s all about. I’m Tim Walberg and I approve this message.

**Walberg for Congress**

**“Worried”**

10/19/14

Ad [here](#)
Narrator: Worried about rising taxes, higher food costs and making ends meet? Then don’t vote for career politician Pam Byrnes. Pam Byrnes voted to increase the sales tax and income tax. She even supported a tax on doctor’s bills. Pam Byrnes, like her supporter Nancy Pelosi, believes the answer to our problems is spending more and raising taxes, and that’s the last thing we need in Washington.

DCCC

Choice
10/24/14

V/O: Torrey Westrom. A politician billing taxpayers for over $300,000 in reimbursements- even on days he skipped votes. Westrom shut down Minnesota’s government, costing Minnesota $60 million and almost 20,000 jobs. And the whole time Westrom kept cashing his government paycheck. Then there’s Collin Peterson. Faced with a government shutdown, Peterson voted to prevent it, worked to end it, and returned his salary to the taxpayers. That’s the choice and it’s pretty simple. Collin Peterson.

2012 General Election

Walberg for Congress

Walberg for Congress
11/06/12
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Tim Walberg wants our children and grandchildren to have the same opportunities to live the American Dream that we had. That’s why Walberg has a plan for more Michigan jobs, encourage investment and hard work, cut burdensome red tape and excessive regulations, and provide families and small businesses with across-the-board tax relief. Tim Walberg. Working for a better future for Michigan.

Walberg for Congress: “A Better Future”

Walberg for Congress
“A Better Future”
10/02/12
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Tim Walberg is working to encourage job creation, expand opportunities, and grow our economy. He supports a balanced budget amendment to force Congress to stop running up our debt. And Tim introduced a lockbox bill that would stop the politicians from raiding Social Security because he believes we need to keep our promises to our nation’s seniors. Tim Walberg: working for a better future for Michigan.
Historically, 2/3 of all new jobs in America are created by small businesses, but these are not normal times. Over 14 million Americans are unemployed, and our national debt is over $14 trillion. The Obama Administration’s so-called solution? More wasteful spending, higher energy taxes, and billions in costly new regulations. Fortunately, leaders like Congressman Tim Walberg understand the costly impact of these taxes and regulations and are standing up for Michigan’s small businesses and workers. And for that, we say thank you.

New year, new Congress, same old Washington corruption. Spanking-new Congressman Tim Walberg who took $68,000 from health and insurance interests just voted to put big insurance companies back in charge of your health care, so they can deny you coverage for preexisting conditions, drop you when you’re sick, kick your kids off your plan, and jack up premiums. Happy New Year. Is this the change we voted for?

Things in Michigan are tough, but our spirit remains unbroken. We need to return to the traditional values that made America great: lower taxes, less spending, and more freedom. It’s what I’ve always stood for. Some say conservative values have gone out of style – maybe in Pelosi’s district, but around here, we love our families, our country, and we’re proud to be Americans.
Schauer for Congress: “Matter”

Schauer for Congress
“Matter”
10/26/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Schauer: I think Tim Walberg and I’d agree, you’re probably tired of all of these ads. But our disagreements are serious. Tim Walberg said outsourcing is good, and we’re getting jobs back from China. He said he’d privatize Social Security and supports a radical plan to eliminate Medicare. That’s not the Michigan you want. I’m fighting to get tough on China and repeal NAFTA, and I’ll always protect Social Security and Medicare. I’m Mark Shauer, and I approved this message because this is about who’ll fight for what’s fair.

Schauer for Congress

Schauer for Congress
10/25/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Schauer: Things are tough right now in Michigan, and there are no easy solutions. But one thing I know, unfair trade with China is part of the problem. But here’s how out of touch Tim Walberg is.

Walberg’s voice: It’s not China and Mexico that we should really be worrying that much about. We’re getting jobs back from China.

Schauer: Tim Walberg made it way too easy for companies to outsource our jobs to China. That’s wrong. I’m fighting to end outsourcing. I’m making sure we create jobs here, not China.

The Sierra Club

The Sierra Club
10/21/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Enbridge Oil spews 800,000 gallons into the Kalamazoo River, threatening Lake Michigan. But Tim Walberg supports oil drilling in the Great Lakes, which could mean a BP disaster right here. Walberg even voted for tax breaks for oil companies and against incentives for clean renewable energy, costing Michigan jobs. No wonder the oil industry gave Walberg $57,000 in campaign contributions. Tim Walberg is wrong for Michigan.
Walberg for Congress: “Our Children’s Future”

Walberg for Congress
“Our Children’s Future”
10/06/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Walberg: Wow, Rachel. That’s a lot of money you’ve been saving.

Girl: But, Mr. Walberg, they keep taking it.

Walberg: That’s Mark Schauer and the big spenders in Washington that keep taking your money. They waste our money, we lose our jobs, and you have to pay for it.

Girl: Why are they doing this?

Walberg: Rachel, I wonder the same thing.

Girl: Tell them to stop.

Walberg: That’s exactly what I’m gonna do.

Walberg for Congress: “Tim Walberg and His Mom”

Walberg for Congress
“Tim Walberg and His Mom”
9/27/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Senior on TV: Tim Walberg, you’re going to have to answer to us.

Mark Schauer: I’m Mark Schauer, and I approved this message.

Walberg’s Mother: That Schauer guy is full of baloney. You wouldn’t do that to your mother, would you Tim?

Walberg: I wouldn’t do that to anyone. I’ve always supported Social Security, and I’ve worked to make it secure.

Walberg’s Mother: That Schauer and the big spenders worry me.
Walberg: You’re right. They’re raiding Social Security to pay for their big spending.

Walberg’s Mother: Son, you’ve got to straighten them out.

Walberg: Absolutely, mom. You and every senior deserves better.

Walberg’s Mother: Well, good.

SEIU Cope

SEIU Cope
9/18/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Tim Walberg wants to go back to Congress, but what did he do to help Michigan the last time he had the job? When our auto industries were struggling, Walberg skipped the vote to help them get back on their feet. He opposed middle class tax cuts but voted for tax breaks for oil companies and hedge funds. And Walberg even said he wants to privatize and ultimately eliminate Social Security. We already gave Walberg a pink slip. This time, let’s make sure he gets the message.

American Future Fund

American Future Fund
9/15/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Washington liberals like Mark Schauer are trying to trick you. They’ll spend a fortune to hide their liberal records. But Schauer voted for Nancy Pelosi’s agenda nearly 95% of the time – for her trillion dollar health plan that cuts 500 billion from Medicare, for job-killing higher energy taxes, and for Nancy Pelosi as Speaker. Don’t be tricked. Magic can’t change his liberal record. But this November, your vote can make Mark Schauer disappear.

Schauer for Congress: “Through”

Schauer for Congress
“Through”
9/10/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION
Senior Citizens: Tim Walberg, if you think you’re going to privatize Social Security, you’re going to have to go through me, and me, and me. Here’s what you don’t get Mr. Walberg. We live on our Social Security. We paid into it for more than 50 years. And we depend on it every day. So when you call Social Security “worthless,” Mr. Walberg, and a “Ponzi scheme,” and say you want to privatize our Social Security, Mr. Walberg, you’re going to have to answer to us.

AFSCME

AFSCME
9/02/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Amazing what people say when they don’t think you’re listening. Tim Walberg says he wants to privatize Social Security.

Walberg’s Voice: I would definitely support the privatization of the so-called Social Security system.


Walberg’s Voice: There ought to be a date certain when no longer does anybody have to put into Social Security.

Narrator: Over 1 million seniors in Michigan depend on Social Security. So instead of sending Tim Walberg back to Congress, let’s make sure he stays in permanent retirement.

Americans for Prosperity

Americans for Prosperity
8/04/10
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Mark Schauer says he wants to turn Michigan around, but Schauer and Nancy Pelosi have turned Michigan upside down. Under Pelosi, spending skyrocketed, deficit tripled, our unemployment near highest since the great depression. Schauer voted for Pelosi’s budget, which would increase the national debt by trillions. He voted for government healthcare that will increase spending and may reduce quality of care. And he voted for cuts to our seniors’ Medicare. Tell Schauer he works for us, not Nancy Pelosi.

Americans United for Change

Americans United for Change
3/17/10
Narrator: As Michigan weathers this economic storm, who’s standing up for us? Mark Schauer. A champion for working families, he’s led the fight to rebuild our infrastructure and create new jobs. He’s stood up for small business to expand loans and hold down healthcare costs so local companies can hire new workers. A leader we can count on to do what’s right. Tell Schauer to keep fighting for Michigan jobs.

2010 Primary Election

Walberg for Congress – Missing Seven Votes

Narrator: Pennsylvania lawyer Brian Rooney wanted to run for Congress. Last year, he looked at Florida. This year, he picked Michigan. Rooney inherited a fortune from his family’s casinos, and is raising money from liberals. Now, so desperate to win, Rooney is smearing proven conservative Tim Walberg for missing seven votes while in the hospital having surgery. It’s wrong. Brian Rooney: Just another political opportunist.

2008 General Election

Michigan Republican Party

Narrator: It’s like a special interest feeding frenzy. They’re thinking about Democrats with all the power. That’s what you get with Mark Schauer. Tax increases for working people, a spending spree that will chew up your paycheck, every special interest gets their payoff. They win if Schauer wins, but Michigan families won’t. Tim Walberg will fight the special interest feeding frenzy and keep Washington in balance. Tim Walberg fights for us.

Mark Schauer: “One Thing”

Schauer for Congress
“One Thing”
TRANSCRIPTION

Schauer: These people have one thing in common. They’ve lost a job to unfair trade. I’m Mark Schauer, and there are big differences between Tim Walberg and me. Tim Walberg thinks it’s ok if your job is outsourced. I don’t. He supports unfair trade agreements. Not me. I’ve been fighting to keep jobs here and create new ones. I can’t promise you that I can turn our economy around overnight, but I’ll get up every day and work hard to get people back to work. That I can promise.

Walberg for Congress

Walberg for Congress
10/23/08
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Walberg: My opponents are saying some pretty bad things about me. They’d even have you believe I support cancer. None of it’s true. I went to Washington to shake things up and put Michigan families first, so I opposed higher taxes, opposed the bailout of Wall Street because Michigan jobs should come first. And I worked for better healthcare and to strengthen Social Security. I’m Tim Walberg, and I approve this message because I work for you, not them.

DCCC

DCCC
10/22/08
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: Tough times.

Man: Yeah, real tough.

Narrator: So what would you say to a 23% national sales tax on almost everything?

Man 2: I’d say, what nut would support that?

Narrator: Tim Walberg.

Man 3: Congressman Walberg?
Narrator: Yep. While Michigan struggles, he supports a 23% national sales tax on almost everything. Food, medicine, clothes, even gas. Tim Walberg – is it that he doesn’t get it? Or just doesn’t care?

**Walberg for Congress: No Title**

Walberg for Congress  
No Title  
10/20/08  
:15

**TRANSCRIPTION**


**Schauer for Congress**

Schauer for Congress  
10/19/08  
:30

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Narrator: Unfair trade policies are costing us jobs. A recent study reported 319,000 Michigan jobs were lost last year alone. Everyone gets that. Except for Tim Walberg. Tim Walberg and his free-trading buddies think outsourcing has been good for our economy. Maybe we should outsource Tim Walberg? Mark Schauer knows outsourcing is killing our economy and devastating Michigan families. In Congress, Mark Schauer will fight against unfair trade policies and focus on creating good jobs here.

**AFSCME**

AFSCME  
10/10/08  
:30

**TRANSCRIPTION**


Animation: Walberg for Wall Street!

Narrator: When he had to choose between cutting taxes for the middle class or keeping a Wall Street tax loophole, Walberg voted with Wall Street.

Animation: Walberg for Wall Street!

Animation: Walberg for Wall Street!

Narrator: Walberg is for Wall Street.

**Walberg for Congress**

Walberg for Congress
10/09/08
:30

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Narrator: Filmmaker Michael Moore is supporting Mark Schauer, and it’s easy to see why. They both share radical, liberal views. But while Moore just makes movies, politician Mark Schauer is far more dangerous, voting to give drivers licenses to illegal aliens and to chase precious jobs out of the state with Michigan’s biggest tax increase. Moore and Schauer – a lot in common with each other, but nothing in common with us.

**Schauer for Congress: “Bought and Paid For”**

Schauer for Congress
“Bought and Paid For”
10/08/08
:30

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Narrator: 2 years ago, the free trade group “Club for Growth” spent a million dollars to elect Tim Walberg. Walberg admitted to being in their pocket.

Walberg’s voice: Yep, I’m bought and paid for by them.

Narrator: In Congress, Tim Walberg has ignored Michigan’s economy and pushed their agenda of outsourcing jobs, eliminating the minimum wage, and supporting free trade deals.

Walberg’s voice: Yep, I’m bought and paid for by them.

Narrator: In Congress, Mark Schauer will always put our jobs first. Schauer will stand up against outsourcing and fight these bad trade deals.

**NRCC**
Narrator: Mark Schauer is a serious troublemaker. Schauer was absent so many times from his State Senate committee meetings that he was kicked off his committee. When Schauer did manage to show up in the Senate, he completely failed our families by casting the deciding vote for Jennifer Granholm’s job-killing tax hike, one of the largest tax hikes in Michigan history. Now Mark Schauer wants to graduate to Congress? No way.

**Healthcare for America Now**

Healthcare for America Now

10/06/08

:30

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Woman: I’ve never faced an enemy like cancer, but it’s ok, I’m a fighter. Now I find out that Republican Congressman Tim Walberg sponsored legislation that would let insurance companies make the rules. They could even deny coverage for pre-existing conditions like cancer. He wants me to fight cancer and the insurance companies? Fine, I’ll take you both on.

Narrator: Ask Representative Walberg which side he’s on.

**DCCC**

DCCC

10/03/08

:30

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Narrator: Socialism – what Congressman Tim Walberg called Social Security, even though Michigan seniors depend on it. Privatization – Walberg’s risky plan to privatize Social Security, allowing our retirement security to be invested in the stock market. Special interests – financial interests gave over $60,000 to Walberg and could earn billions in profits from privatization. It’s time we turn the page on Tim Walberg and his risky privatization plan.

**Walberg for Congress and NRCC**

Walberg for Congress and NRCC

9/30/08

:30
TRANSCRIPTION

Assorted People: We’re sour on Schauer. I’m definitely sour on Schauer. Everyone is sour on Schauer, for voting to raise taxes, for chasing jobs out of our state, for raising gas taxes.

Narrator: Michigan families are sour on Mark Schauer. Schauer was the deciding vote for the biggest tax increase in Michigan history, costing Michigan thousands of jobs.

Assorted People: Now that’s sour, sour

Narrator: Schauer soured Michigan families with his tax hikes in Lansing. Don’t let him do it in Congress.

Assorted People: We’re sour on Schauer.

Club for Growth PAC

Club for Growth PAC
9/30/08
:30

TRANSCRIPTION

Narrator: What’s with Mark Schauer and taxes?

Assorted People: Schauer voted to raise Michigan’s gas tax. Has he been to the pump lately? Schauer voted for a massive income tax increase and higher sales taxes. Doesn’t he know that’s killing our economy? Now Schauer wants to be a Congressman, and he says he’s open to raising Social Security taxes. That’s crazy. That’s crazy. That’s crazy. That’s crazy.

Schauer for Congress: “Tables”

Schauer for Congress
“Tables”
9/29/08
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TRANSCRIPTION

His job went to Mexico, and he’s still unemployed. Her job went to China, now she waits tables. Congressman Tim Walberg said outsourcing jobs is a good thing for our economy. Tell that to them, Congressman. Mark Schauer knows that outsourcing has been bad for Michigan.

Schauer: In Congress, I’ll fight against unfair trade deals and stop rewarding companies that ship our jobs overseas. Unlike Tim Walberg, I know my most important job is to fight for your job.
Narrator: Tim Walberg ought to be ashamed. Walberg’s attacks on Mark Schauer are out-and-out lies. Tim Walberg is lying about Mark Schauer’s record to cover up his own. Walberg’s support of outsourcing and unfair trade agreements have sent Michigan’s jobs overseas. And Walberg’s new sales tax will cost us even more jobs. The truth is, while Tim Walberg has done nothing to save Michigan jobs, he’ll say or do anything to save his own.

In tough time, do Michigan families need new taxes? Tim Walberg thinks so. He supports a new 23% national sales tax on almost everything: a 23% tax on food and clothing, a 23% tax on medicine, cars, even gas. Walberg’s tax plan even takes away the home mortgage deduction. Basically, if you use it, Tim Walberg wants a new 23% sales tax on it.

Kathy Potts (Mother of Four): I was appalled when Mark Schauer voted to let adults send pornography to minors over the internet. And when Mark Schauer voted to raise income, business, and gas taxes, our dreams the kids would raise their families here faded. Jobs are fleeing the state because of Schauer’s taxes. Both times, Mark Schauer put our children’s future at risk, and I won’t forget that on Election Day.
Jim Baumgarner: I’ve been making brake parts for 18 years. Well, we heard rumors that our jobs were going to Mexico, and I was scared. I had never met Mark Schauer, but he led the fight to keep our jobs here.

Narrator: In the Senate, Mark Schauer passed a law that helped Michigan compete with other states to attract companies and keep Michigan jobs here.

Jim Baumgarner: One thing’s for sure – our jobs are staying here, and we have Mark Schauer to thank for that.

Schauer for Congress: “One”

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Narrator: While Michigan’s economy gets ignored in Washington, here in Michigan, Mark Schauer is working to turn things around. By creating tax incentives and cutting red tape, Mark Schauer is keeping jobs here: 60 new jobs in Brooklyn, 107 manufacturing jobs kept in Homer, 379 aviation jobs in Battle Creek. Our economy has a long way to go. That’s why in Congress, Mark Schauer will keep fighting to turn Michigan around, one job at a time.

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Mike Shirkey (Small Business Owner): Tim Walberg understands the key to a strong economy is keeping taxes down and encouraging businesses to create jobs. Mark Schauer, he was the deciding vote, the deciding vote, for the largest tax increase in Michigan history, raising income and small business taxes. It’s been devastating for the Michigan economy. Schauer wants to raise taxes again. This plant, these jobs, our survival is in jeopardy if we let him.
Appendix IV – Sponsored Legislation

Passed Three Bills During Tenure In Congress

Passed Bill Predicted To Easier Facilitate Workers Ability To Collect Prevailing Wage Compensation For Working Government Projects. In July 2013, Walberg introduced H.R. 2747 which transferred oversight of workers paid prevailing wages for working on government projects from Government Accountability Office to Department Of Labor where they were already processed. “There isn't much that Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) and President Barack Obama agree on these days, but the two were able to agree Thursday on a bipartisan bill which Obama signed into law. The Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act was introduced by Walberg and Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.) to help shift responsibility for wage adjustments for federally-contracted workers. … Under the Davis-Bacon Act, federally-contracted workers are required to be paid a ‘local prevailing wage,’ on any government project. They are also to be paid time and a half for work done after working 40 hours in a week. However the claims for those wages were handled through the Government Accountability Office, while the Department of Labor (DOL) enforced the law. With the passing of this new law, the DOL will handle all claims and it should help make the process smoother for workers trying to get their compensation.” The bill was signed into law by the President. [H.R. 2747, Signed 11/21/13; Hillsdale Daily News, 11/25/13]

Bill Predicted To Make It Easier For Workers To Collect Compensation. “With the passing of this new law, the DOL will handle all claims and it should help make the process smoother for workers trying to get their compensation. The bill was first introduced by Walberg in July and passed by the House in September. The Senate passed the bill earlier this month, and Obama signed it into law Thursday.” [Hillsdale Daily News, 11/25/13]

Passed Resolution Re-Naming Post Office After Police Officer Killed During Line Of Duty. In November 2013, Walberg introduced H.R. 3534, re-naming a United States Post Office in Jackson, MI the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office.” “Fallen police Officer James Bonneau will be honored in Jackson with the renaming of the U.S. Post Office in Jackson. President Barack Obama signed a bill into law Tuesday that will rename the federal building, 113 West Michigan Ave., the Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office, according to a statement from U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton.” The Resolution was signed by the President into law. [H.R. 3534, Signed 12/16/14; Michigan Live, 12/18/14]

26-Year-Old Officer Killed In 2010 While Responding To Domestic Disturbance. “The U.S. House of Representatives passed Monday, July 14, a resolution Rep. Tim Walberg introduced that would change the building's name to the ‘Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office.’ Walberg and others in the Jackson community have made efforts to honor Bonneau since his death in 2010. On March 9 of that year, 26-year-old Bonneau was responding to a domestic disturbance, and was shot in the chest by Elvin Potts, 63, of Jackson.” [Michigan Live, 7/14/14]

In 2011, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow Presented Officer’s Family With Law Enforcement Congressional Badge Of Bravery. “In the 21 months since Jackson Police Officer James Bonneau died, Chief Matthew Heins said he has asked himself, ‘Why?’ …For the 26-year-old’s ‘exceptional acts of bravery and presence of mind while in the line of duty,’ U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow presented
Bonneau’s parents, Marc and Amy Bonneau, with the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery.” [Michigan Live, 12/19/11]

**Passed Resolution Re-Naming Post Office After Long-Time Postmaster Who Created Marshal Postal Museum.** In August 2007, Walberg introduced a Resolution re-naming a United States Post Office in Marshall, MI the “Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building.” “Mr. WALBERG. I thank the gentleman for yielding. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in support of naming the Marshall, Michigan Post Office, a prominent post office in my district, the Seventh District of Michigan, the Michael W. Schragg Post Office. Michael's life story has been recounted to some degree by my colleagues thus far, but he is one that is beloved in his community, family, and the American postal service. Michael served as Marshall's postmaster for 23 years and was the force behind the creation of the Marshall Postal Museum, the second largest postal museum in the United States, behind only the Smithsonian, as has been represented thus far.” The Resolution was signed by the President into law. [H.R. 3446, Signed 11/30/07; Congressional Record, 10/30/07]

**Postmaster Claimed Museum Second Largest Postal Museum In Country.** “But the piece de resistance was the Marshall Postal Museum, the creation of Michael Schragg, Marshall's retired postmaster, who says it is the second largest postal museum in the nation, after the Smithsonian Institution's in Washington. If you think you have no interest in postal history, a tour conducted by the ebullient Mr. Schragg will change your mind. ‘Anyone who comes here is bound to see that the history of the mails is the history of America,’ he declared. Exhibits include World War II V-mail; postal delivery vehicles of every era; pre-1910 leather postcards proclaiming ‘Will Write When I Get the Time’; and a mailbox-shaped music box playing ‘Please, Mr. Postman.’ Film footage from the 1930’s, accompanied by Mr. Schagg's imitation of a train whistle, shows workers slinging mail sacks toward train platforms.” [New York Times, 8/31/03]

**Number Of Bills Passed By Michigan Democratic Congressional Delegation**

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<td>At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following: SEC.____. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for the Investigative and Public Affairs Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation except for the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives, the Most Wanted Terrorists, and missing children programs.</td>
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<td>07/28/11 On agreeing to the Walberg amendment (A045) Failed by recorded vote: 181 - 240, 1 Present (Roll no. 670). (consideration: CR H5692-5693)</td>
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<td>Amendment places a moratorium on the issuance of any updated rate maps from the date of enactment until the Technical Mapping Advisory Council submits to the FEMA Administrator and Congress new mapping standards thus allowing for the revision, update and change of rate maps only pursuant to a letter of map change, which includes a letter of map amendment, letter of map revision, and letter of map revision based on fill.</td>
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<td>H.Amdt.5</td>
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<td>Congratulating the Adrian College Bulldogs men’s hockey team for winning the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association regular season title and postseason tournament and for having the best first year win-loss record in Division III history.</td>
<td>9/26/2008 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.</td>
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