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Unabashed Supporter of Trump

Rep. Wright is one of Pres. Trump's most ardent supporters in Congress and votes in line with his agenda 96% of the time. He has voted repeatedly against condemning Pres. Trump, including once for the president's racist comments towards four Congresswomen, despite releasing a statement that same day condemning Trump's comments. Rep. Wright was unsurprisingly a vocal opponent of Pres. Trump's impeachment, calling the trial an "attempted coup d'état" and "damaging to the very fabric of our Republic."

Wright's campaign manager has said, "Congressman Wright was elected to help President Trump keep our nation strong, secure and prosperous -- and he has delivered each and every day since he took office."

Votes with Trump 96% of the Time. During the 2019-2020 session, Wright has voted in line with Pres. Trump's agenda 96.1% of the time. ([FiveThirtyEight.com](https://www.fiftythreeeight.com))

Voted For a Resolution to Support the Public Release of Mueller Report. In March 2019, Wright voted FOR the "adoption of the resolution, as amended, that would express the sense of Congress that the report by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III, regarding Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and any connections to or coordination with the Trump campaign, should be released to Congress in full and made public to the extent allowed by public disclosure laws." The bill passed 420-0. ([H Con Res 24, Vote #125](#), Mar. 14, 2019)

Voted Against Condemning Trump Administration's Legal Campaign Against Affordable Care Act. In April 2019, Wright voted AGAINST the "passage of the resolution that would express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Trump administration's stance on invalidating the 2010 health care law is 'unacceptable' and that the Justice Department should protect individuals with pre-existing conditions, individuals who pay high costs for prescription drugs, and individuals who 'gained health insurance coverage since 2014.' The resolution would recommend that the department reverse its position in the case of Texas v. United States." The resolution passed 240-186. ([H Res 271, Vote #146](#), Apr. 3, 2019)

Voted Against Resolution Condemning Trump's Racist Comments... In July 2019, Trump tweeted that four Congresswomen of color should "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came." Wright voted AGAINST a

resolution that “states that immigrants and their descendants have made America stronger and naturalized citizens are just as American as those whose families have been in the United States for generations. It also expresses a commitment to keep America open to those who lawfully seek refuge from violence and oppression and those willing to work hard to achieve the American Dream, regardless of race, ethnicity, faith, or country of origin. The resolution strongly condemns as racist the President’s comments about immigrants and those who look to the President like immigrants and states that these have legitimized hatred of new Americans and people of color, including his reference to immigrants and asylum seekers as “invaders” and by saying that Members of Congress who are immigrants (or those of our colleagues who are wrongly assumed to be immigrants) do not belong in Congress or in the United States of America.” The resolution passed 240-187. ([H Res 489, Vote 482](#), Jul. 16, 2019)

- **...Despite Personally Condemning Trump for Tweets that Same Day.** On the same day as Wright voted against condemning Trump for his racist tweets, Wright released a statement saying he “strongly” disagrees with the President’s tweets.

On Tuesday, Rep. Ron Wright said he is a "strong supporter" of Trump and his policies, but he "just as strongly" disagrees with the President's tweet.

"When one becomes a citizen of this country, it no longer matters where they came from," Wright said in a statement. "As a conservative Republican, I disagree with these four colleagues on a great many issues, but telling them to leave the country because I disagree with them is not a solution."

([Houston Chronicle](#), Jul. 16, 2019)

Vocal Opponent of Impeachment Trial. Wright has been very vocal in his opposition of the impeachment trial against Pres. Trump, calling it an “attempted coup d’état” and “damaging to the very fabric of our Republic.”

Congressman Ron Wright (TX-06) issued the following statement in response to the announcement by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) that the House will launch an official impeachment inquiry into President Trump:

“Since President Trump took office, Democrats’ focus has been investigating, not legislating. Today, based on an unnamed source and no facts, Speaker Pelosi officially launched an impeachment inquiry in the House of Representatives. Impeachment of the President of the United States requires a legitimate legal foundation as indicated in Article One of our Constitution, but Democrats are so obsessed with impeaching this President that they couldn’t even wait 24 hours for the President to release the transcript of the call in question. Time and time again, we see



Democrats jumping to conclusions with little to no basis in order to continue their socialist agenda. How much more time and taxpayer money do Democrats need to spend on impeaching President Trump before they are satisfied? Impeachment for political reasons is an attempted coup d'état.

Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats have left so much on the table this Congress: immigration reform, USMCA, infrastructure reform, lowering drug costs and securing our southern border, just to name a few. We should be focused on delivering real solutions to the Americans we serve, not giving into political gamesmanship.” ([Statesman](#), Sep. 25, 2019)

- **Voted Against Both Charges of Impeachment.** Wright voted AGAINST the first article of impeachment for abuse of power. The first article passed 230-197. Wright also voted AGAINST the second article of impeachment for obstruction of Congress. The second article passed 229-198. ([H Res 755, Vote 695](#), [H Res 755, Vote 696](#), Dec 19, 2019)

I just voted NO on both Articles of Impeachment.

Today is a dark day for the Republic. For the first time in history, Democrats impeached a President of the United States without any evidence of a crime being committed. The Articles of Impeachment we voted on laid out vague allegations of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, the latter of which has traditionally been left to the Supreme Court's determination.

Before the President ever stepped foot in the Oval Office, Democrats vowed to impeach him simply because they disliked him. However, the Constitution does not authorize Congress to impeach dually elected Presidents because of political or personal differences. The Constitution instructs Congress to impeach a President when there is indisputable evidence of treason or high crimes and misdemeanors—a high bar.

Despite utilizing a process that has been unfair at every turn, Democrats failed to find one shred of evidence that President Trump committed an impeachable crime. They haven't even gotten close to meeting the high bar set by the Constitution. Democrats' decision to move forward with impeachment today sets a horrible precedent and I fear what lies ahead for future Presidents.

In ten months, the American people will head to the polls and have the opportunity to vote on whether they think President Trump deserves four more years as their Commander in Chief. Sadly, Democrats want to take matters into their own hands instead of leaving it to the ballot box.



Speaker Pelosi promised that this inquiry would be compelling, overwhelming, and bipartisan, but it has been none of those. More than anything, this impeachment has been damaging to the very fabric of our Republic. I pray we can swiftly repair the horrible division and doubt sown by this partisan sham and return to solving the issues the American people elected us to handle. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Facebook](#), Dec. 19, 2019)

Touted Trump Accomplishments During State of the Union. Before and during Pres. Trump's 2020 State of the Union, Wright tweeted his support for Trump and touted his accomplishments.

I look forward to having @POTUS deliver his #SOTU2020 speech this evening.

Under @POTUS's leadership, we have a lot to celebrate in Texas:

- The unemployment rate fell to a record low
- 895,000 jobs created
- Wages increased by 5% for manufacturing workers
- #USMCA passed ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Feb. 4, 2020)

Since his inauguration three years ago, @POTUS has kept promise after promise to the American people.

"Jobs are booming. Incomes are soaring. Poverty is plummeting. Crime is falling. Confidence is surging." -@POTUS

Tune in to the #SOTU ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Feb. 4, 2020)

U.S. "Will Be Stronger than Ever" Post-Coronavirus. Wright posted on Facebook that under Pres. Trump's leadership, the U.S. "will be stronger than ever," likely referencing COVID-19.

Under President Donald J. Trump's leadership, the Administration has taken robust measures to provide relief to American families and businesses across our nation.

Every day we see Americans step up to the plate to do their part, and when this is all over, the U.S. will be stronger than ever. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Facebook](#), Apr. 4, 2020)

Wished Trump a Happy Birthday. In June 2020, Wright posted a picture of himself with Pres. Trump, wishing the president a happy birthday. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Facebook](#), Jun. 14, 2020)



Congratulated Trump on Border Wall Construction. In June 2020, Wright congratulated Pres. Trump on 200 miles of completed border wall construction.

Congratulations President Trump on 200 miles of completed border wall construction at our southern border.

This is a huge milestone and a big step in keeping illegal immigrants, drug smuggling, human trafficking, and infectious disease out of our communities. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Facebook](#), Jun. 24, 2020)

Dems “Making it Harder for POTUS to Keep Americans Safe.” After the House passed the No Ban Act Amendment to reverse Pres. Trump’s “Muslim Ban,” Wright tweeted in support of the president.



Democrats just voted to pass the #NoBanAct amendment which strips @realDonaldTrump of his ability to take decisive action when it comes to our nation's borders & our national security.

In these uncertain times, Democrats are making it harder for POTUS to keep Americans safe. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Jul. 22, 2020)

Wright Has Helped “President Trump Keep Our Nation Strong, Secure and Prosperous.” Ron Wright’s campaign manager, Micah Cavanaugh, has proudly touted his boss’s support of the president.

Wright campaign manager Micah Cavanaugh said that "no matter who is named the Democratic nominee, Congressman Wright is confident his conservative record will speak for itself."

"Congressman Wright was elected to help President Trump keep our nation strong, secure and prosperous -- and he has delivered each and every day since he took office," he said, saying the election of a Democrat would lead to "open borders, socialized healthcare and massive tax hikes."

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But Republicans, more broadly, have already started to ramp up broad-brush critiques of Democrats along the lines of the one offered by the NRCC and the Wright campaign. Daniel dismissed those sort of attacks as “gibberish,” in turn accusing Wright of focusing on "divisive issues." (Dallas Morning News, Jul. 10, 2019)

While Rep. Wright has voted for emergency funding due to the COVID-19 outbreak, he has also supported limiting stimulus payments to only citizens and introduced a bill that would require businesses that provide abortions return any paycheck protection loans they received. He has stated that he has “full confidence” in the president’s ability to effectively combat COVID-19 and supports the reopening of both the Texas and national economies, despite missing congressional votes due to the pandemic on his doctor’s advice. He also supported the president’s threat to freeze U.S. funding to the WHO for their “failed COVID-19 response.” Wright co-sponsored legislation that would allow U.S. victims to sue the Chinese government to “hold them accountable” for causing COVID-19 deaths. He opposes voting by proxy during the pandemic and has joined a lawsuit challenging its constitutionality. Just days ago, he voted against two House bills that passed on partisan lines which were aimed at easing the burden of child care during the pandemic. Wright had signed a letter two weeks prior to that asking for future relief bills to include more funding for child care.

“Full Confidence” in Trump to Combat COVID-19. In February 2020, Wright tweeted that he had “full confidence” that both Pres. Trump and Vice Pres. Pence would be able to effectively combat COVID-19.

I have full confidence in @POTUS and @VP's ability to lead the charge in uniting government and effectively combating the coronavirus.

It is more important now than ever that we put partisan politics aside and my colleagues in Congress come together to keep Americans safe. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Feb. 28, 2020)

3/20: Voted For Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. Wright voted FOR HR 6074, which “provides \$8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the coronavirus outbreak. This division provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the State Department, and the Small Business Administration to respond to the coronavirus outbreak.” The bill passed 415-2. ([HR 6074, Vote #86](#), Mar. 4, 2020)

3/20: Voted For Families Coronavirus Response Act. Wright voted for HR 6201, which “responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak by providing paid



sick leave, tax credits, and free COVID-19 testing; expanding food assistance and unemployment benefits; and increasing Medicaid funding.” The bill passed 363-40. ([HR 6201, Vote #102](#), Mar. 14, 2020)

4/20: Urged Trump to Reopen Economy. In April, Wright joined other members of the Freedom Caucus in a letter urging Pres. Trump to reopen the national economy sooner than medical experts advised.

U.S. Rep. Andy Harris, Maryland’s sole congressional Republican, and his colleagues in the House Freedom Caucus urged President Donald Trump in a letter dated Friday to take steps to reopen the national economy sooner than medical experts are advising.

The dozen representatives who signed the letter said they “continue to pray for those who suffer and those who serve” and thanked Trump for the federal government’s efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. But they emphasized the importance of reopening the economy, instead of following medical experts’ advice of continued social distancing to slow the spread of the global pandemic.

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In addition to Harris, it was signed by Reps. Andy Biggs, Scott Perry, Jody Hice, Dan Bishop, Ron Wright, Jeff Duncan, Scott DesJarlais, Ken Buck, Paul Gosar, Ted Yoho and Rand Weber.

“The American people are resilient, but they have suffered tremendously under the weight of this closed economy,” the letter said. “Measures enacted by Congress have provided limited relief. More government is not the answer to these economic woes — reopening the economy is the answer. We are a free people with a free and fair market. The sooner we return to it, the sooner our economy will again thrive.”

The congressional Republicans encouraged Trump to heed his Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups and Opening Up America Again Congressional Group, which they called “important steps to restoring our economy and the confidence of the American people in our free market economy.”

“Thank you for your leadership in these unprecedented times,” they wrote. “We continue to pray for those who suffer and those who serve. We know that you and your team are working to mitigate against the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak while addressing the devastation to our economy.” ([Baltimore Sun](#), Apr. 17, 2020)



- **A Week Later, Missed a Vote on COVID-19 Legislation Due to Doctor's Advice.** Despite just a week earlier urging Pres. Trump to reopen the country, Wright missed a vote on PPP funding due to his doctor's advice.

On Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act with overwhelming bipartisan support.

Congressman Ron Wright (R-Texas), whose district includes Ellis County, was away from Washington and was unable to attend the vote.

"After learning of the possibility of a roll call vote earlier this week, I consulted with my doctor on the logistics and safety of traveling back to Washington," Wright said. "After much discussion and deliberation, we decided that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I should not travel at this time."

Despite not being able to attend the vote, Wright expressed strong support for the legislation and said he will be submitting a "yes" vote for the Congressional Record.

"Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and right now they are hurting," Wright said. "It has been, and will continue to be, my top priority to help our small businesses keep the lights on and American workers on their payroll." ([Daily Light](#), Apr. 24, 2020)

4/20: Co-Sponsored Legislation to Allow COVID-19 Victims to Sue China. In April 2020, Wright introduced legislation to "hold Communist China accountable" for COVID-19 deaths in the United States.

On Friday, Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ), joined by Congressman Ron Wright (R-TX), introduced H.R. 6524, a bill to allow U.S. citizens and local governments to sue the government of China and hold it accountable for the deaths, pain and suffering—as well as the economic crisis—resulting from its intentional misrepresentations to the World Health Organization (WHO) which enabled the coronavirus to spread viciously throughout the U.S. and around the globe.

"My bill strips China, and any other country which intentionally misleads the WHO, of its sovereign immunity, and allows Americans to sue the Chinese government in court for the damages they have suffered as a consequence of China's misrepresentations to the world about the seriousness and nature of the novel coronavirus," said Congressman Smith. "Knowing full well that they had a deadly, and highly contagious disease on their hands, as late as mid-January China's communist leaders told the WHO that there



was no need for any precautions, as everything was under control. Fact is, it wasn't. Many Americans have died prematurely, some will suffer permanent injuries, while still others will suffer harm to their businesses because of the Chinese government's lies. My bill makes it possible for Americans to recover some of what they have lost from China."

"The media manipulation and spreading of false propaganda by certain State Parties have directly resulted in the loss of life around the world. Time and time again, we have seen actors such as Communist China use the World Health Organization (WHO) as a mouthpiece to spread lies and misinformation to the international community, and they need to be held accountable," said Congressman Wright. "I am proud to introduce this legislation with my colleague and friend Congressman Smith, allowing victims of these reckless and negligent actions to be compensated." ([Press Release](#), Apr. 20, 2020)

On Friday, @RepChrisSmith & I introduced legislation that holds Communist China accountable for using the #WHO as a mouthpiece to spread lies & false propaganda. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Apr. 20, 2020)

4/20: Supports Gov. Abbott's Reopening of Texas. Wright has tweeted his support of reopening Texas's economy. Gov. Greg Abbott later expressed regret for reopening Texas too quickly.

I fully support @GovAbbott's plan to re-open Texas. I know my fellow Texans, and I am confident we can operate responsibly while still following @CDCgov guidelines.

It's about time we pulled ourselves up by the bootstraps and got back to work. It's what we do in Texas. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Apr. 27, 2020)

Texas is leading the way for re-opening our nation, and it's important we have access to PPE as we begin Phase II.

The @WhiteHouse, in coordination with @FEMA, has delivered for Texans ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), May 19, 2020)

Gov. [Greg Abbott](#) on Friday expressed regret for the first known time about the reopening process he spearheaded during the coronavirus pandemic, saying he should not have allowed bars to open as quickly.



"If I could go back and redo anything, it probably would have been to slow down the opening of bars, now seeing in the aftermath of how quickly the coronavirus spread in the bar setting," Abbott said during an evening interview with KVIA in El Paso.

Abbott added that the "bar setting, in reality, just doesn't work with a pandemic," noting people "go to bars to get close and to drink and to socialize, and that's the kind of thing that stokes the spread of the coronavirus."

In a subsequent interview with WFAA in Dallas, Abbott reiterated regret over the pace of bar reopenings, calling it an "easy thing to pinpoint" as he looks back on the process. ([Texas Tribune](#), Jun. 26, 2020)

4/20: Supports Limiting Stimulus Checks to Only Citizens. Wright urged Pres. Trump to limit the CARES Act to send stimulus checks to only citizens. The CARES Act allows non-citizen immigrants to qualify for stimulus payments if they submitted a tax return in 2018 or 2019 with a social security number originally issued with a U.S. visa application, regardless of their current immigration status.

In April, my colleagues & I urged @POTUS to limit the stimulus check payments to American citizens only. A newly released report states that illegal immigrants can receive this aid. This is unacceptable. We need to put America first & prioritize this aid to legal U.S. citizens. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), May 8, 2020)

Some undocumented immigrants will receive COVID-19 stimulus checks under the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package that President Trump signed into law, Just the News has learned.

In the CARES Act, the IRS sends direct payments of \$1,200 to anybody who files a tax return for 2018 or 2019 using a Social Security number, not an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

Many undocumented immigrants use an ITIN in place of a Social Security number to file income tax returns. A group of Democratic lawmakers want to amend the CARES Act so that every undocumented immigrant who filed tax returns with an ITIN could receive a \$1,200 check but not all undocumented immigrants residing in the country illegally are without a Social Security number.

Some non-citizen immigrants obtain Social Security numbers with certain types of work-eligible U.S. visas. Department of Homeland Security data



shows that almost 667,000 immigrants overstayed their visas in 2018. The agency's 2019 report has not been released yet.

In addition, there is a case now before the Supreme Court dealing with undocumented immigrants' use of other people's Social Security numbers to gain work in the U.S.

According to congressional staffers close to the stimulus direct-payment process, any taxpayer who filed a tax return for 2018 and/or 2019 with a "work-eligible" Social Security number will receive a direct \$1,200 stimulus payment from the IRS regardless of their current immigration status.

If someone filed taxes in 2018 and/or 2019 under a Social Security number that was originally issued with a U.S. visa application, they would qualify for a COVID-19 stimulus check even if their immigration status is expired and no longer valid at this time, according to a congressional source on the House Ways & Means Committee. ([Just the News](#), Apr. 10, 2020)

5/20: DNV on HEROES Act, which Expanded PPP. Wright did not vote on HR 6800, a bill that "modifies and expands the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofit organizations," among other things. The bill passed 208-199. ([HR 6800, Vote #109](#), May 15, 2020)

This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

Among other things, the bill

- provides FY2020 emergency supplemental appropriations to federal agencies;
- provides payments and other assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments;
- provides additional direct payments of up to \$1,200 per individual;
- expands paid sick days, family and medical leave, unemployment compensation, nutrition and food assistance programs, housing assistance, and payments to farmers;
- modifies and expands the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofit organizations;
- establishes a fund to award grants for employers to provide pandemic premium pay for essential workers;



- expands several tax credits and deductions;
- provides funding and establishes requirements for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing;
- eliminates cost-sharing for COVID-19 treatments;
- extends and expands the moratorium on certain evictions and foreclosures; and
- requires employers to develop and implement infectious disease exposure control plans. ([HR 6800](#))

5/20: Supports Trump’s Freeze of WHO Funding. In May, Wright tweeted his support for Trump’s threat to temporarily freeze funding for the World Health Organization for their “failed COVID-19 response.”

I agree with @realDonaldTrump. The WHO needs to be held accountable for their failed COVID-19 response.

We cannot continue to stand by and let the #WHO peddle Communist China's agenda to the global community. ([Rep. Ron Wright’s Twitter](#), May 19, 2020)

5/20: Opposes Congressional Voting by Proxy. Wright opposes Speaker Pelosi’s plan of proxy voting due to COVID-19 and joined a lawsuit to challenge the plan’s constitutionality.

Today, Congressman Ron Wright (TX-06) made the following statement on joining Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA-23), members of the House GOP Conference, and American citizens in challenging the constitutionality of Speaker Pelosi’s plan to vote by proxy (H. RES 965):

“If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle expect our truckers, grocers, farmers, and health care workers to go into work every day, they should do the same. Instead, Democrats jammed through a rule change allowing 22 Members of Congress to be the voice for 330 million Americans, upending 200 years of precedent, not to mention the severe constitutional repercussions. Allowing our coworkers to do our job for us in Washington sets a wrong and dangerous precedent for this institution.

This is a clear violation of minority rights. Democrat Leadership does not represent my constituents or the country as a whole and they shouldn’t be able to unilaterally make decisions that will enable them to further consolidate their power and undermine the fabric of our democracy. House Republicans put forward a bipartisan plan that establishes a safe and



effective way for Congress to continue doing the work of the American people in Washington during the COVID-19 pandemic, only to be shut down by Democrats.

I am proud to join Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, Republican Whip Steve Scalise, Members of the House GOP Conference, and concerned American citizens in filing a lawsuit against Speaker Pelosi's proxy voting power grab. This is not what our founders had in mind when they created the greatest democracy on Earth. I cannot stand by and let the irresponsible leadership of House Democrats trample over the Constitution.

I look forward to voting in person this week and getting back to work in our nation's Capitol." ([Press Release](#), May 27, 2020)

Yesterday, Speaker Pelosi extended her unconstitutional proxy voting scheme giving Democrats another 45 days to vote from home and not show up to work in Washington.

I agree with @GOPLeader. Millions of Americans are heading back to work. House Democrats should be no exception. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Jun. 30, 2020)

6/20: Co-Sponsored Legislation to Modify PPP. In June, Wright helped introduce a bill that would modify "the Paycheck Protection Program, established to support small businesses in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Specifically, the bill expands the program to encompass any nonprofit organization regardless of size, and it strikes the affiliation requirements applicable to nonprofit organizations and veterans organizations. The bill also makes any entity that provides abortions ineligible to receive a paycheck protection loan. An exception is allowed for abortions performed at hospitals or if the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest or endangers the life of the mother." ([HR 7211](#))

Planned Parenthood improperly received \$80M in PPP loans. This program is meant to help small businesses stay on their feet & keep their employees on the payroll, not prop up America's largest abortion provider.

I'm proud to co-sponsor the PPP Integrity Act introduced by my colleague Congresswoman Debbie Lesko that would require the funds to be returned. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Facebook](#), Jul. 28, 2020)

6/20: Voted against Housing Relief Bill. On Jul. 29, 2020, Ron Wright voted AGAINST HR 7301, a bill "to prevent evictions, foreclosures, and unsafe housing conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic." ([HR 7301, Vote #128](#), Jun. 29, 2020)



7/20: Voted against Child Care Relief Bills. On Jul. 29, 2020, Ron Wright voted against HR 7027 (which passed 249-163) AND HR 7327 (which passed (250-161), bills aimed at easing the burden of child care during the pandemic. Ron Wright voted against both bills. ([HR 7027, Vote #171](#) and [HR 7327, Vote #172](#); Jul. 29, 2020)

The first, titled Child Care Is Essential Act, would provide grant money to child care providers in an effort to help the facilities reopen safely amid the coronavirus pandemic and stabilize the sector's operations on Wednesday.

The second, called the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act, includes a number of tax provisions that are aimed at making child care more affordable for families and providing assistance to child-care providers.

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Both bills passed in largely party-line votes.

No Democrats voted against the measures. Eighteen Republicans voted for the first bill, and 20 Republicans voted for the second one.

The first bill, which passed 249-163, creates a Child Care Stabilization Fund and allocates \$50 billion to be used during and after the pandemic.

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Proponents of the legislation said it is a critical step in helping struggling families and essential workers who can't afford private childcare, arguing it underscores the impact of the class divide in the United States.

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The second measure, approved in a 250-161 vote, would expand the child and dependent care tax credit, expand flexible savings accounts for dependent care, and create a new payroll tax credit for employee dependent care benefits that employers pay.

It also would create a new payroll tax credit for mortgage, rent and utility expenses incurred by child-care facilities that have been affected by the pandemic. And it would expand the employee retention tax credit created by legislation enacted in March to allow employers to get the credit for wages they pay to domestic workers who have been unable to work because of governmental orders.

In addition to expanding and creating tax breaks related to child care, the bill would also increase funds to the Child Care Entitlement to States program, provide \$850 million to states, the District of Columbia and territories to fill in gaps for child care for essential workers, and invest \$10



billion from 2020 through 2024 to improve the infrastructure of child care facilities. (The Hill, [Jul. 29, 2020](#))

- **Wright Previously Asked for More Child Care Funding.** Less than two weeks prior to that, Ron Wright signed a letter urging House Leadership to include additional child care funding in future COVID-19 relief bills. (Rep. Ron Wright Facebook Post, [Jul. 16, 2020](#))



Jobs and the Economy

Notably, Rep. Wright's campaign and House websites have little detail on his own plans for economic growth. Instead, Wright voices his support for Pres. Trump's policies on eliminating business regulations and celebrates the president's economic "accomplishments." Wright voted against several bills that would have reopened the government after a shutdown, as well as an act that would have closed loopholes in the Equal Pay Act. Additionally, he opposes raising the minimum wage. Since the pandemic, Wright has supported the reopening of both the Texas and national economies, including reopening schools in the fall. He also urged Speaker Pelosi to expand the Paycheck Protection Program funding to more small businesses, but later did not vote on a bill that does just that.

Campaign Website is Sparse on Details. Wright's campaign website has little detail on his plans for jobs and the economy. Additionally, his House website tells constituents to call his office for his views on all issues. ([Congressman Wright's Website](#), Issues)

In Congress, Ron will fight for working Texans, and will support investment and business opportunities in North Texas. Ron will push a pro-growth and pro-jobs agenda, reducing government red tape and eliminating unnecessary regulations. ([Wright4Congress.com](#), Issues)

Voted Against Increasing Pay For Federal Workers, Providing Retroactive Pay For Federal Workers Furloughed. In January 2019, Wright voted AGAINST HR 21, which "would provide full-year continuing appropriations covering six of the seven fiscal 2019 appropriations bills that have not been enacted into law, including those that relate to Agriculture, Commerce- Justice-Science, Financial Services, Interior-Environment, State-Foreign Operations, and Transportation-HUD provisions. The bill includes provisions for a 1.9 percent pay increase for federal civilian employees and would extend the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2019. It would also provide for retroactive pay for federal workers furloughed during the partial shutdown." The bill passed by a vote of 241-190. ([H.R. 21, Vote #11](#), Jan. 3, 2019)

Voted Against Reopening Government, Funding it Through A Continuing Resolution. In January 2019, Wright voted AGAINST a resolution "that would make



further continuing appropriations for fiscal 2019 through Feb. 1, 2019.” The motion was rejected 237-187. ([H J Res 27, Vote #31](#), Jan. 15, 2019)

DNV on Funding All Remaining Unfunded Departments Except Homeland Security for FY 2019. In January 2019, Wright did not vote on a “bill that would provide \$271.8 billion for full-year fiscal 2019 funding for six of the seven spending bills that reached a conference agreement, but that lack enacted appropriations (all except Homeland Security) and would extend authorization for several expiring programs including the National Flood Insurance Program and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.” The bill passed 234-180. ([HR 648, Vote #49](#), Jan. 23, 2019)

DNV on Reopening Government, Funding it for One Month. In January 2019, Wright did not vote on a “joint resolution that would make further continuing appropriations for fiscal 2019 through Feb. 28, 2019.” The resolution passed 229-184. ([H J Res 28, Vote #46](#), Jan. 23, 2019)

Voted Against Spending Bill to Avoid Government Shutdown. In February 2019, Wright voted AGAINST the “adoption of the conference report to accompany the joint resolution that would provide, in total, \$333 billion in full-year funding for the seven remaining fiscal 2019 appropriations bills: Agriculture; Commerce- Justice-Science; Financial Services; Homeland Security; Interior-Environment; State-Foreign Operations; and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development. It would provide \$49.4 billion in discretionary funds for fiscal 2019 for operations of the Homeland Security Department, as well as \$12.6 billion for natural disaster response and recovery activities and \$165 million for Coast Guard overseas contingency operations. Appropriations for DHS operations include \$15 billion for Customs and Border Protection, including \$1.38 billion for physical barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border. It would provide \$7.6 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and would also require a 17 percent reduction in the number of detention beds available for individuals detained by the agency. The conference report would provide, in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019, \$23 billion for the Agriculture Department and related agencies; \$64.1 billion for departments of Commerce and Justice and other agencies such as NASA and the National Science Foundation; \$23.4 billion in discretionary funding or financial services and general government appropriations; \$35.6 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, and related agencies; \$54.2 billion for for the State Department, foreign assistance and other international activities; and \$71.1 billion for the departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and related agencies.” The conference report was adopted 300-128. ([H J Res 31, Vote #87](#), Feb. 14, 2019)



Voted Against Paycheck Fairness Act. In March 2019, Wright voted AGAINST HR 7, which “would change the language and grounds that an employer could use in a legal defense to explain a difference in pay between employees when a lawsuit is brought against the employer alleging pay discrimination on the basis of sex. The bill would narrow the defense such an employer could use by requiring employers to provide non-gender, business-based reasons for differences in pay, rather than allowing the employer to demonstrate in court that ‘any factor other than sex’ had been the basis for the pay disparity. Under the bill, an employer would specifically need to demonstrate that the disparity is based on a bona fide factor such as education, training or experience. It would expand protections for employees against forms of retaliation and increase monetary penalties for violating the Fair Labor Standards Act.” The bill passed 242-187. ([HR 7, Vote #134](#), Mar. 27, 2019)

- **Paycheck Fairness Act Closed Loopholes in Equal Pay Act.** The Paycheck Fairness Act closed loopholes within the Equal Pay Act, including banning employers from asking job candidates for previous salary and allowing employees to discuss salary information.

The Paycheck Fairness Act essentially works to close loopholes in the landmark Equal Pay Act of 1963, which required that men and women receive equal pay for equal work. [...] DeLauro’s Paycheck Fairness Act tries to push back on lingering inequity in three key ways. Perhaps most importantly, it would ban employers from asking candidates how much they made in previous jobs. It would also get rid of employer rules that keep workers from talking about their salary information, so that women could ask how much their coworkers are making and find out if they’re underpaid. Third, the bill would require employers to be much more transparent about how much they’re paying workers. Employers would have to share salary data with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, so that body could watch out for potential discriminatory practices. ([Vox](#), Mar. 27, 2019)

Voted Against Raise the Wage Act. In July 2019, Wright voted AGAINST HR 582, which “would increase the federal minimum wage to \$8.40 per hour on the first day of the third month after enactment and would incrementally increase it annually to reach \$15 per hour six years after the effective date. On the seventh year, the bill would require the Labor Department to determine the minimum wage based on increases in the median hourly wage of all employees. The bill would also increase the minimum wage for tipped employees, teens, and individuals with disabilities, with incremental increases over five years until each of these rates reaches \$15 per hour, at which point the separate minimum wages would be repealed.” The bill passed 231 to 199. ([HR 582, Vote #496](#), Jul. 18, 2019)



Continuously Touts “Record-Breaking Economy.” Wright continuously posts on social media touting the president’s economic accomplishments.

So now that the Trump economy is setting job growth records following the 1-2 punch of regulatory reform and tax cuts, Democrats want to give Obama the credit! This was the president and political party that refused to accept responsibility for anything that went wrong for eight years, instead blaming President George W. Bush. Now they want to take credit for the great things happening in the country 28 months into the Trump presidency! Sorry, you don’t get to do that! It’s wrong, it’s demonstrably false, and it won’t work! The American people are not stupid! ([Rep. Ron Wright’s Facebook](#), May 7, 2019)

Another month @POTUS has delivered for Americans.

145K new jobs in December

Unemployment is at a 50 year low

2.1 MILLION jobs added in 2019

With the recent passage of USMCA, the American economy is only going to grow stronger in 2020. ([Rep. Ron Wright’s Twitter](#), Jan. 10, 2020)

Our economy continues to CRUSH expectations.

February #JobsReport:

Wages are up 3%

273,000 new jobs created (175,000 projected)

Unemployment dropped to 3.5% (a 50 year low!)

@POTUS is delivering for ALL Americans by implementing strong pro-growth policies. ([Rep. Ron Wright’s Twitter](#), Mar. 6, 2020)

Great news for our economy this morning!

In June 4.8 MILLION jobs were added and unemployment is falling - shattering economist's predictions once again.

Thanks to the drive and determination of the American people, our economy is on its way back to greatness! ([Rep. Ron Wright’s Twitter](#), Jul. 2, 2020)



Supports Regulation Rollbacks. Wright has stated his support of rolling back “unnecessary and burdensome” business regulations.

I'm proud to work with the Trump Administration to put pro-growth Republican policies in place and continue to roll back unnecessary and burdensome regulations.

These efforts will promote job growth and help American businesses and families get back on their feet ([Rep. Ron Wright's Facebook](#), Jul. 17, 2020)

Supports CARES Act. Wright issued a press release in support of the CARES Act after its passage in March 2020.

Today, Congressman Ron Wright (TX-06) made the following statement on the passage of the CARES Act (H.R. 748):

“I commend my colleagues in the House for passing the CARES Act this afternoon.

The rapid spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) has created an unprecedented health crisis for Texas and our country. Over the past few weeks we have seen Americans come together and pick each other up in ways we have never seen before—neighbors helping neighbors, businesses helping businesses.

Our job in Congress during this crisis is to provide support to American families, workers, and small businesses until the COVID-19 threat is no longer a threat, or as President Trump says, until we win this war. The CARES Act provides immediate economic relief in the form of direct payments to middle-class families, expands emergency loans and resources for small businesses so they can survive this crisis and keep hard-working Americans on their payroll, and gives much-needed relief to our churches and nonprofits.

This legislation also provides funding to state and local governments, so they can continue to keep our communities safe, and most importantly gets resources in the hands of our healthcare professionals fighting this battle on the front lines. Every day we are learning more about COVID-19 and innovative ways to combat this pandemic. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress and in the Administration to protect the health and safety of Americans.

To all our medical professionals, postal workers, truck drivers, supermarket & warehouse employees, and delivery drivers that are going above and



beyond to carry Americans through this crisis—Thank you.” ([Press Release](#), Mar. 27, 2020)

Urged Trump to Reopen Economy. In April, Wright joined other members of the Freedom Caucus in a letter urging Pres. Trump to reopen the national economy sooner than medical experts advised.

U.S. Rep. Andy Harris, Maryland’s sole congressional Republican, and his colleagues in the House Freedom Caucus urged President Donald Trump in a letter dated Friday to take steps to reopen the national economy sooner than medical experts are advising.

The dozen representatives who signed the letter said they “continue to pray for those who suffer and those who serve” and thanked Trump for the federal government’s efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. But they emphasized the importance of reopening the economy, instead of following medical experts’ advice of continued social distancing to slow the spread of the global pandemic.

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In addition to Harris, it was signed by Reps. Andy Biggs, Scott Perry, Jody Hice, Dan Bishop, Ron Wright, Jeff Duncan, Scott DesJarlais, Ken Buck, Paul Gosar, Ted Yoho and Rand Weber.

“The American people are resilient, but they have suffered tremendously under the weight of this closed economy,” the letter said. “Measures enacted by Congress have provided limited relief. More government is not the answer to these economic woes — reopening the economy is the answer. We are a free people with a free and fair market. The sooner we return to it, the sooner our economy will again thrive.”

The congressional Republicans encouraged Trump to heed his Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups and Opening Up America Again Congressional Group, which they called “important steps to restoring our economy and the confidence of the American people in our free market economy.”

“Thank you for your leadership in these unprecedented times,” they wrote. “We continue to pray for those who suffer and those who serve. We know that you and your team are working to mitigate against the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak while addressing the devastation to our economy.” ([Baltimore Sun](#), Apr. 17, 2020)



Supports Gov. Abbott's Reopening of Texas. Wright has tweeted his support of reopening Texas's economy. Gov. Greg Abbott later expressed regret for reopening Texas too quickly.

I fully support @GovAbbott's plan to re-open Texas. I know my fellow Texans, and I am confident we can operate responsibly while still following @CDCgov guidelines.

It's about time we pulled ourselves up by the bootstraps and got back to work. It's what we do in Texas. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Apr. 27, 2020)

Texas is leading the way for re-opening our nation, and it's important we have access to PPE as we begin Phase II.

The @WhiteHouse, in coordination with @FEMA, has delivered for Texans ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), May 19, 2020)

Gov. [Greg Abbott](#) on Friday expressed regret for the first known time about the reopening process he spearheaded during the coronavirus pandemic, saying he should not have allowed bars to open as quickly.

"If I could go back and redo anything, it probably would have been to slow down the opening of bars, now seeing in the aftermath of how quickly the coronavirus spread in the bar setting," Abbott said during an evening interview with KVIA in El Paso.

Abbott added that the "bar setting, in reality, just doesn't work with a pandemic," noting people "go to bars to get close and to drink and to socialize, and that's the kind of thing that stokes the spread of the coronavirus."

In a subsequent interview with WFAA in Dallas, Abbott reiterated regret over the pace of bar reopenings, calling it an "easy thing to pinpoint" as he looks back on the process. ([Texas Tribune](#), Jun. 26, 2020)

Supports Reopening Schools in the Fall. In July, Wright tweeted his support to "safely" reopen schools in the fall.

We must safely reopen our schools this fall so we can continue to educate our students and help parents return to work.

If we don't act on the looming crisis for schools and childcare, it will worsen the economic crisis caused by COVID-19. ([Rep. Ron Wright's Twitter](#), Jul. 9, 2020)



Urged Speaker Pelosi to Expand PPP Funding. In April, Wright sent Speaker Pelosi a letter urging the House to expand PPP funding to more small businesses.

Yesterday, Congressman Ron Wright (R-TX) sent a letter to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) urging the House of Representatives to swiftly appropriate more money for the Paycheck Protect Program and ensure that a majority of assistance in future COVID-19 relief packages goes to small businesses:

“As you know, small businesses form the backbone of the American economy. According to Small Business Administration estimates in 2018, there are 30.2 million small businesses and 58.9 million small business employees – 43.5 percent of the private American workforce – in the United States. Additionally, beyond accounting for 44 percent of our gross domestic product, small businesses are responsible for two-thirds of new jobs. Sadly, these economic powerhouses are also disproportionately harmed by the pandemic and many are at risk of shuttering forever,” writes Congressman Wright.

"While I appreciate Congress's efforts to aid small businesses in H.R. 6074, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, I am concerned that the financial assistance provided to small businesses pales in comparison to the funding devoted to other COVID-19-related government efforts. In the CARES Act, for example, only \$349 billion was allocated to the critical Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), whereas \$500 billion was set aside in the Exchange Stabilization Fund for larger businesses that are better equipped to weather this pandemic without or with less government help. Given that all PPP funds were utilized in a mere 14 days and before millions of additional PPP applicants could receive a loan, it is clear we should have given greater priority to funding this program in the CARES Act."

“In addition to requesting that Congress swiftly approve more funding for the PPP, I urge you to ensure that a majority of additional assistance in future COVID-19 relief packages goes to small businesses, which are at a far greater risk of folding in the coming months. If our small businesses permanently disappear during this pandemic, millions of Americans will not have jobs to return to and our economic recovery will be even further hamstrung.” ([Press Release](#), Apr. 22, 2020)



- **DNV Vote on HEROES Act, which Expanded PPP.** Wright did not vote on HR 6800, a bill that “modifies and expands the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofit organizations,” among other things. The bill passed 208-199. ([HR 6800, Vote #109](#), May 15, 2020)