

## (WI-03) Message #1 Backup

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**According To NBC News, Van Orden Said, "I Don't Give A F---Who You Are, I'm A Congressman."**

"According to NBC News, Van Orden identified himself by name, telling the group of teenagers, 'I don't give a f--- who you are. I'm a congressman. My name is Derrick Van Orden, and I represent the 3rd District of Wisconsin.'" [People, [7/31/23](#)]

- **Van Orden Was Reportedly "Physically Aggressive" And "Shoed" The Senate Pages With His Hands Several Times.** "Rep. Derrick Van Orden, R-Wis., told the teenagers to "get the f--- out" of the rotunda, according to one source who witnessed the interaction and spoke on condition of anonymity. The source described Van Orden's demeanor as 'physically aggressive' toward the pages...The lawmaker was 'screaming inches from the pages' faces' and 'shoed' at them with his hands several times, said the source, who described previously unreported details of Van Orden's behavior." [NBC News, [7/30/23](#)]

**Van Orden Said, "Wake The F— Up You Little S—. ... What The F— Are You All Doing? Get The F— Out Of Here. You Are Defiling The Space You [Pieces Of S—].... 'I Don't Give A F— Who You Are, Get Out.' 'You Jackasses, Get Out.'" "Wisconsin Republican Rep. Derrick Van Orden cursed out a group of high school-aged Senate pages for taking pictures on the floor of the Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday night, Punchbowl News reported Thursday. Pages work for the Senate carrying and delivering legislative materials and assisting lawmakers during floor debates. The pages who Van Orden yelled at were taking the photos during their last week on the job. Punchbowl News reporter Jake Sherman reported that while the pages were on the floor, Van Orden, using several expletives, called them lazy and told them to get off the floor. 'Wake the f— up you little s—. ... What the f— are you all doing? Get the f— out of here. You are defiling the space you [pieces of s—],' Van Orden said, according to an account of the incident provided to The Hill by a page. 'Who the f— are you?' Van Orden asked, to which one person said they were Senate pages. 'I don't give a f— who you are, get out.' 'You jackasses, get out,' he added." [Wisconsin Examiner, [7/27/23](#)]**

- **A Reporter From PunchBowl News Tweeted A Photo Of What Appeared To Be Bottle Of Alcohol In Van Orden's Office The Night Of The Incident.** "A reporter from PunchBowl later tweeted a photo of what appears to be bottles of alcohol in Van Orden's office the night of the incident." [CBS, [7/27/23](#)]

**Van Orden Yelled And Cursed At High School-Aged Senate Pages During A Tour Of The Capitol.** "A freshman Republican congressman from Wisconsin is refusing to apologize after he yelled and cursed at high school-aged Senate pages during a late night tour of the Capitol this week, eliciting a bipartisan rebuke from Senate leaders. Rep. Derrick Van Orden, speaking in a round of interviews Friday on Wisconsin conservative talk radio, did not refute reports of his actions or back down from what he did." [Associated Press, [7/28/23](#)]

## (WI-03) Message #2 Backup

*Van Orden doesn't care who you are either—or what you and your family need to get by. That's why he:*

- *Supports changing the law to allow health insurance companies to deny people coverage if they have pre-existing conditions and drop their coverage if they get sick.*

- *Wants to give massive tax cuts to corporations and the wealthy and leave the rest of us to pay for it.*
- *Is aligned with extremists who want to cut Social Security benefits, denying seniors the benefits they earned through a lifetime of hard work.*

## **Van Orden: Supports Changing The Law To Allow Health Insurance Companies To Deny People Coverage If They Have Pre-Existing Conditions And Drop Their Coverage If They Get Sick**

**Van Orden Supported Removing “The Last Vestiges Of The Disastrous Obama Care.”** “Regarding health care, Van Orden supports removing ‘the last vestiges of the disastrous Obama Care’ (the Affordable Care Act), according to his website, and also wants the price of prescription drugs to be lowered.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [7/30/20](#)]

**The Affordable Care Act Extended Insurance Protections For Those With Preexisting Conditions.** “Under the Affordable Care Act, health insurance companies can’t refuse to cover you or charge you more just because you have a ‘pre-existing condition’ — that is, a health problem you had before the date that new health coverage starts. They also can’t charge women more than men.” [Department of Health and Human Services, accessed [9/1/24](#)]

**There Were At Least 883,000 Wisconsinites With Pre-Existing Health Conditions That Could Have Been Denied Coverage Before The Affordable Care Act.** “At least 883,000 people in Wisconsin with pre-existing health conditions could lose critical protections. Before the ACA, at least 883,000 Wisconsinites with pre-existing health conditions could have been denied coverage or charged more if they tried to buy individual market health insurance. Republican repeal proposals either eliminate these protections outright or find other ways to gut them.” [White House, ACA Fact Sheet, accessed [9/1/24](#)]

## **Van Orden: Wants To Give Massive Tax Cuts To Corporations And The Wealthy And Leave The Rest Of Us To Pay For It**

**Van Orden Gave Money To Scott Fitzgerald, Zach Nunn And Brian Steil.** [Open Secrets, accessed [9/1/24](#)]

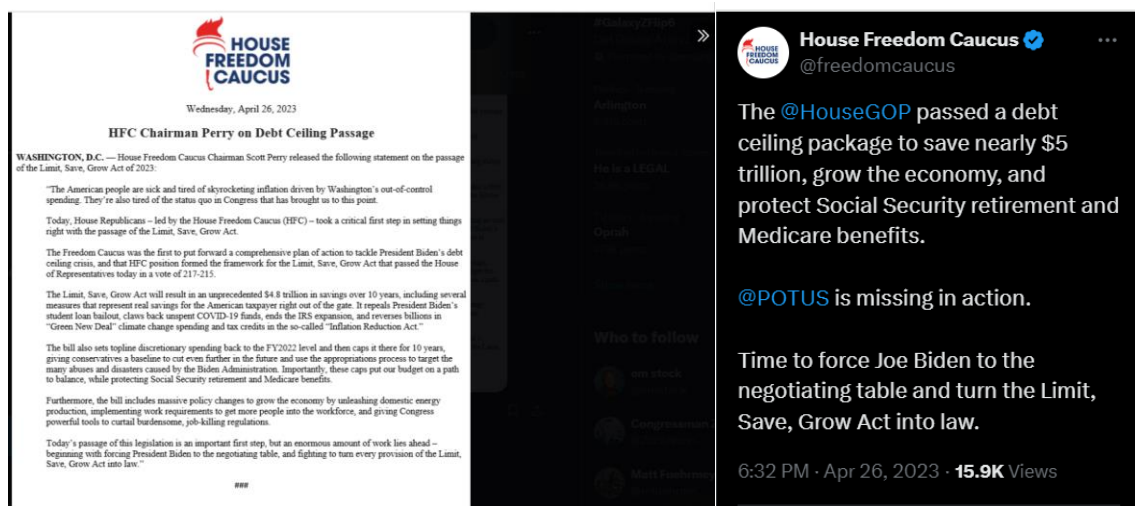
- **Fitzgerald, Nunn And Steil Were Members Of The Republican Study Committee.** [RSC Members, accessed [9/1/24](#)]
- **The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Making The Individual Tax Code Provisions Of Trump’s Tax Scam Permanent.** “The RSC Budget would make the individual tax code provisions of the TCJA permanent. This includes important pro-growth features such as lower income tax rates for working families, a broader base that eliminates corrupt special interest carve outs, and tax cuts for small businesses.<sup>89</sup> As such, the RSC Budget supports Rep. Vern Buchanan’s (FL-R) Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) Permanency Act, which would permanently codify TCJA provisions affecting individual taxpayers and business set to expire at the end of 2025.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]
- **CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations’ Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation Can Increase Its Deductible Foreign Income While Reducing Its Tax Liability On Foreign Income.** “The act contains several provisions to reduce corporations’ incentive to shift profits out of the United States. Two provisions—which impose a tax on global intangible low-tax income (GILTI) and create a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)—reduce corporations’ incentive to locate high-return assets (which are often intangible assets, such as intellectual property, or IP) in low-tax countries. The provisions reduce that incentive by applying special treatment to profits that exceed a specified return on tangible assets (such as equipment and structures). In addition to reducing profit shifting through the location of intangible assets, the GILTI and FDII provisions affect corporations’ decisions about where to locate tangible assets. By locating more tangible assets abroad, a corporation is able to reduce the amount of foreign income

that is categorized as GILTI. Similarly, by locating fewer tangible assets in the United States, a corporation can increase the amount of U.S. income that can be deducted as FDII. Together, the provisions may increase corporations' incentive to locate tangible assets abroad. (Like profit shifting, such decisions change the locations of reported profits—but they are not classified as profit shifting, because they involve actual economic activity rather than simply reporting.)” [Congressional Budget Office, Appendix B: The Effects Of The 2017 Tax Act On CBO’s Economic And Budget Projections, [April 2018](#)]

## Van Orden: Is Aligned With Extremists Who Want To Cut Social Security Benefits, Denying Seniors The Benefits They Earned Through A Lifetime Of Hard Work

**Van Orden Said He Was "Ideologically Aligned" With The House Freedom Caucus.** "I am ideologically aligned with the Freedom Caucus more than I am not, by a wide margin. What I’m not aligned with is how they’re trying to get to that goal," Van Orden said." [Wisconsin Independent, [5/15/24](#)]

- **The House Freedom Caucus Said They Provided The Framework For The Limit, Save, Grow Act And Celebrated It’s Passage.** [House Freedom Caucus, Twitter, [4/26/23](#)]



[House Freedom Caucus, Twitter, [4/26/23](#)]

- **The Default On America Bill Would Cut Social Security Offices, Which Could Delay Disability Benefits For People By At Least Two Months And Increase Wait Times For Assistance With Existing Benefits.** “Under the House Republicans’ Default on America Act, people applying for disability benefits would have to wait at least two months longer for a decision. With fewer staff available, seniors would also be forced to endure longer wait times when they call for assistance for both Social Security and Medicare, and as many as 240 Social Security field offices could be forced to close or shorten the hours they are open to the public.” [White House, Press Release, [5/2/23](#)]