

(NM-02) Message #1 Backup

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2021: Herrell Bragged That She Signed Onto A Dozen Anti-Abortion Bills In Her First Month Of Congress. “I believe in my heart that life begins at conception and that we have a moral responsibility to speak for those who can’t speak for themselves. I’m proud to have signed onto a dozen #ProLife bills, resolutions, and letters in the 117th Congress so far.” [Rep. Yvette Herrell, Twitter, [1/22/21](#)]

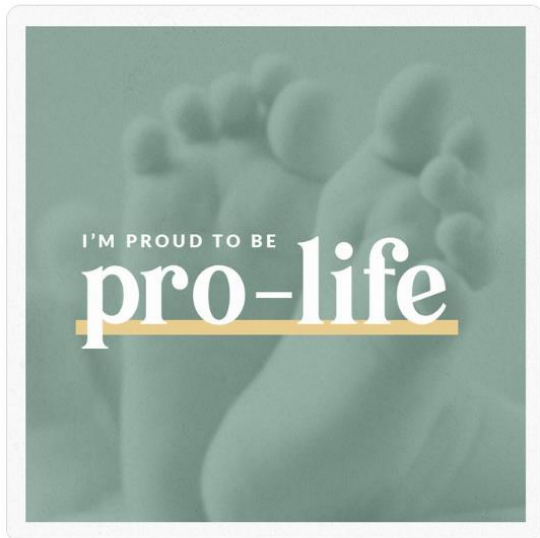


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[Rep. Yvette Herrell, Twitter, [1/22/21](#)]

HEADLINE: “U.S. Rep. Yvette Herrell Compares Abortion To Eugenics.” [NM Political Report, [9/16/21](#)]

Herrell Said That Abortion Was A Sad Legacy Of Eugenics Programs And That Planned Parenthood Campaigned To Eliminate Minority, Disabled, And “Unfit” Americans. “Herrell defended her comment in a statement to NM Political Report. ‘Abortion is a sad legacy of the eugenics programs of the early 20th century, like Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger’s campaign to eliminate minority, disabled, and otherwise ‘unfit’ Americans. Fortunately, more and more Americans today proclaim the truth: that we are all created equal, and that every human life is precious.’” [NM Political Report, [9/16/21](#)]

2021: Herrell Cheered On The Supreme Court’s Decision To Uphold Texas’s Draconian ‘Heartbeat’ Abortion Law. “This is great news for the protection of innocent life!” [Yvette Herrell, Facebook, [9/2/21](#)]

- **Texas’ “Heartbeat Bill” Was A Near-Total Ban On Abortions.** “Proponents of Texas’ new near-total ban on abortions call it the ‘heartbeat bill.’ The name references the point in time at around six weeks’ gestation when the embryo’s cardiac activity can first be detected by an ultrasound — which under the new law triggers a block on an abortion. But medical and reproductive health experts say the reference to a heartbeat at that stage of a pregnancy is medically inaccurate as an embryo does not have a developed heart at six weeks’ gestation.” [Texas Tribune, [9/2/21](#)]



[Yvette Herrell, Facebook, [9/2/21](#)]

2021: Herrell Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act, A Personhood Bill That Would Ban Abortion And Severely Restrict IVF

Herrell Co-Sponsored The “Life At Conception Act.” Herrell co-sponsored the “Life At Conception Act,” which “declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being. Nothing in this bill shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.” [HR1011, [4/23/21](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions And Eliminating Medical Choices Including In Vitro Fertilization. “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Criminalize All Abortions, Including In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or Risk To The Pregnant Woman. “The Life at Conception Act, co-sponsored by Hinson, would outlaw all abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest or risk to the pregnant person. The bill in question does eliminate the possibility for criminal charges for individuals who receive an abortion, but it does not provide the same guarantees for others. [...] But the broad scope of the personhood law does have implications for criminalization of abortion.” [Gazette, [7/11/22](#)]

Herrell Said That She Wished New Mexico Had “Eliminated All Abortion.”

Headline: “GOP Congressional Hopeful Wished Her State Had ‘Eliminated All Abortion’ In 2020.”
[HuffPost, [4/29/24](#)]

Yvette Herrell: “I Wish We Could Have Eliminated All Abortion In The State.” “In a newly discovered video, former Rep. Yvette Herrell (R-N.M.) said in 2020 that she wished her state had banned abortion entirely — a sharp contrast to her efforts to appear more measured on abortion issues ahead of the November election, when she is hoping to regain her old seat in Congress. ‘I wish we could have eliminated all abortion in the state,’ Herrell said during a virtual candidate forum hosted that year by her state’s Republican Party of Valencia County. ‘I wish we could have gotten even that to go through. But we couldn’t.’” [HuffPost, [4/29/24](#)]

2013: Herrell Said She Was “Proud” To Have Co-Sponsored Legislation Calling For Felony Charges For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest

HEADLINE: “Proposed New Mexico Law Would Send Rape Victims To Prison For Having Abortions.”
[Washington Post, [1/24/13](#)]

Herrell Co-Sponsored Legislation Calling For Felony Charges For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest. “Republican state lawmaker Cathrynn Brown says she's reworking legislation she introduced Wednesday calling for felony charges related to abortion in cases of rape and incest. Her proposal, House Bill 206, created a fire-storm of hate email and phone calls, she said. The bill reads: ‘Tampering with evidence shall include procuring or facilitating an abortion, or compelling or coercing another to obtain an abortion, of a fetus that is the result of criminal sexual penetration or incest with the intent to destroy evidence of the crime.’ [...] Nine House Republicans, all women, signed on as co-sponsors. They are Jane Powdrell-Culbert of Corrales; Dianne Hamilton of Silver City; Anna Crook of Clovis; Sharon Clahchischillige of Kirtland; Yvette Herrell of Alamogordo.” The bill was never voted on in the New Mexico House. [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 1/24/13; HB 206, 2013 Regular Session, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

Herrell Said She Believed The Bill Was “Against The Perpetrator” Who Coerced Or Forced A Woman To Have An Abortion And Did Not Target Women Themselves. “Herrell said she believed the bill was against the perpetrator and not against the woman. ‘I co-sponsored the bill,’ she said. ‘I had a lot of Alamogordo people tell me that they will run against me and will not have my back. If a woman becomes pregnant through rape or incest and she wants to carry this baby to full term, then that’s fine. There was nothing against the woman. It was only against

the perpetrator if the woman was coerced or forced to have an abortion. I just wanted to clear that up.”
[Alamogordo Daily News. 3/30/13]

Herrell Said She Was Proud She Co-Sponsored The Bill. “Herrell said she was proud that she co-sponsored the bill. ‘I think that if it's wrong for me to stand up for a Christian House member in something that we believe in to protect the unborn, then I don't want to be a state representative in Santa Fe,’ she said.” [Alamogordo Daily News. 3/30/13]

(NM-02) Message #2 Backup

Herrell not only joined with her fellow MAGA extremists in voting against a plan to cap the price of insulin at \$35 per month but also supports extreme plans that would raise the retirement age, gut Social Security and end guaranteed Medicare benefits, cutting benefits for New Mexico seniors who have spent their lives working hard and paying into these programs.

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March 2022: Herrell Voted Against Capping Insulin Co-Pays At \$35 A Month

Herrell Voted Against Capping Insulin Co-Pays At \$35 A Month. In April 2022, Herrell voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require private health insurance and Medicare to cover certain insulin products and limit cost-sharing requirements for such products for plans beginning in 2023. Specifically, it would require private insurance plans to cover at least one of each dosage form of each type of insulin, such as short-acting, long-acting and premixed insulin; prohibit the plans from applying a deductible for the insulin products; and cap cost-sharing for the insulin products at the lesser of \$35 or 25 percent of the plan's negotiated price for the product per 30-day supply. For Medicare plans, it would similarly prohibit the application of a deductible for covered insulin products and cap copayments at \$35 per 30-day supply. The bill would also increase funding available for the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$5 million to approximately \$9 billion. As an offset, it would delay for an additional year, through Jan. 1, 2027, implementation of a November 2020 rule ending a safe harbor provision that protects pharmacy benefit managers from federal anti-kickback laws for prescription drug rebates provided to health insurers under Medicare Part D. Passed 232-193. Note: A "yea" was a vote in support of the president's position. Pursuant to the provisions of H Res 8, members were able to vote remotely by proxy during the public health emergency period related to COVID-19.” HR6833 passed by a vote of 232-193. [HR 6833, [Vote #102](#), 3/31/22; CQ, [3/31/22](#)]

March 2022: House Voted To Pass Affordable Insulin Now Act That Would Cap Insulin Prices At \$35 Per Month Or 25 Percent Of Insurance Plan's Price, Whichever Was Lower. “The House of Representatives voted Thursday to approve legislation that would limit cost-sharing for insulin under private health insurance and Medicare. The vote was 232-193, with 12 Republican members joining their Democratic colleagues to pass the measure. The Affordable Insulin Now Act would cap insulin prices at either \$35 a month or 25% of an insurance plan's negotiated price — whichever is lower. The legislation would take effect in 2023 but its fate in the Senate remains unclear.” [NPR, [3/31/22](#)]

AHIP, The National Lobbying Organization For Health Insurers, Opposed The Insulin Cap Bill. “Insulin prices are too high because Big Pharma alone sets and controls the price. While health insurance providers work to reduce insulin costs, this policy unfortunately does nothing to lower the price of insulin but simply shifts costs to others through higher insurance premiums and copays. Rather than holding Big Pharma accountable, this

legislation continues to empower Big Pharma to raise insulin prices with impunity leaving patients, businesses, and hardworking taxpayers paying even more for health care.” [AHIP, [3/31/22](#)]

2018: Herrell Supported The Republican Balanced Budget Amendment That Threatened Social Security Benefits For Nearly 145,000 New Mexicans In The 2nd District

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Herrell Supported The 2018 Republican Balanced Budget Amendment. “Today, the House of Representatives voted on a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. While it didn’t pass, it was a step in the right direction in the fight to change the corrupt culture in Washington, D.C. I look forward to representing you in Congress and fighting for commonsense solutions such as the Balanced Budget Amendment.” [Facebook, Yvette Herrell, [4/12/18](#)]

- **The Budget Amendment Failed To Pass The House.** “On a mostly party line vote, Republicans failed to advance the bill, 233-184. Normally, legislation requires 218 votes to win approval in the House and can be passed with just Republican votes. The balanced budget amendment, however, required bipartisan support with a two-thirds majority vote because it was a constitutional amendment.” [USA Today, [4/12/18](#)]

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The 2018 Balanced Budget Amendment Would Result In Social Security Cuts And Would Limit The Ability For Social Security To Draw Down On The Balances It Accumulated In Previous Years. “Beyond the economy, a balanced budget amendment would raise other problems. That’s because of its requirement that federal expenditures in any year must be offset by revenues collected in that same year. Social Security could not draw down the balances it has accumulated in previous years to pay benefits in a later year but, instead, could be forced to cut benefits even if it had ample balances in its trust funds; currently, those balances approach \$2.9 trillion.” [Center on Budget Policy Priorities, [3/16/18](#)]

Center for American Progress: The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.” “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, [4/9/18](#)]

...Which Threatened Social Security Benefits For Nearly 145,000 New Mexicans In The 2nd District

144,968 New Mexicans In The 2nd District Received Social Security Benefits In 2018. According To The Social Security Association, 144,968 New Mexicans in the 2nd congressional district received Social Security benefits in 2018. [Social Security Administration, 2018 New Mexico Congressional Statistics, accessed [10/22/21](#)]

Yvette Herrell Was A Member Of The Republican Study Committee That Released A Budget That Recommended Raising The Retirement Age To 70

2021: Yvette Herrell Was A Member Of The Republican Study Committee. [Republican Study Committee Membership, via Internet Archive, accessed [5/1/24](#)]

2022: The Republican Study Committee Released A Plan That Would Reduce Social Security Benefits For Higher-Earning Retirees. “The conservative Republican Study Committee in the House, which is poised to assume a position of influence if the party claims the majority, has issued a detailed plan that would raise the retirement age for both programs and reduce Social Security benefits for some higher-earning retirees. The plan would increase premiums for many older adults and create a new marketplace where a government Medicare plan competes with a private alternative, in what many Democrats call partial privatization of the program.” [New York Times, [11/2/22](#)]

The FY22 Republican Study Committee Budget Recommended Raising The Retirement Age To 70. “The Social Security Reform Act would continue this gradual increase of the normal retirement age at a rate of three months per year until it reaches 69 for those reaching age 62 in 2030. The RSC Budget recognizes that, due to Congressional inaction, the Social Security Reform Act’s retirement age increase would need to be extended to age 70 to achieve long-range sustainable solvency and help prevent the slashing of benefits that accompany depletion of the trust fund.” [Republican Study Committee, FY22 Budget, [2021](#)]

Under The 2022 Republican Study Committee Plan The Retirement Age Would Be Raised To 70. “Under a plan developed by the Republican Study Committee, a group of conservatives in the House, senior citizens would face a five-year delay to claim Medicare, the government health care program for seniors that currently allows people to access the program when they turn 65. And the retirement age for Social Security would also increase to 70, compared with today’s full retirement age of between 66 and 67 years old.” [CBS News, [11/9/22](#)]

The RSC Model Would End Guaranteed Medicare Benefits

The RSC Budget Would Implement A Premium Support Model. “To achieve this, the RSC budget would implement a premium support model where private plans would compete with a federal Medicare plan (the ‘Fed Plan’) that would offer the traditional Medicare benefits received through Part A, B, and D.” [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, [6/14/23](#)]

Premium Support Models Shifted Costs Onto Beneficiaries. “In areas where Medicare incurs relatively high costs, the amount of the premium-support payment would equal the cost of a relatively inexpensive private plan, and beneficiaries would have to pay higher premiums to participate in traditional Medicare. In areas with relatively low Medicare spending, beneficiaries who wanted to enroll in a private plan would face higher premiums or fewer benefits, or might find that no private plan was available. [...] The vouchers would purchase less coverage with each passing year, pushing more costs on to beneficiaries. Over time, seniors would have to pay more to keep the health plans and the doctors they like, or they would get fewer benefits.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/28/12](#)]

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

CBO Estimated The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Debt By \$1.9 Trillion Over 10 Years. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the

government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion.” [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

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

- **HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security** [US News, [12/7/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018** [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda** [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

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

US News: “The Most Likely Targets For Cuts And Restructuring In The Coming Months Are Likely To Be Medicare And Social Security Benefits.” “Instead, the most likely targets for cuts and restructuring in the coming months are likely to be Medicare and Social Security benefits. Rubio last week indicated ‘the driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.’ Ryan issued a similar assessment just a few days later, noting that ‘health care entitlements ... are the big drivers of our debt.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

- **On The GOP Perspective On Properly Balancing A Budget, Sen. Marco Rubio Said, “You Also Have To Bring Spending Under Control. If You Just Do [Tax Cuts]” Without Reducing Deficits, “You’re Going To Have A Debt Problem... We’ve Got To Do Both.”** “Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., broke down what appears to be the GOP's current perspective on the government's budgetary obligations during an event last week hosted by Politico. He theorized that two primary ingredients were required to properly balance a budget. ‘You have got to generate economic growth, because growth generates revenue. But you also have to bring spending under control,’ he said. ‘If you just do [tax cuts] and you don't do the other piece, you're going to have a debt problem. That's a fact. And we've got to do both.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]
- **Rubio: “The Driver Of Our Debt Is The Structure Of Social Security And Medicare For Future Beneficiaries.”** “Passing tax legislation effectively accomplishes the first part of the equation, Rubio said, as he and his colleagues predict their broad corporate and personal tax tweaks will help kick-start economic growth in the coming years. [...] Instead, the most likely targets for cuts and restructuring in the coming months are likely to be Medicare and Social Security benefits. Rubio last week indicated ‘the driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

On The Eve Of Passage Of The Tax Bill, Ryan Said Republicans Planned To Target Welfare, Medicare, Medicaid Spending For Cuts In The Future. “House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) said Wednesday that

congressional Republicans will aim next year to reduce spending on both federal health care and anti-poverty programs, citing the need to reduce America's deficit. 'We're going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,' Ryan said during an appearance on Ross Kaminsky's talk radio show. '... Frankly, it's the health care entitlements that are the big drivers of our debt, so we spend more time on the health care entitlements — because that's really where the problem lies, fiscally speaking.' Ryan said that he believes he has begun convincing President Trump in their private conversations about the need to rein in Medicare, the federal health program that primarily insures the elderly. [...] Ryan said he's optimistic, adding that Republicans could target the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid next year in addition to Medicare, despite their failure to repeal the health care law in 2017." [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House GOP plan would cut Medicare, Medicaid to balance budget”** [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

Harvard Business Review: Because of Tax Plan Increase in Deficit, Medicare and Social Security Are Targets For Cuts. “Increases in the federal deficit will prompt efforts to reduce federal spending. Because Medicare and Medicaid together accounted for about \$1.25 trillion in federal spending in 2016, about 30% of the federal budget, they will be the major targets for deficit reduction. There is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, but if they do, reforms could take a number of directions. For Medicare, this could include increasing the eligibility age from 65 to 67 or beyond (resulting in fewer covered elderly), caps on spending per beneficiary (possibly reducing covered benefits), or increases in cost-sharing that would lead to beneficiaries using fewer services. For Medicaid, reforms would likely lead similarly to fewer people covered, reduced benefits, and/or higher cost-sharing. For conservatives who have long sought to reduce the generosity of entitlements in the United States, these changes would be a welcome way to reduce the size of government. There is no question that American health care can be reduced through carefully planned and implemented reforms in our delivery system. Precipitous cuts, however, could be damaging.” [Harvard Business Review, [12/19/17](#)]

(NM-02) Message #3 Backup

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Yvette Herrell Called Trump Her Personal Hero. HERRELL “Well thank you all for having us, it’s a wonderful opportunity to get in front of many voters and its getting close to the end so I appreciate this opportunity for all of us to get to be here tonight. Really, one of my heroes right now, as modern day, would be President Trump, I appreciate so much what he’s done for our nation. Especially even after this pandemic started, just his leadership and I really appreciate really putting the American people first, putting Americans back to work and really doing so much for our country and our veterans and I think his leadership has encapsulated so many things that people can relate to in terms of our constitution, our veterans, our economies. It’s all for one and this is the greatest country in the world, and to have somebody who has put himself on the line, put himself out there, when he didn’t have to, he’s already a self-made man. And so I really have a great deal of respect for what he’s doing for our country. And on a side note, my Dad and my grandad are my two best heroes after that but I really appreciate what this president has done for this country.” [Yvette Herrell, 2020 Republican Party of Valencia County Candidate Forum, 8:15, [2020](#)] (VIDEO)

Trump Said States Might Monitor Pregnancies To Track Abortions

HEADLINE: “Trump Says States Might Monitor Pregnancies To Track Abortions.” [CBS News, [4/30/24](#)]

Donald Trump Suggested It Was Up To States Whether To Monitor Women’s Pregnancies To Track Abortions. “When asked by TIME Magazine if states should monitor women's pregnancies to track abortions, former President Donald Trump said: ‘I think they might do that. Again, you'll have to speak to the individual states. Look, Roe v. Wade was all about bringing it back to the states.’ Molly Ball and Brakkton Booker join with analysis.” [CBS News, [4/30/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Says It’s Up To States Whether To Punish, Monitor Women For Abortions.”
[Washington Post, [4/30/24](#)]

Trump Said That He Would Not Intervene In States Seeking To Monitor Women’s Pregnancies. “Former president Donald Trump said in an interview published Tuesday that he would not intervene in state decisions on abortion policy, including in situations where states seek to monitor women’s pregnancies and prosecute those who violate abortion bans.” [Washington Post, [4/30/24](#)]

Trump: “I’m Proud To Be The Most Pro-Life President In American History”

June 2023: Trump: “I’m Proud To Be The Most Pro-Life President In American History.” “Mr. Trump, who is far and away the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, dinged his rivals who trumpet their pro-life bona fides before conservative audiences. He said his record tops them all. ‘A woman stood up and said, ‘This guy [Trump] ended Roe v. Wade. How the hell can you go against him?’ And I sort of said that myself, actually,’ Mr. Trump said. The audience laughed and cheered. ‘But I’m proud to be the most pro-life president in American history.’” [Washington Times, [6/25/23](#)]

2016-2024: Trump Repeatedly Supported A Federal Abortion Ban, Saying There Remained “A Vital Role For The Federal Government In Protecting Unborn Life” Even After Roe Was Overturned

March 2024: Trump Suggested He Would Support A National 15-Week Abortion Ban. “Former President Donald Trump is suggesting he would be open to supporting a national ban on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is endangered. In a radio interview Tuesday with Sid Rosenberg on WABC, Trump weighed in on what he thinks would be an appropriate limit on the procedure after he touted the Supreme Court’s overturning in 2022 of the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling — which came after he appointed three conservative justices to the court. ‘The number of weeks now, people are agreeing on 15, and I’m thinking in terms of that, and it’ll come out to something that’s very reasonable,’ he said. ‘But people are really — even hard-liners are agreeing — seems to be 15 weeks, seems to be a number that people are agreeing at.’” [NBC News, [3/20/24](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Trump Signals Support For A National 15-Week Abortion Ban.”** [NBC News, [3/20/24](#)]

June 2023: Trump: “There Of Course Remains A Vital Role For The Federal Government In Protecting Unborn Life.” “Before an adoring crowd of religious conservatives, Donald Trump marked the one-year anniversary of the end of Roe v. Wade by adopting new language and endorsing the idea of national abortion restrictions. Trump, who has previously discussed abortion as more of a state issue, told the cheering members of the Faith and Freedom Coalition ‘I will fight for you like no president ever’ on the abortion issue. He did not endorse any specific anti-abortion legislation or time limits in his nearly 90-minute speech to members of the coalition in D.C. but did say ‘there of course remains a vital role for the federal government in protecting unborn life.’” [USA Today, [6/24/23](#)]

January 2018: Trump Said He Would Sign A 20-Week Abortion Ban And Was Disappointed When The Senate Filibustered The Bill. “The Senate on Monday blocked a bill, backed by President Donald Trump, to ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The procedural vote, designed to put pressure on red-state Democrats who are up for reelection this fall, fell significantly short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster. The White

House expressed strong support for the measure earlier Monday, saying it would ‘help to facilitate the culture of life to which our nation aspires.’ During the 2016 election, Trump said he would sign a 20-week abortion ban if it made it to his desk — one of several key reasons anti-abortion groups reversed course to back his campaign. [...] Trump called for the Senate to reconsider the vote, pointing out his disappointment with the filibuster. ‘It is disappointing that despite support from a bipartisan majority of U.S. senators, this bill was blocked from further consideration,’ he said in a statement.” [Politico, [1/29/18](#)]

October 2017: The Trump Administration “Strongly Support[Ed]” A 20-Week Abortion Ban. “The Trump administration formally backed a House bill Monday that would ban abortions after 20 weeks. The administration ‘strongly supports’ the bill and ‘applauds the House of Representatives for continuing its efforts to secure critical pro-life protections,’ the Office of Management and Budget wrote in a statement of administration policy.” [The Hill, [10/2/17](#)]

September 2016: Trump Pledged To Sign A 20-Week Abortion Ban Into Law. “Trump first supported a 20-week abortion ban in September 2016, during the final stretch of the presidential campaign when he was working to consolidate conservative support. [...] In a letter circulated to antiabortion activists by the Susan B. Anthony List, Trump pledged to sign a 20-week abortion bill into law if he became president, which he said ‘would end painful late-term abortions nationwide.’” [Washington Post, [10/3/17](#)]

March 2016: Trump Said That Women Who Sought Abortions Should Be Subject To “Some Form Of Punishment”

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(NM-02) Message #4 Backup

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2013: Herrell Co-Sponsored Legislation Proposing The Transfer Of Millions Of Acres Of Federal Public Lands To New Mexico. “Federal public lands: In what has to be one of the most ambitious and longest-shot bills introduced so far this session, Rep. Yvette Herrell, R-Alamogordo, and Sen. Richard C. Martinez, D-Espacola, are co-sponsoring HB 292, which proposes transferring millions of acres of federal public lands -- Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands -- within New Mexico to the state.” The bill was not voted on in the House. [Las Cruces Sun-News, 1/29/13; HB 292, 2013 Regular Session, accessed [5/1/24](#)]

- **Herrell: “We Can Bring In 100 Percent Of Revenues From Oil, Gas, Timber And Other Industries From This Land Instead Of The Less Than 50 Percent That We Currently Keep.”** “Herrell said the transfer of national forest and BLM lands to the state would also provide revenues to New Mexico's coffers instead of the feds. ‘If we follow suit with other states that have done exactly what I am proposing, we can bring in 100 percent of revenues from oil, gas, timber and other industries from this land instead of the less than 50 percent that we currently keep. Doing so will allow us to put more money into our education system to ensure that the children of New Mexico get the education that they deserve.’” [Ruidoso News via NMFLC Blogspot, [1/31/13](#)]

Herrell’s Bill Proposed That The Federal Government Transfer Public Lands To New Mexico, Which The State Could Then Sell For Profit. [HB 292, 2013 Regular Session, accessed [5/1/24](#)]

SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS.--

A. On or before December 31, 2015, the United States shall:

(1) extinguish title to public lands; and

(2) transfer title to public lands to the state.

B. If the state transfers title to any public lands with respect to which the state receives title under Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of this section, the state shall:

(1) retain five percent of the net proceeds the state receives from the transfer of title; and

(2) pay ninety-five percent of the net proceeds the state receives from the transfer of title to the United States.

[HB 292, 2013 Regular Session, accessed [5/1/24](#)]

Herrell Voted Against Congressional Disapproval Of The Trump Administration’s Methane Rule And Reinstating The Obama Administration’s Methane Emission Standards. In June 2021, Herrell voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of a September 2020 Environmental Protection Agency rule that reversed 2012 and 2016 rules establishing emission standards -- or new source performance standards -- to limit the amount of methane and volatile organic compounds that can be released in the production, processing, transportation and storage of oil and natural gas. Specifically, the 2020 rule rescinded the methane-specific standards and rescinded the applicability of all standards to transportation and storage activities. The rule also required the EPA, before promulgating new air pollutant standards, to determine that the pollutant causes or contributes significantly to dangerous air pollution. The rule took effect on September 14, 2020. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the 2020 rule would have no force or effect, and the Obama-era emission standards would be effectively reinstated.” The resolution passed, 229-191. [SJ Res 14, [Vote #185](#), 6/25/21; CQ, [6/25/21](#)]

- **In 2016, The EPA Adopted A Rule That Required Oil And Gas Companies To Limit Methane Leaks And Emissions Which Was Later Reversed By The Trump Administration.** “‘This is a really encouraging step because methane is such an important greenhouse gas to reduce,’ Drew Shindell, an earth science professor at Duke University, said of Wednesday’s vote. ‘It sends a signal that the administration is serious about this.’ In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency adopted a rule requiring oil and gas companies to curb methane leaks and emissions from their operations. Late last summer, the Trump administration undid it.” [Washington Post, [4/28/21](#)]
- **The Measure Restored Requirements On Companies To Check Every Six Months For Methane Leaks From Equipment Installed After 2015—And Must Ensure Leaks Are Fixed Within 30 Days Of Being**

Detected. “If enacted, the measure would restore requirements on companies to check every six months for methane leaks from pipelines, storage tanks and other equipment installed after 2015 — and plug any leak within 30 days after it is detected.” [Washington Post, [4/28/21](#)]

- **Methane Leaks Degraded Water Quality.** “The actual amount could be as much as three times higher, the EPA says, because of incomplete data. The agency believes most of the methane comes from the more than 2 million abandoned wells it estimates were never properly plugged. [...] The pollution threat goes beyond climate change. Leaks from abandoned wells have been found to contaminate groundwater and soil. In extreme cases, gas from abandoned wells has caused explosions. [...] More recently, in 2018, the U.S. EPA was alerted to the presence of nearly 50 abandoned oil and gas wells on Navajo Nation lands within the borders of Utah and New Mexico that were bubbling water at the surface. Tests showed the way from some of the wells contained potentially dangerous levels of arsenic, sulfate, benzene and chloride.” [Reuters, [6/16/20](#)]

July 2021: Herrell Voted Against The PFAS Action Act, Authorizing The EPA To Address The Impacts Of Per- And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) On Drinking Water. In July 2021, Herrell voted against: “Passage of the bill that would require the Environmental Protection Agency to take a number of regulatory actions and establish grant programs to address the impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. Specifically, it would require the EPA to designate certain PFAS -- perfluorooctanoic acid and its salts, as well as perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its salts -- as hazardous chemicals under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and determine whether all PFAS should be designated as such within five years of enactment. It would require the EPA to issue a national primary drinking water regulation for maximum contaminant levels of certain PFAS, within two years of enactment, and issue health advisories for PFAS not subject to the regulation. It would authorize \$500 million annually through fiscal 2026 for an EPA infrastructure assistance grant program for community water systems affected by PFAS to implement water treatment technologies that can remove all detectable amounts of PFAS from drinking water. It would require the EPA to establish effluent limits and pretreatment standards for PFAS in wastewater and authorize \$200 million annually through fiscal 2026 for an EPA grant program to help publicly owned treatment works implement such standards. It would authorize \$100 million annually through 2026 for an EPA grant program to test for and install and maintain water filtration systems to address PFAS in school drinking water. Among other provisions, it would require the EPA to add certain PFAS to lists of hazardous air pollutants under the Clean Air Act; issue rules to require toxicity testing on all PFAS by manufacturers; create a public risk-communication strategy regarding PFAS hazards; update voluntary labeling requirements for certain consumer products, including cooking implements, carpets and clothing, to certify that they do not contain any PFAS; and issue guidance on reducing the use of firefighting foam and related products that contain PFAS by first responders.” The bill passed 241 to 183. [HR 2467, [Vote #217](#), 7/21/21; CQ, [7/21/21](#)]

- **The PFAS Action Act Would Direct The EPA To Start Regulating PFAS.** “The legislation would direct EPA to start the regulatory process for regulating per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in drinking water and making the decision on whether to set drinking water standards for certain types of PFAS or to regulate the entire class, which ranges from 5,000 to 7,000 substances.” [Wisconsin Examiner, [7/21/21](#)]
- **Scientists Found Links Between PFASs And Kidney And Testicular Cancer, Thyroid Disease, Liver Damage, High Cholesterol, And Other Diseases.** “Because of their widespread use, release and disposal over the decades, PFASs show up virtually everywhere: in soil, surface water, the atmosphere, the deep ocean—and even the human body. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Web site says that the agency has found PFASs in the blood of nearly everyone it has tested for them, ‘indicating widespread exposure to these PFAS in the U.S. population.’ Scientists have found links between a number of the chemicals and many health concerns—including kidney and testicular cancer, thyroid disease, liver damage, developmental toxicity, ulcerative colitis, high cholesterol, pregnancy-induced preeclampsia and hypertension, and immune dysfunction.” [Scientific American, [1/22/21](#)]