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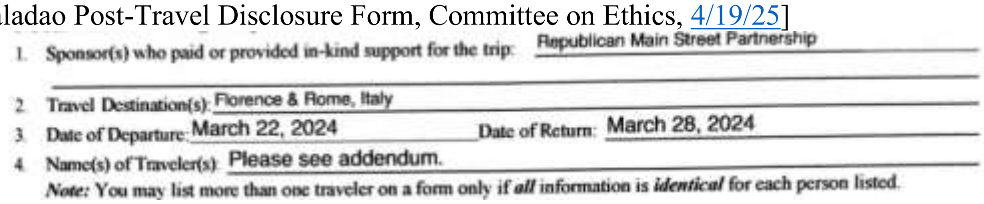
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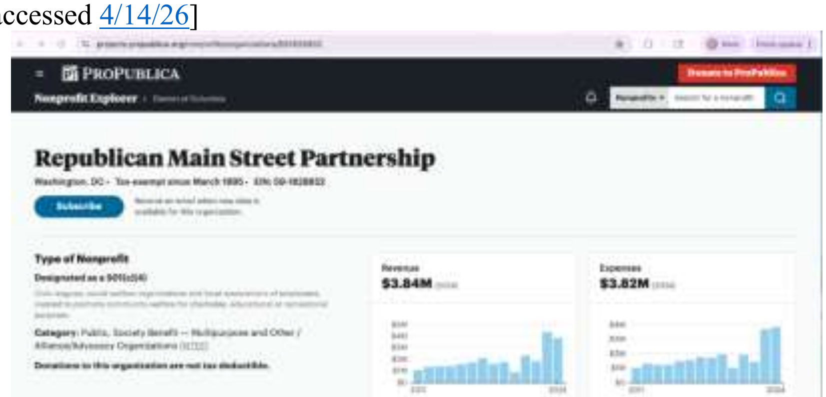

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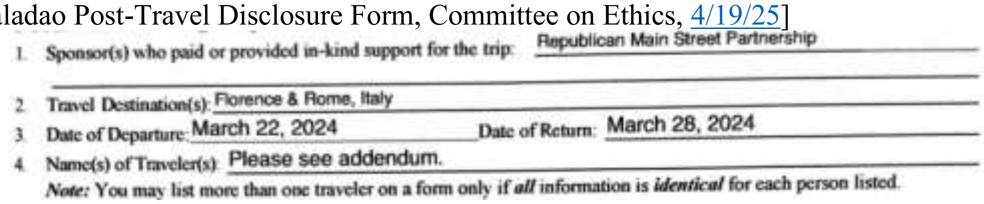

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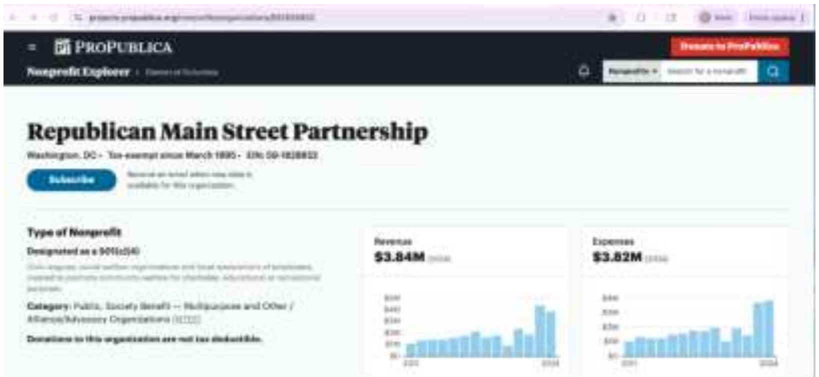

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October 2023-February 2026: Valadao's Campaign Spent Over $100,000 At The Four Seasons Orlando. [FEC.gov, accessed 7/29/26]

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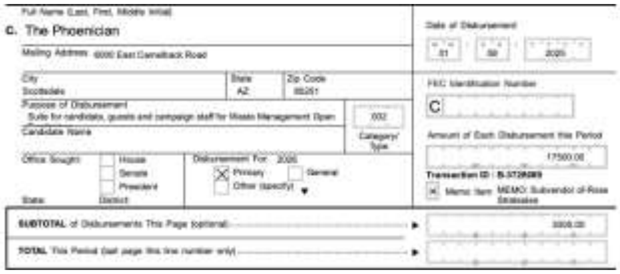
Valadao For Congress Spent $17,500 At The Phoenician In Arizona Which Was Described As "The Height Of Luxury"

1/8/25: Valadao For Congress Spent $17,500 At The Phoenician In Scottsdale, Arizona. [fec.gov, accessed 4/27/26]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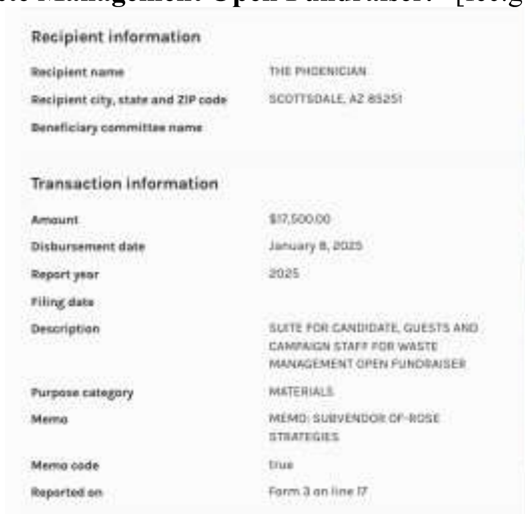
- **Valadao For Congress Said It Spent The $17,500 On The "Suite For Candidate, Guests And Campaign Staff For Waste Management Open Fundraiser."** [fec.gov, accessed 4/27/26]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HEADLINE: "The Phoenician Resort: Swanky Epicenter Of Phoenix/Scottsdale Golf." [travelgolf.com, 6/8/2009]

Travel Golf: The Phoenician Resort Was "The Height Of Luxury." "The lavish atmosphere at The Phoenician resort in Scottsdale, replete with palm-lined walkways and graceful fountains, brings to mind Palm Springs, Calif. This is the height of luxury in desert golf. In fact, it's practically desert golf without really feeling like you're in the desert." [travelgolf.com, 6/8/2009]

David Valadao Message #2 Backup

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Year	Utility Company Contributor	Amount
2012	Nextera Energy PAC	$1,000
2014	Nextera Energy PAC	$500
2013	Exelon PAC	$1,000
2014	American Electric Power	$1,000
2014	Exelon PAC	$3,000
2013	Nextera Energy PAC	$1,000
2014	Duke Energy Corp PAC	$1,000
2014	Southern Company Employees PAC	$1,500
2014	Nextera Energy PAC	$2,000
2013	Exelon PAC	$1,000
2015	Nextera Energy PAC	$500
2016	Nextera Energy PAC	$3,000
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2024	Nextera Energy PAC	$2,000
2025	Southern Company Employees PAC	$1,000
2026	Southern Company Employees PAC	$2,500
2025	Nextera Energy PAC	$5,000
2025	Nextera Energy PAC	$1,000
TOTAL:		**$63,000**

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Cycle	Gas Utility Total	Electric Utility Total	Cycle Total From Gas/Electric Utility Sector
2026	$52,372	$36,000	$88,372
2024	$29,113	$20,092	$49,205
2022	$36,145	$15,000	$51,145
2020	$2,375	$733	$3,108
2018	$25,000	$15,750	$40,750
2016	$28,500	$14,000	$42,500
2014	$17,749	$15,500	$33,249
2012	$4,500	$4,000	$8,500
TOTAL:			**$316,829**

[OpenSecrets, accessed 8/15/26]

Valadao Voted For The Big Beautiful Bill Which Cut Taxes For Corporations

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- **Washington Post Headline: "Corporations To Claim $16B From Retroactive GOP Tax Break, Federal Report Says"** [Washington Post, 12/2/25]

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ITEP: At Least 88 Corporations, Including Utility Companies, Paid No Federal Corporate Income Taxes

ITEP: At Least 88 Corporations Paid No Federal Corporate Income Taxes In Their Most Recent Fiscal Year Because Of Tax Cuts From The Big Beautiful Bill. "At least 88 of the largest corporations in America paid no federal corporate income taxes in their most recent fiscal year despite enjoying substantial pretax profits in the U.S. While the biggest U.S. corporations have avoided taxes in this way for decades, it appears that corporate tax avoidance has increased in the most recent year. This is at least in part due to two separate packages of corporate tax cuts pushed through by the Trump administration: last year's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" and the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 4/14/26]

Valadao Voted For Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

Valadao Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Valadao voted for: "adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025." The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, Vote #692, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/19/17]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Gave Tax Breaks To Utility Companies

IECPA: "Because Income Taxes Are A Major Component Of Utility Revenue Requirements, Any Downward Adjustment To Tax Rates Will Yield An Immediate Benefit To Utilities' Bottom Lines." "On December 22, 2017, President Donald Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA"), which contains provisions reducing the corporate tax rate and revising the federal tax structure. These new federal requirements affect the a) current operating tax expense, b) accumulated deferred income taxes (ADIT) and c) depreciation accounting used by utilities. Most of the provisions of the TCJA went into effect on January 1, 2018. Consequently, state commissions and ratepayer advocates have started to press rate-regulated utilities to explain how (and when) the benefits of lower tax rates will flow back to the ratepayers. The TCJA slashed the federal corporate income tax rates from 35% to 21% beginning in the 2018 tax year (a 40% decrease). Because income taxes are a major component of utility revenue requirements, any downward adjustment to tax rates will yield an immediate benefit to utilities' bottom lines." [IECPA, accessed 7/2/26]

Center For Public Integrity: "Utilities Are Now Estimated To Receive A Tax Windfall That's More Than Twice What Trump First Tweeted About." "The insignificance of the savings is underscored by the fact that utilities are now estimated to receive a tax windfall that's more than twice what Trump first tweeted about. To date, investor-owned electric companies have announced $7 billion in savings because of the tax law, an amount they have begun to pass on to their roughly 220 million customers, according to data compiled by the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), an association that represents the industry." [Center for Public Integrity, 3/7/19]

Utility Companies Were Expected To Raise Prices On Californians

New York Post Headline: "Californians Enraged By Massive PG&E Price Hikes Projected By Watchdog Group" [New York Post, 6/25/26]

NBC Bay Area Headline: "PG&E Proposes New Rate Hike Starting In 2027" [NBC Bay Area, 10/21/25]

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Cycle	Amount From Health Sector
2026	$245,486
2024	$261,794
2022	$178,771
2020	$109,183
2018	$152,171
2016	$126,200
2014	$109,150
2012	$61,900
TOTAL:	**$1,244,655**

[OpenSecrets, accessed 8/15/26]

Valadao Voted Twice For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Despite Promising Not To Because Of The Cuts The Legislation Made To Medicaid

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As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill, 68,777 Individuals In CA-22 Were Estimated To Lose Health Insurance Coverage. [Joint Economic Committee, September 2025]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Cut Nearly $90 Million In Hospital Revenue In Valadao's District, Including Essential Funding For A Social Safety Net Hospital That Received Close To Three Quarters Of Its Patient Revenue From Medi-Cal

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California's 22nd Congressional District Was Expected To See $89,544,211 In Cuts To Hospital Revenue Following Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill, According To An Analysis Published By Third Way. The table below details those cuts:

Hospital	Location	Amount
Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	Bakersfield, CA	$28,211,119
Kern Medical Center	Bakersfield, CA	$24,841,688
Adventist Health	Hanford, CA	$20,807,292
Sierra View Medical Center	Porterville, CA	$8,112,559
Delano Regional Medical Center	Delano, CA	$7,571,553
TOTAL:		**$89,544,211**

[Third Way, California Hospital Revenue Cuts, accessed 5/19/26]

Sacramento Bee: "Third Way, A Self-Described Center-Left Think Tank In Washington, D.C., Estimated That Five Hospitals In Valadao's District Alone Would Lose Nearly $90 Million Annually As A Result Of The Medicaid Cuts." "About two-thirds of all residents or 527,000 people, are enrolled in the service. That is the highest enrollment rate in California and of any Republican seat in the nation. Reliance is even more pronounced among children, with 87% of them enrolled. Third Way, a self-described center-left think tank in Washington, D.C., estimated that five hospitals in Valadao's district alone would lose nearly $90 million annually as a result of the Medicaid cuts." [Sacramento Bee, 3/24/26]

- **Sacramento Bee Headline: "Rep. Valadao Faces Re-Election Challenge As Medi-Cal Cuts Affect Central Valley"** [Sacramento Bee, 3/24/26]

Kern Hospital In Bakersfield, A Social Safety Net Hospital In Valadao's District Affected By Medicaid Cuts, Received 72% Of Its Patient Revenue From Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid Program

Kern Hospital Was A Social Safety Net Hospital In Bakersfield. "Access to health care in rural areas can already be difficult. Often, facilities are dependent on help from the government to stay afloat. Kern Hospital in Bakersfield, a social safety net hospital, gets 72% of its patient revenue from Medi-Cal." [NBC News, 7/26/25]

- **2023: Medi-Cal Made Up 72% Of Total Revenue At Kern Medical Center.** [CHCF Fact Sheet, April 2025]

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The Central Valley's Hospitals And Health Clinics Were Reportedly Expected To Face Significant Financial Adjustments As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

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KVPR: "San Joaquin Valley Residents Who Rely On Medicaid – Either For Their Own Vital Healthcare Or To Take Care Of Loved Ones – Are Facing Their 'Worst Case Scenario' As They Prepare For $1 Trillion In Cuts To The Program Now That President Trump Has Signed The So-Called 'One Big Beautiful Bill.'" "San Joaquin Valley residents who rely on Medicaid – either for their own vital healthcare or to take care of loved ones – are facing their 'worst case scenario' as they prepare for $1 trillion in cuts to the program now that President Trump has signed the so-called 'One Big Beautiful Bill.' With narrow passage along party lines, the Republican-backed law is estimated to result in some 3.4 million Californians losing coverage, according to numbers from state health officials. Those losses will likely be acutely felt in the Valley, where across the eight-county swath from San Joaquin to Kern more than 51% of the population relies on Medicaid, called Medi-Cal in state, for their health insurance." [KVPR, 7/30/25]

- **KVPR Headline: "Valley Medicaid Recipients, Providers Face 'Worst Case Scenario' With One Big Beautiful Bill Passage"** [KVPR, 7/30/25]

KQED: "Few Places In California Will Feel The Squeeze Of Recently Approved Federal Cuts To SNAP And Medicaid — The Nation's Low-Income Healthcare Program — More Than Bakersfield And Its Surrounding Communities." "Few places in California will feel the squeeze of recently approved federal cuts to SNAP and Medicaid — the nation's low-income healthcare program — more than Bakersfield and its surrounding communities. The fallout from those cuts, enacted as part of President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act, could play a key role in next year's election for the 22nd Congressional District seat held by Republican Rep. David Valadao, who voted for the legislation." [KQED, 7/23/25]

KVPR Headline: "Valley Hospitals, Clinics Brace For Financial 'Tsunami' Threatening Health Care Access" [KVPR, 2/10/26]

KVPR: "Health Care Leaders Across The Central San Joaquin Valley Fear That Federal Cuts To Medicaid And State Reductions In Medi-Cal Benefits Represent A 'Tsunami' Of Changes That Jeopardize The Financial Stability Of Hospitals And Clinics, And Threaten Residents' Access To Care In The Region." "Health care leaders across the central San Joaquin Valley fear that federal cuts to Medicaid and state reductions in Medi-Cal benefits represent a 'tsunami' of changes that jeopardize the financial stability of hospitals and clinics, and threaten residents' access to care in the region. A recent San Joaquin Valley market report published by the California Health Care Foundation found that among officials from hospitals, health clinics and public health leaders, 'the sense was one of widespread anxiety' after changes that sharply limit eligibility for state and federal health benefits for undocumented residents." [KVPR, 2/10/26]

David Valadao Message #3 Backup

Third, Valadao has become just another one of Trump's yes-men, who votes with Trump 98% of the time even as it makes life more expensive for Central Valley families. Valadao voted for Trump's tariffs, his costly war in Iran, billions in new funding for ICE, and to cut Medi-Cal after he promised he would oppose cuts.

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Valadao Voted For Trump's Tariffs…

Valadao Repeatedly Voted To Protect Cost-Spiking Tariffs

April 29, 2026: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted Against An Amendment To The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food And Drug Administration, And Related Agencies Appropriations Bill For FY27 To Prohibit Any Funds Provided By The Bill From Being Used To Implement A Tariff That Increases The Costs Of Food. "Description of Motion: Prohibit any funds provided by the bill from being used to implement a tariff that increases the costs of food. […] Members Voting Nay […] Mr. Valadao" [Hearing on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2027, Roll Call Vote #2, 4/29/26]

February 11, 2026: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted Against Terminating The National Emergency That Imposed Tariffs On Goods From Canada. In February 2026, Valadao voted against: "Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the Feb. 1, 2025, national emergency that imposed tariffs on goods from Canada." The bill passed by a vote of 219-211. [H. J. Res. 72, Vote #65, 2/11/26; CQ, 2/11/26]

- **The House Voted To Rescind Trump's Imposed Tariffs On Canada.** "The House voted on Wednesday to rescind tariffs that President Trump imposed on Canada last year, delivering a largely symbolic but politically consequential rebuke that Republicans had fought for a year to prevent. In a 219-to-211 vote, six Republicans joined nearly all Democrats in backing the resolution sponsored by Representative Gregory W. Meeks of New York, the top Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee. While the Senate has moved to cancel the president's tariffs in recent months, the vote was the House's first opportunity to formally register a position on Mr. Trump's trade policy since he returned to the White House and began deploying tariffs as an economic strategy." [New York Times, 2/11/26]

February 10, 2026: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted For Providing Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, The Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act, And Blocking Consideration Of Joint Resolutions Terminating Trump's Tariffs. In February 2026, Valadao voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617). The rule would allow for up to one hour of debate on each measure. It would consider as adopted a substitute amendment to HR 2189 appending the text of the Innovate Less Lethal to De-Escalate Tax Modernization Act (HR 4242), as reported by the Ways and Means Committee. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump's 2025 tariff actions under the Feb. 1, April 2, July 30, and Aug. 6 executive orders by providing that each day during the period from Feb. 10, 2026 through July 31, 2026, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies." The resolution was rejected by a vote of 214-217. [H. Res. 1042, Vote #60, 2/10/26; CQ, 2/10/26]

- **The House Rejected A Republican Effort To Delay, For Months, Any Vote On Cancelling President Trump's Tariffs.** "The House on Tuesday rejected a Republican effort to change the chamber's rules and delay for months any vote on canceling President Trump's tariffs, as G.O.P. defectors rebuked party leaders who have tried for a year to avoid weighing in on levies that are unpopular with many voters." [New York Times, 2/10/26]

February 10, 2026: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, And The Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act. In February 2026, Valadao voted for: "Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to strike section 4, which would stop an attempt by Republican leadership to block the House from taking up-or-down votes on President Trump's disastrous tariff policies through the end of July." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-214. [H. Res. 1042, Vote #59, 2/10/26; CQ, 2/10/26; Congressional Record, 2/10/26]

September 16, 2025: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

September 2025: Valadao Voted For H Res 707, Which Extended Trump's Tariff Authority Through March 2026. In September 2025, Valadao voted for H Res 707, which passed by a vote of 213-211. According to a "vote note" from U.S. Rep. McClintock: "H Res 707 goes beyond the prerogative of the majority to decide what bills are taken to the floor. This resolution amends existing law to extend the authority of the President to impose tariffs until March 30. That makes this a substantive question of policy and the responsibility of individual members to pass judgment. Under the Constitution, the power to impose tariffs is a congressional power and needs to be restored to Congress." [Congress.gov, H Res 707, Vote #268, 9/16/25; U.S. Rep Tom McClintock, 9/16/25]

- **September 2025: Nearly Every U.S. House Republican Voted To Effectively Block Congress From Challenging Trump's Tariff Authority Through March 2026.** "House Republicans voted in near lockstep Tuesday to again cede congressional power over tariffs to President Donald Trump. A measure that effectively blocks challenges to Trump's sweeping global tariff declarations through March 2026 was adopted on a 213-211 vote. The vote was gaveled down only after GOP whips had a drawn-out struggle on the floor with a band of Republicans who initially opposed the legislation before flipping to yes. The vote was held open for more than a half-hour as they worked to bring the members back on board." [Politico, 9/16/25]

April 9, 2025: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted For Blocking Expedited Consideration Of Joint Resolutions Terminating Trump's Tariff Actions And Considering The Senate Amendment To The FY 2025 Budget Resolution. In April 2025, Valadao voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 313) that would provide for floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the measure. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump's tariff actions under the April 2 executive order by providing that each day during the period from April 9, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2025, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-215. [H. Res. 313, Vote #94, 4/9/25; CQ, 4/9/25]

- **House Republicans Pushed A Procedural Rule That Would Curb Congress's Power To Override Trump's Tariffs.** "Republicans are quietly pushing a procedural rule that would curb the power of the US Congress to override Donald Trump's chaotic tariff policy. The House of Representatives' rules committee on Wednesday approved a measure that would forbid the House from voting on legislation to overturn the president's recently imposed taxes on foreign imports." [The Guardian, 4/9/25]

April 9, 2025: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Amendment Striking A Section Of The Rule That Would Prevent The House From Voting On Trump's Tariffs. In April 2025, Valadao voted for: "Foxx-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we defeat the previous question. I will offer an amendment. My amendment will simply strike section 2 of the rule. That section, tucked in the rule by Republicans this morning, prevents the House from voting on Trump's disastrous worldwide tariffs, the ones destroying the economy and raising prices on regular Americans." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-212. [H Res 313, Vote #93, 4/9/25; CQ, 4/9/25; Congressional Record, 4/9/25]

April 8, 2025: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Joint Resolution To Terminate Trump's Tariffs. In April 2025, Valadao voted for: "Foxx, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I ask that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.J. Res. 91, a joint resolution to terminate the reckless tariffs that President Trump has put in place." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-211. [H Res 294, Vote #91, 4/8/25; CQ, 4/8/25; Congressional Record, 4/8/25]

March 11, 2025: Valadao Voted To Protect Trump's Tariffs

Valadao Voted For Considering The FY 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Bill, The Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act, And The Joint Resolution Disapproving Of An Internal Revenue Service Rule Relating To Digital Asset Sales. In March 2025, Valadao voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 211) that would provide for floor consideration of the fiscal 2025 full-year continuing appropriations bill (HR 1968); the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act (HR 1156); and the joint resolution (H J Res 25) providing for congressional disapproval of an Internal Revenue Service rule relating to digital asset sales. It would provide up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would self-execute the Cole, R-Okla., manager's amendment to HR 1968 that would make technical corrections. The rule would also block expedited consideration of joint resolutions to terminate national emergencies declared by President Donald Trump on Feb. 1, 2025, by specifying that each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress will not be considered a calendar day under the National Emergencies Act." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-214. [H Res 211, Vote #67, 3/11/25; CQ, 3/11/25]

- **New York Times: "House Republican Leaders On Tuesday Quietly Moved To Shield Their Members From Having To Vote On Whether To End President Trump's Tariffs."** "House Republican leaders on Tuesday quietly moved to shield their members from having to vote on whether to end President Trump's tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, tucking language into a procedural measure that effectively removed their chamber's ability to undo the levies. [New York Times, 3/11/25]

- **Politico: "GOP Leadership Slipped Language Into A House Rule On Their Stopgap Funding Bill That Would Prevent Any Member Of Congress From Bringing Up A Resolution**

Terminating Trump's Declaration Of A National Emergency." "GOP leadership slipped language into a House rule on their stopgap funding bill that would prevent any member of Congress from bringing up a resolution terminating Trump's declaration of a national emergency over fentanyl and undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. The president has used that emergency declaration to justify his tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China." [Politico, 3/11/25]

- **Reuters: The Procedural Vote Blocked "The Ability Of Congress To Quickly Challenge Tariffs Imposed By President Trump That Have Rattled Financial Markets."** "The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to block the ability of Congress to quickly challenge tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump that have rattled financial markets. […] The provision was tucked into a procedural vote related to the Republicans' six-month stopgap funding bill." [Reuters, 3/11/25]

Tariffs Were Expected To Raise Costs Dramatically

Center For Economic And Policy Research: Trump's Tariffs Were The Largest Tax Increase In The Country's History. "Donald Trump is putting in place the largest tax increase in the country's history with his big import taxes (tariffs). We won't know the full size of Trump's taxes until after Liberation Day III (August 1), and probably not even then, but we already know that they are huge. This is evident from the tariff revenue the government is collecting. In June the government collected $26.6 billion in tariff revenue. That is up from around $6 billion a month in 2024 before Trump's tax hikes. The difference of $20 billion comes to $240 billion on an annual basis. Summed over a decade, as we do with other measures, this comes to $2.4 trillion. This would be a substantial tax hike in itself, roughly $1,900 per household, but we know that the figure is almost certain to go much higher. Trump is threatening taxes of an additional 10 to 30 percent on imports from our major trading partners, such as Mexico, Canada, the European Union, and Japan. The tax take could easily end up being twice its current level, making Trump's tariff frenzy by far the largest tax increase in US history." [Center For Economic and Policy Research, 7/17/25]

Trump's Tariffs Increased The Cost Of Living By More Than $1,700 Per Family. "Following the Supreme Court's decision today to overturn Trump's tariffs, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority released an updated report estimating that American families have already paid more than $1,700 each in tariff costs since President Trump took office. Combining Treasury Department data on the amount of tariff revenue collected across the first year of Trump's term with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is paid by American consumers, the Committee found that they paid more than $231 billion in total tariff costs between February 2025 and January 2026, an average of more than $1,700 per family. 'President Trump's tariffs have been a disaster for American families, driving costs up at the worst possible time,' said U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, Ranking Member of the Joint Economic Committee. 'While the Supreme Court has thankfully and correctly ruled that much of Trump's tariff agenda was an illegal exercise of presidential power, today's ruling cannot undo the damage that tariffs have already caused.'" [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, 2/20/26]

- **Joint Economic Committee Headline: "UPDATED DATA: American Families Have Already Paid More Than $1,700 Each In Tariff Costs Since Trump Entered Office."** [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, 2/20/26]

Joint Economic Committee Minority: "American Families Will Pay More Than $2,500 Each In Tariff Costs In 2026." "Even though the Supreme Court ruled that the bulk of President Trump's tariff agenda was illegal, the administration moved immediately to enact new tariffs that Treasury Secretary

Bessent claims will result in 'virtually unchanged tariff revenue in 2026'. If Bessent's estimates hold true, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority estimates that American families will pay more than $2,500 each in tariff costs in 2026. Building on its previous tariff cost estimates, the Committee combined official data from the U.S. Treasury Department on the amount of tariff revenue collected since the start of 2025 with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is ultimately paid by American consumers. The Committee found that if tariff revenue stays at the level recorded in January 2026 for the rest of the year, American families would in total pay more than $330 billion in tariff costs in 2026, an average of more than $2,500 per household in tariff costs this year. This is substantially higher than the more than $1,700 in average tariff costs that the JEC – Minority previously estimated that families paid during the first year of Trump's second term." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Fact Sheet, March 2026]

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The Hill Headline: "US Consumers Shouldering 55 Percent Of Trump Tariff Costs: Goldman Sachs." [The Hill, 10/13/25]

Fox News Headline: "US Businesses And Consumers Shoulder The Bulk Of Tariff Cost Burden, Goldman Sachs Finds." [Fox News, 10/21/25]

Goldman Sachs Found U.S. Consumers Would Be Absorbing 55% Of Tariff Costs By The End Of 2025. "Goldman's economists assessed that by the end of 2025, U.S. consumers will be absorbing 55% of tariff costs, while 22% will fall on U.S. businesses, 18% on foreign exporters and 5% on potential tariff evasion. 'Our 22% estimate for U.S. businesses is modest because it is a net impact – companies that use or sell imported goods will bear a larger share of tariff costs, while domestic producers that are shielded from foreign competition by tariffs will be able to raise their own prices and increase their margins,' the economists wrote." [Fox Business, 10/21/25]

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Kelley Blue Book: "President Trump Has Announced A 25% Tariff On All Cars Built Outside The United States And On Many Parts Used In Cars Built Here. […] Shoppers Can Expect The Tariffs To Increase Car Prices By As Much As $6,000 On Vehicles Priced Under $40,000." "President Trump has announced a 25% tariff on all cars built outside the United States and on many parts used in cars built here. See our latest news updates below on where tariffs stand. Effective Dates: Imported Cars: Tariffs began on April 3. Car Parts: Tariffs began on May 3. These tariffs have started to increase car prices. To save money, consider locking in a new car deal before any potential price increases take effect. Can You Avoid a Car Tariff? No vehicle made at an assembly plant in the United States is 100% made here. Even Tesla sources its parts from other countries. This means that with tariffs, car prices will increase for American car buyers, though the timing remains unclear. You can potentially avoid paying a tariff on a new car by purchasing one that was imported to the U.S. before the tariffs took effect, or by buying a used car. How Will Tariffs Affect Car Buying? If new cars become too expensive, used cars will become more attractive. However, if demand spikes, used car prices may also increase. Here's more information: New cars: Shoppers can expect the tariffs to increase car prices by as much as $6,000 on vehicles priced under $40,000. Higher car prices mean higher car taxes, financing, car insurance, and other ownership costs. This price pressure will make cars less affordable for consumers." [Kelley Blue Book, 9/15/25]

Tariffs Contributed To Prices Rising For Groceries. "President Donald Trump pledged to bring down grocery costs. But his administration's policies are contributing to an acceleration in prices, food economists and companies say. Grocery prices last month rose at their fastest pace in three years, stoked by Trump's tariffs, a crackdown on immigration, and extreme weather hurting food production. Prices jumped 0.6% in August from the month prior, according to the latest reading from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and they are up 2.7% from a year ago. Food prices are deeply personal to consumers, and weekly grocery bills shape their overall perceptions of the economy. More than half of Americans count grocery costs as a major stress in their lives. Low-income and middle-income Americans, hit the hardest by rising grocery costs, are changing where they shop and what they buy. Companies are also taking extreme measures to appeal to shoppers strained by higher prices, such as bringing back paper coupons." [CNN, 9/20/25]

- **Axios Headline: "Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up."** [Axios, 9/11/25]

- **News ABC 12 Headline: "Trump's Tariffs Could Lead To Higher Grocery Bills As NC Farmers Face Export Challenges."** [News ABC 12, 4/2/25]

Tariffs Raised Prices On Apparel Goods. "The impact of President Donald Trump's tariffs on prices throughout the economy is expected to increase over the summer. At U.S. department store chains including Macy's , Nordstrom, and Dillard's , the evidence of sticker price inflation is starting to show up across more items. Recent price increases in apparel, footwear, and bags across major U.S. department-store websites tracked by DataWeave indicate a turning point in May, when prices started their ascent. DataWeave analyzes nearly 15,000 SKUs (stock keeping units), a scannable code retailers use to identify and track a product, and has been collecting that data from January to June for signs of price hikes in footwear, apparel, and bags. 'Footwear is now as much as 4% above January levels at some banners, while apparel is roughly half that pace,' said Karthik Bettadapura, co-founder & CEO of DataWeave." [CNBC, 7/2/25]

- **CNBC Headline: "Inside America's Department Stores, Tariff-Triggered Price Hikes Are Picking Up."** [CNBC, 7/2/25]

- **The Guardian Headline: "Clothing Prices Rising In US As Trump Tariffs Kick In, H&M Boss Says."** [The Guardian, 6/26/25]

March 2026: Valadao Voted Against Terminating Hostilities Against Iran. In March 2026, Valadao voted against: "Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would direct the president to terminate the use of U.S. armed forces from hostilities against Iran or any part of its military, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization for use of military force against Iran." The bill was rejected by a vote of 212-219. [H Con Res 38, Vote #85, 3/5/26; CQ, 3/5/26]

- **The Guardian Headline: "US House Rejects War Powers Resolution To End Trump's Hostilities With Iran."** [The Guardian, 3/5/26]

April 2026: Valadao Voted Against Terminating Hostilities Against Iran. In April 2026, Valadao voted against: "Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran" The bill was rejected by a vote of 213-214. [H Con Res 40, Vote #114, 4/16/26]

- **NBC News Headline: "House Effort To End Trump's War With Iran Fails By One Vote"** [NBC News, 4/16/26]

Both Tariffs And The Iran War Were Hurting Small Businesses In California

CalMatters Headline: "How Tariffs And War Are Hurting California Small Businesses" [CalMatters, 4/29/26]

CalMatters: "Small Businesses Already Navigating The Costs And Chaos Of Tariffs Must Now Also Contend With The Effects Of The War In Iran." "Small businesses already navigating the costs and chaos of tariffs must now also contend with the effects of the war in Iran. 'It just feels like things keep getting piled on top,' said Nichole MacDonald, owner of a San Diego business that sells women's bags. 'Not just for businesses, but for consumers. And what is a business without consumers?' Since her customers are feeling financial pain just like her, they're spending less money on discretionary items, she said. If they are still buying, they're choosing denim bags over leather because they're cheaper." [CalMatters, 4/29/26]

- **CalMatters: "Meanwhile, Everyone Has Been Hit With Higher Shipping Costs Because Fuel Prices Have Gone Up."** "Meanwhile, everyone has been hit with higher shipping costs because fuel prices have gone up. The average price for regular unleaded gas in the state is $5.55, up from $4.79 a year ago, according to AAA. The national average is $4.11 vs. $3.15 a year ago. The spikes in gas prices caused inflation to rise in March. Consumer confidence is at a record low. Higher prices hit small businesses — defined as those with fewer than 500 employees — harder than big ones, and some wonder how long they can survive. That's bad news for the state, whose small businesses create millions of new jobs a year and lately have been responsible for 99% of net new jobs, according to the California Office of the Small Business Advocate." [CalMatters, 4/29/26]

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…His Costly War In Iran…

Valadao Voted Repeatedly To Rubber-Stamp The War In Iran, Which Spiked Costs For Americans' Groceries, Gas, And Utilities

July 23, 2026: Valadao Voted Against Iran War Powers Resolution

Valadao Voted Against The War Powers Resolution To Direct The President To Remove Armed Forces From Hostilities With Iran. In July 2026, Valadao voted against: "Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would direct the president to remove U.S. armed forces from hostilities in Iran." The bill passed by a vote of 214-208. [H Con Res 89, Vote #282, 7/23/26; CQ, 7/23/26]

June 3, 2026: Valadao Voted Against Iran War Powers Resolution

June 2026: Valadao Voted Against Iran War Powers Resolution. In June 2026, Valadao voted against: "Adoption of a resolution that would direct the president to remove U.S. Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran." The bill adopted, a 'nay' vote is in support of the president's position, by a vote of 215-208. [H Con Res 86, Vote #199, 6/3/26; CQ, 6/3/26]

- **Time Headline: "Four Republicans Join Democrats In House Vote To Rein In Trump's Iran War Powers."** [Time, 6/4/26]

May 14, 2026: Valadao Voted Against The Iran War Powers Resolution

May 2026: Valadao Voted Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. In May 2026, Valadao voted against: "Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would direct the president to terminate the use of U.S. armed forces from hostilities against Iran unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or a specific authorization for use of military force against Iran. It would clarify that nothing in the measure could be construed to disrupt intelligence, counterintelligence or investigative activities." The resolution was rejected by a vote of 212-212. [H. Con. Res. 75, Vote #170, 5/14/26; CQ, 5/14/26]

- **Reuters Headline: "US House Narrowly Rejects Bid To Rein In Trump Iran War Powers."** [Reuters, 5/14/26]

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April 2026: Valadao Voted Against Terminating Hostilities Against Iran. In April 2026, Valadao voted against: "Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran" The bill was rejected by a vote of 213-214. [H Con Res 40, Vote #114, 4/16/26]

- **NBC News Headline: "House Effort To End Trump's War With Iran Fails By One Vote"** [NBC News, 4/16/26]

March 5, 2026: Valadao Voted Against Terminating Hostilities Against Iran

March 2026: Valadao Voted Against Terminating Hostilities Against Iran. In March 2026, Valadao voted against: "Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would direct the president to terminate the use of U.S. armed forces from hostilities against Iran or any part of its military, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization for use of military force against Iran." The bill was rejected by a vote of 212-219. [H Con Res 38, Vote #85, 3/5/26; CQ, 3/5/26]

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June 2026: The United States' War In Iran Cost U.S. Taxpayers $100 Billion, And Households Paid Nearly $1,000 Each In Increased Costs

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- **Fortune Headline: "Iran War Has Cost U.S. Families $100 Billion Between Increased Military Funding And Higher Oil Prices, Says Moody's."** [Fortune, 6/2/26]

The Iran War Cost Americans Roughly $1,000 Per Household In Higher Fuel, Food, And Other Expenses Since The Conflict Started In February. "The Iran war has cost Americans roughly $1,000 per household in higher fuel, food and other expenses since the start of the conflict in February, according to an estimate shared last week by Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi. Zandi's analysis comes as government data shows inflation in May hit its highest level in three years, and with the U.S. and Iran yet to broker a lasting peace deal. The two countries exchanged military strikes over the weekend, threatening a fragile ceasefire. The sides will continue talks to end the conflict in Qatar on Tuesday, President Trump said on Monday." [CBS News, 6/29/26]

- **CBS News Headline: "Iran War Has Cost Americans $1,000 Per Household, Economist Estimates."** [CBS News, 6/29/26]

The Iran War Caused Gas Prices To Increase As The Conflict Disrupted Oil Supplies

Politico: Increases In Fuel Prices "Is Largely Due To The U.S. And Israel Attack On Iran And The Subsequent Closure Of Hormuz." "When fuel prices hit record highs under Biden, it was largely due to post-Covid supply disruptions and because Russia's war on Ukraine threatened global energy markets. The current price increase is largely due to the U.S. and Israel attack on Iran and the subsequent closure of Hormuz. Diesel prices in February, before U.S. and Israeli forces attacked Iran, were about $3.75." [Politico, 5/6/26]

The Iran War Caused Gas Prices To Increase As The Conflict Disrupted Oil Supplies. "As prices are surging across the United States as the fallout from the U.S.-Israeli attack on Iran continues to choke global oil supplies. The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline jumped by 14% in a week to $3.41 on Saturday, according to data from the AAA motor club." [Time, 3/7/26]

Time Headline: "Gas Prices Surge In U.S. As Iran War Chokes Global Oil Supply. What You Need To Know." [Time, 3/7/26]

Wall Street Journal: The Impact Of Oil Prices From The Iran War Hit California Harder Than Any Other State

The Reverberations Of The Iran War Are Poised To Hit California Harder Than Other States Because California Imported 75% Of Its Crude Oil. "The last South Korea-bound oil tanker to sail through the Strait of Hormuz dropped off its cargoes late last month. That is a grim omen for California, which relies on the Asian nation for jet fuel shipped 6,000 miles across the Pacific. The reverberations of the Iran war are poised to hit California harder than other states. That is because California imports roughly 75% of its crude oil, almost one-third of which comes from the Middle East. It also gets jet fuel and gasoline from countries whose refineries depend on the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf. With the Hormuz still closed, South Korea and India—two of California's biggest fuel suppliers—are dramatically slowing exports, threatening to squeeze the Golden State's energy supplies. This month, South Korea is set to ship about half the jet fuel it normally sends to California, according to market intelligence firm Vortexa." [Wall Street Journal, 4/8/26]

Wall Street Journal: "The Iran War Is Hitting California Harder Than Any Other State." [Wall Street Journal, 4/8/26]

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June 2026: Since The Iran War Began, Americans Spent An Additional $300 On Average To Fill Up Their Tanks Of Gas. "The Iran war has cost Americans roughly $1,000 per household in higher fuel, food and other expenses since the start of the conflict in February, according to an estimate shared last week by Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi. […] According to Zandi, the biggest war-related expense for Americans has been gasoline, which peaked at $4.56 a gallon on May 21 before dipping back below $4 a gallon earlier this month. Since the war began on Feb. 28, Americans have shelled out an additional $300 on average to fill up their tanks, he found, an estimate that only factors in the higher cost of regular gas." [CBS News, 6/29/26]

May 2026: The Average Price For A Gallon Of Gas In California Rose To $6

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Inside Climate News Headline: "California Drivers Are Paying A More Than $6 A Gallon Price For The War In Iran." [Inside Climate News, 5/2/26]

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Usa Today Headline: "Gas Prices Near $5 Are Changing How Americans Drive, New Poll Finds." [USA Today, 5/7/26]

The War In Iran Pushed Up The Price Of Groceries, And U.S. Households Spent An Extra $200 On Food Costs Since The Iran War Started

Politico: The "Inflationary Impact Of High Diesel" Affects "The Cost Of Everything From Eggs To Sneakers," And Results In Price Rises That Are "Passed Along To Consumers." "Beyond the impacts to the cost of everything from eggs to sneakers, the inflationary impact of high diesel fuel lasts much longer in the economy than gasoline prices, said John Auers, analyst at consulting firm RBN Energy. Trucking, rail and freight companies sign long-term supply contracts for their diesel, meaning that a higher price will be baked into their costs – and passed along to consumers — for months at a time." [Politico, 5/6/26]

June 2026: U.S. Households Spent An Extra $200 On Groceries Since The Iran War Started. "The Iran war has cost Americans roughly $1,000 per household in higher fuel, food and other expenses since the start of the conflict in February, according to an estimate shared last week by Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi. […] Higher diesel costs have also increased the cost of transporting products from farms, factories and seaports, leading to higher retail costs, Zandi said. He estimates the typical U.S. household has spent an extra $200 on groceries due to higher fuel costs since the start of the war." [CBS News, 6/29/26]

New York Times: Grocery Prices Climbed At Their Fastest Rate In Four Years As The Effects Of The Iran War Weigh On The U.S. Economy. "Grocery prices climbed at their fastest rate in nearly four years, putting increased pressure on Americans' wallets at a time when many are already feeling pessimistic about the economy. Prices for groceries spiked in April, according to data released Tuesday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, while broader inflation reached its highest level in nearly three years, as the effects of the war in Iran start to weigh on the U.S. economy." [New York Times, 5/12/26]

Washington Post: Tomato Prices Soared 15% In April Because Of The Rising Price Of Diesel Caused By Energy Shocks From The Iran War. "Tomato prices soared 15 percent in April compared with a month ago and are up nearly 40 percent in the last year. The red fruit is facing a barrage of hits, including the rising price of diesel caused by energy shocks from the war in Iran. With the Strait of Hormuz still closed, the global oil market is in turmoil, and prices for refined products, including gasoline and diesel, are sharply rising." [New York Times, 5/12/26]

New York Time Headline: "Prices For These Grocery Items Have Spiked Highest Since The War Began." [New York Times, 5/12/26]

The Iran War Led To Higher Energy And Utility Prices

New York Times: Energy Costs Increased Because Of The Iran War. "Daily life in America is getting more expensive, according to the latest inflation report from the Labor Department. Consumer prices rose 3.8 percent last month from a year earlier, their fastest rate in nearly three years, outpacing U.S. wage growth. Productivity is rising at a brisk pace, but the share of national income that goes to workers has sunk to its lowest point on record. The price increases were driven largely by energy costs, which have shot up sharply since the U.S. went to war with Iran. Airline fares are also up significantly. And the price of tomatoes surged nearly 40 percent over the last year because of bad weather, high tariffs and climbing transportation costs." [New York Times, 5/12/26]

- **New York Times Headline: "Inflation Accelerates As Iran War Drives Up Energy Costs."** [New York Times, 5/12/26]

New York Times: The Iran War Disrupted The Strait Of Hormuz Which Led To Higher Utility Bills. "Americans are starting to pay more for goods and services, from airline baggage fees to package deliveries. Companies have warned that higher energy costs tied to the war in Iran are forcing price increases across industries. Oil and gas prices surged after the United States and Israel launched attacks on Iran, disrupting shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow passageway through which roughly a fifth of the world's oil and gas supply typically passes. After more than five weeks of conflict before a cease-fire was called, the economic effects are becoming clearer. Gas prices have topped $4 a gallon on average. Utility bills have climbed and consumers are facing higher costs for groceries and air travel — prices that are unlikely to return to prewar levels anytime soon." [New York Times, 4/10/26]

…Billions In New Funding For ICE…

Valadao Voted For The Secure America Act, Which Contained Billions In Funding For ICE Without Oversight Democrats Advocated For, After ICE Was Already The Highest-Funded Law Enforcement Agency

June 9, 2026: Valadao Voted For The Secure America Act. [S. 2, Roll Call Vote #214, 6/9/26]

The Secure America Act Contained $38 Billion In Funding For ICE. "Federal agencies responsible for immigration enforcement are set to receive tens of billions more dollars after Congress voted to fund them not just for the year, but through the rest of President Trump's term. The House narrowly voted on Tuesday to direct roughly $70 billion to the Department of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol, the second multi-billion dollar infusion of money to the agencies in the last year muscled through by Republicans alone. The measure passed by a vote of 214 to 212. Trump signed the bill on Wednesday. […]$38 billion for ICE to hire, pay, train and equip its officers and agents." [NPR, 6/9/26]

NPR: "But As Negotiations Fell Apart, Republicans Moved To Circumvent Democrats Using A Special Procedure Known As Reconciliation To Fund The Agencies Without Acquiescing To Any Of The Reforms They Were Demanding." "But as negotiations fell apart, Republicans moved to circumvent Democrats using a special procedure known as reconciliation to fund the agencies without acquiescing to any of the reforms they were demanding. In the Senate last week, one Republican joined all Democrats in an unsuccessful attempt to block the measure. The lopsided votes highlighted a Republican caucus continuing to endorse Trump's immigration agenda as Democrats warn that Congress has ceded its ability to provide oversight by funneling these agencies billions of dollars with few strings attached."

NPR Headline: "How ICE Grew To Be The Highest-Funded U.S. Law Enforcement Agency" [NPR, 1/21/26]

… And To Cut Medi-Cal After He Promised He Would Oppose Cuts.

After Promising Not To, Valadao Voted Twice For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Was Expected To Raise Energy Costs And Threaten Health Insurance Coverage For Over 68,000 In CA-22

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May 2025: Valadao Voted To Pass The One Big Beautiful Bill Act

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- **Washington Post Headline: "Corporations To Claim $16B From Retroactive GOP Tax Break, Federal Report Says"** [Washington Post, 12/2/25]

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Rhodium: The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Raise Households' Energy Costs. "Work is underway in Congress to construct and pass a budget reconciliation bill or bills to meet an array of priorities and policy objectives set by President Trump. Most of these priorities focus on increasing spending on defense and border security as well as extending and possibly expanding the tax cuts enacted in Trump's first term. In this note, we estimate how much energy costs could rise for households and industry if Congress chooses to partially pay for these priorities through the rollback and repeal of key pollution regulations and energy tax credits. We find that on a national level, households see an increase in annual energy costs of $184 in 2030 and $371 in 2035. However, households in many states see much higher cost increases than the national average. This includes Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Texas, which, at the upper bound of our estimates, see annual cost increases of $250-$326 per household in 2030. In 2035, California, Oregon, and Washington all see estimated annual cost increases of over $800 per household. The rollback and repeal of regulations and tax credits also increase costs for industrial manufacturers. We estimate an increase of $8-14 billion in total energy spending across the industrial sector in 2030 and 2035. We provide impacts for each of the 50 states on the ClimateDeck as part of this analysis." [Rhodium Group, 3/20/25]

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Kern Medical Center	Bakersfield, CA	$24,841,688
Adventist Health	Hanford, CA	$20,807,292
Sierra View Medical Center	Porterville, CA	$8,112,559
Delano Regional Medical Center	Delano, CA	$7,571,553
TOTAL:		**$89,544,211**

[Third Way, California Hospital Revenue Cuts, accessed 5/19/26]

Sacramento Bee: "Third Way, A Self-Described Center-Left Think Tank In Washington, D.C., Estimated That Five Hospitals In Valadao's District Alone Would Lose Nearly $90 Million Annually As A Result Of The Medicaid Cuts." "About two-thirds of all residents or 527,000 people, are enrolled in the service. That is the highest enrollment rate in California and of any Republican seat in the nation. Reliance is even more pronounced among children, with 87% of them enrolled. Third Way, a self-described center-left think tank in Washington, D.C., estimated that five hospitals in Valadao's district alone would lose nearly $90 million annually as a result of the Medicaid cuts." [Sacramento Bee, 3/24/26]

- **Sacramento Bee Headline: "Rep. Valadao Faces Re-Election Challenge As Medi-Cal Cuts Affect Central Valley"** [Sacramento Bee, 3/24/26]

Kern Hospital Was A Social Safety Net Hospital In Bakersfield. "Access to health care in rural areas can already be difficult. Often, facilities are dependent on help from the government to stay afloat. Kern Hospital in Bakersfield, a social safety net hospital, gets 72% of its patient revenue from Medi-Cal." [NBC News, 7/26/25]

- **2023: Medi-Cal Made Up 72% Of Total Revenue At Kern Medical Center.** [CHCF Fact Sheet, April 2025]

Medi-Cal Paid For Nearly Half Of All Hospital Services Provided At Adventist Health Hanford. "Medi-Cal keeps hospitals in the Central Valley open. For example, it pays for nearly half of all hospital services provided at Adventist Health Hanford. If Medicaid is cut, Adventist will treat more uninsured people, and the amount of uncompensated care will increase. A total of 11% of residents are already uninsured in CA-22 — increased losses in patient revenue would put Adventist and access to care for the whole community at risk." [Families USA Fact Sheet, March 2025]

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Calif. 22nd	David Valadao	68%	R+7
N.Y. 15th	Ritchie Torres	67%	D+55

As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill, 63,777 Individuals In CA-22 Were Estimated To Lose Medicaid Coverage. [Joint Economic Committee, September 2025]

87% Of All Children In CA-22 Relied On Medicaid. [Families USA Fact Sheet, March 2025]

82% Of Medicaid-Insured Residents In CA-22 Were Latino. [Unidos US Blog, 4/8/25]

54% Of California Farmworkers With Health Coverage Were Covered By Medicaid. "54% of California farmworkers with health coverage are covered by Medicaid. One in three farmworkers have at least one chronic condition, such as diabetes or high blood pressure." [Families USA Fact Sheet, March 2025]

KBAK: "Kern County Is Preparing For Significant Financial Adjustments As The 'Big Beautiful Bill,' Enacted In July, Begins To Affect Local Funding And Services." "Kern County is preparing for significant financial adjustments as the 'Big Beautiful Bill,' enacted in July, begins to affect local funding and services. […] At a recent budget meeting, the Board of Supervisors addressed the loss of federal funds, which has already impacted public health services in the region. Elsa Martinez, assistant county administrative officer, highlighted the financial repercussions, stating, 'The department identified $10.5 million in revenue losses. In addition, 2 million in large in already obligated but unreimbursed funds were incurred and are not likely to be reimbursed to the county. An additional $2.2 million was also impacted. And this is the future of public health. This is for the state budget.'" [KBAK, 7/30/25]

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David Valadao Message #4 Backup

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Studies Showed California's Workforce Suffered As A Result Of ICE Raids

KSEE Headline: "UC Merced Study Shows ICE Raids Directly Tied To Workforce Decline" [KSEE, 7/16/25]

KSEE: "UC Merced's Community And Labor Center Looked At Private Employment Rates Between May 11 And June 8, And They Said The Numbers Don't Lie – Immigration Raids Are Negatively Impacting The State's Economy." "Researchers at UC Merced are sharing what they call 'sobering' statistics on the economic impact of President Donald Trump's ICE raids in California. UC Merced's Community and Labor Center looked at private employment rates between May 11 and June 8, and they said the numbers don't lie – immigration raids are negatively impacting the state's economy. 'There was a decline of 3.1% in the number of people that reported working in the private sector in California,' Lead Researcher at UC Merced Edward Flores said. Flores said the study ties falling work rates in California to recent ICE raids. 'The 3.1% is roughly 465,000 people. Roughly 364,000 fewer Latinos working than the private sector between May and June,' Flores said. 465,000 is roughly 2.4% of California's labor force." [KSEE, 7/16/25]

CNBC: "Trump's Immigration Policy Threatens Key Sectors Of California's Economy, Long Reliant On Immigrant Workers" [CNBC, 9/1/25]

CNBC: "As The Trump Administration Continues To Ramp Up Immigration Enforcement, Industries Key To The State's $4 Trillion Economy Like Agriculture, Construction And Hospitality Could Be Among Those Hardest Hit By The Loss Of California's Immigrant Workforce, According To New Research." "From citrus farms in the Central Valley to construction sites where homes and businesses are being rebuilt after devastating wildfires in Pacific Palisades, California relies heavily on immigrant workers and entrepreneurs. As the Trump administration continues to ramp up immigration enforcement, industries key to the state's $4 trillion economy like agriculture, construction and hospitality could be among those hardest hit by the loss of California's immigrant workforce, according to new research. At stake are billions of dollars that fuel businesses large and small across the state, whose standalone economy is the fourth largest in the world after the United States, China and Germany. Approximately one-fifth of the state's 10.6 million immigrants are undocumented, according to a June study from the nonpartisan Bay Area Economic Institute and the University of California, Merced. If mass deportations were to be combined with the end of temporary protected status for thousands of immigrants and stricter border policies, the joint study estimated that California would be at risk of losing as much as $278 billion from its gross domestic product." [CNBC, 9/1/25]

CalMatters Headline: "Raid Or Rumor? Reports Of Immigrations Sweeps Are Warping Life In California's Central Valley" [CalMatters, 3/31/25]

January 2025: Border Patrol Conducted Raids In Kern County, In Which Case They Often Did Not Identify Themselves Or Present Warrants, That Were Reported To "Be Seen As A Blueprint For The Broader Immigration Crackdown That Was To Come"

New York Times Headline: "Before Urban Raids, Border Patrol Tested Tactics In California Farm Country" [New York Times, 1/19/26]

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