

### Jim Bognet (PA-08) Research Report

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## Jim Bognet

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Republican Candidate in  
Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District

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## Key Findings

### **Beltway Bognet Is A Dishonest DC Insider For Whom No Special Interest Cause Is Too Sleazy**

**Bognet, who did not live in Pennsylvania for more than two decades while working as a political hack across the country, held elected office in California before returning to Hazleton to run for Congress in 2020.**

Despite Bognet's emphasis on his Pennsylvania residency during his campaigns, Bognet left the state immediately after graduating from college and only returned in 2020 to run for office. He worked on Wall Street in New York City and in politics as a consultant, campaign staffer, and Trump appointee in California, Boston, Austin, and DC until January 2020. Bognet has voted in more California elections than Pennsylvania ones, and in 2006, Bognet even held elected office in California. Bognet clearly advertised his residency in Washington, DC's Georgetown neighborhood on an exclusive dating app meant to "breed power couples" and appears to have not followed through on his 2020 plan to buy property in Pennsylvania as of March 2022.

**Bognet may have abused the American election system, twice voting in Pennsylvania while seemingly living and working in other states.** Bognet claims to be tough on election integrity and even supports banning the use of absentee ballots, but Bognet himself appeared to have repeatedly improperly voted, using his parents' address despite living out of state. In 2018, managing a political campaign in Arizona, Bognet voted by absentee ballot in Pennsylvania. Additionally, in 2010, while living and working in Washington, DC, Bognet re-registered to vote in Pennsylvania without a valid in-state driver's license and went on to vote in the general election.

**Bognet claimed he ran a Hazleton-based small business, JRB Strategies, which appeared to be neither a business nor in Pennsylvania.** Bognet has touted his "business background" based on his experience with his political consulting firm, JRB Strategies, which he claimed he started in Hazleton, PA. However, the business did not appear to be registered in Pennsylvania or any other state where Bognet has lived, and, despite his claim that it worked with campaigns, there appeared to be no record of any federal or state campaigns' transactions with JRB Strategies. On his resume, Bognet said the firm was based in Los Angeles, CA, not Hazleton.

**Bognet was a failed political operative who made more than a million dollars from campaigns and was connected to multiple scandals involving theft, embezzlement, and misuse of campaign funds.** Bognet has worked for at least six failed campaigns, but federal and state campaigns have paid him and his company more than \$1.2 million. Bognet stated he oversaw the consultants and budgets as CEO of Martha McSally's 2018 Arizona Senate campaign, which labeled top staff as independent contractors, allegedly to avoid paying payroll taxes and benefits. Under Bognet's leadership, a consultant and deputy campaign manager defrauded the campaign for \$115,000. In 2011, Bognet began managing David Dewhurst's 2012 Texas Senate campaign, until Kenneth "Buddy" Barfield took over the job, and Bognet continued to consult for the campaign. Barfield later admitted to embezzling \$1.8 million from the campaign. In 2016, the campaign found itself under investigation again over allegations that it failed to report activity it paid for with excessive contributions from Barfield and his company, including payments to Bognet.

**Bognet's campaigns and personal finances were bolstered by his DC connections and policy positions.**

Despite Bognet's claims that he did not fundraise from the "DC lobbyist types" and the "swamp creature crowd," his congressional campaigns accepted tens of thousands of dollars from DC-area lobbyists, employees of lobbying firms, out-of-state alumni of campaigns he worked on, and employees of political firms where he once worked. Bognet also personally profited from his DC connections – he was invested in and profited from multiple multi-million dollar properties in the DC area through his cousin's Virginia-based construction company, and the tenants of one property performed more than \$9 million worth of lobbying in 2021 alone. During his 2020 campaign, Bognet said he would support removing certain cigars from FDA regulation, to the detriment of young people's health, while he was invested in two tobacco companies that lobbied on the measure.



**While Bognet was Senior Vice President of a DC lobbying firm, the Saudi government paid it more than a million dollars and it lobbied against accountability for 9/11.** While Bognet was a Senior Vice President for the Glover Park Group, the Saudi government paid the firm \$1.3 million. The firm lobbied extensively on a bill to allow the victims of 9/11 and their families to sue the Saudi government, and distributed materials against the measure. When two Senators, whom the Glover Park Group lobbied, unveiled proposed changes to the law, an advocacy group for 9/11 victims called it a “betrayal” that was “demanded by Saudi Arabia’s lobbyists.” Bognet’s congressional campaigns later accepted thousands of dollars from registrants who represented Saudi Arabia, including for the Glover Park Group.

**Bognet made a career out of engineering divisive, misleading attacks.** Bognet held multiple senior leadership and communications-oriented positions on campaigns whose ads were called “misleading,” “nasty,” “alarming,” “vicious,” and false.

### **Bognet Is A Fake Populist Backed By Outsourcers And Chinese Pharmaceutical Interests**

**Bognet misrepresented his own substantial net worth, which he accrued through his political work, to claim he was in touch with Northeast Pennsylvania.** In 2020, Bognet claimed he knew what it was like to “scrimp to get by” and live without a job or health insurance, and repeatedly criticized multi-millionaires who ran for office as out of touch. He left out that his 2022 net worth was as high as \$2.9 million, and that campaigns have paid him and his company more than \$1.2 million. In 2007, Bognet touted the “real life” experience of his boss, presidential candidate Mitt Romney, whose maximum net worth potentially exceeded \$270 million.

**Bognet had to fake his conservative credentials after a career spent working for and alongside Never Trumpers and Democrats.** In 2020 and 2022, Bognet repeatedly touted his connections to Trump, including Trump’s endorsement and Bognet’s brief (57-day) tenure in his administration. Bognet previously worked for a DC lobbying firm founded and led by Democrats and for multiple Republicans who refused to endorse Trump and had personal conflicts with the former president, including Mitt Romney, John McCain, and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Bognet even worked with a former Republican strategist at four different jobs over three years, including at a firm he co-founded, who later joined the Lincoln Project.

**Bognet campaigned on making China “pay” for its unfair trade practices and “[sending] us the Wuhan flu,” but personally benefited from campaigns, firms, and donors that facilitated trade with and pharmaceutical development in China.** The central theme of Bognet’s congressional campaigns has been to make China “pay” for unfair trade practices and “[sending] us the Wuhan flu.” However, Bognet’s 2020 run was boosted by a super PAC seeded with more than \$160,000 from Bognet’s college friend who sat on the board of BeiGene, a Beijing-based pharmaceutical company bolstered by the Chinese government. As of February 2020, BeiGene was conducting more than 20 clinical trials in Wuhan. Bognet previously opposed protectionist policies against China as an economic advisor to Romney’s 2008 presidential campaign, and repeatedly worked for campaigns that opposed cracking down on Chinese trade practices. Bognet was a Senior VP of the Export-Import Bank, which authorized more than \$100 million to China during Trump’s administration. His campaigns accepted at least \$7,000 from PACs that opposed Trump’s tariffs on China.

**Bognet claimed he brought back manufacturing jobs as a Trump appointee in a role he held for 57 business days at the Export-Import Bank, which authorized millions more in PA-08 exports annually under Biden and Obama than Trump.** Throughout both of his congressional campaigns, Bognet repeatedly claimed he brought back manufacturing jobs as a Trump appointee in the Export-Import Bank. Bognet worked at the bank between October 2019 and January 2020 for 57 days (excluding holidays and weekends), during which he averaged more than \$900 in pay daily. According to available data, the Ex-Im Bank authorized an annual average of \$5.3 million in exports from PA-08 during the Trump administration, compared to \$18.7 million during the last three years of the Obama administration and \$8.1 million under Biden.

**Bognet’s campaign positions on NEPA’s heritage industries were at odds with his resume and past remarks.** Bognet radically changed his stances on NEPA’s heritage industries when he began his congressional campaigns.

In 2020, Bognet claimed Democrats would “rather have our skilled workforce driving Ubers and ‘learning to code’ than building homes, mining coal, and working in factories.” At some point between 2013 and 2016, Bognet worked for Uber to coordinate its opposition research; in 2014, Uber targeted the taxi industry with opposition research and its executives allegedly proposed doing so against journalists who criticized the company. In 2015, Bognet told a USC lecture audience that his grandfather and great-grandfather had contracted serious illnesses while mining coal and added, “The problem is nobody wants to be a coal miner. [...] There’s just such a lack of hope and alternatives in those towns.” Bognet also worked for firms and campaigns that facilitated offshoring and promoted free trade, including the Glover Park Group while it lobbied for AstraZeneca on a law that previously prevented it from merging with Pfizer to allow Pfizer to dodge American taxes. As a senior staffer on Romney and McCain’s presidential campaigns, Bognet devised economic plans that included promoting free trade without protections for American workers.

**Bognet was a hypocrite on everything from Cuba to big tech to the Paycheck Protection Program.** On his resume, Bognet took credit for a Glover Park Group public relations campaign that matched the description of United Airlines’ “United to Cuba” campaign, which promoted Cuba as an idyllic tourist destination. In 2021, Bognet bashed Cuba as the antithesis of American democracy. During his campaigns, Bognet claimed technology companies like Facebook and Twitter were biased against conservatives and harmed his campaign’s social media, but he owned up to \$62,000 of the companies’ stock and options as of 2020. Bognet also called on Cartwright to return his family’s law firm’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans in 2020, even as Bognet’s family’s construction companies took millions more in pandemic relief, and a Los Angeles-based PR firm he consulted for as recently as 2021 took more than \$100,000.

## **Bognet’s Extremism Is Out Of Step With Northeast Pennsylvania**

**Bognet repeatedly supported measures that could result in overturning election results, spread election misinformation, and refused to concede his own defeat long after the 2020 election.** Bognet unsuccessfully sued the state of Pennsylvania twice over its election laws and procedures. He first sued in 2020 over its deadline for counting mail-in and absentee ballots in the “final legal bid [...] challenging the results of the United States’ presidential election.” He then sued in February 2022 in a failed attempt to stop the state’s Supreme Court from picking a new congressional map and cited a radical legal doctrine that empowered state legislatures in election law, even to the point of overturning election results. Additionally, Bognet supported auditing Pennsylvania’s 2020 election results, which some supporters saw as a step to overturning election results. Bognet repeatedly claimed that vote-by-mail was a scheme by Democrats to skew election results, needlessly casting doubt on election security. He refused to concede the 2020 election, even after Cartwright was sworn in, and continues to claim the 2020 election was “stolen” from him.

**Bognet made outlandish and xenophobic claims about immigration and placement of Afghan refugees in Northeast Pennsylvania.** In February 2022, Bognet falsely claimed the Biden Administration was sending a “cascade of illegal immigrants” on “ghost flights” to Pennsylvania to “plant Democrat voters.” He also villainized Afghan refugees who worked alongside U.S. troops, of whom he said, “nobody in here wants those people in Hazleton, Pennsylvania or Butler Township, Pennsylvania.” Bognet even attempted to trespass on the property of a federal Job Corps Center where he claimed refugees had enrolled to prove his claims.

## **Bognet Is Bad For Pennsylvania**

**Bognet opposed major legislation passed in 2021 to invest billions in Pennsylvania’s infrastructure, pandemic recovery, and families.** Despite pledging to support a large, bipartisan infrastructure bill during his 2020 campaign, Bognet later criticized the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), which will invest billions in Pennsylvania’s roads and bridges, abandoned mine reclamation, and public transit. Bognet leveled misleading attacks on Build Back Better, which would invest in child care, lower energy costs, and cut drug prices for seniors, and the American Rescue Plan, which was instrumental in Pennsylvania’s pandemic recovery.

**Bognet built his career and campaigns on dangerous attacks on health care.** Bognet has repeatedly called the Affordable Care Act (ACA) a “disaster” during his 2020 and 2022 congressional campaigns, but his antagonism towards the law, which created protections for pre-existing conditions, didn’t start there: he worked for multiple campaigns that pledged to repeal it and created attack ads against it as a consultant. Bognet also spread lies about health care policies, ranging from his pledge to protect pre-existing conditions without a plan to do so, to his work for multiple campaigns that fact-checkers found lied about the effects of the ACA and his candidates’ record on health care. While Bognet was a Senior Vice President of a DC lobbying firm, pharmaceutical companies paid it hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**Bognet’s career and campaigns were based on hurting seniors, the middle class, workers, consumers, and women, while propping up the interests of huge corporations and polluters.** Bognet held senior leadership positions on campaigns that supported raising the retirement age, turning Medicare into a voucher-like program, privatizing Social Security, and cutting earned benefit programs. Many of these campaigns also advocated for tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations at the cost of the middle class, just like Trump’s Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which Bognet repeatedly praised. Bognet advised Gov. Schwarzenegger on workers’ comp issues, which the California Labor Federation called “nothing short of a disaster,” and worked for other candidates who antagonized unions. In 2020, Bognet did not recognize the risks posed by transporting explosive natural gas through NEPA. While Bognet was a Senior VP of a DC lobbying firm, it represented notorious polluters on environmental issues, and accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars to lobby for big banks at the cost of consumers, which seems fitting – Bognet started his career on Wall Street and appeared intent on continuing to represent corporate interests through “reputation management” as a consultant in 2020. Bognet called himself “100 percent pro-life” and praised efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade.

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# Thematics

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## Bognet Is A Dishonest DC Insider

### Significant Findings

#### **Bognet Did Not Live In Pennsylvania From 1997 To 2020 And Worked As A Political Hack In DC, California, Austin, And Boston Before Returning To Hazleton To Run For Congress In 2020**

- ✓ After graduating from Penn State in 1997, Bognet moved to New York City to work on Wall Street.
- ✓ From 2003 to 2010, Bognet worked for two California gubernatorial campaigns, advised Gov. Schwarzenegger's administration, and was elected to California's 53rd Assembly District Republican Central Committee.
- ✓ From January 2007 to February 2008 and from August to November 2012, Bognet worked for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, which was headquartered in Boston.
- ✓ Bognet appeared to have lived in Washington, DC four separate times: as a Communications Advisor for McCain's 2008 presidential campaign, as a media consultant in 2010, as a Senior VP at the Glover Park Group from January 2016 to April 2018, and as a Senior VP at the Export-Import Bank from October 2019 to January 2020.
- ✓ From 2011 to August 2012, Bognet lived in Austin, Texas to work on David Dewhurst's Texas Senate campaign.
- ✓ From 2014 to 2016, three campaigns paid Bognet using a Southern California address.
- ✓ From July 2018 to October 2019, Bognet appeared to be living in Southern California based on campaign payments and his appearances at events.
- ✓ In January 2020, Bognet moved back to Hazleton, PA, where he was registered to vote at his parents' home as of March 2022.
- ✓ Bognet had a profile on The League, an exclusive dating app, that advertised his job at Glover Park Group and residence in Washington, DC's Georgetown neighborhood.

#### **Bognet May Have Abused The American Election System, Repeatedly Voting In Pennsylvania While Seemingly Working And Living In Other States.**

- ✓ Bognet claimed to be tough on election security and even said he supported banning the use of absentee ballots...
- ✓ ...But Bognet himself may have improperly voted in Pennsylvania while living out of state.
  - ✓ November 2018: While managing a political campaign in Arizona, Bognet appeared to have improperly voted in Pennsylvania via an absentee ballot sent to then-Rep. Martha McSally's campaign office.
  - ✓ November 2010: While living and working as a political consultant in Washington, DC, Bognet appeared to have improperly voted in Pennsylvania after re-registering without a valid Pennsylvania driver's license.

- ✓ May 2018: Bognet voted in the Pennsylvania primary despite likely living in Washington, DC or California at the time.

### **Bognet Claimed He Ran A Small Business In Hazleton, PA Based On His Experience With His Political Consulting Firm, JRB Strategies, Which Appeared To Be Neither A Business Nor In Pennsylvania**

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly touted his “business background” based on his experience starting JRB Strategies in Hazleton, PA.
- ✓ As of March 2022, JRB Strategies was not registered in Pennsylvania or any state Bognet has lived in.
- ✓ As of March 2022, there was no available record of any federal or state campaign transaction with JRB Strategies, which Bognet claimed worked with campaigns.
- ✓ On his resume, Bognet stated JRB Strategies was based in Los Angeles, CA, not Hazleton.

### **Bognet Made A Career Out Of Engineering Misleading, Divisive Attacks On Political Candidates, Industries, And Individuals**

- ✓ From 2010 to 2018, Bognet had senior leadership positions in campaigns and consulting firms whose ads were called “alarming,” “vicious,” “nasty,” and false.
- ✓ Bognet worked with Uber to coordinate opposition research during a timeframe when Uber attempted to “throw mud” at the taxi industry.
- ✓ While he worked for Dewhurst’s campaign in 2012, Katrina Pierson, a conservative blogger who later became a Trump spokesperson, accused Bognet of “bully[ing]” her over a question she asked about why Dewhurst would only debate on TV.

### **Bognet Was Connected To Multiple Scandals Involving Theft, Embezzlement, And Misuse Of Campaign Funds**

- ✓ In 2018, Bognet managed the budget and consultants on Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate campaign.
- ✓ In 2021, Anthony Barry, a former consultant and deputy campaign manager on the race pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$115,000 from the McSally campaign.
- ✓ Payments to Barry from the campaign increased “dramatically” while Bognet was CEO.
- ✓ While Bognet was CEO of McSally’s campaign, it classified top staff as independent contractors, allegedly to avoid paying payroll taxes, withholding, and benefits.
- ✓ Arizona Republic EJ Montini Opinion: Headline: “Martha McSally Is Stiffing Uncle Sam And Her Campaign Staff. Will You Be Next?”
- ✓ Kenneth “Buddy” Barfield, who took over as campaign manager of David Dewhurst’s Texas Senate campaign from Bognet in October 2011, was convicted of embezzlement from the campaign.
- ✓ Bognet continued to advise the campaign as a political consultant until after Dewhurst’s primary runoff loss to Ted Cruz in 2012.
- ✓ In 2015, Barfield was sentenced to seven years in prison for embezzling \$1.8 million from the campaign.

- ✓ In 2016, FEC counsel alleged the Dewhurst campaign failed to report activity it paid for with excessive contributions prior to Dewhurst's official declaration of candidacy, including early payments to Bognet that derived from Barfield's firm.

#### **While Bognet Was Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, GPG Was Paid \$1.3 Million By The Government Of Saudi Arabia And Lobbied Against Accountability For 9/11**

- ✓ In 2016, the Glover Park Group lobbied extensively on behalf of the Saudi government against the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), a bill to allow families of 9/11 victims to sue the Saudi government.
- ✓ After Congress voted to override Obama's veto of the bill, Sens. Graham and McCain unveiled a "fix" to the law that an advocacy group for 9/11 victims' families called a "betrayal" that was "demanded by Saudi Arabia's lobbyists."
- ✓ The Glover Park Group contacted Sen. Graham's office eight times within a week of his JASTA amendment proposal.
- ✓ Between April 2017 and March 2018, the Glover Park Group paid another lobbying firm, the McKeon Group, \$490,000 to lobby on issues for Saudi Arabia, including arms sales.
- ✓ In June 2017, Glover Park Group distributed materials in support of arms sales to Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ The NGO Save The Children criticized the arms sales for "fueling a brutal war that has cost many thousands of lives" in Yemen.
- ✓ As of March 2022, Bognet's congressional campaigns accepted \$3,000 from registrants who represented the government of Saudi Arabia, including one who did so at Glover Park Group while Bognet worked there.

#### **Bognet Claimed He Did Not Fundraise From The "Swamp Creature Crowd," But His Campaigns Accepted Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars From His Political Connections And DC Lobbyists**

- ✓ Bognet claimed he did not fundraise from "DC lobbyist types" and alleged Cartwright "gets all his money from the DC swamp creature crowd."
- ✓ As of 2021, Bognet's campaigns accepted more than \$38,000 from DC-area lobbyists, more than \$25,000 from the alumni of campaigns he worked on, and more than \$14,000 from past and current employees of political firms where he once worked.

#### **Bognet Invested In And Profited Off Of Multiple Multi-Million Dollar Properties In The DC Area Through A Fund Connected To His Cousin's Virginia Construction Company**

- ✓ As of 2022, Bognet owned up to \$200,000 worth of a fund with the same address and CFO as his cousin's Virginia-based construction company.
- ✓ Through his investment in the fund, Bognet held financial interests in three multi-million dollar properties in the DC area, including a DC office building whose tenants performed more than \$9 million worth of lobbying in 2021.

#### **August 2020: Bognet Said He Supported Exempting Certain Cigars From FDA Regulation, Which Health Advocacy Organizations Opposed And Multiple Tobacco Companies He Was Invested In Lobbied On**



- ✓ In August 2020, Bognet said he supported a bill to exempt certain cigars from FDA regulation, which health advocates warned would harm young people's health.
- ✓ In March 2020, Bognet reported owning up to \$30,000 in tobacco companies whose subsidiaries lobbied on the bill.

## **Bognet Did Not Live In Pennsylvania From 1997 To 2020 And Worked As A Political Hack In DC, California, Austin, And Boston Before Returning To Hazleton To Run For Congress**

*Note: For full information on the amounts, descriptions, and addresses related to campaigns' payments to Bognet, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

### **During His Campaigns, Bognet Emphasized His Pennsylvania Residency**

**October 2021: Bognet: "I'm From Hazleton. I'm From Northeast Pennsylvania. I Think People Want Someone Who Represents Northeast PA Values, Not Somebody From Out Of Town."** "[BOGNET:] People want somebody who will work, who knows the issues, and who has a business background. You know, I operated a small business, I grew up in my family's construction business, and I'm from Hazleton. I'm from Northeast Pennsylvania. I think people want someone who represents Northeast PA values, not somebody from out of town." [FOX 56, [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :52

**November 2020: Bognet: "I Pledge To You That If You Send Me To Washington, I Never Forget Who I Am, A Son Of Pennsylvania."** "After the crowd rose for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, Jim Bognet took the microphone to urge Trump's supporters to pick him over U.S Rep. Matt Cartwright for the 8th Congressional District. 'We want people in Washington that will have Donald J. Trump's back,' Bognet said. 'I pledge to you that if you send me to Washington, I never forget who I am, a son of Pennsylvania.'" [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [11/2/20](#)]

### **Bognet Previously Called His Lifestyle "Transient" As He Moved Frequently For Campaign Jobs**

**2009: Bognet Described His Lifestyle Working For Different Campaigns As "Transient," As He Lived In Four Cities Across Three States In Six Years.** "Jim Bognet was driving from Los Angeles to Sacramento to start a new job in a profession that keeps him on the move. 'It's a very transient lifestyle,' Bognet, 33, a Hazleton Area High School graduate, said Monday during his first day as deputy campaign manager for California Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner. Bognet helped California's current governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, get elected in 2003. Since then, he has lived in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Washington, D.C. and Boston." [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

### **2020: Bognet Faced Criticism For Living Outside Of Pennsylvania For More Than Two Decades In The Primary And General Election**

**October 2020: Wilkes-Barre Citizen's Voice Editorial: Bognet, "Who Lived Outside NEPA For 25 Years Before Returning Two Years Ago, Clearly Is Not Deeply Conversant With The District."** "Bognet, however, who lived outside NEPA for 25 years before returning two years ago, clearly is not deeply conversant with the district -- at least our part of it -- and several crucial issues. In an interview, for example, he seemed to have no sense of the danger posed to heavily populated parts of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties by allowing daily shipments by truck or rail of 4 million gallons of explosive liquefied natural gas from a processing plant in Bradford County to an export terminal in New Jersey. To Bognet, the natural gas industry must be protected first, rather than his would-be constituents who might be in its path." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]



**April 2020: Bognet’s Primary Opponents Criticized Him As A Carpetbagger.** “Both the Granville and Marsicano campaign fired back, noting Bognet’s years of campaign work outside PA. Including work for Mitt Romney, who has become a persona non grata in Trumpworld since the Senator’s vote to impeach. ‘We welcome Mr. Bognet back to northeast Pennsylvania and congratulate him on tapping his DC network of fellow Mitt Romney alumni to fund his campaign,’ said Matt Beynon, advisor to the Granville campaign. [...] ‘It looks like Jim Bognet needs to resort to misrepresenting the facts in an attempt to gain traction,’ Marsicano added. ‘Bognet used to work for Mitt Romney, one of the biggest sources of resistance to President Trump. Bognet moved back to the 8th District after a 20-year hiatus to run as an opportunist, yet he claims that he can represent the people of the 8th Congressional District? Jim Bognet should focus on how he is going to represent the people of the 8th Congressional District and his record as a RINO, not how much cash he has on hand.’ [Politics PA, [4/27/20](#)]

### 2006 – 2018: Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies Were Paid A Total Of \$1.2 Million From Federal And State Campaigns

**2006 – 2018: Bognet And His Business, Winning Kick Strategies, Were Paid A Total Of \$1.2 Million From Federal And State Campaigns:**

2006 – 2018: Total Payments To Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies From Federal And State Campaigns			
Cycle	Campaign	Spending Category	Amount
2018	McSally For Senate (AZ)	Consulting	\$132,452.83
2018	McSally For Senate (AZ)	Mileage	\$218
<b>2018</b>	<b>McSally For Senate (AZ)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$161,231.11</b>
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO)	Consultant & Professional Services	\$70,000
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO)	Travel & Lodging	\$18,146.25
<b>2014</b>	<b>No On 105 Coalition (CO)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$93,164.40</b>
2014	No On 92 Coalition (OR)	Management Services	\$15,266.62
<b>2014</b>	<b>No On 92 Coalition (OR)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$15,266.62</b>
2012	Romney For President (President)	Travel	\$1,171.49
<b>2012</b>	<b>Romney For President (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,171.49</b>
2012	Dewhurst For Texas (TX)	Reimbursement, Travel, Mileage, And Food	\$4,137.37
2012	Dewhurst For Texas (TX)	Consulting	\$506,611.12
<b>2012</b>	<b>Dewhurst For Texas (TX)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$510,748.49</b>
2010	Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)	Campaign Consultants & Office Expenses	\$322,277.75
2010	Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)	Travel, Lodging, And Meals	\$12,073.74
<b>2010</b>	<b>Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$334,351.49</b>
2008	John McCain 2008 Inc (President)	Travel	\$167.46
2008	John McCain 2008 Inc (President)	GOTV Consulting	\$4,583.33
<b>2008</b>	<b>John McCain 2008 Inc (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,750.79</b>
2008	Romney For President Inc (President)	Payroll	\$85,128.41
2008	Romney For President Inc (President)	Travel	\$3,027.55
<b>2008</b>	<b>Romney For President Inc (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$88,155.96</b>
2006	Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)	Salary & Office Expenses	\$79,636.84
2006	Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)	Travel	\$3,845.62
<b>2006</b>	<b>Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$83,482.46</b>
<b>Subtotal For Services (Salary, Payroll, Consulting, Office Expenses, &amp; Management Payments)</b>			<b>\$1,215,956.90</b>

<b>Subtotal For Reimbursements (Travel, Mileage, Lodging, &amp; Food Payments)</b>	<b>\$42,787</b>
<b>TOTAL (All Subtotals)</b>	<b>\$1,292,322.81</b>

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: Subtotals for each campaign may not add up to its listed spending categories in cases in which campaigns had unclear descriptions, which were excluded from spending category totals.*

### 1997 – 1998: Bognet Lived In New York City After Graduating College

**July 1997 – January 1998: Bognet Was An Investment Banking Analyst At Merrill Lynch In New York City, NY Immediately After Graduating From Undergrad At Penn State, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was an investment banking analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York City, NY from July 1997 to January 1998. He described this role: “Developed complex financial models of management buyouts, IPOs, and recapitalizations” Bognet graduated from undergrad at Penn State in May 1997. [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### 1999 – 2006: Outside Of A Few Months In NYC And PA, Bognet Lived In California, Where He First Ran For And Held Elected Office

#### 1999 – 2003: Bognet Attended Graduate School At UCLA And Lived In Hermosa Beach, CA

**2003: Bognet Graduated From UCLA With A JD And MBA.** According to his resume, Bognet graduated from UCLA’s Anderson School of Management with an MBA in June 2003. He also graduated from UCLA School of Law with a JD in May 2003. [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Bognet Graduated With Both Degrees In Four Years.** “After helping Barletta, Bognet returned to UCLA, where he earned a law degree and a Master of Business Administration degree, in four years.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

**April 2021: Bognet Touted His Time Living In Hermosa Beach During Law School To The PSULA Alumni – South Bay Crew Facebook Page.** “I lived in Hermosa Beach during law school, and attended PSU South Bay events while there. Every Rose Bowl Penn State was in highlighted how many Penn Staters called California home at some point after college.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [4/22/21](#)]

#### May – July 2001: Bognet Lived In New York City

**May – July 2001: Bognet Was A Summer Associate Attorney At Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom In New York City, NY, A “Top Wall Street Law Firm,” According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Summer Associate Attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom in New York City, NY from May to July 2001. He described this role: “Served as a summer associate attorney at a top Wall Street law firm.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

#### 2002: Bognet Volunteered On Lou Barletta’s Congressional Campaign In PA-11, Then Returned To UCLA

**2002: Bognet Volunteered On Lou Barletta’s Congressional Campaign, Then Returned To UCLA.** “One of his first experiences with a campaign was in 2002, when he volunteered to help Lou Barletta run, unsuccessfully, for Congress. After helping Barletta, Bognet returned to UCLA, where he earned a law degree and a Master of Business Administration degree, in four years.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

**2002: Barletta Lost His Congressional Campaign In PA-11.** “These votes are a small part of Kanjorski’s legislative record — he’s represented Pennsylvania’s 11th District since 1985 — but in this heated cycle, his lengthy

résumé is part of the problem. [...] In 2002 Kanjorski easily dispatched Barletta, cruising to victory by 13 points.” [Time, [10/19/10](#)]

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### **After Graduating From UCLA, Bognet Lived In Brentwood And Manhattan Beach In Southern California**

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**April 2021: While Running For Penn State’s Board Of Trustees, Bognet Touted His Time Living In Brentwood And Manhattan Beach After Law School To The PSULA Alumni - Britannia Pub Crew Facebook Group.** “I lived in Brentwood and Manhattan Beach after law school in LA, and I guarantee I am the only candidate for BoT who has played beer pong and hung out upstairs at the Britannia Pub on Saturday afternoons in the fall! I’ve been a member of this FB group for many years.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [4/22/21](#)]

- **Bognet: “And I Guarantee I Am The Only Candidate For BoT Who Has Played Beer Pong And Hung Out Upstairs At The Britannia Pub On Saturday Afternoons In The Fall!”** “I lived in Brentwood and Manhattan Beach after law school in LA, and I guarantee I am the only candidate for BoT who has played beer pong and hung out upstairs at the Britannia Pub on Saturday afternoons in the fall! I’ve been a member of this FB group for many years.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [4/22/21](#)]
- **Britannia Pub Was Located In Santa Monica, CA.** [Britannia Pub, accessed [3/7/22](#)]

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### **2003 – 2006: Bognet Worked At The Office Of Gov. Schwarzenegger, Which Was Based In Sacramento, CA, And Was Its Liaison To The Los Angeles Area In 2005**

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**November 2003 – March 2006: Bognet Was Chief Deputy Special Advisor For Jobs And Economic Growth In Then-Gov. Schwarzenegger’s Office In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth at the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from November 2003 to March 2006. He described this role: “•Acted as surrogate speaker to business and political audiences across California. Advocated Governor’s policy agenda and special election initiatives in television and radio interviews in major California media markets.

- Briefed Gov. Schwarzenegger on business attraction and retention targets and staffed Governor during his calls to target businesses. Successful pitches included major companies such as Genentech and Virgin America.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2009: The Hazleton Standard-Speaker Reported Bognet Previously Lived In Sacramento.** “Jim Bognet was driving from Los Angeles to Sacramento to start a new job in a profession that keeps him on the move. ‘It’s a very transient lifestyle,’ Bognet, 33, a Hazleton Area High School graduate, said Monday during his first day as deputy campaign manager for California Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner. Bognet helped California’s current governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, get elected in 2003. Since then, he has lived in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Washington, D.C. and Boston.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

**2005: Bognet Was Schwarzenegger’s Liaison To The Los Angeles Area.** “James R. Bognet, a chief deputy and adviser for jobs and economic growth for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, talked about the governor’s first 14 months in office and what is ahead for California at Wednesday’s Long Beach Rotary luncheon. Bognet discussed Schwarzenegger’s recently released budget package, which calls for budget reform, changes to the state’s pension system, an end to the way redistricting is conducted in California and dramatic alterations of education funding, including merit pay for teachers. Bognet, who serves as the Los Angeles area representative for Schwarzenegger, defended the governor’s decision to cut transportation funding, though he acknowledged that the overcrowded Long Beach (710) Freeway is a barrier to port growth.” [Long Beach Press-Telegram, 1/13/05]

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### **2006: Bognet Lived In Hermosa Beach, CA And Held Elected Office There**

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**March 2006: Bognet Filed To Run For 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Republican Central Committee And Listed His Address As 201 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Hermosa Beach, CA.**

**COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
53RD DISTRICT**

CANDIDATE NAME	PARTY	INC	SIL ISSUE DATE	SIL FILE DATE	NOM ISSUE DATE	NOM FILE DATE
JAMES ROCCO BOGNET Governor's Economic Advisor 201 28th St Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 Phone: [REDACTED] Email: <a href="mailto:james.bognet.2003@anderson.ucla.edu">james.bognet.2003@anderson.ucla.edu</a>	REP				03/03/06	03/09/06

[Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, Candidate List, [4/27/06](#)]

- **July 2006: Bognet Was Elected To The 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Republican Central Committee With 11.48 Percent Of The Vote.** [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, Election Results, [6/6/06](#)]

**March – December 2006: Californians For Schwarzenegger 2006 Paid Bognet A Total Of \$83,482.46, At A Hermosa Beach Mailing Address.** [California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

- **Schwarzenegger's 2006 Campaign Was Based In Burbank, CA.** [California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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**As Of 2021, Bognet Had Voted In More Elections In California Than Pennsylvania**

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**As Of 2021, Bognet Had Voted In 7 Elections In Pennsylvania And 13 Elections In California.**

Bognet Voting History									
	State	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2021	PA			X		X			
2020	PA	X	X						
2019									
2018	PA	X	X						
2017									
2016									
2015									
2014									
2013									
2012	TX	X	X						
2011									
2010	PA	X							
	CA		X						
2009	CA							X	
2008	CA	X					X		
2007									
2006	CA	X	X						
2005	CA							X	X

2004	CA	X							
2003	CA							X	
2002	CA	X	X						
2001									
2000	CA	X							
1999									
1998									

[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22; Sacramento County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/16/22; Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/3/22; Travis County, TX Tax Office, Registered Voter Histories as of March 2016, Obtained 5/17/22]

*Note: Please find copies of relevant voting records in [Appendix V – Bognet Voting Records](#).*

### January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Lived In Boston, MA

**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.

- Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.
- Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces
- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**January 2008: Bognet Spoke On C-SPAN From Boston.** “[HOST:] Joining us from Boston is Jim Bognet for Mitt Romney’s Campaign.” [C-SPAN, [1/26/08](#)]

**2009: The Hazleton-Standard Speaker Reported Bognet Previously Lived In Boston.** “Jim Bognet was driving from Los Angeles to Sacramento to start a new job in a profession that keeps him on the move. ‘It’s a very transient lifestyle,’ Bognet, 33, a Hazleton Area High School graduate, said Monday during his first day as deputy campaign manager for California Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner. Bognet helped California’s current governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, get elected in 2003. Since then, he has lived in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Washington, D.C. and Boston.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

**February 2007 – February 2008: Romney For President Inc Paid Bognet A Total Of \$88,155.96 With A Mailing Address Of 585 Commercial St, Boston, MA.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

- **2008: Romney’s Presidential Campaign Was Headquartered At 585 Commercial Street, Boston, MA.** “Romney’s presidential campaign headquarters at 585 Commercial St. in Boston serves as the site of media tours.” [Boston Globe, [2008](#)]

### August – November 2008: Bognet Lived In Washington, DC

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.

- Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]



**2009: The Hazleton Standard-Speaker Reported Bognet Previously Lived In Washington, DC.** “Jim Bognet was driving from Los Angeles to Sacramento to start a new job in a profession that keeps him on the move. ‘It’s a very transient lifestyle,’ Bognet, 33, a Hazleton Area High School graduate, said Monday during his first day as deputy campaign manager for California Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner. Bognet helped California’s current governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, get elected in 2003. Since then, he has lived in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Washington, D.C. and Boston.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

- **September 2008: Bognet Reportedly Drove From DC To Penn State For A Football Game.** In March 2009, the Hazleton Township Standard-Speaker reported, “After helping Barletta, Bognet returned to UCLA, where he earned a law degree and a Master of Business Administration degree, in four years. He spent his undergraduate years as a finance major at Penn State and interned for then-U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum one spring. Last season, he drove back to Penn State to see the Nittany Lions play football with his cousin after flying into Washington, D.C. about 4 in the morning of game day, following a presidential debate.” A presidential debate was held the University of Mississippi on September 26, 2008 and the Penn State Nittany Lions played a game against Illinois on September 27, 2008, the only time a presidential debate and Nittany Lions game occurred on consecutive days in 2008. [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09; Sports Reference, accessed [3/16/22](#); University of Mississippi, [9/26/08](#)]

**September – November 2008: John McCain 2008 Inc Paid Bognet A Total Of \$4,750.79 With A Mailing Address Of 1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazletown PA.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

#### **Winter 2009: Bognet Spent Three Weeks Vacationing In Hazleton, PA Between Campaigns**

**Winter 2009: Bognet Spent Three Weeks On Vacation In Hazleton, PA Between Campaigns.** “When Romney withdrew from the race, Bognet helped John McCain’s campaign for the final months as a communications adviser. After that, Bognet did some consulting work and took a vacation. ‘It was good to recharge the batteries,’ he said after three years on campaign circuits. ‘There is no such thing as a typical work day. Each day tends to be difficult, but they’re long days. Campaigns are very intense.’ He said spending 14 to 16 hours a day campaigning seems relaxing compared with the labors of his namesakes; his grandfather worked in mining, and his father is a local contractor. This winter, Bognet spent three weeks of his vacation in Hazleton visiting his father and mother, Patrice.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

#### **March 2009 – May 2010: Bognet Lived In Sacramento, CA**

**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: “• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

- Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.
- Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**March 2009: Bognet Drove From Los Angeles To Sacramento “To Start A New Job In A Profession That Keeps Him On The Move” As Deputy Campaign Manager For Steve Poizner’s Gubernatorial Campaign.** “Jim Bognet was driving from Los Angeles to Sacramento to start a new job in a profession that keeps him on the move. ‘It’s a very transient lifestyle,’ Bognet, 33, a Hazleton Area High School graduate, said Monday during his first day as deputy campaign manager for California Republican gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner. Bognet helped California’s current governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, get elected in 2003. Since then, he has lived in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Washington, D.C. and Boston.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

**March 2009 – May 2010: Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 Paid Bognet A Total Of \$295,703.25 With A Sacramento Mailing Address.** [California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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**May – July 2010: Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 Paid Bognet With A Hazel Township, PA Mailing Address**

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**May – July 2010: Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 Paid Bognet A Total Of \$38,648.24 With A Hazel Township, PA Mailing Address.** [California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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#### **August – November 2010: Bognet Lived In Washington, DC**

**August – November 2010: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: “• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor’s Association, and the National Association of Realtors.

- Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

#### **2011 – August 2012: Bognet Lived In Austin, TX**

##### **August 2011 – August 2012: Bognet Worked For Dewhurst For Texas In Austin, TX**

**July 2011 – August 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And General Consultant Of David Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign In Austin, TX, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager and General Consultant of Dewhurst for Texas from July 2011 to August 2012. He described this role: “• Served as founding Campaign Manager and General Consultant for Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst’s campaign in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate. Hired campaign staff of 15.

- Supervised record setting fundraising operation for a Texas U.S. Senate campaign.
- Managed campaign communications staff on a daily basis, providing daily guidance, setting message, and providing direction on most effective tactics to communicate message and campaign positioning.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**August 2011 – August 2012: Dewhurst For Texas Paid Bognet A Total Of \$397,862.95 With A Mailing Address Of 1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**2012: Dewhurst For Texas Registered At 1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX With The FEC.** [FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [11/5/12](#)]

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**March 2012: Bognet Signed A Petition For Southwest Airline’s Application To Increase Service Between Austin, TX And Washington, DC And Stated He Lived At 421 West 3rd Street, #1400, Austin, TX**

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**March 2012: A Petition Signed By Bognet On Behalf Of Southwest Airlines Was Delivered To A Department Of Transportation Assistant Secretary.** [Re: Application of Southwest Airlines Co. for Beyond-Perimeter Slot Exemptions (DCA-Austin); Docket DOT-OST-2012-0029, Petition from Southwest Airlines to Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Susan Kurland, [3/27/12](#)]

- The Petition Supported Southwest Airline’s Application For Increased Service Between Austin, TX And Washington, DC. “Attached please find a petition endorsed by 11,092 individual airline travelers and

employees in support of Southwest Airlines' Application for two beyond-perimeter slot exemptions for daily, nonstop service between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS). Instead of inundating the docket with thousands of individual statements of support, Southwest thought it would be less burdensome on your office, while still representing the deep level of public support for Southwest's Application, to submit a single petition, with all 11,092 names and addresses." [Re: Application of Southwest Airlines Co. for Beyond-Perimeter Slot Exemptions (DCA-Austin); Docket DOT-OST-2012-0029, Petition from Southwest Airlines to Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Susan Kurland, [3/27/12](#)]

- **Bognet Listed His Address As 421 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, #1400, Austin, TX.** [Re: Application of Southwest Airlines Co. for Beyond-Perimeter Slot Exemptions (DCA-Austin); Docket DOT-OST-2012-0029, Petition from Southwest Airlines to Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Susan Kurland, [3/27/12](#)]

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**December 2011: Bognet Reported His Address As Austin, TX On A Contribution To A San Diego Mayoral Campaign**

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**December 2011: Bognet Contributed \$100 To Nathan Fletcher's San Diego Mayoral Campaign.** [California Secretary of State, [12/31/11](#)]

- **Bognet Reported His Address As Austin, Texas And His Occupation As "Self; James R. Bognet Campaign, Strategy & Communications Consultant."** [California Secretary of State, [12/31/11](#)]

**August – November 2012: Bognet Worked For Romney's Boston-Based Campaign And Was Paid Using A Hazleton, PA Address**

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign's Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: "• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.  
• Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.  
• Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas."  
[Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**February 2012: Romney For President Inc. Paid Bognet \$1,171.49 For Travel Using The Address 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazleton, PA.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, [2/23/12](#)]

*Note: Romney for President Inc did not make any other payments to Bognet in 2012 according to FEC records. Bognet did not receive any payments from federal campaigns other than Romney for President Inc and Dewhurst for Texas in 2011 and 2012 per FEC records.*

**2013 – 2016: Bognet Appeared To Live In Southern California And Austin, And Later Refused To Say Where He Voted During The 2016 Election**

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**March 2013 – January 2016: According To His Resume, Bognet Did Consulting Work In Los Angeles, CA**

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**According To Bognet's Resume, His Consulting Firm, JRB Strategies Was Based In Los Angeles, CA When He Worked There From March 2013 To January 2016.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: "Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns."  
• Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting



and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.”  
[Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**September – November 2014: Two Campaigns Paid Bognet Using A Manhattan Beach, CA Address**

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**September – November 2014: Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition Paid James Bognet With A Mailing Address Of 3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA.** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**November 2014: Oregon’s No On 92 Coalition Paid James Bognet With A Mailing Address Of 3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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**2015: At A Lecture At USC, Bognet Called Hazleton “Basically A Giant Anthracite Strip Mine”**

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“[BOGNET:] I grew up in a town called Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which is basically a giant anthracite strip mine. My grandfather had black lung from being a coal miner. My great-grandfather on the other side died, basically, of lung problems from being a coal miner. The problem is nobody wants to be a coal miner. People don’t wake up in the morning and say, ‘Hey, I want to be a coal miner.’ It’s not a fun industry. There’s just such a lack of hope and alternatives in those towns. Appalachia can compete with South-Central LA for soul-crushing poverty. I don’t know what the answer is, I wish I did, but there definitely has to be an option.” [YouTube via USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, uploaded [2/19/15](#)] (VIDEO) 46:11

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**November 2015: On Records Related To A Disciplinary Matter With His Legal License, Bognet’s Listed Address Was In Austin, TX**

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**November 2015: Bognet Was Ordered By A California State Central District Of California Court To Show Cause Why He Should Not Be Suspended From The Practice Of Law.** This Court has received notice that the attorney named above has been suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of California or the California State Bar Court, effective 7/1/2015. Accordingly, the attorney named above is HEREBY ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this order, why he or she should not be suspended from the practice of law before this Court, pursuant to Rule 83–3.2 of the Local Rules for the Central District of California. [U.S. District Court of Central District of California (Western Division – Los Angeles), In Re James Rocco Bognet Attorney Disciplinary Matter, Order to Show Cause, Case #: 2:15-ad-00128-GHK, filed 11/25/15, via PACER]

- **On The Docket Of Bognet’s Disciplinary Matter, His Address Was Listed As 40 N I H 35, Apt 9C2. Austin, TX 78701.** [U.S. District Court of Central District of California (Western Division – Los Angeles), In Re James Rocco Bognet Attorney Disciplinary Matter, Docket, Case #: 2:15-ad-00128-GHK, filed 11/25/15, via PACER]

**January 2016: The California State Central District Of California District Court Vacated The Order To Show Cause.** [U.S. District Court of Central District of California (Western Division – Los Angeles), In Re James Rocco Bognet Attorney Disciplinary Matter, Case #: 2:15-ad-00128-GHK, Order Vacating Order To Show Cause, filed 1/13/16, via PACER]

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**October 2015 – September 2016: Dewhurst For Texas Paid Bognet With A Manhattan Beach, CA Mailing Address**

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**October 2015 – September 2016: Dewhurst For Texas Paid Bognet A Total Of \$112,885.54 With A Mailing Address Of 3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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**2016 – April 2018: Bognet Lived In Washington, DC, Though He Registered A Business And Contributed To A Campaign From His Parents' Pennsylvania Address**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Worked At Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

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According To His Resume, Bognet Worked At Glover Park Group In Washington, DC From January 2016 To April 2018. [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**2016: Bognet Voted For Trump, But Later Refused To Say Where**

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**June 2020: Bognet Refused To Say Where He Voted For Trump In 2016.** “Marsicano said he voted for Trump, questioned if Bognet really lives in Northeast Pennsylvania and said his opponent never voted for Trump, citing Pennsylvania voting records that show Bognet did not vote in Pennsylvania in 2016. Bognet said he backed Trump, but refused to say where he voted for the president. Daniels, who only moved into the district last year and moved from Luzerne County to Wayne County during the campaign, portrayed Bognet as part of the ‘D.C. Swamp’ that Trump wants to eliminate.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [6/3/20](#)]

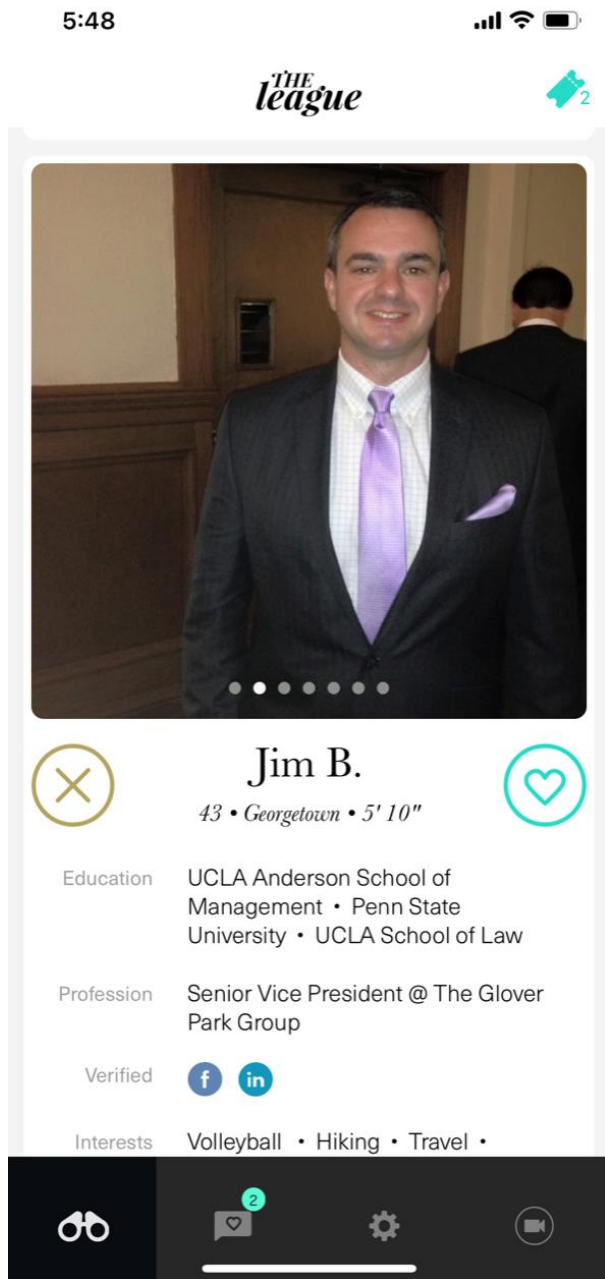
- **State Voting Records Showed Bognet Voted In Pennsylvania In 2010 And 2018, But Not In Between, Including 2016.** “Marsicano, who ran and lost as a Democrat for a different congressional seat in 2016, switched to Republican in January 2019, according to state voter registration records. He says he voted for Trump as a Democrat. ‘Jim Bognet did not,’ Marsicano said in an email from his campaign. The Keep PA Great postcard says Bognet supported Trump. So does Bognet, who worked at the U. S. Export/Import Bank during the Trump administration. ‘I strongly supported President Trump in 2016, attended the Trump (Republican) convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and had the profound honor of working in President Donald J. Trump's administration,’ Bognet said in a statement his campaign issued. State voting records show Bognet voted in Pennsylvania in 2010 and 2018, but not in between, including 2016. His campaign spokesman refused to say where Bognet voted in 2016. Marsicano has made an issue of Bognet's recent residency.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [5/29/20](#)]

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**Bognet's Profile On “The League” Listed Him As “Jim B.”, A 5’10”, 43-Year-Old From DC's Georgetown Neighborhood Working As Senior Vice President At The Glover Park Group**

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**Bognet's Profile On “The League” Listed Him As “Jim B.”, A 5’10”, 43-Year-Old From Georgetown Working As Senior Vice President At The Glover Park Group.** Bognet's profile on “The League” listed him as “Jim B.”, a 5’10”, 43-year-old from Georgetown. Bognet listed UCLA Anderson School of Management, Penn State University, and UCLA School of Law for his education and listed his profession as Senior Vice President at The Glover Park Group. Bognet's interests were volleyball, hiking, and travel. His profile had been verified using Facebook and LinkedIn.



[The League, Jim B., archived 9/16/21]

*Note: For all photos of Bognet's profile on The League and details about the app, see [section](#) below.*

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#### April 2016: Bognet Spoke At George Washington University In DC As A "Political Insider"

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April 2016: GW Today Headline: "Lessons Learned from Political Insiders." [GW Today, [4/21/16](#)]

- **Bognet Spoke At An Event At George Washington University About Dewhurst's Failed Texas Senate Campaign.** "Ms. Packer and a handful of strategists spoke of the changing landscape of political campaigns Wednesday at an event hosted by the Graduate School of Political Management. The panel discussion coincided with the release of 'Inside Campaigns: Elections through the Eyes of Political Professionals,' coauthored by GSPM Assistant Professor Matt Dallek, a book based on interviews with more than 100 of America's leading campaign managers. [...] Jim Bognet, who now works at the Glover Park Group, spoke of

the failed 2012 Senate campaign of Texas Lt. Gov. Dave Dewhurst, who lost in stunning fashion to Ted Cruz, launching Mr. Cruz's career in national politics." [GW Today, [4/21/16](#)]

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**2017: Bognet Registered A Business And Contributed To A Campaign From His Parents' Hazle Township Address**

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**September 2017: Bognet Listed His Address As 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazle Township, PA And His Occupation As "Self-Employed" On A \$500 Contribution To Lou Barletta's Campaign.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [9/19/17](#)]

**June 2017: Bognet Registered Winning Kick Strategies With Pennsylvania's Department Of State At 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazle Township, PA As Its Sole Member.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, Application for Registration of Fictitious Name, filed 6/6/17, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, James G. And Patrice Bognet Owned Real Property At 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazleton, PA.** [Luzerne County Property Assessment Database via Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [12/17/21](#), accessed 3/9/22]

**July 2018 – October 2019: Bognet Lived In California**

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**While Working For McSally's Campaign, Bognet Was Paid As An Individual Living In Manhattan Beach, CA, And His Business, Winning Kick Strategies, Was Paid As An Organization In Hazleton, PA**

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**July 2018: While Working For McSally's Campaign, Bognet Had A Mailing Address In Manhattan Beach, CA; He Was Later Paid Through His Business At A Mailing Address In Hazleton, PA.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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**December 2018: Bognet RSVPed That He Would Attend A Social Between UCLA Students And Alumni At A Los Angeles Bar**

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**December 2018: UCLA's Anderson School Of Management Held An Alumni-Student Mixer At A Los Angeles Bar.** "Wednesday, December 5, 2018 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Rocco's Tavern (map) 1000 Gayley Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90024, United States Remember the days of Beer Bust, Anderson Afternoons or perhaps Lit Club? Relive business school at a special alumni edition of the students' weekly cocktail socials at local Westwood hangout Rocco's (a.k.a. Maloney's and O'Hara's). Network and mingle with current students and local Los Angeles alumni for a fun night featuring trivia, prizes and Bruin inspired drinks. This is a 'no host' event, meaning attendees will be responsible for their own food and drink purchases." [UCLA, [12/5/18](#)]

**Bognet RSVPed That He Would Attend The Event.**

## Event Attendees

**Jim Bognet**

MBA 2003

JRB Strategies

Managing Director

[UCLA, [12/5/18](#)]

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**October 2019: Bognet Spoke At Pepperdine University On Campaign Management And Political Strategy**

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**10/7/19: Bognet Spoke At Pepperdine University On Campaign Management And Political Strategy.** “Mon., Oct. 7, 2019, 12 – 1 p.m. PDT In this Davenport Discussion, Jim will discuss political strategy behind policy communications and campaign management. He will offer tips on beginning a career in politics and strategies for getting on a campaign. [LOCATION:] 24255 Pacific Coast Highway Pepperdine University, Pepperdine University, 90263, United States, California” [Events.com, ““Campaign Management and Political Strategy’ Davenport Discussion with Jim Bognet,” [10/7/19](#)]

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**October 2019 – January 2020: Bognet Lived In Washington, DC**

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**Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications For The Ex-Im Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020.** “Please note that Mr. James Bognet only served in the role of Senior Vice President of Communications from October 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020.” [Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20]

**The Ex-Im Bank Was Based In Washington, DC.** [Export-Import Bank, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

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**January 2020 – 2022: Bognet Lived In Hazleton, PA**

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**January 2020: Bognet Resigned From The Ex-Im Bank To Return To His “Hometown Of Hazleton” And Said He Was Renting A Property “Near Hazleton”**

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**1/8/20: Bognet’s Letter Of Resignation Said He Was Leaving The Export-Import Bank To Return To His “Hometown Of Hazelton.”** [Bognet Letter of Resignation, Export-Import Bank, 1/8/20]

**1/23/20: Bognet Said He Was Renting A Residence While Shopping For A Home “Near Hazelton.”** “Since his father’s near-fatal heart attack three years ago, Bognet has been spending more time at home and is renting a residence while shopping for a home near Hazleton.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [1/23/20](#)]

**January 2020: Bognet Listed His Address As 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazle Township, PA And His Occupation As A “Self-Employed” “Small Business Owner” On A \$2 Contribution To Bognet For Congress Via WinRed.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [9/19/17](#)]

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**As Of 2022, Bognet Was Registered To Vote At His Parents’ House In Hazleton, PA**

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As Of March 2022, Bognet Was Registered To Vote At 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazleton, PA. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Voter Registration Status Search, accessed [3/7/22](#)]

As Of March 2022, James G. And Patrice Bognet Owned Real Property At 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazleton, PA. [Luzerne County Property Assessment Database via Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [12/17/21](#), accessed 3/9/22]

## **Bognet May Have Abused The American Election System, Repeatedly Voting In Pennsylvania While Seemingly Working And Living In Other States**

### **Bognet Claimed To Be Tough On Election Security And Even Supported Banning The Use Of Absentee Ballots**

#### **Bognet Said No-Excuse Mail-In Voting Was “Ripe For Corruption” And “A Legitimate Concern”**

**October 2020: Bognet On Vote-By-Mail: “It's A Legitimate Concern To Worry About The Fairness Of Our Elections.”** “So I would love to see us come together and pass a system that allows people that need to vote by mail to do that. But it should be absentee. It shouldn't be no excuse mail-in voting because I think that's so ripe for corruption. And I do worry about that. And I think that's a legitimate concern. It's a legitimate concern to worry about the fairness of our elections.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 49:29

#### **Bognet Said He Was Fighting To Eliminate No-Excuse Mail-In Voting**

**March 2022: Bognet On Act 77: “If It’s Unconstitutional Now, It Should Have Been Unconstitutional In 2020, And I Should Be In Congress And President Trump Should Have Won The State Of Pennsylvania.”** “[BOGNET:] Well, first off, Pennsylvania saw a gaming of the system like you’ve never seen when it comes to the election. Governor Wolf and his out-of-control Secretary of State put in place many things to try and hurt Republicans in 2020, and that’s why I’m fighting to require voter ID, to get rid of mail-in ballots under Act 77. You know, Act 77, which allowed the no-excuse mail-ins, has been declared unconstitutional here in Pennsylvania. But if it’s unconstitutional now, it should have been unconstitutional in 2020, and I should be in Congress and President Trump should have won the state of Pennsylvania.” [OAN, [3/30/22](#)] (VIDEO) 2:10

- **October 2019: Gov. Wolf Signed Act 77, Which Allowed Vote-By-Mail For Up To 50 Days Before An Election, Allowed Voters To Vote By Mail Without An Excuse, And Provided More Time To Register To Vote.** “Governor Wolf made voting more convenient and secure by signing Act 77 of 2019, the most significant improvement to Pennsylvania’s elections in more than 80 years. The bipartisan compromise legislation takes effect for the April 2020 primary election and makes Pennsylvania a national leader with voter-friendly election reforms. The law creates a new option to vote by mail up to 50 days before an election and be placed on a list to permanently receive a ballot application by mail. It also provides more time to register to vote and authorizes a \$90 million bond to help counties fund the purchase of new voting systems with a paper trail that strengthens the security of our elections. [...] The law creates a new option to vote by mail without providing an excuse, which is currently required for voters using absentee ballots. Pennsylvania joins 31 other states and Washington, D.C. with mail-in voting that removes barriers to elections.” [Gov. Tom Wolf, [10/31/19](#)]

#### **Bognet Said He Would Fight To Require “Strong Voter-ID For All Ballots”**

**Bognet Said He Would “Fight To Require A Strong Voter-ID For All Ballots.”** “I have continued to push to secure our elections and audit the 2020 vote. I will fight to require a strong voter-ID for all ballots, and audit the vote. No drop boxes, no non-signature verified mail-in ballots, and no more rigged elections!” [Bognet for Congress, Issues, Accessed [4/19/22](#)]



**Bognet: “I’m Fighting To Require Voter ID, To Get Rid Of Mail-In Ballots Under Act 77.”** “[BOGNET:] Well, first off, Pennsylvania saw a gaming of the system like you’ve never seen when it comes to the election. Governor Wolf and his out-of-control Secretary of State put in place many things to try and hurt Republicans in 2020, and that’s why I’m fighting to require voter ID, to get rid of mail-in ballots under Act 77. You know, Act 77, which allowed the no-excuse mail-ins, has been declared unconstitutional here in Pennsylvania. But if it’s unconstitutional now, it should have been unconstitutional in 2020, and I should be in Congress and President Trump should have won the state of Pennsylvania.” [OAN, [3/30/22](#)] (VIDEO) 2:10

**November 2018: While Managing A Political Campaign In Arizona, Bognet Appeared To Have Improperly Voted By No-Excuse Mail Ballot In Pennsylvania, Getting His Ballot Delivered To Martha McSally’s Campaign Office**

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**July 2018-December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s U.S. Senate Campaign In Arizona**

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**7/2018-12/2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role:

- “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.
- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

- **7/12/2018: McSally For Senate Paid Bognet \$23,627 At A Mailing Address Of 3517 Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA.** [FEC, Itemized Disbursements, Accessed [4/19/22](#)]

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**October 2018: Bognet Voted In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania Via A Mail-In Ballot Sent To McSally’s Campaign Office In Phoenix, Arizona**

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**10/2018: Bognet Requested His Absentee Ballot Be Sent To 2141 E Camelback Rd, Ste 250 In Phoenix, AZ.**

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**Absentee/Mail-In Voting**

**BOGNET, JAMES ROCCO**  
☒ **280003**  
**HAZLE TWP D 03**

Select Application: **2018 GENERAL ELECTION (11/06/2018) REG** ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Application App Details App Status Ballots Permanent ID Verification Application Queue

**Election:** 2018 GENERAL ELECTION (11/06/2018) **Application Type:** Regular Absentee **VR Source:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Status:** Vote Recorded

**Date Sent:** 10/29/2018 **Date Sent Back:** 10/29/2018 **Date Received:** 10/29/2018 **Language:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voter ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Party Ballot:** REPUBLICAN **Vote Method:** ABSENTEE **Vote Reason:** OUT OF MUNICIPAL **Vote Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **App Rec'd Method:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ballot Delivery:** USPS

☒ **Send Ballot to Alternate Address**  
 2141 E CAMELBACK RD STE250  
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**City, State:** PHOENIX, AZ **Zip Code:** 85016 **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

☒ **Submit For Printing Later**


**New App** **Delete App** **Process App** **OK** **Cancel**

Record: 1 of 1

[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Absentee Ballot Application Information, 10/29/18]

**11/2018: Bognet Voted In The General Election By Absentee Ballot In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.**





**LUZERNE County**

00000-VOT-030-C

Thursday, April 14, 2022

### Voting History for Voter

ID Number (T) IS

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**Voter Name:** BOGNET, JAMES ROCCO

**Id Number:**                      **Date Registered:** 10/15/2010                      **Voter Status:** ACTIVE - REACTIVATED (5 YEAR UPDATE)

Date	Election	Method	Party	Location	Reason	Pres Split
11/02/2021	2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003
05/18/2021	2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/03/2020	2020 GENERAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003
06/02/2020	2020 GENERAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/06/2018	2018 GENERAL ELECTION	AB	R		OOM	280003
05/15/2018	2018 GENERAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/02/2010	2010 GENERAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003

Total Elections for Voter: 7

Total Voters in Report: 1

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RECORD

[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22]

**6/2018-12/2018: McSally For Senate Was Registered To Operate At 2141 E Camelback Rd, Ste 250 In Phoenix, AZ.** [FEC, McSally For Senate, Statements of Organization, [6/20/18](#); [9/24/18](#); [10/15/18](#); [12/14/18](#)]

#### **Bognet Received An Absentee Ballot For Being “Out Of Municipal[ity],” With No Further Explanation**

**The Reason Stated For Bognet’s Absentee Ballot Application Was “Out Of Municipal[ity].”** [Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Absentee Ballot Application Information, 10/29/18]

**November 2010: While Living And Working As A Political Consultant In Washington, DC, Bognet Appeared To Have Improperly Voted In Pennsylvania After Re-Registering Without A Valid PA Driver’s License**

**September 2010: Bognet Re-Registered To Vote In Hazle Township, Using His Parents’ Address, Despite Living And Working As A Political Consultant In Washington, DC**

**9/28/2010: Bognet Re-Registered To Vote, Using His Parents’ Address – 1345 Woodlawn Drive In Hazle Township – As His Primary Address For Voting.**

If your address of residence listed in Box 4a has no street number or street name (for example, Schoolhouse Road or RR 2 Box 3) use the box above to draw a map of where you live. Include landmarks and roads.

penalties, including loss of the right of suffrage, under state or federal law.

### PENNSYLVANIA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

1 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

2 ☒ New Registration ☐ Change of Name ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Party ☐ I am a Federal or State employee and wish to retain my voting residence in the county where I last resided.

3 ☒ M Last Name: **BOGNET** First Name: **JAMES** Middle Name/Initial: **ROCCO** Jr Sr II III IV (circle if applicable)  
☐ F

3a Place PA Driver's License (DL) # here:  If no PA DL #, Place SSN (last 4 digits) here: ☒ I DO NOT have a PA Driver's License or Social Security Number.

4a Address of residence, include street and city (Use map above if no street number or name) (If only P.O. box, see above): **1345 Woodtown Drive** Apt. #  State: **PA** Zip Code: **18202** Telephone Number (Optional): **(310) 350-0993**  
 b City: **Hazle Township** State: **PA** Zip Code: **18202**

5 Mailing Address (if different than address of residence): City:  State:  Zip Code:

6 Date of Birth: **5/28/1975** 7 Race (Optional):  8a Name on previous registration:  8b Address of previous registrations (include street and city):   
 9a In which party do you wish to register? ☐ Democratic ☒ Republican ☐ Libertarian ☐ No affiliation ☐ Other  
 You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary.  
 b County of previous registration:  Year of previous registration:

10 Name and signature of person who assisted in the completion of this application:   
 Address:   
 Place signature with full name (or mark) below.  
 (Please see Penalty for Falsifying Declaration.)

11 I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:  
 (1) On the day of the next election I will have been a United States citizen for at least one month. I will be at least 18 years of age, and I will have resided in Pennsylvania and in my election district for at least 90 days.  
 (2) I am legally qualified to vote.  
 AND I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT the information I have provided in this registration declaration is true. I understand that this registration declaration will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and if the registration contains a materially false statement, I will be subject to penalties for perjury.

From Your Name Below: **James Rocco Bognet** Date: **9/28/10**

12 Voter Identification Number (If available - not necessary if you are registering to vote for the first time or if you do not know your number):  -

13 Do you require assistance when voting? ☐ Yes ☒ No Reason for assistance:

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[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voter Registration Form, 9/28/10]

**8/2010-11/2010: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: “• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor’s Association, and the National Association of Realtors.

• Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### Bognet’s Registration Form Indicated He Did Not Have A Valid Pennsylvania Driver’s License

On His Registration Form, Bognet Marked That He Did Not Have A Valid Pennsylvania Driver’s License.

1	Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.	
	Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Party <input type="checkbox"/> I am a Federal or State employee and wish to retain my voting residence in the county where I last resided.			
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M Last Name <input type="checkbox"/> F <b>BOGNET</b>	First Name <b>JAMES</b>	Middle Name/Initial <b>ROCCO</b>	Jr Sr II III IV (circle if applicable)
3a	Place PA Driver's License (DL) # here: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		If no PA DL #, Place SS# (last 4 digits) here: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
3b	If you have one: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT have a PA Driver's License or Social Security Number.	

[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voter Registration Form, 9/28/10]

## November 2010: Bognet Voted In The General Election In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

**11/2/2010: Bognet Voted In The General Election In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.**

	LUZERNE County	00000-VOT-030-C Thursday, April 14, 2022				
<h2>Voting History for Voter</h2>						
ID Number (T) IS						
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05/15/2018	2018 GENERAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/02/2010	2010 GENERAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003
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						Total Voters in Report: 1


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[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22]

## May 2018: Bognet Voted In The Pennsylvania Primary Despite Likely Living In Either Washington, DC Or California At The Time

## May 2018: Bognet Voted In The Republican Primary Election In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

**5/15/18: Bognet Voted In The Republican Primary Election In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.**



**LUZERNE County**

00000-VOT-030-C

Thursday, April 14, 2022

### Voting History for Voter

ID Number (T) IS

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**Voter Name:** BOGNET, JAMES ROCCO

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Date	Election	Method	Party	Location	Reason	Pre Split
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05/15/2018	2018 GENERAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/02/2010	2010 GENERAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003

Total Elections for Voter: 7

Total Voters in Report: 1

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[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22]

## Bognet Seemingly Lived In Washington, DC Or Manhattan Beach, California At The Time Of The Pennsylvania Primary

**2016 – 4/2018: According To His Resume, Bognet Was Working At Glover Park Group In Washington, DC.**  
[Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**10/2015 – 7/2018: Bognet's Address Was Listed On FEC Reports As 3517 Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA.**  
[FEC, Itemized Disbursements, Accessed 4/19/22]

- **9/2014-11/2014: Colorado's No On 105 Coalition Paid James Bognet With A Mailing Address Of 3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA.** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

## State Law Required Pennsylvania Voters To Reside In The State For At Least 30 Days Before An Election

**Pennsylvania Law Required Pennsylvania Voters To Reside In The State And Election District For At Least 30 Days Before An Election.** "To register to vote in Pennsylvania, you must: Be a citizen of the United States for at least one month before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election. Be a resident of Pennsylvania and the election district in which you want to register and vote for at least 30 days before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election. Be at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the next primary, special, municipal, or general election." [Pennsylvania Secretary of State, Accessed [4/19/22](#)]

**Bognet Claimed He Ran A Small Business In Hazleton, PA Based On His Experience With His Political Consulting Firm, JRB Strategies, Which Appeared To Be Neither A Business Nor In Pennsylvania**



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**Bognet Repeatedly Touted His Experience With JRB Strategies As “Having Started And Run A Small Business,” But It Did Not Appear To Be Registered As A Business In Any State He Had Lived In**

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**Bognet Touted His Experience With JRB Strategies As “Having Started And Run A Small Business” For Seven Years Before Joining The Trump Administration**

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**November 2020: Bognet Touted His Experience With JRB Strategies: “I Had My Own Small Business The Last Seven Years Before I Went To Work For The President.”** “‘Most of my professional career has been in public policy,’ Bognet said. ‘I’ve worked for Lou Barletta, (former Pennsylvania U.S. senator) Rick Santorum, and (Arizona Republican Senator) Martha McSally in public service. I had my own small business the last seven years before I went to work for the president.’ Bognet’s business is JRB Strategies, which provides corporate communications, campaign management, public affairs and crisis communications services, as well as strategic counsel to corporate executives, company founders and organizational leaders.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [11/3/20](#)]

**Bognet’s 2022 Campaign Website: “Having Started And Run A Small Business, I Know How Hard It Can Be To Make Ends Meet.”** “The people of Northeast Pennsylvania are hardworking and resilient. They deserve more job opportunities and better-paying jobs. Through increased business taxes, regulation and red tape, Democrats in the House are stifling job growth and economic development. Having started and run a small business, I know how hard it can be to make ends meet. Pennsylvanians know it too, but Democrats in Congress do not.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**October 2021: Bognet Touted His “Business Background” And Said Voters Did Not Want To Support “Somebody From Out Of Town.”** “[BOGNET:] People want somebody who will work, who knows the issues, and who has a business background. You know, I operated a small business, I grew up in my family’s construction business, and I’m from Hazleton. I’m from Northeast Pennsylvania. I think people want someone who represents Northeast PA values, not somebody from out of town.” [FOX 56, [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :52

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**As Of March 2022, JRB Strategies Did Not Appear To Be Registered With Any State Bognet Has Lived In**

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**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Pennsylvania’s Database Of Registered Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

- **A Wide Range Of Business Types In Pennsylvania, Including Fictitious Business Names, Corporations, LLCs, And Sole Proprietorships, Were Required To Be Registered With Pennsylvania’s Department Of State.** “The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes many business forms including corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, general partnerships, business trusts and sole proprietorships. [...] Corporations are formed and fictitious names are registered in filings made with the Bureau [of Corporations and Charitable Organizations].” [Pennsylvania Department of State, [2018](#); Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In California’s Database Of Registered Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [California Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Washington DC’s Database Of Registered Businesses Did Not Yield Results.** [DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, CorpOnline Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Texas’ Database Of Taxable Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Taxable Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Massachusetts’ Database Of Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Massachusetts Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In New York’s Database Of Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [New York Department of State, Business Entity Database Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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**As Of March 2022, JRB Strategies Did Not Appear To Be Registered With Or Based In Municipalities Where Bognet Has Lived**

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**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce’s Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Did Not Yield Results.** [Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce, Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The City Of Los Angeles’ Database Of Active Businesses Did Not Yield Results.** [Los Angeles Mayor, Listing of Active Businesses Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The Manhattan Beach Chamber Of Commerce’s Business Directory Did Not Yield Results.** [Manhattan Beach Chamber Of Commerce, Business Directory Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Sacramento County’s Fictitious Business Name Database Did Not Yield Results.** [Sacramento County, Fictitious Business Name Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Hermosa Beach’s Business License Database Did Not Yield Results.** [City of Hermosa Beach, Business License Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Travis County’s County Assumed Names For Businesses Did Not Yield Results.** [Travis County, County Assumed Names Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Boston’s “Doing Business As” Database Did Not Yield Results.** [City of Boston, 'Doing Business As' (DBA) Database Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In New York City’s “Doing Business” Database Did Not Yield Results.** [New York City, Doing Business Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

<p><b>There Was No Available Record Of Any State Or Federal Campaign Having Any Transactions With JRB Strategies, Despite Bognet’s Claims That The Business Worked With Campaigns</b></p>
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**Bognet Claimed JRB Strategies Worked With Political Campaigns**

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**Bognet Claimed JRB Strategies Worked With Political Campaigns, Including “Political Candidates And Ballot Initiative Campaigns With Strategic Consulting And Campaign Management Services.”** “Jim Bognet serves as Managing Director of JRB Strategies. JRB Strategies offers political, communications, public affairs, crisis communications and strategic counsel to major corporations, political campaigns, officeholders, start-ups, and emerging growth companies. [...] JRB Strategies provides political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Campaign assignments includes directing communications strategy, strategic assessments, policy advice and creating paid media campaigns, including TV and radio advertising.” [Jim Bognet LinkedIn, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

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**As Of March 2022, Searches With The FEC Did Not Yield Results For Transactions Between Any Federal Committee And JRB Strategies.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

*Note: A review of 48 states' campaign finance databases did not yield any results for transactions between state campaigns and JRB Strategies. Searching for campaign expenditures by vendor was not possible with Utah or South Dakota's campaign finance databases.*

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**Two Campaigns Bognet Claimed Worked With JRB Strategies On His Resume Paid Him Directly As An Individual And Did Not Have Any Transactions With JRB Strategies**

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**On His Resume, Bognet Claimed JRB Strategies Worked On Oregon's No On 92 Campaign And Colorado's No On 105 Campaign.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: "Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

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**September – November 2014: Colorado's No On 105 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$93,164.40.** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**November 2014: Oregon's No On 92 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$15,266.62 For Management Services.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: Campaign finance expenditure searches for JRB Strategies with Colorado and Oregon's Secretaries of State databases did not yield results.*

**Bognet Claimed He Started JRB Strategies In Hazleton, PA; It Was Not Registered In The State And He Indicated It Was Based In Los Angeles, CA On His Resume**

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**Bognet Repeatedly Claimed He Started JRB Strategies In Hazleton, PA**

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**March 2021: Bognet Claimed He Opened His "Own Business In [His] Hometown Of Hazleton, PA."** "JIM BOGNET '97 Biographical Sketch I grew up in Hazleton, Pennsylvania near the Penn State Hazleton campus, and live there today. I went to my first Penn State football game at 3 years old, and gameday tailgates are a family reunion. My father, brother, sister, and over 20 cousins graduated from Penn State. Our shared Penn State experiences help bind our family together, all filled with pride and appreciation for our alma mater. I graduated in 1997 with a B.S. in Finance from the Smeal College of Business Administration with memories to last a lifetime. My Penn State education provided the strong educational foundation for earning a JD/MBA. My Penn State education helped me succeed in high profile positions across the country, and later open my own business in my hometown of Hazleton, PA." [Penn State Board of Trustees, Meet the Candidates, [3/15/21](#)]

**On His LinkedIn, Bognet Indicated JRB Strategies Was Based In Hazleton, PA.**

**Managing Director**

JRB Strategies

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[Jim Bognet LinkedIn, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

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**Founder and Managing Director at JRB Strategies**

March 1, 2013 - Present · Hazleton, Pennsylvania

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[Jim Bognet Facebook, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

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### As Of March 2022, JRB Strategies Was Not Registered As A Pennsylvania Business Entity Or Listed In The Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory

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**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Pennsylvania's Database Of Registered Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce's Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Did Not Yield Results.** [Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce, Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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### According To Bognet's Resume, JRB Strategies Was Based In Los Angeles, CA

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**According To Bognet's Resume, JRB Strategies Was Based In Los Angeles, CA When He Worked There From March 2013 To January 2016.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: "Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

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[Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

*Note: Bognet appears to have lived in Manhattan Beach, CA from 2014 to 2016, during the time he indicated he worked at JRB Strategies on his resume.*



## Bognet Worked For At Least Six Failed Federal And State Campaigns

2006 – 2018: Bognet Record As A Campaign Operative						
Cycle	Campaign	Bognet Role & Timeframe	Results			
			Election Type	Candidate/Referendum Option	Final Vote %	Bognet's Candidate Margin
2018	Martha McSally (AZ-Senate)	CEO (July – December 2018)	General	Martha McSally	50%	-2.4%
				Kyrsten Sinema	47.6%	
			Primary	Martha McSally	54.6%	27%
				Kelli Ward	27.6%	
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO-Referendum)	Consultant (September – November 2014)	General	Yes	34.5%	31%
				No	65.5%	
2014	No On 92 Coalition (OR-Referendum)	Consultant (November 2014)	General Recount	Yes	49.97%	.06%
				No	50.03%	
2012	Mitt Romney (President)	Senior Advisor To Strategy/Media Team (August – November 2012)	General	Mitt Romney	47.2% 206 electoral votes	-3.86% -126 electoral votes
				Barack Obama	51.06% 332 electoral votes	
2012	David Dewhurst (TX-Senate)	Campaign Manager And Senior Advisor (July 2011 – August 2012)	Primary Runoff	David Dewhurst	43.18%	-13.64%
				Ted Cruz	56.82%	
			Primary	David Dewhurst	44.63%	10.47%
				Ted Cruz	34.16%	
2010	Steve Poizner (CA-Governor)	Campaign Manager (March 2009 – June 2010)	Primary	Tom Leppert	13.36%	-37.7%
				Steve Poizner	26.7%	
				Meg Whitman	64.4%	
2008	John McCain (President)	Communications Advisor (August – November 2008)	General	Larry Naritelli	2.3%	-7.28% -192 electoral votes
				John McCain	45.65% 173 electoral votes	
				Barack Obama	52.93% 365 electoral votes	
2008	Mitt Romney (President)	Policy Development Director (January 2007 – February 2008)	Primary	February 2008: Romney Dropped Out Of The 2008 Presidential Race. [New York Times, <a href="#">2/7/08</a> ]		
2006	Arnold Schwarzenegger (CA-Governor)	Policy Director (March 2006 – January 2007)	General	Arnold Schwarzenegger	55.9%	16.9%
				Phil Angelides	39%	
			Primary	Arnold Schwarzenegger	90%	86.4%
				Robert Newman II	3.6%	

[Arizona Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/6/18](#); Colorado Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#); Oregon Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#); Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); FEC, Election Results, [11/6/12](#); National Archives, Election Results, [11/6/12](#); Texas Secretary of State, Election Results, [7/31/12](#); Texas Secretary of State Election Results, [5/29/12](#); California Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/8/10](#); National

Archives, Election Results, [11/4/08](#); FEC, Election Results, [11/4/08](#); California Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/7/06](#); California Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/6/06](#); Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

## **Bognet Emphasized His DC Residency And Lobbying Firm Job On An Exclusive Dating App**

### **Bognet Had A Profile On The League That Advertised He Worked At The Glover Park Group And Lived In DC's Georgetown Neighborhood**

#### **Bognet's Profile On "The League" Listed Him As "Jim B.", A 5'10", 43-Year-Old From DC's Georgetown Neighborhood Working As Senior Vice President At The Glover Park Group**

**Bognet's Profile On "The League" Listed Him As "Jim B.", A 5'10", 43-Year-Old From Georgetown Working As Senior Vice President At The Glover Park Group.** Bognet's profile on "The League" listed him as "Jim B.", a 5'10", 43-year-old from Georgetown. Bognet listed UCLA Anderson School of Management, Penn State University, and UCLA School of Law for his education and listed his profession as Senior Vice President at The Glover Park Group. Bognet's interests were volleyball, hiking, and travel. His profile had been verified using Facebook and LinkedIn. [The League, Jim B., archived 9/16/21]

**Bognet's Profile On "The League" Included At Least Six Different Photos Of Himself.**

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THE league



Jim B.

43 • Georgetown • 5' 10"



Education

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Profession

Senior Vice President @ The Glover Park Group

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Interests

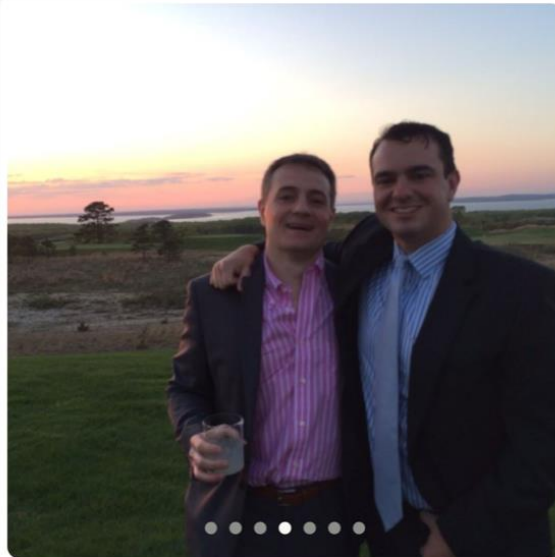
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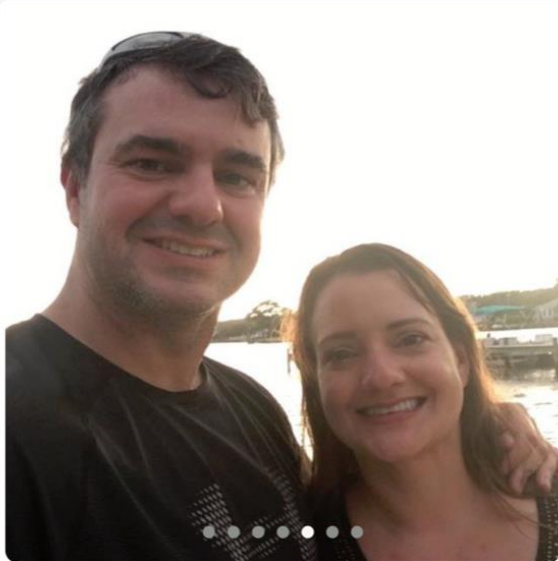
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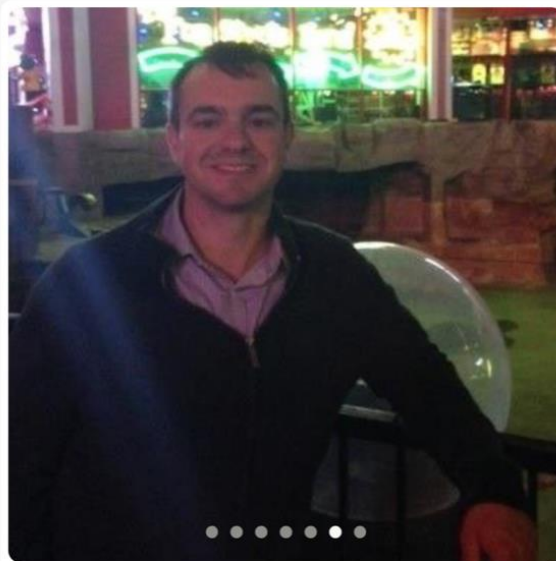
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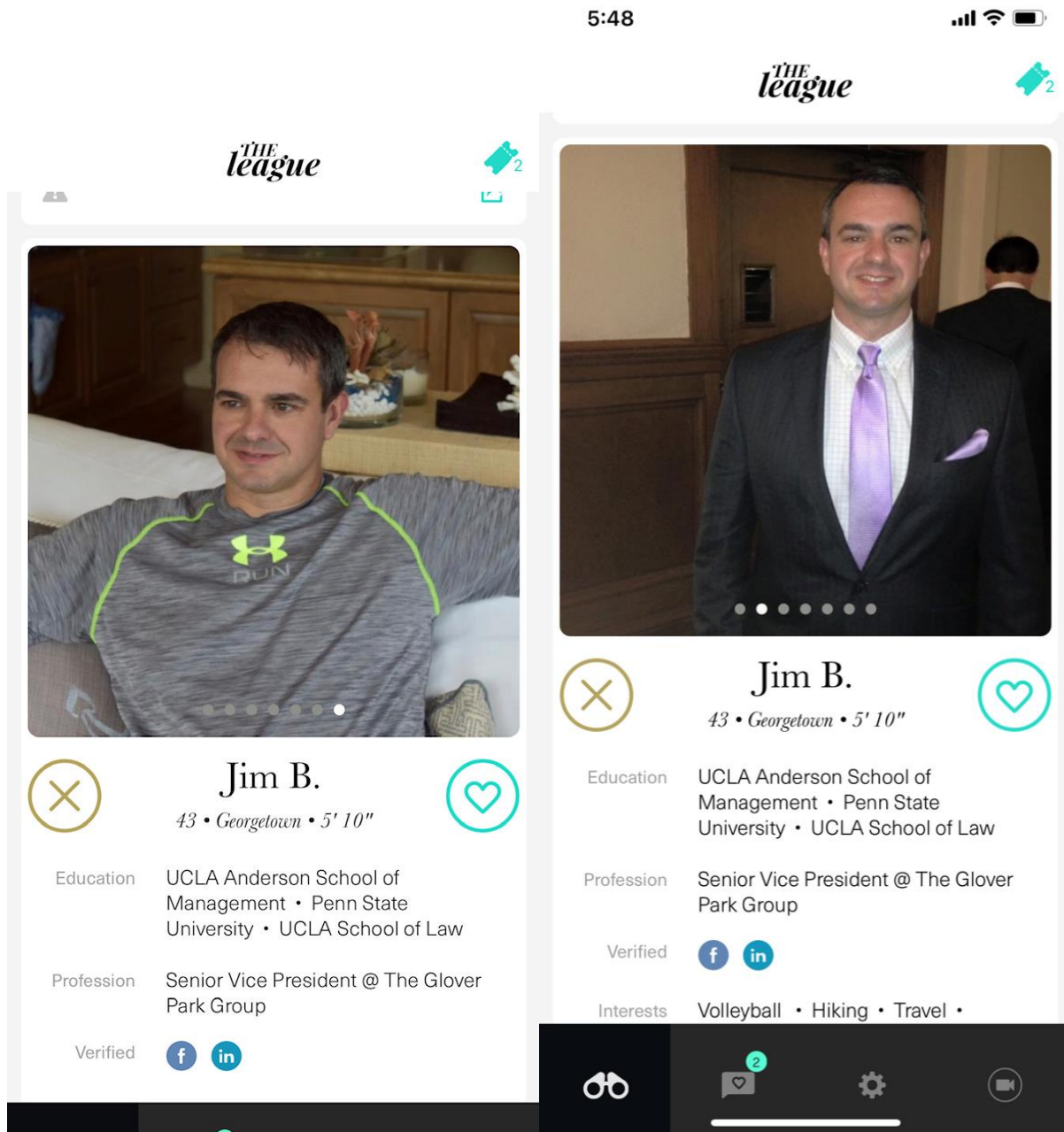
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**Bognet's Date Of Birth Was May 28, 1975, Making Him 43 Years Old In 2018.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Voter Registration Status Search, accessed [3/7/22](#)]

*NOTE: Date of image capture is unknown.*

**The League Was “Essentially A Dating App Designed To Bring Successful, Ambitious, Elite Singles Together To Breed Power Couples” That Rejected Roughly 70 Percent Of Applicants**

**The League Was Described As “Essentially A Dating App Designed To Bring Successful, Ambitious, Elite Singles Together To Breed Power Couples.”** “That’s where I was introduced to the Harvard of dating applications: The League. If you’ve never heard of The League, it’s essentially a dating app designed to bring successful, ambitious, elite singles together to breed power couples. You have to apply and are placed on a waitlist



while The League’s team reviews your profile and decides whether you’re worthy enough to be accepted. It’s super selective, and the waiting process can take months. The mission ‘is that The League promotes higher education, encourages career-ambition and, most importantly, cultivates the desire for an egalitarian relationship in both sexes,’ according to founder and CEO Amanda Bradford.” [Rutgers Daily Targum, [4/21/21](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Tinder, But Make It Elitist: I Tried The League Dating App For One Month, Here’s What Happened.”** [Rutgers Daily Targum, [4/21/21](#)]

**Users Had To Apply To The League With Their Facebook And LinkedIn Accounts And Roughly Twenty To Thirty Percent Of Applicants Were Accepted.** “Ashley: What is the application process? [LEAGUE CEO AMANDA BRADFORD:] Well, we tried to make it really quick because I know everybody hates long experiences, especially when you’re not even sure about joining a dating app. The last thing you want to do is fill out 100 questions like on E-Harmony. We pull everything from Facebook and LinkedIn. We let you put in a little bit about your basic demographic information, who you’re looking for at a very basic level, and then we let you put in your interests, and we let you edit your profile to make it stand out if you’d like, and put in an ‘About Me’. Then we put you on a waitlist, and we can see who’s checking back in, who’s referring friends, who’s actually checking out the app and figuring out how it all works, and we use all of that information to predict who’s going to be a good user in the system. [...] Well, our acceptance rate in general hovers around like 20 to 30 percent based on the city, and then of the people that don’t get in that original 20 or 30 percent, a lot of people don’t come back and make changes.” [The Verge, [1/9/19](#)]

**The League CEO: “My Hope Is That The League Promotes Higher Education, Encourages Career-Ambition, And, Most Importantly, Cultivates The Desire For An Egalitarian Relationship In Both Sexes.”** “The couples that we create, even if small in absolute numbers right now, ideally will go on to successfully demonstrate that dual-career relationships are not only possible, they are preferable. These power couples will ultimately serve as the role models that our society sorely lacks today. My hope is that The League promotes higher education, encourages career-ambition, and, most importantly, cultivates the desire for an egalitarian relationship in both sexes. [...] If as a founder I can point to even a small increase in the number of equal partnerships that result from the curated community we’re building, then I’m okay being labeled an elitist, or whatever anyone wants to call me. Because if we can help move the needle of society, even a tiny bit, towards equalism, that is much more important to me than my own google search results. Amanda Bradford, Founder & CEO. ” [The League, accessed [11/19/21](#)]

## **Bognet Made A Career Out Of Engineering Divisive, Misleading Attacks**

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign, Which Featured “Ridiculously Pervasive” And “Alarming” Attacks On Her Opponent**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign Where He Worked To “Shape [The] Narrative Of [The] Campaign” And Oversaw The Paid Media Budget, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.

- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**McSally’s 2018 Negative Campaign Featured “Ridiculously Pervasive” And “Alarming” Attacks On Sinema**

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**Headline: Tim Steller Op-Ed: “Arizona Voters Rejected Martha McSally’s Negative Campaign.”** [Arizona Daily Star, Tim Steller Op-Ed, [11/13/18](#)]

- **Steller Op-Ed: McSally Spread “Ridiculously Pervasive,” “Alarming” Attacks, Including That Sinema Would Allow Phoenix To Be Destroyed By A Nuclear Bomb.** “Ad after ad — let’s not forget how ridiculously pervasive they were — McSally’s campaign and outside groups attacked Sinema as not just wrong on the issues but a dangerous candidate, someone who would let Phoenix be blown up by a nuclear bomb, as one mailer put it. [...] By that time, though, most Arizona voters had tuned out the alarming critiques by McSally and her supporters. She could have accused Sinema of genocide and nobody would have noticed.” [Arizona Daily Star, Tim Steller Op-Ed, [11/13/18](#)]
- **Steller: “We Can Hope That The Fact The Voters Ignored This [...] Will Discourage Candidates From This Sort Of Campaign In The Future.”** “We can hope that the fact the voters ignored this — or even took it as a reason to vote against McSally — will discourage candidates from this sort of campaign in the future.” [Arizona Daily Star, Tim Steller Op-Ed, [11/13/18](#)]

**2018: McSally Ran Ads Attacking Her Opponent, Kyrsten Sinema, For The Way She Dressed And For Her Decision To Participate In Anti-War Protests.** “One of the most notorious ads shows Democratic Rep. Kyrsten Sinema wearing a pink tutu and protesting the Iraq War. You’ve probably seen it. Sinema’s opponent for the Senate, Republican Martha McSally, launched the ad before the primary was even over. ‘You know I’m running against somebody who spent time organizing protests and protesting our troops in a pink tutu. You’ve seen the ad, right? Right?’ she asked the crowd at a Sun City GOP office in September. Sinema has said she was protesting the war and not the troops, and there’s a big difference between those things. The ad was rated mostly false by Politifact. But McSally has made no apologies for the tone of the campaign.” [KJZZ, [10/30/18](#)]

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**Bognet Worked For Uber To Coordinate Opposition Research Between 2013-2016, A Period When Uber Hired Opposition Researchers To “Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil [The Taxi Industry] Is”**

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**Bognet Worked With Uber To Coordinate And Distribute Opposition Research On Its Competitors At A Point Between 2013 And 2016**

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**On His Resume, Bognet Listed “Campaign Coordinator, Uber” As “Representative Client Engagement” He Performed For JRB Strategies Between 2013 And 2016.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: “Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

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- **Bognet Stated He “Coordinated Opposition Research Activities On Competitors,” “Assembled A Team Of Opposition Research Professionals,” And “Provided Strategic Direction To Team” For Uber.** “Campaign Coordinator, Uber • Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort • Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### On His LinkedIn And Facebook, Bognet Touted His Work With A “Major Multi-Billion Dollar Ride Sharing Company.”



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### 2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil [The Taxi Industry] Is”

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**2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Weaponize Facts” Against The Taxi Industry.** “Uber has in recent weeks sought to hire opposition researchers to ‘weaponize facts’ to use against its taxi industry competition, according to a confidential recruiting document obtained by BuzzFeed News and confirmed by the company. [...] The recruiting document strikes a notably less positive tone. It is framed as two exercises job candidates must complete as part of the hiring process, including laying out a six-month research plan that includes ‘both “self” and “oppo” with a greater focus on “oppo.”’ ‘Oppo’ is political campaign shorthand for opposition research, a practice that typically includes searches of public records and published reports, but which may also extend to videotaped tracking of foes and more aggressive investigative tactics. ‘Your mission is to identify and weaponize the facts about those incumbents, the truth about Uber and to do it one step ahead of the rest,’ the document says.” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]

**Uber CEO Travis Kalanick Said Uber Had To “Throw Mud” At The Taxi Industry: “Uber Is The Candidate And [The Opponent] Is An Asshole Called Taxi. [...] We Have To Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil Taxi Is.”** “The new role of director of research and rapid response appears to be part of Uber's effort to bring

the aggressive tactics of American presidential politics to its city-by-city trench wars with existing car companies. Uber CEO Travis Kalanick said in May that the company has no choice but to ‘throw mud’ at taxi companies and the associations that represent the taxi industry, and in August brought former Obama campaign manager David Plouffe to the company to lead a campaign-like effort that now includes both Uber's communications shop and the new opposition research role. ‘Uber is the candidate and [the opponent] is an asshole called Taxi,’ Kalanick told Re/code's Kara Swisher in May. ‘I'm not totally comfortable with it but we have to bring out the truth of how evil Taxi is.’” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]

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**2012: Bognet Had An Active Role In Producing Romney's TV And Radio Ads; 79 Percent Of Romney's Ads Were Negative And Multiple Were False**

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**August – November: Bognet Was A Senior Advisor To Romney's Presidential Campaign's Strategy/Media Team And Had An Active Role In Producing Its Ads**

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**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign's Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: “• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

- Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.
  - Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.”
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**October 2012: The Romney Campaign Aired TV And Radio Ads That Claimed Obama Allowed Automakers To Offshore Jobs, Which Was Named The “Lie Of The Year”**

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**October 2012: The Romney Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed Obama Allowed Automakers To Offshore Jobs.** “‘Who will do more for the auto industry? Not Barack Obama. Fact checkers confirm that his attacks on Mitt Romney are false. The truth? Mitt Romney has a plan to help the auto industry. He is supported by Lee Iacocca and the Detroit News. Obama took GM and Chrysler into bankruptcy and sold Chrysler to Italians who are going to build Jeeps in China. Mitt Romney will fight for every American job.’ — voiceover in unannounced Mitt Romney television ad running in Ohio When a campaign does not announce a television ad, it's a good sign that it knows it is playing fast and loose with the truth. Indeed, this is an excellent example of an ad that has a series of statements that individually might be factually defensible, but the overall impression is misleading.”

[Washington Post, Fact Checker, [10/30/12](#)]

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**December 2012: PolitiFact: “Lie Of The Year: The Romney Campaign's Ad On Jeeps Made In China.”**

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- **PolitiFact: Romney Claimed Chrysler Would Move Its Operations To China; It Was Really Going To Expand Operations In China Without Reducing Them In The United States.** “But Chrysler was thinking of reviving the Jeep brand in key foreign markets, and like other American automakers, Chrysler preferred to build cars in the countries where it intended to sell them -- a common strategy to reduce tariffs and transport costs. Bloomberg reported on Oct. 22 that the company was planning to restart production of Jeeps in China. The entirety of the Bloomberg report made it clear that Chrysler was considering expansion in China, not

shuttering American production. [...] But later that night at a campaign stop in Defiance, Ohio, Romney added a new line to his stump speech: ‘I saw a story today, that one of the great manufacturers in this state, Jeep, now owned by the Italians, is thinking of moving all production to China,’ he said, to boos from the audience.” [PolitiFact, [12/12/12](#)]

- **Romney’s Campaign “Doubled Down” On The Claim And Repeated It In Radio And TV Ads.** “Romney’s campaign didn’t retreat, though. It doubled down with a TV ad for Ohio voters that weekend: ‘Who will do more for the auto industry? Not Barack Obama,’ the ad began, adding, ‘Obama took GM and Chrysler into bankruptcy and sold Chrysler to Italians who are going to build Jeeps in China. Mitt Romney will fight for every American job.’ A similar radio ad soon followed.” [PolitiFact, [12/12/12](#)]
- **PolitiFact Called The Ad “Brazenly False.”** “But the Jeep ad was brazenly false. It started as a line in a speech about where an American brand of car would be made. It blew up into a lie heard by voters well beyond Ohio.” [PolitiFact, [12/12/12](#)]

**Washington Post Fact-Checker: “4 Pinocchios For Mitt Romney’s Misleading Ad On Chrysler And China.”** [Washington Post, Fact Checker, [10/30/12](#)]

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### **August 2012: Romney’s Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed Obama Ended Work Requirements On Welfare, Which Fact-Checkers Deemed A “Pants On Fire” Lie**

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**August 2012: Romney’s Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed Obama Ended Work Requirements On Welfare.** “A Romney campaign ad titled ‘Welfare Reform,’ which came out earlier in August, says that’s just what Obama did. ‘On July 12, President Obama quietly ended the work requirement, gutting welfare reform. One of the most respected newspapers in the country called it ‘nuts,’ ‘ the ad says. ‘Under Obama’s plan, you wouldn’t have to work and you wouldn’t have to train for a job,’ the ad continues. ‘They just send you your welfare check. And welfare to work goes back to being plain old welfare ...’” [CNN, Fact Check, [8/23/12](#)]

**A CNN Fact Check Rated The Ad “Nuts” Based On The Fact That The Obama Administration Did Not Change Work Requirements On Welfare, Which Originated With States.** “But the Obama campaign calls Romney’s ad ‘nuts.’ CNN’s Fact-check agrees. ‘Every single person here who’s looked at it says it’s patently false,’ Obama said a news conference on Monday. So where did the notion of a major welfare reform overhaul come from? Where it didn’t come from is Washington but rather from Utah, Nevada, California, Connecticut and Minnesota. These states, some with Republican governors, asked the federal government for more flexibility in how they hand out welfare dollars. [...] In some small way, the waivers might change precisely how work is calculated but the essential goal of pushing welfare recipients to work – something both Democrats and Republicans agreed to in the 1990s – remains the same.” [CNN, Fact Check, [8/23/12](#)]

**PolitiFact Rated The Ad A “Pants On Fire” Lie.** [PolitiFact, [8/7/12](#)]

**NBC’s Steve Benen Op-Ed Called The Ad “An Obvious, Demonstrable Lie.”** “We then learn, ‘Mitt Romney will restore the work requirement because it works.’ Romney’s lying. He’s not spinning the truth to his advantage; he’s not hiding in a gray area between fact and fiction; he’s just lying. The law hasn’t been ‘gutted’; the work requirement hasn’t been ‘dropped.’ Stations that air this ad are disseminating an obvious, demonstrable lie.” [NBC, Steve Benen Opinion, [11/2/15](#)]

**U.S. News Robert Schlesinger Op-Ed Headline: “Lies, Damned Lies, And Mitt Romney’s Ads”** [U.S. News, Robert Schlesinger Opinion, [8/8/12](#)]

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### **An Analysis Found That The 2012 Presidential Campaign Set A Record For The Most Negative Campaign Ads In Any Presidential Election, With Negative Ads Making Up 79 Percent Of Romney’s Ads**

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**Wesleyan Media Project Analysis Found The 2012 Presidential Campaign Set A Record For The Most Negative Campaign Ads In Any Presidential, With Negative Ads Making Up 79 Percent Of Romney's Ads.** "Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are tearing each other up on the television airwaves in the final days of Election 2012, setting a record for the most negative campaign ads in presidential election history. A full 86 percent of Obama's television advertising and 79 percent of Romney's has been negative, according to the Wesleyan Media Project, which tracks political advertising. By comparison, Obama and John McCain had spent an average of 69 percent of their TV budgets on negative ads by this point in 2008, and George W. Bush and John Kerry had spent 58 percent in 2004." [Politico, [11/4/12](#)]

**November 2012: Politico Headline: "RIP Positive Ads In 2012"** [Politico, [11/4/12](#)]

**August 2012: The Guardian Headline: "Romney And Obama Duel Over Negative Ads As Campaign Enters Bitter Phase."** [The Guardian, [8/15/12](#)]

**June 2012: While He Worked For Dewhurst's Texas Senate Campaign, A Blogger Alleged Bognet Attempted To "Bully [Her] Into Silence"**

**June 2012: On Her Blog, Katrina Pierson Alleged Bognet "Confronted" Her With A "Failed Attempt To Bully Me Into Silence" After She Asked Cruz Why Dewhurst Would Only Debate Him On TV.** "The following day: My question to Ted Cruz: Dewhurst will only agree to debate you on TV, why? Answer: (0:20) All of the sudden, these \$20M campaign guns are all facing me! I suppose I should have anticipated this tactic after Jim Bognet, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst political consultant from California, confronted me immediately following the interview and in public at the RPT Convention with a failed attempt to bully me into silence. It's a shame this is guy was also on the Romney team. Surprised? I'm sure you have gotten in many girls faces with your finger pointing and name calling and they have backed down... ...Not this time, sir!" [Katrina Pierson Blog, [6/13/12](#)]

- **Pierson Later Worked For Trump's Presidential Campaign As A National Spokesperson In 2016 And A Senior Advisor In 2020.** "The Trump campaign announced on Tuesday it hired its former 2016 national spokeswoman, Katrina Pierson, as a senior adviser for the 2020 reelection campaign." [The Hill, [3/13/18](#)]
- **April 2020: The Bognet Campaign Did Not Respond To Request For Comment On Pierson's Allegations.** "Jim Bognet, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst political consultant from California, confronted me immediately following the interview and in public at the RPT Convention with a failed attempt to bully me into silence. It's a shame this is guy was also on the Romney team. Surprised?" she wrote. The Bognet campaign did not comment on the Pierson blog post." [Politics PA, [4/27/20](#)]

**2010: Bognet Produced "Misleading" Ads For A Media Consulting Firm, SSG Media, Whose Co-Founder's Philosophy Was "Negative Ads Work"**

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, Where He Worked With Sen. Rob Portman's Campaign, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: "• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor's Association, and the National Association of Realtors. • Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Russ Schriefer Of The Stevens And Schriefer Group: "Negative Ads Work, Otherwise People Would Not Run Them If They Didn't."** "In Maryland, Democratic Gov. Parris N. Glendening was in a virtual tie against

Republican Ellen R. Sauerbrey, until the closing weeks of the campaign when he let loose with a wave of negative ads attacking her for a 'shameful' record on civil rights that helped to boost the black vote. At the beginning of the year Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, Illinois Democrat, did not seem to be in that much danger. But her image fell sharply this summer when GOP state Sen. Peter Fitzgerald ran TV ads attacking her ethics and character. Campaign media strategists agree that negative ads - which they prefer to call 'comparative ads' - are effective. They also say the ads serve the public good by providing voters with information the news media might not otherwise report about a candidate. 'Negative ads work, otherwise people would not run them if they didn't,' said Russ Schriefer of the Stevens and Schriefer Group in Alexandria that handled the Sauerbrey media campaign. 'Glendening had to do only one thing, make her as disliked as possible,' Mr. Schriefer said. 'He had a much easier task. It was a push downhill for him and a push uphill for us.'" [Washington Times, 11/6/98]

**October 2010: Portman's Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens & Schriefer Group That The Columbus Dispatch Called "Extremely Misleading" Since It Implied Portman's Opponent Was Solely Responsible For Ohio's Job Losses During The Great Recession.** "Ad: 'Accountable,' a 30-second TV ad Producer: Stevens & Schriefer Group in Virginia for Republican Senate candidate Rob Portman. Where to see it: Broadcast statewide and at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuX6dpliNKA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuX6dpliNKA) [...] Script: Female narrator: 'Lt. Gov Lee Fisher takes office as director of development. His official role? Create jobs. Fisher says hold him accountable for his record. How's he doing? More than 420,000 jobs lost since Fisher took office, with a record number moving to other states. Unemployment's up to 10 percent. Seventeen thousand more Ohio jobs lost just last month. Had enough?' [...] Analysis: The commercial relies on accurate statistics, but the overall message is extremely misleading. The commercial would have voters believe that Ohio -- and only Ohio -- has lost jobs in the past four years. In reality, the nation has been gripped by the deepest recession since at least 1982 and the worst financial crisis since 1932. The causes of the economic downturn include a major collapse on Wall Street, falling home prices across the country and a general slowdown of the world's economic engine. Even though Fisher was the state's development director for two years, presumably no lieutenant governor in the country could have stemmed the tide of job losses in Ohio." [Columbus Dispatch, [10/30/10](#)]

**July 2010: Portman's Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens & Schriefer Group That The Columbus Dispatch Called "Misleading" And "Nasty."** "The ad: 'Jobs 2,' a 30-second TV commercial aired by Senate Republican candidate Rob Portman Producer: Stevens & Schriefer Group [...] Script: A female announcer says: 'Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher takes office as director of development. His official role? Create jobs. Fisher says hold him accountable for his job record. How's he doing? Nearly 400,000 jobs lost, with a record number moving to other states.' [...] Analysis: Right away, you know this is a nasty commercial because Portman uses three of the most unflattering photos ever taken of Fisher. The commercial seeks to blame Fisher -- and apparently only Fisher -- for Ohio losing 379,900 nonfarm payroll jobs from just before Fisher took office in December 2006 until June of this year. Because Fisher was director of the Ohio Department of Development and publicly said his performance would be measured through job creation, per-capita income and Ohioans with college degrees, the commercial is fair game. But although the commercial relies on accurate numbers, it is misleading because Ohio has seen a steady job loss since 2000." [Columbus Dispatch, [7/28/10](#)]

**2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner's California Gubernatorial Campaign; Poizner Later Said He Regretted The "Divisive Tone" Of The Campaign**

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**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: "• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

- Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.

- Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**2010: Poizner Ran “Vicious” Attack Ads Against His Opponent That Accused Her Of Selling Pornography As CEO Of eBay And Falsely Claimed The ACA Granted Undocumented People Benefits**

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**2010: Poizner Ran “Vicious” Attack Ads Against His Opponent That Accused Her Of Selling Pornography As CEO Of eBay.** “[HEADLINE:] The 6 most vicious political attack ads of 2010 (so far) [BODY:] The 2010 election season is still young, but already political candidates across the country have shown a readiness to unleash vicious attack ads against their rivals. Here, 6 of the harshest: 1. A rival says Meg Whitman is smut merchant In the weeks leading up to California's GOP gubernatorial primary, candidate Steve Poizner is running an ad accusing former eBay CEO Meg Whitman of promoting pornography. The charge stems from Whitman's business decision to create an ‘adult’ section on eBay for porn and erotic toys.” [The Week, [2010](#)]

**April 2010: Poizner’s Campaign Claimed In An Ad That His Opponent Would “Continue Taxpayer-Funded Benefits To Illegals. A Skyrocketing Cost Under Obamacare,” Which PolitiFact Rated False.** “Steve Poizner stated on April 10, 2010 in a campaign commercial: ‘Taxpayer-funded benefits to illegals’ in California are ‘a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare.’ [...] The new federal law specifically prevents illegal immigrants from benefitting, and most of the additional indirect costs that might be expected from expanding the Medicaid rolls are already being paid in California by different state or local government accounts. For these reasons, the phrase ‘a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare’ is a gross exaggeration. We rate the statement False.” [PolitiFact, [5/19/10](#)]

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**2018: Poizner Said He Regretted His “Wrong And Harmful” Immigration Positions During The 2010 Campaign And Pledged To “Never, Ever, Ever” Run A Divisive Campaign**

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**2018: Poizner Said He Regretted His “Trump-Like” Immigration Stances From His 2010 Gubernatorial Campaign, Which He Called “Wrong And Harmful.”** “As he tries to make history as the first independent candidate elected to California statewide office, former insurance commissioner Steve Poizner is saying mea culpa for his past Trump-like stances. Eight years ago, during his unsuccessful run for governor as a Republican, Poizner bemoaned the influence of undocumented immigrants and vowed to block them from receiving ‘taxpayer-funded benefits.’ He supported ending in-state college tuition for undocumented students, called for the California National Guard to deploy to the Mexican border, and endorsed a controversial Arizona law that allowed police to detain people they thought were undocumented. He even argued that public schools should refuse to enroll undocumented children. Now, as he’s running for his old insurance commissioner job as an independent, Poizner insists he no longer supports those ideas. ‘I regret the tone and direction that we took in that campaign,’ he said in an interview with the Bay Area News Group editorial board this week, calling his approach in that race ‘wrong and harmful.’” [Mercury News, [4/5/18](#)]

**2018: Poizner Said The 2010 Campaign “Really Felt Like A Foxhole” And Pledged To “Never Ever, Ever Again Run A Campaign That Has A Divisive Tone.”** “Poizner says he now believes everyone who’s undocumented should be ‘put on a path to get documented,’ and young people on the DACA program should be eligible for U.S. citizenship. He took his previous anti-immigrant positions while under ‘huge pressure’ in a competitive primary race against former eBay CEO Meg Whitman, Poizner said. ‘It really felt like a foxhole,’ he said. ‘I will never ever, ever again run a campaign that has a divisive tone.’” [Mercury News, [4/5/18](#)]

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**Bognet Was Connected To Multiple Scandals Involving Theft, Embezzlement, And Misuse Of Campaign Funds**

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**2018: Bognet Managed The Budget And Consultants Of Martha McSally’s Senate Campaign, Which Labeled Top Staff As Consultants To Avoid Paying Payroll Taxes And Was Subject To \$115,000 In Fraud From A Consultant**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Managed The Budget And Consultants As CEO Of Martha McSally’s Senate Campaign**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign, Where He Managed The Campaign’s Budget And “Coordinated With Team Of High Profile Outside Political Consultants,” According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**McSally’s 2018 Campaign Labeled Top Staff As Independent Contractors, Allegedly To Avoid Paying Payroll Taxes, Withholding, And Benefits**

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**Arizona Republic EJ Montini Opinion: Headline: “Martha McSally Is Stiffing Uncle Sam And Her Campaign Staff. Will You Be Next?”** [Arizona Republic, EJ Montini Opinion, [10/23/18](#)]

- **Montini Opinion: McSally’s Campaign Paid Top Staffers As Independent Contractors To Avoid Paying Payroll Taxes, Social Security And Medicare Withholding, And Benefits.** “A report in Arizona's Politics has found that Republican senate candidate Martha McSally has decided that her top campaign staff are not really employees, but independent contractors, and is therefore avoiding paying payroll taxes, Social Security and Medicare withholding, unemployment taxes and benefits.” [Arizona Republic, EJ Montini Opinion, [10/23/18](#)]
- **Montini Opinion: “It Doesn’t Seem Right For A Politician Who Lives Off The Taxpayers To Be Avoiding Taxes, Does It?”** “We can’t be sure how much money McSally saves and is able to pump back into her campaign by avoiding taxes and labeling top staff as independent consultants. But it doesn’t seem right for a politician who lives off the taxpayers to be avoiding taxes, does it? And if McSally is willing to treat Uncle Sam and her own staff like this, what can you expect from her when Congress is considering whether to cut YOUR funding for programs like Social Security, Medicare and so on?” [Arizona Republic, EJ Montini Opinion, [10/23/18](#)]

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**May 2021: A Former Consultant And Deputy Campaign Manager Of McSally’s Senate Campaign Pleaded Guilty To Stealing Campaign Funds; The Campaign’s Payments To Him “Dramatically” Increased While Bognet Was CEO**

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**May 2021: Anthony Barry, A Former Consultant And Deputy Campaign Manager Of Martha McSally’s 2018 Senate Campaign, Pleaded Guilty To Stealing More Than \$115,000 From The Campaign.** “An Illinois man pleaded guilty today to the theft of more than \$115,000 in campaign funds from the McSally for Senate Campaign in 2018 and 2019. According to court documents, Anthony Barry, 33, of Yorkville, served as a deputy campaign manager and consultant for former U.S. Senator Martha McSally. Barry used his position in the campaign to fraudulently direct the campaign to make payments to him beyond what he was owed for his salary and had the fraudulently obtained funds deposited into his personal bank account.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]



**Barry Fraudulently Directed The Campaign To Pay Him Beyond His Salary.** “Barry used his position in the campaign to fraudulently direct the campaign to make payments to him beyond what he was owed for his salary and had the fraudulently obtained funds deposited into his personal bank account.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]

**February – June 2018: McSally’s Campaign Paid Barry Between \$8,000 And \$9,000 Monthly.** “It’s unclear when the fraud took place. Federal campaign records show Barry received \$215,033.95 from McSally’s campaign in 2018. From February through June of that year, he brought in \$8,000 a month to about \$9,000 a month. His earnings increased dramatically that summer and by November, when the election took place, he earned nearly \$45,000 for the month.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]

**McSally’s Campaign’s Payments To Barry Increased “Dramatically” During Summer 2018 And Paid Him “Nearly \$45,000” Per Month By November 2018, Though It Was “Unclear When The Fraud Took Place.”** “It’s unclear when the fraud took place. Federal campaign records show Barry received \$215,033.95 from McSally’s campaign in 2018. From February through June of that year, he brought in \$8,000 a month to about \$9,000 a month. His earnings increased dramatically that summer and by November, when the election took place, he earned nearly \$45,000 for the month.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]

**2011: After Taking Over As Campaign Manager Of Dewhurst For Texas From Bognet, A Consultant Embezzled \$1.8 Million In Campaign Funds And Was Later Sentenced To Seven Years In Federal Prison**

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**July 2011 – January 2012: Bognet Also Served As Assistant Treasurer For The Campaign.** “When DFT was formed in July 2011, Dr. Carlos Hamilton was appointed as treasurer of DFT and Mr. Bognet served as assistant treasurer. On January 31, 2012, Rebekah Balciunas replaced Mr. Bognet as DFT’s assistant treasurer; Ms. Balciunas also worked as an office manager for DFT and helped prepare DFT’s disclosure reports filed with the FEC.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]



**October 2011: Barfield Became Dewhurst's Campaign Manager And Bognet Became Its Political Consultant.** "In October 2011, Mr. Barfield replaced Mr. Bognet as DFT's campaign manager and Mr. Bognet became a political consultant for DFT." [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**October 2011: Bognet Was Removed As A Signatory On The Campaign's Bank Accounts.** "As was noted above, Mr. Barfield served as a consultant for DFT from DFT's inception in July 2011 through October 9, 2011. At that time, Mr. Barfield assumed the role of campaign manager and DFT's prior campaign manager, Mr. Bognet, transitioned to serving as a senior adviser for DFT. On October 10, 2011, Mr. Bognet was removed, and Mr. Barfield was added, as signatory on DFT's bank accounts. The available information indicates that Mr. Barfield's embezzlement scheme began around the time that he became campaign manager for DFT." [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

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**2012: Barfield Left The Campaign After Being Confronted About Large Discrepancies In The Campaign's Finances.** "Barfield had been one of Dewhurst's most trusted advisers prior to 2012, when an accountant discovered that significant amounts of money were missing from Dewhurst's campaign accounts. After being confronted about the discrepancies, Barfield left the campaign and promised to repay the money. He has since had to sign over his spacious Austin house as part of a settlement agreement in a civil lawsuit." [Texas Tribune, [10/21/14](#)]

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**2013: A Year After Dewhurst's Campaign Ended, The Campaign Still Owed Vendors, Including Bognet, To Whom It Owed More Than \$100,000**

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**A Year After Dewhurst Lost, His Campaign Still Owed Vendors – Including Bognet -- Nearly \$1 Million.** "It's been more than a year since Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst lost his bid to become a U.S. senator, but his campaign still owes consultants and vendors nearly \$1 million, Federal Election Commission records show. In a July filing, the Dewhurst For Texas federal campaign committee disclosed various 'debts and obligations' owed to consultants and other service providers, including top Republican consultants Dave Carney, Mike Baselice and Jim Bognet." [Texas Tribune, [8/13/13](#)]

**Bognet Was Owed \$112,885 For His General Consulting Services.** "Here are some of the debts the Dewhurst Senate campaign still owes, according to the FEC: [...] \$112,885 to former general consultant and strategist Jim Bognet, a former top campaign aide to Mitt Romney." [Texas Tribune, [8/13/13](#)]

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**Dewhurst For Texas Paid Bognet \$112,885.54 Between 2015 And 2016 And \$397,862.95 Between 2011 And 2012**

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**2014 – 2015: Barfield Admitted To Embezzling \$1.8 Million From Dewhurst’s Campaign And Was Sentenced To Seven Years In Federal Prison**

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**October 2014: Barfield Pleaded Guilty To Wire Fraud, Making A False Tax Return And Embezzlement Of Funds Contributed To A Federal Candidate After He Took \$1.8 Million In Dewhurst’s Campaign Funds.**

“Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's former adviser Kenneth ‘Buddy’ Barfield pleaded guilty on Tuesday to charges of wire fraud, making a false tax return and embezzlement of funds contributed to a federal candidate. Barfield's plea agreement, which was submitted in federal court to U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Lane, stated that he took \$1.8 million from the David Dewhurst Committee and the Dewhurst for Texas campaign funds from 2008 to 2012.” [Texas Tribune, [10/21/14](#)]

**February 2015: Barfield Was Sentenced To Seven Years In Federal Prison For Embezzling \$1.8 Million From The Dewhurst Campaign.** “A onetime adviser to former Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was sentenced Friday to 87 months in federal prison for embezzling millions of dollars from Dewhurst’s campaign for the U.S. Senate. Kenneth ‘Buddy’ Barfield pleaded guilty in October to charges of wire fraud, falsifying tax returns and tapping funds contributed to a federal candidate. Barfield admitted to taking \$1.8 million from the David Dewhurst Committee and the Dewhurst for Texas campaign funds from 2008 to 2012.” [Texas Tribune, [2/27/15](#)]

**2016: FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst’s Campaign Failed To Report Activity It Paid For With Excessive Funds Provided By Barfield And His Firm, Including Payments To Bognet**

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**2016: FEC Counsel Accused Dewhurst’s Campaign And An Employee Of Barfield’s Consulting Firm Failed To Report Activity Paid For With Excessive Contributions – Funding That Activity Out Of Barfield’s Firm**

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**2016: FEC Counsel Accused Dewhurst’s Campaign And Theresa Wheatley, An Employee Of Barfield’s Consulting Firm, Of Failing To Report Activity It Paid For With Excessive Contributions.** “Although our investigation is still ongoing, to date we have obtained information that demonstrates that Dewhurst may have been testing the waters for several months prior to declaring his candidacy, and that this activity was both unreported and paid for with excessive contributions from Barfield and his consulting company, AGC, and Dewhurst’s state committee, David Dewhurst Committee (‘DDC’). Further information shows that Dewhurst privately made the decision to run for Senate as early as May 3, 2011, and communicated that decision to several key supporters at that time; consequently, he may have been required to file his Statement of Candidacy before July 19, 2011, the date he filed with the Commission. Finally, documents confirm that Theresa Wheatley, an employee of AGC, knowingly permitted her name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst “May Have Been Testing The Waters” For Months Before Registering His Candidacy In July 2011 With Activities Funded By Excessive Contributions By Barfield And His Company.**

“Although our investigation is still ongoing, to date we have obtained information that demonstrates that Dewhurst may have been testing the waters for several months prior to declaring his candidacy, and that this activity was both unreported and paid for with excessive contributions from Barfield and his consulting company, AGC, and Dewhurst’s state committee, David Dewhurst Committee (‘DDC’). Further information shows that Dewhurst privately made the decision to run for Senate as early as May 3, 2011, and communicated that decision to several key supporters at that time; consequently, he may have been required to file his Statement of Candidacy before July 19, 2011, the date he filed with the Commission. Finally, documents confirm that Theresa Wheatley, an employee of AGC, knowingly permitted her name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**During This Time, Dewhurst Allegedly Communicated His Decision To Run To “Key Supporters,” Which Would Have Required Him To Register As A Candidate And Report The Campaign’s Finances.** “Although

our investigation is still ongoing, to date we have obtained information that demonstrates that Dewhurst may have been testing the waters for several months prior to declaring his candidacy, and that this activity was both unreported and paid for with excessive contributions from Barfield and his consulting company, AGC, and Dewhurst's state committee, David Dewhurst Committee ('DDC'). Further information shows that Dewhurst privately made the decision to run for Senate as early as May 3, 2011, and communicated that decision to several key supporters at that time; consequently, he may have been required to file his Statement of Candidacy before July 19, 2011, the date he filed with the Commission. Finally, documents confirm that Theresa Wheatley, an employee of AGC, knowingly permitted her name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another." [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

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**FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst's Campaign Failed To Report Paying Bognet As Campaign Manager In June 2011 And Referenced An Email From Bognet To Prove Dewhurst Decided To Run Months Before July 2011**

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**Dewhurst's Campaign Failed To Disclose Expenditures To Bognet While He Was Its Campaign Manager In June 2011.** "Finally, emails reflect that Mark Sanders and Third Coast Consulting worked on setting up a super PAC and developing opposition reports on declared U.S. Senate candidates from Texas between May and July, 2011; that James Bognet worked as the Dewhurst for Texas campaign manager in June 2011; and that David Carney and Norway Hill provided opposition research to the Committee during the March - June, 2011 timeframe. The Committee failed to report any expenditures or receipts in connection with these services." [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**FEC Counsel Referenced A June 2011 Email From Bognet To Enrique Marquez About "A Letter That Appears To Be Contemplating An Announcement Of [Dewhurst's] Candidacy" To Prove Dewhurst Privately Decided To Run Months Before Announcing His Candidacy.** "Documents include the following email exchange reflecting that Dewhurst had privately made the decision to run for the U.S. Senate as early as May 3, 2011 (over two months prior to his July announcement). In response to the question of whether Dewhurst was running for Senate, Barfield on May 3, 2011 replied, 'I had a chance to talk with him last night late and he reconfirmed his desire and full intent to run and his expectations and that you and Arthur would be on the team.'" Similarly, a June 18 e-mail to Dewhurst's wife states, Patricia, I just spoke with your husband, and I am so excited to hear that he is going to run for Senate after all. David said that you check email even while traveling ... so I am emailing you this confirmation that Jim Pinkerton and I are available at 10A CT ... to do a conference call with David and a couple of his campaign staffers he mentioned.[FOOTNOTE 5] [...] [FOOTNOTE 5:] See E-mail from James Pinkerton to Jim Woodhill, copy to Patricia Dewhurst and Amanda Gross (June 18, 2011, 7:04 CST). See also E-mail from Jim Bognet to Enrique Marquez (June 23, 2011, 9:13 CST) (discussing the content of a letter that appears to be contemplating an announcement of his candidacy)." [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

- **March 2020: Enrique Marquez, A Self-Employed Consultant Of Austin, TX, Contributed \$250 To Bognet's Congressional Campaign.** [FEC, Contributor Search, accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst's Campaign, Dewhurst, And Wheatley, Violated The Federal Election Campaign Acts.** "In light of the information described above, we believe that Dewhurst for Texas, David Dewhurst, and Theresa Wheatley may have violated the Act [Federal Election Campaign Acts of 1971]. If the Commission does not object during the 72-hour period, we will notify the Committee, Dewhurst, and Wheatley of the additional information summarized here, and afford them the opportunity to respond to these allegations if they wish to do so. Based on the information and their response, we will then proceed with any appropriate recommendations to the Commission." [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

*Note: As of March 2022, the FEC did not take any other [votes](#) on MUR Case #6761 other than to name Theresa Wheatley as a respondent and to accept a conciliation agreement with her, both of which took place in 2016.*

## While Bognet Was A Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, It Lobbied For The Saudi Government For More Than \$1 Million Against A Bill To Allow 9/11 Victims To Sue It And For Arms Sales That Advocates Said Prolonged Destructive Conflict In Yemen

**2016 – 2018: While Bognet Was A Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, It Reported Receiving \$1.3 Million From The Government Of Saudi Arabia**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**July 2016 – April 2018: While Bognet Worked There, Glover Park Group Reported Receiving \$1.3 Million From The Government Of Saudi Arabia, In Addition To Nearly \$6 Million From Other Foreign Agents**

**January 2016 – April 2018: While Bognet Worked There, Glover Park Group Reported Receiving \$1.3 Million From The Government Of Saudi Arabia:**

January 2016 – July 2018: Glover Park Group Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings Related To Work On Behalf Of The Government Or Embassy Of Saudi Arabia				
Supplemental Statement Filing Date	Time Period	Foreign Principal	Date Paid	Total Paid
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	The Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	3/19/18	\$600,000
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Government of Saudi Arabia	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Government of Saudi Arabi	4/6/17	\$700,000
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Acquired 9/20/16)	Government of Saudi Arabi	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,300,000</b>

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings Registrant Search, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$3,000 From Registrants To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia, Including One Registered For Glover Park Group While Bognet Worked There**

**2020: Alex Mistri And Richard Hohlt Contributed \$3,000 To Bognet's Congressional Campaign:**

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Alex Mistri And Richard Hohlt				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	6/19/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp	4/29/20	\$1,000
Richard Hohlt	VA	President, Hohlt & Company	9/28/20	\$500
Total				<b>\$3,000</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**September 2016: Glover Park Group Filed As A Registrant To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- **In Its Filing, Glover Park Group Stated It Would “Provide Communications And Government Relations Counsel” To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** “Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding. Registrant will provide communications and government relations counsel and support to the foreign principal in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant will undertake specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**September 2016: Alex Mistri, A Glover Park Group Consultant, Filed As A Registrant To Provide Services, Including “Communications And Government Relations Counsel” To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.**

Glover Park Group consultant Alex Mistri's filing as a registrant to provide services to principal agent the Government of Saudi Arabia read in part, “Registrant will provide communications and government relations counsel and support to the Government of Saudi Arabia in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant will undertake specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Short-Form, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- **September 2016: Brett O'Brien And Joel Johnson Of The Glover Park Group Also Filed As Registrants To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Short-Form, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#); Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Short-Form, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**As Of October 2021, Richard Hohlt Of Hohlt Group Global Was Registered To Provide Services Related To “Public Affairs, And Technical Legislative Interpretation, Strategy, And Analysis” For The Embassy Of Saudi Arabia.** On its Supplemental Statement covering April to October 2020, Hohlt Group Global indicated that Richard Hohlt was a registrant to provide services for the Embassy of Saudi Arabia. It described these services: “Richard Hohlt served as a called upon advisor to Embassy staff on public affairs, and technical legislative interpretation, strategy, and analysis. HE DOES NOT LOBBY OR ADVOCATE.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed [11/17/20](#), accessed [3/22/22](#)]



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**2016: While Bognet Was Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, It Advocated On Behalf Of Saudi Arabia Against A Bill That Would Allow Families Of 9/11 Victims To Sue The Saudi Government**

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**May – September 2016: The House And Senate Voted Unanimously For The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), Then Overrode Obama’s Veto Of The Bill**

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**May 2016: The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), A Bill To Allow Families Of 9/11 Victims To Sue The Government Of Saudi Arabia, Passed The Senate Unanimously.** “The U.S. Senate passed legislation on Tuesday that would allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia’s government for damages, setting up a potential showdown with the White House, which has threatened a veto. The Saudis, who deny responsibility for the 2001 attacks, strongly object to the bill. They had said they might sell up to \$750 billion in U.S. securities and other American assets in retaliation if it became law. The ‘Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act,’ or JASTA, passed the Senate by unanimous voice vote. It must next be taken up by the U.S. House of Representatives, where the Judiciary Committee intends to hold a hearing on the measure in the near future, a committee aide said.” [Reuters, [5/17/16](#)]

**9/9/16: JASTA Passed The House Unanimously.** “The House unanimously passed a bill Friday allowing families of 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts. But President Barack Obama is almost certain to reject it, setting up the first potential veto override of his presidency.” [Politico, [9/9/16](#)]

**9/23/16: Obama Vetoes JASTA, Citing Concerns Over Foreign Governments Potentially Suing American Officials In Retaliation.** “The White House vetoed legislation on Friday that would allow Saudi Arabia to be sued for any alleged role in the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks — setting up what is almost certain to be the first veto override of Barack Obama’s presidency. Obama’s rejection of the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act was well-foreshadowed; White House officials have repeatedly said Obama has several objections to the measure, including concerns that U.S. officials would face retaliation in the courts by foreign governments.” [Politico, [9/23/16](#)]

- **September 2016: Trump Said Obama’s Veto Of JASTA Was “Shameful” And “Will Go Down As One Of The Low Points Of His Presidency.”** “Donald Trump on Friday blasted President Obama for vetoing legislation that would allow families of 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts. ‘President Obama’s veto of the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act is shameful and will go down as one of the low points of his presidency,’ he said in a statement.” [The Hill, [9/23/16](#)]

**9/28/16: The House – Including Rep. Cartwright – And Senate Voted To Override Obama’s Veto Of JASTA.** “Congress overwhelmingly rejected President Barack Obama’s bid to derail legislation allowing families of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to sue the government of Saudi Arabia, handing him the first veto override of his presidency during his final year in office. The Senate took the first step Wednesday, voting 97-1 to override Obama’s veto of the 9/11 bill. The House quickly followed with a 348-77 vote.” [Politico, [9/28/16](#)]

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**September 2016: The Saudi Government Hired Glover Park Group Amid Its Fight Against JASTA**

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**September 2016: The Saudi Government Hired Glover Park Group Amid Its Fight Against JASTA.** “Saudi Arabia has hired two new lobby firms as it fights legislation that would allow victims of the 9/11 attacks to file lawsuits against the country. Glover Park Group and Squire Patton Boggs are now working for the Saudi government, according to new disclosure forms. Both contracts were inked earlier this week. The Saudi government is adding Washington firepower amid the battle over legislation that would allow U.S. citizens to sue any other country for terrorist attacks. The bill passed both chambers of Congress unanimously. [...] The Senate passed the legislation, known as the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), in May, and the House followed suit on Sept. 9. Members of the House and Senate are now starting a movement to undo Obama's veto[.]” [The Hill, [9/23/16](#)]

**September 2016: Glover Park Group Filed As A Registrant To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- **In Its Filing, Glover Park Group Stated It Would “Provide Communications And Government Relations Counsel” To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** “Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding. Registrant will provide communications and government relations counsel and support to the foreign principal in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant will undertake specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

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**September – December 2016: The Glover Park Group Conducted Extensive Outreach To White House And Congressional Offices On Behalf Of The Government Of Saudi Arabia Related To JASTA**

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**September – December 2016: The Glover Park Group Conducted Outreach To White House And Congressional Offices On JASTA, Reporting More Than 150 Contacts On Behalf Of The Saudi Government On The Subject.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed 1/31/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

*Note: For descriptions of each of the 157 contacts the Glover Park Group made on behalf of the Government of Saudi Arabia related to JASTA, see [Foreign Policy Issues](#) section.*

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**November 2016: The Glover Park Group Distributed Materials In Opposition To JASTA On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government**

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**November 2016: On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government, The Glover Park Group Distributed A Press Release Warning Of The “Harmful Consequences” Of JASTA After Its Passage.** “The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), vetoed by President Obama but overridden on September 28, 2016 by the U.S. Congress, is now law. This legislation will likely trigger a chain of unintended and harmful consequences and is already leading to foreign lawsuits against the U.S., which could ultimately implicate U.S. personnel serving abroad. The legislation passed by Congress has received widespread opposition from the country’s top defense and national security leaders and our military veterans. [...] This is distributed by The Glover Park Group on behalf of the government of Saudi Arabia. Additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.” [Government of Saudi Arabia, Press Release, via Department of Justice Foreign Agents Registration Act Database, dated November 2016, received [3/30/17](#)]

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**November 2016: Sens. Graham And McCain Unveiled A “Fix” To JASTA, Which 9/11 Victims’ Families And A Congressional Aide Attributed To The Saudi Government And Its Lobbyists**

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**11/30/16: Sens. Graham And McCain Unveiled A “Fix” To JASTA Intended To Prevent Retaliatory Lawsuits, Which Would Only Hold Governments Liable For Terrorism If They Knowingly Engaged With Terrorists.** “Sens. Lindsey Graham and John McCain on Wednesday unveiled their ‘fix’ to a controversial new law intended to allow families of victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to sue Saudi Arabia. Under their proposal, foreign governments would only be held liable for terrorist attacks ‘if they knowingly engage with a terrorist organization directly or indirectly, including financing,’ as Graham explained. The fix is intended to narrow the law’s scope and reduce the likelihood that it would produce retaliatory suits against the United States.” [Politico, [11/30/16](#)]

**9/11 Families And Survivors United For Justice Against Terrorism Called The Graham-McCain Version Of JASTA A “Betrayal” And Said The Changes Were “Demanded By Saudi Arabia’s Lobbyists.”** “Following Graham and McCain’s floor speeches, a group advocating for the law issued a statement blasting the two senators’

proposed fix. The group, 9/11 Families and Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism, said the provision would ‘effectively gut’ JASTA. ‘In April of this year, Senator Graham met with 9/11 family members from the September 11 Advocates Group and told them that he supported our cause 100 percent,’ said Terry Strada, the group’s national chair. ‘Senator Graham is now stabbing the 9/11 families in the back. He and Senator McCain are seeking to torpedo JASTA by imposing changes demanded by Saudi Arabia’s lobbyists. We have reviewed the language, and it is an absolute betrayal.’” [Politico, [11/30/16](#)]

#### **A Congressional Aide Called The Change To JASTA “A Giveaway To K Street Lobbyists And The Saudis.”**

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#### **Additional Amendments To JASTA After Congress Overrode Obama’s Veto Of It Did Not Pass.**

[Congress.gov, S.2040, [9/28/16](#)]

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#### **December 2016: Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, With Whom The Glover Park Group Contracted, Traveled To The U.S. In Support Of The Amendment**

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**December 2016: Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir Spoke In Support Of The Amendment And Travelled To The U.S. To Persuade American Lawmakers To Pass It.** “Saudi foreign minister Adel al-Jubeir told reporters on Sunday that he had been ‘trying to persuade’ US legislators to change a law allowing victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks to sue the kingdom. According to Agence France-Presse, Jubeir said he had returned from a US visit in which he had been trying ‘to persuade them that there needs to be an amendment of the law’, the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA).” [Alarabiya News, [12/19/16](#)]

#### **2016: On Its Filing As A Registrant To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia, The Glover Park Group Listed Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir As The “Official With Whom Registrant Deals.”**

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

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#### **2016: The Glover Park Group Contacted Sen. Graham’s Office Eleven Times On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government Regarding JASTA, With Eight Contacts Occurring Within One Week Of Graham’s Amendment Proposal**

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September – December 2016: Glover Park Group Political Activity With Sen. Graham’s Office On Behalf Of The Government Of Saudi Arabia Mentioning JASTA		
#	Date	Action
1	12/6/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
2	12/6/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
3	12/1/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
4	12/1/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
5	12/1/16	Email to Richard Perry and Matt Rinkunas, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding administration support for JASTA amendment
6	11/30/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
7	11/29/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
8	11/28/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
9	9/21/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding SASC hearing and military concern over JASTA

10	9/20/16	Call to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding status of veto override vote
11	9/20/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding status of veto override vote

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed 1/31/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

### 2017: While Bognet Was Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, It Advocated For Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of Its Government, Which Critics Said Prolonged Disastrous Conflict In Yemen

**April 2017 – March 2018: The Glover Park Group Paid The McKeon Group, Another Registrant For The Saudi Government, Nearly Half A Million Dollars To Lobby On Issues Related To Saudi Arabia, Including Arms Sales**

2016 – 2018: McKeon Group Lobbying Paid For By The Glover Park Group						
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Client	Specific Lobbying Issues	Interest Of Foreign Representatives	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
1/23/17	Q4 2016	The Glover Park Group	JASTA	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon	Less than \$5,000
4/12/17	Q1 2017	The Glover Park Group	JASTA	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon	Less than \$5,000
7/12/17	Q2 2017	The Glover Park Group	Senate S.J. Res 40 National Defense Authorizing Act HR 2810 Sale of American made goods to our foreign relations partners	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon Preston Feinberg	\$70,000
10/13/17	Q3 2017	The Glover Park Group	Senate S.J. Res 40 National Defense Authorizing Act HR 2810 Sale of American made goods to our foreign relations partners	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon Preston Feinberg	Less than \$5,000
1/19/18	Q4 2017	The Glover Park Group	Senate S.J. Res 40 Sale of American made goods to our foreign relations partners Maintain US Saudi Relations	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon Preston Feinberg	Less than \$5,000
4/19/18	Q1 2018	The Glover Park Group	Maintain US Saudi Relations	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon Preston Feinberg	\$420,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$490,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**November 2016: The McKeon Group Filed As A Registrant To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia, With Howard P. McKeon, Howard D. McKeon, And Preston Feinberg Registered To Provide**

**Services.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Registration Statement, filed 11/16/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**1993 – 2015: Howard “Buck” McKeon Served In The U.S. House Of Representatives Representing CA-25.**  
[Congress.gov, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

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**June – November 2017: The McKeon Group Advocated For Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of The Glover Park Group**

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**May – November 2017: The McKeon Group Reported Representing The “Glover Group” For The Government Of Saudi Arabia, Including “Government Relations Support.”** On its Foreign Agents Registration Act Supplemental Statement covering May to November 2017, the McKeon Group reported representing “The Glover Group for The Government of Saudi Arabia, Embassy of Saudi Arabia.” It described the services it provided: “Registrant provided communications and government relations support to The Glover Group on behalf of the Government of Saudi Arabia in connection with general foreign public policy.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed 12/29/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**June – November 2017: The McKeon Group Contacted Legislative Staff Eight Times Regarding Matters Related To Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia And Conflict In Yemen:**

<b>May – November 2017: The McKeon Group Reported Political Activity Related To Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia &amp; Conflict In Yemen</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
11/13/17	Preston Feinberg email to Jennifer Bird, Blake Peltz, Candace Wagner and Hannah Scheenstra of Chairman Thornberry's staff regarding the Khana [sic] Resolution
10/16/17	Howard D. McKeon contacted Josh Martin (Chairman Thornberry's COS) to gain better insight into the Davidson Amendments meaning.
10/4/17	Howard D. McKeon email to Jen Stewart (Staff Director - House Armed Services Committee) to inquire about the Nolan Amendment.
8/4/17	Preston Feinberg and Howard D. McKeon met with Senator McCain's new COS, Truman Anderson to discuss NDAA issues.
7/13/17	Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon and Preston Feinberg spoke with Chairman Thornberry and his staff to discuss the Davidson amendment in the NDAA.
6/12/17	Chairman Howard "Buck" spoke with Senator Cotton regarding the PGM sale.
6/5/17	Preston Feinberg emails to Chris Anderson (Mil Leg Asst.) for Sen. Cassidy, Klon Kitchen (Natl Security Advisor) for Sen. Salle and Jason Suslavich (Mil Legislative Asst) for Sen Sullivan regarding positions on PGM sale.
6/1/17	Preston Feinberg emails to Brad Bowman, (Sen. Young, Chris Anderson (Sen Cassidy), John Noonan and Alex Wong (Sen Cotton), Dan Adelstein and Gregg Rickman (Sen. Rounds), Klon kitchen (Sen. Sasse) and Jason Suslavich (Sen. Sullivan) to follow up as to each Senator's current position on the PGM sale.

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed 12/29/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- **June 2017: The Senate Narrowly Voted To Sell Saudi Arabia \$500 Million Worth Of Precision-Guided Munitions (PGM).** “Along with Raytheon and Kaman, Boeing was the big winner in a narrowly approved (53-47) Senate vote last month to sell over \$500 million worth of precision-guided munitions (PGM) to Saudi Arabia. PGM could in theory be used to pinpoint Saudi airstrikes to avoid hitting civilians. However, the Saudi military has a history of doing the opposite and targeting schools, hospitals, and markets — something members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have criticized the nation for.” [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]
- **Saudi Arabia Historically Used PGM To Target Attacks On Schools And Hospitals, Which Both Parties Condemned.** “PGM could in theory be used to pinpoint Saudi airstrikes to avoid hitting civilians. However, the Saudi military has a history of doing the opposite and targeting schools, hospitals, and



markets — something members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have criticized the nation for.” [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]

- **2017: Multiple Proposed Amendments To The NDAA, Including Those Proposed By Reps. Ro Khanna And Warren Davidson, Would Tighten Regulations On Arms Sales Between The U.S. And Saudi Arabia.** “Arms deals to Saudi Arabia have become increasingly fraught due to the country’s dismal domestic human rights record and ongoing war with neighboring Yemen. Several amendments aiming to limit military support for Saudi Arabia have been put forward on this year’s National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the annual bill that sets defense policy. Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) submitted multiple amendments. One would prohibit the U.S. from providing funding or logistical support for aerial refueling, which enables the Saudi-led coalition’s constant bombardment of Yemen. Another would limit air-to-ground munitions being sold to the coalition. Republicans have also registered their objections. An amendment from Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH) would prohibit taxpayer dollars to be spent on U.S. military operations in Yemen.” [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]
- **July 2017: The Nolan Amendment Proposed A Prohibition On Sending American Troops To Participate In The War On Yemen And Limiting Mid-Air Refueling Operations For Saudi Warplanes.** “The house version of the nearly \$700 billion 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes multiple amendments aimed at limiting US involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen, explicitly forbidding the deployment of ground troops there, or spending any money on military operations outside the scope of the 2001 AUMF. [...] The Nolan Amendment prohibits the deployment of troops to participate in any way in the war, which is seen not only as restricting ground troops being sent to Yemen to fight on the side of the Saudis, but also appears aimed at limiting mid-air refueling operations for Saudi warplanes.” [Financial Tribune, [7/17/17](#)]
- **November 2017: Rep. Khanna Introduced A Resolution Denouncing “The Conduct Of Activities In Yemen And Areas Affected By The Conflict That Are Inconsistent With The Laws Of Armed Conflict.”** “Expresses the urgent need for a political solution in Yemen consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2216 or as otherwise agreed to by the parties. Denounces the conduct of activities in Yemen and areas affected by the conflict that are inconsistent with the laws of armed conflict, including the deliberate targeting of civilian populations or the use of civilian human shields. Calls on all parties to the conflict to: (1) increase efforts to prevent civilian casualties and increase humanitarian access; and (2) allow for unobstructed access for humanitarian organizations, human rights investigators, medical relief personnel, and journalists. Supports the Saudi-led Arab Coalition’s commitments to abide by their no-strike and restricted target list and improve their targeting capabilities. Condemns Iranian activities in Yemen in violation in such resolution and calls on all responsible countries to take necessary measures against Iran, including the interdiction of Iranian weapons to the Houthi rebels and the application of sanctions against Iran. Encourages other governments to join in providing the resources necessary to address the humanitarian crisis.” [Congress.gov, H.Res.599, Introduced [11/1/17](#)]

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**June 2017: The Glover Park Distributed A Press Release In Support Of Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government**

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**June 2017: The Glover Park Group Distributed Touting The Benefits Of Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government.** “During President Trump’s visit to Saudi Arabia in May, the United States and Saudi Arabia committed to defense agreements totaling \$110 billion • Cumulatively, these agreements will enhance the Kingdom’s ability to fight terrorism and deter Iranian aggression, critical shared interests of our two nations. These arms sales will have four concrete benefits: DEFEND THE KINGDOM: Saudi Arabia wishes to live in peace with its neighbors. Saudi Arabia has only intervened military when the security of its own territory has been threatened. [...] DEFEAT TERRORISM: These arms sales help encourage the Kingdom and other nations in the region to shoulder more of the burden of fighting terrorism and maintaining regional security. [...] DETER AGGRESSION: Saudi Arabia remains under threat from the violent ambitions of Iran and its proxies around the region. [...] DEEPEN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES: Saudi Arabia and the United States share an economic and security relationship that spans eight decades [...] Distributed by The

Glover Park Group on behalf of the Government of Saudi Arabia.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Informational Materials, filed 6/8/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

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**NGO: International Arms Sales For Use In Yemen “Are Fueling A Brutal War That Has Cost Many Thousands Of Lives”**

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**Save The Children: “When International Governments Sell Weapons To Be Used In Yemen They Are Fueling A Brutal War That Has Cost Many Thousands Of Lives And Left A Country In Ruins.”** ““Every day in Yemen we see the terrible human cost of arms sales when children are killed and maimed, or their homes and schools are bombed to rubble,” Alun McDonald, Save the Children's communications director in the Middle East, told IBT by email. ‘The Saudi-led coalition has repeatedly used these weapons in violation of international law and children make up about one third of civilian casualties. ‘Thousands of children have died, not only directly from bombing but also from preventable illnesses that can't be treated because of the bombing of hospitals and health facilities. When international governments sell weapons to be used in Yemen they are fueling a brutal war that has cost many thousands of lives and left a country in ruins.’” [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]

**October 2018: Months After Bognet Left The Firm, Glover Park Group Announced It Would No Longer Work With The Government Of Saudi Arabia After Journalist Khashoggi's Murder**

**April 2018: Bognet Left His Position As Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**October 2018: Glover Park Group Announced It Would No Longer Work With The Government Of Saudi Arabia After Journalist Khashoggi's Murder.** “Two more Washington lobbying firms dropped their representation of Saudi Arabia on Monday amid an escalating uproar about the disappearance and alleged killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, according to people familiar with the decisions. The Glover Park Group notified the Saudi Embassy in Washington that it was canceling its two-year-old contract to represent the kingdom, according to a person with knowledge of the move.” [Washington Post, [10/15/18](#)]

**Bognet Claimed He Did Not Fundraise From “DC Lobbyist Types” Or The “Swamp Creature Crowd,” But Raised Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars From DC-Area Lobbyists And His Other Political Connections**

**July – August 2020: Bognet Claimed He Fundraised From The Grassroots, In Contrast With “DC Lobbyist Types” And The “DC Swamp Creature Crowd”**

**July 2020: Bognet Claimed He Fundraised From The Grassroots, Rather Than “DC Lobbyist Types.”** “[BOGNET:] The party has rallied around us, is helping us raise the resources. When you're dealing with a wealthy incumbent, they get a lot of money from the DC lobbyist types, we're getting great small-dollar donations from around the country to take the case to the people.” [Hugh Hewitt Show via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/24/20](#)] (AUDIO) 2:29

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**2019 – 2021: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$38,500 From DC-Area Lobbyists And Employees Of Lobbying Firms**

**2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$38,500 From DC-Area Lobbyists And Employees Of Federally Registered Lobbying Firms.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

*Note: For full table of contributions to Bognet for Congress from DC-area lobbyists and employees of lobbying firms, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

**2019 – 2021: Bognet Accepted \$25,167.92 From Out-Of-State Alumni Of Campaigns He Worked On**

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*Note: For full table of Bognet for Congress contributions from alumni of campaigns Bognet worked on, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

**2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$14,000 From Past And Current Employees Of Political Firms Where He Once Worked**

**2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$12,000 From Past And Current Lobbyists Of Finsbury Glover Hering, Formerly Known As Glover Park Group, Where He Once Worked**

**2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$12,000 From Past And Current Lobbyists Of Finsbury Glover Hering, Formerly Known As Glover Park Group.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/14/22](#); [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

*Note: For full information on contributions to Bognet for Congress by current and former Finsbury Glover Hering employees, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

**2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,000 From Consultants At Strategic Partners & Media, Formerly Known As Stevens & Schriefer Group**

**2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,000 From Consultants At Strategic Partners & Media.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/14/22](#); Strategic Partners & Media, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

**2013: Stevens And Schriefer Group Was Renamed Strategic Partners And Media.** “Strategic Partners and Media technically only dates back to 2013, but the firm's history traces back to 1991 under the Stevens and Schriefer Group name. Here's what Fawell, Managing Partner Ashley O'Connor, Partner Russ Schriefer and Vice President Shannon Chatlos had to say about the newly expanded Strategic Partners and Media team and the gubernatorial election.” [Baltimore Business Journals, [2/20/15](#)]

*Note: For full information on contributions to Bognet for Congress by Strategic Partners & Media consultants, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

**Bognet Was Invested In And Profited Off Of Multiple Multi-Million Dollar Properties In The DC Area Through A Fund Connected To His Cousin’s Virginia Construction Company**

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$200,000 Worth Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC And Reportedly Received Up To \$60,000 Total Income From It**

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**In His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures, Bognet Disclosed A 2.963 Percent Ownership In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, A “Private Real Estate Fund.”** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

*Note: For full information on Bognet’s investments in Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, see [Personal Finance](#) section.*

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**Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC Had The Same Chief Financial Officer And Address As Bognet Construction, Which Bognet’s Cousin Ran In Virginia**

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**Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC’s Chief Financial Officer Was Glenn Roberson And Its Address Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA**

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**As Of July 2021, Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Glenn Roberson Was The Registered Agent Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC As Of July 2021 And Its Chief Financial Officer Per Its November 2015 Filings.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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**Bognet Construction’s Chief Financial Officer Was Glenn Roberson And Its Address Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Tysons, VA**

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**Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Glenn Roberson Was Chief Financial Officer Of Bognet Construction In Tysons, VA.** [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **As Of March 2022, Bognet Construction Listed Its Address On Its Website As Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Tysons, VA.** [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **Business In Tyson, VA, Which Was Unincorporated, Typically Listed Their Addresses As Being In Vienna, McLean, Or Falls Church.** “With no Zip code of its own, Tysons Corner has long struggled to define its sense of place, despite success as a major shopping and employment hub. It isn’t an official city and residents and businesses there have traditionally had mailing addresses in McLean, Falls Church or Vienna.” [Washington Post, [4/1/11](#)]

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**James Richard Bognet, Cousin Of Candidate Jim Bognet, Was The President, CEO, And Registered Agent Of Bognet Construction**

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**As Of March 2020, James Richard Bognet Was The Registered Agent Of Bognet Construction Associates,**

Inc. [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **James Bognet, A Cousin Of Candidate Jim Bognet, Was The President And Chief Executive Of Bognet Construction Associates, A Vienna, VA-Based Construction Company.** “Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

### **Through Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, Bognet Held Financial Interests In Multiple Multi-Million Dollar Properties In The DC Area**

#### **Through The Real Estate Investment Fund, Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$50,000 Worth Of 1250 DSC Investment LLC, Which Was Affiliated With The Ownership Of A \$100 Million Office Building In DC**

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$50,000 Worth Of 1250 DSC Investment LLC And Receiving Up To \$20,000 Total From It Through His Investment In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**March 2018: 1250 DSC Investment LLC, Was Registered With Delaware's Division Of Corporations.** [Delaware Division of Corporations, Entity Details, filed 3/27/18, accessed [3/10/22](#); SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

**Per Its December 2018 Filing With The SEC, 1250 DSC Investment LLC Was A Commercial Real Estate Business With A Business Address Of 1250 I St NW, Suite 1250, Washington, DC.** [SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

**Per Its December 2018 Filing With The SEC, Nicholas Smith And Douglas Donatelli Were The Executive Officers Of 1250 DSC Investment LLC.** [SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

- **2017: “DC Real Estate Veterans” Smith And Donatelli Co-Founded DSC Partners, A Real Estate Investment Company That Owned 3.4 Million Square Feet Of Real Estate In DC, Maryland, And Virginia.** “DSC Partners LLC is a real estate investment and development company based in Washington, DC that creates value through acquisition and management of commercial properties in dynamic local markets located in the Mid-Atlantic region. DSC's integrated approach to real estate investment aims to maximize cash flow and optimize long-term, risk-adjusted returns. Founded in 2017 by long-time DC real estate veterans Douglas J. Donatelli and Nicholas R. Smith, the company has acquired in excess of 45 buildings and 3.4 million square feet with a diverse portfolio of commercial space and future development of 1.4 million square feet of industrial space in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia.” [DSC Partners, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**December 2018: 1250 DSC Investment LLC Disclosed Selling \$4.8 Million In Equity To 28 Investors.** [SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

**May 2018: DSC Partners Purchased An Office Building At 1250 Eye St NW, Washington, DC For \$100 Million.** “First Potomac Realty Trust co-founders Doug Donatelli and Nick Smith have bought their first office building in downtown D.C. since launching a new venture last year. DSC Partners LLC closed Monday on its acquisition of 1250 Eye St. NW for \$100 million, or roughly \$562 per square foot. The deal picks up on a playbook that Donatelli and Smith had fashioned at First Potomac, putting emphasis on value-add properties in urban and



Metro-accessible locations. DSC made its first acquisition, 77 Upper Rock Circle in Rockville, last summer.” [Washington Business Journals, [5/1/18](#)]

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### Groups That Leased From 1250 I St NW Advocated Against The Professed Goals Of Bognet’s Campaign

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**According To Its Website, Washington Media Group’s Address Was 1250 Eye Street, NW, Suite 902, Washington, DC.** [Washington Media Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **Washington Media Group Advertised Its Services “To Provide Discreet Counsel” With Its Clients Ranging “From Main Street To Wall Street To Silicon Valley, Beijing And Beyond.”** “We created Washington Media Group in 2005 to provide discreet counsel and a team approach to produce the best solutions for our clients in a chaotic world. From Main Street to Wall Street to Silicon Valley, Beijing and beyond, WMG is a trusted advisor to many of the world’s most successful companies, institutions and organizations. We have saved our clients millions of dollars by protecting and repairing reputations, improving brand value, and enhancing public recognition. Our approach is collaborative. WMG was one of the first firms to integrate the latest digital solutions with traditional media tools, investigative research and creative vision with the right message. Whether the mission is to navigate hostile political forces, regulatory challenges or investigations by the media and law enforcement – or just tell a great story, we design the right tools and content to reach and impact your audience.” [Washington Media Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **Washington Media Group: “We Know How To Refocus Negative Or Unsubstantiated Stories And Allegations So Our Clients Can Avoid Embarrassment, Economic Hardship Or A Government Investigation.”** “Discretion is a WMG hallmark. We work behind the scenes on four continents to execute across all media, whether it’s online, in print, paid, owned or earned. We know how to refocus negative or unsubstantiated stories and allegations so our clients can avoid embarrassment, economic hardship or a government investigation. And WMG has a combined 100 years of experience marketing companies, people or products. Top journalists know and trust us as honest brokers, and that guarantees access – and peace of mind for our clients.” [Washington Media Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **September 2021: Bognet Claimed That “Big Tech Muzzles Conservatives.”** “As Big Tech muzzles conservatives, please follow me on a conservative friendly platform GETTR by clicking the link below: <https://t.co/Ig7LMO8x5b>” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/1/21](#)]
- **October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Make [China] Pay For The Manufacturing Jobs We’ve Lost” And “Corporate Espionage They’ve Committed.”** “[BOGNET:] Number one, I want to make China pay. I want to make them pay for coronavirus, for the lives we’ve lost. I want to make them pay for the manufacturing jobs we’ve lost over the last 25 years from the WTO and other things, the way they manipulated trade, the way they’ve stolen our products, the way they’ve stolen our plans, the corporate espionage they’ve committed.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 6:23

**April 2021: Environmental Working Group (EWG) Signed A 12-Year Lease At 1250 I St NW With DSC Partners.** “Environmental Working Group, a nonprofit that advocates for corporate accountability in sustainability, has signed a 12-year lease to occupy 15,331 square feet at 1250 Eye Street NW, a recently renovated, 177,906-square-foot office building in Washington, D.C. Cushman & Wakefield represented the landlord, DSC Partners, in the deal. The rent was not disclosed.” [Commercial Partners, [4/7/21](#)]

- **EWG Opposed “Outdated Legislation, Harmful Agricultural Practices And Industry Loopholes That Pose A Risk To Our Health And The Health Of Our Environment.”** “Since 1993, the Environmental Working Group has shined a spotlight on outdated legislation, harmful agricultural practices and industry loopholes that pose a risk to our health and the health of our environment. Whether it’s on Capitol Hill or in communities across America, we make our voices heard, changing the debate over environmental health and putting the most important people – you and your family – at the center of the conversation.” [Environmental Working Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **EWG Reported On A Study That Projects Fracking To Pose “An Impending Health Crisis” And Its Work “At The Forefront Of Work To Bring Transparency To Fracking And Oil And Gas Regulation In California.”** “Fracking for oil and gas poses an impending health crisis in the U.S., two leading groups of health professionals warn in a new report. Not only do existing fracking regulations fail to protect Americans from increased risk of cancer, asthma and birth defects, but there is no evidence fracking can ever be done without threatening public health, according to the authors. [...] EWG has been at the forefront of work to bring transparency to fracking and oil and gas regulation in California: EWG reports and advocacy were instrumental in passing landmark legislation in 2013, making California the only state to require comprehensive chemical testing of drilling waste and public disclosure of results. Using the state’s data, in 2015 two EWG investigations revealed just how toxic fracking chemicals and chemical-laced wastewater are, identifying substances linked to cancer, reproductive harm, hormone disruption and other health impacts.” [Environmental Working Group, [3/16/18](#)]
- **June 2021: Bognet Criticized Fracking Regulations, Which He Said Hurt Energy Jobs In Pennsylvania.** “[BOGNET:] Biden on his first day in office cancels the Keystone Pipeline. Then he starts putting forward regulations to hurt fracking. He has been a disaster for Pennsylvania energy workers. Energy provides great jobs up here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We have gas builds [sic] on the North and the border with New York. The last five-ten years, they’ve created many jobs, which also helps the local economy because now you have people with cranes, you have laborers that are up there laying the pipe, that’s all stopped.” [Breitbart News, [6/19/21](#)] (AUDIO) 3:31

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#### **Tenants Of 1250 I St NW Reportedly Performed \$9,014,558 Worth Of Lobbying In 2021:**

<b>2021: Tenants Of 1250 I St NW Reported In-House Lobbying Spending</b>				
<b>“Organization/Lobbying Firm”</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>Reported Lobbying Spending Representing Itself</b>
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/20/21	\$1,360,000
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/20/21	\$1,210,000.00
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/20/21	\$1,030,000
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/19/22	\$970,000
<b>Distilled Spirits Council Of U.S. Subtotal</b>				<b>\$4,570,000</b>

eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/20/21	\$200,000
eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/20/21	\$320,000
eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/14/21	\$340,000
eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/20/22	\$340,000
<b>eBay Subtotal</b>				<b>\$1,200,000</b>
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/15/21	\$256,400
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/19/21	\$ 256,400
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/19/21	\$234,350
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/19/22	\$ 260,300
<b>PayPal Subtotal</b>				<b>\$1,007,450</b>
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/20/21	\$586,000
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/20/21	\$622,500
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/20/21	\$518,608
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/20/22	\$510,000
<b>American Hotel &amp; Lodging Association Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,237,108</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$9,014,558</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Registration Activity Search, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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### Through The Real Estate Investment Fund, Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$100,000 Worth Of 4420 North Fairfax LLC, Which Was Affiliated With The Ownership Of A \$21 Million Office Building In Northern Virginia

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**2019 – 2022: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$100,000 Worth Of 4420 North Fairfax LLC And Receiving Up To \$20,000 Total From It Through His Investment In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**As of February 2020, 4420 North Fairfax LLC Was Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission With A Principal Office Address Of 1101 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 210, Washington, DC.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 2/9/20, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**June 2015: Washington Capitol Partners Purchased A Mixed-Use Office Building At 4420 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA In Partnership With Bognet Construction And A Real Estate Developer.** “Washington Capitol Partners acquired the Class A office building in June 2015, in partnership with Bognet Construction and [real estate developer] Kettler. The five-story, 57,496 square foot building is located in the Ballston sub-market of Arlington, VA. The property underwent extensive renovations totaling \$3 million in 2010. The asset also has the potential for future development of 250,000 square feet of multi-family residential and retail uses. The western entrance to the Ballston Metro Station will be located immediately adjacent to the building, commencing construction in 2018.” [Washington Capitol Partners LLC, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **The Three Entities Paid “Roughly \$21.8 Million” For The Property.** “Washington Capitol Partners LLC, Kettler and JB Partners, an affiliate of Bognet Construction, paid roughly \$21.8 million for 4420 Fairfax Drive, a five-story, 57,496-square-foot office property located two blocks from the existing Ballston Metro station.” [Washington Business Journals, [8/13/15](#)]

**On Its Filing For Reinstatement With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission, Peter Minshall Was Managing Director Of 4420 North Fairfax LLC And Cathryn Scheipers Was Listed As A Contact.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Application for Reinstatement, status date 1/16/20, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **Minshall And Scheipers Led Washington Capitol Partners.** “Peter C. Minshall founded Washington Capitol Partners in 2007 and serves as the Managing Partner responsible for all major decisions regarding the firm’s portfolio, including acquisitions, dispositions, financing, property management and asset management. [...] Cathryn M. Scheipers joined Washington Capitol Partners in August 2015 and focuses on evaluating new acquisitions and assists in managing the firm’s portfolio of properties. She is also responsible for leasing, redevelopment and overseeing tenant improvements, and leads Washington Capitol’s marketing and public relations function.” [Washington Capitol Partners LLC, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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**Through The Real Estate Investment Fund, Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$50,000 Worth Of JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC, Which Was Affiliated With The Ownership Of A \$10.5 Million Office Building In Northern Virginia**

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**2019 – 2022: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$50,000 Worth Of JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC And Receiving Up To \$20,000 Total From It Through His Investment In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**As Of November 2015, JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **Per Its November 2015 Filings With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission, James R. Bognet Of Vienna, VA Was The Registered Agent Of JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC And Glenn Roberson Was Its CFO.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**November 2014: JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC Purchased Real Property At 1821 Michael Faraday Dr, Reston, VA For \$10.5 Million And Owned The Property As Of March 2022.** [Fairfax County Search by Property Location, dated 11/18/14, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**JB Properties, An Affiliate Of Bognet Construction, And Verity Commercial Partnered To Purchase The Property At 1821 Michael Faraday Dr, A Five-Story Office Building.** According to Verity Commercial, “1821 Michael Faraday Drive The property ownership is a partnership between JB Properties and Verity Commercial. This 54,000-sf office building is located within a quarter mile of the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station.” Virginia Business reported JB Properties was an affiliate of Bognet Construction. [Verity Commercial, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia Business, [8/24/15](#)]

**August 2020: Bognet Said He Supported Exempting Certain Cigars From FDA Regulation, Which Health Advocacy Organizations Opposed And Multiple Tobacco Companies He Was Invested In Lobbied On**

## August 2020: Bognet Spoke In Support Of HR 1854, A Bill To Exempt Premium Cigars From FDA Regulation

**August 2020: Bognet Called HR 1854, A Bill To Exempt Premium Cigars From FDA Regulation, “The Type Of Bill [He] Could See [Himself] Supporting In Congress.”** “[HOST:] Would it be safe to say that you’re in support of HR 1854, which would exempt premium cigars from FDA regulation? [BOGNET:] I’ve read HR 1854, I think it has a lot of good ideas in it. I think when I get to Congress I’ll want to look at it more, but that’s the type of bill I could see myself supporting in Congress. I do want to look at the legislative analysis in greater depth, I think I owe that to the constituents, but that’s the kind of sensible regulation that I think we need in the cigar industry.” [Best Cigar Prices Facebook, [8/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 18:19

## A Coalition Of Health Organizations Opposed The Bill Over Its Threats To Young People’s Health

**A Coalition Of Health Organizations Opposed HR 1854 Since It Could “Undercut FDA’s Ability To Protect Youth And Young Adults From The Health Consequences Of Cigar Smoking.”** In a letter to Representatives, a range of health and equity advocacy groups, including the American Public Health Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, Center for Black Equity, and LULAC, wrote of HR 1854, “If enacted, this legislation could undercut FDA’s ability to protect youth and young adults from the health consequences of cigar smoking. Cigar smoking is not limited to adults. Nearly one million youth reported current cigar use last year. The 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey shows that cigars are the most popular tobacco product among Black high school students and the second most popular tobacco product after e-cigarettes among all high school students. FDA has found that, while youth and young adults tend to smoke mass market cigars, they also use premium cigars. Many youth are likely to be attracted to inexpensive cigars that could qualify as ‘traditional large and premium cigars’ under this legislation.” [Letter to House of Representatives via Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, [11/29/21](#)]

## March 2020: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$30,000 In Tobacco Companies Altria Group And British American Tobacco Industries’ Stock

**2019 – 2020: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$30,000 Total In Altria Group And British American Tobacco Industries Stock And Receiving Up To \$2,400 In Unearned Income From Their Dividends.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2020: Bognet Reported Financial Interests In Tobacco Companies								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	Altria Group, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	British American Tobacco Industries, p.l.c. Common Stock ADR	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	Altria Group, Inc.	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	British American Tobacco Industries, p.l.c. Common Stock ADR	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$404</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Altria Group Was “One Of The World’s Largest Producers And Marketers Of Tobacco And Cigarettes.”**



[Fortune, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**British American Tobacco Industries Called Itself “The World’s Most International Tobacco Group.”**

[British American Tobacco, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

*Note: Bognet did not have any financial interests in Altria Group nor British American Tobacco Industries in 2021 or 2022 per his February 2022 financial disclosure.*

**2019 – 2020: Subsidiaries Of Altria Group And British American Tobacco Lobbied On HR 1854 While Spending Millions On Lobbying**

**April – December 2019: Altria Client Services LLC Disclosed Lobbying On All Provisions Of HR 1854 And Spending \$7,840,000 Total, Including On Other Measures, During The Same Period.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Altria Client Services Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/20](#); filed [10/21/19](#); filed [7/22/19](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **Altria Client Services LLC Was A Subsidiary Of Altria Group.** [SEC, [12/31/09](#)]

**January – December 2020: The Smith-Free Group Disclosed Monitoring HR 1854 As A Specific Lobbying Activity For Its Client, RAI Services, A Subsidiary Of British American Tobacco.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **January – December: The Smith-Free Group Disclosed Spending \$240,000 Total On Lobbying For RAI Services, Including On Other Measures.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **The Smith-Free Group Described HR 1854 As A Bill To “To Protect Jobs And Small Businesses Involved In The Sale, Manufacturing, And Distribution Of Traditional And Premium Cigars” On Its Disclosures.** “Specific lobbying issues [...] Monitored H.R. 1854 to Amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administrations jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.” [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From An Altria Group Subsidiary’s Executive**

**October 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From Phil Park, An Executive At Altria Client Services.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [10/8/20](#)]

## Bognet Is A Fake Populist

### Significant Findings

#### **Despite Bognet's Claim That He Knew What It Was Like To "Scrimp By," Bognet Had A Net Worth Of Up To \$3 Million And Was Paid \$1.2 Million By State And Federal Campaigns**

- ✓ In September 2020, Bognet claimed he could "help us get jobs back" as someone who experienced "what it's like to scrimp by;" Bognet criticized millionaires who ran for office as out of touch in 2022.
- ✓ As of February 2022, Bognet's net worth was between \$804,113 and \$2,995,000, and state and federal campaigns had paid him and his company more than \$1.2 million.
- ✓ In 2007, Bognet touted Romney's "real life" experience while his net worth potentially exceeded \$270 million.

#### **Bognet Campaigned On His Connection To Trump, But Repeatedly Worked For And Alongside Opponents Of Trump's Agenda**

- ✓ Bognet attempted to contrast himself with "never Trumpers and Hillary Clinton supporters," and called earning Trump's endorsement and working in his administration "great honors."
- ✓ From 2016 to 2018, Bognet was a Senior Vice President of the Glover Park Group, which was founded and led by Democratic strategists.
- ✓ Between 2009 and 2012, Bognet worked with Stuart Stevens, then a Republican strategist, at four different jobs, including a firm Stevens co-founded; Stevens later joined the anti-Trump Lincoln Project.
- ✓ Bognet held senior leadership positions on campaigns for Republicans who refused to endorse Trump, including Mitt Romney, Steve Poizner, John McCain, and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

#### **Bognet Campaigned On Making China "Pay" For Unfair Trade Practices, But Personally Benefited From Campaigns, Firms, And PACs That Facilitated Trade With China And Opposed Cracking Down On It**

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly pledged to "make China pay" for its unfair trade practices as a central theme of his 2020 campaign.
- ✓ As an advisor on Romney's presidential campaign in 2007, Bognet said protectionism would reduce American productivity and said of China, "the only way to beat them is to out-compete them."
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed he worked to bring back jobs from China as a Trump appointee at the Export-Import Bank, but the bank authorized more than \$100 million in exports to China under Trump.
- ✓ 2013: The Glover Park Group lobbied for a Chinese car part manufacturer on its acquisition of an American battery company, which Republicans said would threaten American energy security; the lobbyist who worked on the acquisition later contributed to Bognet's 2020 campaign.
- ✓ Bognet was a Senior VP at GPG from 2016 to 2018.
- ✓ From 2007 to 2018, Bognet repeatedly worked for candidates who opposed policies to crack down on Chinese trade practices, including tariffs and labeling China as a currency manipulator.

- ✓ In 2020, Bognet accepted at least \$7,000 from PACs that opposed Trump's tariffs on China.

#### **Bognet's Friend, A Board Member Of A China-Based Pharmaceutical Company, Bankrolled A Pro-Bognet PAC And Contributed More Than \$11,000 To His Congressional Campaigns**

- ✓ Michael Goller, Bognet's friend and classmate from Penn State, was the single largest donor to the pro-Bognet PAC Keep PA Great, contributing \$160,000, in addition to contributing \$11,400 directly to Bognet's campaign.
- ✓ Goller was a member of the Board of Directors of Beijing-based biopharmaceutical company BeiGene, which was boosted by the Chinese Communist Party through initiatives to make the Chinese biopharma market "competitive on the global stage."
- ✓ In May 2020, Bognet stated the U.S. had become too dependent on China for pharmaceuticals.
- ✓ In February 2020, BeiGene conducted more than 20 clinical trials in Wuhan, China.
- ✓ 2020 – 2022: Bognet repeatedly said the U.S. should "make China pay" for "[sending] us the Wuhan flu," which he claimed originated in a Wuhan lab.

#### **Bognet Repeatedly Claimed He Brought Back Manufacturing Jobs To The U.S. As A Trump Appointee To The Export-Import Bank; He Worked There For 57 Business Days And The Bank Authorized Millions More In Exports From PA-08 Under Obama And Biden Than Under Trump**

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed he brought back manufacturing jobs as a Trump appointee at the Export-Import Bank, where he worked from October 2019 to January 2020.
- ✓ Bognet worked at the Ex-Im Bank for 57 business days, during which he averaged \$900 in pay per day, then left the position two weeks before launching his congressional campaign in January 2020.
- ✓ According to available data, the Ex-Im Bank authorized an annual average of \$5.3 million in exports from PA-08 during the Trump administration, compared to \$18.7 million during the last three years of the Obama administration and \$8.1 million under Biden.

#### **Bognet Worked For Firms And Campaigns That Facilitated Offshoring And Promoted Free Trade**

- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior VP at Glover Park Group, it lobbied for AstraZeneca on a law that previously prevented it from merging with Pfizer to allow Pfizer to dodge American taxes.
- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior VP at Glover Park Group, one of its lobbyists promoted "positive aspects" of trade amid Trump's protectionist promises; the lobbyist later contributed \$1,250 to Bognet's 2020 campaign.
- ✓ Bognet held senior positions on Romney and McCain's 2008 presidential campaigns, which pledged to increase free trade.

#### **Despite His Claim That Democrats Wanted Pennsylvania's Youth To Work For Uber Instead Of The State's Heritage Industries, Bognet Worked For Uber To Coordinate Opposition Research At A Point Between 2013 And 2016**

- ✓ In 2020, Bognet claimed Democrats "rather have our skilled workforce driving Ubers and 'learning to code' than building homes, mining coal, and working in factories."

- ✓ Bognet worked with Uber to hire a team of opposition researchers and coordinate research at a point between 2013 and 2016.
- ✓ In 2014, Uber hired a team of opposition researchers to “bring out the truth of how evil [the taxi industry] is.”
- ✓ In 2014, Uber executives suggested hiring a team of opposition researchers to investigate the personal lives of journalists who criticized the company, which it denied it did.

**Bognet Claimed Cartwright Would “Legislate Away” Coal Mining Jobs, But Told A USC Lecture Audience That He Wished He Could Create Another “Option” For Work Besides Coal Mining In 2015**

- ✓ During a 2015 interview, Bognet said that “nobody wants to be a coal miner” and said his grandfather and great-grandfather contracted serious illness while mining.
- ✓ In 2015, Bognet spoke about the “lack of hope and alternatives in [coal mining] towns” and added, “I don’t know what the answer is. I wish I did.”
- ✓ However, in 2020, Bognet claimed Cartwright would “make it horrible for the coal industry” and “legislate away” coal mining jobs.

**On His Resume, Bognet Took Credit For A 2016 PR Campaign That Promoted Cuba As An Idyllic Tourist Destination, Then Bashed The Country As The Antithesis Of American Democracy In 2021**

- ✓ Bognet’s description of a campaign he “led” on his resume matched the description of United Airlines’ United to Cuba campaign, which promoted tourism to Cuba.
- ✓ In July 2021, Bognet claimed “those on the left that are trying to make America more like Cuba” threatened American democracy.

**Bognet Hypocritically Attacked Federal Pandemic Relief And Targeted Cartwright’s Family For Accepting It, While His Own Family’s Companies Took Millions More In Aid**

- ✓ Bognet called on Cartwright to return his wife’s law firm’s federal pandemic relief, which amounted to \$1.2 million as of January 2021.
- ✓ Bognet’s family’s construction companies, which he had investments connected to and where he was an employee as of February 2022, accepted a combined \$3.3 million in federal pandemic relief.
- ✓ A Los Angeles-based PR firm where Bognet consulted as of 2021 accepted nearly \$200,000 in federal pandemic relief.
- ✓ In May 2020, Bognet criticized federal pandemic relief as “government handouts.”

**Bognet Repeatedly Claimed “Big Tech” Companies Facebook And Twitter Were Biased Against Conservatives, But Owned As Much As \$62,000 Of The Companies’ Stocks And Options**

- ✓ In 2021, Bognet alleged Facebook and Twitter were “silencing conservatives.”
- ✓ As of 2020, Bognet owned as much as \$62,000 in Twitter and Facebook stock and options.

## Despite Bognet's Claim That He Knew What It Was Like To "Scrimp To Get By" And Criticism Of Multi-Millionaires Who Ran For Office, Bognet Had A Max Net Worth Exceeding \$2 Million And Was Paid \$1.2 Million By Federal And State Campaigns

### September 2020: Bognet Claimed He Knew What It Was Like To "Scrimp To Get By" And Live Without A Job Or Health Insurance

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed He Could "Help Us Get Jobs Back" As Someone Who Experienced "What It's Like To Scrimp To Get By," And Live Without A Job Or Health Insurance As An Adult.** "[BOGNET:] I think someone who understands what it's like to be from here and be one of us can help us get jobs back. I grew up here, you know, I drive a car with 120,000 miles on it. I know what it's like to scrimp to get by. There have been times in my adult life when I haven't had health insurance. So I know what people face when they don't have jobs, because there's been times when I haven't had jobs." [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 13:55

- **Bognet: "Most Of Us, If We Don't Have A Job, We Don't Eat. And That's What – Being From Northeastern Pennsylvania Is Knowing That."** [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 13:55

### 2020 – 2022: Bognet Criticized Multi-Millionaires Who Ran For Office As Out Of Touch

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed Multi-Millionaires Could Not "Realize How Important It Is To Have A Job" And Added, "I Think You Just Have To Be One Of Us To Understand The Problems We Face."** "[BOGNET:] When you're worth millions and millions and millions of dollars, it's just hard to realize how important it is to have a job, that there's nothing to fall back on for most of us. Most of us, if we don't have a job, we don't eat. And that's what – being from Northeastern Pennsylvania is knowing that. I mean, we still grow tomatoes to feed ourselves in the summer. We still grow a garden up here in Hazleton, I know many Italians and many other people around the area do that. So, I think you just have to be one of us to understand the problems we face." [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 14:53

**2022: Bogent: "I Just Feel Like We'd Be A Lot Better Off If We Got Rid Of Rich Elites Like Pelosi And Cartwright And Actually Had People Who Understand What It's Like To Work A Real Job In America."** "[BOGNET:] I just feel like there's no way that Northeastern PA, which is a working class, predominantly conservative area, should be represented by someone who, you know, votes with Nancy 100 percent of the time, just like her, he's a rich, entitled progressive. This guy, when he got into office was worth \$4 million and now ten years later, he's worth \$20 million. How the heck did that happen? When did getting elected to Congress become a millionaire guarantee program? It's unbelievable and I just feel like we'd be a lot better off if we got rid of rich [unintelligible] elites like Pelosi and Cartwright and actually had people who understand what it's like to work a real job in America." [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:39:37

### 2006 – 2018: Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies Were Paid A Total Of \$1.2 Million From Federal And State Campaigns

**2006 – 2018: Bognet And His Business, Winning Kick Strategies, Were Paid A Total Of \$1.2 Million From Federal And State Campaigns:**

2006 – 2018: Total Payments To Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies From Federal And State Campaigns			
Cycle	Campaign	Spending Category	Amount
2018	McSally For Senate (AZ)	Consulting	\$132,452.83
2018	McSally For Senate (AZ)	Mileage	\$218



<b>2018</b>	<b>McSally For Senate (AZ)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$161,231.11</b>
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO)	Consultant & Professional Services	\$70,000
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO)	Travel & Lodging	\$18,146.25
<b>2014</b>	<b>No On 105 Coalition (CO)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$93,164.40</b>
2014	No On 92 Coalition (OR)	Management Services	\$15,266.62
<b>2014</b>	<b>No On 92 Coalition (OR)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$15,266.62</b>
2012	Romney For President (President)	Travel	\$1,171.49
<b>2012</b>	<b>Romney For President (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,171.49</b>
2012	Dewhurst For Texas (TX)	Reimbursement, Travel, Mileage, And Food	\$4,137.37
2012	Dewhurst For Texas (TX)	Consulting	\$506,611.12
<b>2012</b>	<b>Dewhurst For Texas (TX)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$510,748.49</b>
2010	Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)	Campaign Consultants & Office Expenses	\$322,277.75
2010	Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)	Travel, Lodging, And Meals	\$12,073.74
<b>2010</b>	<b>Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$334,351.49</b>
2008	John McCain 2008 Inc (President)	Travel	\$167.46
2008	John McCain 2008 Inc (President)	GOTV Consulting	\$4,583.33
<b>2008</b>	<b>John McCain 2008 Inc (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,750.79</b>
2008	Romney For President Inc (President)	Payroll	\$85,128.41
2008	Romney For President Inc (President)	Travel	\$3,027.55
<b>2008</b>	<b>Romney For President Inc (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$88,155.96</b>
2006	Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)	Salary & Office Expenses	\$79,636.84
2006	Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)	Travel	\$3,845.62
<b>2006</b>	<b>Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$83,482.46</b>
<b>Subtotal For Services (Salary, Payroll, Consulting, Office Expenses, &amp; Management Payments)</b>			<b>\$1,215,956.90</b>
<b>Subtotal For Reimbursements (Travel, Mileage, Lodging, &amp; Food Payments)</b>			<b>\$42,787</b>
<b>TOTAL (All Subtotals)</b>			<b>\$1,292,322.81</b>

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: Subtotals for each campaign may not add up to its listed spending categories in cases in which campaigns had unclear descriptions, which were excluded from spending category totals.*

## 2022: Bognet's Max Net Worth Was Nearly \$3 Million

As Of 2022, Bognet's Net Worth Was Between \$804,113 And \$2,995,000. [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

## 2007: Bognet Touted Romney's "Real Life" Experience In 2007 While His Net Worth Potentially Exceeded \$270 Million

**December 2007: Romney's "Years Of Experience As A CEO, Private Equity Investor, And Management Consultant Have Honed [...] Real Life Experience In How America Can Compete In A Global Economy."**

"James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: [...] Without a doubt, the most challenging and exciting part of the job is briefing and interacting with Governor Romney. His years of experience as a CEO, private equity investor, and management consultant have honed very sharp analytical skills, a broad knowledge base, and real life experience in how America can compete in a global economy. He also fosters lively debates

between his advisers and outside experts, asks in-depth questions, then digests and analyzes the varying data and arguments supporting such proposals. He views this data through the prism of the free market, pro-growth principles he has developed over his career, and makes decisions on which policies are the correct way to confront the important issues facing America's economy and future." [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]

**December 2007: Romney Had A Net Worth Of Up To \$276.2 Million And Owned \$18.7 Million In Personal Properties.** "The seven front-runners, those with the highest standing in the polls and the biggest campaign troves, all have assets that would place them in the nation's top 10% of households, and most of them in the top 0.5%. Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts, heads the list with from \$92.3 million to \$276.2 million, not counting three homes valued at \$18.7 million. (Presidential candidates are required to report the value of their assets only in broad ranges. We've used midpoints throughout this story.)" [CNN Money, [12/10/07](#)]

## Bognet Campaigned On His Connection To Trump, But Repeatedly Worked For And Alongside Opponents Of Trump's Agenda

### 2020 – 2022: Bognet Campaigned On His Connections To Trump

**2022: Bognet Called His Connections To Trump, Including His Endorsement And Attending His Presidential Nomination Acceptance, Among "The Great Honors" Of His Life**

**2022: Bognet's Campaign Website Called Working In The Trump Administration, Attending Trump's 2020 Nomination Acceptance, And Earning Trump's 2020 Endorsement "Some Of The Greatest Honors" Of Bognet's Life.** "I was blessed to work for President Trump's administration creating manufacturing jobs to rebuild America's industrial heartland. Some of the greatest honors of my life were working in the Trump administration, attending President Trump's nomination acceptance speech at the White House in August 2020, and having President Trump's endorsement in the 2020 election." [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**September 2021: Bognet Called Trump's Endorsement Of Him An "Amazing Memory" And A Highlight Of His 2020 Congressional Campaign.** "This amazing memory from Sept. 10th last year popped up on my FB feed today. President Trump endorsing me last year was one of the highlights of my campaign for Congress in 2020, and I am so grateful. We must continue to fight alongside him for the America First Agenda!" [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/10/21](#)]

### 2020 – 2022: Bognet Framed Himself As Part Of The "America First Movement" Instead Of A "Mushy Moderate" Or "Never Trumper"

**February 2022: Bognet: "Mushy Moderates Have No Place In The America First Movement."**



Mushy moderates have no place in the America First movement.

1:48 PM · Feb 16, 2022 · Agorapulse app

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/16/22](#)]

**April 2020: Bognet Contrasted Himself With "Never Trumpers And Hillary Clinton Supporters" In The 2020 Republican Primary Field.** "More and more people are starting to recognize the growing momentum we've seen on the ground here in PA-8 each day. Over the next five weeks, I will make the case to Northeastern Pennsylvania voters that I am the candidate best equipped to go to Congress as a firm ally of President Trump who will help him finish the wall and make China pay. Our campaign will show voters the differences between me and

others in the field who have been exposed as Never Trumpers and Hillary Clinton supporters,' Jim Bognet said.” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [4/27/20](#)]

**May 2020: Bognet Ad: “President Trump Fights For Us, But He Needs Teammates. I’m Running For Congress To Fight For The Trump Agenda, Build The Wall, And Put America First.”** “[BOGNET:] Around here, we used to win a lot. But things have changed. China cheated us on trade and sent us the Wuhan flu. “Illegal immigrants took our jobs, spread crime, and sent taxpayers the bill. President Trump fights for us, but he needs teammates. I’m running for Congress to fight for the Trump agenda, build the wall, and put America first.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [5/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :00

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## 2020 – 2022: Bognet Touted His Work In The Trump Administration During His Campaigns

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**Bognet’s 2022 Campaign Website Stated He Was Appointed In Trump’s Administration “To Help Rebuild Our Industrial Heartland And To Create Jobs, Support Small Businesses, And Promote ‘Made In America’ Products.”** “I was blessed to work for President Trump’s administration creating manufacturing jobs to rebuild America’s industrial heartland. Some of the greatest honors of my life were working in the Trump administration, attending President Trump’s nomination acceptance speech at the White House in August 2020, and having President Trump’s endorsement in the 2020 election. [...] President Trump appointed Jim to a position in his administration to help rebuild our industrial heartland and to create jobs, support small businesses, and promote ‘Made in America’ products around the world.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]



**January 2020: Bognet Said He Worked On “Manufacturing Issues, Increasing Exports, Really Helping Our Small Businesses” In The Trump Administration.** “[BOGNET:] Most recently I was working in the Trump administration on manufacturing issues, increasing exports, really helping our small businesses. You know, President Trump wants to rebuild the industrial heartland, make sure that we not just have jobs, but good jobs you can support a family on.” [WYLN via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [1/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:40

**October 2020: Bognet: “I Worked In The Trump Administration On Manufacturing. I Know How To Bring Manufacturing Jobs Back To The Heartland.”** “[BOGNET:] We can really make manufacturing, takeoff. And I worked in the Trump administration on manufacturing. I know how to bring manufacturing jobs back to the Heartland. Matt Cartwright was an office for eight years. The first six years of that, we didn’t see much manufacturing improvement. Only under President Trump, did we see manufacturing employment.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 29:27

**January 2022: Bognet: “I Worked In President Trump’s Administration Creating JOBS To Rebuild America’s Industrial Heartland.”**



I worked in President Trump’s administration creating JOBS to rebuild America’s industrial heartland.

Help me turn this battleground district PA-8 from  to  SOON

RETWEET & FOLLOW my account to help us reach our next milestone of 20,000 followers!

6:41 PM · Jan 15, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/15/22](#)]

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**2016 – 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, A PR And Lobbying Firm Founded And Led By Democrats**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group**

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- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**Glover Park Group Was A Lobbying And PR Firm.** “The consolidation of K Street continued Tuesday as a global conglomerate snapped up another well-known lobbying brand. The communications giant WPP announced that it would acquire Glover Park Group, a powerhouse lobbying and public relations firm in Washington. The terms of the deal were not disclosed.” [The Hill, [11/29/11](#)]

**2001: Four Of DC’s “Most Visible Democrats,” Including Carter Eskew, Michael Feldman, Joel Johnson And Joe Lockhart, Founded Glover Park Group.** “Glover Park Group, which specializes in wide-ranging ‘influence campaigns,’ is run by some of the city’s most visible Democrats, including Carter Eskew, Michael Feldman, Joel Johnson and Joe Lockhart. The four friends started the firm in 2001, after Gore lost the presidency, and it now has more than 100 employees in offices in Washington, New York and California.” [Politico, [6/18/08](#)]

- **Feldman Worked In The Clinton-Gore White House For Eight Years Following Years Of Work In Democratic Politics.** “Michael began his career in politics and government. Over the course of eight years in the Clinton-Gore White House, Michael served in various leadership roles on behalf of Vice President Gore, including senior advisor and traveling chief of staff. In this capacity, he managed the Vice President’s staff and implemented message and strategy throughout the 2000 campaign cycle. Michael also served as one of the Clinton Administration’s chief liaisons to the United States Congress, providing advice and strategic counsel in order to forward the President’s congressional agenda. Prior to joining the Clinton-Gore campaign in 1992, Michael worked for the Senate Democratic Leadership as a legislative analyst in the Democratic Policy Committee and as a member of the Democratic floor staff for the Senate Majority Leader. In 1991, Michael worked on the special election campaign of Senator Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania.” [Finsbury Glover Hering, accessed [3/21/22](#)]
- **Eskew Was A Democratic Media Consultant And Senior Advisor To Gore’s 2000 Presidential Campaign Before He Co-Founded Glover Park Group.** “He and I provided strategy and media consulting to 18 incumbent Democratic senators and helped steer challengers such as Frank Lautenberg, Paul Simon and Joe Lieberman to victory. In the mid-90s I started to work for corporations and causes, but in 1999 I returned to politics as a senior adviser to Al Gore, for whom I directed the message and advertising of his 2000 presidential campaign. Since that split-decision election, I helped to found the Glover Park Group, which today is a leading

communications, advertising and lobbying company in Washington, New York, Boulder and Los Angeles.” [Washington Post, About Carter Eskew, [10/23/11](#)]

- **Johnson Was A Senior Advisor To Clinton And Former Staffer For Democrats Sen. Tom Daschle And Rep. Howard Metzenbaum.** “Prior to founding The Harbour Group, Joel completed his appointment as President Clinton’s Senior Advisor for Policy and Communications. In this capacity, he was charged with coordinating the message and communications strategies designed to promote the Administration’s legislative and policy goals. As a member of the President’s team of core advisors, his responsibilities required an intensive working knowledge of the machinery of government and media at the highest levels. Joel has extensive experience in public policy and strategic communications on Capitol Hill. When Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle was elected Democratic Leader in 1994, Joel was appointed Staff Director for the Senate Democratic Leadership, serving as Daschle’s chief legislative and communications advisor for five years. Previously, he served the House Democratic Leadership as Executive Director of the Democratic Study Group, held senior staff positions on the Senate Labor and Human Resources and Judiciary Committees, and was Chief of Staff to Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum of Ohio.” [Finsbury Glover Hering, accessed [3/21/22](#)]
- **Lockhart Was White House Press Secretary In Clinton’s Administration.** “Lockhart is perhaps best known for his service as White House Press Secretary under President Bill Clinton from 1998 to 2000, during which time he managed daily press briefings, provided senior counsel to the President, and managed communications through the President’s impeachment proceedings.” [Rational 360, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### **Bognet Worked Alongside The Firm’s Democratic Leadership**

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#### **January 2016: Then-Glover Park Group CEO Chip Smith Announced Bognet’s Hiring At The Firm.**

“Leading strategic communications and government affairs firm The Glover Park Group (GPG) today announced that Jim Bognet has joined the firm as a Senior Vice President. Bognet will work in the Strategic Communications practice, providing strategic and media counsel for the firm’s clients. [...] ‘Jim brings a rarely matched breadth of experience to GPG,’ said GPG CEO Chip Smith. ‘He has worked on exceedingly complex matters for corporations, within government and in the most challenging political campaigns. He arrives at GPG battle-tested with skills and expertise that will be of great value to our team and to our customers.’” [Glover Park Group, Press Release via Politico, [1/12/16](#)]

- **Smith Was A “Veteran Democratic Strategist.”** “Chip Smith, a veteran Democratic strategist and CEO of the lobby and public affairs firm Glover Park Group, will become the chief lobbyist at 21st Century Fox, the media corporation founded by Rupert Murdoch.” [Washington Post, [5/5/16](#)]
- **2000: Smith Was Deputy Campaign Manager And Chief Of Staff For Al Gore’s Presidential Campaign.** “Al Gore is adding new faces to his presidential campaign and stocking the Democratic National Committee with loyal aides in preparation for the November showdown with Republican George W. Bush. [...] Chip Smith, deputy campaign manager and chief of staff who will conduct the campaign’s day-to-day coordination with the DNC and other party affiliates.” [Associated Press, [4/20/2000](#)]

### **Bognet Worked With Stuart Stevens, A Former Republican Strategist Who Later Opposed Trump’s 2016 Campaign And Joined The Lincoln Project, At Four Different Jobs Between 2009 And 2012**

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  - Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]
- **July 2007: Stevens Joined The Romney Campaign.** The Washington Post reported, “Mostly known as an image guy, Stevens was one of the handful of McCain aides who left that campaign in July 2007 amid squabbling over how to revive McCain’s flagging and cash-strapped operation.” The New York Times reported, “[Stevens’] first presidential campaign was Bob Dole’s 1996 bid, and he was part of George W. Bush’s media team in 2000 and 2004. He and Mr. Schrieffer, whose campaigns have included those of Chris Christie and Haley Barbour, jumped from a role with Senator John McCain’s campaign to Mr. Romney’s in the summer of 2007, but clashed with the existing campaign media team.” [Washington Post, [9/17/20](#); New York Times, [9/19/11](#)]

**2009: Bognet Was Campaign Manager Of Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign; Stevens Was A Political Strategist On The Campaign.** “The three new hires join a Poizner-for-governor team that includes campaign chairman and former state Senate Republican leader Jim Brulte, political strategist Stuart Stevens of The Stevens and Schrieffer Group, campaign manager Jim Bognet, finance director Julie Westlake and senior adviser Kevin Spillane.” [Sacramento Bee, 6/19/09]

**August – November 2010: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: “• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor’s Association, and the National Association of Realtors.

• Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

- **Stevens Co-Founded The DC-Based Political Consultancy Stevens & Schrieffer Group.** “Stuart Stevens is an American travel writer and political consultant. He is the cofounder of Washington, DC-based political media consultancy Stevens & Schrieffer Group. He served as a top strategist for Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign.” [Simon & Schuster, accessed [3/7/22](#)]

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• Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

- **2012: Stevens Was The Chief Strategist Of Romney’s Presidential Campaign.** “Stuart Stevens, the former chief strategist for Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign, said Thursday that he has joined the Lincoln Project, a super PAC launched by a group of veteran Republican operatives seeking to defeat President Trump.” [Washington Post, [5/28/20](#)]

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## **2016: Stevens Opposed Trump’s Presidential Bid And Insulted Him Colorfully**

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**July 2016: Stevens: “Donald Trump Is Uniquely Unqualified To Be President.”** ““Donald Trump is uniquely unqualified to be president,” says Stevens. It’s a view he has shared regularly on Twitter. And he hopes Republicans

will soon be disabused of the notion that Trump will make a sudden turn toward more ‘presidential’ bearing. ‘If you have a friend who is about to marry a guy who is 70 years old and he promises he will change, what would your advice be?’ Stuart muses. ‘No one changes at 70.’” [Variety, [7/19/16](#)]

**July 2016: Stevens Called Trump The “First Candidate Since World War II Not Prepared For The Job Of Sitting At The Top Of A Nuclear Command Chain” And Said His Mind Was “Like A Pin Ball Machine.”**

“He went on to call Trump the ‘first candidate since World War II not prepared for the job of sitting at the top of a nuclear command chain’ and said that the candidate’s many shifts on the issues suggest he has a ‘mind like a pin ball machine, with all this stuff just bouncing around.’” [Variety, [7/19/16](#)]

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**May 2020: Stuart Stevens Joined The Lincoln Project To Advise On “Anti-Trump Advertising And Strategy.”** “Stuart Stevens, the former chief strategist for Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign, said Thursday that he has joined the Lincoln Project, a super PAC launched by a group of veteran Republican operatives seeking to defeat President Trump. Stevens said in an interview with The Washington Post that the group will likely be his sole political endeavor for the remainder of the year and that he will advise its team on anti-Trump advertising and strategy. ‘I will just try to fit in with the team and see where I can be helpful,’ Stevens said. ‘We’ll see how it goes.’” [Washington Post, [5/28/20](#)]

**Strategist John Weaver Said Stevens Would Convince Voters That “Donald Trump Must Be Trowned, Along With His Enablers.”** “The Lincoln Project’s leadership includes strategists John Weaver, Rick Wilson, Steve Schmidt and former New Hampshire Republican Party chair Jennifer Horn, who last year worked with Stevens on the long-shot GOP presidential primary campaign of former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld. Lawyer George T. Conway III, who is married to White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, is also involved. ‘It’s a small tribe,’ Stevens said. ‘I don’t know George Conway at all. Our paths never crossed. . . . But this core group is mainly people I’ve known one way or another for a long time.’ Weaver said in an email that Stevens is the ‘gold standard’ and ‘to have him join us in the Lincoln Project in a senior role’ will help the group convince voters that ‘Donald Trump must be trounced, along with his enablers.’” [Washington Post, [5/28/20](#)]

**August 2020: Stevens Wrote A Book Detailing “Lies The Republican Party Was Telling Itself And Decades Of Racism” That Enabled Trump’s Campaign, The Opening Line Of Which Was, “Blame Me.”**

“O’DONNELL: ‘Blame me.’ That is what Stuart Stevens says on page 1 of his book, ‘It Was All A Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump’. Stuart Stevens tracks decades of lies the Republican Party was telling itself and decades of racism that were the perfect ramp up to Donald Trump’s racist presidential campaign.” [MSNBC, [8/12/20](#)]

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### **Romney Voted To Impeach Trump Twice**

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**February 2021: Romney Voted To Impeach Trump Over His Incitement Of The Capitol Insurrection “Despite The Obvious And Well Known Threats Of Violence That Day.”** “U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) today released the following statement regarding his vote on the article of impeachment: ‘After careful consideration of the respective counsels’ arguments, I have concluded that President Trump is guilty of the charge made by the House of Representatives. President Trump attempted to corrupt the election by pressuring the Secretary of State of Georgia to falsify the election results in his state. President Trump incited the insurrection against Congress by using the power of his office to summon his supporters to Washington on January 6th and urging them to march on the Capitol during the counting of electoral votes. He did this despite the obvious and well known threats of violence that day. President Trump also violated his oath of office by failing to protect the Capitol, the Vice President, and others in the Capitol. Each and every one of these conclusions compels me to support conviction.’” [Sen. Mitt Romney, Press Release, [2/13/21](#)]

**February 2020: Romney Voted To Impeach Trump, Becoming The First Senator To Ever Vote To Impeach A President Of His Party.** “Senator Mitt Romney of Utah never became president, but he earned a new distinction on Wednesday: He will be remembered as the first senator in American history to vote to remove a president of his own party from office. Mr. Romney, the 2012 Republican nominee for president, said he expected swift and extreme recrimination from his party for his solitary act of defiance. He was not incorrect.” [New York Times, [2/5/20](#)]

- **January 2020: Bognet Said He Was Motivated To Run For Congress After Cartwright Voted For Impeachment.** “But like many Republicans inside and out of the administration, the Democratic drive to impeach Trump angered him, and he started watching his hometown Democratic congressman, Matt Cartwright, to see if he would vote against Trump. [...] But Cartwright did vote to impeach, prompting political predictor Charlie Cook to move his seat, Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District, into the ‘toss-up’ category. Twenty-one days later, Bognet resigned from his job and made plans to run in the GOP House primary in April to unseat Cartwright, citing impeachment as his motivation.” [Examiner, [1/22/20](#)]

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### **Romney Did Not Endorse Either Of Trump’s Presidential Campaigns**

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**March 2016: Romney Spoke Against Trump’s Presidential Campaign And Called Him A “Fraud.”** “Former U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney attacked 2016 Republican front-runner Donald Trump as ‘a fraud’ on Thursday and urged primary voters to keep the outspoken New York billionaire from getting the nomination, paving the way for possible horse trading at a party convention in July. In an unusually harsh speech, party elder Romney warned that former reality TV star Trump would likely lose to possible Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in the Nov. 8 election if he becomes the Republican nominee.” [Reuters, [3/3/16](#)]

**October 2020: CNN Headline: “Mitt Romney Says He Did Not Vote For Trump In The 2020 Election.”** [CNN, [10/21/20](#)]

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**2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign; Poizner Later Became An Independent, Said He Regretted His “Trump-Like” Immigration Positions From 2010, And Refused To Endorse Trump’s 2016 Campaign**

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**2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign**

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**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: “• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

- Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.
  - Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.”
- [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**2018: Poizner Registered And Ran For Statewide Office As An Independent**

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**2018: Poizner Ran For California Insurance Commissioner As An Independent After Holding The Office As A Republican From 2007 To 2011.** “Eight years after losing a bitter Republican primary for governor and stepping away from California’s political scene, Steve Poizner said Monday that he will run again for the elected office he gave up in that contest — state insurance commissioner. This time, he won’t run as a Republican. ‘There’s no room for partisan politics at the Department of Insurance,’ Poizner said in an interview, announcing the launch of a campaign to become the first independent ‘no party preference’ candidate ever to win statewide office. The 61-year old former tech entrepreneur served as insurance commissioner from 2007 to 2011.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/12/18](#)]

**2018: Poizner Changed His Party Registration From Republican To “Decline To State.”** “In 2016, Poizner rejected Trump’s presidential candidacy and endorsed Ohio Gov. John Kasich, serving as his state campaign chair in California. Several weeks ago, he re-registered from Republican to ‘decline to state’ — a growing category that now defines 1 in 5 registered voters in the state, as both major parties continue to lose ground in voting rolls. He said he has discussed the move with Kasich, who has been ‘very supportive’ of his decision.” [Politico, [2/12/18](#)]

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**2018: Poizner Said He Regretted His “Trump-Like” Immigration Stances From His 2010 Gubernatorial Campaign**

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**2018: Poizner Said He Regretted His “Trump-Like” Immigration Stances From His 2010 Gubernatorial Campaign, Which He Called “Wrong And Harmful.”** “As he tries to make history as the first independent candidate elected to California statewide office, former insurance commissioner Steve Poizner is saying mea culpa for his past Trump-like stances. Eight years ago, during his unsuccessful run for governor as a Republican, Poizner bemoaned the influence of undocumented immigrants and vowed to block them from receiving ‘taxpayer-funded benefits.’ He supported ending in-state college tuition for undocumented students, called for the California National Guard to deploy to the Mexican border, and endorsed a controversial Arizona law that allowed police to detain people they thought were undocumented. He even argued that public schools should refuse to enroll undocumented children. Now, as he’s running for his old insurance commissioner job as an independent, Poizner insists he no longer supports those ideas. ‘I regret the tone and direction that we took in that campaign,’ he said in an interview with the Bay Area News Group editorial board this week, calling his approach in that race ‘wrong and harmful.’” [Mercury News, [4/5/18](#)]



- **2010: Poizner Pledged To Ban Undocumented Children From Attending California Public Schools.** “Poizner said he'd work to change federal law that allows illegal immigrant children to attend public schools - a ‘radical’ approach he admitted, but a necessary one because of the state’s deficit.” [KPCC, [3/16/10](#)]

**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For McCain’s Presidential Campaign; McCain Withdrew His Endorsement Of Trump In 2016, Voted To Block His Health Care Agenda, And Repeatedly Faced Attacks From Trump**

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.  
• Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**October 2016: McCain Withdrew His Endorsement Of Trump After The Access Hollywood Tape Became Public And Pledged To Write In “Some Good Conservative Republican.”** “Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) on Saturday withdrew his support from Donald Trump in the wake of leaked tapes of Trump making lewd comments about women in 2005. ‘I have wanted to support the candidate our party nominated,’ McCain said in a statement. ‘He was not my choice, but as a past nominee, I thought it important I respect the fact that Donald Trump won a majority of the delegates by the rules our party set. I thought I owed his supporters that deference.’ ‘But Donald Trump’s behavior this week, concluding with the disclosure of his demeaning comments about women and his boasts about sexual assaults, make it impossible to continue to offer even conditional support for his candidacy,’ he continued. [...] In his statement Saturday, McCain did not reveal who he would vote for, but maintained that he would not cross party lines. ‘Cindy and I will not vote for Donald Trump,’ he said. ‘I have never voted for a Democratic presidential candidate and we will not vote for Hillary Clinton. We will write in the name of some good conservative Republican who is qualified to be President.’” [The Hill, [10/8/16](#)]

**July 2017: McCain Voted Against The American Health Care Act, Blocking The Central Item Of Trump’s Agenda.** “In a moment of unexpected high drama, Republicans were stymied once again in their effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act — and they have John McCain to thank for it. In the early morning hours Friday, the senator showed why he earned the nickname ‘Maverick’ over his long tenure. McCain, who was diagnosed with brain cancer and returned to Washington to advance the health care bill, turned around and bucked his party's leadership — and President Trump — by joining two moderate Republicans, two independents and every Democrat in voting against the so-called ‘skinny repeal’ of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.” [NPR, [7/27/17](#)]

**March 2019: NPR Headline: “Among False Claims, Trump Attacked McCain For Failing Veterans.”** [NPR, [3/21/19](#)]

**March 2019: The Guardian Headline: “‘I’m Not A Fan’: Trump's Grudge Against John McCain Continues Even In Death.”** [The Guardian, [3/22/19](#)]

**September 2020: Chicago Tribune Headline: “Fact Check: Trump Says He Never Called John McCain A ‘Loser.’ He Definitely Did.”** [Chicago Tribune, [9/5/20](#)]

**2003 –2007: Bognet Was An Advisor To Schwarzenegger’s Office And Policy Director For His Reelection Campaign; Schwarzenegger Called Trump The “Worst President Ever” And Refused To Endorse Either Of His Presidential Campaigns**

**March 2006 – January 2007: Bognet Was Policy Director For Schwarzenegger’s California Gubernatorial Reelection Campaign In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was



Policy Director for Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 from March 2006 to January 2007. He described this role: “• Served as senior staff member for Governor Schwarzenegger’s re-election campaign. Reported directly to Campaign Manager Steve Schmidt. Assisted in running successful \$75 million re-election campaign  
• Acted as principal liaison to Governor’s office on all policy matters.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**November 2003 – March 2006: Bognet Was Chief Deputy Special Advisor For Jobs And Economic Growth In Then-Gov. Schwarzenegger’s Office In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth at the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from November 2003 to March 2006. He described this role: “•Acted as surrogate speaker to business and political audiences across California. Advocated Governor’s policy agenda and special election initiatives in television and radio interviews in major California media markets.  
• Briefed Gov. Schwarzenegger on business attraction and retention targets and staffed Governor during his calls to target businesses. Successful pitches included major companies such as Genentech and Virgin America.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**January 2021: Schwarzenegger: Trump “Will Go Down In History As The Worst President Ever.”**  
“Schwarzenegger, whose feud with Trump dates back to when he took over The Apprentice from the mogul, then blamed Trump for inflaming racism and anti-Semitism, as well as how Trump’s attempts to overturn the election incited his followers. ‘President Trump is a failed leader. He will go down in history as the worst president ever. The good thing is soon he’ll be as irrelevant as an old tweet,’ Schwarzenegger said.” [Rolling Stone, [1/10/21](#)]

**2019: Schwarzenegger Said, “I Doubt It” When Asked If He Would Vote For Trump In 2020 And Said He Would Support Elizabeth Warren If She Won The Democratic Nomination.** “During a Monday appearance on SiriusXM’s ‘Howard Stern Show,’ Schwarzenegger was asked if he would be supporting President Trump’s reelection next year. ‘I doubt it,’ he replied with a laugh. ‘I could [vote for Elizabeth Warren],’ Schwarzenegger said when asked specifically about casting a ballot for the Massachusetts senator if she won the Democratic nomination. ‘I would just have to see what her program is, what her vision is for the future of America, because I think the most important thing is we keep America No. 1,’ Schwarzenegger added.” [The Hill, [10/8/19](#)]

**October 2016: Politico Headline: “Schwarzenegger Says He Can’t Support Trump.”** [Politico, [10/8/16](#)]

**Bognet Campaigned On Making China “Pay” For Unfair Trade Practices, But Personally Benefitted From Campaigns, Firms, And PACs That Facilitated Trade With China And Opposed Cracking Down On It**

**2020 – 2022: Bognet Supported Confrontation With China Over Unfair Trade Practices, Including Tariffs**

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**2020: Bognet Made Confronting China Over “The Jobs They Stole” And Unfair Trade Practices Key Issues In His Campaign**

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**March 2022: Bognet: “The Centerpiece Of My Campaign In 2020, As You Remember, Were Three Words: Make China Pay.”** “[BOGNET:] The centerpiece of my campaign in 2020, as you remember, were three words: make China pay. China destroyed our industries here in Northeast Pennsylvania with unfair trade practices, that thank God President Trump actually – I was honored to work in his administration to try to crack down on those unfair trade practices and bring jobs back to the American heartland.” [Breitbart News, [3/12/22](#)] (AUDIO) 14:02

**October 2020: Bognet Supported “Confrontational Approach To China And Favors Aligning With China's Neighbors To Combat Its Unfair Trade Practices And Violations Of Trade Agreements.”** “BOGNET: He said he favors controlling China by ensuring the United States has a strong Navy to challenge Chinese incursions into international waters. He backs Trump's confrontational approach to China and favors aligning with China's neighbors to combat its unfair trade practices and violations of trade agreements.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice,

[10/5/20\]](#)

**March 2020: Bognet Released An Ad Where He Vowed To “Make China Pay” For “The Jobs They Stole.”**  
“Jim Bognet, a former Trump administration appointee, released his first television ad of the Republican primary race. The 30 second spot, ‘Make China Pay,’ is a video recorded by Bognet from his iPhone of him at his family’s construction business that has been impacted by restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic. In the ad, he said that he knows his family’s business will get through this, but vows to make China ‘pay’ for their role in the virus’s outbreak in the United States. ‘Three weeks ago here in Hazleton, my family’s construction business was booming,’ Bognet said to begin the ad. ‘Now, it’s empty.’ ‘The Chinese lied to us,’ he continues later in the spot. ‘They tried to cover up coronavirus.’ ‘When I’m your Congressman, we’ll make China pay for the lies they told, the jobs they stole, and the lives we’ve lost,’ he said towards the end of the ad. ‘I’m with President Donald Trump, we will make America Great Again.’ In an interview with PoliticsPA about the ad, Bognet said that he felt ‘strongly’ that he had to go on the record about his thoughts on how he believes that China needs to be held responsible by the United States for the coronavirus pandemic. ‘I wanted to speak from the heart about what was going on,’ Bognet said to PoliticsPA. ‘I wasn’t very worried about cinematography, what I was worried about was speaking to the voters about what I think China’s done to us and how we can make China pay for it.’ [Politics PA, [4/30/20](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Make [China] Pay For The Manufacturing Jobs We’ve Lost.”**  
“[BOGNET:] Number one, I want to make China pay. I want to make them pay for coronavirus, for the lives we’ve lost. I want to make them pay for the manufacturing jobs we’ve lost over the last 25 years from the WTO and other things, the way they manipulated trade, the way they’ve stolen our products, the way they’ve stolen our plans, the corporate espionage they’ve committed.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 6:23

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**March 2020: Bognet Endorsed Using “Our Tariff Power” Against China**

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**March 2020: Bognet Said The Number One Way To Respond To China Would Be To “Use Our Tariff Power To Go Up Against Them.”** “[BOGNET:] Well, number one we have to go up against the Chinese communist party. For too long, our elites have sold us out, and our supply chain there, they’ve put us at risk for letting the Chinese have massive, massive leverage against us. President Trump has finally turned the corner and the speech Vice President Pence gave a year and a half ago as our number one strategic competitor, what they have been doing, building bases in the South China sea, while we slept under Obama, has been reprehensible. When I get to Congress, I am going to be a hawk on making sure, number one, we use our tariff power to go up against them. Number two, we use every kind of soft power we can to make them pay. Number three, we need more resources, we need a bigger navy in the South China sea, we need to be fearless. You know President Trump has done a lot, I think we need to keep it happening...and it’s not something we can you know do in a year. This is a decade long mission to stand up to China.” [YouTube via Breitbart Radio, [3/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 14:25

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**2022: Bognet Pledged To “Mak[e] China Pay For What They Have Done To Us”**

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**2022: Bognet Campaign Website: “I Also Support Making China Pay For What They Have Done To Us.”**  
“The liberals’ war against American energy has killed many great jobs. Unlike Democrats, I support fracking to enhance our economy in NEPA. I support finishing President Trump’s Border Wall and ending our border crisis. I also support Making China Pay for what they have done to us.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As A Romney Advisor In 2007, Bognet Opposed Protectionist Policies To Fight Unfair Chinese Trade Practices**

**Bognet On China: “The Only Way To Beat Them Is To Out-Compete Them.”** When Bognet was the Policy Development Director on Governor Romney’s campaign, he spoke on a Brookings panel entitled “Opportunity 08: Better Direction On Main Street”: “MR. BOGNET: Yeah, Governor Romney spent a lot of time talking about the challenge of China and India, and again, it comes back to a very different philosophical point of view. You can talk about the currency policies, you can talk about mercantilism, but really you only have one answer and you have to

out-compete them. You have to move up the value you chain and out-compete them. Currencies go up, currencies go down. We've had prosperity with a weak dollar, we've had prosperity with a strong dollar, but the thing and I think you've done some great work on this. That drives how nations do as productivity. We have to increase our productivity growth. You know, the Governor has talked about having China work with us, you know, supported some of Secretary Paulson's effort of what he's trying to do with the Chinese currency. But in the long run the only way to beat them is to out-compete them." [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

**Bognet Said Of Protectionism, "It Sounds Really Good, But After A Few Years You Find Yourself In A Situation Where You Are Not Producing The Goods And Services That Can Compete Internationally."**

BOGNET: "How protectionism is going to help us? It sounds really good, but after a few years you find yourself in a situation where you are not producing the goods and services that can compete internationally. And whether we like it or not, we are not where we were 70, 80 years ago. We are in an integrated global economy. So unless we make the investments in human capital through education and in better research development, leading the world in productivity innovation, we will not be able to win the global economic battle." [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

- **BBC: Trade Restrictions, Like Tariffs, Were At The Core Of Protectionism.** "Protectionism is trying to use restrictions such as tariffs to boost your country's industry, and shield it from foreign competition." [BBC, [5/10/19](#)]

**2007: Free Trade Was A "Key Element" Of Romney's Economic Platform Of Which Bognet Said, "He Believes That The American Business And American Worker Can Compete With Anyone In The World."**

"Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, the co-founder of private-equity investment giant Bain Capital, has been one of the most consistent supporters of free trade, making it a key element of his economic platform. 'He believes that the American business and American worker can compete with anyone in the world,' according to James Bognet, a deputy policy director for the Romney campaign. Romney particularly supports engaging China in trade, his website calling the Asian market an 'opportunity.'" [National Review, [8/9/07](#)]

**2007: Bognet: "President Bill Clinton Was One Of The Most Eloquent Advocates For Increased International Engagement And Increased Trade."**

"MR. BOGNET: It's amazing to me. I agree with a lot of what was said, but it's amazing to me if you look back. President Bill Clinton was one of the most eloquent advocates for increased international engagement and increased trade and now all of the major Democratic candidates to a certain extent, are retreating from that and I think that's probably one of the great unwritten ironies of this election is to see the way Hillary Clinton and some of the other candidates have totally walked away from free trade." [The Brookings Institution, [12/3/07](#)]

**Bognet Claimed He Worked To Bring Back Jobs From China As A Trump Appointee At The Ex-Im Bank, Which Authorized More Than \$100 Million To China During Trump's Term**

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**October 2019 – January 2020: Bognet Was A Senior VP At The Export-Import Bank, Where He Said He Worked "To Bring Jobs From China BACK To America" And Crack Down On Unfair Trade Practices**

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**Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications For The Ex-Im Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020.** "Please note that Mr. James Bognet only served in the role of Senior Vice President of Communications from October 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020." [Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20]

**March 2022: Bognet Said He Was "Honored To Work In [Trump's] Administration To Try To Crack Down" On Unfair Chinese Trade Practices And "Bring Jobs Back To The American Heartland."**

"[BOGNET:] The centerpiece of my campaign in 2020, as you remember, were three words: make China pay. China destroyed our industries here in Northeast Pennsylvania with unfair trade practices, that thank God President Trump actually – I was honored to work in his administration to try to crack down on those unfair trade practices and bring jobs back to the American heartland." [Breitbart News, [3/12/22](#)] (AUDIO) 14:02

## February 2022: Bognet: “I Worked In President Trump’s Administration To Bring Jobs From China BACK To America.”



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/20/22](#)]

## Fiscal Years 2017 – 2020: The U.S. Export Import Bank Authorized \$103,219,400 To China And Had An Average Of \$3.7 Billion In Exposure To Its Market Annually

Fiscal Years 2017 – 2020: Export-Import Bank Authorizations And Exposure To China			
Fiscal Year		Total Authorizations	Total Exposure
2020		\$2,700,000	\$2,871,200,000
2019		\$18,100,000	\$3,434,100,000
2018		\$31,419,400	\$3,993,287,172.54
2017		\$51,000,000	\$4,528,700,000
Total (Authorizations) & Average (Exposure)		\$103,219,400	\$3,706,821,793

[Export-Import Bank of the United States, [2020 Annual Report](#); [2019 Annual Report](#); [2018 Annual Report](#); [2017 Annual Report](#)]

**The Export-Import Bank Defined Exposure To A Market As The “Outstanding And Undisbursed Principal Balance Of Loans, Guarantees, And Insurance” And Unrecovered Balances Approved By The Bank.** “For both financial statement and analytical purposes, EXIM defines exposure as the authorized outstanding and undisbursed principal balance of loans, guarantees, and insurance, also including any unrecovered balances of payments made on claims submitted to and approved by the Bank. The claims payments are made by EXIM while acting as guarantor or insurer under the export guarantee and insurance programs. Note, exposure does not include accrued interest or transactions pending final approval.” [Export-Import Bank of the United States, [2020 Annual Report](#); [2019 Annual Report](#); [2018 Annual Report](#)]

## Washington Examiner Column: “Ex-Im Subsidizes U.S. Exports Through Loans And Loan Guarantees To Foreign Buyers Of U.S. Goods,” And The Top Recipient Of Its Financing Was The Chinese Government

**Washington Examiner Timothy Carney Opinion: Headline: The US Export-Import Bank Is China’s Cash Cow.** [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]

- **Carney: “Ex-Im Subsidizes U.S. Exports Through Loans And Loan Guarantees To Foreign Buyers Of U.S. Goods. The Top Recipient Of Ex-Im Financing Is The Chinese Government, Through State-Owned Banks, Manufacturers, Airlines, And Other State-Owned Companies.”** “If you are wearing a tie, there’s a good chance it was made in China. The factory where that tie was made was probably subsidized by the Chinese government. But here’s what you probably never guessed: That subsidized Chinese factory may have been subsidized by you, the U.S. taxpayer. And for that, thank the Export-Import Bank of the United States, a federal agency whose single biggest recipient is the communist-run government of China. [...] Ex-Im subsidizes U.S. exports through loans and loan guarantees to foreign buyers of U.S. goods. The top recipient of

Ex-Im financing is the Chinese government, through state-owned banks, manufacturers, airlines, and other state-owned companies.” [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]

- **Carney: “China Is The Top Destination Of U.S. Ex-Im Financing, And An Overwhelming Majority Of That Money Goes To State-Owned Enterprises.”** “China is the top destination of U.S. Ex-Im financing, and an overwhelming majority of that money goes to state-owned enterprises. For instance, the largest bank in the world, by some measures, is the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China. It is owned by the government of China, and thus operated by the Communist Party. Its purpose to advance China’s industrial policy, and thus China’s global designs. The U.S. government regularly subsidizes ICBC through Ex-Im.” [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]
- **Carney: Ex-Im Subsidies To China Meant “U.S. Taxpayers Are Simply Helping The Chinese Do Their Industrial Policy On The Cheap.”** “In 2014, ICBC’s aircraft leasing arm bought Boeing jets, and Ex-Im extended them a \$300 million loan guarantee. In 2011, Ex-Im loaned \$75.8 million directly to the same division of ICBC so that it could buy corporate jets. Obviously ICBC doesn’t need U.S. subsidies to buy some airplanes, but the subsidies make it cheaper. So U.S. taxpayers are simply helping the Chinese do their industrial policy on the cheap.” [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]
- **Carney: “Subsidizing The Communist-Run Government Of China Does Not Make America Great.”** “Ex-Im clearly doesn’t promote U.S. interests, and it clearly doesn’t combat China’s industrial policy. It subsidizes China’s industrial policy. That’s not helpful to U.S. interests. Ex-Im should be abolished. But the banks who love taxpayer guarantees and the U.S. exporters who love the export subsidies have too strong of a grip on both parties. [...] Yes, some Democrats value subsidizing their corporate allies enough that they’re willing to prop up China’s industrial policy in order to do it. Republicans should have more self-respect than that. Subsidizing the Communist-run government of China does not make America great.” [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]
- **Timothy Carney Was A Senior Columnist At The Washington Examiner.** [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]

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### Foreign Policy: “Ex-Im Does Little To Help U.S. Exports And Was “Misallocating Scarce Capital For Questionable Returns”

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**Foreign Policy: “Ex-Im Does Little To Help U.S. Exports At Any Rate, And Trying To Out-China China By Underwriting An Ever-Growing Pool Of Deals Risks Misallocating Scarce Capital For Questionable Returns.”** “But critics of the bank say it’s fine to let it sleepwalk along, and many would prefer it shut down altogether. Their fundamental arguments? Ex-Im does little to help U.S. exports at any rate, and trying to out-China China by underwriting an ever-growing pool of deals risks misallocating scarce capital for questionable returns. ‘It’s the ‘they do it, too’ fallacy,’ said Ryan Young of the Competitive Enterprise Institute. ‘The U.S. should not copy a Chinese policy mistake.’” [Foreign Policy, [11/22/19](#)]

- **China’s “\$39 Billion In Official Export Credit In 2018 Was More Than 100 Times Greater Than The \$301 Million Worth Of Deals Ex-Im Pushed Out The Door Last Year.”** “First, developing countries, especially China, now dominate the field, a sea change from decades past or even more recently—and they never signed on to agreements to limit export agencies’ use. Just before the financial crisis, in 2008, developing country export agencies accounted for just 13 percent of all export financing; today, they account for almost half. There are now at least 113 government export agencies globally, compared with just a handful when the gentlemen’s agreement was reached. China alone offered more export financing than the next three most active countries combined. Its \$39 billion in official export credit in 2018 was more than 100 times greater than the \$301 million worth of deals Ex-Im pushed out the door last year. ‘The Chinese have supported more exports in the last two years than Ex-Im has in its entire 85-year existence,’ Ex-Im President Kimberly Reed noted in a September speech.” [Foreign Policy, [11/22/19](#)]



- **Foreign Policy: “Many Republicans Are Also Worried” That Ex-Im Loans Are “Essentially Helping Foreign Firms, Including Chinese State-Owned Companies, Compete With U.S. Businesses.”** “Many Republicans are also worried that U.S. government money, in the form of Ex-Im loans, is essentially helping foreign firms, including Chinese state-owned companies, compete with U.S. businesses. Even President Donald Trump, formerly a critic who has done an about-face on Ex-Im since taking office, found the House legislation unsatisfactory. [...] Further, critics of Ex-Im argue that government support has never affected more than a tiny fraction of U.S. exports even when the bank was operating at full throttle. Since the bank became all but moribund, U.S. goods exports held steady and then last year reached a record high of \$1.7 trillion (though goods imports also reached a record high, leading to a record trade imbalance).” [Foreign Policy, [11/22/19](#)]

**Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From A Former Glover Park Group Lobbyist Who Represented A Chinese Company In Its Acquisition Of An American Battery Producer That Republicans Criticized For Weakening American Energy Security**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2013: Glover Park Group Was Paid \$90,000 For Lobbying For Wanxiang America Corporation On Its Acquisition Of A123**

2016: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Wanxiang America Corporation				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/18/13	Q1 2013	Lobbying related to Wanxiang's acquisition [sic] of A123.	Alex Mistri Joel Johnson Susan Brophy	\$90,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$90,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Wanxiang On Its Acquisition Of A123**

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Wanxiang America Corporation Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	6/19/20	\$1,000

Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp	4/29/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### January 2013: Wanxiang Group, China's Largest Car Part Manufacturer, Purchased A123 Systems, An American Battery Producer, Despite Concerns Over U.S. Energy Security And Wasted Taxpayer Funds

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**January 2013: Wanxiang Group, China's Largest Car Part Manufacturer, Purchased A123 Systems, An American Battery Producer.** "China's largest auto parts maker won U.S. government approval to buy A123 Systems Inc AONEQ.PK, a maker of electric car batteries, despite warnings by some lawmakers that the deal would transfer sensitive technology developed with U.S. government money. The sale of the lithium-ion battery maker to a U.S. unit of Wanxiang Group was approved by a U.S. government committee on foreign investment, according to a statement from the Chinese company. The companies later said the deal had been completed." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

**Some Members Of Congress And Members Of The Strategic Materials Advisory Council Asked The Committee On Foreign Investment In The United States To Block The Sale Over Energy Security Concerns.** "But the transaction still needed approval by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, a government body led by the Treasury secretary. The committee approved the deal on Monday night, according to Wanxiang. 'Wanxiang America looks forward to closing the transaction and to continuing to foster the technologies A123 has worked so hard to develop,' said Pin Ni, the president of Wanxiang America Corp, in a statement. Jason Forcier, president of the newly formed A123 Systems LLC's auto business, said Wanxiang was focused on pushing A123 to profitability within a few years. 'Wanxiang obviously brings financial stability to the company that we haven't had in at least the last six to 12 months,' he said in a telephone interview. Some members of Congress and the Strategic Materials Advisory Council - a group including retired military leaders that is focused on protecting the U.S. industrial supply chain - said the sale to Wanxiang could jeopardize U.S. energy security and they asked the U.S. committee to block it." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

**Sen. Thune: "Technology Produced By A123 And Funded By U.S. Taxpayers Should Not Simply Be Shipped Off To China So That The Military Applications For These Materials Can Be Reproduced Abroad."** "Among the lawmakers who remained opposed to the sale were two senators who questioned the government's funding of the battery company even before its bankruptcy. 'Technology produced by A123 and funded by U.S. taxpayers should not simply be shipped off to China so that the military applications for these materials can be reproduced abroad,' said a statement from Senator John Thune, a Republican from South Dakota." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

- **A123 Systems Received A Federal \$249 Million Grant For Clean Energy Development Before Declaring Bankruptcy In October 2013.** "A123 had received a \$249 million grant from the U.S. government as part of a stimulus program to promote clean energy, although about half of that money was never released. The company filed for bankruptcy in October due to weaker-than-expected demand for hybrid vehicles and technical problems." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

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### Republicans Later Criticized The Sale Of A123 Systems During The 2016 Presidential Election

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**June 2015: The RNC Criticized Clinton For Not Intervening In The 2013 Sale Of A123 Systems To Wanxiang As Secretary Of State.** "National Republican Party officials are questioning why Hillary Rodham Clinton did not intervene in the controversial 2013 sale of high-tech battery plants in Michigan to a Chinese firm when she was secretary of State and could have done so. At a campaign stop in New Hampshire last month, Clinton, the leading Democratic candidate for president, expressed concerns about the sale of A123 Systems — built with millions in government aid — along with those of other new energy firms, to Chinese investors, calling them 'unfortunate' and a 'serious' problem for high-tech industries in the U.S. 'That does concern me because a lot of foreign companies, particularly Chinese companies ... are looking to buy American companies,' she said in response to an entrepreneur who mentioned A123's sale while commenting that venture capital for new energy

technology has largely fled overseas. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, in a statement to the Free Press, called Clinton's remarks 'lip service' considering that as the former secretary of state, her department had a 'role in signing off on these sales,' including A123's to Wanxiang in early 2013." [Detroit Free Press, [6/5/15](#)]

### **Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Campaigns That Opposed Penalizing China For Unfair Trade Practices**

#### **Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's 2018 Senate Campaign; McSally Later Called Herself A "Free And Fair Trader At Heart" And Opposed Trump's Tariffs On China**

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: "• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2019: McSally, Who Called Herself A "Free And Fair Trader At Heart," Opposed Trump's Tariffs On China.** "McSally, a Republican, said she also opposes tariffs and the U.S. needs to work with its allies to boost pressure on China. 'This is a national security issue for sure, and this is very much my focus,' McSally said. 'But I'm a free and fair trader at heart. I don't support tariffs.'" [Associated Press, [5/17/19](#)]

#### **2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For McCain's Presidential Campaign; McCain Supported And Opposed Obama's Promises To Crack Down On China's Predatory Trade Practices**

##### **August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain's Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.**

According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: "• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate's debate preparation, strategy, and message.

- Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

##### **2008: McCain Opposed Obama's Pledges To Crack Down On China's Predatory Trade Practices; A**

**McCain Advisor Said That "Starting A Trade War With China" Would Be Detrimental To Americans.** In October 2008, Reuters reported, "Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama would ramp up pressure on China and other countries that violate trade rules and put less emphasis on cutting new trade deals if he captures the White House, a representative of the Obama campaign said on Wednesday. [...] [Philip] Levy agreed that China's currency is undervalued and a long-term problem for the United States. But given the global financial crisis it is 'a bit of an odd time to be punishing the Chinese for sending capital our way,' he said. 'I think there's room for negotiation there. I think what Sen. McCain would do is try to take action that would be effective for the American people. Starting a trade war with China probably doesn't meet that bill,' Levy said." Levy coordinated international economic policy for McCain's 2008 campaign according to Business Insider. [Reuters, [10/8/8](#); Business Insider, [8/27/18](#)]

- **McCain Advisor Equated Pressuring China To Stop Undervaluing Its Currency With “Punishing The Chinese For Sending Capital Our Way.”** “[Philip] Levy agreed that China’s currency is undervalued and a long-term problem for the United States. But given the global financial crisis it is ‘a bit of an odd time to be punishing the Chinese for sending capital our way,’ he said. ‘I think there’s room for negotiation there. I think what Sen. McCain would do is try to take action that would be effective for the American people. Starting a trade war with China probably doesn’t meet that bill,’ Levy said.” Levy coordinated international economic policy for McCain’s 2008 campaign according to Business Insider. [Reuters, [10/8/8](#); Business Insider, [8/27/18](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Economic Policy For Romney’s Presidential Campaign; Romney Opposed Tariffs On China In 2009 And 2010...**

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**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.**

According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.

- Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.
- Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces
- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

- **According To His Resume, Bognet “Led Development” On “All Aspects Of Economic Policy” And “Coordinated [The] Economic Policy Portfolio” For The Campaign.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.
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- **December 2007: Bognet: “My Main Goal On A Daily Basis Is To Help Governor Romney Communicate His Pro-Growth, Conservative Vision For The U.S. Economy.”** “James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: The role of an economic adviser, or any campaign policy staffer, is to help your candidate win the election by developing sound policy. In my role as policy development director, I help manage the campaign’s policy department, and am charged with coordinating the Governor’s economic policy. My main goal on a daily basis is to help Governor Romney communicate his pro-growth, conservative vision for the U.S. economy.” [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]

- **According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney’s 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner’s deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney’s policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

**September 2012: New Republic Headline: “When Romney Was Anti-Anti-China, Not So Long Ago”** [New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]



**2009: Romney Opposed Obama's Decision To Place Tariffs On Chinese Tires Flooding The U.S. Market.**

"While reporting a possible piece on Romney's foreign policy, I discovered a video of a luncheon chat that Romney held in September 2009 at the Foreign Policy Initiative, the organization founded by Bill Kristol to advance the neo-conservative cause. [...] But near the end of the luncheon, at the 31:30 mark, there is a question from Senor about Obama's decision that same month to slap tariffs on cheap Chinese tires flooding the U.S., imports that the administration argued violated WTO rules. The question sets Romney loose – he launches on a long, fluid disquisition with nary an affirming glance at Senor. [...] [ROMNEY:] And I understand that and they -- and the corporations, it's not just the unions by the way, it's the corporate executives and the shareholders and all the wealth owners, capitalists behind the tire industry -- are saying don't let those foreign tires in here, it's gonna hurt me. And it will -- as those tires come in it does hurt them directly, and therefore what their response is, their immediate response is, don't let them in. But if that's what their response is, my experience is over time, they will lose out slowly but surely, as they protect their lack of productivity with barriers, they will become less and less competitive, the foreign guys will get more and more volume, more and more successful, they'll become more and more productive, the domestic guys get less and less productive, less and less competitive, until finally even the tariff can't hold them out and the foreign products come flooding into the marketplace and the domestic guys are gone." [New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

- **Romney Said The Tariffs Would "Directly" Hurt American Tire Workers, But That Tariffs Would Hurt Them More In The Long Run By Reducing Productivity Through Higher Competition.** "[ROMNEY:] And that is something which is lost on a lot of people in this country. The tire workers of America look at these tires coming in from China and say this is not good for me. And I understand that and they -- and the corporations, it's not just the unions by the way, it's the corporate executives and the shareholders and all the wealth owners, capitalists behind the tire industry -- are saying don't let those foreign tires in here, it's gonna hurt me. And it will -- as those tires come in it does hurt them directly, and therefore what their response is, their immediate response is, don't let them in. But if that's what their response is, my experience is over time, they will lose out slowly but surely, as they protect their lack of productivity with barriers, they will become less and less competitive, the foreign guys will get more and more volume, more and more successful, they'll become more and more productive, the domestic guys get less and less productive, less and less competitive, until finally even the tariff can't hold them out and the foreign products come flooding into the marketplace and the domestic guys are gone." [ForeignPolicyI YouTube, [9/21/09](#); Transcript via New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]
- **Romney: "So Putting Barriers Up, Trying To Put Walls Up, In My Opinion Is A Defeating Strategy And Will Yield Ultimate Decline And Collapse."** "[ROMNEY:] So putting barriers up, trying to put walls up, in my opinion is a defeating strategy and will yield ultimate decline and collapse. The alternative strategy, by the way, as you know is, to say, OK, those guys have figured out a way to make tires in a more productive way than we have, and we're going to have to find another way to compete. We're going to have to find a way to use our ingenuity and our investments, new capital, we're going to have to find way to compete or we're gonna be gone." [ForeignPolicyI YouTube, [9/21/09](#); Transcript via New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

**In His 2010 Book, Romney Opposed The Bush And Obama Administrations' Tariffs Against Chinese Steel And Tires, Respectively, Which He Said Were "Bad For Our Nation And Our Workers."** "That results-oriented dialogue, coupled with vigorous enforcement, draws a sharp contrast with Romney's approach. Romney, in his 2010 book, 'No Apology,' opposed actions by both the Bush and Obama administrations to combat unfair trade practices. He said those moves – aimed at steel and tires, respectively — were 'decidedly bad for our nation and our workers.'" [Politico, Nina Hachigan and Jacob Stokes Op-Ed, [3/14/12](#)]

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**...Before He Adopted Harsher Rhetoric Against Chinese Trade Practices During His 2012 Campaign**

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**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign's Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: "• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.  
• Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy."



- Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2012: Romney’s Campaign Criticized Obama For Being Soft On Chinese Trade Practices.** “Mitt Romney is kicking off a three-day tour through Ohio, the state he badly needs to win, where Barack Obama has held a stubborn lead for months. Not surprisingly, Romney’s arrival coincides with a new ad hitting Obama for being too soft in pushing back against China’s trade violations. Romney’s been hitting this protectionist line since early in the Republican primaries, which has raised eyebrows coming from a man who has thrived on the realities of global capitalism as much as he has. But I recently came across a remarkable video clip from just three years ago that shows just how radically Romney has shifted on the subject of trade with China.” [New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

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**2020: Bognet Accepted At Least \$7,000 From PACs That Opposed Trump’s Proposed Tariffs On China**

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**September 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,000 From Koch Industries Inc. PAC; Koch Industries Opposed Trump’s Tariffs**

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**September 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,000 From Koch Industries Inc. PAC.** [FEC, Individual Contribution Search, [9/25/20](#)]

**Koch Industries Website: “Free Trade Lifts Up Society.”** “Why Should I Care? Because free trade lifts up society. International trade issues. They seem kinda complicated. And you’ve got a million other things to care about. [...] Explore these perspectives on the topic of trade and discover how win-win trades aren’t just vital to a healthy economy. But critical to the betterment of society itself.” [Koch Industries, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

**March 2018: Charles Koch Op-Ed Headline: “Corporate Leaders Must Reject Trump’s Tariffs.”** [Washington Post, Charles Koch Op-Ed, [3/7/18](#)]

- **Koch Op-Ed: “Tariffs Increase Prices, Limit Choices, Reduce Competition And Inhibit Innovation.”** “Countries with the freest trade have tended to not only be the wealthiest but also the most tolerant. Conversely, the restriction of trade — whether through tariffs, quotas or other means — has hurt the economy and pitted people against each other. Tariffs increase prices, limit choices, reduce competition and inhibit innovation. Equally troubling, research shows that they fail to increase the number of jobs overall. Consider the devastation of cities such as Detroit, where trade barriers to aid the auto industry did nothing to halt its decline.” [Washington Post, Charles Koch Op-Ed, [3/7/18](#)]

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**2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,000 From National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies PAC; The National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies Opposed Trump’s Tariffs On Chinese Car Parts**

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**October – November 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,000 Total From National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies PAC.** [FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

**July 2018: Trump Threatened To Impose A 25 Percent Tariff On Imported Car Parts From China.** “During the meeting with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, President Trump backed off his threat to impose a 25 percent tariff on European cars and parts, after which the two men embraced. But Mr. Trump’s threat to levy that tariff on China and other nations remains in place and no formal agreement having been reached in Europe.” [CBS, [7/30/18](#)]

**2018: The National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) Warned About “The Unintended Impact Of Potential Automotive Parts Tariffs On The Cost Of Auto Insurance Repair Claims.”** “As the Department of Commerce undertakes its investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 on

the effects of importation of automobiles and automotive parts, the American Insurance Association (AIA), the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) would like to comment on an additional ‘relevant factor’ not specifically addressed in the request for comments: the unintended impact of potential automotive parts tariffs on the cost of auto insurance repair claims.” [Joint Comments of the American Insurance Association, the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, [2018](#)]

- **NAMIC: “We Urge The Department Of Commerce To Consider This Unintended Consequence Of The Imposition Of Tariffs, Quotas Or Other Adjustments On The Importation Of Automotive Repair Parts.”** “While not commenting on the broader strategy of the Administration, on behalf of our member companies and their policyholders, we urge the Department of Commerce to consider this unintended consequence of the imposition of tariffs, quotas or other adjustments on the importation of automotive repair parts.” [Joint Comments of the American Insurance Association, the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, [2018](#)]

**Bognet Benefited From A Super PAC Funded Largely By Bognet’s Friend Michael Goller, A Board Member Of A Beijing-Based Biopharmaceutical Company That Worked In Wuhan Labs, Which Bognet Claimed Was The Source Of COVID-19**

**April-October 2020: Keep PA Great, A Super PAC That Supported Bognet, Spent \$223,763 On Campaign Mailings And Materials, Including One That Said Bognet Would “Get Our Economy Moving Again And Hold China Accountable For The Damage” And Lost Jobs They Caused**

**Keep PA Great Super PAC Supported Bognet And Spent \$223,763 On Campaign Mail**

**Keep PA Great Was A Conservative Super PAC That Supported Jim Bognet.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**April-October 2020: DC-Based Keep PA Great Super PAC Spent \$223,763 On Campaign Mailings And Materials.**

Expenditures By Keep PA Great		
Sector	Description	Total Expenditures
Campaign Expenses	Campaign mailings & materials	\$241,172
Media	Unspecified media buys	\$71,670
	Miscellaneous media	\$34,892
Administrative	Accountants, compliance & legal services	\$9,065
Strategy & Research	Campaign strategy & communications consulting	\$500
Unclassifiable	Unclassifiable	\$2,542
	Unclassifiable printing & shipping	\$0

[OpenSecrets, accessed [3/24/22](#); FEC, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**May 2020: Bognet’s Republican Opponent Called Keep America Great A “D.C. Swamp-Based Super PAC.”** “In a statement, Granville noted his pledge to avoid criticizing fellow Republicans and said Bognet should concentrate on beating Cartwright. ‘I first learned of the (postcard) attacks on Monday when I was commemorating Memorial Day with my fellow veterans at Arlington National Cemetery,’ Granville said. ‘It’s truly sad that one of my Republican opponents does not share my commitment and he and his D. C. swamp-based Super PAC are using their resources to divide our party.’” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**Keep PA Great PAC Counted Bognet’s Family And Friends As Donors**

**Keep PA Great Super PAC**

Contributor	Total Contributed
Michael J Goller	\$160,000
Bognet Construction Associates, Inc.	\$50,000
Bognet Partners, LP	\$50,000
Richard Mutchler	\$50,000
George J. Hayden Inc	\$15,000
James G Bognet	\$10,000
Maple Hazleton Properties, LLC	\$10,000
William J Rosado	\$7,500
Chronos Construction Staffing Inc	\$5,000
Vincent Ferraro	\$4,000
David L Fogel	\$3,000
Kavlick Enterprises, Inc.	\$2,000
Heim Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,000
Donald Sherwood	\$1,000

[FEC, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**James G. Bognet Was Candidate Jim Bognet’s Father And Owner Of Pennsylvania-Based Construction Company Bognet Inc.** “Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**James Bognet, A Cousin Of Candidate Jim Bognet, Was The President And Chief Executive Of Bognet Construction Associates, A Vienna, VA-Based Construction Company.** “Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**George Hayden Jr, Of The Contractor George J. Hayden Inc., Was Bognet’s Cousin.** “George J. Hayden Inc., a Hazleton-based commercial and industrial electrical contractor, which gave \$10,000. Company president George J. Hayden Jr. is Bognet's cousin. Hayden and his wife, Karen, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

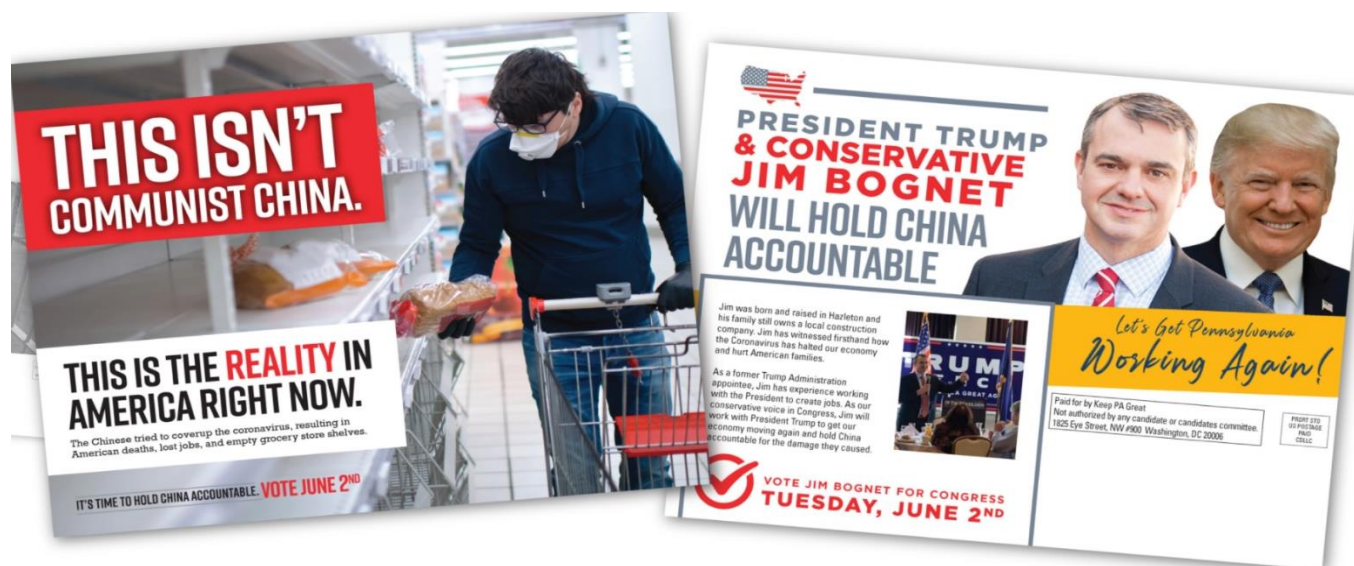
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**Despite The Source Of Keep PA Great’s Top Funder, The Super PAC Sent Mailers That Said Bognet Would “Get Our Economy Moving Again And Hold China Accountable For The Damage They Caused” And The “Lost Jobs” Caused By China’s “Coverup” Of The Coronavirus**

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**A Keep PA Great Postcard Questioned Republican Primary Candidates’ Loyalty To Trump.** “A political action committee whose donors have close ties to Jim Bognet has sent voters a postcard criticizing two of his fellow Republican congressional candidates. Keep PA Great has a Washington, D. C. address, but its contributors are Bognet's father, companies owned by relatives and a wealthy friend from his college days. The PAC sent the large postcard last weekend, accusing rival candidate Mike Marsicano of refusing to support President Donald Trump in 2016 and Earl Granville of not voting for Trump. The mailer also notes Marsicano and Granville ‘just registered’ as Republicans and questions whether they would work with Trump and ‘stand up for our conservative values.’” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

A Postcard Paid For By Keep PA Great During The Republican Primary Showed Pictures Of Bognet And Trump, And Said Bognet Would “Get Our Economy Moving Again And Hold China Accountable For The Damage They Caused” And The “Lost Jobs” Caused By China’s “Coverup” Of The Coronavirus.



[Creative Direct, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**Bognet’s Friend Michael Goller, Who Served On The Board Of A Chinese Biopharmaceutical Company Boosted By The Chinese Communist Party, Bankrolled A Pro-Bognet Super PAC And Donated The Maximum Possible Amount Directly To Bognet’s Campaign**

**Bognet’s Friend, Michael Goller, Served On The Board Of Beijing-Based Biopharmaceutical Company BeiGene**

**Michael Goller Was A Hedge Fund Partner Who Bognet Described As A Friend.** “There's no law forbidding two PACs supporting the same candidate from having the same donors, and Keep PA Great and Bognet's congressional PAC, Bognet for Congress, share several. [...] Michael J. Goller, a partner in Baker Brothers Advisors, a New York City-based hedge fund, who gave \$60,000. He also gave \$5,600 to the candidate PAC. Goller is a Bognet friend and classmate from Penn State University, the campaign said.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**Goller Served On BeiGene’s Board Of Directors Since April 2015.** [BeiGene, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

- **According To Its Website, BeiGene Started In Beijing And Its Mission Was “To Build The First Next-Generation Biopharmaceutical Company.”** [BeiGene, accessed [3/24/22](#)]
- **BeiGene’s Website: “We Have No Borders.”** “From our start in 2010, with a handful of scientists and developers, each committed to discovering new oncology treatments and improving access to patients.....To today, with a global team of more than 8,000 colleagues and more than 30 offices across five continents – including one of the world’s largest oncology research teams – a rich pipeline, strong partnerships, and commercial products. Our global clinical development program includes clinical trials in more than 45 countries. We have no borders.” [BeiGene, accessed [3/24/22](#)]
- **According To Yahoo Finance, BeiGene, Ltd. “Discovers, Develops, Manufactures, And Commercializes Medicines For Cancer Therapeutics In The People's Republic Of China And The United States.”** [Yahoo Finance, accessed [3/24/22](#)]



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**Goller Made More Than \$1.5 Million From Cash Fees And Stock Options While On The Board Of BeiGene**

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**2016 – 2020: Goller Made \$1,524,109 From Cash Fees And Stock Options While On The Board Of BeiGene.**

- **2020: Goller Made \$360,543 In Cash Fees And Stock Option Awards From BeiGene.** [2020 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/30/21https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1651308/000104746920002658/a2241477zdef14a.htm](https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1651308/000104746920002658/a2241477zdef14a.htm)]
- **2019: Goller Made \$354,971 In Cash Fees And Stock Option Awards From BeiGene.** [2019 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/28/20](#)]
- **2018: Goller Made \$352,291 In Cash Fees, Stock Options, And Share Options From BeiGene.** [2018 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/29/19](#)]
- **2017: Goller Made \$443,804 In Cash Fees And Stock Options From BeiGene.** [2017 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/30/18](#)]
- **2016: Goller Made \$12,500 In Cash Fees From BeiGene.** [2016 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/26/17](#)]

*Note: BeiGene's website does not list DEF 14A filings prior to 2016.*

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**BeiGene Had A Strong Relationship With Chinese Regulators And Was Boosted By The Communist Party Via Chinese Government Initiatives To Make Its Biopharma Market “Competitive On The Global Stage”**

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**BeiGene Was “Getting A Boost From The Communist Party, Which Wants To Build Homegrown Champions In The Drug Industry.”** “In laboratories across China — from BeiGene’s shiny research centers to the sprawling biotech parks that dot the country — an army of scientists are racing to catch up with and then overtake their Western counterparts. They’re working overtime on everything from cutting-edge cancer therapies to genetic engineering, and they’re getting a boost from the Communist Party, which wants to build homegrown champions in the drug industry.” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**Fierce Pharma Called BeiGene “The Poster Child Of China’s Booming Biotech Industry.”** “Now, BeiGene is basically the poster child of China’s booming biotech industry. It’s size has increased exponentially as its fame grows; as of January, the company had about 3,500 employees, compared with about 300 at the end of 2016. They are stationed at 17 locations across China, the U.S. and Europe.” [Fierce Pharma, [11/20/20](#)]

**BeiGene Was Reportedly “Boosted By The Communist Party, Which Aims To Put China In The Forefront Of Global Pharmaceutical Research.”** “In pharmaceutical research facilities across China, legions of scientists are tirelessly working to compete with their counterparts in the West on everything from genetic engineering to revolutionary cancer treatments. Boosted by the Communist Party, which aims to put China in the forefront of global pharmaceutical research, and private investors attracted to the sector’s huge growth potential, Chinese firms are extremely optimistic. China is the second-largest pharmaceutical market after the United States, and there is plenty of room to grow. [...] Chinese companies like BeiGene aim to take market share away from global pharmaceutical manufacturers, which have traditionally dominated local sales. If they succeed in competing on the domestic front, they will attempt to expand into foreign markets.” [MENAFN Asia Times, [6/19/18](#)]

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**BeiGene Built “One Of The Premier Clinical Trial Platforms In China” Due To Its Strong Relationships With Trial Investigators And Chinese Regulators.** “International drugmakers including Britain-based AstraZeneca Plc, Swiss drugmaker Roche Holding, U.S. biotech Amgen Inc and Switzerland’s Novartis AG have made big investments, hoping to benefit from cheaper trial costs in China, access to large patient populations and the ability to identify new drugs for Asian markets. Amgen last year agreed to pay \$2.7 billion for a 20.5% stake in BeiGene to develop cancer drugs for the Chinese market. A few weeks later, BeiGene in November became the first drugmaker to receive U.S. approval for a cancer therapy based on trials conducted largely in China. Amgen research chief David Reese said at the time BeiGene has built ‘one of the premier clinical trial platforms in China,’ noting its strong relationships with trial investigators and regulators.” [Reuters, [2/12/20](#)]

**BeiGene CEO: “When The Government Turns And Says Let’s Make Sure This Industry Grows Properly In China, You Wind Up With Global Leaders.”** “‘There’s a belief here that we can compare with anyone anywhere in the world,’ said Oyler, who’s now BeiGene’s chief executive officer. ‘When the government turns and says let’s make sure this industry grows properly in China, you wind up with global leaders.’” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**BeiGene Hoped “To Grab A Bigger Slice Of That Pie From Global Drugmakers,” With BeiGene’s Plans “Getting A Boost From The Government’s Move In 2015 To Overhaul Regulations.”** “Chinese companies like BeiGene are hoping to grab a bigger slice of that pie from global drugmakers, who have for years dominated local sales of innovative therapies. If that works, the Chinese firms are hoping to take their drugs around the world. Their plans are getting a boost from the government’s move in 2015 to overhaul regulations that had for decades slowed drug approvals and stifled innovation. These days innovative new drugs can reach the Chinese market in a fraction of the time the process once took.” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**BeiGene, “One Of China’s Largest Innovative Drug Developers,” Sought Approval From The Chinese Government For A Drug Which Could Reach \$2.3 Billion In Annual Sales According To Morgan Stanley.** “BeiGene, which is one of China’s largest innovative drug developers, reflects both the risks and the potential upside for companies that succeed. At the heart of its pipeline is a drug called Tislelizumab that belongs to a hot new class of cancer therapies called PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitors. Such therapies use the patient’s own immune system to fight tumors. [...] BeiGene plans to seek approval from the Chinese government in 2018. If approved, annual sales for BeiGene’s drug have the potential to reach up to \$2.3 billion at their peak in 2030, Morgan Stanley analysts estimate. The company is already doing some global trials with U.S.-based Celgene Corp.” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**BeiGene CEO: “I Believe In Five To 10 Years, Several Global Blockbusters That Benefit People Around The World Will Come From China. I Don’t Know Which Companies, But They Will Be Chinese.”** “Still, Oyler is among those who acknowledge the risks of an emerging biotech industry: When things don’t go well, investors unfamiliar with the complexities of drug development tend to flee and leave companies strapped for money. [...] ‘I believe in five to 10 years, several global blockbusters that benefit people around the world will come from China,’ said Wu Xiaobin, BeiGene’s China head and former country manager at Pfizer China. ‘I don’t know which companies, but they will be Chinese.’” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**April 2019: Pharma Manufacturing Headline: The Biopharma Company That’s Redefining ‘Made In China.’** [Pharma Manufacturing, [4/29/19](#)]

- **BeiGene Vice President: The Chinese Government Created An Initiative To Boost Its Biopharma Market And “Be Competitive On The Global Stage.”** “Recently, we caught up with Diana Francis, Vice President and Global Head of Quality & Compliance for BeiGene, for more insights on the current landscape of Chinese manufacturing and opportunities in the biopharma field. Meagan Parrish: Why has the Chinese government launched this initiative to boost its biopharma market? Diana Francis: The Chinese government

created the initiative called ‘Made in China,’ which focuses on sectors where they want to make a difference. For years, a lot of multinationals went to China for manufacturing because of the lower costs. But now China wants to be a major player in all the different high-tech sectors. China has invested in its infrastructure — for example, every city with over 60,000 people has rail service connecting them. And now for years, the country has been manufacturing a lot of its own drugs, including HIV treatments and birth control, all made with pharmaceutical ingredients that were made in China. China has also been implementing regulatory changes and focusing on branding and product quality to be competitive on the global stage. They want to reduce their reliance on foreign technologies.” [Pharma Manufacturing, [4/29/19](#)]

- **BeiGene Vice President: China Wanted “To Dominate Domestically And Produce For The World Market, And They Are Willing To Back It Up With Financial Investments For Companies That Do Business Here.”** “MP: What kinds of regulatory changes have been made to support the pharma industry? DF: Because the regulatory landscape was quite difficult when it comes to getting a drug approved, companies became too discouraged to conduct clinical trials in China. Companies usually start in the U.S. and then they go to the EU, Japan or Latin America. But now Chinese regulators will accept foreign data for studies, provided that there is a correlation to the Chinese population. If you have subsets of Chinese patients in the study, they will analyze that to see how the data look. The government is also creating science and technology centers, encouraging multinational companies to develop innovative drugs there. Clearly China wants to become the world’s largest producer of high-quality, innovative drugs. These changes demonstrate the Chinese government’s strong commitment to patients. If you look at Merck, they had six new products approved in China in 2018 — that’s quite a few. And Celgene has three approved in China that we are marketing and distributing. China wants to be competitive in the world market. They also want the supply chain well controlled and are encouraging multinational companies to do R&D there and be competitive with exports. That’s the key. They want to dominate domestically and produce for the world market, and they are willing to back it up with financial investments for companies that do business here.” [Pharma Manufacturing, [4/29/19](#)]

**March 2021: Belt And Road News Headline: “Armed With Innovative Drugs, BeiGene Goes From Strength To Strength Overseas.”** [Belt and Road News, [3/2/21](#)]

- **Belt And Road News: “BeiGene’s Rapid Inroads Into The Global Market Signal The Coming Of Age Of China’s Biotech Industry.”** “BeiGene’s rapid inroads into the global market signal the coming of age of China’s biotech industry. Homegrown treatments are now regarded as top-class and have been receiving regulatory approvals abroad to be offered to people with urgent clinical needs. That marks a contrast to the past when foreign pharmaceutical companies would make a beeline for the huge domestic market in China, an economy flush with high growth and an improving business environment. China’s biotech companies such as BeiGene have made a name for themselves with an intense focus on research and development of innovative drugs.” [Belt and Road News, [3/2/21](#)]
- **BeiGene President: “The Future Of Chinese Innovative Pharmaceutical Companies Relies On Successful Global Operations Because That Is A Significant Way For Chinese Pharmaceutical Companies To Grow Into International Pharmaceutical Giants.”** [Belt and Road News, [3/2/21](#)]

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**Goller Was The Single Largest Donor To Keep PA Great, A Super PAC Supporting Bognet’s 2020 Congressional Bid**

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**Michael Goller Was The Single Largest Donor To Keep PA Great, Contributing A Total Of \$160,000.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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**2019 – 2021: Goller Directly Contributed \$11,400 To Bognet’s Congressional Campaigns**

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**According To The Federal Election Commission, Michael Goller Contributed \$11,400 To Bognet’s 2020 Campaign.** [FEC, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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**Despite His Relationship To Goller, Bognet Said The US Had Become Too Dependent On China For Pharmaceuticals**

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**May 2020: Bognet Op-Ed: “We Have Become Too Dependent On Supply Chains In China For Too Many Of Our Goods, Especially Pharmaceuticals.”** “Coronavirus originated in the Wuhan region of China, killing thousands there in January. Today, the world is paying the price in lives for the lies, deception and foot-dragging by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). [...] This crisis has clearly demonstrated what President Trump has been saying for years. We have become too dependent on supply chains in China for too many of our goods, especially pharmaceuticals. That must end now. We need a new national policy that focuses on promoting American industry, diversifying our trading partners, and making China pay for what it has done to our health and our economy.” [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, Jim Bognet Op-Ed, [5/25/20](#)]

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**Bognet Accused China Of Covering Up The Coronavirus, Calling It “The Wuhan Flu” And Called On Trump To Suspend All Flights Originating In China**

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**Bognet Accused China Of Covering Up The Coronavirus Sending The “Wuhan Flu” To The U.S.**

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**April 2020: Bognet Aired TV Commercials That Said China Tried To Cover Up The Coronavirus And He Would “Make China Pay” When He Was Elected.** “[BOGNET:] The Chinese lied to us. They tried to cover up coronavirus. When I’m your congressman, we’ll make China pay for the lies they told, the jobs they stole, and the lives we’ve lost. I’m with President Donald Trump. We will make America great again” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [4/15/20](#); YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [4/15/20](#)] (VIDEO) :10

**May 2020: Bognet’s Second TV Ad: “China Cheated Us On Trade And Sent Us The Wuhan Flu.”** “[BOGNET:] Around here, we used to win a lot. But things have changed. China cheated us in on trade and sent us the Wuhan flu.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [5/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :10

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**Bognet Called On Trump To “Suspend All Direct And Connecting Flights Originating In China Until The Chinese Authorities Forcefully Address This Global Public Health Crisis”**

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**January 2020: Bognet Called On Trump To “Suspend All Direct And Connecting Flights Originating In China Until The Chinese Authorities Forcefully Address This Global Public Health Crisis.”** “I encourage President @realDonaldTrump to suspend all direct and connecting flights originating in #China until the Chinese authorities forcefully address this global public health crisis, and provide a full and transparent accounting of the measures taken.”



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Replying to @Bognet4congress

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1:54 PM · Jan 29, 2020 · Twitter Web App

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/29/20](#)]

## 2020 – 2022: Bognet Said COVID-19 “Very Likely” Originated In A Wuhan Lab And Called For Making China “Pay” Over It

**March 2022: Bognet Encouraged People To Watch His 2020 Ads About “Making China Pay For All They’ve Done To Us, With The China Virus And The Wuhan Flu.”** “[HOST:] Jim, how can people find out more about you as an individual, how can they find out more about what you believe in, and how can they find out more about your campaign? [BOGNET:] Number one, go to YouTube and watch my ads from last year where I talk about making China pay for all they’ve done to us, with the China virus and the Wuhan flu.” [Bannon’s War Room, [3/11/22](#)] (AUDIO) 18:00

**June 2021: Bognet On The “Very Likely Origin” Of COVID-19 Being A Wuhan Lab: “We Must MAKE CHINA PAY!”** “It’s amazing that even liberals are coming around to the idea that COVID-19 came from the Wuhan Lab. Most on the left and in the liberal media immediately dismissed this very likely origin when Pres. Trump, Senator Cotton and I said this OVER A YEAR AGO! We must MAKE CHINA PAY!”



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**April 2020: In An Op-Ed, Bognet Called For “A Forceful Response To China’s Role In Unleashing This Plague Upon The World,” Including “Lost Trade, International Shunning, And Even Sanctions.”** “China must pay for the decision to keep the world dangerously misinformed. On January 29, I called for a total shutdown of flights into the U.S. from China. Today, I am calling for a forceful response to China’s role in unleashing this plague upon the world. I support the resolution by U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), and Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), calling for an international investigation into the CCP coverup. The Chinese government should be given a choice to come clean, or accept the consequences in lost trade, international shunning, and even sanctions.” [Townhall, Jim Bognet Op-Ed, [4/21/20](#)]

**April 2020: Bognet Said We Must Hold The Chinese Communist Party Accountable For “Lying” About The Coronavirus.** “The Chinese Communist party has lied about this from the beginning. We must hold China accountable and make them pay for what they have done to the world. #PA08 #KAG #PAPolitics”



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- **In Addition To Wuhan, BeiGene Conducted Clinical Trials In Beijing And Guangzhou City.** “The issue is not limited to Wuhan. Two doctors testing the BeiGene cancer drug tislelizumab in Beijing and Guangzhou city said efforts to contain the virus have hampered patient enrollment and capacity.” [Reuters, [2/12/20](#)]

**Bognet Repeatedly Claimed He Brought Back Manufacturing Jobs To The U.S. As A Trump Appointee At The Ex-Im Bank; He Really Worked At The Bank For 57 Business Days And The Bank Authorized Millions More In Exports From PA-08 Under Obama And Biden Than Trump**

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**February 2022: Bognet: “I Worked In President Trump’s Administration To Bring Jobs From China BACK To America.”**





[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/20/22](#)]

**Bognet's 2022 Campaign Website Stated He Was Appointed In Trump's Administration "To Help Rebuild Our Industrial Heartland And To Create Jobs, Support Small Businesses, And Promote 'Made In America' Products."** "I was blessed to work for President Trump's administration creating manufacturing jobs to rebuild America's industrial heartland. Some of the greatest honors of my life were working in the Trump administration, attending President Trump's nomination acceptance speech at the White House in August 2020, and having President Trump's endorsement in the 2020 election. [...] President Trump appointed Jim to a position in his administration to help rebuild our industrial heartland and to create jobs, support small businesses, and promote 'Made in America' products around the world." [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**January 2020: Bognet Said He Worked On "Manufacturing Issues, Increasing Exports, Really Helping Our Small Businesses" In The Trump Administration.** "[BOGNET:] Most recently I was working in the Trump administration on manufacturing issues, increasing exports, really helping our small businesses. You know, President Trump wants to rebuild the industrial heartland, make sure that we not just have jobs, but good jobs you can support a family on." [WYLN via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [1/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:40

**October 2020: Bognet: "I Worked In The Trump Administration On Manufacturing. I Know How To Bring Manufacturing Jobs Back To The Heartland."** "[BOGNET:] We can really make manufacturing, takeoff. And I worked in the Trump administration on manufacturing. I know how to bring manufacturing jobs back to the Heartland. Matt Cartwright was an office for eight years. The first six years of that, we didn't see much manufacturing improvement. Only under President Trump, did we see manufacturing employment." [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 29:27

**January 2022: Bognet: "I Worked In President Trump's Administration Creating JOBS To Rebuild America's Industrial Heartland."**



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/15/22](#)]

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed NEPA Experienced An Economic Boom During The Trump Administration, Including In Manufacturing And Real Estate.** "[BOGNET:] Number one, on the economy, the economy of Northeast Pennsylvania, where I'm from, which, you know, was challenged from about 2008 to 2017,

under President Trump, it was the most robust we've ever seen it during my lifetime. I'm 46 years old. We had unemployment down around four percent. We were building new factories, we were building new warehouses. Real estate was doing very well. And then between Biden and Covid, we hit a really tough spot there in 2020, 2021, we had huge spikes in unemployment in Pennsylvania, a lot of dislocation, so we need to get the economy back on track, get it out of the ditch, go back to the Trump policies of low taxes and low regulation and pro-worker." [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:32:34

### **Bognet Worked At The Export-Import Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020, Or 57 Days Excluding Federal Holidays And Weekends**

**Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications For The Ex-Im Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020.** "Please note that Mr. James Bognet only served in the role of Senior Vice President of Communications from October 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020." [Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20]

- **From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020 Was 85 Days Total, Including The End Date.** [Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]
- **Excluding Weekends And Including The End Date, From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020 Was 61 Days.** [Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]
- **Excluding Weekends And Federal Holidays And Including The End Date, From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020 Was 57 Days.** [Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]
- **Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, And New Year's Day Fell On Weekdays Between October 16, 2019 And January 8, 2020.** [U.S. Office of Personnel Management, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

### **Bognet Claimed He "Worked Hard" And Made \$40,000 In 2019, But Was Really Paid An Average Of \$900.07 Per Day Throughout His 57 Business Days Working At The Export-Import Bank**

Throughout His 57 Business Days Working At The Export-Import Bank, Bognet Was Paid An Average Of \$900.07 Per Day.

2019 – 2020: Bognet Payment Per Working Day At Export-Import Bank			
Time Period On Financial Disclosure	Number Of Days Excluding Federal Holidays And Weekdays	Disclosed Income From "SVP At U.S. Government Agency"	Payment Per Working Day
2020	5	\$15,000	\$3,000
2019	52	\$36,304.08	\$698.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>\$51,304.08</b>	<b>\$900.07</b>

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#); U.S. Office of Personnel Management, accessed [3/11/22](#); Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20; Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]

**Bognet Was Offered An Annual Salary At Ex-Im Of \$192,000.** "Dear Mr. Bognet, The Export-Import Bank of the United States is pleased to offer you the Schedule C position of Senior Vice President of Communications, SL-0301-00--\$192,300.00 per annum." [Correspondence from Dana Pinkney, undated, received 7/16/20]

**October 2020: During A Debate, Bognet Said He "Worked Hard Last Year" And Made "About \$40,000."** "I worked hard last year. I want to tell people what I made. I made about \$40,000, here's my 2019 tax return. I'm going to issue my tax returns after this debate so people can know how I made my money. Matt Cartwright got an office in 2012. He was worth \$5 million already. Today, Matt's worth 15. God bless him for making a lot of money,

but I don't know how he made that money. Did he make it by bringing laws that make it easier to suit trucking companies and for his law firms to get big rewards? Matt, I think you owe it to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania to release your tax returns within 24 hours.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 30:06

- **Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$66,304.08 In Earned Income In 2019: \$30,000 From JRB Strategies And \$36,304.08 From “SVP At U.S. Government Agency.”** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]
- **Bognet Disclosed Receiving Between \$12,960 And \$46,300 In Unearned Income In 2019.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]
- **Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$39,000 In Earned Income Between January And March 2020: \$24,000 From JRB Strategies And \$15,000 From “SVP At U.S. Government Agency.”** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Pennsylvania’s 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Had Dramatically More Exports Related To The Export-Import Bank’s Financing Or Insurance Under Obama And Biden Than Under Trump Or Bognet’s Tenure**

Based On Available Data, PA-08 Had An Average Of \$18.7 Million Worth Of Exports With Ex-Im Bank-Authorized Financing Or Insurance Annually Under Obama, Compared To \$5.3 Million Under Trump And \$8.1 Million Under Biden:

2014 – 2020: PA-08 Exports Facilitated By The Export-Import Bank						
Year	Exporter	City	District	Product	Total Insured Shipments, Guaranteed Credit Or Disbursed Loan Amount	Total Export Value
2014	Kraft Foods Group, Inc.	Wilkes Barre	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	\$2,338	\$2,338
2014	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$342,990	\$342,990
2014	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$635,041	\$635,041
2014	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$1,882,928	\$1,882,928
2014	Bridon American Corporation	Hanover Township	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$22,882,050	\$22,882,050
<b>2014 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$25,745,347</b>	<b>\$25,745,347</b>
2015	Bridon American Corporation	Hanover Township	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$17,699,051	\$17,699,051
2015	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$205,480	\$205,480
2015	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$2,835,021	\$2,835,021

2015	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$403,688	\$403,688
<b>2015 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$21,143,240</b>	<b>\$21,143,240</b>
2016	Bridon American Corporation	Hanover Township	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$5,610,277	\$5,610,277
2016	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$468,752	\$468,752
2016	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$2,812,007	\$2,812,007
2016	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$474,081	\$474,081
<b>2016 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$9,365,117</b>	<b>\$9,365,117</b>
2017	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$500,672	\$500,672
2017	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$3,339,991	\$3,339,991
2017	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$494,050	\$494,050
<b>2017 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$4,334,713</b>	<b>\$4,334,713</b>
2018	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$649,727	\$649,727
2018	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$499,744	\$499,744
<b>2018 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$1,149,471</b>	<b>\$1,149,471</b>
2019	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$446,326	\$446,326
2019	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$547,969	\$547,969
2019	Noble Biomaterials, Inc.	Scranton	PA-08	Textile Mills	\$2,700,000	\$6,666,667
<b>2019 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$3,694,295</b>	<b>\$7,660,962</b>
2020	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$359,380	\$359,380
2020	Intermetro Industries Corp	Wilkes Barre	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$824,017	\$824,017
2020	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$222,193	\$222,193
2020	Noble Biomaterials, Inc.	Scranton	PA-08	Textile Mills	\$2,700,000	\$6,666,667

2020 Subtotal					\$4,105,590	\$8,072,257
2021	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$356,608	\$356,608
2021	Intermetro Industries Corp	Wilkes Barre	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$906,544	\$906,544
2021	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$183,811	\$183,811
2021	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$37,550	\$37,550
2021	Noble Biomaterials, Inc.	Scranton	PA-08	Textile Mills	\$2,700,000	\$6,666,667
2021 Subtotal					\$4,184,513	\$8,151,180
Obama Presidency Yearly Average (2014 - 2016):					\$18,751,235	\$18,751,235
Trump Presidency Yearly Average (2016 - 2020):					\$3,321,017	\$5,304,351
Bognet Ex-Im Tenure Yearly Average (2019 - 2020):					\$3,899,943	\$7,866,610
Biden Yearly Average (2021):					\$4,184,513	\$8,151,180

[Export-Import Bank, Export Data, accessed [3/23/22](#)]

**The Export-Import Bank Defined “Total Export Value” As “The Total Dollar Value Of Exports Related To EXIM's Authorized Financing Or Insurance.”** [Export-Import Bank, Export Data, accessed [3/23/22](#)]

*Note: As of March 2022, the Export-Import Bank did not have export data available from years prior to 2014.*

### **Bognet’s Role At Ex-Im, Held Immediately Prior To Launching His Congressional Run, Was His First Professional Experience Not At A Campaign Or Political Consulting Firm Since 2001**

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**January 2020: Bognet Announced His Campaign For PA-08.** “Former Trump Administration appointee Jim Bognet on Thursday announced his candidacy for the 8th Congressional District seat. He is running as a Republican.” [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [1/24/20](#)]

- **1/21/20: Bognet Filed A Statement Of Organization To Run For Congress In PA-08.** [FEC, Bognet for Congress Statement of Organization, filed [1/21/20](#)]

**According To His Resume, Which He Submitted For His Role At The Export-Import Bank, Bognet Had Not Had Any Professional Experience Outside Of Campaigns And Political Consulting Since He Was A Summer Associate At A New York City Law Firm In 2001.** [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

*Note: For Bognet’s full professional career timeline, see [Professional Career](#) section.*



## Bognet Historically Worked For Campaigns And Firms That Facilitated Offshoring And Supported Free Trade

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$120,000 To Lobby On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act For AstraZeneca, Which Previously Attempted A Tax Inversion To Allow Pfizer To Dodge American Taxes**

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- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2016: AstraZeneca Paid The Glover Park Group Paid \$120,000 For Lobbying On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act**

2016: Glover Park Group Lobbying For AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/19/16	Q1 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson John Hughes Jon Gans	\$40,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson	\$40,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$120,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca While Bognet Worked There**

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
Total				\$2,500

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed Pfizer To Cut Its U.S. Tax Bill After The Stop Corporate Inversion Act Tightened Regulations On Tax Inversions

**2015: Pfizer And AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed U.S.-Based Pfizer To Cut Its American Tax Bill By Merging With U.K.-Based AstraZeneca.** “No one seems to like tax inversions, those deals whereby a U.S. corporation merges into a company in a tax haven to cut its U.S. tax bill, even though many—or most—of its operations remain in the U.S. President Obama wanted to ban tax inversions in his 2015 budget, Hillary Clinton opposes inversions, and Donald Trump has said that such deals are another reason to overhaul the tax code. So why does Pfizer seem to think that it can structure a merger with Allergan in a way that would allow Pfizer to be ‘bought’ by its partner and move its headquarters to Allergan’s base of Ireland, one of the world’s great low-tax jurisdictions. The U.S. pharmaceutical giant failed once before, after all, when it attempted a tax inversion with the U.K. firm AstraZeneca earlier this year.” [Fortune, [11/20/15](#)]

### The Stop Corporate Inversions Act Implemented Regulations On The Potential Pfizer-AstraZeneca Merger And Raised The Threshold Of International Stock Ownership For American Companies To Dodge Taxes.

“This time with Pfizer was no exception. Earlier this month the New York Times reported that 14 senators introduced The Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, which would tightened requirements on the structure Pfizer would have used (They are called inversions and the brief definition is that they allow U.S. companies to reincorporate elsewhere after a takeover of a smaller international firm. A better and more detailed definition can be found in Cadwalader’s newsletter for Corporate Board Members). Companies can move overseas if foreign shareholders own at least 20 percent of their stock under the current law. The bill would raise that threshold to 50 percent for two years.” [Forbes, [5/26/14](#)]

### 2016: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, Which, Under The Direction Of A Lobbyist Who Contributed To Bognet’s Campaign, Promoted “Positive Aspects” Of Trade For Its Corporate Clients Amid Trump’s Protectionist Promises

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**December 2016: Incoming Glover Park Group Managing Director Paul Poteet, Who Advised The Firm’s Corporate Clients On Trump’s Trade Policies, Promoted “Positive Aspects” Of Trade.** “Few people are more enmeshed in Washington's tax and trade scene -- both front-burner issues for the incoming Donald Trump administration -- than Paul Poteet. Poteet joined the Glover Park Group lobbying firm last month after nearly six years as a senior adviser to South Dakota's John Thune, who is the No. 3 Republican in the Senate leadership and chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. The promotion of international trade, once a central tenet of the Republican Party platform, is sure to be a big question mark looming over the new Congress come January, given Trump's promise to renegotiate trade deals or pull out of them. Poteet, who'll now be advising corporate clients on what Congress might do, hopes legislators will remain thoughtful and vigilant. Glover Park boasts a blue chip list of clients, including Apple, Coca-Cola and Walt Disney. It's become popular to talk about the negative effects of trade, Poteet says, but there are positive aspects that go unnoticed like the protection of intellectual property. [...] In his new managing director role at Glover Park Group, Poteet may still have the ear of Thune and other senators.” [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 12/8/16]

**Poteet Said It Was “Popular To Talk About The Negative Effects Of Trade” But Expected “Cooler Heads Will Prevail” During The Trump Presidency.** “It's become popular to talk about the negative effects of trade, Poteet says, but there are positive aspects that go unnoticed like the protection of intellectual property. He expects cooler heads will prevail. ‘Sometimes election year rhetoric will lead to a more middle-of-the-road position,’ Poteet says, alluding to Trump's desire to rip up or renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Poteet also expects that Republican senators and representatives will have some differences to work out in the new year.” [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 12/8/16]

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**2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$1,250 From Poteet, A Federally Registered Lobbyist As Of 2022**

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2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Paul Poteet				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$1,000
Total				\$1,250

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**Paul Poteet Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC (Formerly Known As The Glover Park Group LLC) As Of 2022.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

**2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Economic Policy For Romney’s Presidential Campaign, Which Supported Increasing Free Trade Without Protections For American Workers**

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- **December 2007: Bognet: “My Main Goal On A Daily Basis Is To Help Governor Romney Communicate His Pro-Growth, Conservative Vision For The U.S. Economy.”** “James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: The role of an economic adviser, or any campaign policy staffer, is to help your candidate win the election by developing sound policy. In my role as policy development director, I help manage the campaign’s policy department, and am charged with coordinating the Governor’s economic policy. My main goal on a daily basis is to help Governor Romney communicate his pro-growth, conservative vision for the U.S. economy.” [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]
- **According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney’s 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner’s deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney’s policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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## **2007: Romney Supported Increasing Free Trade And Opposed Stipulations On Free Trade Agreements To Protect Workers**

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**November 2007: Romney Released A Plan To Increase Free Trade And Increase The President’s Authority Over Free Trade Deals.** “Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney says Washington must act to open more foreign markets to American products, and calls for the president to have new authority to negotiate such agreements. Romney also wants what he calls a ‘Reagan Zone of Economic Freedom’ that would include U.S. free-trade agreement partners who are committed to open markets and ‘playing by the rules.’ Such an alliance could operate through the World Trade Organization and in other arenas to push trade agreements as well as labor, environmental and other reforms.” [NBC, [11/1/07](#)]

**October 2007: During A Republican Debate, Romney Said, “I Believe In Trade, But I Believe In Opening Up Markets To American Goods And Services” And Said He Could Protect Americans From Chinese IP Theft.** “Mr. Seib: President Bush says trade is still good for America. Are you a Bush Republican on trade? Mr. Romney: Well, I believe in trade, but I believe in opening up markets to American goods and services. And it’s been calculated that the average family in America is \$9,000 a year richer because we have the ability to sell products around the world. And a lot of people in this country make their living making products that go around the world. But it’s also true that the people who negotiate these agreements -- the people who sit down with the Chinese and sit down the Mexicans and others are people, by and large, who spent their life in politics. And the politicians come together and try to understand how the economy works. I think I’m probably the only guy on the stage who spent most of his career in the business world. I understand how the economy works. I understand how if you make a certain adjustment in the agreement, it’s going to have a huge impact on the United States. And so if, for instance,

we agree to sit down with China, I understand that if we don't get real careful and protect patents and designs and technology, that what we tend to sell the most of, those kinds of things -- intellectual property -- is going to get stolen by the Chinese or by others; that we have to recognize agreements have to be in our benefit, not just in their benefit." [Wall Street Journal, [10/10/07](#)]

**November 2007: Romney On Democrats' Stipulations To Trade Agreements Over Their Effects On Workers: "Don't Close Down America; Don't Put Up Walls Around America."** "Mitt Romney talked tough on trade and illegal immigration Monday during a brief presidential campaign stop in Washington, where the former Massachusetts governor leads the pack in Republican fundraising. 'Don't close down America; don't put up walls around America,' Romney said, referring to some congressional Democrats' efforts to rein in free trade agreements unless and until they include provisions to protect the environment and workers. 'People in Washington respect and understand that a lot of our jobs are associated with selling goods and services around the world.'" [Seattle Post-Intelligencer, [11/19/07](#)]

**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For McCain's Presidential Campaign; McCain Pledged To Approve Free Trade Agreements And "Restore Support For Trade" Among Americans**

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain's Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: "• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate's debate preparation, strategy, and message. • Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**McCain's Top Trade Priorities Were To Approve Free Trade Agreements With Colombia, South Korea, And Panama And "Restore Support For Trade In Congress And The American Public."** "McCain's top trade priorities would be to conclude the long-running round of world talks, win approval of free trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea and Panama and work in a bipartisan fashion to restore support for trade in Congress and the American public, Levy said." [Reuters, [10/8/8](#)]

**Despite His Claim That Democrats Favored Pennsylvania's Youth Working For Uber Over NEPA's Heritage Industries, Bognet Previously Worked For Uber, Coordinating Its Opposition Research During A Timeframe When Uber Targeted The Taxi Industry**

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**Bognet Worked With Uber To Coordinate And Distribute Opposition Research On Its Competitors At A Point Between 2013 And 2016**



**On His Resume, Bognet Listed “Campaign Coordinator, Uber” As “Representative Client Engagement” He Performed For JRB Strategies Between 2013 And 2016.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role:

“Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.” He also described “Representative Client Engagements for JRB Strategies:” “Campaign Manager, NO on 105
- Served as Statewide Campaign Manager of ballot proposition campaign. Led Colorado statewide campaign in opposition to passage of Proposition 105, securing a 65%-35% victory.
- Coordinated all earned media, coalition building activities, and in-state strategy for successful campaign.

Campaign Coordinator, Uber

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- **Bognet Stated He “Coordinated Opposition Research Activities On Competitors,” “Assembled A Team Of Opposition Research Professionals,” And “Provided Strategic Direction To Team” For Uber.** “Campaign Coordinator, Uber • Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort • Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**On His LinkedIn And Facebook, Bognet Touted His Work With A “Major Multi-Billion Dollar Ride Sharing Company.”**



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[Jim Bognet LinkedIn, accessed [3/9/22](#); Jim Bognet Facebook, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil [The Taxi Industry] Is”**

**2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Weaponize Facts” Against The Taxi Industry.** “Uber has in recent weeks sought to hire opposition researchers to ‘weaponize facts’ to use against its taxi industry competition, according to a confidential recruiting document obtained by BuzzFeed News and confirmed by the company. [...] The recruiting document strikes a notably less positive tone. It is framed as two exercises job candidates must complete as part of the hiring process, including laying out a six-month research plan that includes ‘both “self” and “oppo” with a greater focus on “oppo.”’ ‘Oppo’ is political campaign shorthand for opposition research, a practice that typically includes searches of public records and published reports, but which may also extend to videotaped tracking of foes and more aggressive investigative tactics. ‘Your mission is to identify and weaponize the facts about those incumbents, the truth about Uber and to do it one step ahead of the rest,’ the document says.” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]

**Uber CEO Travis Kalanick Said Uber Had To “Throw Mud” At The Taxi Industry: “Uber Is The Candidate And [The Opponent] Is An Asshole Called Taxi. [...] We Have To Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil Taxi Is.”** “The new role of director of research and rapid response appears to be part of Uber's effort to bring the aggressive tactics of American presidential politics to its city-by-city trench wars with existing car companies. Uber CEO Travis Kalanick said in May that the company has no choice but to ‘throw mud’ at taxi companies and the associations that represent the taxi industry, and in August brought former Obama campaign manager David Plouffe to the company to lead a campaign-like effort that now includes both Uber's communications shop and the new opposition research role. ‘Uber is the candidate and [the opponent] is an asshole called Taxi,’ Kalanick told Re/code's Kara Swisher in May. ‘I'm not totally comfortable with it but we have to bring out the truth of how evil Taxi is.’” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]

**2014: Uber Executives Suggested Hiring A Team Of Opposition Researchers To Expose The Personal Lives Of Journalists Who Criticized The Company**

**November 2014: BuzzFeed Headline: “Uber Executive Suggests Digging Up Dirt On Journalists”** [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]

- **Uber Executive Emil Michael Suggested Spending A Million Dollars To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To Look Into The Personal Lives And Families Of Journalists Amid Negative Reporting On Uber's Leadership.** “A senior executive at Uber suggested that the company should consider hiring a team of opposition researchers to dig up dirt on its critics in the media — and specifically to spread details of the personal life of a female journalist who has criticized the company. The executive, Emil Michael, made the comments in a conversation he later said he believed was off the record. At the dinner, Uber CEO and founder Travis Kalanick, boyish with tousled graying hair and a sweater, made the case that he has been miscast as an ideologue and as insensitive to driver and rider complaints, while in fact he has largely had his head down building a transformative company that has beat his own and others' wildest expectations. [...] Over dinner, he outlined the notion of spending ‘a million dollars’ to hire four top opposition researchers and four journalists. That team could, he said, help Uber fight back against the press — they'd look into ‘your personal lives, your families,’ and give the media a taste of its own medicine.” [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]
- **Michael Suggested A Team Of Opposition Researchers Could Expose “A Particular And Very Specific Claim” About The Personal Life Of Sarah Lacey, A Reporter Who Accused Uber Of Sexism.** “Michael was particularly focused on one journalist, Sarah Lacy, the editor of the Silicon Valley website PandoDaily, a sometimes combative voice inside the industry. Lacy recently accused Uber of ‘sexism and misogyny.’ She wrote that she was deleting her Uber app after BuzzFeed News reported that Uber appeared to be working with a French escort service. ‘I don't know how many more signals we need that the company simply doesn't respect us or prioritize our safety,’ she wrote. At the dinner, Michael expressed outrage at Lacy's column and said that women are far more likely to get assaulted by taxi drivers than Uber drivers. He said that he thought Lacy

should be held ‘personally responsible’ for any woman who followed her lead in deleting Uber and was then sexually assaulted. Then he returned to the opposition research plan. Uber’s dirt-diggers, Michael said, could expose Lacy. They could, in particular, prove a particular and very specific claim about her personal life.” [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]

- **An Uber Spokesperson Denied That Uber Conducted Opposition Research On Journalists.** “The spokeswoman, Nairi Hourdajian, said the company does not do ‘oppo research’ of any sort on journalists, and has never considered doing it. She also said Uber does not consider Lacy’s personal life fair game, or believe that she is responsible for women being sexually assaulted. (Lacy initially declined to comment on Michael’s remarks; she denounced them in a column after this story was published.)” [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]

### **Bognet Claimed Cartwright Would “Legislate Away” Coal Mining Jobs, But Told A USC Lecture Audience That He Wished He Could Create “Alternatives” To Coal Mining, Which He Said Harmed His Family Members’ Health, In 2015**

#### **2020: Bognet Claimed Cartwright Would “Make It Horrible For The Coal Industry” And “Legislate Away” Coal Mining Jobs**

**October 2020: Bognet During Candidate Debate: Cartwright “Will Make It Horrible For The Coal Industry Here In Northeastern Pennsylvania. I’m Proud To Say My Grandfather Was A Coal Miner.”** “[BOGNET:] Now on the Green New Deal, Matt Cartwright, he is a Lieutenant of Nancy Pelosi, the most liberal speaker of the house in history. He is a caucus mate with Ilhan Omar and AOC. He supports many aspects of their environmental agenda. He will make it horrible for the coal industry here in Northeastern, Pennsylvania. I’m proud to say my grandfather was a coal miner.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 15:14

**February 2020: Bognet Said Democrats “Have Tried For Years To Get Rid Of These Good-Paying Jobs,” Including Coal Mining Jobs, “Because They’re Not ‘Green’ Enough For Their Donors In New York, California And Washington, D.C.”** “The results are undeniable: since 2017, we’ve seen an 8 percent growth in mining, logging, and construction work; a 2 percent increase in manufacturing jobs; and near record-low unemployment rates in the region, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Liberal Democrats like Matt Cartwright have tried for years to get rid of these good-paying jobs because they’re not ‘green’ enough for their donors in New York, California and Washington, D.C. They’d rather have our skilled workforce driving Ubers and ‘learning to code’ than building homes, mining coal, and working in factories. President Trump has put an end to that nonsense, and when I am elected to Congress, I will support his work to extend the economic growth that’s happening right now for Pennsylvanians.” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [2/4/20](#)]

- **February 2020: Bognet Claimed “Liberal Democrats Like Nancy Pelosi And Matt Cartwright Want To Legislate Away” Coal Mining Jobs Like The One Held By His Grandfather.** “In my hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, business is picking up after eight years of no to slow job growth under President Obama. This is personal to my family and my community. Like many in Northeast Pennsylvania, my family started out by doing the ‘dirty jobs’ that liberal Democrats like Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright want to legislate away. My grandfather provided for his nine children by working long, hard hours as a coal miner. At night, he dug graves by hand and on weekends he had an old truck and delivered coal to homes. It wasn’t glamorous work, but as an Italian immigrant with an eighth-grade education, he always believed hard work was the solution to every problem.” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [2/4/20](#)]
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**2015: Speaking On A Panel At USC, Bognet Said That "Nobody Wants To Be A Coal Miner" And Said His Grandfather And Great-Grandfather Contracted Serious Illnesses While Mining**

**2015: Bognet Told A Lecture Audience At USC, "The Problem Is Nobody Wants To Be A Coal Miner. [...] There's Just Such A Lack Of Hope And Alternatives In Those Towns."** "[BOGNET:] I grew up in a town called Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which is basically a giant anthracite strip mine. My grandfather had black lung from being a coal miner. My great-grandfather on the other side died, basically, of lung problems from being a coal miner. The problem is nobody wants to be a coal miner. People don't wake up in the morning and say, 'Hey, I want to be a coal miner.' It's not a fun industry. There's just such a lack of hope and alternatives in those towns. Appalachia can compete with South-Central LA for soul-crushing poverty. I don't know what the answer is, I wish I did, but there definitely has to be an option." [YouTube via USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, uploaded [2/19/15](#)] (VIDEO) 46:11

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**Bognet Took Credit For A 2016 Glover Park Group Campaign That Promoted Cuba As A Tourist Destination, Then Bashed The Country As The Antithesis Of American Democracy During His Congressional Campaign In 2021**

**On His Resume, Bognet Took Credit For Glover Park Group's PR Campaign That Matched The Description Of United's "United To Cuba" Campaign**

**On His Resume, Bognet Said He "Led [An] Integrated Public Affairs Campaign For A Large Domestic Airline Applying For Limited Number Of Air Routes To Havana, Cuba" At Glover Park Group.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April



2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**United To Cuba Was Named “Best In Public Affairs 2017” By PR Week.** “[HEADLINE:] Best in Public Affairs 2017 [BODY:] Winner Glover Park Group and United Airlines United to Cuba The thaw in more than 50 years of international relations with Cuba presented a golden opportunity for U.S. businesses, especially airlines. But the path to getting approval from the federal government to fly to the island nation required a deft approach because 13 airlines were vying for only a handful of slots to Havana. United Airlines differentiated its bid from those of its competitors by proposing a package of flights from various parts of the country rather than solely from Florida. It hired Glover Park Group and commissioned research, eventually finding nearly one in three Americans had some interest in traveling to Cuba.” [PR Week, [3/17/17](#)]

### **The United To Cuba Campaign Promoted Cuba As An Idyllic Tourist Destination And Site Of Entrepreneurship**

**PR Week: The United To Cuba Campaign Promoted Cuba Through “Grassroots Advocacy, Owned Digital And Social Platforms, Earned Media, And Paid Digital Media, Including Social.”** “Glover Park Group and United Airlines United to Cuba [...] Responding directly to Department of Transportation demands that flights to Cuba ‘maximize public benefit,’ the airline demonstrated broad support from an array of individuals, including employees, customers, elected officials, and business and cultural organizations. The team developed a campaign employing grassroots advocacy, owned digital and social platforms, earned media, and paid digital media, including social. It debuted the website UnitedToCuba.com to disclose information about the bid and began paid social campaigns. It also took out display advertising on websites that are well read by public officials, such as Politico and The Washington Post. The result? DOT approved eight of United’s 11 flights per week, the highest percentage of any airline, including key daily service from Newark, New Jersey.” [PR Week, [3/17/17](#)]

**December 2016: On Facebook, United Shared A Slideshow Entitled “United To Cuba” That Featured Tourist Activities In Havana, “Milestones In Cuban Culture,” And A Guide To Cuban Foods.** In December 2016, United posted on Facebook, “Hola, 2017 — Here’s everything you need to know about flying with us to Cuba in the new year. #TravelTuesday <http://uaflly.co/07BZWb>” The linked slideshow, entitled “United to Cuba,” featured sections entitled, “Milestones in Cuban culture,” “Things to do in Havana,” “Traditional dishes in Havana,” and “Beyond Havana.” [United Airlines Facebook, [12/27/16](#); United, “United to Cuba,” accessed [3/23/22](#)]

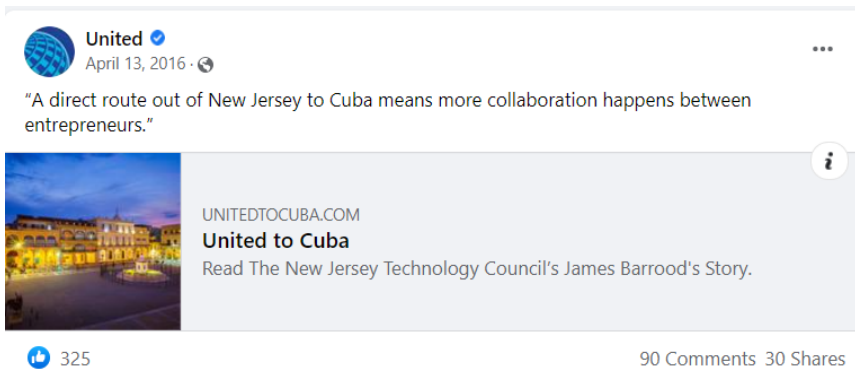
**September 2016: United Facebook: “Cuban Culture, Coffee And Charm Is Within Reach.”** “Cuban culture, coffee and charm is within reach. Book nonstop flights to Havana from EWR and IAH starting today. [uaflly.co/CGUQcS](http://uaflly.co/CGUQcS)”





[United Airlines Facebook, [9/1/16](#)]

**April 2016: United On Facebook: “A Direct Route Out Of New Jersey To Cuba Means More Collaboration Happens Between Entrepreneurs.”**



[United Airlines Facebook, [4/13/16](#)]

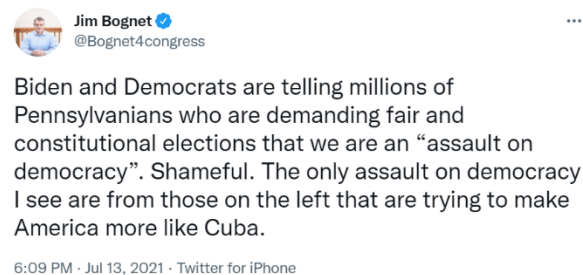
**March 2016: United On Facebook: “Cuba Is Unlike Anything You've Seen Before. We've Applied To Expand Our Network And Offer Routes To Get You There.”**



[United Airlines Facebook, [3/2/16](#)]

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [7/13/21](#)]

## Bognet Hypocritically Attacked Cartwright’s Family For Taking Federal Pandemic Relief, When His Family’s Companies Took Millions More And He Attacked Relief

### Bognet Denounced Cartwright’s Family For Taking COVID Bailout Funds...

**Bognet Called On Cartwright To Return A \$624,000 PPP Loan Disbursed To His Wife’s Law Firm, Which Accepted \$1.2 Million In PPP Loans As Of March 2022**

**October 2020: Bognet Criticized A PPP Loan Accepted By Munley Law, Where Cartwright’s Wife Worked And Called On Him To Return The Money.** “Bognet criticized Cartwright for not securing extensions of the Paycheck Protection Program and unemployment insurance, and said he should return PPP money benefiting his family’s ‘wealthy law firm.’ Munley Law, where Cartwright’s wife Marion Munley works, received between \$350,000 and \$1 million. Bognet’s family benefitted too, Cartwright noted. Bognet Inc. received between \$150,000

and 350,000, and Virginia-based Bognet Construction Associates, Inc. got between \$1 and \$2 million. (Bognet's father owns Bognet Inc., based in Hazle Township, and a cousin is the president and CEO of the Virginia company, according to Krawczeniuk's reporting.)" [Pocono Record, [10/19/20](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Munley Law Accepted \$1,248,075 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

- **April 2020: Munley Law Accepted \$624,000 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Munley Law PC in Scranton, PA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$624,000 which was approved in April 2020. This loan has been fully repaid or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 39 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]
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### **...While His Own Family Took Nearly Three Times More...**

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#### **Bognet's Family Received A Combined Total Of \$3,345,963 In COVID Bailout Funds For Their Respective Construction Companies**

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**As Of March 2022, Bognet Inc Accepted \$306,310 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

- **May 2020: Bognet Inc Accepted \$186,311 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Inc in Hazle Township, PA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$186,311 which was approved in May 2020. This loan was ongoing as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 10 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **January 2021: Bognet Inc Accepted \$119,999 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Inc in Hazle Township, PA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$119,999 which was approved in January 2021. This loan was paid in full or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 10 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **James Bognet, Bognet's Father, Was The Owner Of Bognet Inc, A Hazle Township Construction Company.** "Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Accepted \$3,039,653 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

- **April 2020: Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Accepted \$1,561,240 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Construction Associates, Inc in Vienna, VA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$1,561,240 which was approved in April 2020. This loan was paid in full or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 80 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

- **January 2021: Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Accepted \$1,561,240 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Construction Associates, Inc in Vienna, VA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$1,478,413 which was approved in January 2021. This loan was paid in full or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 65 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **James Bognet, A Cousin Of Jim Bognet, Was The President And Chief Executive Of Bognet Construction Associates, A Vienna, VA-Based Construction Company.** “Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

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### **Bognet Claimed He Worked At Bognet Inc As Of 2022, And Used Bognet Inc. As A Base For His 2020 Campaign**

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**In 2022, Bognet Disclosed That He Was A “Team Member” At Bognet Inc And Accepted \$8,000 In Salary Between January And February 2022 And \$16,000 In 2021 From The Company.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**Bognet Said He Worked In His Family’s Plumbing And Heating Business And That “Growing Up In A Construction Family” Was Experience That Would Serve Him Best In Congress.** “Bognet said the experience that would serve him best in Congress is ‘being a son of Hazleton and growing up in a construction family.’ He worked in his family's plumbing and heating business. ‘I think that really prepares me, knowing what it's like to work with your hands and knowing what business people go through.’ Bognet also owned consulting firms called JRB Strategies and Winning Kick Strategies. ‘I was a small business owner. I know what it's like to worry where the next job is going to come from.’ [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/24/20](#)]

**Bognet Used The Lunchroom At Bognet Inc. As A Base For His Campaign.** “As a base for his own campaign, Bognet took over the lunch room at his father's construction business, Bognet Inc., on North Church Street. In the lunch room, he gathered with George Hayden Jr., chairman of his campaign finance committee; Michael Reich, a veteran journalist and the campaign's media adviser, and Charles Russell, the campaign's political director. Vote totals from the last election were scrawled on the board along with breakdowns by counties and turnout figures. Using data like that, the team will build a model and prepare strategies to reach voters. ‘By the end of the campaign, this room will be covered with white boards,’ said Bognet, who set up a campaign website at bognetforcongress.com. Dressed in a sweater and jeans, he posed for a photo to start his campaign in front of the oversized hammer, saw, plane and other tools that decorate the front wall of the construction business. Since his father's near-fatal heart attack three years ago, Bognet has been spending more time at home and is renting a residence while shopping for a home near Hazleton.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [1/23/20](#)]

**Bognet Paid His Parents A Total Of \$1,650 For 11 Months of “Office Rent” At “Fair Market Value” During The 2020 Campaign.**

2020: Bognet For Congress Payments To Jim And Patrice Bognet			
Date	Recipient	Disbursement	Amount
11/19/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Rent-Fair Market Value	\$300
9/18/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$600
6/9/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$300
5/11/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$150

3/28/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$300
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[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

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**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$200,000 Worth Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, Which Was Connected To Bognet Construction Associates, And Reportedly Received Up To \$60,000 Total From It**

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**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$200,000 Worth Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC And Reportedly Received Up To \$60,000 Total From It.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**In His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures, Bognet Disclosed A 2.963 Percent Ownership In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, A “Private Real Estate Fund.”** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**As Of July 2021, Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Glenn Roberson Was The Registered Agent Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC As Of July 2021 And Its Chief Financial Officer Per Its November 2015 Filings.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Glenn Roberson Was Chief Financial Officer Of Bognet Construction In Tysons, VA.** [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **As Of March 2022, Bognet Construction Listed Its Address On Its Website As Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Tysons, VA.** [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **Business In Tyson, VA, Which Was Unincorporated, Typically Listed Their Addresses As Being In Vienna, McLean, Or Falls Church.** “With no Zip code of its own, Tysons Corner has long struggled to define its sense of place, despite success as a major shopping and employment hub. It isn’t an official city and residents and businesses there have traditionally had mailing addresses in McLean, Falls Church or Vienna.” [Washington Post, [4/1/11](#)]

*Note: For full details of Bognet’s investment in Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, see [Personal Finance section](#).*

**...And A Los Angeles PR Firm He Consulted For As Recently As 2021 Took More Than \$100,000 In Relief...**

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**2020 – 2022: Bognet Disclosed Receiving Compensation From Elevate Public Affairs, A PR Firm In Los Angeles, CA**

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**Bognet Disclosed Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA As A Source Of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 On His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$3,000 In Earned “Consulting Income” From Elevate Public Affairs In 2021.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**Elevate Public Affairs Was A PR Firm That Specialized In Crisis Communications And Public Affairs.** “Our team has worked in every level of government and has spent years honing media and influencer relationships. We have experts in strategic communications, public affairs, community engagement, crisis communications, advocacy, public relations, and deliberate coalition building and activating.” [Elevate Public Affairs, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

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#### **April 2020: Elevate Public Affairs Accepted \$175,000 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans**

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**April 2020: Elevate Public Affairs Accepted \$175,000 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Elevate Public Affairs in Santa Monica, CA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$175,000 which was approved in April 2020. This loan has been fully repaid or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 10 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

*Note: Elevate Public Affairs reportedly accepted its Paycheck Protection Program Loan using the address 312 Arizona Ave, Santa Monica, CA, which is the [location of a WeWork](#). On its [website](#), Elevate Public Affairs listed its address as 10474 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 405, Los Angeles, CA, 90025. Elevate Public Affairs, which linked to the firm’s website, listed its address as 312 Arizona Ave, Santa Monica, CA with the [Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce](#).*

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#### **March 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From A Partner At Elevate Public Affairs**

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**March 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From Elizabeth Hansell, Reportedly A Consultant At Elevate Public Affairs.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [3/25/20](#)]

**Hansell Was A Principal At Elevate Public Affairs.** [Elevate Public Affairs, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

**...Even As Bognet Criticized Pandemic Relief As “Government Handouts” And “Socialist Spending”...**

**May 2020: Bognet On Pandemic Recovery: “We Want To Get Back To Society [...] We Don’t Want Government Handouts.”** “[BOGNET:] We want to work. We want to get back to society. We want to protect our elderly. Do it in a safe way. We don't want government handouts, Tucker. [CARLSON:] It is so sad. I mean, they're using this moment, they really are. Jim, thank you so much for coming on tonight.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 3:03

**May 2020: Bognet Said That Voters Wanted To Get Back To Work And “[Did Not] Want Government Funds.”** “[BOGNET:] No, he spent his time hectoring and lecturing us, the people of Pennsylvania. My district is very blue-collar. My grandfather was a coal miner. We want to work. We don't want government funds. We want to work. We want to open our state back up. We think that's very reasonable. We know we can do it in a safe way. For god sakes, we landed on the moon. We can open businesses up.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:01

**May 2020: Bognet Claimed Democrats Were Forcing A “\$3 Trillion Debt Fueled Bonanza Of Socialist Spending.”** “[BOGNET:] It doesn't seem like we do, instead we get hectored, we get lectured, we get told that we're doing the wrong thing and the Democrats in Washington seem to do the same thing, Tucker. They tell us that we should have a three trillion dollar debt fueled bonanza of socialist spending instead of just doing what we want,

which is to go back to work in a safe way, socially distant, use masks, let's open the economy back up in a safe way and stop having lectures every day from Governor Wolf, who's been a horrible leader." [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:48

- **The HEROES Act Invested \$3 Trillion In Stimulus And Pandemic Relief.** "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi unveiled a massive coronavirus relief bill on Tuesday, the fifth proposed legislation related to the economic fallout from the pandemic. The House is expected to vote on the \$3 trillion proposal on Friday, although it is considered dead on arrival in the Republican-controlled Senate. The bill, which spans more than 1,800 pages, is known as the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act, or HEROES Act." [CBS, [5/15/20](#)]

## Bognet Repeatedly Claimed "Big Tech" Companies Facebook And Twitter Were Biased Against Conservatives, But Owned As Much As \$62,000 Of The Companies' Stocks And Options

### 2021: Bognet Repeatedly Alleged "Big Tech" Companies, Including Facebook And Twitter, "Muzzle[d] Conservatives" And Harmed His Campaign's Social Media Engagement

**July 2021: In A Fundraising Email, Bognet Wrote In Support Of Trump's Lawsuit "Against Big Tech Giants Such As Facebook, Twitter, And YouTube For Silencing Conservatives."** "Last week, President Trump filed a Federal Lawsuit against Big Tech giants such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube for silencing Conservatives and removing influential voices from their platforms! I stand with President Trump against Big Tech! Big Tech has been EXPOSED for the unconstitutional censorship of the American people. We CANNOT ignore the flagrant silencing of users for our conservative beliefs or asking questions of government agencies. Big Tech's suppression of users are a direct attack on the U.S. Constitution and cannot be allowed to continue." [Team Bognet Email via Princeton Corpus of Political Emails, [7/12/20](#)]

**October 2021: Bognet Claimed His Facebook Page's Engagement Dropped After He "Criticize[d] Biden & Liberals, Or Question[ed] Mandates" And Added, "This Is How Woke Oligarchs/Orgs. Operate."** "This is how Woke oligarchs/orgs. operate. I've seen throttling on my account. Every time I criticize Biden & liberals, or question mandates, I see dramatically less engagement the following days. The 'Whistleblower' is about having FB be more anti-conservative. Don't be fooled!"



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**Seth Dillon** @SethDillon · Oct 7, 2021

A recent post of ours on Facebook only reached 11 people. Eleven. We'd have reached more people if we'd printed it out and nailed it to a telephone pole in a small town. The throttling is so obvious and restrictive now, it's ridiculous. [foxnews.com/media/babylon-...](https://foxnews.com/media/babylon-...)

4:14 PM · Oct 7, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [10/7/21](#)]

**September 2021: Bognet For Congress Twitter: “As Big Tech Muzzles Conservatives, Please Follow Me On A Conservative Friendly Platform GETTR.”** “As Big Tech muzzles conservatives, please follow me on a conservative friendly platform GETTR by clicking the link below: <https://t.co/Ig7LMO8x5b>”



As Big Tech muzzles conservatives, please follow me on a conservative friendly platform GETTR by clicking the link below:



gettr.com  
Jim Bognet  
Winning back PA-08, Northeastern PA Native, #PennState Alum, Conservative Fighter, Former President Trump Appointee

5:09 PM · Sep 1, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/1/21](#)]

### 2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$62,000 In Twitter And Facebook Stock And Options Combined

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$47,000 In Twitter Stock And Options, From Which He Received Up To \$800 In Unearned Income.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2019 – 2022: Bognet Twitter Stock And Options Ownership								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2022 (Jan – Feb)	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2022 (Jan – Feb)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2022 Subtotal				\$2,002	\$30,000	2022 Subtotal	\$0	\$0
2021	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2021	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2021 Subtotal							\$0	\$0
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None

2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 34.0 (Twitter April 17 20 34.0 C Long Option)	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr April 17 20 38.0 (Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 38.0 Call Short Options)	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
<b>2020 Subtotal</b>				<b>\$3,005</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>	<b>2020 Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$400</b>
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2019	TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2019	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 34.0 (Twitter April 17 20 34.0 C Long Option)	Option	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2019	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr April 17 20 38.0 (Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 38.0 Call Short Options)	Option	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2019	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
<b>2019 Subtotal</b>							<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$800</b>

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$15,000 In Facebook Stock, From Which He Did Not Report Receiving Any Unearned Income.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

<b>2019 – 2022: Bognet Facebook Stock Ownership</b>								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2022 (Jan – Feb)	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2021	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]



## Bognet's Extremism Is Out Of Step With Northeast Pennsylvania

### Significant Findings

#### **Bognet Unsuccessfully Sued Over Pennsylvania's Election Laws And Procedures Multiple Times, Relying On A Radical Theory That Could Empower Politicians To Overturn Election Results**

- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet unsuccessfully sued over Pennsylvania's deadline for counting absentee and mail-in ballots, claiming the state supreme court usurped the authority of the state legislature to set election law – and continued to defend the lawsuit after it was dismissed multiple times.
- ✓ October 2020: A Johnstown federal judge denied the injunction to prevent officials from counting ballots received after Election Day.
- ✓ April 2021: Bognet asked the US Supreme Court to reverse a November appellate decision that found he had no legal standing to challenge the ballot deadline decision; the Supreme Court dismissed Bognet's challenge as moot.
- ✓ After the Supreme Court dismissed Bognet's lawsuit, he continued to defend it and allege that Pennsylvania's Secretary of State violated the law and Constitution.
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet unsuccessfully sued in federal court to block Pennsylvania's Supreme Court from picking new congressional maps after a legislative impasse.
- ✓ Bognet's lawsuit cited a radical legal theory that would limit state courts' involvement in election law, empowering partisan politicians to dictate election processes and even overturn results.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly called for an audit of Pennsylvania's 2020 election results, citing "corruption" among NEPA election officials.
- ✓ The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that some Trump supporters saw election audits as a step in the process of overturning the results of the 2020 election.

#### **Bognet Refused To Concede His Own Defeat Even After Cartwright Was Sworn In And Insinuated The 2020 Election Was Stolen From Him**

- ✓ Bognet refused to concede his own defeat in the 2020 election, even after the race was called and Cartwright was sworn in.
- ✓ After Pennsylvania's vote-by-mail law in place during the 2020 election was overturned in court in 2022, Bognet said he would have won without that law: "I should be in Congress."

#### **Bognet Spread Misinformation About The 2020 Election And Urged "Patriots" To "Get After" Their Local Election Boards**

- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet told voters that the "media is going to lie to you" about Trump's victory.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed that vote-by-mail was a scheme orchestrated by Democrats to "skew the election" against him and Trump.

- ✓ Bognet spread claims of voter fraud during the 2020 election in Fulton County based on a claim made by a conspiracy theorist whose allegations were dismissed in court.
- ✓ In October 2021, Bognet called for “patriots” to “get after [their] election boards” and “make sure they are properly administrating the election.”

#### **Bognet Did Not Appear To Have Condemned The Capitol Insurrection On January 6, 2021 And Called For An Investigation Into The Election Rather Than The Insurrection**

- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet called to “[e]nd the January 6<sup>th</sup> commission, start the November 3<sup>rd</sup> commission.”

#### **Bognet Made Outlandish And Xenophobic Claims About Immigration And Placement Of Afghan Refugees And SIV Recipients In Northeast Pennsylvania (NEPA).**

- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet falsely claimed the Biden Administration sent a “cascade of illegal immigrants” to NEPA on “ghost flights” to “plant Democrat voters.”
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet claimed Biden sent “500 to 600 unvetted Afghan refugees” to Keystone Job Corps Facility in NEPA.
- ✓ In February 2022, the Department of Labor stated Afghan refugees who worked alongside U.S. troops for two decades had permanent legal status and were eligible to enroll at the center, but none had.
- ✓ Bognet stated the refugees would “change the very nature” of the area and said at an event, “nobody in here wants those people in Hazleton, Pennsylvania or Butler Township, Pennsylvania.”
- ✓ Bognet bragged about attempting to trespass on the federal Job Corps property with Senate candidate Mehmet Oz and yelling at a security guard to get “answers” about the refugees.
- ✓ In footage Bognet posted of the encounter, he did not appear to ask anyone any questions and left after being repeatedly told he was trespassing.

#### **Bognet Repeatedly Praised Alleged Violent Domestic Abuser Sean Parnell As A “Patriot” And “American Hero” And Gratefully Accepted His Endorsement**

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly praised former Pennsylvania Senate candidate Sean Parnell as a “patriot” and “American hero” whose endorsement he was “honored” to receive in January 2022.
- ✓ In November 2021, Parnell dropped out of the Senate race amid allegations he was physically abusive towards his estranged wife and children and a judge awarded her custody of their children.

#### **Bognet Unsuccessfully Ran For The Penn State Board Of Trustees And Campaigned On Recognizing Joe Paterno, Who Was Fired For Covering Up Child Molestation, At Football Games**

- ✓ 2021: Bognet campaigned for the Penn State Board of Trustees (finishing in last place) in part on honoring Joe and Sue Paterno at Penn State football games as part of the school’s “legacy.”
- ✓ Paterno was fired for failing to adequately take action after being told an assistant coach molested a 10-year-old boy in Paterno’s football facility in 2002.

- ✓ Bognet touted the endorsement of Anthony Lubrano, who defended a trustee who denigrated Sandusky's victims and sued Penn State for access to materials that implicated Paterno in the Sandusky scandal.

**Bognet Called For Imprisoning Supporters Of Workplace Vaccine Mandates And School Mask Mandates**

- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet said supporters of workplace vaccine mandates and school mask mandates "should be in jail."

**Bognet Unsuccessfully Sued Over Pennsylvania's Election Laws And Procedures Multiple Times To Create The Possibility Of Overturning Election Results****2020 – 2021: Bognet Unsuccessfully Sued Over Pennsylvania's Deadline For Counting Mail-In And Absentee Ballots In The GOP's Last Lawsuit Challenging The Results Of The 2020 Election, Which He Continued To Defend After It Was Dismissed Multiple Times****October 2020: Bognet Filed An Unsuccessful Federal Lawsuit That Argued Extending The Deadline For Mail-In And Absentee Ballots Was Unconstitutional**

**October 2020: Bognet And Four Voters Filed A Federal Lawsuit That Argued Extending The Deadline For Counting Mail-In And Absentee Ballots Was Unconstitutional.** "A new federal lawsuit seeks to block Pennsylvania officials from counting mail-in and absentee ballots received within three days after Election Day, an extension approved by the state's highest court and recently allowed to stand by the U.S. Supreme Court. [...] In the latest lawsuit, filed Thursday in federal court in Pittsburgh, a Republican congressional candidate and four voters argue that extending the deadline was unconstitutional, and the state Supreme Court overstepped its authority when it enacted the change. 'Despite the exclusive grant of authority to the state legislatures to regulate the 'time, place, and manner' of federal elections and the 'manner' of selecting presidential electors, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court usurped this authority,' the lawsuit from Jim Bognet, who is running for Congress in northeastern Pennsylvania, and the four voters states. [...] Bognet and the four voters argue that state legislatures, not the courts, have jurisdiction over setting or changing election law, echoing criticism by Republican lawmakers and other GOP officials who believe the high court is wrongly wading into legislative territory." [Philadelphia Inquirer, [10/22/20](#)]

**October 2020: A Johnstown Federal Judge Denied Bognet's Request For An Injunction To Prevent Officials From Counting Ballots Received After Election Day.** "A Johnstown federal judge has denied a request for an injunction that would prevent county election officials in Pennsylvania from counting some mail-in ballots received up to three days after Election Day. U.S. District Judge Kim R. Gibson ruled late Wednesday that, while plaintiffs in the case Bognet v. Boockvar did show "arbitrary treatment of different voters based simply on their method of voting" in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision that mail-in ballots received after Election Day with no legible postmark should be presumed to have been cast legally, granting their requested injunction would create confusion among voters with just days to go before Election Day and thus would not be in the public interest. Plaintiffs' attorneys filed notice Thursday that they plan to appeal the ruling to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals." [Cumberland Times-News, [10/30/20](#)]

**November 2020: Bognet Lost His Appeal To Challenge Ballots In Pennsylvania That Arrived Late Because He Had Gone Too Close To The Election.** "Also on Friday, a Republican congressional candidate from Pennsylvania lost a case on appeal that he had brought just before Election Day over ballots in Pennsylvania that arrived late. The issue of the legality of those ballots was already at the US Supreme Court – and still is there – but Jim Bognet and voters had added to the effort in their own federal case that challenged those ballots. The 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals decided the voters and Bognet, who lost his race in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, didn't have the ability to sue and had gone to court too close to the election, rejecting their case. The appellate decision was in line with the lower court's ruling in the case. The ruling on Friday also appears to block

voters from making broad, theoretical claims under the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution about the possible dilution of their votes.” [CNN, [11/13/20](#)]

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**April 2021: Bognet Continued To Unsuccessfully Litigate The 2020 Election, Leading The GOP’s “Final Legal Bid [...] Challenging The Results Of The United States’ Presidential Election”**

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**April 2021: Bognet And Four Voters Brought A Case That Asked The US Supreme Court To Reverse The United States Court of Appeals For The Third Circuit’s Decision And Hold That The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Usurped The Pennsylvania General Assembly’s Authority.** “Republicans claimed that state legislatures had been cut out of the process of setting the rules for federal elections. The case is brought by a former republican congressional candidate, Jim Bognet, and four individual voters who argued the state high court exceeded its authority when it ordered the expansion amidst the pandemic. In court papers, they make clear that the case is forward looking -- not meant to impact the last election but future challenges going forward. But it comes as the former president is still bitter that the Supreme Court did not step into reverse election results, raising the possibility that if the court agrees to take up the case Trump will react once again rekindling battles over the 2020 election. The 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed this case holding that the challengers did not have the legal right to bring the case. The challengers are asking the Supreme Court to reverse that decision and hold that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court usurped the Pennsylvania General Assembly's authority when it changed voting rules prescribed by the legislature. ‘This case presents an opportunity for the court to resolve these issues in an orderly manner on full briefing and argument, rather than on the ‘shadow docket’ under the time pressures of an ongoing election,’ David Thompson, a lawyer for Bognet, argued in court papers.” [CNN, [4/17/21](#)]

- **CNN: Bognet’s Complaint “Make[s] Clear That The Case Is Forward Looking – Not Meant To Impact The Last Election.”** [CNN, [4/17/21](#)]

**April 2021: The Supreme Court Dismissed Bognet’s Challenge To The Extension Of Pennsylvania’s Deadline To Receive Mail-In Ballots As Moot And Issued An Order To Vacate The Appeals Court’s Decision, Which Found No Legal Standing To Challenge The Ballot Deadline Extension.** “After five months and an estimated 65 lawsuits, the GOP lost its final legal bid at challenging the results of the United States' presidential election. The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed as moot a Republican challenge to the extension of Pennsylvania’s deadline to receive mail-in ballots. It was the last challenge over Pennsylvania's results, and the last of 65 cases brought by GOP plaintiffs, according to Democrat Party attorney Marc Elias, who has been tracking the post-election legal battle. There were no noted dissents in the order to vacate a 13 November decision in the US Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the former congressional candidate, Jim Bognet, along with four voters, did not have legal standing to challenge the ballot deadline extension. [...] Pennsylvania officials argued that the case was moot as it would have not affected the outcome of the election, given the margin of victory was well beyond the number of ballots in question. ‘The judgment is vacated, and the case is remanded to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit with instructions to dismiss the case as moot,’ the order said. The Supreme Court's decision to vacate Mr Bognet's case as moot is the latest in several election challenges it has refused to take up from Donald Trump and his supporters within the Republican Party.” [Independent, [4/20/21](#)]

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**July 2021: Bognet Continued To Defend His 2020 Lawsuit**

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## February 2022: Bognet Unsuccessfully Sued In Federal Court To Block The Pennsylvania Supreme Court From Picking A New Congressional Map, Citing A Radical Theory That Left Election Law To Partisan Politicians, Potentially Allowing Them To Overturn Elections

**2/2/22: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Took Over A Case To Determine The State's Redistricting After The Process Among State Legislators And Gov. Wolf "Had Broken Down."** "A lower court had been poised to select a new map from among 13 proposals this week because the normal redistricting process between the governor and state legislature had broken down. Now the high court will instead make the decision, exercising its 'extraordinary jurisdiction' power to take over any case. That will likely speed up the selection of a final map, which was the stated goal of the plaintiffs who asked the Supreme Court to step in. [...] The usual redistricting process, which occurs through legislation, failed: The Republican-controlled state legislature passed a congressional map that Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, vetoed. Even as lawmakers passed the map, Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward (R., Westmoreland) told reporters she knew the governor would veto the map and it would end up in court. Republicans didn't work with Democratic lawmakers when they introduced a map and then amended it — without public scrutiny — and passed it." [Philadelphia Inquirer, [2/2/22](#)]

**2/11/22: Bognet, A Member Of The Susquehanna Board of Elections, And Two Voters Sued In Federal Court To Require Pennsylvania's Maps Be Approved By Its General Assembly.** "Plaintiff William C. Toth Jr. is a resident of Columbia County and a registered voter in Pennsylvania. Plaintiff William J. Hall is a resident of Lycoming County and a registered voter in Pennsylvania. Plaintiff Jim Bognet is a resident of Luzerne County and a Republican candidate for Congress. He is also a registered voter in Pennsylvania. Plaintiff Alan M. Hall is resident of Susquehanna County and a member of the Susquehanna Board of Elections. He is also a registered voter in Pennsylvania. [...] The plaintiffs respectfully request that the court: a. declare that the Elections Clause and 2



U.S.C. § 2a(c)(5) require the defendants to hold at-large elections for the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, unless and until the General Assembly enacts a new congressional map; b. enter a preliminary and permanent injunction that compels the defendants to hold at-large elections for the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, unless and until the General Assembly enacts a new congressional map; c. award the plaintiffs costs and attorneys' fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988; d. grant all other relief that the Court may deem just, proper, or equitable." [U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Complaint, filed 2/11/22, accessed 3/4/22]

- **Bognet And The Other Plaintiffs Argued The Judiciary Did Not Have Authority To Determine Congressional Maps, And That Any Attempt To Do So “Must Be Disregarded By State Officials.”** “The Elections Clause says that ‘the Legislature’—not the judiciary—must ‘prescribe’ the manner of electing representatives, and the General Assembly has not authorized the state judiciary to draw congressional maps or participate in the redistricting process in any way. The state judiciary must therefore wait for the General Assembly to act. And any attempt by the state judiciary to usurp the legislature’s constitutionally assigned role must be disregarded by state officials, who are compelled to honor the Elections Clause over any contrary edicts that might emanate from a state court.” [U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Complaint, filed 2/11/22, accessed 3/4/22]

**Spotlight PA Headline: “Fringe Theory Cited In Pa. Redistricting Case Could Give Legislatures Unchecked Election Power.”** [Spotlight PA, [3/18/22](#)]

**Spotlight PA: Bognet’s Lawsuit Argued State Courts Should Not Have Jurisdiction Over Election Law, Leaving “Partisan Politicians, Rather Than Independent Administrators, Overseeing Elections — Possibly Even Overturning Results They Don’t Like.”** “Republican officials cited the theory, which asserts that state courts do not have jurisdiction over election policy, in two key cases filed in North Carolina and Pennsylvania over congressional maps selected by their highest courts. Groups in those states — which included voters, Republican state senators and representatives, an election official, and a congressional candidate — petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to throw out the respective maps. They argued in federal court filings that the U.S. Constitution gives state legislatures the sole power to set rules for federal elections. [...] Legal experts and voting rights advocates warn the independent state legislature doctrine could radically alter election administration across the country, and siphon power away from courts and toward the legislatures that write election law. That would leave partisan politicians, rather than independent administrators, overseeing elections — possibly even overturning results they don’t like.” [Spotlight PA, [3/18/22](#)]

**2/23/22: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chose A New Congressional Map Proposed By Democrats And Decided To Keep The State’s Primary Date As May 17<sup>th</sup>.** “The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has selected a new congressional map that will shape power and politics for the next decade, one that’s largely based on the current map and slightly favors Republicans — but with some important wins for Democrats. In a 4-3 decision Wednesday, the court chose a map that was drawn by a Stanford professor and proposed by Democratic plaintiffs. It’s a major decision for the justices, one that will draw intense political scrutiny for the court’s elected Democratic majority. It also left the state’s May 17 primary in place, despite worries it would need to be delayed.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [2/23/22](#)]

**2/27/22: Bognet And The Other Plaintiffs Claimed The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Selection Of A New Map Was Unconstitutional Since The General Assembly Had Not Approved It.** “But on February 23, 2022, the state supreme court, in a 4-3 vote, overruled the special master and purported to ‘adopt’ the Carter Plan as the state’s congressional map. See Exhibit 11. And the state’s election officials intend to implement this Carter Plan for the 2022 elections. But any attempt by the defendants to implement the Carter Plan is flatly unconstitutional. The Elections Clause says that ‘the Legislature’—not the judiciary—must ‘prescribe’ the manner of electing representatives, and the General Assembly has not adopted or approved the Carter Plan as the state’s congressional map. More importantly, the General Assembly has not authorized the state judiciary to draw congressional maps or participate in the redistricting process in any way. The state judiciary must therefore wait for the General Assembly

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**3/16/22: A Panel Of Three Judges Dismissed Bognet's Case Over Lack Of Jurisdiction.** [U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Order, filed 3/16/22, accessed 3/28/22; U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Docket, accessed 3/28/22]

### **September – October 2021: Bognet Repeatedly Called For An Audit Of 2020 Election Results, Which Was Speculated To Be A Step In Overturning Election Results**

**Bognet Said He Supported A Statewide Audit Of Pennsylvania's 2020 Election Results.** "[BOGNET:] On election night, I was up over 10,000 votes, just like President Trump. But Gov. Wolf changed the rules of the election in the middle of the election. We must audit the vote and make sure that only legal ballots are counted in Pennsylvania. No more drop-boxes, no more non-signature verified mail-in ballots, and no more rigged elections." [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :42

**Bognet Said Northeast Pennsylvania Voters Were "Demanding An Audit Of The PA Vote."** "[BOGNET:] Bob 'More Mistakes' Morgan resigned as the election director here in Luzerne County and as you know, we had a real foul-up here in May with our elections in Luzerne County and you know, when I go around and talk to folks, they are demanding fair elections, demanding an audit of the PA vote, demanding voter ID before you can vote, and you know, now we got rid of Morgan, we've got to make sure we don't have another Cartwright crony or any crony for any politician running our elections. It was amazing that they hired somebody who was a political hack to run our elections in Luzerne County." [WILK Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/29/21](#)] (AUDIO) :26

**Bognet Said Issues With The 2020 Election And With The 2021 Special Primary Election Showed Evidence Of "Corruption" Among Election Officials In Northeast Pennsylvania.** "[BOGNET:] If we don't have people trusting in our elections, how are we going to function in a democracy? And with what we've seen in the last two years, between the election last year and what happened in May here, we just need to clean out the stables. Bob, you've been around a long time. The corruption that we've seen in Northeastern Pennsylvania, people deserve better. So if we don't have fair elections, how are we going to get rid of the corruption and how are we going to get a government we deserve?" [WILK Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/29/21](#)] (AUDIO) 1:17

**September 2021: Pennsylvania Senate Republicans Began A "Forensic Audit" Of 2020 Election Results, Which "Some Trump Supporters" May Have Intended To Use To Overturn Election Results.** "Republicans are calling this a 'forensic audit' or 'forensic investigation.' What does that mean? [...] Are they trying to overturn the election? That's what Democrats accuse them of, saying the entire review is a continuation of efforts to overturn the results, including the flood of post-election lawsuits, efforts to stop the certification of election results, and the Jan. 6 insurrection. Some Trump supporters may very well hope to overturn the results: Trump himself has repeatedly said he won in Pennsylvania, and in September he sent a letter to Georgia's secretary of state asking for an investigation of election allegations 'and, if true ... start the process of decertifying the election, or whatever the correct legal remedy is, and announce the true winner.' And State Sen. Gene Yaw (R., Lycoming) said in August that many 'audit' supporters have told him they believe 'that Donald Trump will somehow be reinstated as President.' 'That is the underlying rationale for many who support an audit,' Yaw said. 'Unless there is a coup, which is not going to happen in the United States, the 2020 election is over.'" [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/29/21](#)]

**The Leader Of The Investigation Denied It Was An Effort To Overturn Election Results.** "State Sen. Cris Dush (R., Jefferson), the lawmaker Corman assigned to lead the review, said at the first hearing that the effort has nothing to do with overturning results. 'This investigation is not about overturning the results of any election, as some would suggest,' he said. 'That horse is out of the barn, as far as this investigation is concerned.'" [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/29/21](#)]

## **Bognet Refused To Concede His Own Defeat Even After Cartwright Was Sworn In And Continued To Claim The 2020 Election Was Stolen From Him**

**November 2020: The Associated Press Called The Election For Cartwright, But Bognet Refused To Concede, Demanding “All Lawful Votes Be Counted, And That Unlawful Ballots Not Be Counted”**

**11/6/20: The Associated Press Called The 2020 Election In PA-08 For Cartwright.** “BREAKING: Democrat Matt Cartwright wins reelection to U.S. House in Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District. #APracecall at 12:05 p.m. EST. #Election2020 #PAelection <https://t.co/lGfinjTqT4>” [AP Politics Twitter, [11/6/20](#)]

**11/7/20: Bognet Demanded “That All Lawful Votes Be Counted” And “That Unlawful Ballots Not Be Counted.”** “U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright’s lead in the 8th Congressional District race expanded sharply Thursday as Monroe County completed counting mail-in ballots, according to unofficial results. As of 10 p.m., Cartwright, a Moosic Democrat, led with 174,008 to 162,361 for challenger Jim Bognet, a Hazle Twp. Republican. That’s a 11,647-vote lead, up from about 7,300 earlier in the day. Many provisional ballots remain uncounted, but it was unclear if there are enough for Bognet to win. Earlier in the day, Bognet issued a statement calling for the counting of all ‘lawful votes ... and that unlawful ballots not be counted.’ ‘Our campaign will continue until that occurs and we will work for a just and fair count,’ he said.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [11/7/20](#)]

**January 2021: Bognet Had Yet To Concede Defeat After Cartwright Was Sworn Into Office For Another Term**

**January 2021: Scranton Times-Tribune Krawczeniuk Column: “Bognet Never Conceded Defeat And Never Congratulated The Moosic Democrat On His Victory.”** “A day after U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright took the oath of office for his fifth term in Congress, his Republican opponent in the November election finally conceded something. In a statement, Jim Bognet agreed Monday that Cartwright was sworn into office for a fifth term on Sunday. Cartwright represents the 8th Congressional District. Bognet never conceded defeat and never congratulated the Moosic Democrat on his victory, not in his statement and nowhere else that I could find anyway. Bognet did hint that he could run against Cartwright again in 2022.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [1/5/21](#)]

**October 2021: Bognet Insinuated He Would Have Won The 2020 Election If Gov. Wolf Had Not “Changed The Rules Of The Election In The Middle Of The Election”**

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**March 2022: Bognet Said He “Should Be In Congress” And Trump Should Have Won The State Of Pennsylvania Since Pennsylvania’s Vote-By-Mail Law Was Overturned After The 2020 Election**

**March 2022: Bognet On Act 77: “If It’s Unconstitutional Now, It Should Have Been Unconstitutional In 2020, And I Should Be In Congress And President Trump Should Have Won The State Of Pennsylvania.”** “[BOGNET:] Well, first off, Pennsylvania saw a gaming of the system like you’ve never seen when it comes to the election. Governor Wolf and his out-of-control Secretary of State put in place many things to try and hurt Republicans in 2020, and that’s why I’m fighting to require voter ID, to get rid of mail-in ballots under Act 77. You know, Act 77, which allowed the no-excuse mail-ins, has been declared unconstitutional here in Pennsylvania. But

if it's unconstitutional now, it should have been unconstitutional in 2020, and I should be in Congress and President Trump should have won the state of Pennsylvania." [OAN, [3/30/22](#)] (VIDEO) 2:10

- **October 2019: Gov. Wolf Signed Act 77, Which Allowed Vote-By-Mail For Up To 50 Days Before An Election, Allowed Voters To Vote By Mail Without An Excuse, And Provided More Time To Register To Vote.** "Governor Wolf made voting more convenient and secure by signing Act 77 of 2019, the most significant improvement to Pennsylvania's elections in more than 80 years. The bipartisan compromise legislation takes effect for the April 2020 primary election and makes Pennsylvania a national leader with voter-friendly election reforms. The law creates a new option to vote by mail up to 50 days before an election and be placed on a list to permanently receive a ballot application by mail. It also provides more time to register to vote and authorizes a \$90 million bond to help counties fund the purchase of new voting systems with a paper trail that strengthens the security of our elections. [...] The law creates a new option to vote by mail without providing an excuse, which is currently required for voters using absentee ballots. Pennsylvania joins 31 other states and Washington, D.C. with mail-in voting that removes barriers to elections." [Gov. Tom Wolf, [10/31/19](#)]
- **1/28/22: Philadelphia Inquirer Headline: "A Pennsylvania Court Overturned The State's Mail Voting Law, But An Appeal Means It's Still In Place."** [Philadelphia Inquirer, [1/28/22](#)]

#### **April 2022: In His First TV Ad Of The Cycle, Bognet Claimed The 2020 Election Was "Stolen" From Him**

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#### **Bognet Spread Misinformation About The 2020 Election And Urged "Patriots" To "Get After" Their Local Election Boards**

#### **October 2020: Bognet Told Voters That "The Media Is Going To Lie To You" About Trump's Presidential Victory**

**October 2020: Bognet Made Two Predictions: "One: Donald Trump Is Going To Kick Sleepy Joe Biden's Butt. Two: The Media Is Going To Lie To You About It."** "Speaking to a group of Republicans excited to watch the first presidential debate Tuesday night, congressional Jim Bognet candidate gave two predictions on how the night would go. 'One: Donald Trump is going to kick sleepy Joe Biden's butt. Two: The media is going to lie to you about it,' Bognet said." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [10/1/20](#)]

#### **Bognet Repeatedly Claimed Vote-By-Mail Was A Scheme Orchestrated By Democrats That Caused Him To Lose In 2020, Despite His Projections That A "Super Large Percentage Of The Electorate" Would Vote By Mail Before The 2020 Election**

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we didn't have no-excuse mail-in voting. So in past campaigns, this is the first year where you're going to have a super large percentage of the electorate casting votes by mail five, six weeks out from the election. So, they've been on different dates, but I just feel like, hey, we should have a debate before people start voting, not after it." [Jason Barsky Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [8/20/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:50

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### October 2020: Bognet Cast Doubt On The Integrity Of Vote-By-Mail

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**October 2020: Bognet On Vote-By-Mail: "It's A Legitimate Concern To Worry About The Fairness Of Our Elections."** "So I would love to see us come together and pass a system that allows people that need to vote by mail to do that. But it should be absentee. It shouldn't be no excuse mail-in voting because I think that's so ripe for corruption. And I do worry about that. And I think that's a legitimate concern. It's a legitimate concern to worry about the fairness of our elections." [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 49:29

**October 2020: Bognet Said Voting Changes Made In 2020 Put "Local Election People In Jeopardy" And He Wanted "To Have Confidence" Votes By Mail Were "Going To Be Counted Properly."** "Are the candidates worried that Trump has undermined faith in the electoral system by warning about mail-in voting fraud, and do they have faith in local election officials? 'I feel badly for our local election officials,' Bognet said. 'I believe that the changes that have been made this year really put the local election people in jeopardy.' People who want to vote by mail should do so, he said, 'but I want to have confidence that those votes are going to be counted properly. And I know in my primary election, it took three and a half weeks before the counties were done counting. I think we should have an answer at least by the next day of who won the election.'" [Pocono Record, [10/19/20](#)]

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### After The 2020 Election, Bognet Repeatedly Claimed Vote-By-Mail Was A Scheme Orchestrated By Democrats That Caused Him To Lose

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Act 77, Pennsylvania's no excuse mail in ballot law, is found to be UNCONSTITUTIONAL by the Commonwealth Court.

Thanks to @WallyZimolong & Greg Teufel for believing in this case & crushing the argument!

Huge victory for the people of Pennsylvania!

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**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Democrats "Used Covid As A Cover To Really Affect The Election," Including The 10,000 "Corrupt And Unconstitutional Mail-In Ballots" He Alleged Caused His 2020 Loss.** "[BOGNET:] We've seen it with the Democrats over and over again. They did in 2020, with using Covid as a cover to really affect the election. I saw it in my election, where I was up 10,000 votes on election night, and then we saw the corrupt and unconstitutional mail-in ballots come in." [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/14/22](#)] (VIDEO) 9:01

**October 2021: Bognet Said He Had "Vast Concerns" About Election Security In Pennsylvania, Citing Its Vote-By-Mail Law.** "[BOGNET:] Election security and election integrity are incredibly important. That's what a democracy, that's what a republic is founded on: fair elections. And I have vast concerns about the way they are being conducted in Pennsylvania. Gov. Wolf put through this change in the law last year that did not go through the legislature, that I believe was unconstitutional, extending the time that these no-excuse mail-in ballots could come in, days after the election. I took a court case up to the Supreme Court of the United States, Bognet v. Boockvar, trying to fight that." [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 10:11

**November 2020: Bognet Attended A Protest Outside The Luzerne County Bureau Of Elections Over Alleged Voter Fraud, Alongside Supporters Of A Fringe Church That Worshipped With Guns**

**November 2020: Bognet Attended A Protest Outside Of The Luzerne County Bureau Of Elections Over Allegations Of Voter Fraud.** "With former Vice President Joe Biden on the verge of being declared the winner of the presidential election, supporters of President Donald Trump on Friday protested outside the Luzerne County Penn Place office building, where the Bureau of Elections office is located. About 100 people carrying signs and shouting, 'Stop the steal,' 'Stop the fraud,' and 'Four more years,' occupied the intersection of East Market Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. [...] Republican Jim Bognet, who lost to Democratic incumbent Matt Cartwright to represent the 8th Congressional District, was in attendance." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/6/20](#)]

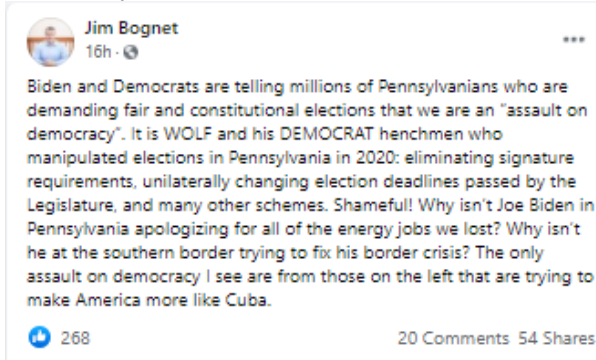
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**Scranton Times-Tribune: "Most Of The Protesters Were Citizens Of Japan And South Korea" Who Supported Pastor Hyung Jin Moon, Leader Of "A Controversial Congregation That Worships With Guns."** "Most of the protesters were citizens of Japan and South Korea who have been in Northeast Pennsylvania the past few weeks campaigning for Trump. They are supporters of Pastor Hyung Jin Moon, of the World Peace and Unification Sanctuary in Wayne County, a controversial congregation that worships with guns, such as AR-15 rifles." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/6/20](#)]

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**Bognet Accused Democrats Of "Manipulat[ing] Elections" Through "Eliminating Signature Requirements, Unilaterally Changing Election Deadlines Passed By The Legislature, And Many Other Schemes."** "Biden

and Democrats are telling millions of Pennsylvanians who are demanding fair and constitutional elections that we are an ‘assault on democracy’. It is WOLF and his DEMOCRAT henchmen who manipulated elections in Pennsylvania in 2020: eliminating signature requirements, unilaterally changing election deadlines passed by the Legislature, and many other schemes. Shameful! Why isn’t Joe Biden in Pennsylvania apologizing for all of the energy jobs we lost? Why isn’t he at the southern border trying to fix his border crisis? The only assault on democracy I see are from those on the left that are trying to make America more like Cuba.”



[Facebook, Jim Bognet, [7/13/21](#)]

**Bognet Called A Tucker Carlson Clip A “Must Watch” “On Why We Are So Angry About The Games Played To Try To Destroy The Trump Presidency And How The 2020 Election Was Manipulated!”** ““The DOJ, the press, and the government destroyed lives and actively subverted an elected administration.’ If you haven’t seen this clip from Tucker Carlson it’s a MUST WATCH where he highlights Darryl Cooper’s tweets on why we are so angry about the games played to try to destroy the Trump presidency and how the 2020 election was manipulated!”



[Jim Bognet, Twitter, [7/10/21](#)]

### **July 2021: Bognet Spread Misinformation About The Legitimacy Of The 2020 Election In Fulton County Based On A Claim Made By A Conspiracy Theorist That Was Dismissed In Court**

**July 2021: Bognet Claimed The 2020 Election Was A “Total Fiasco” In Fulton County Based On The Claim That There Were 850 Votes For Biden And None For Trump In A Precinct**

**July 2021: Bognet Spread Misinformation About The Legitimacy Of The 2020 Election In Fulton County, Georgia, Saying It Was A “Total Fiasco” That Demanded Further Investigation. “WHAT A MESS! The new**

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[Facebook, Jim Bognet, [7/17/21](#)]

- **To Support His Claim, Bognet Alleged There Were “850 Votes For Biden To 0 For Trump In One Precinct.”** “WHAT A MESS! The new information coming out about Fulton County, GA November 2020 election is a total fiasco and demands further investigation! 850 votes for Biden to 0 for Trump in one precinct? Give me a break. We must restore faith in our elections. We need to pass voter ID laws and end the liberals' war on election integrity! What we are witnessing should not be happening in the United States. Transparent audits of elections should not be a partisan issue. Everyone should support fair elections!”

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### **Conspiracy Theorist Garland Favorito Claimed There Were 850 Votes For Biden And None For Trump In A Fulton County Precinct; A Lawsuit Filed By Favorito's Group Over Alleged Fraud Was Dismissed**

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**Garland Favorito Of The Group VoterGA Claimed In A Lawsuit That There Were 850 Votes For Biden And None For Trump In One Fulton County Precinct.** In the order granting motion to dismiss in Favorito et al vs Fulton County, Judge Brian Emero wrote, “On July 2, 2021 and July 14, 2021, the Favorito Petitioners and the Jeffords Petitioners respectively filed third amended petitions. The Favorito Petitioners alleged further violations to their state equal protection and due process rights, averring that a number of ballots had been incorrectly reported or were excluded from the Secretary of State's risk limiting audit.”<sup>32</sup> Footnote 32 read, “Favorito Third Amended Petition, 214. Specifically, they pointed at seven batches that were incorrectly reported as 850 votes for Joe Biden, 0 votes for Donald Trump and 0 votes for Jo Jorgenson, when in fact the correct number of votes was 554 votes for Joe Biden, 140 votes for Donald Trump, and 11 votes for Jo Jorgenson.” GPB News reported plaintiff Garland Favorito was “of the group VoterGA.” [Superior Court of Fulton County, Favorito et al vs. Fulton County et al,

Case # 2020CV343938, Order Granting Motion to Dismiss, filed 10/13/21, via GPB News, [10/13/21](#); GPB News, [10/13/21](#)

**October 2021: Atlanta Journal-Constitution Headline: “Georgia Ballot Inspection Case Dismissed After No Fraud Found.”** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/13/21](#)]

- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Favorito’s Case Was Dismissed After No Evidence Of Fraud Was Found In Three Ballot Counts And Multiple Investigations.** “The judge’s order is the latest in a series of decisions against supporters of the former Republican president who have asked the courts to help them pursue suspicions of fraud or reverse the results of the election. State election officials have said there’s no indication of fraud after three ballot counts and multiple investigations. In last year’s presidential election, Democrat Joe Biden defeated Trump in Georgia by about 12,000 votes.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/13/21](#)]

**Favorito “Embraced Conspiracy Theories About 9/11, Clinton-Era Scandals And Supreme Court Justices.”** “The lawsuit was spearheaded by Garland Favorito, a longtime skeptic of Georgia’s voting systems who has embraced conspiracy theories about 9/11, Clinton-era scandals and Supreme Court justices. Favorito says he voted for Don Blankenship, the U.S. Constitution Party candidate for president, last year.” [Associated Press, [5/25/21](#)]

**October 2021: Bognet Urged “Patriots” To “Get After [Their] Local Election Boards” And “Make Sure They Are Properly Adminstrating The Election”**

**October 2021: Bognet Called On “Patriots” To “Get After Your Local Election Boards. Go Out And Make Sure They Are Properly Adminstrating The Election.”** “[BOGNET:] I’ve kept up constant pressure on our elected officials here. [...] I’m calling on every patriot, everyone to not just complain but go and do something about it. Get after your local election boards. Go out and make sure they are properly administrating the election. Get on your state legislators, especially in Pennsylvania, and tell them: no more drop boxes, no more mail-in ballots that are open to fraud and abuse, demand voter ID at the ballot box.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 10:42

**Bognet Did Not Appear To Have Condemned The Capitol Insurrection On January 6, 2021 And Called For An Investigation Into The Election Rather Than The Insurrection**

**As Of March 2022, Bognet Did Not Appear To Have Made A Statement On January 6<sup>th</sup> To Condemn Violence At The Capitol**

**As Of March 2022, Reviews Of Bognet’s Campaign And Personal Twitter Accounts Did Not Yield Any Statement Made By Bognet On January 6, 2021.** [Bognet for Congress Twitter, accessed [3/24/22](#); Jim Bognet Twitter, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Reviews Of Bognet’s Campaign And Personal Facebook Accounts Did Not Yield Any Statement Made By Bognet On January 6, 2021.** [Bognet for Congress Facebook, accessed [3/24/22](#); Jim Bognet Facebook, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

*Note: Bognet did not appear to have made statements to press or on social media to condemn violence at the Capitol Insurrection as of March 2022.*

**February 2022: Bognet: “End The January 6th Commission, Start The November 3rd Commission”**

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End the January 6th commission, start the November 3rd commission.

7:00 PM - Feb 11, 2022 - Agorapulse app

[Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/11/22](#)]

## **Bognet Villainized Afghan Refugees Who Worked Alongside U.S. Troops And Attempted To Trespass On Federal Property To Prove His Claims**

### **February 2022: Bognet Claimed Biden Was “Dumping” Afghan Refugees In Rural Pennsylvania**

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Biden Was “Dumping” Afghans In Rural Pennsylvania And Using A Jobs Corps Center That Was “Supposed To Be For American Citizens”**

**Headline: “Exclusive—Jim Bognet: Biden Turning ‘Beautiful Rural’ Pennsylvania into Afghan Refugee ‘Dumping Ground.’”** [Breitbart, [2/5/22](#)]

- **Bognet Claimed Biden Was “Dumping” Hundreds Of Unvetted Afghan Refugees – Whom He Suggested Could Have Criminal Records – Into “Beautiful, Rural” Pennsylvania.** “Republican Jim Bognet, running against Democrat Rep. Matt Cartwright in Pennsylvania’s 8th congressional district, says President Joe Biden has turned a ‘beautiful, rural area’ into a ‘dumping ground’ for hundreds of ‘unvetted Afghan refugees.’ As Breitbart News has reported, the Biden administration has brought more than 76,000 Afghans to the United States for resettlement across 46 states since mid-August 2021. The operation is being facilitated by the federal government, a non-governmental organization (NGO) backed by former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, as well as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and multinational corporations.” [Breitbart, [2/5/22](#)]
- **Bognet Said “500 To 600 Unvetted Afghan Refugees” Would Enroll At The Keystone Job Corps Facility.** “In Butler Township, Pennsylvania, which is a beautiful rural area two miles from my house, the Biden administration just dropped that they’re going to put 500 to 600 unvetted Afghan refugees into the [Keystone Job Corps] facility — this is a facility that trains college kids to get jobs and get skills,’ Bognet said. ‘And instead, we’re going to put 500 to 600 unvetted Afghan refugees.’ ‘I have no trust in the Biden administration that they have any ability to screen these people,’ Bognet continued. ‘Local law enforcement who I’ve talked to have no idea who these people are, we don’t have their criminal records, we don’t have their vaccine status, we don’t have their COVID-19 status, we don’t have any status on them. We don’t know who they are.’” [Breitbart, [2/5/22](#)]

**February 2022: Bognet: “Joe Biden Is Trying To Make Northeastern Pennsylvania A Dumping Ground For Illegal Immigrants And Unvetted Afghans, And We Just Won’t Stand For It.”** [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:36:36

**Bognet Claimed The Afghans Would “Change The Very Nature” Of The Area, That “Nobody In Here Wants Those People In Hazleton,” And Referenced 9/11 While Discussing The “Risk” They Posed**

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Afghan Refugees Would “Change The Very Nature” Of Butler Township By Being Placed At The Job Corps Center, Which Was “Supposed to Be For American Citizens.”** “[BOGNET:] Butler Township, Pennsylvania is a very rural town, beautiful area, houses, farms, schools. And now we’re going to try to change the very nature of it by using a job corps center, which is supposed to be for American



citizens to learn skills to get a job, now we're going to use it as a refugee camp. I don't think that's right." [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/14/22](#)] (VIDEO) 10:56

**February 2022: Bognet Said Of Afghan Refugees At An Event, "I Know That Nobody In Here Wants Those People In Hazleton, Pennsylvania Or Butler Township, Pennsylvania."** "[BOGNET:] We all saw on TV what hash they made out of the Afghanistan withdrawal. It was a disaster. We saw those people running on those planes. I know that nobody in here wants those people in Hazleton, Pennsylvania or Butler Township, Pennsylvania." [Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :12

**February 2022: Bognet Said Of The "Risk To Our Safety" That The Afghans Posed, "9/11 Happened Twenty Years Ago, And New York City Is Only Two Hours Away From Here."** "[BOGNET:] We don't know who these people are. We don't know what their criminal history is. We don't know what their Covid status is. We don't know if there's criminals among them. We don't know if they were infiltrated by the Taliban, ISIS, or any other organization that has nefarious motives. You know, 9/11 happened twenty years ago, and New York City is only two hours away from here. I think that this is a possible risk to our safety and or security." [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/8/22](#)] (VIDEO) 5:04

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**The Department Of Labor Stated That All Afghan Evacuees Who Worked Alongside U.S. Troops Had Permanent Legal Status And Were Eligible For Jobs Corps Programs, Which Bognet Called "Cockamamie"**

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**According To The Department Of Labor, Afghan Evacuees With Permanent Legal Status Who Worked Alongside U.S. Troops For Two Decades Were Eligible To Be Accepted At Job Corps Programs.** "The U.S. Department of Labor also issued a statement Friday. 'Job Corps is proud to join our federal, state and private partners to support Afghan evacuees who worked alongside U.S. troops in Afghanistan for two decades and are now temporarily housed at safe havens across the county. The Afghan Refugees have permanent legal status in the United States, including eligibility to work. Job Corps officials have visited six safe havens to speak with Afghans about opportunities to build meaningful skills, land fulfilling jobs and develop lifelong relationships through Job Corps. All Job Corps Centers will stand ready to accept Afghan refugees. None have been enrolled at Job Corps at this time.'" [FOX 56, [2/4/22](#)]

- **As Of February 2022, Afghan Refugees Had Not Enrolled In Job Corps.** "The U.S. Department of Labor also issued a statement Friday. 'Job Corps is proud to join our federal, state and private partners to support Afghan evacuees who worked alongside U.S. troops in Afghanistan for two decades and are now temporarily housed at safe havens across the county. [...] All Job Corps Centers will stand ready to accept Afghan refugees. None have been enrolled at Job Corps at this time.'" [FOX 56, [2/4/22](#)]

**Bognet Called The Department Of Labor's Statement "Cockamamie" And Added That Biden Was "Picking On Small Town And Rural And Red State America."** "[BOGNET:] Have they given you any information, local supervisors? Of course, the answer was no, they gave them some cockamamie statement by the Department of Labor saying, we stand ready to take as many unvetted Afghans as are willing to come here. And you know, it feels like, and maybe this is just because I'm from a small town, it feels like the Biden Administration is picking on small town and rural and red state America." [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:38:05

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Afghan Refugees Were Being Offered "Free Housing, Food Stamps, And Welfare Checks," Which He Called "Insanity"**

**February 2022: Bognet: "Afghan Refugees Brought To America Are Being Offered Free Housing, Food Stamps, And Welfare Checks Totaling \$2,300. This Is Biden's America Last Agenda. Stop The Insanity."**



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Afghan refugees brought to America are being offered free housing, food stamps, and welfare checks totaling \$2,300.

This is Biden's America last agenda.

Stop the insanity.

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/7/22](#)]

### **Bognet Bragged About Attempting To Trespass At A Federal Jobs Center To Support His Claims About The Afghan Refugees**

#### **February 2022: Bognet Repeatedly Bragged About Attempting To Trespass At The Federal Jobs Corps Center Property With Mehmet Oz And Dramatically Inflated The Story**

**February 2022: Bognet Said He And Mehmet Oz Were Told To Leave The Job Corps Center Property By Security Guards While They Attempted To Investigate Afghan Refugees There.** “[BOGNET:] I invited all the governor candidates, all the Senate candidates, to come and see what’s happening and see how it’s going to change this community, especially when you’re not coordinating with local police. The first one to take me up on it was Dr. Oz. Dr. Oz came into town last week, I took him to the facility, we parked our cars there. Security came out, tried to throw us off the property. So we walked to the edge of the property and started recording a video where you could see there were no walls, fences, you could see there were houses in the background. Security start running at us, screaming, trying to get us off the property, but, you know, we stood our ground and said, we want answers. We want to know who these people are, what their background is, what their Covid status is, have they been checked for terrorist affiliations, have they been checked for Taliban affiliations. We cannot get any answers.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:35:43

- **Bognet Claimed Security Started “Running At Us, Screaming, Trying To Get Us Off The Property” But He And Oz “Stood Our Ground And Said, We Want Answers.”** “[BOGNET:] I invited all the governor candidates, all the Senate candidates, to come and see what’s happening and see how it’s going to change this community, especially when you’re not coordinating with local police. The first one to take me up on it was Dr. Oz. Dr. Oz came into town last week, I took him to the facility, we parked our cars there. Security came out, tried to throw us off the property. So we walked to the edge of the property and started recording a video where you could see there were no walls, fences, you could see there were houses in the background. Security start running at us, screaming, trying to get us off the property, but, you know, we stood our ground and said, we want answers. We want to know who these people are, what their background is, what their Covid status is, have they been checked for terrorist affiliations, have they been checked for Taliban affiliations. We cannot get any answers.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:35:43

**February 2022: Bognet Spoke Of His Attempted Investigation With Oz At An Event.** “[BOGNET:] One other thing I would tell you is, we went over there looking for answers. Dr. Oz and I went over there at 5 o’clock today. I wanted to show him what a beautiful rural community you all have here. And as we were filming a video and talking about it, the security came out. And Dr. Oz and I started asking them questions: how many Afghans are coming here? When will they be here? What are their backgrounds? What vetting did you do? You know what they said? This is a federal facility and we can do whatever we want.” [Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :24

**February 2022: Bognet Posted A Video In Which He Spoke To Oz About The Afghan Evacuees While Being Told He Is Trespassing On Federal Property At The Keystone Job Corps Center.** “[BOGNET to Dr. Oz:] –

unvetted Afghan refugees. Now the problem with that is- [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] Excuse me, you're on federal property. You can't be here. This is trespassing. [BOGNET:] We're on the side of the road. [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] You're on federal property. [unintelligible] [BOGNET:] See, they don't want us here because they know they're bringing unvetted Afghan refugees. We don't know who they are. [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] Excuse me, you're on federal property. You're trespassing. Please leave." After being told to leave, Dr. Oz and Bognet appeared to leave. [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

- **Bognet And Oz Appear To Walk Away After Being Told To And Did Not Ask The Security Guard Any Questions In The Video.** [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

### **February 2022: Bognet Falsely Claimed The Biden Administration Was Sending A “Cascade Of Illegal Immigrants” On “Ghost Flights” To Pennsylvania To “Plant Democrat Voters”**

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed The Biden Administration Was Sending A “Cascade Of Illegal Immigrants” On “Ghost Flights” To Pennsylvania To “Plant Democrat Voters All Over The Country.”** “[BOGNET:] Under Sleepy Joe, all we see is a cascade of illegal immigrants coming in and even worse guys, we have ghost flights coming into Wilkes-Barre Scranton Airport, where the Biden Administration is paying to put tons of illegal immigrants on flights. They started doing it Christmas night, thinking nobody would be paying attention, but luckily, we had supporters out there that had videos of illegal immigrants being airdropped into Pennsylvania, and we called BS on it. And we've been doing everything we can to stop it, but these guys just never stop. They're trying to make every state a border state, they're trying to plant Democrat voters all over the country.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:33:37

**PolitiFact Rated The Claim That Biden Was “Secretly Flying Illegal Immigrants Into Communities Across The Country In The Middle Of The Night” “Mostly False.”** “Kistner said Biden ‘has been secretly flying illegal immigrants into communities across the country in the middle of the night.’ The ad implies that it is a new phenomenon for the federal government to transport immigrants around the country. That’s not true. The federal government flies adult detainees in its custody from one facility to another, or from one U.S. city to another during deportation proceedings. The U.S. government in some cases also flies unaccompanied children who are being released from its custody to a family member or sponsor. Some of these flights may happen at night, but they are not covert operations. The same types of routine flights were done by the Trump administration. The ad contains only an element of truth. We rate it Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, [3/16/22](#)]

### **Bognet Made Racist Comments About Hazleton’s Hispanic Population, Claiming The Town Was Full Of Undocumented People Who Relied On Social Services And Refused To Learn English**

**Bognet Said Illegal Immigration Had “Destroyed” His Hometown Of Hazleton, PA.** BOGNET: “Illegal immigration – I can’t stress enough, it’s destroyed my hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania.” BANNON: “How is it, you’re 2,000 miles from the border.” BOGNET: “They come in from New York. They come two hours east, or excuse me, west of Hazleton. It is 65% Latino. There are some great, hardworking Latinos. My grandfather was an Italian immigrant coal miner. I love legal immigrants who do it the right way who want to speak the language, want to get involved in the economy. But when you come and you don’t learn the language and you use the social services, and crime and drugs follow you – we had a shooting, a 17 year-old wrestler at my high school shot and killed last week in a gang beating. That is not what we want in Northeast Pennsylvania, and Biden’s abdication on our southern border and abdication of going back to our Remain in Mexico policy is causing deaths, fentanyl, drug overdoses in northeastern Pennsylvania every single day.” [Rumble, Bannon’s War Room, Interview with Jim Bognet, [3/18/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Bognet Complained About Hazleton Being 65% Latino, Insinuating It Was Full Of Undocumented People Who Relied On Social Services And Didn’t Learn English.** BOGNET: “They come in from New York. They come two hours east, or excuse me, west of Hazleton. It is 65% Latino. There are some great, hardworking Latinos. My grandfather was an Italian immigrant coal miner. I love legal immigrants who do it

the right way who want to speak the language, want to get involved in the economy. But when you come and you don't learn the language and you use the social services, and crime and drugs follow you – we had a shooting, a 17 year-old wrestler at my high school shot and killed last week in a gang beating. That is not what we want in Northeast Pennsylvania[.]” [Rumble, Bannon’s War Room, Interview with Jim Bognet, [3/18/22](#)] (VIDEO)

## **2021 – 2022: Bognet Repeatedly Praised Sean Parnell Before And After He Dropped Out Of Pennsylvania’s Senate Race Amid Allegations That He Physically Abused His Wife And Young Children**

### **November 2021: Parnell Dropped Out Of Pennsylvania’s Senate Race Amid Allegations That He Physically Abused His Wife And Young Children**

**11/22/21: A Judge’s Decision To Grant Parnell’s Estranged Wife Sole, Laurie Snell, Legal Custody Of Their Children Became Public.** “Laurie Snell -- the estranged wife of Pennsylvania GOP Senate candidate Sean Parnell -- was awarded primary physical custody and sole legal custody of the couple's three children, according to a judge's order that was made public Monday. The decision comes amid a contentious divorce and custody proceedings between Snell and Parnell, who are still legally married but have been separated for years. Snell has accused her husband of choking her and injuring their children -- all claims that Parnell has denied.” [CNN, [11/22/21](#)]

**11/22/21: Parnell Dropped Out Of Pennsylvania’s Senate Race And Said He Had To Focus On Appealing To The Court.** “Sean Parnell, the Republican endorsed by former President Donald Trump for Pennsylvania’s open US Senate seat, announced on Monday he is suspending his campaign. The decision comes after a judge awarded Laurie Snell, Parnell’s estranged wife, primary physical custody and sole legal custody of the couple’s three children, according to an order that was made public Monday. The judge also determined that Parnell committed some abusive acts toward his wife in the past. ‘There is nothing more important to me than my children, and while I plan to ask the court to reconsider, I can’t continue with a Senate campaign,’ Parnell said in a statement.” [CNN, [11/12/21](#)]

**Parnell Denied Snell’s Allegations That He Choked Her And Injured Their Children.** “The decision comes amid a contentious divorce and custody proceedings between Snell and Parnell, who are still legally married but have been separated for years. Snell has accused her husband of choking her and injuring their children -- all claims that Parnell has denied.” [CNN, [11/22/21](#)]

- **The Judge Found Snell A Credible Witness On Her Allegations Of Abuse, But They Were Not The Most Significant Factors In The Custody Decision.** “The judge wrote that he found Snell to be a credible witness when it came to her allegations of abuse -- although those allegations were not the most significant factors in the judge's custody decision.” [CNN, [11/12/21](#)]

### **Bognet Repeatedly Praised Alleged Violent Domestic Abuser Sean Parnell**

#### **January 2022: Sean Parnell Endorsed Bognet For Congress After Dropping Out Of Pennsylvania’s Senate Race Over Allegations That He Physically Abused His Wife And Young Children**

**January 2022: Sean Parnell Endorsed Bognet For Congress; Bognet Said He Was “Honored” And Called Parnell An “American Hero.”**



[Jim Bognet Twitter, [1/31/22](#)]

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### Bognet Endorsed Parnell's Lawsuit Against Pennsylvania's Vote-By-Mail Law And Called Him A "Patriot"

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**January 2022: Bognet: "Non-Verified, Universal Mail-In Voting Was The Main Tool Used By Democrats To Skew The Election Against President Trump, Sean [Parnell], And Me In 2020."** "Huge victory for the Constitution! Non-verified, universal mail-in voting was the main tool used by Democrats to skew the election against President Trump, Sean, and me in 2020."



[Twitter, @Bognet4Congress, [1/28/22](#)]

**December 2020: Bognet Called Parnell A "Patriot" And Wrote In Support Of His Lawsuit Against Pennsylvania's Vote-By-Mail Law.** "Sean [Parnell] and Mike [Kelly]'s lawsuit is in front of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito tomorrow for an emergency appeal. I ask you to join me in praying for Justice Alito to make the right decision and strike down Act 77 as unconstitutional. President Trump and patriots like Sean, Mike, and WE THE PEOPLE of PA are fighting to make sure that we can restore faith in how our elections are conducted in



Pennsylvania. At every point in this election in PA, the democrats have attempted to loosen the rules and protections that make it possible to identify fraudulent votes.”



Jim Bognet

December 7, 2020 ·

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Fellow Patriots, tomorrow is a big day in our fight for the integrity of our elections. Sean Parnell and Congressman Mike Kelly have filed a lawsuit to strike down Act 77, the unconstitutional bill that allowed mail-in voter fraud in Pennsylvania in contravention of the Pennsylvania State Constitution.

Sean and Mike's lawsuit is in front of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito tomorrow for an emergency appeal. I ask you to join me in praying for Justice Alito to make the right decision and strike down Act 77 as unconstitutional.

President Trump and patriots like Sean, Mike, and WE THE PEOPLE of PA are fighting to make sure that we can restore faith in how our elections are conducted in Pennsylvania. At every point in this election in PA, the democrats have attempted to loosen the rules and protections that make it possible to identify fraudulent votes.

I filed a federal lawsuit, Jim Bognet vs. Kathy Bookvar, Secretary of Pennsylvania, in order to prohibit the counting of mail in votes that are received after election day. The court wrongly decided that we did not have standing because the election had not yet occurred, so in the court's view, we did not yet suffer harm. Wrong! Everyone is harmed when election rules do not follow the Constitution.

Now, the biased, liberal PA State Supreme Court is saying that Sean Parnell and Mike Kelly's lawsuit is invalid because the election has already occurred! That is baloney! If a PA State law is unconstitutional, it is unconstitutional! No matter when the lawsuit is brought. The liberal PA Supreme Court has set up a twisted Catch-22 where you can't bring a suit before an election because you lack standing, and you can't bring a suit after because of the doctrine of laches. Totally and blatantly unjust!

I stand shoulder to shoulder with patriots like President Trump, Vice-President Pence, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Scalise, and Rep. Kelly to fight for our election security and for fair elections. I want to thank my colleague Sean Parnell for fighting against the unconstitutional Act 77 and for a just result in the 2020 General Election in Pennsylvania!

Please join our fight for fair elections by sharing this post and praying for the success of Sean and Mike's historic lawsuit!

FOUR MORE YEARS!

[Facebook, Jim Bognet, [12/7/20](#)]

- **Kelly And Parnell Sued Over Pennsylvania's Vote-By-Mail Law.** “U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly celebrated on Friday the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court's decision to overturn a 2019 law that, among other things, allowed all registered voters in the state to vote by mail. [...] Kelly, a Republican whose district includes Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence counties and a portion of Butler County, filed the lawsuit with, among others, former Republican congressional candidate Sean Parnell. Both Parnell and Kelly are strong backers of Trump.” [Erie Times-News, [1/28/22](#)]

**2021: Bognet Unsuccessfully Ran For The Penn State Board Of Trustees And Campaigned On Recognizing Joe Paterno, Who Was Fired For Covering Up Child Molestation, At Football Games**

**May 2021: Bognet Ran Unsuccessfully For An Alumni-Selected Seat On The Penn State Board Of Trustees, Coming In Last Place Out Of Six**

**2021: Bognet Was One Of Six Candidates In Penn State's Annual Election For Alumni-Selected Seats On The Board Of Trustees.** “Penn State's annual election for alumni-selected seats on the board of trustees is just days away -- and six candidates are running for three open positions. [...] Jim Bognet, 1997 alum Facebook: Bognet for PSU Email: [Bognet4PSU@gmail.com](mailto:Bognet4PSU@gmail.com) Bio: Ran for the U.S. House last year to represent Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, but the Republican challenger lost to Democrat Matt Cartwright. (Bognet had 48.2% of the vote to Cartwright's 51.8%.) ... Graduated with a B.S. in finance, before earning a law degree and master's in business administration from UCLA. ... Native of Hazleton. ... Grew up in a PSU family that counts as alumni Bognet's mother, father, brother, sister and more than 20 cousins. Position statement: 1. Respect for Penn State's proud legacy, 2. Affordable tuition for students, 3. In-person reopening.” [Centre Daily Times, [4/8/21](#)]

**Bognet Received The Smallest Number Of Votes In The Board Of Trustees Election.** “Penn State's Board of Trustees elected or appointed six incumbent trustees and five new members during its meeting Friday. Alvin de Levie and Steven Wagman were elected by university alumni as alumni trustees, and incumbent Brandon Short was reelected. In the alumni election, the distribution of votes per candidate was as follows: • Steven B. Wagman - 9,730 • Alvin F. de Levie - 9,688 • Bridget M. Lasda - 8,171 • Jim Bognet - 7,016 • Laurie A. Stanell - 9,634 • Brandon Short - 14,299.” [Penn State Daily Collegian, [5/7/21](#)]

**Bognet Campaigned On Recognition Of Joe And Sue Paterno At Football Games; Paterno Was Fired For Covering Up Child Molestation By His Assistant Coach**

**April 2021: Bognet Campaigned On Supporting The “Legacy” Of Penn State, And Added, “It Makes A Lot Of Alumni Angry That They Won’t Show Joe Paterno’s Face On The Jumbotron.”** “‘I want a president of Penn State who respects Penn State’s legacy,’ he continued. ‘When we look up at the scoreboard during a football game, it makes a lot of alumni angry that they won’t show Joe Paterno’s face on the jumbotron.’ Bognet added that he feels ‘the current leadership’ has not shown enough respect for Penn State’s legacy and failed to honor the ‘people who built Penn State.’” [Onward State, [4/30/21](#)]

- **November 2011: The Penn State Board Of Trustees Fired Joe Paterno After Determining He Failed To Take Action After Being Told An Aide Molested A 10-Year-Old In Paterno’s Football Facility In 2002.** “It was growing late on the night of Nov. 9, 2011. John P. Surma, the chief executive of U.S. Steel and the vice chairman of Penn State University’s board of trustees, sat at a rectangular table at the Penn Stater Hotel. Gov. Tom Corbett of Pennsylvania was on the speaker phone. [...] Joe Paterno’s future was next up. Surma announced that an agreement appeared to have been reached to fire Paterno, too — the trustees having determined that he had failed to take adequate action when he was told that one of his longtime assistants had been seen molesting a 10-year-old boy in Paterno’s football facility. [...] The trustees also laid out what they said were three key reasons for firing Paterno: his failure to do more when told about the suspected sexual assault in 2002; what they regarded as his questioning of the board’s authority in the days after Sandusky’s arrest; and what they determined to be his inability to effectively continue coaching in the face of continuing questions surrounding the program.” [New York Times, [1/18/12](#)]
- **February 2020: The Paterno Family Agreed To Drop Claims Against Penn State Related To Damage Of Its Reputation From The Sandusky Scandal And Penn State Agreed To Cover Some Of Its Legal Fees.** “Penn State reconciled Friday with the family of former football coach Joe Paterno after nearly one decade of tortuous relations in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal. Penn State’s board of trustees Chair Mark Dambly announced Friday that the university and Paterno family resolved any “outstanding issues” stemming from the 2011 Sandusky scandal. The Paternos will drop all claims against Penn State and the university will cover some of the Paterno family’s expenses, Dambly said in a prepared statement later released by Penn State. Jay Paterno, Joe’s son, filed several lawsuits against the university that claimed his reputation was damaged.” [State College Centre Daily Times, [2/21/20](#)]

**Bognet Called “Honor[ing] Penn State’s Legacy” His Top Priority And Added, “I’m Sick And Tired Of Having Joe And Sue And 60 Years Of Excellence Written Out Of Penn State’s History By The Current Administration.”** “My priorities on the board of trustees will be this number one honor Penn State's legacy. I'm sick and tired of having Joe and Sue and 60 years of excellence written out of Penn State's history by the current administration, and by people that stand against us. I think we should honor the Penn State legacy, fight for the Penn State legacy. I think that's on top of everybody's mind still today, 10 years later, and I'm sick and tired of the current administration and the current president, not be willing to do that. I think it's ridiculous than when I go to a Penn State game on the big screen. The only thing I could see of our legacy is a pair of black shoes. I can't see the men and women that built this program into what it is today. So that's my number one priority.” [Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Facebook, [4/11/21](#)] (VIDEO) 11:11

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[Jim Bognet Facebook, [4/22/21](#)]

**April 2017: As A Penn State Trustee, Lubrano Defended Another Trustee Who Said He Was “Running Out Of Sympathy” For Sandusky’s “So-Called Victims” As “Well Within His Right.”** “Lord, a retired bank executive, announced during a Wednesday candidates' forum that he was no longer seeking a second term on the Penn State board. Ballots go out next week in an election that runs through May 4. Lord's term expires June 30. Among those running is Jay Paterno, the son of former head coach Joe Paterno, who was Sandusky's boss for decades. Lord told the Chronicle after Spanier's conviction that he was ‘running out of sympathy for 35 yr old, so-called victims with 7 digit net worth.’ He followed that with a statement earlier this week to the Penn State student newspaper that apologized for ‘any pain the comment may have caused actual victims.’ [...] ‘Once again, we have a group of trustees stomping on our freedom of speech rights,’ said alumni-elected trustee Anthony Lubrano, a Lord ally. ‘Al Lord made a comment that was very personal, well within his right. And I think Al should stay on the board until the conclusion of his term.’” [NBC Sports, [4/6/17](#)]

**March 2020: State College Centre Daily Times Reported Lubrano Was “At The Center” Of An Effort To Counter A Report That Implicated Former Penn State Football Coach Paterno In The Sandusky Scandal.** “A former Penn State trustee at the center of an alumni-led effort to counter former FBI director Louis Freeh’s report that implicated former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno in the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal is seeking election to the board after a two-year hiatus. Anthony Lubrano, president of a financial services and wealth management firm, is one of four candidates vying for three alumni-elected positions on the board. Jay Paterno, one of the former football coach’s sons and president of Blue Line 409, and Alice Pope, associate professor of psychology at St. John’s University, are seeking reelection and Jeffrey Ballou, news editor of Al Jazeera English who ran last spring, is seeking first-time election.” [State College Centre Daily Times, [3/4/20](#)]

- **2015: Lubrano, Then A Penn State Trustee, Was Part Of A Group That Sued Penn State For Access To Materials In The Report.** “Lubrano and Pope were part of a group of seven alumni-elected trustees who sued Penn State in 2015 to access source materials used in the university-commissioned Freeh report, which investigated the university’s role in the Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.” [State College Centre Daily Times,



[3/4/20\]](#)

## **Bognet Called For Imprisoning Supporters Of Workplace Vaccine Mandates And School Mask Mandates**

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## Bognet Is Bad For Pennsylvania

### Significant Findings

#### **Bognet Leveled False And Misleading Attacks On Major Legislation Passed By The House In 2021 – The American Rescue Plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill And Build Back Better Act**

- ✓ Bognet campaigned on a “gigantic” bipartisan infrastructure bill in 2020, then insinuated the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), which made historic investments in NEPA, was not “real infrastructure” in 2021.
- ✓ BIF invested more than \$12 billion in Pennsylvania’s roads and bridges and allowed NEPA’s Department of Transportation to start on \$270 million worth of projects years in advance.
- ✓ BIF invested \$1 billion in abandoned mine reclamation in NEPA, which was projected to reduce pollution and create jobs in the region.
- ✓ BIF invested more than \$2 billion in NEPA’s public transit and a historic \$66 billion in Amtrak, with the possibility of offering service between Scranton and New York City.
- ✓ BIF invested \$100 million in Pennsylvania’s broadband expansion and \$1.4 billion in drink water improvements statewide.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly attacked the Build Back Better Act (BBB), including with false and misleading claims about the bill.
- ✓ Bognet claimed BBB would raise taxes on the middle class and small businesses; it would cut taxes for nine out of ten families and level the playing field for small businesses by closing tax loopholes for companies that offshore.
- ✓ Bognet claimed BBB would allow the IRS to monitor American’s bank accounts; PolitiFact rated similar claims “false.”
- ✓ BBB would invest in child care to allow parents to get back to work, cut household costs by investing in energy efficiency, and lower drug prices for seniors.
- ✓ Bognet echoed criticism of Pelosi’s defense of government spending associated with the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which invested billions in Pennsylvania’s pandemic recovery and funded the Wilkes-Barre Police Department with more than half a million dollars.

#### **Bognet Built His Career And Campaigns On Attacks Against The Affordable Care Act (ACA), Lies About Health Care, Dangerous Health Care Policies, And Advocacy For Pharmaceutical Companies**

- ✓ In 2020 and 2022, Bognet repeatedly called the ACA a “disaster” and claimed he supported protections for pre-existing conditions without any plan to do so.
- ✓ Bognet worked for multiple campaigns that pledged to repeal the ACA in 2012, in addition to a 2018 campaign that defended voting to repeal it and a firm where he designed ads against it in 2010.
- ✓ Bognet worked for campaigns that spread false claims about the candidate’s support for covering pre-existing conditions and the ACA.

- ✓ Bognet worked for 2008 presidential campaigns that advocated for covering pre-existing conditions with ineffective high-risk pools and opposed expanding Medicaid.
- ✓ While Bognet was Senior VP of the Glover Park Group, pharmaceutical companies paid it hundreds of thousands of dollars for lobbying.
- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet said of Cartwright's efforts to fund services for Pennsylvanians suffering in the opioid epidemic, "Cartwright's answer to everything is that he could spend more of your money."

#### **Bognet Described Social Security And Medicare Cuts As "The Big Enchilada" And Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Would Target Those Earned Benefits**

- ✓ In 2008, as Policy Development Director for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, Bognet called entitlement reform "the big enchilada" to address government spending.
- ✓ Between 2007 and 2018, Bognet held senior leadership positions on two Senate campaigns and three presidential campaigns for candidates that supported privatizing or cutting Social Security.
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#### **Bognet Advocated Tax Cuts For The Wealthy And Corporations At The Cost Of The Middle Class During His Campaigns And Throughout His Career**

- ✓ During his campaigns, Bognet praised the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which cut taxes for the wealthy and corporations while ultimately raising them for the middle class.
- ✓ While Bognet was Senior VP of Glover Park Group, major beneficiaries of TCJA, including Apple and a pharmaceutical company, paid it hundreds of thousands of dollars for lobbying on tax issues.
- ✓ Bognet devised domestic economic policy for Romney's 2008 presidential campaign, which proposed tax cuts that would disproportionately benefit the wealthy.
- ✓ Bognet worked on presidential campaigns in 2008 and 2012 that pushed for tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations.

#### **Bognet Shaped Anti-Worker Policies In Gov. Schwarzenegger's Administration And Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Antagonized Unions And Hurt Workers**

- ✓ Bognet advised Gov. Schwarzenegger on workers' comp reform, which the California Labor Federation called "nothing short of a disaster" under his leadership.
- ✓ In 2018, Bognet was CEO of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate campaign; McSally co-sponsored a Davis-Bacon repeal bill in 2020.
- ✓ In 2012, Bognet was a senior advisor to Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, which labeled union leaders "stooges" and supported right-to-work laws.

- ✓ In 2008, Bognet developed domestic economic policy on Romney's presidential campaign, which claimed "bad unions" go "too far" and undermine their employers.

**Bognet Did Not Recognize Environmental Risks To NEPA And Worked On Behalf Of Notorious Polluters**

- ✓ Wilkes-Barre Citizen's Voice Editorial: Bognet had "no sense of the danger" posed by transport of explosive liquefied natural gas through NEPA to New Jersey, which local governments opposed.
- ✓ Wilkes-Barre Citizen's Voice Editorial: Bognet was unaware that Pennsylvania could not restrict the millions of tons of waste other states shipped to it without congressional authorization.
- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior Vice President at the Glover Park Group from 2016 to 2018, it was paid to lobby on environmental issues for notorious air and water polluters, including 3M and Exelon.
- ✓ 3M paid GPG to lobby on the Toxic Substances Control Act, which it was sued for violating by polluting drinking water with PFAS chemicals; as of October 2021, the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Coolbaugh Township was an active PFAS contamination site in PA-08.

**Bognet Praised Efforts In Support Of Overturning Roe And Supported Restrictions On Abortion Access**

- ✓ Bognet called himself "100 percent pro-life" and attacked Cartwright for supporting increased abortion access.
- ✓ In January 2020, Bognet praised the March for Life, which supported overturning Roe.

**Bognet Historically Worked To Advance Corporate Interests, Often Against Protections For Consumers And Small Businesses**

- ✓ Bognet began his career on Wall Street and stated that his consultancy helped companies that faced lawsuits "by firms like Matt Cartwright's [...] with their reputation management" in 2020.
- ✓ Cartwright specialized in consumer litigation against predatory corporate practices.
- ✓ While Bognet was Senior Vice President of Glover Park Group, it was paid \$860,000 to lobby on financial issues for proponents of credit card swipe fees that hurt consumers and small businesses.
- ✓ While Bognet was Senior Vice President of GPG, FICO paid it \$20,000 to lobby on a bill that would end its monopoly on credit scoring for mortgages, which would expand homeowner eligibility.
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**Bognet Criticized The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), Which Made Historic Investments In NEPA's Infrastructure, Even Though He Pledged To Support A Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal In 2020****2021: Bognet Attacked The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), Suggesting It Was Not "Real Infrastructure"**

**11/20/21: Bognet Insinuated The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Was Not "Real Infrastructure."**  
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Jim Bognet  
@Bognet4congress

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8:07 PM · Nov 20, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Jim Bognet Twitter, [11/20/21](#)]

- **11/15/21: NPR Headline: “Biden Signs The \$1 Trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Into Law.”** [NPR, [11/15/21](#)]

### **BIF Made Historic Investments In NEPA Infrastructure**

#### **BIF Invested Heavily In NEPA Infrastructure And Was Projected To Generate More Than \$17 Billion In Pennsylvania**

**Scranton Times-Tribune Headline: “NEPA To Benefit A Lot From Biden Infrastructure Bill.”** [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

**Scranton Times-Tribune Editorial Headline: “Infrastructure Bill Signifies Huge Triumph.”** [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

- **BIF Included “Considerable” Benefits To Pennsylvanians, Including Projections That It Would Generate More Than \$17 Billion, Or \$1,400 Per Resident, Statewide.** “President Joe Biden’s \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill represents the approval of a major government initiative to advance the broad public interest. Biden’s signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. The largest infrastructure investment in generations includes \$550 billion in spending for the nation’s airports, bridges, waterways, public transit and other infrastructure. The benefits to Pennsylvania are considerable. The act will generate more than \$17 billion in spending here, or some \$1,400 for each resident, including:” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

#### **BIF Invested More Than \$12 Billion In Pennsylvania’s Roads And Bridges, Allowing NEPA’s Department Of Transportation To Start More Than \$260 Million Worth Of Projects Years In PA-08 In Advance**

**BIF Invested \$11.3 Billion For State Highway Work And \$1.6 Billion For Bridge Replacement And Repairs In Pennsylvania.** “Biden’s signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. The largest infrastructure investment in generations includes \$550 billion in spending for the nation’s airports, bridges, waterways, public transit and other infrastructure. The benefits to Pennsylvania are considerable. The act will generate more than \$17 billion in spending here, or some \$1,400 for each resident, including: \$11.3 billion for state highway work and \$1.6 billion for bridge replacement and repairs. [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

**BIF Allowed The Department Of Transportation In Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne And Wyoming Counties To Start More Than \$270 Million Worth Of Projects To Improve Bridges And Roads Years Earlier.** “Of course, no infrastructure bill would be an infrastructure bill without more money for roads and bridges. Rich Roman, state Department of Transportation district executive for Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, said the bill will allow his district to get to a series of projects years earlier.” According to Roman, the projects the Department of Transportation could begin on expedited timeline were:



District Department Of Transportation Expedited Timeline Projects Due To BIF			
Project	Location	Estimated Dates For Seeking A Contract	Estimated Costs
Repaving of the Casey Highway		February 2022	\$37.91 million
Replacement of the Green Ridge Street Bridge over the Lackawanna River in Scranton	Scranton	April 2022	\$16.35 million
Replacement of North Main Avenue Bridge over Leggetts Creek	Scranton	November 2023	\$3.29 million
Rehabilitation of the Market Street Bridge over the Susquehanna River	Wilkes-Barre	January 2023	\$4.1 million
Reconstruction of the Sans Souci Parkway	Hanover Township	February 2024	\$44 million
Rehabilitation of Cross Valley Expressway bridge, Route 309, over River Street and the Susquehanna River	Connecting Wilkes-Barre and Kingston	October 2025	\$28 million
Resurfacing and bridge replacement/preservation on 5 structures on Interstate 81	Butler, Dorrance, and Rice townships and West Hazleton	January 2023	\$120 million
Replacement of Route 6 bridge over Delaware River	Matamoras, Pike County	October 2022	\$7 million
Total			<b>\$260.65 million</b>

[Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

**State Department Of Transportation District Executive For Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne And Wyoming Counties: “We’re Really Excited To See This Level Of Investment In Our Infrastructure.”** “Of course, no infrastructure bill would be an infrastructure bill without more money for roads and bridges. Rich Roman, state Department of Transportation district executive for Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, said the bill will allow his district to get to a series of projects years earlier. [...] ‘These were projects that we had on our active portfolio for design, but they were out in the outer (later) years of our (12-year) transportation plan,’ Roman said. ‘So we’re really excited to see this level of investment in our infrastructure and we’re looking forward to it being finalized and getting the final rules in place for what we need to do and how we’re going to do it.’” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

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#### **BIF Invested Up To \$3.8 Billion In Pennsylvania’s Abandoned Mine Reclamation, \$1 Billion Of Which Was Designated For NEPA, Which Was Expected To Reduce Pollution And Create Jobs**

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**Scranton Times-Tribune: Headline: “Infrastructure Law To Deliver NEPA Major Funding For Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation.”** [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]

- **BIF Invested Up To \$3.8 Billion In Pennsylvania’s Abandoned Mine Reclamation, \$1 Billion Of Which Was Designated For NEPA.** “The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes \$11.3 billion over 15 years for abandoned mine land and water reclamation projects, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior. It will deliver \$3.8 billion in funding to Pennsylvania over that time, and Cartwright expects Northeast Pennsylvania to receive north of \$1 billion of that total.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]
- **Mine Reclamation Was Projected To Create Jobs And Grow NEPA’s Economy By Allowing The Former Mine Sites To Be Transformed Into Parks, Offices, Industrial Buildings, And Renewable Energy.** “Beyond the environmental benefits, officials said the funding will help grow the region’s economy and create jobs. For example, reclamation projects can pave the way for development on abandoned mine lands, enabling them to hold parks, offices, industrial buildings, renewable energy infrastructure and other assets.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]

- **Abandoned Mines Heavily Polluted Pennsylvania's Rivers, With One Site Spewing 60 Million Gallons Of Contaminated Water Into The Lackawanna River Daily.** "The Old Forge borehole spews about 60 million gallons of iron-laden, contaminated mine water into the Lackawanna River each day, one of many examples in Northeast Pennsylvania of the long-term effects of the area's coal mining past. Gathered near the borehole Wednesday, local partners, stakeholders and environmental stewards joined U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, Moosic, in touting a major infusion of federal funding for abandoned mine land reclamation included in the bipartisan infrastructure bill President Joe Biden signed into law last month." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]

**BIF Was Projected To Address More Than 8,000 Abandoned Mines That Leak Methane.** "Biden's signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. The largest infrastructure investment in generations includes \$550 billion in spending for the nation's airports, bridges, waterways, public transit and other infrastructure. The benefits to Pennsylvania are considerable. The act will generate more than \$17 billion in spending here, or some \$1,400 for each resident, including: [...] Up to \$3 billion for abandoned mine reclamation, affecting numerous regional counties, and billions to remediate and cap abandoned gas wells. More than 8,000 orphaned wells in the state that leak methane will be addressed." [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

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**BIF Invested \$2.13 Million In Lackawanna County's Public Transit.** "Lackawanna County public transportation officials are overjoyed to receive \$2.13 million from President Joe Biden's federal infrastructure bill." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [2/24/22](#)]

- **BIF Included Funding For Workforce Development Related To Lackawanna County's Public Transit, Facilitating Workplace Safety For Bus Drivers And Allowing The County To Keep Jobs "In House."** "Steve Matassa, a veteran bus driver and drivers' union official, said the infrastructure bill includes money for workforce development, which could mean training for mechanics and technicians. That will grow more important as COLTS shifts to more electric and natural gas vehicles, he said. 'We need our members of maintenance schooled so that we could keep the jobs in house. And not only that, but to keep them safe so they are aware of all the safety measures they need to take to repair a newer vehicle or electrified vehicle,' Matassa said." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [2/24/22](#)]

**BIF Invested \$336,095 In The Hazleton Area's Public Transit.** "The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre region will benefit from about \$2.1 million in federal funding for public transportation projects, a result of the bipartisan infrastructure law. It's a share of \$234 million in public transit funding U.S. Sen. Bob Casey announced Friday for such projects in Pennsylvania. That total also includes \$336,095 for the Hazleton region." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [2/4/22](#)]

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**BIF Invested A Historic \$66 Billion In Amtrak, With The Potential To Offer Service Between New York City And Scranton, Which Bognet Dismissed As "Smoke And Mirrors"**

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**BIF Invested \$66 Billion In Amtrak, The Biggest Investment In The Service Since Its Creation, With The Potential To Start Offering New York-Scranton Service, Which Would Yield \$87 Million Annually.**

“Democratic U.S. House members boasted about the infrastructure bill’s benefits in a conference call Wednesday and even needled former President Donald Trump without saying his name. [...] Cartwright said \$66 billion — ‘the largest federal investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak’ — will allow the nation’s largest passenger railroad to build the proposed Scranton to New York City route with three round trips a day, creating \$87 million a year in economic benefits. Amtrak is studying the idea, but has not committed to build it.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

**January 2022: Bognet Called Cartwright’s Efforts To Offer Amtrak Service Between Scranton And New York City “All Smoke And Mirrors.”** “[BOGNET:] Hi everyone, Jim Bognet here. I just sat through an hour-long press conference in Monroe County, Pennsylvania from my opponent, liberal Matt Cartwright. It was about his promise to bring Amtrak service from New York City to Scranton. It’s all smoke and mirrors. Cartwright’s been talking about this for a decade, not one train ride’s happened. You know what he has brought to Northeast Pennsylvania? Flights full of illegal immigrants.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [1/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

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**BIF Allowed Pennsylvania Residents To Access A \$3 Billion National Fund For Energy Efficiency And Weatherization To Decrease Energy Costs And Improve Health And Safety.** “Biden’s signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. [...] The legislation also addresses other critical needs. At least \$100 million will help more than 300,000 Pennsylvanians gain access to high-speed internet service and more than one in five state residents will be eligible for financial aid to afford broadband service. Also, state residents can tap into more than \$3 billion that will be available nationally for energy efficiency and weatherization, which will reduce heating and cooling costs for families and businesses and improve health and safety.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

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<b>July – October 2020: Bognet Pledged Support For A “Gigantic Infrastructure Bill”</b>
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**July 2020: Bognet Called For “An Infrastructure Bill To Get People Back To Work.”** “[BOGNET:] I would like an infrastructure bill to get people back to work. There’s a lot of carpenters, pipefitters, laborers, people who lay asphalt, that need to get back to work in my district in PA-08. I would like to see an infrastructure bill to put those people back to work.” [Breitbart News via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/29/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:40

**October 2020: During A Candidate Debate, Bognet Called For A “Gigantic Infrastructure Bill” And Added, “We Need Better Roads, We Need Better Bridges.”** “[O’BOYLE:] I think what the voters would like to know in trying to make this decision on who to vote for on November 3rd is what exactly do you see as the key issues that you will work on in your term? [BOGNET:] On the issues, number one, I think we need a gigantic infrastructure bill. Northeastern, Pennsylvania is such an amazing place to live and work, but we need better roads, we need better bridges. We need better access for goods and services. We’ve seen a blue collar boom, until we got hit by COVID. The first three years of the Trump administration at Humboldt industrial park in Hazleton, we saw factories going up. We saw distribution centers going up, but we need better infrastructure.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 8:10

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Work Across The Aisle” On “A Big Infrastructure Bill.”** “[BOGNET:] I believe bipartisanship is important and I will work across the aisle in these ways. Number one, we need a big infrastructure, Bill. We should be able to get 400 votes in the House of Representatives. Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright. Matt said that he's in charge of a lot of spending. They haven't been able to get a big infrastructure bill done. I will work across the aisle on that.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 44:30

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged Support For A “Massive Funding To Bill” To Improve Infrastructure.** “Both candidates want a massive funding bill to improve the nation's roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Cartwright called for a new, larger-scale COVID-19 relief package. Bognet favors passing elements of the package most Congress members agree on, like extending greater unemployment benefits.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [10/15/20](#)]

**Bognet Repeatedly Attacked Build Back Better, Which Would Invest In Child Care, Lower Energy Costs, And Cut Drug Prices For Seniors**

**Bognet Repeatedly Leveled False And Misleading Attacks On Build Back Better**

**Bognet Claimed BBB Would Raise Taxes On The Middle Class And Small Businesses; It Would Cut Taxes For Nine Out Of Ten Families And Level The Playing Field For Small Businesses By Closing Tax Loopholes**

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**September 2021: Bognet: “Biden, Pelosi & Cartwright Want To RAISE TAXES On Small Businesses To Pass TRILLIONS In Spending As Part Of AOC’s Socialist Wishlist.”** “Pres. Trump passed one of the biggest Tax Cuts in history sparking a booming economy. Now, Biden, Pelosi & Cartwright want to RAISE TAXES on small businesses to pass TRILLIONS in spending as part of AOC’s socialist wishlist. 2022 can’t come fast enough! <https://t.co/sSCz6MaMef>”

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**PolitiFact: BBB Would Close Tax Loopholes That Currently Benefit Companies That Offshore Jobs.** “One change would affect the global intangible low-taxed income, or GILTI. This refers to the income earned by foreign affiliates of U.S. companies that exceeds a 10% return on their tangible assets. Currently, a U.S. corporation must include half of the GILTI income earned by its foreign affiliates in the gross income that is subject to the U.S. corporate income tax. However, it can claim a tax credit for 80% of the foreign tax paid on GILTI. Notably, under the current rules, a multinational corporation might be able to avoid GILTI taxation by ‘blending’ income earned in low tax-rate countries with income earned in high-tax rate countries, effectively sidestepping much of the tax bite. Biden's Build Back Better legislation, which has passed the House and is now being considered by the Senate, would change how GILTI operates. It would effectively bar that cross-country ‘blending’ strategy and would increase the effective tax rate on GILTI from 10.5% to 15%.” [PolitiFact, [1/7/22](#)]

- **BBB's Loophole Closures For Offshoring Companies Would Level The Playing Field For Small Businesses.** “Three quarters of small business owners have said the tax code favors large corporations over small businesses and that small businesses are harmed when large businesses or corporations use loopholes to avoid paying taxes. Not only is the framework paid for, it is done so by helping level the playing field in the tax code. The package includes an agreement with 136 countries on a 15% global minimum tax that will prevent companies from receiving massive tax benefits from shifting profits and jobs abroad (The passage of the BBB framework will formally ratify this agreement). The legislation also ensures the highest income Americans are paying their fair share in taxes by including a new surtax on the income of multi-millionaires and billionaires with a 5% rate above income of \$10 million, and an additional 3% surtax on income above \$25 million. This doesn't touch the vast majority of small businesses owners who make below \$250,000 a year. This honors President Biden's promise to not raise taxes on Any American making more than \$400,000 and that's the vast majority of small businesses.” [Forbes, Rhett Buttle Op-Ed, [11/8/21](#)]

**FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden's Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.”** “In the first year of Biden's proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, [9/24/21](#)]

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### **Bognet Falsely Claimed That BBB Would Allow The IRS To Monitor American's Bank Accounts**

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**October 2021: Bognet: “The IRS Should NOT Be Allowed To Monitor The Bank Accounts Of American Citizens!”**



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**PolitiFact Rated McCarthy’s Claim That BBB Would Allow Americans’ Bank Accounts To Be Under “Constant Audit” “False.”** “McCarthy said, ‘If you or your family spends \$28 a day — prepare to be under constant audit by the IRS.’ What McCarthy is suggesting isn’t in Build Back Better. McCarthy is criticizing a different proposal, but he leaves out many key details. Such a plan would require new legislation to move forward. McCarthy’s claim ignores that the proposal aims to filter out people who get paid through an employer, or through a government program like Social Security. He treats audits as if they were the same as monitoring by the IRS, and they are different. The claim is not accurate. We rate it False.” [PolitiFact, [11/19/21](#)]

- **McCarthy Referenced A Treasury Department Proposal For IRS Audits Intended To Crack Down On Tax Evasion By Corporations And Higher Earners Without Increases On Income Below \$400,000.** “The bill includes about \$79 billion over a decade for the IRS to strengthen tax enforcement and expand audits. The legislation states that ‘no use of these funds is intended to increase taxes on any taxpayer with taxable income below \$400,000.’ Michael Kaercher, a senior attorney advisor at the Tax Law Center at NYU Law, pointed to that language in the bill as well as other administration documents showing that the goal of the administration is to target the rich. The Treasury Department wrote in May that Biden’s ‘compliance proposals are designed to ameliorate existing inequities by focusing on high-end evasion. Audit rates will not rise relative to recent years for those with less than \$400,000 in actual income.’ ‘This funding will likely increase audit rates, but those increases will be directed to large corporations and high-income filers,’ Kaercher said.” [PolitiFact, [11/19/21](#)]
- **The Treasury Department Proposal Was Not Included In The House Version Of BBB As Passed.** “The first issue with McCarthy’s claim is that the proposal he objects to is not in the bill. Erin Hatch, spokesperson for the House Ways and Means Committee told us, ‘the bank reporting proposal was never a part of the House’s Build Back Better legislation, so it certainly wasn’t in the version that passed this morning.’” [PolitiFact, [11/19/21](#)]

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### Bognet Attacked Cartwright For Supporting BBB

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**December 2021: Bognet Attacked Cartwright For Having A “Helping Hand” In Attempting To Pass Build Back Better.** “Bognet said Cartwright has allowed the Biden-Pelosi agenda to pass through Congress and has been a helping hand in doing it. Cartwright has voted with Pelosi 99 percent of the time, helping her pass the Democrats’ partisan items such as the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and the \$1.75 trillion reconciliation infrastructure bill. It was revealed last month that the reconciliation bill would add three-quarters of a billion dollars to the American deficit over five years.” [Breitbart, [12/5/21](#)]

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### Bognet Claimed BBB Was Socialist

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**November 2021: Bognet Called Big Back Better “Big Socialism.”** “[BOGNET:] Hi everyone, Jim Bognet here. Today the House of Representatives is voting on the Build Back Better BS. I call it BS because it stands for Big Socialism, and a few other things. When I’m in Congress, no more BS, no more trillion-dollar deficit spending, and no more Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [11/5/21](#)] (VIDEO) :00

### BBB Would Invest In Child Care, Reduce Energy Costs, And Lower Drug Prices For Seniors

**Roosevelt Institute: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Child Care, Creating Jobs And Allowing Parents To Get Back To Work.** “Convenient, affordable childcare is a major obstacle for working parents, illuminated even more so by school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted women’s labor force participation. Increasing the capacity of industries in order to curb inflation of specific prices requires increasing the supply of labor. The Build Back Better Act invests in existing and new childcare facilities in underserved areas and provides subsidies to make childcare more affordable for qualifying

households. Together, these investments would increase the supply of childcare, create new jobs, and allow parents to get back to work. [Roosevelt Institute, Fact Sheet, [9/28/21](#)]

**Center For American Progress: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Clean Electricity And Energy Efficiency, Reducing Energy Costs By \$500 Per Year For The Average Household.** “Build Back Better helps break the United States’ dependence on fossil fuels—an industry that’s particularly vulnerable to extreme weather, which has and will continue to be exacerbated by climate change—consumer energy costs will be reduced. Specifically, proposed investments in clean electricity and energy efficiency will make energy costs more affordable, saving the average household approximately \$500 a year in reduced energy costs. This much-needed investment in clean energy would come at a time when energy prices have pushed up inflation for consecutive months.” [Center for American Progress, [11/16/21](#)]

- **E&E News: The Budget Resolution Set “The Stage For Unprecedented Investments To Tackle Climate Change And Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”** “Senate Democrats unveiled a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution this morning, setting the stage for unprecedented investments to tackle climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” [E&E News, [8/9/21](#)]

**The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A \$2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit In Medicare Part D.** “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, [11/2/21](#)]

**Build Back Better Act Would Cap The Price Of Insulin At \$35 Per Month, Potentially Saving Diabetics More Than \$11,500 Annually.** “Under the Build Back Better Act, prescription drug prices will become more affordable, with out-of-pocket expenses for seniors and people with disabilities capped at \$2,000 annually. Currently, millions of seniors pay \$6,000 out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs, meaning they will save \$4,000 each year. Further, insulin costs will be capped at \$35 per month. Currently, diabetics pay up to \$1,000 per month for insulin. This means some diabetics will save more than \$11,500 a year.” [The Hill, Rose Khattar Op-Ed, [12/15/21](#)]

**BBB Would Invest \$150 Billion In At-Home And Community-Based Elder Care.** “The House bill targets in-home care for seniors and the disabled, with the goal of also raising wages for those who care for them. The coronavirus has fueled a nationwide conversation about how the country cares for older adults and is accelerating efforts to give people more options of places to live outside of institutional facilities like nursing homes. The bottom line: The legislation infuses roughly \$150 billion to in-home and community-based services under Medicaid, which includes services such as assistance with eating and bathing, as well as physical therapy and nursing care.” [Washington Post, [11/19/21](#)]

## **Bognet Attacked The American Rescue Plan, Which Invested Billions In Pennsylvania’s Pandemic Recovery**

**March 2022: Bognet Echoed Criticism Of Pelosi’s Remarks Defending Government Spending To Reduce Inflation Behind An American Rescue Plan Podium**

**March 2022: Bognet Retweeted Criticism Of Pelosi’s Remarks Defending Government Spending To Reduce Inflation Behind An American Rescue Plan Podium.**

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## ARP Invested In Pennsylvania's Pandemic Recovery, Including Millions In Small Business Relief, Billions In Schools And Municipalities, And More Than Half A Million Dollars For The Wilkes-Barre Police Department

### The American Rescue Plan Act

**The American Rescue Plan Provided \$1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds.** "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] The American Rescue Plan provides \$1,400 direct payments to individuals making up to \$75,000 annually, \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments and \$14 billion for vaccine distribution. The bill also provides \$130 billion to elementary, middle and high schools to assist with safe reopening. [...] It includes an additional \$300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September and an expanded tax credit of up to \$3,600 per child, initially distributed in monthly installments. The child tax credit could raise 4 million children out of poverty, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than \$50 billion will be distributed to small businesses, including \$7 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The bill also provides \$25 billion for relief for small and mid-sized restaurants, which have suffered significantly during the pandemic." [CBS News, [3/12/21](#)]

### Community Health Centers

#### ARP Granted \$630,000 To Scranton Primary Health Care Center To Open Another Floor To Patients.

"More than \$630,000 in federal funding will bring Scranton Primary Health Care Center closer to opening another floor of its Wyoming Avenue office to patients. With nearly \$983,000 from the same program, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers will renovate a new facility for women's health within walking distance of Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale. The awards are part of \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan funds for health care infrastructure that U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, Moosic, announced this week for three Northeast Pennsylvania community health centers." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

- **The Renovation Involved The Installation Of An Elevator For Accessibility To A Floor That Was Previously Only Accessible By Stairs.** “Combined with a grant that Scranton Primary Health Care Center recently received from the Moses Taylor Foundation, the \$631,373 in federal funding covers two-thirds of the \$2.1 million project. ‘We’re very excited,’ CEO Joseph Hollander said. ‘It’s going to enable us to provide increased services for our deserving patients.’ Hollander said the health care center plans to build out the unused top floor of its main office at 959 Wyoming Ave., which will involve the addition of an elevator and stair tower for accessibility. Currently, there’s only a narrow staircase leading to that level.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]
- **The Investment Allowed Scranton Primary Health Care Center To Reduce Its Wait Times And Expand Its Dental Practice.** “Combined with a grant that Scranton Primary Health Care Center recently received from the Moses Taylor Foundation, the \$631,373 in federal funding covers two-thirds of the \$2.1 million project. ‘We’re very excited,’ CEO Joseph Hollander said. ‘It’s going to enable us to provide increased services for our deserving patients.’ Hollander said the health care center plans to build out the unused top floor of its main office at 959 Wyoming Ave., which will involve the addition of an elevator and stair tower for accessibility. Currently, there’s only a narrow staircase leading to that level. ‘It’s going to allow us to expand our dental practice and reduce wait times. It’s also going to allow us to expand our behavioral health services and give them dedicated space to work in, and provide additional exam rooms for our primary care practice,’ he said.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

**ARP Granted \$983,000 To Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers To Open A New Women’s Health Facility.** “More than \$630,000 in federal funding will bring Scranton Primary Health Care Center closer to opening another floor of its Wyoming Avenue office to patients. With nearly \$983,000 from the same program, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers will renovate a new facility for women’s health within walking distance of Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale. The awards are part of \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan funds for health care infrastructure that U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, Moosic, announced this week for three Northeast Pennsylvania community health centers.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

**ARP Granted \$550,000 To Rural Health Corporation Of Northeastern Pennsylvania In Wilkes-Barre.** “Rural Health Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania in Wilkes-Barre will also receive \$550,000 in American Rescue Plan funds, Cartwright said.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

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### Small Business Support – Restaurant Revitalization Funding

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**As Of August 2021, PA-08 Had Received \$28.1 Million In Restaurant Revitalization Funding To Help Restaurants Keep Their Doors Open As Part Of The American Rescue Plan.** As of August 2021, [DISTRICT] had received \$28,123,116.86 in Restaurant Revitalization Funding as part of The American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.” [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF FOIA, [8/18/21](#); U.S. Small Business Administration, accessed [9/7/21](#)]

- **As Of June 2021, Pennsylvania Had Received \$949.3 Million In Restaurant Revitalization Funding As Part Of The American Rescue Plan.** [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF Report, [6/30/21](#)]

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### Small Business Support – Shuttered Venue Operators Grants

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**As Of December 2021, Pennsylvania Had Received \$417.6 Million In Shuttered Venues Operators Grants To Help Live Venues, Museums, And Theaters Stay Open As Part Of The American Rescue Plan.** As of December 2021, Pennsylvania had received \$417,632,429 in Shuttered Venues Operators Grants as part of the



American Rescue Plan Act: “The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program includes over \$16 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by SBA’s Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million. \$2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees. [...] Eligible entities include: live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, museum operators, motion picture theater operators (including owners), talent representatives.” [SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program Reports, [12/27/21](#); SBA accessed [9/8/21](#)]

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### **Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief**

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**Pennsylvania Received \$5 Billion In Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Through The American Rescue Plan To Help Safely Reopen Schools.** Pennsylvania received \$5,000,509,384 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief through the American Rescue Plan: “This document outlines the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER provides a total of nearly \$122 billion to States and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation’s students. In addition to ARP ESSER, the ARP Act includes \$3 billion for special education, \$850 million for the Outlying Areas, \$2.75 billion to support non-public schools, and additional funding for homeless children and youth, Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives.” [ARP ESSER Methodology and Allocation Table Revised, [6/25/21](#); Department of Education, Fact Sheet, [3/17/21](#)]

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### **Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

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**Pennsylvania Received \$7.2 Billion In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds As Part Of The American Rescue Plan To Help Governments Respond To The Pandemic And Bring Back Jobs.** Pennsylvania received \$7,291,328,098.40 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. [...] Recipients may use these funds to: support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector, replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet, within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. [Department of the Treasury, Allocation for States, accessed [9/8/21](#); Department of the Treasury, accessed [9/8/21](#)]

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### **Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Law Enforcement**

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**December 2021: The Wilkes-Barre City Council Approved \$512,868 In ARP Funding To The Wilkes-Barre Police Department For New Vehicles, Weapons Upgrades, And Headquarters Refurbishments.** “At its final meeting for the year Tuesday, Council approved all 11 items on its agenda and authorized the city to spend a combined \$586,858 in American Rescue Plan funds for the police department and a new ice rink to be installed on Public Square. [...] The other purchases fall under ARP-approved policing expenditures: • \$36,052 to Polaris Sales Inc. for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger Crew Side-by-Side and a Polaris 570 Premium Quad. • \$55,000 to upgrade weapons and related accessories for the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department. • \$197,232 to Action Target Inc. to

fully refurbish the firing range in the basement of police headquarters. • \$224,584 to Ford Rottet Motors Inc. and Kovatch to purchase two Ford 2022 Interceptor SUVs with cages for prisoner transport, one Ford 2022 Interceptor SUV and a Ford 2022 F-150 Police Responder pickup for the police department.” [Wilkes Barre Times Leader, [12/21/21](#)]

**The American Rescue Plan Provided \$350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels.** “Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan’s \$350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. [...] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.” [White House, Press Release, [6/23/21](#)]

**Department Of The Treasury: “There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [...] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence.”** “Under Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“Funds”) under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. [...] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels. [...] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers.” [Department of the Treasury, [7/19/21](#)]

**Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, Which We Passed In The First 100 Days Of My Administration, Is Providing Much-Needed, Historic Relief To Bring Back Those Law Enforcement Jobs.”** President Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, which we passed in the first 100 days of my administration, is providing much-needed, historic relief to bring back those law enforcement jobs and social service jobs. Much of this relief has already arrived. The rest is on its way. And we’re now providing more guidance on how they can use the \$350 billion nationally that the American Rescue Plan has available to help reduce crime and address the root causes. For example, cities experiencing an increase in gun violence were able to use the American Rescue Plan dollars to hire police officers needed for community policing and to pay their overtime. Mayors will also be able to buy crime-fighting technologies, like gunshot detection systems, to better see and stop gun violence in their communities. They can use the funding to scale up wraparound services for the residents as well, including substance abuse and mental health services that we know will make a difference in prevention of crime.” [White House, [6/23/21](#)]

## **Bognet Built His Career And Campaigns On Attacking The Affordable Care Act (ACA)...**

### **2020 – 2022: Bognet Repeatedly Called The ACA A “Disaster”**

**On His 2022 Campaign Website, Bognet Called The Affordable Care Act A “Disaster” And Said “Socialized Medicine Is Not The Answer To Our Health Care Challenges.”** “Improve Health Care: Every American deserves quality health care they can afford. Democrats in Congress want to double down on the disaster that was Obamacare and usher in a new era of higher prices, less access and greater control by government bureaucrats. Socialized medicine is not the answer to our health care challenges.” [Bognet For Congress, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

**October 2020: Scranton Times-Tribune Roderick Random Column: Bognet “Absolutely Wants To Repeal Obamacare, Which He Calls A Disaster.”** “For another, Cartwright’s ad claims Bognet wants to repeal the only law that forbids insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. That much is true. Bognet absolutely wants to repeal Obamacare, which he calls a disaster and which stands as the only law forbidding denial of coverage because of preexisting conditions.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

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**2010 – 2018: Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Attacked The ACA**

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*Note: For a timeline of Bognet’s professional career, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Repeatedly Voted To Repeal The ACA And Defended Her Votes During The 2018 Campaign**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2015: As A U.S. Representative, McSally Voted To Repeal The Affordable Care Act Twice.** “Soon after she assumed office to represent Arizona’s Tucson-based district in the House of Representatives, Martha McSally voted for a Republican-backed measure to repeal the Affordable Care Act. McSally’s ‘aye’ vote for H.R. 596 was recorded on the evening of Feb. 3, 2015, and came as her party was intent on undoing, tweaking or rolling back the controversial 2010 health care law implemented by President Barack Obama and Democrats. A year later, McSally voted again to repeal the law.” [Arizona Republic, [10/29/18](#)]

**2018: When Asked About Whether She Supported Repealing The ACA, McSally Said Her Votes Were “Being Misconstrued By The Democrats” During The Campaign.** “McSally was asked if she would vote again to repeal the health-care law on conservative commentator Sean Hannity’s radio show. ‘Well, Sean, I did vote to repeal and replace Obamacare on that House bill — I’m getting my ass kicked for it right now because it’s being misconstrued by the Democrats,’ she said. ‘They’re trying to, you know, invoke fear in people who have family members or loved ones with pre-existing conditions.’” [Arizona Republic, [10/29/18](#)]

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**2012: Bognet Was A Senior Advisor For Romney’s Presidential Campaign, Which Repeatedly Promised To Repeal The ACA**

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**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign’s Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign’s Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: “• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

- Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.
- Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2012: Romney Pledged To Begin The Process Of Repealing The ACA On His First Day In Office.**

“[HEADLINE:] Romney says he’ll undo Obama healthcare reform on Day 1. Can he? [BODY:] [...] Romney’s campaign website promises that the former governor of Massachusetts would make the undoing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act — often referred to as ‘Obamacare’ — a priority: ‘On his first day in office, Mitt Romney will issue an executive order that paves the way for the federal government to issue Obamacare waivers to all fifty states.’” [Los Angeles Times, [10/30/12](#)]

**2012: Romney: “I Will Start The Process Of Repealing Obamacare On Day 1.”** “Even before Mitt Romney stepped on stage at the Republican National Convention, he had promised a lot to voters. Below, sentences containing the phrase ‘I will’ from Mr. Romney’s campaign speeches. [...] So, as president, I will begin with an equally big dose of certainty across our economy: By granting waivers to all fifty states, I will start the process of repealing Obamacare on Day 1.” [New York Times, [9/6/12](#)]

**2012: Romney: “Our Mission Is Clear: If We’re Going To Get Rid Of Obamacare, We’re Going To Have To Replace President Obama.”** “But the overhaul remains unpopular, and Romney cast the November 6 presidential election as the best chance for voters to overturn it. ‘Our mission is clear: If we’re going to get rid of Obamacare, we’re going to have to replace President Obama,’ Romney said on the roof of a building overlooking the U.S. Capitol.” [Reuters, [6/28/12](#)]

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**2011 – 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And Senior Advisor To Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign, Which Pledged To Repeal The ACA**

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**July 2011 – August 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And General Consultant Of David Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign In Austin, TX, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager and General Consultant of Dewhurst for Texas from July 2011 to August 2012. He described this role: “• Served as founding Campaign Manager and General Consultant for Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst’s campaign in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate. Hired campaign staff of 15.

- Supervised record setting fundraising operation for a Texas U.S. Senate campaign.
- Managed campaign communications staff on a daily basis, providing daily guidance, setting message, and providing direction on most effective tactics to communicate message and campaign positioning.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**May 2012: Dewhurst Pledged To Repeal The ACA.** “At his Houston victory party Lt Gov. Dewhurst generally ignored Cruz and talked about taking Texas budget-cutting know-how to Washington. Dewhurst: Tonight we Texas Republicans said we’re going to repeal Obamacare. We said we’re going to stop the out-of-control spending in Washington. If you like Texas you are going to love the job I’m going to do for you in Washington.” [KERA News, [5/30/12](#)]

**July 2012: Dewhurst Said He Wanted To “Put [The ACA] In The Trash Heap Of History.”** “Dewhurst: ‘I got in this race because I looked and saw that the freedoms we’ve all been granted in the Constitution have been slipping through our fingers.’ Describes his upbringing, says he’s lived the American Dream. ‘I’m in this race to turn Washington upside down.’ Says he wants to repeal Obamacare and ‘put it in the trash heap of history.’ Says he wants to take the Texas model to DC.” [Dallas Morning News, [7/23/12](#)]

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**2010: As A Media Consultant, Bognet Helped Create Ads Against The ACA**

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**August – November 2010: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: “• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor’s Association, and the National Association of Realtors.



- Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Bognet “Create[d] And Deliver[ed] Campaign Message Through Paid Media, Including TV, Radio And Web-Based Advertising” For Clients Sens. Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, And Dan Coats At SSG Media.**

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- Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**October 2010: Roy Blunt Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens and Schrieffer Group That Criticized The “Obama Agenda,” Including “Government-Controlled Health Care We Can’t Afford.”** “Rep. Roy Blunt(R-07) released a new TV ad on 10/8, produced by Stevens and Schrieffer Group. Full script, ‘What’s at stake in this election?’ BLUNT: ‘What’s at stake in this election? Jobs. My opponent Robin Carnahan supports the Obama agenda that’s killing jobs. A disastrous stimulus bill that grew government, not jobs. Government-controlled health care we can’t afford. And a job-killing new energy tax. My jobs plan takes a different approach. Lower taxes, less red tape, more American energy, encouraging small businesses to do what they do best: create jobs. Read my plan at royblunt.com. I’m Roy Blunt, and I approve this message’” [Hotline, 10/11/10]

**September 2010: Coats’ Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By SSG That Attacked His Opponent For Voting For The ACA.** “Ex-Sen. Dan Coats (R) has launched a new TV ad, produced by SSG. Full script, ‘The Choice’: ANNCR: ‘In Washington, D.C., Congressman Brad Ellsworth faced a choice. Represent Indiana? Or vote in lock-step with Nancy Pelosi and Barack [sic] Obama. On the \$787 billion stimulus, Ellsworth chose the liberal Pelosi-Obama agenda. Ellsworth supported \$7.7 billion in pork-filled earmarks, adding billions of new debt. Ellsworth even voted for ObamaCare. If Congressman Ellsworth didn’t vote for Indiana, why should Indiana vote for Ellsworth?’ COATS: ‘I’m Dan Coats and I approve this message’ (youtube.com, 9/24).” [Hotline, 9/24/10]

**ACA Repeal Could Cause 59,000 PA-08 Residents To Lose Their Insurance And Cause More Than Half Of The District Who Had Pre-Existing Conditions To Lose Protections**

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**ACA Repeal Could Cause 59,000 PA-08 Residents To Lose Their Health Insurance**

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**2019: Center For American Progress Estimated Full ACA Repeal Would Cause 59,000 Residents Of PA-08 To Lose Their Health Insurance.** [Center For American Progress, [7/9/19](#)]

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**ACA Protected People With Pre-Existing Conditions, Including More Than Half Of PA-08 Residents**

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**The ACA Outlawed Denial Of Coverage Or Increasing Insurance Prices For People With Pre-Existing Conditions.** “Before the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, insurers in the individual market could deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions like these or charge them much more for coverage. The ACA banned this practice and was signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2010. The law also made it more palatable for insurers to cover people with pre-existing conditions by requiring everyone get insurance, offsetting those added costs for companies with payments from more healthy individuals who don’t submit claims.” [PolitiFact Pennsylvania, [10/20/18](#)]

**Roderick Random Column: Bognet “Wants To Repeal The Only Law That Forbids Insurance Companies From Denying Coverage To People With Pre-Existing Conditions.”** “For another, Cartwright’s ad claims



Bognet wants to repeal the only law that forbids insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. That much is true. Bognet absolutely wants to repeal Obamacare, which he calls a disaster and which stands as the only law forbidding denial of coverage because of preexisting conditions.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

**2017: Center For American Progress Estimated That 306,500 PA-08 Residents Under 65, Or 53 Percent Of The District’s Nonelderly Population, Had Pre-Existing Conditions.** [Center for American Progress, [4/5/17](#)]

### ...Lying About Health Care...

**October 2020: Bognet Said He Supported Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions, But Had No Plan To Do So**

**Bognet Said He Wanted To Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions If The ACA Were Struck Down Or Cut Back.** “Both said they want to protect people with pre-existing conditions, if the Affordable Care Act is struck down or cut back. It’s personal for Bognet, who mentioned several conditions affecting his parents, though as Cartwright noted, ‘we ha’ en’t seen the plan’ from Republicans.” [York Daily Record, [10/20/20](#)]

**Scranton Times-Tribune Roderick Random Column: Bognet “Hasn’t Said How He’ll Just Protect Preexisting Conditions Coverage.”** “In fairness to Cartwright, Bognet hasn’t said how he’ll just protect preexisting conditions coverage, one of the key and complicating elements of Obamacare. Voting only to protect preexisting conditions coverage probably won’t fly because of all the special interests involved, and any health care fix is complicated. If Republicans could have just done that, they would have when they controlled all of Congress. Republicans haven’t come up with an alternative they could pass into law in the decade since Democrats passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Obamacare’s formal name. Republicans really haven’t tried that hard, either. They spent most of their time voting to repeal Obamacare.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

**2018: Bognet Was The CEO Of McSally’s Campaign That Falsely Claimed She Fought For Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions, When She Really Repeatedly Voted To Gut Them**

**October 2018: PolitiFact Rated The McSally Campaign’s Claim That She Fought To Cover Pre-Existing Conditions “Mostly False,” Citing Her Votes For The AHCA And To Repeal The ACA**

**October 2018: The McSally Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed McSally Was “Leading The Fight To [...] Force Insurance Companies To Cover Pre-Existing Conditions.”** “McSally, a Republican running for the state’s open Senate seat, says in a new ad that she is ‘leading the fight to secure our border, force insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions and protect girls and women from sex trafficking.’” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]

**October 2018: PolitiFact Rated The Claim “Mostly False,” Citing Her Votes To Repeal The ACA And Pass The AHCA.** “McSally claimed she’s ‘leading the fight’ to ‘force insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions.’ It was the Obama-era Affordable Care Act that forced insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions. McSally in 2015 voted in favor of a full repeal of the law. The bill directed House committees to offer new proposals, including one that provided people with pre-existing conditions access to affordable health coverage. In 2017, McSally voted for the American Health Care Act, a Republican proposal that kept the Affordable Care Act’s pre-existing conditions coverage. Despite language in the bill to protect people with pre-existing conditions, it included provisions that undermined that coverage and increased premiums for certain people, making insurance unaffordable in some cases, experts said. McSally did support an amendment to help reduce over 5 years increased premiums and out-of-pocket expenses that people with pre-existing conditions might face due to a state waiver allowed in the bill. McSally’s statement contains an element of truth but ignores critical facts that would give a different impression. We rate it Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]

- **2015: McSally Voted For A Full Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act, Which Established Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions.** “McSally in 2015 voted in favor of a full repeal of the law. The bill directed House committees to offer new proposals, including one that provided people with pre-existing conditions access to affordable health coverage.” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]
- **2017: McSally Voted For The American Health Care Act, Which “Included Provisions That Undermined” Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions.** “In 2017, McSally voted for the American Health Care Act, a Republican proposal that kept the Affordable Care Act’s pre-existing conditions coverage. Despite language in the bill to protect people with pre-existing conditions, it included provisions that undermined that coverage and increased premiums for certain people, making insurance unaffordable in some cases, experts said.” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]

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**The AHCA Would Have Caused 41,400 Residents Of PA-08 To Lose Their Health Insurance, Increased Premiums For Pennsylvanians With Pre-Existing Conditions, And Cost Pennsylvania Jobs**

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**CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026.**

“CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

**CBO Estimated 41,400 Residents Of PA-08 Would Lose Their Health Insurance Under The AHCA.** [Center for American Progress, [5/25/17](#)]

**The Center For American Progress Estimated That The AHCA Would Result In Surcharges Of \$32,740 For Breast Cancer, \$19,780 For Pregnancy, \$9,700 For Major Depression, \$6,390 For Diabetes, And \$4,950 For Asthma In Pennsylvania.** [Center for American Progress, [4/21/17](#)]

- **2017: Center For American Progress Estimated That 306,500 PA-08 Residents Under 65, Or 53 Percent Of The District’s Nonelderly Population, Had Pre-Existing Conditions.** [Center for American Progress, [4/5/17](#)]

**2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign, Which Spread Lies About The ACA**

**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: “• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

- Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.
- Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**April 2010: Poizner’s Campaign Claimed In An Ad That His Opponent Would “Continue Taxpayer-Funded Benefits To Illegals. A Skyrocketing Cost Under Obamacare,” Which PolitiFact Rated False.** “Steve Poizner stated on April 10, 2010 in a campaign commercial: ‘Taxpayer-funded benefits to illegals’ in California are ‘a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare.’ [...] The new federal law specifically prevents illegal immigrants from benefitting, and most of the additional indirect costs that might be expected from expanding the Medicaid rolls are already being paid in California by different state or local government accounts. For these reasons, the phrase ‘a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare’ is a gross exaggeration. We rate the statement False.” [PolitiFact, [5/19/10](#)]

## ...Designing Dangerous Health Care Policies ...

*Note: For a timeline of Bognet's professional career, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

### 2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Policy For Romney's Presidential Campaign And Championed The Campaign's Opposition To Medicaid Expansion

#### 2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney's Presidential Campaign And Worked On Domestic Policy

##### **January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney's Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.**

According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.

- Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.
- Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces
- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

##### • **According To His Resume, Bognet “Led Development” On “Major Domestic Policy Initiatives.”**

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**According To The Washington Post's The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney's Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor's economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney's 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner's deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney's policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

#### 2007: Bognet Advocated For “Getting Everyone Private Health Insurance” Instead Of Government Health Insurance As Romney Admonished Democrats For Their “Fight To [...] Put More People On Medicaid”

**On Behalf Of Romney, Bognet Spoke About “Getting Everyone Private Health Insurance” Instead Of Government Health Insurance.** When Bognet was the Policy Development Director on Governor Romney's campaign, he spoke on a Brookings panel entitled “Opportunity 08: Better Direction On Main Street”: “MR. BOGNET: [...] But Governor Romney really feels that health care is going to be a major issue next year. And he's the only one with a record of getting more folks health insurance as a governor. So he, you know, in our policy meetings, he's always, you know, saying very clearly that health care should be a republican issue, and that we have to work hard on it. And he concentrates on getting everyone private health insurance. You know, there will be a candidate to talk about getting everybody health insurance, and they mean government health insurance. He

concentrates on getting everybody private health insurance and bringing down the cost of health care. So I think taxes and health care are going to be two huge issues next year.” [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

- **Bognet: “Our Approach Is Let’s Get People Private Health Insurance.”** When Bognet was the Policy Development Director on Governor Romney’s campaign, he spoke on a Brookings panel entitled “Opportunity 08: Better Direction On Main Street”: “MR. BOGNET: [...] Governor Romney definitely understands that there is insecurity about losing your healthcare when you lose your job, that’s why he thinks that we should try to get everybody insured. That’s why we should do it in a private market way. There’s a perfect example. You have a situation where, I think, candidates on both sides or at least all three candidates represented here, realize that healthcare is major concern to people. Our approach is let’s get people private health insurance. Most people are generally happy with their private health insurance. The approach on the other side of the aisle is let’s get government health insurance for more people. So it’s a very different philosophical approach.” [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

**Romney Admonished Democrats For Their “Fight To [...] Put More People On Medicaid.”** Romney addressed the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC): “As a nation at war and facing uncertain economic times, the American people cannot afford the Democrats and their agenda for retreat and economic slowdown. [...] The threat to our culture comes from within. The 1960’s welfare programs created a culture of poverty. Some think we won that battle when we reformed welfare, but the liberals haven’t given up. At every turn, they try to substitute government largesse for individual responsibility. They fight to strip work requirements from welfare, to put more people on Medicaid, and to remove more and more people from having to pay any income tax whatsoever. Dependency is death to initiative, risk-taking and opportunity. Dependency is a culture-killing drug. We have got to fight it like the poison it is.” [Reuters, [2/7/08](#)]

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**Medicaid Expansion Under The ACA Allowed 11.9 Million Americans To Gain Health Insurance As Of 2016 And Allowed More than Half Of A Million Pennsylvanians To Gain Coverage As Of 2018**

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**Medicaid Expansion Under The ACA Allowed 11.9 Million Americans To Gain Health Insurance.** “Since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law in 2010, 31 states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid, extending health care coverage to low-income nonelderly adults. Virginia and Maine are slated to join them as soon as 2019. In November 2018, voters in four more states—Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, and Utah—will decide whether to follow suit. Overwhelming evidence shows how Medicaid expansion, which began in 2014, has substantially increased health insurance coverage and improved access to affordable care. As of 2016, Medicaid covered 11.9 million newly eligible Americans in expansion states, reducing the share of nonelderly adults without insurance in these states from 13.6 percent in 2013, the year before expansion, to 8.1 percent. A growing body of research also shows that Medicaid expansion’s benefits extend far beyond coverage and access to care: It also saves lives, reduces families’ chances of facing bankruptcy, and increases access to opioid addiction treatment, among other benefits.” [Center for American Progress, [10/24/18v](#)]

**Medicaid Expansion Allowed 584,465 Pennsylvanians To Enroll In Medicaid And CHIP Between 2013 And 2018.** “In Pennsylvania, the number of people covered by Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, rose by 584,465 people between 2013 and 2018, an increase of 43 percent, for a total of 2.97 million people, according to HealthInsurance.org, an independent data tracker. Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf authorized the expansion shortly after being elected to his first term in 2015. His Republican predecessor, ex-Gov. Tom Corbett, declined the expansion and attempted to move the state onto a public-private hybrid that critics decried as more expensive and with fewer benefits.” [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, [12/19/19](#)]

**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign, Which Proposed Covering Pre-Existing Conditions Through High-Risk Pools Faced Criticism As Insufficient, Exclusive, And Expensive**



**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.**

According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.

• Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**McCain’s 2008 Presidential Campaign Proposed Covering Pre-Existing Conditions Through High-Risk Pools.**

“Republican presidential nominee John McCain says if he's elected president, he'll dramatically expand an existing program to help people in less-than-perfect health get health insurance. ‘Over 30 states have some form of ‘high-risk’ pool, and over 20 states have plans that limit premiums charged to people suffering an illness and who have been denied insurance,’ he said at a campaign stop earlier this year. McCain says he'll work with the nation's governors to expand those pools, add new programs to help those with chronic conditions stay healthier and provide more funding. Aides say it could be as much as \$15 billion to \$20 billion in new subsidies.” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

**Individuals With Pre-Existing Conditions Faced Barriers To Accessing High-Risk Pools, According To Professors And Insurance Industry Members.**

“Since insurance companies can and do turn down individuals who apply for coverage if they're in less-than-perfect health, many states have set up high-risk pools to give them a place they can get insurance, even if they have to pay substantially higher premiums. But Karen Pollitz of Georgetown University says there's a big problem with state high-risk pools that goes beyond money. ‘When people get to these high-risk pools, they usually can't get in.’ [...] But there's a reason the high-risk pools are so hard-nosed about who and what they cover, says Mary Nell Lehnhard of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. ‘The idea is that you want to discourage people from waiting until the last minute — the day they know they're going to the hospital for surgery, and that's when they buy insurance,’ says Lehnhard. ‘The idea of insurance is you get them in early; they subsidize other people,’ she says. ‘Then they get sick; they're subsidized by somebody else. But if everybody waits until the last minute, you don't have any subsidies, (and) you're just paying out for expenses.’” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

**NPR: “While In Theory The High-Risk Pools Being Proposed By McCain Are A Good Idea, So Far They've Mostly Been Just Too Expensive.”** “Lehnhard says high-risk pools are needed to get the sicker people out of the regular individual insurance pool. Otherwise, they drive up everyone's premiums. That prevents the healthy, young people from signing up. And those are the people insurance companies need most. ‘You want to make sure your coverage is affordable enough so that these very price-sensitive people in their 20s will buy coverage,’ she says. Lehnhard and consumer advocate Pollitz, however, agree that while in theory the high-risk pools being proposed by McCain are a good idea, so far they've mostly been just too expensive. That's why only about 300,000 people total are enrolled in them, out of 46 million uninsured.” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

**NPR: “Many [State] High-Risk Pools Delay Covering The Condition That Makes Patients Eligible In The First Place.”** “Then there's another catch. Even if he gets into the pool, Gene Meadows will still have to wait six more months before it will cover his cancer. That's not unusual. Many high-risk pools delay covering the condition that makes patients eligible in the first place. That's what happened to Barb Fleming in Missouri. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in January. Fleming, who's a self-employed saleswoman, did have health insurance when she got the diagnosis, but it was about to expire. The Missouri high-risk pool let her in — but told her she'd have to wait a full year for the coverage she needed most. ‘I was approved for the pool as of March 4 ... but it would not cover my cancer,’ she said. ‘So I was going to be paying \$908 a month for an insurance — and I have been — that was not covering the cancer.’ Fleming was lucky. She got her surgery before her old policy ended. She didn't need chemotherapy. And, after months of appeals, Missouri officials lifted the 12-month waiting period. But even though she's doing OK now, the fight took its toll. ‘I hate to say this, but I felt more in charge of my cancer than I ever felt about the insurance situation,’ she says.” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

**...And Advocating For Pharmaceutical Companies**



## January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was A Senior VP At Glover Park Group

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

## 2016: Abbott Laboratories, Which Was Sued Multiple Times For Allegedly Mismarketing Opioids And Other Drugs, Paid The Glover Park Group \$110,000 For Lobbying While Bognet Was Its Senior VP

### 2016: Glover Park Group Was Paid \$110,000 For Lobbying For Abbott Laboratories

**January – September 2016: Abbott Laboratories Paid Glover Park Group \$110,000 For Lobbyists Jon Gans And Grant Leslie To Lobby On Issues “Related To Healthcare, Nutrition And Tax.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying for Abbott Laboratories, see [Health Care Issues](#) section.*

## 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Abbott While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied For Abbott Laboratories Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

## Abbott Laboratories Was Sued Multiple Times Over Its Role In The Opioid Epidemic

**2019: Mobile Health, Of Mobile County, Alabama, Sued Abbott Laboratories Over Its Role In The Opioid Epidemic.** “Mobile Health filed suit against Abbott Laboratories and multiple other companies in 2019 making claims that dated back to 2006 and earlier, the court said. The justices agreed with the company, which argued that the legal time limit for such allegations had expired at least 11 years earlier. The county, which is among multiple governmental bodies that filed suit over the drug nationwide to recover expenses from treating overdose patients and people addicted to OxyContin, argued that the time limit did not apply because the opioid crisis was still going on when the lawsuit was filed.” [U.S. News, [5/28/21](#)]

- **May 2021: The Case Was Dismissed Over Its Statute Of Limitations.** “The court agreed with arguments by Abbott Laboratories that county officials waited too long to sue over claims that a marketing campaign wrongly played down the addictive power of the drug, leading to a dramatic rise in hospitalizations for overdoses and deaths.” [U.S. News, [5/28/21](#)]

**2017: Illinois’ St. Clair County Filed A Lawsuit Against Abbott Laboratories And Purdue Pharma Over Allegations That The Companies Downplayed The Addictiveness Of Opioids In Their Marketing.** “St. Clair County State’s Attorney Brendan Kelly is suing pharmaceutical companies he accuses of misleading Illinoisans about the danger of the opioid prescription painkillers. Kelly announced the suit Thursday against Purdue Pharma and Abbott Laboratories on behalf of St. Clair County and the state of Illinois. Purdue Pharma made several popular opioids using hydrocodone, oxycodone and morphine, and Abbott Laboratories promoted and distributed those drugs. The suit alleges that Purdue and Abbott knew for years that the products they made and sold, though helpful to treat both short- and long-term pain, were highly addictive and yet the companies worked to reverse this perception in the medical community.” [Belleville News-Democrat, [4/21/17](#)]

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**2012: Abbott Laboratories Pleaded Guilty And Settled For \$1.5 Billion To Resolve Claims That It Specially Trained A Salesforce To Sell A Drug To Elderly Dementia Patients Without FDA Approval**

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**2012: Abbott Laboratories Pleaded Guilty And Settled For \$1.5 Billion To Resolve Claims That It Specially Trained A Salesforce To Sell A Drug To Elderly Dementia Patients Without FDA Approval.** “Global Health Care Company Abbott Laboratories Inc. has pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$1.5 billion to resolve its criminal and civil liability arising from the company’s unlawful promotion of the prescription drug Depakote for uses not approved as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Justice Department announced today. [...] Abbott has pleaded guilty to misbranding Depakote by promoting the drug to control agitation and aggression in elderly dementia patients and to treat schizophrenia when neither of these uses was FDA approved. In an agreed statement of facts filed in the criminal action, Abbott admits that from 1998 through 2006, the company maintained a specialized sales force trained to market Depakote in nursing homes for the control of agitation and aggression in elderly dementia patients, despite the absence of credible scientific evidence that Depakote was safe and effective for that use.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/12](#)]

**2017 – 2018: Horizon Pharma Paid The Glover Park Group \$230,000 To Lobby On Tax Reform While Bognet Was Its VP; The 2017 Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Gave The Pharmaceutical Industry Billions In Tax Cuts**

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**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$230,000 For Lobbying For Horizon Pharma On Business Tax Reform**

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**April 2017 – March 2018: Horizon Pharma USA, Inc Paid Glover Park Group \$230,000 For Lobbyists Brian Gaston, John Hughes, And Paul Poteet To Lobby On Issues “Related To Business Tax Reform.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying for Horizon Pharma USA, see [Health Care Issues](#) section.*

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**2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,250 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Horizon Pharma While Bognet Worked There**

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2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied For Horizon Pharma Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250

Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,250</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers” And Saved The Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion

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**Politico: Repatriation Provision In Tax Bill Was A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers.”** “The bill, H.R. 1 (115), lowers the corporate tax rate and would offer a one-time reduction on profits U.S.-based multinational companies earn and keep abroad. The repatriation provision is seen as a major victory for pharma manufacturers who store boatloads of cash in countries where tax rates are lower.” [Politico, [12/4/17](#)]

- **Pharmaceutical Companies Were “One Of The Biggest Beneficiaries” Of The Provision, And Were Seen As Likely To Return Money To Their Shareholders, Rather Than Invest In Research And Innovation.** “U.S. drugmakers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the repatriation portion of the bill. They’ve been sitting on billions of dollars in overseas earnings and can now bring home that cash at a reduced rate. While the tax bill has been promoted by Republicans as a job creator, the reality is that drug companies are more likely to return the money to shareholders, or use it to make acquisitions.” [Bloomberg, [12/20/17](#)]
- **Tax Bill Was Estimated To Save Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion.** “The tax proposal supported by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans would give five top pharmaceutical corporations a \$42.7 billion tax break.” [Public Citizen and ITEP, [11/20/17](#)]

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### Pharmaceutical Companies Used TCJA Savings To Benefit Shareholders, Rather Than To Bring Down The Cost Of Drugs Or Invest In New Research And Development

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**Pharmaceutical Companies Were Predicted To Use Savings From Tax Bill To Invest In Mergers And Acquisitions In An Effort To Preserve Patents And Prevent Competitors From Producing Cheaper, Generic Drugs.** “Blue-chip drugmakers holding \$200 billion in cash, mostly overseas, will start investing more of it in mergers and acquisitions after President Trump’s tax overhaul slashed the cost of spending the money in the U.S., debt-ratings firm Moody’s predicts. [...] Amgen, Pfizer, Gilead, and Celgene are the most likely to seek deals, Moody’s projects, as they grapple with challenges from a shrinking market for some medications to the expiration of patents on others that will enable rivals to produce cheaper generic versions.” [Washington Examiner, [1/9/18](#)]

**Nine Pharmaceutical Companies Announced \$50 Billion In Share Buybacks After Tax Bill Passed, “A Sum That Towers Over Investments In Employees Or Drug Research And Development.”** “The pharmaceutical industry is using a large portion of its windfall from Republicans’ corporate tax cuts to boost its stock prices. Nine drug companies are spending a combined \$50 billion on new share buyback programs, a sum that towers over investments in employees or drug research and development. The bottom line: All of those buybacks were announced during or after the passage of the Republican tax bill. That money is enriching hedge funds, other Wall Street investors and top drug company executives, but it isn’t necessarily helping patients.” [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Pharma’s \$50 Billion Tax Windfall For Investors.”** [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Big Pharma Investors Cash In On Trump’s Tax Plan.”** [Salon, [2/22/18](#)]

## 2016: AstraZeneca Paid The Glover Park Group \$120,000 To Lobby On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act While Bognet Was Its Senior VP; AstraZeneca Had Previously Attempted A Tax Inversion To Allow Pfizer To Dodge American Taxes

### While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$120,000 For Lobbying For AstraZeneca On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act

**January – September 2016: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Paid Glover Park Group \$120,000 For Lobbyists Joel Johnson, John Hughes, And Jon Gans To Lobby On Issues “Related To Business Tax Reform.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, see [Health Care Issues](#) section.*

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
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[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed Pfizer To Cut Its U.S. Tax Bill After The Stop Corporate Inversion Act Tightened Regulations On Tax Inversions

**2015: Pfizer And AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed U.S.-Based Pfizer To Cut Its U.S. Tax Bill By Merging With U.K.-Based AstraZeneca.** “No one seems to like tax inversions, those deals whereby a U.S. corporation merges into a company in a tax haven to cut its U.S. tax bill, even though many—or most—of its operations remain in the U.S. President Obama wanted to ban tax inversions in his 2015 budget, Hillary Clinton opposes inversions, and Donald Trump has said that such deals are another reason to overhaul the tax code. So why does Pfizer seem to think that it can structure a merger with Allergan in a way that would allow Pfizer to be ‘bought’ by its partner and move its headquarters to Allergan’s base of Ireland, one of the world’s great low-tax jurisdictions. The U.S. pharmaceutical giant failed once before, after all, when it attempted a tax inversion with the U.K. firm AstraZeneca earlier this year.” [Fortune, [11/20/15](#)]

### The Stop Corporate Inversions Act Implemented Regulations On The Potential Pfizer-AstraZeneca Merger And Raised The Threshold Of International Stock Ownership For American Companies To Dodge Taxes.

“This time with Pfizer was no exception. Earlier this month the New York Times reported that 14 senators introduced The Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, which would tightened requirements on the structure Pfizer would have used (They are called inversions and the brief definition is that they allow U.S. companies to reincorporate elsewhere after a takeover of a smaller international firm. A better and more detailed definition can be found in Cadwalader’s newsletter for Corporate Board Members). Companies can move overseas if foreign shareholders own at least 20 percent of their stock under the current law. The bill would raise that threshold to 50 percent for two years.” [Forbes, [5/26/14](#)]

## **Bognet Criticized Efforts To Fund Rehabilitation Services For Pennsylvanians Suffering In The Opioid Epidemic**

**October 2020: After Cartwright Spoke About Funding Services For Pennsylvanians Suffering In The Opioid Epidemic, Bognet Said, “Cartwright’s Answer To Everything Is That He Could Spend More Of Your Money.”** “[CARTWRIGHT:] Sure, and one thing I admitted was that as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, it puts me in a place where I can bring back money to ameliorate these problems. This year alone, I brought back \$1.5 million for the drug courts that I was talking about. And it’s something that I fought for every year, robust funding for addiction and rehabilitation services, and I will continue to do so in the future. [MODERATOR:] Mr. Bognet, you have a rebuttal 30 seconds. [BOGNET:] It’s really amazing. Matt Cartwright’s answer to everything is that he could spend more of your money. He loves Nancy Pelosi more than the cookie monster loves cookies. And he thinks that if he gets elected, she’ll put him in a position to spend more of your money. I think you really have to think, do we want to be spending more of our money? And you mentioned McConnell, I’m not running for the Senate. You bragged about being close to Pelosi. She raised you up into her leadership team. So when you take shots at me, think about how much you’ve said that your relationship to Pelosi is what distinguishes you.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 27:33

## **Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Would Hurt Social Security, Gut Medicare, And Raise The Retirement Age**

*Note: For a timeline of Bognet’s professional career, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

### **More Than 100,000 Residents Of Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District Received Social Security And Medicare Benefits**

**As Of December 2020, 177,072 Residents Of Pennsylvania’s 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Received Social Security Benefits.** [Social Security Administration, 2020 Congressional Statistics, [May 2021](#)]

**As Of 2021, 166,983 Residents Of Pennsylvania’s 8<sup>th</sup> District Received Some Medicare Benefits.** [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [2021 Congressional District Report](#)]

### **Bognet Praised The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Republicans Planned To Pay For With Cuts To Social Security And Medicare**

#### **2020 – 2021: Bognet Praised The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act**

**October 2020: Bognet “Heartily Praise[d]” Trump For His Handling Of The Economy And The Tax Cut And Said He Favored Continuing Existing Research And Development Tax Credits.** “Bognet heartily praises Trump for his handling of the economy and the tax cut, criticizes Cartwright for opposing the cut and questions Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden’s proposal to raise taxes. The proposal would impose higher taxes on people with incomes of more than \$400,000 and raise the corporate tax rate to 28%. ‘When we’re facing the economic turbulence that COVID brought on, we don’t need to be raising taxes,’ he said. ‘Businesses are barely hanging on right now.’ He favors continuing existing research and development tax credits, which come up for renewal yearly, and promoting further natural gas extraction in the state’s shale regions because that keeps energy costs low for manufacturers. As an official at the Export-Import bank under Trump, he said he worked to help manufacturers.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/5/20](#)]

**July 2021: Bognet: “The Trump Tax-Cuts Gave Hard-Working Americans Relief And Helped Create A Blue-Collar Boom!”** “The Trump Tax-Cuts gave hard-working Americans relief and helped create a blue-collar boom! Now Democrats want to increase taxes on Americans after a global pandemic and in the middle of increasing inflation! I agree with President Trump: we must stand 100% against raising taxes!”





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- July 13, 2021 -

**Statement by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America**

Republicans in the U.S. Senate must not in any way, shape, or form increase taxes that were won in the TRUMP TAX CUT, the largest in the history of our Country. It's what made our economy grow and great. Democrats want major tax increases to pay for their fake infrastructure bill, where over 90% of the money goes to the ridiculous Green New Deal nonsense, which will destroy our economy. The tax cuts were a great achievement of the Trump Administration and the Republican Party. More importantly, they were a great victory for our Nation. Do not increase them one penny. Republicans must learn to fight these vicious, Radical Left Democrats who are destroying lives and destroying our Country!

[Jim Bognet, Facebook, [7/14/21](#)]

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**Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt By Nearly \$2 Trillion – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security**

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**Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion.** “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](#)]

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**2008: As A Policy Development Director For Romney's 2008 Presidential Campaign, Bognet Called For Entitlement Reform And Helped Design Proposals To Privatize Social Security**

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- **According To The Washington Post's The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A "Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney's Policies" In 2008.** "Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor's economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney's 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner's deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney's policies." [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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**Bognet Called "Reforming Entitlements" – Cutting Social Security And Medicare – "The Big Enchilada"**

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**2008: Bognet: "The Big Enchilada, So To Speak, Is Reforming Entitlements Going Forward."** "[BOGNET:] And of course, the big enchilada, so to speak, is reforming entitlements going forward because we're in a situation with our entitlement program where they're eating up an increasing portion of the budget each year. Gov. Romney has a PowerPoint slide that he likes to show showing how quickly the entitlement programs are going to grow to be almost the entire federal budget over the next twenty or thirty years." [Jim Bognet via C-SPAN, [1/26/08](#)] (VIDEO) :03

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**Romney Considered Cutting And Privatizing Social Security During His 2008 Campaign**

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**February 2007: Romney Considered “Deep Cuts” To Medicare And Social Security.** “Romney’s Detroit address will be followed by other speeches that flesh out his economic platform. He is weighing a cut in the top individual tax rate from the current 35 percent; a reduction in the corporate income tax; and deep cuts in automatic-benefit programs such as Medicare and Social Security.” [Salt Lake Tribune, [2/7/07](#)]

**2007: Romney Said “The President Said Let’s Have Private Accounts And Take That Surplus Money That’s Being Gathered Now In Social Security And Put That Into Private Accounts. That Works.”** “Currently, we’re taking more money into Social Security than we actually send out. So our current seniors, their benefits are not going to change. For people 20 and 30 and 40 years old, we have four major options for Social Security. The one Democrats want: raise taxes. It’s the wrong way to go. The president said let’s have private accounts and take that surplus money that’s being gathered now in Social Security and put that into private accounts. That works.” [On The Issues, [10/21/07](#)]

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### **Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Would Gut Medicare**

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**Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s 2018 Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Voted In 2017 For A Budget Resolution That Proposed Turning Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program**

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**McSally Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution.** [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

- **AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.”** “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the “Obamacare” health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

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**2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney-Ryan Presidential Campaign; Romney & Ryan Proposed Replacing Medicare With A Voucher-Like Program**

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**2012: Romney Campaigned On His Running Mate Paul Ryan’s Plan To Replace Medicare With A Voucher-Like System.** “Romney: He has come out in support of his vice presidential running mate’s plan. Rep. Paul Ryan would phase out the current Medicare system by 2022 and replace it with a voucher system. In this plan, seniors would be given vouchers by the government to purchase private insurance.” [CNBC, [11/6/12](#)]

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**2011 – 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And Senior Advisor To Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign, Which Pledged To Cut Medicare**

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**February 2012: Dewhurst Supported Cutting Medicare, Medicaid, And Social Security.** “While Dewhurst is the perceived front-runner, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz was the only one of his three GOP rivals to directly attack him during the debate in Austin. [...] All of the candidates agreed on cutting spending on unemployment insurance, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to give greater power to the states and individuals, while protecting those who currently depend on the programs.” [Abilene Reporter-News, 2/2/12]

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**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign, Which Obama Alleged Supported Cutting Medicare By \$882 Billion**

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**2008: Obama Alleged McCain Would Cut Medicare By \$882 Billion To Pay For His Health Care Plan, Which McCain Denied.** “Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Friday that Republican rival John McCain wants to cut \$882 billion from Medicare over a decade to finance his health care plan and the result would be more costly drugs, diminished services and lower quality care for seniors. ‘It’s entirely consistent with Sen.

McCain's record during his 26 years in Congress where, time and again, he's opposed Medicare,' Obama said. 'In fact, Sen. McCain has voted against protecting Medicare 40 times.' Campaign officials said the \$882 billion estimate was drawn in part from a study by the Center for American Progress, a public policy organization stocked with prominent Democrats. In response, McCain's campaign issued a statement saying Obama was 'simply lying.' The statement said the Republican planned to trim spending, but said his plans 'do not cut a single benefit.'" [CBS, [10/17/08](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney's Presidential Campaign; Romney Considered "Deep Cuts" To Medicare During His 2008 Campaign**

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**February 2007: Romney Considered "Deep Cuts" To Medicare And Social Security.** "Romney's Detroit address will be followed by other speeches that flesh out his economic platform. He is weighing a cut in the top individual tax rate from the current 35 percent; a reduction in the corporate income tax; and deep cuts in automatic-benefit programs such as Medicare and Social Security." [Salt Lake Tribune, [2/7/07](#)]

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**Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Would Cut And Privatize Social Security**

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**Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's 2018 Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Previously Supported Transitioning Social Security To Private Investment Accounts**

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**2012: McSally Supported Transitioning Social Security To Private Investment Accounts.** "MCSALLY: Generations of greed in Washington have raided and drained our Social Security trust fund and left it full of useless I.O.U.s. That has to stop. We have to keep the promises we've made to our seniors and protect the retirement benefits they've earned. At the same time, we have take measures to strengthen and sustain it for future generations because it is currently unsustainable. For younger workers, we need to consider approaches such as gradually increasing the retirement age and allowing them to invest a portion of their Social Security payments in ways that will allow them to maximize their returns. We also need to stop raiding the retirement fund at will for special interests so we can keep our promises and institute the measures needed to strengthen and sustain social security for future generations." [Green Valley News, [4/4/12](#)]

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**2011 – 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And Senior Advisor To David Dewhurst's Texas Senate Campaign, Which Pledged To Cut Social Security**

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**February 2012: Dewhurst Supported Cutting Medicare, Medicaid, And Social Security.** "While Dewhurst is the perceived front-runner, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz was the only one of his three GOP rivals to directly attack him during the debate in Austin. [...] All of the candidates agreed on cutting spending on unemployment insurance, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to give greater power to the states and individuals, while protecting those who currently depend on the programs." [Abilene Reporter-News, 2/2/12]

**April 2012: Dewhurst: "Social Security Right Now Is Broken. [...] We Need To Look At The Cost Of Living Adjustment, Which I Believe Is Slightly Overrated Right Now."** "When the candidates were asked whether they would cut defense, social security or Medicaid to help reduce federal spending, they gave a variety of responses. 'I'm opposed to the cuts President Obama has made,' Dewhurst said regarding military spending. But he noted that 'social security right now is broken. It's an empty lockbox. We need to fund social security ... (but) we need to look at the cost of living adjustment, which I believe is slightly overrated right now' and look at ways to lower that raise eligibility." [Fort Worth Star Telegram, 4/14/12]

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**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain's Presidential Campaign, Which Supported Privatizing Social Security**

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**2008: McCain's Campaign Supported Privatizing Social Security.** "But President Bush's failed push to privatize Social Security has not deterred John McCain from putting forward the same idea -- and from risking a

similar political disaster. McCain, the presumed Republican presidential nominee, spoke several times last week about changing how the popular retirement program is funded, at one point calling it a ‘disgrace’ that younger workers are forced to pay for a plan that, in his view, is unlikely to benefit them when they retire.” [Los Angeles Times, [7/14/08](#)]

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**Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Supported Raising The Retirement Age**

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**Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s 2018 Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Supported Raising The Retirement Age In 2012**

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**2012: McSally Supported Raising The Retirement Age.** “In 2012, during McSally’s initial run for Congress, she sketched out her support for raising the retirement age and allowing younger workers to invest in lieu of paying into Social Security in a candidate questionnaire for the Green Valley News. ‘We have to keep the promises we’ve made to our seniors and protect the retirement benefits they’ve earned,’ McSally wrote. ‘At the same time, we have take measures to strengthen and sustain it for future generations because it is currently unsustainable. For younger workers, we need to consider approaches such as gradually increasing the retirement age and allowing them to invest a portion of their Social Security payments in ways that will allow them to maximize their returns.’” [Arizona Republic, [10/15/18](#)]

**2020: McSally Did Not Respond To Request For Comment On Whether She Supported Raising The Retirement Age As She Did In 2012.** “When she first ran for Congress in 2012, the Green Valley News asked McSally if Social Security was sustainable and whether she supported changes such as raising the retirement age. McSally said Social Security was unsustainable and needed measures to strengthen it for future generations. ‘For younger workers, we need to consider approaches such as gradually increasing the retirement age and allowing them to invest a portion of their Social Security payments in ways that will allow them to maximize their returns,’ McSally said. We asked McSally’s campaign about her position in 2020, but did not hear back.” [PolitiFact, [9/14/20](#)]

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**2012: Bognet Was A Senior Advisor For Romney’s Presidential Campaign, Which Supported Raising The Retirement Age**

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**2012: Romney Supported Raising The Retirement Age For Younger Workers By A “Year Or Two.”** “Romney: The GOP candidate would protect the status quo for people 55 and over but, for the next generation of retirees, he would raise the retirement age for full Social Security benefits by one or two years and reduce inflation increases in benefits for wealthier recipients.” [CNBC, [11/6/12](#)]

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**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign, Which Supported Raising The Retirement Age**

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**2008: McCain Supported Raising The Retirement Age.** “McCain says all ‘things [are] on the table’ when it comes to Social Security. He would push for supplementing Social Security with individual investment accounts, and has said he would consider cutting benefits and raising the retirement age from 67 to 68.” [CNN, [10/23/08](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign; Romney Supported Raising The Retirement Age**

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**2008: Romney Supported Raising The Retirement Age To “Fix” Social Security.** “BECK: Then done with Karl Rove and on the other end of the line is Mitt Romney. He said that Washington is broken, but he knows how to fix it. Listen to this. He said he would start with Social Security. (BEGIN VIDEOTAPE) ROMNEY: Washington is broken. We simply cannot keep on going the way we have gone. The good news is Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security can be fixed. BECK: How do you fix it? ROMNEY: Social Security is the easiest. And that’s because you can give people a personal account. You can extend the retirement age, and you can calculate the initial benefit,



based on inflation for higher-income people rather than the wage index that goes up so much higher. BECK: Hang on, hang on. Hold on. I think I've just heard a politician say extend the retirement age? ROMNEY: Those are the three major levers you have." [CNN, [1/16/08](#)]

### **October 2020: Bognet Suggested Bolstering Social Security By “Get[ting] The Economy Growing Again,” Which A Scranton Columnist Wrote Would Be Insufficient**

**October 2020: Bognet Suggested Bolstering Social Security By “Get[ting] The Economy Growing Again,” And Added, “The More Both Employers And Employees Pay Into The Trust Fund ... The Better Off We Are.”** “BOGNET: Calling the [Social Security] program ‘incredibly important’ and promising to ensure its survival, he says the best solution is ‘to get the economy growing again.’ ‘The more both employers and employees pay into the trust fund .... the better off we are,’ Bognet said.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/4/20](#)]

**Scranton Times-Tribune Roderick Random Column: In-Depth Studies “Don’t See Economic Growth As The Major Solution” To Social Security.** “As for Social Security, Bognet rules out increases to payroll taxes to save the program. He says the fix should focus on getting the economy growing again so the program will collect more revenue. Economic growth certainly would help, but most in-depth studies recommend one of three solutions or some combination — lifting the cap on income subject to the payroll tax, increasing the payroll tax, or cutting benefits. The studies don’t see economic growth as the major solution, although Cartwright suggested that himself the first time he ran for Congress eight years ago. If you don’t want to increase payroll taxes or raise the cap on taxable income cap, that leaves you with cutting benefits. You can tinker with lesser methods, but these big three solutions are most likely to get us where we need to go.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

### **Bognet Advocated For Tax Cuts For The Wealthy And Corporation At The Cost Of The Middle Class During His Campaigns And Throughout His Career**

*Note: For a timeline of Bognet’s professional career, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

### **2020 – 2022: Bognet Praised The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Cut Taxes For The Wealthy And Corporations, Raised Them For The Middle Class, And Incentivized Companies To Move Jobs Offshore**

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#### **Bognet Praised The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act**

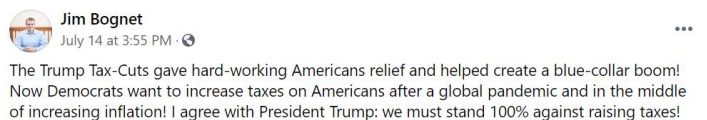
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**Bognet’s 2022 Campaign Website: TCJA “Bolstered The U.S. Economy, Helped Small Businesses Grow, And Returned Money Into The Pockets Of Hardworking Americans Across The Country.”** “President Trump’s administration passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in 2017 which bolstered the U.S. economy, helped small businesses grow, and returned money into the pockets of hardworking Americans across the country. Democrats today are fighting to reverse historic progress by spending trillions of dollars on a socialist wish list that will increase taxes on the middle class and hurt businesses here in NEPA.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet “Heartily Praise[d]” Trump For His Handling Of The Economy And The Tax Cut And Said He Favored Continuing Existing Research And Development Tax Credits.** “Bognet heartily praises Trump for his handling of the economy and the tax cut, criticizes Cartwright for opposing the cut and questions Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden’s proposal to raise taxes. The proposal would impose higher taxes on people with incomes of more than \$400,000 and raise the corporate tax rate to 28%. ‘When we’re facing the economic turbulence that COVID brought on, we don’t need to be raising taxes,’ he said. ‘Businesses are barely hanging on right now.’ He favors continuing existing research and development tax credits, which come up for renewal yearly, and promoting further natural gas extraction in the state’s shale regions because that keeps energy

costs low for manufacturers. As an official at the Export-Import bank under Trump, he said he worked to help manufacturers.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/5/20](#)]

**July 2021: Bognet: “The Trump Tax-Cuts Gave Hard-Working Americans Relief And Helped Create A Blue-Collar Boom!”** “The Trump Tax-Cuts gave hard-working Americans relief and helped create a blue-collar boom! Now Democrats want to increase taxes on Americans after a global pandemic and in the middle of increasing inflation! I agree with President Trump: we must stand 100% against raising taxes!”



- July 13, 2021 -

**Statement by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America**

Republicans in the U.S. Senate must not in any way, shape, or form increase taxes that were won in the TRUMP TAX CUT, the largest in the history of our Country. It's what made our economy grow and great. Democrats want major tax increases to pay for their fake infrastructure bill, where over 90% of the money goes to the ridiculous Green New Deal nonsense, which will destroy our economy. The tax cuts were a great achievement of the Trump Administration and the Republican Party. More importantly, they were a great victory for our Nation. Do not increase them one penny. Republicans must learn to fight these vicious, Radical Left Democrats who are destroying lives and destroying our Country!

[Jim Bognet, Facebook, [7/14/21](#)]

**September 2021: Bognet: “Pres. Trump Passed One Of The Biggest Tax Cuts In History Sparking A Booming Economy.”** “Pres. Trump passed one of the biggest Tax Cuts in history sparking a booming economy. Now, Biden, Pelosi & Cartwright want to RAISE TAXES on small businesses to pass TRILLIONS in spending as part of AOC’s socialist wishlist. 2022 can’t come fast enough! <https://t.co/sSCz6MaMef>”



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/15/21](#)]

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**TCJA Gave Tax Cuts To The Very Wealthy While Raising Them For The Middle Class**

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**The Atlantic: “The Richer The Family, The Bigger The Cut, Both In Absolute Terms And In Proportional Income” From The GOP Tax Bill.** “The GOP tax bill operates by two simple principles. First, families at every income level can expect a tax cut—but the richer the family, the bigger the cut, both in absolute terms and in proportional income. Households making between \$500,000 and \$1 million would get a \$21,000 tax cut in 2019 and their after-tax income would rise by 4.3 percent. That proportional gain is four times larger than the average after-tax benefit for a family making \$40,000. Second, as time goes by, most families’ tax benefits would shrink—with the major exception being the most affluent. Most of the plan’s individual tax cuts end after 2025. This provision is necessary (because of the procedure congressional Republicans chose for the bill) to pay for a permanent corporate tax cut whose benefits flow mostly through capital gains and dividends to shareholders. The bars below illustrate this effect: The tax cuts shrink between 2018 and 2025 before disappearing for all levels in 2027—except for the richest households, the ones with the most money invested in stocks, who will still be reaping the benefits of lower corporate taxes.” [The Atlantic, [12/19/17](#)]

**Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.”** “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

**The Tax Cut Benefitted The Top 1% Of Earners And “Will Reap More Than 20% Of The Total Value Of The Tax Cut, Roughly The Same Amount As Americans In The Bottom 60% Of The Income Distribution.”** “No one in the middle class is going to turn up their nose at an extra thousand bucks. But critics have been pointing out that the tax bill could have done much more for middle earners. That \$900 pales in comparison to the average \$51,000 tax cut that Americans in the top 1% of earners — those taking home \$733,000 and up — will reap. Overall, the 1% will reap more than 20% of the total value of the tax cut, roughly the same amount as Americans in the bottom 60% of the income distribution, the Tax Policy Center found.” [Time, [12/20/17](#)]

**Time: The Tax Bill “Will Work Against Middle-Class Taxpayers Over Time” And In A Decade Two Thirds Of Middle-Class Taxpayers Will Be Subject To A Tax Hike.** “There may be an even bigger problem for the middle class, however. Budget rules tied Republicans’ hands, limiting their ability to make changes that extend more than 10 years in the future. As a result, most personal tax provisions in the bill expire by 2026. Meanwhile, other tweaks — like a new, less generous way of accounting for inflation — will work against middle-class taxpayers over time. As a result, a decade from now, about two thirds of middle-class taxpayers will actually see a tax hike, albeit a relatively small one of about \$150, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [Time, [12/20/17](#)]

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**TCJA Included The Largest-Ever Tax Cut For Large Corporations, Reducing The Corporate Rate From 35% To 21%**

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**S&P 500 Companies Could See \$1.64 Trillion in Tax Cuts.** “In other words, you can thank tax cuts for nearly half the growth in big-company earnings in the first quarter. For many companies – including a favorite target of Trump’s ire, Amazon.com Inc. – the boost was even more substantial, representing all, or nearly all, the quarter’s growth. It gets better: At the rate they’re going, S&P 500 companies could save \$1.64 trillion in taxes over the next decade, Steve estimates – \$300 billion more than lawmakers expected. Now we’re talking real money.” [Bloomberg News, [5/25/18](#)]

- **S&P 500 Companies Included 500 Of The Country’s Largest Publicly Traded Companies.** “The Standard & Poor’s 500 Index - S&P 500 is a market capitalization weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies by market value. The S&P 500 is a market value or market capitalization weighted index and one of the most common benchmarks for the broader U.S. equity markets. [Investopedia, accessed [6/20/18](#)]

**Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations [...] The Largest One-Time [Corporate] Rate Cut In U.S. History.”** “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

**Corporate Tax Cuts In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Cost Roughly \$1 Trillion.** “It still amounts to roughly a \$1 trillion tax cut for businesses over the next decade. Republicans argue this will make the economy surge in the coming years, but most independent economists and Wall Street banks predict only a modest and short-lived boost to growth.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

**Major Corporations Received Bulk of Tax Cuts.** “Widespread publicity about corporations sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype, this Americans for Tax Fairness analysis reveals. Even though America’s biggest corporations are poised to reap hundreds of billions in tax cuts, only 18 corporations in the Fortune 100 have announced any sort of employee benefits tied to those cuts, as of today. Only 46 of the Fortune 500—just 9%—have announced any plans to share the tax-cut wealth.” [Americans For Tax Fairness, [1/29/18](#)]

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### **TJCA Made It More Attractive For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas**

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**Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas.** “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **Washington Post Headline: “Trump Promised ‘America First’ Would Keep Jobs Here. But The Tax Plan Might Push Them Overseas.”** [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]
- **Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad.** “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. [...] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a perverse incentive’ to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)] *See Article #43*
- **Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States.** “Second, the bill sets the ‘routine’ return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a \$100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of \$20 million would pay roughly \$1 million in tax versus \$4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States,



said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)] *See Article #43.*

**Sperling: GOP Tax Bill Would “Give A Permanent Preference To Foreign Income And Lead Companies To Shift More Profits To Tax Havens Knowing That They Could Permanently Avoid Virtually All Taxation On Such Profits.”** “Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits. [...] What was problematic about this design was that it not only encouraged companies to move profits to tax havens, but it actually encouraged them to simultaneously move jobs and operations such as manufacturing to industrialized countries that had typical tax rates and to shift more profits to tax havens.” [The Atlantic, Gene Sperling, [12/8/17](#)]

**CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations’ Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation Can Increase Its Deductible Foreign Income While Reducing Its Tax Liability On Foreign Income.** “The act contains several provisions to reduce corporations’ incentive to shift profits out of the United States. Two provisions—which impose a tax on global intangible low-tax income (GILTI) and create a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)—reduce corporations’ incentive to locate high-return assets (which are often intangible assets, such as intellectual property, or IP) in low-tax countries. The provisions reduce that incentive by applying special treatment to profits that exceed a specified return on tangible assets (such as equipment and structures). In addition to reducing profit shifting through the location of intangible assets, the GILTI and FDII provisions affect corporations’ decisions about where to locate tangible assets. By locating more tangible assets abroad, a corporation is able to reduce the amount of foreign income that is categorized as GILTI. Similarly, by locating fewer tangible assets in the United States, a corporation can increase the amount of U.S. income that can be deducted as FDII. Together, the provisions may increase corporations’ incentive to locate tangible assets abroad. (Like profit shifting, such decisions change the locations of reported profits—but they are not classified as profit shifting, because they involve actual economic activity rather than simply reporting.)” [Congressional Budget Office, Appendix B: The Effects Of The 2017 Tax Act On CBO’s Economic And Budget Projections, [April 2018](#)]

**New York Times: Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.”** “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

- **An Economist Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.”** “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment.” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]
- **New York Times Headline: “Tax Law May Send Factories and Jobs Abroad, Critics Say.”** [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet Opposed Biden’s Proposal To Undo Some Of TCJA’s Tax Cuts For Corporations And The Wealthy**

**October 2020: Bognet Opposed Biden’s Proposed Tax Increase On Corporations And Individuals With Incomes Exceeding \$400,000.** “Bognet heartily praises Trump for his handling of the economy and the tax cut, criticizes Cartwright for opposing the cut and questions Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden’s proposal to



raise taxes. The proposal would impose higher taxes on people with incomes of more than \$400,000 and raise the corporate tax rate to 28%. ‘When we’re facing the economic turbulence that COVID brought on, we don’t need to be raising taxes,’ he said. ‘Businesses are barely hanging on right now.’” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/5/20](#)]

### **While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$360,000 To Lobby On Tax Issues For Apple, Which Saw Billions In Tax Cuts From The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act That It Reinvested To Benefit Its Executives Instead Of Its Workers**

#### **2016 – 2018: Apple Paid Glover Park Group \$360,000 For Lobbying On Tax Issues**

**January 2016 – March 2018: Apple Paid Glover Park Group \$360,000 For A Team Of Up To Eight Lobbyists, Including Jon Gans, Rob Seidman, And Paul Poteet To Lobby On “Issues Related To Tax, Technology, And Broadband.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying for Apple, see [Tax Issues](#) section.*

#### **2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Apple While Bognet Worked There**

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Apple Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	8/10/20	\$500
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$5,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

#### **Apple Was A “Major Beneficiary” Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act (TCJA), Which Saved It Billions In Taxes**

**Apple Was A “Major Beneficiary” Of TCJA, Which Saved It Billions In Taxes And Allowed It To Repatriate \$250 Billion In Cash It Had Stored Overseas.** “Apple, as it turns out, is also a major beneficiary of the Republican tax cut bill passed in December 2017. Its effective tax rate fell to about 18 percent in 2018, thanks in large part, according to its annual report, to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Apple saved billions of dollars in taxes due to the legislation and was able to bring back some \$250 billion in cash it had stashed overseas.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

- **TCJA Dropped Apple’s 2018 Effective Tax Rate To 18.3 Percent From 24.6 Percent In 2017.** “Apple, like a lot of corporations, wasn’t paying the full 35 percent corporate tax rate even before the tax cut bill was passed, but the new legislation has been very good to it. According to the liberal-leaning Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, dozens of profitable Fortune 500 companies paid no federal income taxes at all last year, including Amazon and IBM. Apple’s 2018 effective tax rate was 18.3 percent, compared to 24.6 percent in 2017.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

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**2019: Apple Used \$75 Billion Of Tax Savings From TCJA To Repurchase Its Shares, Meaning “Investors, Not Workers, Are The Big Winners” Of Its Tax Cut**

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**2019: Apple Used \$75 Billion Of Its Savings From TCJA To Repurchase Its Shares, Meaning “Investors, Not Workers, Are The Big Winners In The iPhone Maker’s Tax Savings.”** “[HEADLINE:] Apple is spending even more of its huge tax cut on Wall Street stock buybacks [SUBHEADLINE:] Investors, not workers, are the big winners in the iPhone maker’s tax savings. [BODY:] Apple is turning more of its tax cut into stock buybacks. The iPhone maker on Tuesday announced that it would repurchase an additional \$75 billion of its own shares. The announcement comes less than a year after Apple revealed a \$100 billion buyback in May 2018. The company on both occasions also said it would increase its dividend.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

- **Stock Buybacks Benefitted “Executives And Corporate Insiders” Who Could Use Them To Sell Shares They Receive As Part Of Their Compensation.** “Executives and corporate insiders — generally, directors and senior officers — are major beneficiaries of stock buybacks because they take advantage of them to sell shares with which they are rewarded as part of their compensation. Politico reported last year that a review of Securities and Exchange Commission filings showed that there was an uptick in executives selling shares after the tax bill was passed and buyback activity was on the rise.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

**2018: Bognet Was CEO Of McSally’s Senate Campaign, Which Touted Her Support For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act**

**October 2018: During A Debate, McSally “Repeatedly Touted The Successful Economy, Which She Said Was On Fire Thanks To Republican Tax Cuts.”** “National politics dominated much of the discussion at the debate, hosted by Arizona PBS and Arizona State University in downtown Phoenix. McSally repeatedly touted the successful economy, which she said was on fire thanks to Republican tax cuts. ‘I voted to cut your taxes, providing the opportunity for about \$2,000 per Arizona family.’ McSally said it was ‘more money in their pockets instead of going to Washington, D.C.’” [KJZZ, [10/16/18](#)]

**2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign, Which Proposed Raising Taxes On The Middle Class While Cutting Them For Millionaires**

**August 2012: The Centrist Tax Policy Center Found Romney’s Proposed Tax Plan Would Force Tax Increases On The Middle Class To Cut Them For Millionaires.** “The study was developed by the centrist Tax Policy Center and authored by economists who have worked under both the Obama and Bush administrations. It concluded that Romney’s proposed tax cuts - which include reducing all personal income taxes rates by 20 percent, eliminating the estate tax and zeroing-out taxes on investment income for couples earning less than \$200,000 per year - would slash \$360 billion in federal revenues in 2015 and will have to increase taxes on the middle class to pay for those losses. [...] So in order to make sure his plan would not add to the deficit, Romney would have to pay for \$86 billion worth of high-income tax cuts by cutting deductions that benefit middle- and low-income earners, according to the Tax Policy Center study. If his plan is to be revenue neutral, as Romney has said it would be, the study shows he would have to raise taxes on 95 percent of Americans - families earning less than \$200,000 - by an average of \$500 per year. Millionaires will still get an \$87,000 tax cut.” [ABC News, [8/3/12](#)]

**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign, Which Proposed Tax Cuts That Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy And Corporations**

**McCain’s 2008 Campaign Proposed Tax Cuts That Would “Cater To Wealthy Taxpayers And Corporations” By Reducing Corporate And Estate Taxes.** “McCain’s plan would cater to wealthy taxpayers and corporations by extending and expanding President Bush’s tax cuts, slashing corporate taxes and weakening the estate tax, but it would also aid taxpayers across the board by making the full Bush cuts permanent. [...] McCain also has proposed a sharp reduction in corporate taxes. He would pare the two highest corporate tax brackets, 34% and 35%, down to 25%. The top bracket would be immediately eliminated, and the 34% bracket would be phased

down to 25% between 2009 and 2014. He would also maintain the 15% tax rates on dividends and capital gains for the highest-tier taxpayers. And starting in 2010, McCain would substantially reduce the estate tax. He would increase the exemption on inherited funds from \$3.5 million to \$5 million and sharply lower taxes on remaining wealth from 45% to 15% -- moves that would enable affluent families to hold on to more of their wealth.” [Los Angeles Times, [8/21/08](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: McCain’s Tax Plan Was “Skewed Toward Upper-Income Americans To The Exclusion Of Most Everyone Else.”** “Democratic-leaning economists say McCain’s plan offers little new aid to squeezed middle-class families. And they question whether corporations and wealthy Americans would convert McCain-era tax savings into new investments that would bolster the economy. ‘McCain does nothing about income inequality,’ said John Irons, research and policy director for the Economic Policy Institute, a center-left think tank backed by labor interests. ‘It’s skewed toward upper-income Americans to the exclusion of most everyone else.’” [Los Angeles Times, [8/21/08](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Advised Romney’s Presidential Campaign On Domestic Economic Issues; The Campaign Proposed Tax Cuts That Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy**

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign And “Led Development Of Major Domestic Policy Initiatives, Including All Aspects Of Economic Policy”**

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**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.  
• Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.  
• Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces  
• Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**December 2007: Bognet: “My Main Goal On A Daily Basis Is To Help Governor Romney Communicate His Pro-Growth, Conservative Vision For The U.S. Economy.”** “James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: The role of an economic adviser, or any campaign policy staffer, is to help your candidate win the election by developing sound policy. In my role as policy development director, I help manage the campaign’s policy department, and am charged with coordinating the Governor’s economic policy. My main goal on a daily basis is to help Governor Romney communicate his pro-growth, conservative vision for the U.S. economy.” [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]

**According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the

former Massachusetts governor's economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney's 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner's deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney's policies." [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Romney Proposed Tax Cuts That Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy And Lower Taxes For Corporations**

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**2007: Romney Released A Plan To Cut Taxes On Interest, Dividends, And Capital Gains For People Earning Under \$200,000, Which Critics Said Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy Who Invested More.**

"Mitt Romney rolled out one of the most detailed tax cut plans yet among the major presidential candidates yesterday, proposing to eliminate taxes on income from interest, dividends, and capital gains for the vast majority of Americans. In several appearances in New Hampshire, Romney said his proposal, which would give the tax break to those earning less than \$200,000 a year, would be a boon to the middle class. 'You can save your money for a down payment on a house, for a car, for a boat, for college for your kids, whatever the heck you want,' he told about 75 people gathered at a coffee shop yesterday morning. 'Government shouldn't be telling you they're going to tax you on your savings.' But \$200,000 a year is nearly five times the nation's median household income of about \$44,300 a year. Critics pointed out that while many families would benefit, the vast majority of the total dollar savings would go to the wealthy, who own the most stocks, have the biggest bank accounts, and reap the most capital gains from real estate and other investments." [Boston Globe, [9/8/07](#)]

- **By Claiming The Middle Class Would Benefit From The Tax Cut, Romney Pushed "His Definition Of The Middle Class Well Into Six-Figure Incomes."** "Romney underscored the point in the South Carolina debate Thursday night, as he does in speeches and in his platform. Other GOP candidates, too, want to preserve President Bush's expiring tax cuts for people of all incomes. That inevitably saves rich people the most dollars if relieving people of moderate income of a noticeable share of their tax burden. Nor is Romney alone in wanting to get rid of the estate tax. But the former Massachusetts governor goes beyond that to say 'anyone' with adjusted gross income under \$200,000 - that's after certain deductions - should be relieved of all taxes on capital gains, interest and dividends, pushing his definition of the middle class well into six-figure incomes." [Cleveland 19 News, [1/11/08](#)]

**2007: Romney Supported Lowering The Corporate Tax Rate.** "Romney said in an interview yesterday that he would make President George W. Bush's tax cuts permanent and lower corporate tax rates. He also said the U.S. government should 'take a good, hard look' at implementing a consumption tax." [CNN, [8/29/07](#)]

**Bognet Shaped Anti-Worker Policy In Gov. Schwarzenegger's Administration And Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Antagonized Unions And Hurt Workers**

*Note: For a timeline of Bognet's professional career, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

**2003 –2006: Bognet Advised Gov. Schwarzenegger On Workers Comp Issues, Which The California Labor Federation Called "Nothing Short Of A Disaster" Under His Leadership**

**As Of 2006, Bognet Reportedly Advised Schwarzenegger On Workers' Comp Reform.** "Bognet served in the Schwarzenegger administration for two and a half years as the governor's chief deputy special adviser for jobs and economic growth. As a liaison to the business community, he advised the governor on workers' compensation reform and business-attraction efforts. Bognet now serves as policy director for the governor's re-election campaign." [Contra Costa Times, 8/2/06]

**California Labor Federation: Workers' Comp Reform Under Schwarzenegger Was "Nothing Short Of A Disaster For Injured Workers."** "Well, in 2004, following workers' compensation cost increases in the late



1990's, employers began drafting a draconian ballot initiative that would have devastated our entire system. Newly elected Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who had campaigned on a platform of workers compensation reform, also threatened to support the ballot measure. Legislative negotiations ensued and labor ultimately went neutral on a major reform: SB 899 (Poochigian). However, to implement the legislation, Schwarzenegger implemented rules that have been nothing short of a disaster for injured workers.” [California Labor Federation, Blog, [3/28/12](#)]

- **Schwarzenegger’s Major Workers’ Comp Reform, SB 899, “Cut Benefits, Delayed Medical Care, And Generated Massive New Costs Associated With Processing And Reviewing Treatment Decisions.”** “Legislative negotiations ensued and labor ultimately went neutral on a major reform: SB 899 (Poochigian). However, to implement the legislation, Schwarzenegger implemented rules that have been nothing short of a disaster for injured workers. Billed as a reasonable means to address rising costs without major benefit reductions, 899—and subsequent rulemaking—in fact cut benefits, delayed medical care, and generated massive new costs associated with processing and reviewing treatment decisions. All have done little to relieve injured workers but everything to generate expensive waste and fraud throughout the system.” [California Labor Federation, Blog, [3/28/12](#)]
- **April 2004: Schwarzenegger Signed SB 899 Into Law.** [California Legislative Information, SB 899, [4/19/04](#)]

### **July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Repeatedly Attacked Davis-Bacon Protections**

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#### **McSally Repeatedly Attacked Davis-Bacon Wage Protections For Construction Workers On Public Works And Infrastructure Projects**

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**March 2020: McSally Co-Sponsored The Davis-Bacon Repeal Act.** [Congress.gov, S.2360, [3/9/20](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In July 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce prevailing wage requirements associated with the Davis-Bacon Act, which specify the basis for wages paid to employees by companies under contract with the federal government.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, [Vote #419](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In September 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #445](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In September 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #453](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In September 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or



enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-240. [H R 3354, [Vote #464](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

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**As Of 2020, McSally Had A 16 Percent Lifetime Score From AFL-CIO**

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As Of 2020, McSally Had A 16 Percent Lifetime Score From AFL-CIO. [AFL-CIO, accessed [3/28/22](#)]

**2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign, Which Attacked Unions**

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**2012: Romney Attacked Unions On The Campaign Trail, Supported Right-To-Work Policies, And Opposed Prevailing Wage Protections On Federal Public Works Projects**

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**2012: Romney Supported Right-To-Work Laws.** “In addition to supporting a right-to-work-law, Romney has called for the repeal of a federal law requiring the prevailing local wage to be paid on public-works projects. He has pledged that on the first day of his presidency he would forbid any union preference in federal contracting and said he would fight rules allowing union dues to be taken out of paychecks to fund political activities.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/26/12](#)]

**2012: Romney Called Union Leaders, Which He Blamed For Damage To The Auto Industry, “Stooges” And “Bosses” On The Campaign Trail.** “As Mitt Romney seeks victory in his native state’s primary, he has made organized labor enemy No. 1. He has railed against union ‘stooges’ and ‘bosses,’ arguing that their demands nearly killed the auto industry and gravely wounded America’s competitiveness.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/26/12](#)]

**2012: Romney Called For Repeal Of Prevailing Wage Protections On Federal Public Works Projects And Opposed Federal Preferences For Union Contractors.** “In addition to supporting a right-to-work-law, Romney has called for the repeal of a federal law requiring the prevailing local wage to be paid on public-works projects. He has pledged that on the first day of his presidency he would forbid any union preference in federal contracting and said he would fight rules allowing union dues to be taken out of paychecks to fund political activities.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/26/12](#)]

**2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Economic Policy For Romney’s Presidential Campaign; Romney Attacked Unions On The Campaign Trail**

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**October 2007: Romney Criticized “Bad Unions” That “Go Too Far And Who Forget That In Order For Them To Be Successful, The Enterprise That They're Involved With Has To Also Be Successful”**

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**October 2007: Romney Criticized “Bad Unions” That “Go Too Far And Who Forget That In Order For Them To Be Successful, The Enterprise That They're Involved With Has To Also Be Successful.”** “MR. ROMNEY: Senator McCain is sure right on that point. With regards to unions overall, there are some good ones and some not so good. The good ones are those that say, ‘How can we do a better and better job helping our members have better and better skills, and making sure that the enterprises they work in are more and more’ -- MR. MATTHEWS: Can you name a few ‘good’ unions? MR. ROMNEY: Yeah, like the Carpenters Union, for instance, does a great job training their members and making them more effective and more efficient, and they get higher compensation as a result of it. There are also bad unions. I'm probably not going to name specific bad unions, but there are -- (laughter) -- but there are bad unions as well, which -- who go too far and who forget that in order for them to be successful, the enterprise that they're involved with has to also be successful.” [New York Times, [10/9/07](#)]

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**2003 –2006: Bognet Advised Gov. Schwarzenegger On Jobs Issues While Schwarzenegger Antagonized Unions**

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**2005: Schwarzenegger Forced A Special Election To Cut Pensions And Weaken Unions, But His Initiatives Were Rejected By Voters**

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**April 2005: A Wide Array Of Unions Protested Schwarzenegger's Plans For A Special Election On Whether To Cut State Workers' Pensions And Change How Teachers Were Paid.** "If there's doubt that Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's special-election push is in big trouble, foes in the Bay Area plan to crush it today. Even a conservative GOP group joined the opposition as traditional Democratic constituencies on Monday prepared a massive protest outside a Schwarzenegger fund-raiser scheduled tonight at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in San Francisco. An array of labor unions, representing everyone from nurses to teachers, hope to field 10,000 protesters loud enough to drown out Schwarzenegger's pitch inside for a fall special election. His initiatives would, among other things, curtail state-worker pensions, change the way teachers are paid and establish new fiscal controls affecting schools." [East Bay Times, [4/5/05](#)]

- **Schwarzenegger Also Included A Ballot Measure On Whether To Require Public Workers' Unions To Get Written Consent From Members Before Engaging In Political Spending.** "In a sharp repudiation of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, voters rejected his most sweeping ballot proposals on Tuesday in an election that shattered his image as an agent of the popular will. Voters turned down his proposals to curb state spending, redraw California's political map and lengthen the time it takes teachers to get tenure. With most of the votes counted, Californians were leaning against Proposition 75, his plan to require unions for public workers to get written consent from members before spending their dues money on politics." [Los Angeles Times, [11/9/05](#)]

**May 2005: Los Angeles Times Headline: "Gov. Readies Special Election to Attack Legislature, Unions."** [Los Angeles Times, [5/17/05](#)]

**November 2005: Seattle Times Headline: "Schwarzenegger Suffers Major Defeat As His Four Ballot Initiatives Fail."** [Seattle Times, [11/9/05](#)]

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**2005: Schwarzenegger Engaged In A Legal Battle Against A Law That Gained The Support Of Nurses' Unions, Of Whom He Said, "The Special Interests Just Don't Like Me [...] I'm Always Kicking Their Butts"**

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**November 2005: Schwarzenegger Abandoned A Lawsuit He Filed Against A Law To Require More Nurses In Hospitals, Causing More Than 100 Nurses' Union-Led Demonstrations Against Him.** "Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has given up a yearlong legal battle with the state's nurses union, among his most ardent critics, over a state law that requires more nurses in hospitals. Mr. Schwarzenegger was opposed to the law, which mandated that California hospitals raise hospital staffing ratios to one nurse for each five patients, from one to six, beginning this year. He issued an emergency declaration last November blocking the new ratios, setting off a court fight and angering the union, the California Nurses Association, which staged more than 100 public demonstrations against him." [New York Times, [11/12/05](#)]

- **Schwarzenegger Said Of Nurses' Unions, "The Special Interests Just Don't Like Me In Sacramento Because I'm Always Kicking Their Butts."** "JAFPE: By now, Schwarzenegger must be used to ranks of chanting nurses following him around everywhere he goes. They were one of many unions that helped to defeat his special election measures last year. But their protests go back further than that, to when Schwarzenegger tried to suspend a new law that called for hospitals to hire more nurses. When CNA members heckled the governor at a big convention, his retort made them famous. Governor ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER (California): Pay no attention to those voices over there, by the way. Those are the special interests, if you know what I mean. Okay? The special interests just don't like me in Sacramento because I'm always kicking their butts. That's why they don't like me. (Soundbite of applause) JAFPE: The CNA ultimately won the fight over hospital staffing in court. If Schwarzenegger helped make them famous, the CNA made sure to keep itself

in the public eye, with stunts like renting airplanes to fly over the governor's fundraisers trailing anti-Schwarzenegger banners.” [NPR, [8/8/06](#)]

## **Bognet Did Not Recognize Environmental Risks To NEPA And Worked On Behalf Of Notorious Polluters**

**October 2020: Bognet Did Not Recognize Dangers Posed To NEPA Residents By Transporting Explosive Natural Gas Between Bradford County And New Jersey, Which Local Governments Opposed**

**December 2019: The Trump Administration Issued A Permit Allowing For Transport Explosive Liquefied Natural Gas Between Pennsylvania And New Jersey Through NEPA, Which Local Governments Opposed**

**December 2019: The Trump Administration Issued A Permit Allowing For Two 100-Car Trains To Transport Liquefied Natural Gas Between Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, And Gibbstown, New Jersey.** “The Special Permit, issued by the Trump administration in December 2019, would allow Energy Transport Solutions, a unit of New Fortress Energy, to run up to two 100-car trains a day from a planned liquefaction plant at Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, to Gibbstown. There the fuel would be loaded onto ships at what would be New Jersey’s first LNG export terminal. The facility would represent an expansion of an existing port called the Gibbstown Logistics Center.” [NJ Spotlight News, [11/23/21](#)]

- **The Trains Would Travel Along The Susquehanna River Through Lackawanna And Luzerne Counties.** “From the Wyalusing plant, Lehigh Railway would carry the bomb trains until the railway interchanges with the Reading & Northern Railroad lines at Mehoopany in Wyoming County. From there, trains would likely travel alongside the Susquehanna River through Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, then south through Carbon, Schuylkill and Berks counties. Once arriving in Reading, cargo would travel along a Norfolk Southern line to Philadelphia or via Trenton. See the Pennsylvania Railroad Map.” [PennFuture, Blog, [9/9/20](#)]

**Opponents Of The Permit Said The Trains Carrying Liquefied Natural Gas, Or “Bomb Trains,” Could Expose New Jersey And Pennsylvania Residents To “Catastrophic Explosions” And Leak Methane.** “Critics say that transport of the fuel in tank cars — dubbed ‘bomb trains’ by opponents — through densely populated areas including Camden and Philadelphia exposes populations to a risk of catastrophic explosions and should be blocked by federal and state authorities. They also argue that exporting LNG would stimulate the production of natural gas and lead to more leaks of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, at a time when world leaders are trying to curb carbon emissions to slow climate change.” [NJ Spotlight News, [11/23/21](#)]

**As Of December 2020, The Governments Of Pittston Township In Luzerne County, Three Boroughs And A Township In Lackawanna County, And Scranton Passed Resolutions Against The LNG Transport.** “Sixteen resolutions have been passed by local government units opposing the transportation and handling of LNG in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware: Clarks Green Borough, Lackawanna County, PA; Clarks Summit Borough, Lackawanna County, PA; South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, PA; Scranton City, Lackawanna County, PA; Jessup Borough, Lackawanna County, PA; Pittston Township, Luzerne County, PA; Lehigh County Board of Commissioners, Lehigh County, PA; Kutztown Borough, Berks County, PA; Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA; Penndel Borough, Bucks County, PA; Runnemede, Camden County, NJ; Haddon Township, Camden County, NJ; City of Burlington, Burlington County, NJ; Pennsauken Township, Camden County, NJ; City of Wilmington, New Castle County, DE; Bellefonte, New Castle County, DE. More than two dozen more municipalities are in the process of considering resolutions.” [Delaware River Keeper Network, Press Release, [12/4/20](#)]

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**October 2020 Editorial: Bognet Had “No Sense Of The Danger” Of The Dangers The Explosive LNG Transport Posed To PA-08 Residents**

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**October 2020 Wilkes-Barre Citizen’s Voice Editorial: Bognet Had “No Sense Of The Danger” Posed To NEPA By Daily Shipments Of Explosive Liquefied Natural Gas Between Bradford County And New Jersey.**

“Bognet, however, who lived outside NEPA for 25 years before returning two years ago, clearly is not deeply conversant with the district -- at least our part of it -- and several crucial issues. In an interview, for example, he seemed to have no sense of the danger posed to heavily populated parts of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties by allowing daily shipments by truck or rail of 4 million gallons of explosive liquefied natural gas from a processing plant in Bradford County to an export terminal in New Jersey. To Bognet, the natural gas industry must be protected first, rather than his would-be constituents who might be in its path.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

- **Editorial: “To Bognet, The Natural Gas Industry Must Be Protected First, Rather Than His Would-Be Constituents Who Might Be In Its Path.”** [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet Did Not Know That Pennsylvania Could Not Restrict Millions Of Tons Of Trash Other States Shipped To It Without Congressional Authorization**

**October 2020: Editorial: Bognet Did Not Know Pennsylvania’s Government Could Not Restrict Millions Of Tons Of Garbage Shipped In From Other States Without Congressional Authorization.** “Bognet, however, who lived outside NEPA for 25 years before returning two years ago, clearly is not deeply conversant with the district -- at least our part of it -- and several crucial issues. In an interview, for example, he seemed to have no sense of the danger posed to heavily populated parts of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties by allowing daily shipments by truck or rail of 4 million gallons of explosive liquefied natural gas from a processing plant in Bradford County to an export terminal in New Jersey. To Bognet, the natural gas industry must be protected first, rather than his would-be constituents who might be in its path. And Bognet did not realize that Pennsylvania's government could not restrict hundreds of millions of tons of garbage shipped here from other states unless Congress authorizes it to do so.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

**According To Sen. Bob Casey, Pennsylvania Was A “Top Waste Importing State” And Imported 6.4 Million Tons Of Waste Annually In 2013.** “Municipal waste is generated by 12 million Pennsylvania citizens, the government and upwards of thousands of commercial businesses across the state. According to DEP, since 2006: The annual quantity of municipal waste from Pennsylvania managed at Pennsylvania’s landfills and resource recovery facilities has decreased from 10.3 million tons to 8.5 million tons in 2013. The per capita disposal of municipal waste in Pennsylvania decreased from 4.53 pounds/person/day to 3.7 pounds/person/day in 2013. Out of state waste decreased from 9.2 million tons/year to 6.4 millions tons/year in 2013. Pennsylvania is a top waste importing state. In 2014, out-of-state waste (including MSW, residual, construction waste, etc.) came from: New Jersey – 3,516,904 tons New York – 2,682,977 tons Maryland – 593,230 tons West Virginia – 170,903 tons DC – 75,110 tons Delaware – 64,452 tons Connecticut – 43,123 tons Ohio – 38,545 tons Virginia – 4,590 tons Massachusetts – 1,809 tons Puerto Rico – 1,646 tons North Carolina – 1,254 California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin – minimal amounts (under 300 tons)” [Sen. Bob Casey, Press Release, [8/5/15](#)]

- **Sen. Casey: “Pennsylvania Shouldn’t Be A Dumping Ground For Trash From Other States.”** “Washington DC- Today, U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) announced that he has introduced legislation, the TRASH Act, to restrict the flow of out-of-state trash into Pennsylvania. The legislation would give states the ability to leverage their own solid waste management plans to create higher standards thereby restricting interstate waste imports. The bill would also allow states to impose higher fees on out of state waste. ‘Pennsylvania shouldn’t be a dumping ground for trash from other states,’ Senator Casey said.” [Sen. Bob Casey, Press Release, [8/5/15](#)]

### 2017 – 2018: 3M, A Notorious PFAS Polluter, Paid Glover Park Group \$120,000 To Lobby On Environmental And Chemical Issues Including The Safe Drinking Water Act While Bognet Was The Firm’s Senior VP

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$120,000 For Lobbying On Behalf Of 3M Related To Laws Like The Toxic Substances Control Act And Safe Drinking Water Act**

**October 2016 – March 2018: Glover Park Group Was Paid \$120,000 For A Team Of Four Lobbyists, Including Rob Seidman And Brian Gaston, To Lobby On Issues “Related to The Environment, TSCA [Toxic Substances Control Act], SDWA [Safe Drinking Water Act], And Chemicals” On Behalf Of 3M.** United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying on behalf of 3M, see [Energy & Environment Issues](#) section.*

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,740 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied On Behalf Of 3M While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied On Behalf Of 3M Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	8/10/20	\$500
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,750</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 3M Was A Leading Producer Of PFAS, Chemicals Found In Drinking Water That Were Strongly Linked To Serious Health Issues

**PFAS Were Chemicals Found In Drinking Water And “Strongly Linked” To Cancer, Birth Defects, Kidney And Liver Disease, And Other Serious Health Problems.** “PFAS, also called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a class of 4,500 fluorinated compounds that for decades have been used to make thousands of products water and stain resistant. They’re increasingly ubiquitous in the environment and human bodies because they don’t naturally break down, and they’ve been strongly linked to cancer, liver disease, kidney disease, birth defects and a range of other serious health problems. [...] By some estimates, toxic PFAS are in drinking water for well over 100 million people and are contaminating 98% of Americans’ blood. Though industry has for decades known of the chemicals’ environmental and human toll, they continue sending PFAS to the market.” [The Guardian, [4/26/21](#)]

**Environmental Working Group: 3M Was A “Leading Producer” Of PFAS For Decades.** “For decades, 3M was a leading producer of the toxic fluorinated chemicals known as PFAS. As early as the 1950s, 3M’s own studies showed that PFAS chemicals built up in blood, and by the 1960s, 3M’s own animal studies showed the potential for harm. Yet 3M continued to produce PFAS chemicals without notifying its employees of the risks.” [EWG, [9/11/19](#)]



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**3M Was Sued Multiple Times For Drinking Water Pollution, Including For Violations Of The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)**

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**June 2019: 3M Admitted It Polluted The Tennessee River, Which Provided Drinking Water To Thousands Of People, With PFAS In Violation Of The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).** “3M has voluntarily acknowledged to regulators that its Decatur, Alabama, plant illegally released a perfluorinated chemical to the Tennessee River, which supplies drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people. The chemical is perfluorobutane sulfonamide (FBSA), which the company began to manufacture and use at the Decatur facility in 2009. As a condition of allowing manufacture of the substance under the US Toxic Substances Control Act, the Environmental Protection Agency prohibited 3M from releasing FBSA into US waterways. [...] FBSA and FBSEE are intermediates used to make fluorochemical products, according to 3M, including water- and stain-resistant coatings. Data on the toxicity of FBSA and FBSEE wasn’t immediately available. The chemicals are in a class of environmentally persistent pollutants known as per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS). In late April, 3M settled a lawsuit brought by a Decatur area water utility over longstanding PFAS contamination in the Tennessee River, agreeing to pay \$35 million to fund a new filtration facility.” [Chemical & Engineering News, [6/25/19](#)]

**February 2018: 3M Settled With The State Of Minnesota For \$850 Million Over Contamination Of Drinking Water.** “Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson on Tuesday announced an \$850 million settlement in the state's lawsuit against 3M over water contamination by perfluorochemicals, or PFCs, in several east Twin Cities suburbs. A trial in the state's largest environmental lawsuit had been set to begin Tuesday with jury selection. The state sought \$5 billion in punitive damages from 3M. The state will use settlement funds for drinking water and water sustainability projects in areas affected by the contamination.” [MPR News, [2/20/18](#)]

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**PFAS Producers “Found A Powerful Friend” Through Outreach To The Military, Which Would Have Had To Pay For PFAS Cleanups At Bases If Regulations Were Tightened.** “Though records show PFAS producers extensively lobbied the EPA as the rules moved, they weren’t alone. Industry found a powerful ally in the military, which likely opposed the rules because it could also be held liable for cleanup costs at least 400 bases, Woolford said. Meanwhile, Trump stocked the EPA with political appointees who previously worked in the PFAS industry, including an American Chemistry Council lobbyist, a Dow attorney and a Koch industry executive.” [The Guardian, [4/26/21](#)]

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**As Of October 2021, The Tobyhanna Army Depot Was An Active PFAS Contamination Site In PA-08**

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**As Of October 2021, The Tobyhanna Army Depot In Coolbaugh Township Was An Active PFAS Contamination Site In PA-08.** [EWG, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**2016 – 2017: Exelon, Which Faced Multiple Lawsuits Over Pollution In And Near Pennsylvania, Paid Glover Park Group \$60,000 To Lobby On Pollution Issues While Bognet Was The Firm’s VP**

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**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$60,000 For Lobbying For Exelon On The Clean Air Act And Other Pollution Issues**

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**January 2016 – June 2017: Exelon Paid The Glover Park Group \$60,000 For A Team Of Up To Five Lobbyists, Including Alex Mistri And Jon Gans, To Lobby On Issues “Regarding EPA Oversight And EPA Rulemaking Under The Clean Air Act As Well As On Other Pollution And Water Use Issues.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying for Exelon, see [Energy & Environment Issues](#) section.*

## 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,000 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Exelon While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied For Exelon Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
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Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	6/19/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp	4/29/20	\$1,000
Total				\$5,000

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

## Exelon Was Sued Multiple Times For Pollution In And Near Pennsylvania, Including For A Violation Of The Clean Air Act

**2003: Exelon Settled For \$20,000 Over Allegations That It Exceeded Emission Limits Outlined In The Clean Air Act At A Generating Station In Philadelphia.** “Exelon Generation Co. LLC has agreed to pay a \$20,000 penalty to settle an EPA complaint alleging Clean Air Act violations at Exelon’s Delaware Generating Station, located at 1325 N. Beach St., Philadelphia, Pa. EPA cited the company for violating a requirement of its state-issued Clean Air Act permit designed to limit the opacity of emissions from the facility’s two larger boilers. Opacity is caused by particulate matter in the air emissions. Particulate pollution has been linked to asthma and other respiratory illnesses, increased mortality, and reduced visibility. The Clean Air Act permit, which was issued by the City of Philadelphia, prohibited emissions from these stacks that exceeding 60 percent opacity at any time, or exceeding 20 percent for more than three minutes in any hour. An EPA inspector and opacity monitoring equipment documented that emissions from both stacks exceeded these limits on July 29, 2002. As part of the settlement, the company has neither admitted nor denied the alleged violation.” [Environmental Protection Agency, Press Release, [4/8/03](#)]

**2019: Exelon Settled For \$200 Million Over Allegations That It Contributed To Pollution Of The Chesapeake Bay Through Its Operation Of The Conowingo Near The Maryland-Pennsylvania Border.** “Energy giant Exelon Generation has agreed to pay \$200 million to help restore the Chesapeake Bay and protect parts of it from the impacts of climate change. The deal ends a months-long lawsuit over the company’s operation of Conowingo Dam, the nearly century-old hydroelectric facility that is Maryland’s largest source of renewable energy. Exelon and Gov. Larry Hogan’s administration had been fighting over how much the company should contribute to reversing the region’s declining water quality and mitigating pollution from upstream sources. The deal, announced Tuesday by Hogan (R), would pour tens of millions apiece into an array of environmental and ecosystem projects, including a pilot program to dredge some sediment built up behind the dam, funding research, creating a mussel hatchery and making it easier for eels to swim through the dam, which sits on the Susquehanna River not far from the Maryland-Pennsylvania border.” [Washington Post, [10/29/19](#)]

## Bognet Praised Efforts In Support Of Overturning Roe And Supported Restrictions On Abortion Access

### Bognet Called Himself “Pro-Life” And Supported Restrictions On Abortion Access

### Bognet: “Northeastern Pennsylvania Is Pro-Life, Pres. Trump is Pro-Life, and I’m Pro-Life.”

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[Twitter, Bognet 4 Congress, [2/4/20](#)]

**March 2020: Bognet Called Himself “100 Percent Pro-Life” And “For Fetal Life.”** “I’m sure about this: I’m 100% pro-life. I believe in the sanctity of life, not just for fetal life, but also at the end of life. We have to promote a culture that values the dignity of life.” [Sam Lesante Show, 3/13] (VIDEO) 12:30

*Note: Bognet’s interview on the Sam Lesante Show on [YouTube](#) is now private. It is on Vantage.*

**Bognet Attacked Cartwright For “Pushing For More And Easier Access To Abortion.”** “[HOST:] What is a Republican majority in the House going to be able to do that a Democrat majority isn’t doing for the American people right now? [...] [BOGNET:] Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Matt Cartwright are pushing for more and easier access to abortion. That will never happen with Republicans in power.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 16:36

### May 2022: Bognet Said A Draft Opinion Overturning Roe v. Wade Was “Amazing News” And “Motivating”

**Bognet On The Draft Supreme Court Opinion Overturning Roe v. Wade: “I Think This Is Amazing News. And I Think It’s An Amazing Time To Be Alive.”** HOST: “Jim, what are your thoughts on on what's going on with the Supreme Court? First of all the the you know what, what the suggestion that they're going to overturn Roe but also the leak, which which I have been saying is politicizing the Supreme Court. Any thoughts on that? Sir?” BOGNET: “The leak is shameful. The leak is criminal, the leaker should be dealt with harshly and removed from office, the Supreme Court supposed to be an objective branch of our government, not open the political pressure. The leaker was obviously trying to politically pressure and stop this from happening. So I condemn that unequivocally. But I want to point out something Frank, we in the pro life community have fought for life for 49 long years. I remember going to church, most precious blood church in Hazleton as a kid. And here in the words of John Paul, the second, the bishop Timlin, and other bishops repeated that we need a culture of life. This is if this opinion gets issued, as stated, is a huge victory for a culture of life. It doesn't do anything except allow the states to make their own laws. This is a question that should be decided by representatives of the people, Frank. That's what's being lost and all the hubbub and MSNBC in the corporate media melting down. This returns decisions about life issues to our elected representatives, which is what a democracy is supposed to be. So I think this is amazing news. And I think this is an amazing time to be alive, Frank, it's taken 49 years.” [Frank Andrews Show, Interview with Jim Bognet, [5/4/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Bognet Said The Draft Supreme Court Opinion Overturning Roe v. Wade Was “Motivating” And “Welcome News For Those Of Us Who Believe In A Culture Of Life.”** “Bognet, who joined President Trump on stage during his rally in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on May 6, called the leak ‘shameful’ but celebrated the court’s

decision to overturn the case as ‘welcome news for those of us who believe in a culture of life.’ ‘We have been fighting for 49 years to try to do a better job at protecting the most vulnerable among us in our country,’ Bognet told RSBN. ‘It’s really motivating to know that we can succeed there.’” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [5/16/22](#)]

### January 2020: Bognet Praised The March For Life, Which Supported Overturning Roe

**January 2020: Bognet On The March For Life: “I Stand In Solidarity With The Tens Of Thousands Of Dedicated Activists Descending On Washington Today To Make Their Voices Heard.”** “I applaud President Trump for becoming the first sitting president to attend the March for Life, and I stand in solidarity with the tens of thousands of dedicated activists descending on Washington today to make their voices heard. Since taking office, the President has not only talked the talk, he has walked the walk promoting the sanctity of life, especially for his efforts to transform the judiciary for generations to come with the appointment of a record number of conservative judges Unfortunately, Nancy Pelosi is the most pro-abortion Speaker in the history of our country, and has been supported every step of the way by Congressman Cartwright. That changes next year when I go to Congress to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with President Trump as a strong ally of and proponent for the pro-life movement.”



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January 24, 2020 · 🌐

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[Jim Bognet Facebook, [1/24/20](#)]

**January 2020: Bognet Praised Trump’s Support Of The March For Life.** “Candidate for Congress Jim Bognet praises President Donald J. Trump for his participation Friday in the March for Life rally in Washington. ‘I applaud President Trump for becoming the first sitting president to attend the March for Life, and I stand in solidarity with the tens of thousands of dedicated activists descending on Washington today to make their voices heard.’” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [1/24/20](#)]

**January 2022: NPR Headline: “March For Life Organizers Hope This Is The Year Roe V. Wade Is Overturned.”** [NPR, [1/21/22](#)]

### Bognet Historically Worked To Advance Corporate Interests, Often Against Protections For Consumers And Small Businesses

*Note: For a timeline of Bognet’s professional career, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

**2020: Bognet Stated His Consultancy Aided Companies That Faced Lawsuits “By Firms Like Matt Cartwright’s” By Helping With Their “Reputation Management;” Cartwright Specialized In Litigation Against Predatory Corporations**

**October 2020: Bognet Explained His Profession As A Consultant: “I Help Companies That Are Being Sued By Firms Like Matt Cartwright’s [...] With Their Reputation Management.”** “[BOBBY GUNTHER WALSH:] Jim, what do you do for a living? [BOGNET:] I’m a consultant. I help companies that are being sued by firms like Matt Cartwright’s, explain what they’re trying to do. I help them with their reputation management, management consultant, and my family’s in the construction businesses.” [WAEB via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [10/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:55

**Cartwright’s Law Practice Specialized In Representing Victims And Consumers In Personal Litigation.** “For the past 25 years Cartwright worked as an attorney and partner for Munley, Munley and Cartwright, a Scranton firm specializing in representation of victims and consumers in personal litigation.” [Penn Law, [1/13/13](#)]

**Cartwright Represented People And Small Businesses In Cases Against Predatory Banks, Insurance Companies, And Collection Agencies.** “Cartwright, 50, has spent the past 24 years as an attorney for Munley, Munley and Cartwright, a Scranton-based firm. [...] His campaign hails his legal work as protecting people and small businesses from predatory banks and insurance companies. Cartwright successfully litigated cases such as defending a widow against a credit card collection agency that made mistakes in billing cancer treatments for her late husband, according to his campaign.” [Lehigh Valley Morning Call, [4/19/12](#)]

<b>2016 – 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, Where He Said He Worked To “Influence Public Narratives” And Policy Proposals For Large Corporations</b>
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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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### Bognet Began His Career On Wall Street

**May – July 2001: Bognet Was A Summer Associate Attorney At Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom In New York City, NY, A “Top Wall Street Law Firm,” According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Summer Associate Attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom in New York City, NY from May to July 2001. He described this role: “Served as a summer associate attorney at a top Wall Street law firm.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**July 1997 – January 1998: Bognet Was An Investment Banking Analyst At Merrill Lynch In New York City Immediately After Graduating From Undergrad, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was an investment banking analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York City, NY from July 1997 to January 1998. He described this role: “Developed complex financial models of management buyouts, IPOs, and recapitalizations” Bognet graduated from undergrad at Penn State in May 1997. [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$860,000 To Lobby On Financial Issues For Proponents Of Credit Card Swipe Fees That Hurt Consumers And Small Businesses

**2016: The American Bankers Association (ABA) Paid The Glover Park Group \$360,000 For Lobbying For On Issues Related To Credit Cards**

**January 2016 – March 2018: The American Bankers Association (ABA) Paid The Glover Park Group \$360,000 For A Team Of Up To Four Lobbyists, Including Brian Gaston And Jon Gans, To Lobby On “Issues Related To Credit Cards.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying for ABA, see [Consumer Issues & Financial Protections](#) section.*

**2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$3,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented ABA While Bognet Worked There**

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented ABA Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250

Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
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<b>Total</b>				<b>\$3,500</b>

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### ABA Was “The Largest U.S. Bank Lobby” And Represented Wall Street Banks

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### ABA Opposed The Passage Of Wall Street Reform, Then Spent Millions On Lobbying To Water It Down

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**2010: The ABA “Strongly Opposed” Wall Street Reform.** “The American Bankers Association was strongly opposed to Democratic Wall Street reform before the law passed. But now that the government has begun to implement Dodd-Frank, the ABA says that it would be majorly disruptive to repeal the entire law, as most Republicans want to do.” [Washington Post, [11/30/11](#)]

**2011: The ABA Spent \$4.6 Million On Lobbying To Water Down Wall Street Reform, Including Weakening The Law’s Regulations On Derivatives And The Volcker Rule.** “In fact, the biggest changes under Dodd-Frank have yet to be completely written, much less implemented, as the agencies slated to do so are behind schedule. So interest groups have been actively pushing to shape derivatives regulations, the Volcker rule and other major pieces of the law: as of August, the ABA spent \$4.6 million on lobbying to do so.” [Washington Post, [11/30/11](#)]

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### 2017: ABA Opposed Caps On Credit Card Fees That Cost Consumers And Small Businesses

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**2011: The ABA Opposed A 12-Cent Cap On Credit Card Swipe Fees That Passed As Part Of Wall Street Reform In 2010.** “Banks and credit-card lobbyists lost big last year when Congress approved new restrictions on billions of dollars in debit-card fees charged to retailers. Now with more GOP allies in Congress, they hope to try again. Under proposed rules issued by the Federal Reserve last month, the so-called interchange fee, or “swipe fee,” on debit cards issued by major banks would be capped at 12 cents, which is about 70 percent lower than the average fee on such transactions last year. The Fed was required to address the issue as part of the Wall Street reform legislation passed by Congress. [...] But the lower fees are strongly opposed by banks and credit-card firms, which argue that they will be forced to make up for the lost revenue by charging consumers in other ways. The American Bankers Association and other business groups are lobbying lawmakers and regulators to reconsider the policy.” [Washington Post, [1/13/11](#)]

**April 2017: The ABA Supported A Proposal To Repeal The Swipe Fee Caps In The Financial CHOICE Act While Interest Groups Began “Ramping Up Their Lobbying Efforts” On The Bill.** “Groups representing the retail and banking industries are ramping up their lobbying efforts to do battle over limitations on debit card swipe fees contained in the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act. The swipe fee limitation — known as the Durbin amendment after its sponsor, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) — would be repealed under the Dodd-Frank replacement plan recently put forth by House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas). The proposed change in Hensarling’s Financial CHOICE Act is vehemently opposed by the retail industry and strongly supported by the American Bankers Association and the Independent Community Bankers of America. [...] Meanwhile, the banking industry is defending Hensarling’s proposal. American Bankers Association President and Chief Executive Rob Nichols

wrote an op-ed in the The Hill today characterizing the swipe fee restrictions as ‘government price controls.’ Jeff Sigmund, an ABA spokesman, said the group plans to ‘be involved in grassroots efforts with national trades throughout the consideration of the Financial CHOICE Act.’” [Morning Consult, [4/25/17](#)]

- **May 2017: House Republicans Dropped Repeal Of Swipe Fee Caps From The Financial CHOICE Act.** “House Republican leaders will drop language from a sweeping bank deregulation bill that would have eliminated a cap on debit card swipe fees, handing a major victory to retail lobbyists who spent months trying to kill the provision.” [Politico, [5/24/17](#)]

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### 2016 – 2018: Members Of The Electronic Payments Coalition, Which Opposed Swipe Fee Caps, Paid The Glover Park Group An Additional \$500,000

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**Visa And JPMorgan Were Members Of The Electronic Payments Coalition.** “Financial firms counter that retailers and tech companies do have representatives who weigh in on rules for credit cards, and this is yet another end run around paying the much-hated swipe fees. ‘All players in the payments ecosystem — including retailers — have the opportunity to provide feedback and participate in the process,’ said Jeff Tassey, chairman of Electronic Payments Coalition, whose members include networks like Visa and banks like JPMorgan Chase & Co.” [PYMNTS, [6/7/18](#)]

**The Electronic Payments Coalition Called Swipe Fee Caps A “Crony Handout That Has Generated Unearned Billions For The Big Box Retailers And Heartburn For Their Customers.”** “Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, agreed to remove a provision that repealed a cap on debit-card transaction fees known as the Durbin amendment—an issue that pits retailers and banks against each other and was bitterly fought as the legislation progressed to the House floor. Wednesday’s move is seen as a victory for retailers. [...] Financial-services firms, which view the Durbin amendment as a federal price control, criticized the move. ‘This is a crony handout that has generated unearned billions for the big box retailers and heartburn for their customers,’ said Molly Wilkinson, executive director of the Electronic Payments Coalition, a group of financial-services firms.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/24/17](#)]

**January 2016 – December 2017: Visa Paid The Glover Park Group \$480,000 For A Team Of Up To Six Lobbyists, Including Brian Gaston, Jon Gans, And Rob Seidman, To Lobby On “Issues Related To Credit Cards, Privacy, Data Breach, Cyber Security And Tax Issues.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**January 2016 – June 2016: JPMorgan Paid The Glover Park Group \$20,000 For A Team Of Four Lobbyists, Including Brian Gaston And Jon Gans, To Lobby On “Financial Services Related Issues.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group’s lobbying for Visa and JPMorgan, see [Consumer Issues & Financial Protections](#) section.*

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### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,250 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Visa And JPMorgan While Bognet Worked There

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Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	8/10/20	\$500
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### Sen. Durbin: Swipe Fees Cost Consumers Billions Annually And Hurt Small Businesses

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**Sen. Durbin, Author Of The Amendment That Capped Swipe Fees: Consumers Pay “Billions Per Year In Hidden Interchange Fees That Are Passed On To Them In Higher Prices For Gas And Groceries.”** “It is also unfair to consumers, particularly low-income consumers and those without banking accounts, who pay billions per year in hidden interchange fees that are passed on to them in higher prices for gas and groceries. How about that. I had some people in my office today talking about the price of gasoline. They said: Understand, every time a customer uses a Visa or a MasterCard, they are taking a percentage of that cost on the gallon of gasoline. Their percentage keeps going up, and in order to have a profit, to keep the lights on, we have to keep raising the price of gasoline to keep up with the credit card companies, let alone the national oil companies.” [Sen. Durbin, Press Release, [3/10/11](#)]

**Durbin: Swipe Fees Allowed Big Banks To Profit At The Expense Of Small Businesses That Lacked The Ability To Renegotiate Swipe Fees.** “It is easy to see why banks and card networks set up this system. It makes the banks happy because they get billions of dollars a year in high fees, and they don't have to worry about competition. It makes the networks happy because they get their own network fee each time a card is swiped, and high interchange means banks will issue more cards. But it is unfair to those who are receiving the cards--for example, the restaurants, the merchants, the shops, the book stores, universities, charities, convenience stores--because they have no power to negotiate this fee. They can't hold off and say: Wait a minute, if you want us to take Visa at our store, we want to know how much you are going to charge us every time a customer uses a Visa card. There is no way to have any conversation on that. Visa establishes what the swipe fee will be.” [Sen. Durbin, Press Release, [3/10/11](#)]

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$20,000 To Lobby For FICO On A Bill To End Its Monopoly On Credit Scoring For Mortgages**

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### 2017 – 2018: FICO Paid The Glover Park Group \$20,000 For Lobbying On The Credit Score Competition Act

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**September 2017 – March 2018: Fair Isaac Corporation Paid The Glover Park Group \$20,000 To Lobby On “Issues Related To Credit Scores, HR 898 – The Credit Score Competition Act And S. 2155.”** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

*Note: For full details of Glover Park Group's lobbying for FICO, see [Consumer Issues & Financial Protections](#) section.*

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### The Credit Score Competition Act Was Aimed At Ending FICO's Monopoly On Credit Scoring For Mortgages To Expand Eligibility For Homeownership

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**February 2017: HousingWire Headline: “House Reintroduces Bill To End ‘FICO Monopoly’ At Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac.”** [HousingWire, [2/8/17](#)]

**Rep. Ed Royce Called The Credit Score Competition Act A “Opens Up The Market In A Responsible Manner For Those Qualified To Buy A Home And Eliminates The Government-Backed Monopoly In Credit Scoring.”** ““Alternative credit score consideration by the GSEs is a win-win: it opens up the market in a responsible manner for those qualified to buy a home and eliminates the government-backed monopoly in credit scoring,” Royce said. ‘That’s why the Credit Score Competition Act has garnered such strong bipartisan support.’” [Financial Regulation News, [2/10/17](#)]

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**2014: Bognet Was Paid More Than \$85,000 By Two Campaigns Against Referenda To Require Labeling Of GMO Products Funded By Huge Corporations**

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**2014: Bognet Was Paid More Than \$85,000 Total By Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition And Oregon’s No On 92 Coalition**

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**September – November 2014: Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition Paid Bognet A Total Of \$93,164.40, Including \$70,000 For “Consultant & Professional Services” And \$18,146.25 For Travel And Lodging.** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**November 2014: Oregon’s No On 92 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$15,266.62 For Management Services.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: For full account of transactions between Colorado’s No on 105 Coalition and Oregon’s No on 92 Coalition and Bognet, see section in [Professional Career Timeline & Payments](#).*

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**Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition And Oregon’s No On 92 Coalition, Which Opposed Requirements To Label Foods Derived From GMOs, Were Funded By Big Agriculture Corporations**

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**Colorado’s Proposition 105 And Oregon’s Measure 92 Would Have Required Labeling Of Foods Derived From GMO Crops.** “Colorado’s Proposition 105 would’ve required food companies to label packaged foods with the text ‘produced with genetic engineering.’ Oregon’s Measure 92 says food labels would need to include the words ‘genetically engineered.’ Many processed foods contain soybean oil, corn syrup, refined sugar and cottonseed oil. Those oils and syrups are often derived from GMO crops that farmers have adopted over the last 18 years. Few whole foods, like the ones you see in the produce aisle, are genetically engineered, though some GE varieties of sweet corn, squash and papaya are approved for sale in the U.S.” [NPR, [11/5/14](#)]

**Efforts Against Colorado And Oregon’s Referenda On GMO Raised Most Of Its Money From “Large Seed Corporations” Like Monsanto And DuPont Pioneer, And Processed Food Companies Like Pepsi.** “Groups opposed to GMO labeling poured big money into efforts to quash the ballot measures, spending more than \$15 million in Colorado alone. In Oregon, opponents of labeling raised more than \$18 million, making the ballot measure the most expensive issue campaign in the state's history. Most of that money came from large seed corporations like Monsanto and DuPont Pioneer, and from processed food companies like Pepsi, Land O’ Lakes and Smucker’s. All of that outside money opened labeling opponents up to criticism of being tied to corporate interests.” [NPR, [11/5/14](#)]

**The Top Ten Contributors To Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition, All Huge Food And Agricultural Corporations, Contributed \$12.7 Million To The Committee, Making Up 83 Percent Of Its Contributions:**

Top 10 Contributors To Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition		
Rank	Contributor	Aggregate Contributions
1	Monsanto Company	\$3,351,276
2	Dupont Pioneer	\$2,590,000
3	Pepsico	\$1,650,000
4	Coca-Cola	\$1,385,000



5	Kraft Foods	\$1,030,000
6	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	\$900,000
7	General Mills, Inc.	\$820,000
8	The Hershey Company	\$380,000
9	The J. M. Smucker Company	\$345,000
10	Dow Agrosciences LLC	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,751,276</b>
<b>Total Percent Of All Contributions To No On 105 In 2014 (\$15,306,103)</b>		<b>83%</b>

[Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Contribution Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**The Top Ten Contributors To Oregon's No On 92 Coalition, All Huge Food And Agricultural Corporations, Contributed \$19.1 Million To The Committee, Making Up 90 Percent Of Its Contributions:**

<b>Top 10 Contributors To Oregon's No On 92 Coalition</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Aggregate Contributions</b>
1	Monsanto Company	\$5,958,750
2	DuPont Pioneer	\$4,928,150
3	PepsiCo, Inc.	\$2,350,000
4	Coca-Cola	\$1,170,000
5	Dow AgroSciences LLC	\$1,157,150
6	Kraft Foods	\$870,000
7	Land O'Lakes	\$760,000
8	Mondelez Global, LLC	\$720,000
9	General Mills	\$695,000
10	Kellogg Company	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,109,050</b>
<b>Total Percent Of All Contributions To No On 92 In 2014 (\$21,292,226.73)</b>		<b>89.7%</b>

[Oregon Secretary of State, Campaign Finance Transaction Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**2020 – 2022: Bognet Reported Compensation From Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA, Which Fought To Delay A California Pig Welfare Law On Behalf Of The Pork Industry**

**2020 – 2022: Bognet Disclosed Receiving Compensation From Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA**

**Bognet Disclosed Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA As A Source Of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 On His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$3,000 In Earned “Consulting Income” From Elevate Public Affairs In 2021.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**March 2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$500 From A Partner At Elevate Public Affairs**

**March 2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$500 From Elizabeth Hansell, Reportedly A Consultant At Elevate Public Affairs.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [3/25/20](#)]

**Hansell Was A Principal At Elevate Public Affairs.** [Elevate Public Affairs, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

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**2021: Elevate Public Affairs Represented A Coalition Of Pork Industry Interests To Delay Implementation Of An Animal Welfare Law Approved By California Voters**

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**January 2022: California's Proposition 12, Requiring Minimum Space Requirements For Breeding Pigs Instead Of Gestation Crates, Was Scheduled To Go Into Effect.** "Driving these stories was a warning from an industry worried about the looming implementation of Proposition 12, the animal welfare ballot initiative that California voters approved by a wide margin in 2018. After a three-year phase-in, the law's final requirements will go into effect on January 1, 2022. Among other rules that affect chickens and veal calves, Prop. 12 mandates minimum space requirements for breeding pigs typically housed in gestation crates and will ban the sale of fresh pork from producers in any state who don't meet those requirements." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

- **Gestation Crates Were Roughly Two-And-Half-By-Seven-Foot Stalls That Did Not Allow Pregnant Pigs To Walk Or Turn Around.** "Since the 1970s, gestation crates have been standard housing in most hog-breeding facilities nationwide. For the nearly four-month duration of her pregnancy, each sow lives, eats, and sleeps in a roughly two-and-half-by-seven-foot stall that does not allow her to walk, turn around, or socialize. After giving birth and living in a slightly larger farrowing crate for a month, she is impregnated again and returned to the stall. The cycle is repeated for three to four years until her production drops off, and she is slaughtered for breakfast sausage." [Civil Eats, [3/21/18](#)]

**Pork Industry Business Interests, Including The California Pork Producers Association, Created Food Equity Alliance To Advocate For Delaying Implementation Of Prop 12.** "It's a change the pork industry has already attempted to fight from multiple angles, and this newest public relations push revolves around an entity called the Food Equity Alliance and a simple price-and-supply analysis commissioned by the group that warns of pork shortages and their impact on communities of color. But the analysis, which the AP erroneously called a study, was far from a comprehensive evaluation of the law's potential impacts on prices and supply, and the Alliance is not, as the name suggests, an existing group fighting for food justice. It's an entity that began developing its web and social media presence this spring when it started calling on Governor Gavin Newsom to delay the implementation of Prop. 12. Its members represent various business interests, including the California Pork Producers Association and some groups that represent diverse populations, such as the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

- **Food Equity Alliance's Website Featured "A Number Of Stock Photos Of Minority Families And Restaurateurs" And The Support Of Pork Companies And A "Handful" Of Asian And Hispanic Organizations.** "Dauntless uses a sparse, formulaic structure for many of the political sites it develops, and the Food Equity Alliance site is no different; it features no content that isn't related to Prop. 12, a number of stock photos of minority families and restaurateurs, and no contact information. In addition to the California Pork Producers Council, its list of members includes a few other pork companies, California's biggest restaurant and grocery associations, and a handful of Latinx and Asian restaurant and business associations, including the Latino Restaurant Association and National Asian American Coalition." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

**Elevate Public Affairs Represented Food Equity Alliance To Media.** "Civil Eats reached out to the Alliance and was connected to Tiffany Moffatt, a senior counselor at public relations firm Elevate Public Affairs, who asked to be identified as the group's spokesperson. She told Civil Eats that the group does not have a position on the merits of Prop. 12 and is simply asking for a delay in the law's implementation because the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) was late in publishing regulations and the pork industry will not be able to comply in time, resulting in supply issues." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

**January 2022: A Judge Ordered A 180-Day Delay In Implementation Of Prop 12 In California, Declining To Grant An Industry-Requested 28-Month Delay.** "January 25, 2022 update: A California Superior Court today delayed enforcement of Prop. 12 for 180 days, noting that the state took two years to finalize regulations, leaving meat producers too little time to implement changes. The court declined to delay enforcement for 28 months, which is the amount the North American Meat Institute requested in its suit." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

## Key Visuals

### Video

#### Abortion

**March 2020: Bognet Called Himself “100 Percent Pro-Life” And “For Fetal Life.”** “I’m sure about this: I’m 100% pro-life. I believe in the sanctity of life, not just for fetal life, but also at the end of life. We have to promote a culture that values the dignity of life.” [Sam Lesante Show, 3/13] (VIDEO) 12:30

**March 2020: Bognet Called Cartwright’s Vote Against The “Born Alive Protection Act” “Unconscionable.”** “[LESANTE:] What is the Born Alive Protection Act? [BOGNET:] It basically says that if a baby survives an attempted abortion, that you must render health care to that baby. Matt Cartwright, the Democratic [unintelligible] voted against that. That’s unconscionable. That’s unconscionable.” [Sam Lesante Show, 3/13/20] (VIDEO) 11:59

#### Build Back Better

**November 2021: Bognet Called Big Back Better “Big Socialism.”** “[BOGNET:] Hi everyone, Jim Bognet here. Today the House of Representatives is voting on the Build Back Better BS. I call it BS because it stands for Big Socialism, and a few other things. When I’m in Congress, no more BS, no more trillion-dollar deficit spending, and no more Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [11/5/21](#)] (VIDEO) :00

#### COVID-19 & Pandemic Relief

##### Mask Mandates

**April 2021: Bognet Said Reopening Penn State’s Campus For In-Person Classes Would Be A Priority For Him As A Trustee And Added, “We Have To Be Safe, We All Should Wear Our Mask.”** During a town hall for Penn State Board of Trustees candidates, Bognet stated, “Number three Coronavirus, we have to be safe, we all should wear our mask. I have my Penn State mask here. But we should open Penn State our students deserve in person instruction. Right now. We should have students at the Blue White game our seniors should definitely be allowed to attend, we can do it in a safe way. Parents should be allowed to go to graduations, and we should be able to get back in stadiums next year. We have vaccinations we can do it safely. Let’s get Penn State reopened again, so on our legacy, keep Penn State affordable, and get Penn State back open.” [Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Facebook, [4/11/21](#)] (VIDEO) 12:29

**February 2022: Bognet: “Anyone That Thinks Our Kids Should Still Be Wearing Masks Should Be In Jail, They Shouldn’t Be In Charge.”** “[BOGNET:] Anyone that thinks our kids should still be wearing masks should be in jail, they shouldn’t be in charge. Anybody who thinks that you shouldn’t be able to go to work and work if you don’t make a medical decision that they agree with, they should be in jail. They shouldn’t be in charge. Anybody that thinks the proper way to treat the great American people is to scare them and heckle them and tell them they don’t love their brother, they should be in jail. They shouldn’t be in charge.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) :05

##### Pandemic Relief

**May 2020: Bognet On Pandemic Recovery: “We Want To Get Back To Society [...] We Don’t Want Government Handouts.”** “[BOGNET:] We want to work. We want to get back to society. We want to protect our elderly. Do it in a safe way. We don’t want government handouts, Tucker. [CARLSON:] It is so sad. I mean, they’re

using this moment, they really are. Jim, thank you so much for coming on tonight.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 3:03

**May 2020: Bognet Said That Voters Wanted To Get Back To Work And “[Did Not] Want Government Funds.”** “[BOGNET:] No, he spent his time hectoring and lecturing us, the people of Pennsylvania. My district is very blue-collar. My grandfather was a coal miner. We want to work. We don't want government funds. We want to work. We want to open our state back up. We think that's very reasonable. We know we can do it in a safe way. For god sakes, we landed on the moon. We can open businesses up.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:01

**May 2020: Bognet Claimed Democrats Were Forcing A “\$3 Trillion Debt Fueled Bonanza Of Socialist Spending.”** “[BOGNET:] It doesn't seem like we do, instead we get hectored, we get lectured, we get told that we're doing the wrong thing and the Democrats in Washington seem to do the same thing, Tucker. They tell us that we should have a three trillion dollar debt fueled bonanza of socialist spending instead of just doing what we want, which is to go back to work in a safe way, socially distant, use masks, let's open the economy back up in a safe way and stop having lectures every day from Governor Wolf, who's been a horrible leader.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:48

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## Vaccine Mandates

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**Bognet Said Biden's COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Was “Wrong,” “Unconstitutional,” And “Un-American.”** “[BOGNET:] We must end the heavy-handed COVID mandates. Having Joe Biden force companies to fire their employees because he disagrees with a personal health care choice is wrong, it's unconstitutional, and it's un-American.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :29

**February 2022: Bognet: “Anybody Who Thinks That You Shouldn't Be Able To Go To Work And Work If You Don't Make A Medical Decision That They Agree With, They Should Be In Jail.”** “[BOGNET:] Anyone that thinks our kids should still be wearing masks should be in jail, they shouldn't be in charge. Anybody who thinks that you shouldn't be able to go to work and work if you don't make a medical decision that they agree with, they should be in jail. They shouldn't be in charge. Anybody that thinks the proper way to treat the great American people is to scare them and heckle them and tell them they don't love their brother, they should be in jail. They shouldn't be in charge.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) :05

**April 2021: Bognet Spoke Against A Vaccine Mandate At Penn State While Campaigning For Its Board Of Trustees, Citing “Special Individual Circumstances” For Students, Including Pregnancy And Disabilities.** During a town hall for candidates for Penn State's Board of Trustees, Bognet stated, “To address the specific of your question. I would strongly encourage everybody to get vaccinated. Let's get America, let's get Pennsylvania back open again. I'm strongly in favor of getting people vaccinated. As soon as I am legally allowed to get vaccinated, I will get vaccinated. I get very nervous when any government agency or any school wants to mandate vaccinations for people. And here's why: every student has special individual circumstances. Are we going to mandate vaccination for somebody who's seven months pregnant? And tell them that they have to get vaccinated? Are we going to mandate are students that have disabilities that may have compromised immune systems that may have cancer, that may be on chemotherapy? Are we going to do that and say, you have to get vaccinated? I would strongly strongly recommend that every staff member, every teacher and every student get vaccinated. But I also say it's a bad public policy thing to say that we're going to override you and your doctor and demand vaccination as the price to get back to school. I think if we can reach herd immunity, we can have the flexibility to let people talk to their doctors and make their own decisions on that. That being said, I would strongly, strongly advise everyone to get vaccinated.” [Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Facebook, [4/11/21](#)] (VIDEO) 19:58

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## Election Law & Misinformation

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**Bognet Said He Opposed The Use Of Ballot Drop-Boxes.** “[BOGNET:] We must audit the vote and make sure that only legal ballots are counted in Pennsylvania. No more drop-boxes, no more non-signature verified mail-in ballots, and no more rigged elections.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :4

**Bognet Said He Supported Signature Verification For Mail-In Ballots.** “[BOGNET:] We must audit the vote and make sure that only legal ballots are counted in Pennsylvania. No more drop-boxes, no more non-signature verified mail-in ballots, and no more rigged elections.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :42

**October 2021: Bognet Implied He Would Have Won The 2020 Election If Gov. Tom Wolf Had Not “Changed The Rules Of The Election In The Middle Of The Election.”** “[BOGNET:] On election night, I was up over 10,000 votes, just like President Trump. But Gov. Wolf changed the rules of the election in the middle of the election.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :42

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Democrats “Used Covid As A Cover To Really Affect The Election,” Including The 10,000 “Corrupt And Unconstitutional Mail-In Ballots” He Alleged Caused His 2020 Loss.** “[BOGNET:] We’ve seen it with the Democrats over and over again. They did in 2020, with using Covid as a cover to really affect the election. I saw it in my election, where I was up 10,000 votes on election night, and then we saw the corrupt and unconstitutional mail-in ballots come in.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/14/22](#)] (VIDEO) 9:01

**October 2020: Bognet On Vote-By-Mail: “It’s A Legitimate Concern To Worry About The Fairness Of Our Elections.”** “So I would love to see us come together and pass a system that allows people that need to vote by mail to do that. But it should be absentee. It shouldn’t be no excuse mail-in voting because I think that’s so ripe for corruption. And I do worry about that. And I think that’s a legitimate concern. It’s a legitimate concern to worry about the fairness of our elections.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 49:29

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**Bognet Said He Supported A Statewide Audit Of Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results.** “[BOGNET:] On election night, I was up over 10,000 votes, just like President Trump. But Gov. Wolf changed the rules of the election in the middle of the election. We must audit the vote and make sure that only legal ballots are counted in Pennsylvania. No more drop-boxes, no more non-signature verified mail-in ballots, and no more rigged elections.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :42

## China

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Make [China] Pay For The Manufacturing Jobs We’ve Lost” And “Corporate Espionage They’ve Committed.”** “[BOGNET:] Number one, I want to make China pay. I want to make them pay for coronavirus, for the lives we’ve lost. I want to make them pay for the manufacturing jobs we’ve lost over the last 25 years from the WTO and other things, the way they manipulated trade, the way they’ve stolen our products, the way they’ve stolen our plans, the corporate espionage they’ve committed.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 6:23

**April 2020: Bognet Aired TV Commercials That Said China Tried To Cover Up The Coronavirus And He Would “Make China Pay” When He Was Elected.** “[BOGNET:] The Chinese lied to us. They tried to cover up coronavirus. When I’m your congressman, we’ll make China pay for the lies they told, the jobs they stole, and the lives we’ve lost. I’m with President Donald Trump. We will make America great again” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [4/15/20](#); YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [4/15/20](#)] (VIDEO) :10

**May 2020: Bognet’s Second TV Ad: “China Cheated Us On Trade And Sent Us The Wuhan Flu.”** “[BOGNET:] Around here, we used to win a lot. But things have changed. China cheated us in on trade and sent us the Wuhan flu.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [5/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :10



## Consumer Protections

**August 2020: Bognet Called HR 1854, A Bill To Exempt Premium Cigars From FDA Regulation, “The Type Of Bill [He] Could See [Himself] Supporting In Congress.”** “[HOST:] Would it be safe to say that you’re in support of HR 1854, which would exempt premium cigars from FDA regulation? [BOGNET:] I’ve read HR 1854, I think it has a lot of good ideas in it. I think when I get to Congress I’ll want to look at it more, but that’s the type of bill I could see myself supporting in Congress. I do want to look at the legislative analysis in greater depth, I think I owe that to the constituents, but that’s the kind of sensible regulation that I think we need in the cigar industry.” [Best Cigar Prices Facebook, [8/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 18:19

## Coal Mining

**2015: Bognet: “My Grandfather Had Black Lung From Being A Coal Miner. My Great-Grandfather On The Other Side Died, Basically, Of Lung Problems From Being A Coal Miner.”** “[BOGNET:] I grew up in a town called Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which is basically a giant anthracite strip mine. My grandfather had black lung from being a coal miner. My great-grandfather on the other side died, basically, of lung problems from being a coal miner. The problem is nobody wants to be a coal miner. People don’t wake up in the morning and say, ‘Hey, I want to be a coal miner.’ It’s not a fun industry. There’s just such a lack of hope and alternatives in those towns. Appalachia can compete with South-Central LA for soul-crushing poverty. I don’t know what the answer is, I wish I did, but there definitely has to be an option.” [YouTube via USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, uploaded [2/19/15](#)] (VIDEO) 46:11

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**October 2020: Bognet During Candidate Debate: Cartwright “Will Make It Horrible For The Coal Industry Here In Northeastern, Pennsylvania. I’m Proud To Say My Grandfather Was A Coal Miner.”** “[BOGNET:] Now on the Green New Deal, Matt Cartwright, he is a Lieutenant of Nancy Pelosi, the most liberal speaker of the house in history. He is a caucus mate with Ilhan Omar and AOC. He supports many aspects of their environmental agenda. He will make it horrible for the coal industry here in Northeastern, Pennsylvania. I’m proud to say my grandfather was a coal miner.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 15:14

## Immigration

### Afghan Refugees

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Afghan Refugees Would “Change The Very Nature” Of Butler Township By Being Placed At The Job Corps Center, Which Was “Supposed To Be For American Citizens.”** “[BOGNET:] Butler Township, Pennsylvania is a very rural town, beautiful area, houses, farms, schools. And now we’re going to try to change the very nature of it by using a job corps center, which is supposed to be for American citizens to learn skills to get a job, now we’re going to use it as a refugee camp. I don’t think that’s right.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/14/22](#)] (VIDEO) 10:56

**February 2022: Bognet Said Of Afghan Refugees At An Event, “I Know That Nobody In Here Wants Those People In Hazleton, Pennsylvania Or Butler Township, Pennsylvania.”** “[BOGNET:] We all saw on TV what hash they made out of the Afghanistan withdrawal. It was a disaster. We saw those people running on those planes.

I know that nobody in here wants those people in Hazleton, Pennsylvania or Butler Township, Pennsylvania.” [Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :12

**February 2022: Bognet Said Of The “Risk To Our Safety” That The Afghans Posed, “9/11 Happened Twenty Years Ago, And New York City Is Only Two Hours Away From Here.”** “[BOGNET:] We don’t know who these people are. We don’t know what their criminal history is. We don’t know what their Covid status is. We don’t know if there’s criminals among them. We don’t know if they were infiltrated by the Taliban, ISIS, or any other organization that has nefarious motives. You know, 9/11 happened twenty years ago, and New York City is only two hours away from here. I think that this is a possible risk to our safety and or security.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/8/22](#)] (VIDEO) 5:04

**February 2022: Bognet Spoke Of His Attempted Investigation With Mehmet Oz At An Event.** “[BOGNET:] One other thing I would tell you is, we went over there looking for answers. Dr. Oz and I went over there at 5 o’clock today. I wanted to show him what a beautiful rural community you all have here. And as we were filming a video and talking about it, the security came out. And Dr. Oz and I started asking them questions: how many Afghans are coming here? When will they be here? What are their backgrounds? What vetting did you do? You know what they said? This is a federal facility and we can do whatever we want.” [Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :24

**February 2022: Bognet Posted A Video In Which He Spoke To Mehmet Oz About The Afghan Evacuees While Being Told He Is Trespassing On Federal Property At The Keystone Job Corps Center.** “[BOGNET to Dr. Oz:] – unvetted Afghan refugees. Now the problem with that is- [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] Excuse me, you’re on federal property. You can’t be here. This is trespassing. [BOGNET:] We’re on the side of the road. [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] You’re on federal property. [unintelligible] [BOGNET:] See, they don’t want us here because they know they’re bringing unvetted Afghan refugees. We don’t know who they are. [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] Excuse me, you’re on federal property. You’re trespassing. Please leave.” After being told to leave, Dr. Oz and Bognet appeared to leave. [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

- **Bognet And Oz Appear To Walk Away After Being Told To And Did Not Ask The Security Guard Any Questions In The Video.** [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

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## Border Wall

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**Bognet: “We Need Secure Borders. I Believe We Should Finish Building The Wall.”** “[BOGNET:] We need secure borders. I believe we should finish building the wall that President Trump has asked for. President Trump is President today because he strongly took on illegal immigration. I believe we need to stop sanctuary cities, they’re illegal, they’re bad, they really hurt us. They’re the road towards socialism. We need to eliminate sanctuary cities, I believe they’re unconstitutional. And we need interior enforcement, we need to deport an illegal immigrant in Wilkes-Barre in the same way we’d do it in Houston. We need to deport illegal immigrants in Homestead the same way we would in Houston.” [Your Local Election HQ via YouTube, [5/3/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:38

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## Sanctuary Cities

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## Illegal Immigration & Deportations

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**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Illegal Immigration Damaged The Quality Of NEPA Schools, Overcrowded Hospitals, And Caused A “Crime Wave.”** “[BOGNET:] My hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, has been devastated by illegal immigration. Our schools have really suffered. It’s hard to get an emergency room in the hospitals. There’s been a crime wave, and we were called by one of the liberal papers from New York, the heroin capital of Pennsylvania.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/8/22](#)] (VIDEO) 6:40

**January 2022: Bognet Claimed New York City Allowed “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote In Municipal Elections.** “[BOGNET:] Last week, New York City passed a law allowing illegal immigrants to vote in New York City elections. This is crazy. If you don’t believe me, I pasted the link below. We must fight against this.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [1/12/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

**May 2020: Bognet Called For “Interior Enforcement” To Deport “An Illegal Immigrant In Wilkes-Barre In The Same Way We’d Do It In Houston.”** “[BOGNET:] We need secure borders. I believe we should finish building the wall that President Trump has asked for. President Trump is President today because he strongly took on illegal immigration. I believe we need to stop sanctuary cities, they’re illegal, they’re bad, they really hurt us. They’re the road towards socialism. We need to eliminate sanctuary cities, I believe they’re unconstitutional. And we need interior enforcement, we need to deport an illegal immigrant in Wilkes-Barre in the same way we’d do it in Houston. We need to deport illegal immigrants in Homestead the same way we would in Houston.” [Your Local Election HQ via YouTube, [5/3/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:38

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## Infrastructure & Transportation

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**January 2022: Bognet Called Cartwright’s Efforts To Offer Amtrak Service Between Scranton And New York City “All Smoke And Mirrors.”** “[BOGNET:] Hi everyone, Jim Bognet here. I just sat through an hour-long press conference in Monroe County, Pennsylvania from my opponent, liberal Matt Cartwright. It was about his promise to bring Amtrak service from New York City to Scranton. It’s all smoke and mirrors. Cartwright’s been talking about this for a decade, not one train ride’s happened. You know what he has brought to Northeast Pennsylvania? Flights full of illegal immigrants.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [1/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

**October 2020: During A Candidate Debate Bognet Called For A “Gigantic Infrastructure Bill” And Added, “We Need Better Roads, We Need Better Bridges.”** “[O’BOYLE:] I think what the voters would like to know in trying to make this decision on who to vote for on November 3rd is what exactly do you see as the key issues that you will work on in your term? [BOGNET:] On the issues, number one, I think we need a gigantic infrastructure bill. Northeastern, Pennsylvania is such an amazing place to live and work, but we need better roads, we need better bridges. We need better access for goods and services. We’ve seen a blue collar boom, until we got hit by COVID. The first three years of the Trump administration at Humboldt industrial park in Hazleton, we saw factories going up. We saw distribution centers going up, but we need better infrastructure.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 8:10

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Work Across The Aisle” On “A Big Infrastructure Bill.”** “I believe bipartisanship is important and I will work across the aisle in these ways. Number one, we need a big infrastructure, Bill. We should be able to get 400 votes in the House of Representatives. Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright. Matt said that he’s in charge of a lot of spending. They haven’t been able to get a big infrastructure bill done. I will work across the aisle on that.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 44:30

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## Opioid Epidemic

**October 2020: After Cartwright Spoke About Funding Services For Pennsylvanians Suffering In The Opioid Epidemic, Bognet Said, “Cartwright's Answer To Everything Is That He Could Spend More Of Your Money.”** “[CARTWRIGHT:] Sure, and one thing I admitted was that as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, it puts me in a place where I can bring back money to ameliorate these problems. This year alone, I brought back \$1.5 million for the drug courts that I was talking about. And it's something that I fought for every year, robust funding for addiction and rehabilitation services, and I will continue to do so in the future.

[MODERATOR:] Mr. Bognet, you have a rebuttal 30 seconds. [BOGNET:] It's really amazing. Matt Cartwright's answer to everything is that he could spend more of your money. He loves Nancy Pelosi more than the cookie monster loves cookies. And he thinks that if he gets elected, she'll put him in a position to spend more of your money. I think you really have to think, do we want to be spending more of our money? And you mentioned McConnell, I'm not running for the Senate. You bragged about being close to Pelosi. She raised you up into her leadership team. So when you take shots at me, think about how much you've said that your relationship to Pelosi is what distinguishes you.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 27:33

## Policing & Public Safety

**Bognet Ad Chyron: “Independent Fact Checker: Cartwright Was Asked If It’s Possible To Defund The Police, And He Responded ‘Absolutely Yes.’ PolitiFact.”**



[Bognet For Congress Ad, accessed [3/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) :11

**February 2022: Bognet: “You Know Who The Democrats Worship? George Floyd And AOC.”** “[BOGNET:] Who do we worship? Most of us in here worship Jesus Christ. You know who the Democrats worship? George Floyd and AOC. That’s not what we need. We need people who believe in God, believe in the Second Amendment, and believe this is a country for Americans, not illegal immigrants.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) 1:57

**October 2020: Bognet Accused Cartwright Of Having Not Denounced Antifa And Violent Protests.** “And then one other thing that's so important is law and order standing up to Antifa, standing up to these people that are trying to burn down. We've seen from Portland, Oregon to Kenosha, Wisconsin lawlessness, and it's really broken my heart that the leaders of the democratic party, like Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright haven't stood up and said, ‘Antifa is wrong.’ Haven't stood up and said, ‘Why are you burning down your cities?’ Haven't stood up and said, ‘It's all right to protest. But when violence and anarchy happen, that is not the path we want to go down.’” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 9:35

**In An Ad, Bognet Urged Portland Residents To Move To NEPA Over “Something About Peaceful Gatherings, Interruptions To Business, And Local Citizens Dissatisfied With Your Leadership.”**

“[BOGNET:] Good evening, Portland. I’ve heard you’ve been having a few issues. Something about peaceful gatherings, interruptions to business, and local citizens dissatisfied with your leadership. I’m Jim Bognet, a candidate for Congress here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. If you’re a family or business living in Portland, Oregon



who's leaning toward leaving for whatever reason, consider Northeast PA. We're all about made in America. We're known for our mid-size paper industry. And around here we love the police. Well, maybe not our current congressman, but I'll be taking care of him real soon." [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [8/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :00

## Penn State Trustees Campaign

**Bognet Called "Honor[ing] Penn State's Legacy" His Top Priority And Added, "I'm Sick And Tired Of Having Joe And Sue [Paterno] And 60 Years Of Excellence Written Out Of Penn State's History By The Current Administration."** "My priorities on the board of trustees will be this number one honor Penn State's legacy. I'm sick and tired of having Joe and Sue and 60 years of excellence written out of Penn State's history by the current administration, and by people that stand against us. I think we should honor the Penn State legacy, fight for the Penn State legacy. I think that's on top of everybody's mind still today, 10 years later, and I'm sick and tired of the current administration and the current president, not be willing to do that. I think it's ridiculous than when I go to a Penn State game on the big screen. The only thing I could see of our legacy is a pair of black shoes. I can't see the men and women that built this program into what it is today. So that's my number one priority." [Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Facebook, [4/11/21](#)] (VIDEO) 11:11

## Professional History

### JRB Strategies

**October 2021: Bognet Touted His "Business Background" And Said Voters Did Not Want To Support "Somebody From Out Of Town."** "[BOGNET:] People want somebody who will work, who knows the issues, and who has a business background. You know, I operated a small business, I grew up in my family's construction business, and I'm from Hazleton. I'm from Northeast Pennsylvania. I think people want someone who represents Northeast PA values, not somebody from out of town." [FOX 56, [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :52

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed He "Shut Down [His] Company" To Run For Congress In 2022.** "[BOGNET:] I am going to work and work and work 80 hours a week. I shut down my company to run again this year. This is too important." [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) 1:31

### Ex-Im Bank

**October 2020: Bognet: "I Worked In The Trump Administration On Manufacturing. I Know How To Bring Manufacturing Jobs Back To The Heartland."** "[BOGNET:] We can really make manufacturing, takeoff. And I worked in the Trump administration on manufacturing. I know how to bring manufacturing jobs back to the Heartland. Matt Cartwright was an office for eight years. The first six years of that, we didn't see much manufacturing improvement. Only under President Trump, did we see manufacturing employment." [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 29:27

**January 2020: Bognet Said He Worked On "Manufacturing Issues, Increasing Exports, Really Helping Our Small Businesses" In The Trump Administration.** "[BOGNET:] Most recently I was working in the Trump administration on manufacturing issues, increasing exports, really helping our small businesses. You know, President Trump wants to rebuild the industrial heartland, make sure that we not just have jobs, but good jobs you can support a family on." [WYLN via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [1/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:40

**October 2020: During A Debate, Bognet Said He "Worked Hard Last Year" And Made "About \$40,000."** "I worked hard last year. I want to tell people what I made. I made about \$40,000, here's my 2019 tax return. I'm going to issue my tax returns after this debate so people can know how I made my money. Matt Cartwright got an office in 2012. He was worth \$5 million already. Today, Matt's worth 15. God bless him for making a lot of money, but I don't know how he made that money. Did he make it by bringing laws that make it easier to suit trucking



companies and for his law firms to get big rewards? Matt, I think you owe it to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania to release your tax returns within 24 hours.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 30:06

## Residency

**Bognet: “One Day Mom Called; Dad Had A Heart Attack. He Almost Died. I Came Back Home To Help Out.”** “Dad helped this business from scratch. He’s old school. Honest. Tough. But one day Mom called; Dad had a heart attack. He almost died. I came back home to help out. I know firsthand how important it is to cover preexisting conditions and protect Medicare and Social Security, especially with COVID. My friends, my family, my community. That’s why I’m running for Congress. I’m Jim Bognet and I approve this message.” [Jim Bognet via Twitter, [8/5/20](#)] (VIDEO) :00

**2015: Bognet Called Hazleton “Basically A Giant Anthracite Strip Mine.”** “[BOGNET:] I grew up in a town called Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which is basically a giant anthracite strip mine. My grandfather had black lung from being a coal miner. My great-grandfather on the other side died, basically, of lung problems from being a coal miner. The problem is nobody wants to be a coal miner. People don’t wake up in the morning and say, ‘Hey, I want to be a coal miner.’ It’s not a fun industry. There’s just such a lack of hope and alternatives in those towns. Appalachia can compete with South-Central LA for soul-crushing poverty. I don’t know what the answer is, I wish I did, but there definitely has to be an option.” [YouTube via USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, uploaded [2/19/15](#)] (VIDEO) 46:11

## Russia Investigation

**May 2020: Bognet Claimed Flynn Was “Railroaded” And Said That “It May Have Been The Most Dishonorable Thing Since The South Seceded From The Union.”** In addressing the question, “Disturbing facts are emerging in how the DOJ, FBI and CIA conducted investigations into the Trump campaign and Trump associates. There may have been approval for this conduct at the highest level of the White House. As a Representative, what do you think should be done?” Bognet answered in part, “There’s no doubt Obamagate was horrible, there’s no doubt General Flynn was railroaded, I put out a statement on it and said I’ve never seen that kind of behavior from the FBI. I think it may have been the most dishonorable thing since the south seceded from the Union, that they would go after a duly elected president.” [Monroe Council of Republican Women 8<sup>th</sup> District Forum, [5/21/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:12:08

## Social Security

**2008: Bognet: “The Big Enchilada, So To Speak, Is Reforming Entitlements Going Forward.”** “[BOGNET:] And of course, the big enchilada, so to speak, is reforming entitlements going forward because we’re in a situation with our entitlement program where they’re eating up an increasing portion of the budget each year. Gov. Romney has a PowerPoint slide that he likes to show showing how quickly the entitlement programs are going to grow to be almost the entire federal budget over the next twenty or thirty years.” [Jim Bognet via C-SPAN, [1/26/08](#)] (VIDEO) :03

## Stock Trading

**February 2022: Bognet: “I Would Like To See Us Pass A Law That Says No Short-Term Stock Trading If You’re Holding Office In The United States Congress.”** “[BOGNET:] I think that we should not allow these rich, powerful people to make money in office trading stocks. It just doesn’t seem right to me. [...] I would like to see us pass a law that says no short-term stock trading if you’re holding office in the United States Congress.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/10/22](#)] (VIDEO) 16:40

## Taxes

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged Not To Raise Taxes And Claimed Cartwright Would Raise Them By 25 Percent.** “[BOGNET:] Number two, Bill, I will fight to keep taxes low. Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Matt Cartwright are on the record wanting to raise taxes. Joe Biden and Matt Cartwright want to raise your taxes 25%. That's not right, I will never vote for tax increases.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 9:09

## Tax Returns

**October 2020: Bognet Called On Cartwright To Release His Tax Returns And Pledged To Release His Own.** “I worked hard last year. I want to tell people what I made. I made about \$40,000, here's my 2019 tax return. I'm going to issue my tax returns after this debate so people can know how I made my money. Matt Cartwright got an office in 2012. He was worth \$5 million already. Today, Matt's worth 15. God bless him for making a lot of money, but I don't know how he made that money. Did he make it by bringing laws that make it easier to suit trucking companies and for his law firms to get big rewards? Matt, I think you owe it to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania to release your tax returns within 24 hours.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 30:06

## Audio

### Abortion

**Bognet Attacked Cartwright For “Pushing For More And Easier Access To Abortion.”** “[HOST:] What is a Republican majority in the House going to be able to do that a Democrat majority isn't doing for the American people right now? [...] [BOGNET:] Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Matt Cartwright are pushing for more and easier access to abortion. That will never happen with Republicans in power.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 16:36

### China

**March 2020: Bognet Said The Number One Way To Respond To China Would Be To “Use Our Tariff Power To Go Up Against Them.”** “[BOGNET:] Well, number one we have to go up against the Chinese communist party. For too long, our elites have sold us out, and our supply chain there, they've put us at risk for letting the Chinese have massive, massive leverage against us. President Trump has finally turned the corner and the speech Vice President Pence gave a year and a half ago as our number one strategic competitor, what they have been doing, building bases in the South China sea, while we slept under Obama, has been reprehensible. When I get to Congress, I am going to be a hawk on making sure, number one, we use our tariff power to go up against them. Number two, we use every kind of soft power we can to make them pay. Number three, we need more resources, we need a bigger navy in the South China sea, we need to be fearless. You know President Trump has done a lot, I think we need to keep it happening...and it's not something we can you know do in a year. This is a decade long mission to stand up to China.” [YouTube via Breitbart Radio, [3/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 14:25

**March 2022: Bognet Encouraged People To Watch His 2020 Ads About “Making China Pay For All They've Done To Us, With The China Virus And The Wuhan Flu.”** “[HOST:] Jim, how can people find out more about you as an individual, how can they find out more about what you believe in, and how can they find out more about your campaign? [BOGNET:] Number one, go to YouTube and watch my ads from last year where I talk about making China pay for all they've done to us, with the China virus and the Wuhan flu.” [Bannon's War Room, [3/11/22](#)] (AUDIO) 18:00

**February 2022: Bognet Said Biden's “Weakness” Would Provoke Chinese Aggression Over Taiwan And Pacific Military Bases.** “[HOST:] Jim, another thing I wanted to touch with you on was national defense. Obviously, it's been everything from Afghanistan to the woke interjection of the Biden agenda into the military.

[...] [BOGNET:] And that's what I worry about, Biden's weakness is provocative, it's provocative to the Chinese, who we're dealing with over Taiwan and over bases in the Pacific, it's provocative to the Russians, it's provocative to all of our enemies." [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:41:13

**Bognet: "I Will Be A Cosponsor Of [The Force Act]. It's A \$43 Billion Package To Take [China] On Militarily."** "[BOGNET:] I'll be a cosponsor of the Force Act with Senator Tom Cotton, I've talked to his people, I will be a cosponsor of that. It's a \$43 billion dollar package to take them on militarily. We need to confront them in the South China Sea, we need to help Taiwan. We beat Japan, we beat Germany, we can defeat China. We have the best military in the world." [Monroe Council of Republican Women 8<sup>th</sup> District Forum, [5/21/20](#)] (AUDIO) 1:19:14

## COVID-19 & Pandemic Relief

**Bognet Said Cartwright Voted "On A 3 Trillion-Dollar Socialist Takeover Of Our Economy To Send Billions Of Your Hard-Earned Tax Dollars To Illegal Immigrants."** "[HOST:] Do you think there needs to be an investigation into the priorities of Dr. Levine and Gov. Wolf? [BOGNET:] What I want is for our elderly to be safe. I don't care about social justice warriors. I think it's a distraction. Don't get me started on Pelosi and Cartwright. They spent last night voting on a 3 trillion-dollar socialist takeover of our economy to send billions of your hard-earned tax dollars to illegal immigrants. Who says crime doesn't pay?" [Jim Bognet via Breitbart News Saturday, [5/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 2:09

**Bognet Said The Bill "Should Be Called The Zeroes Act" And That Democrats Were "Adding Hundreds Of Zeroes To The National Debt."** "[HOST:] Why are the Democrats wasting time putting forth a bill that everyone knows will not pass? Why aren't they doing serious things? [BOGNET:] It should be called the Zeroes Act. Cartwright has been a zero for this country and Pa. They are adding hundreds of zeroes to the national debt." [Jim Bognet via Breitbart News Saturday, [5/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 3:56

**May 2020: Bognet Supported Trump's Withdrawal Of The U.S. From The WHO.** "[HOST:] Tell us what your thoughts are on President Trump's announcement on the World Health Organization. [BOGNET:] I was very happy to see that. You know, China, the main function of my campaign, my main message of my first TV commercial was make China pay." [Breitbart Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [5/31/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:18

**Bognet On COVID-19: "Gov. Wolf Has Handled This Horribly. Pelosi And Cartwright Have Not Done Anything To Help Either. They Have Been On Vacation Over The Last 2 Weeks Instead Of Being In Washington And Doing What Needed To Be Done."** "[HOST:] Tell us about your thoughts on where things stand here in Pa. [BOGNET:] Gov. Wolf has handled this horribly. Pelosi and Cartwright have not done anything to help either. They have been on vacation over the last 2 weeks instead of being in Washington and doing what needed to be done." [Jim Bognet via Breitbart News Saturday, [5/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) :20

**July 2020: Bognet Supported COVID-19 "Liability Protections" For Restaurants, Bars, And Salons.** "[BOGNET:] I would like to see some liability protections, so restaurants and bars and hair salons and nail salons don't go out of business if they're trying to do business here under a tough situation with Covid." [Breitbart News via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/29/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:54

## Economy & Jobs

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed NEPA Experienced An Economic Boom During The Trump Administration, Including In Manufacturing And Real Estate.** "[BOGNET:] Number one, on the economy, the economy of Northeast Pennsylvania, where I'm from, which, you know, was challenged from about 2008 to 2017, under President Trump, it was the most robust we've ever seen it during my lifetime. I'm 46 years old. We had unemployment down around four percent. We were building new factories, we were building new warehouses. Real estate was doing very well. And then between Biden and Covid, we hit a really tough spot there in 2020, 2021, we had huge spikes in unemployment in Pennsylvania, a lot of dislocation, so we need to get the economy back on

track, get it out of the ditch, go back to the Trump policies of low taxes and low regulation and pro-worker.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:32:34

**December 2021: Bognet Called For UPS To Reverse Its Decision To Lay Off 200 Workers, Which He Attributed To “Matt Cartwright And Joe Biden’s America.”** “[HOST:] Tell us what’s going on with UPS. [BOGNET:] Matt, great to be here. Well, UPS has decided to ruin 200 families’ Christmases by announcing mass layoffs here a few weeks before Christmas. It’s an outrage. We hear that the economy is doing well, but then we have layoffs that show the economy is not doing well, and really, that’s Matt Cartwright and Joe Biden’s America. So I’d call them publicly on UPS to reverse their decision and give these people their jobs back. But I’ve also called on Cartwright and Biden to call the CEO of UPS, but they just seem unwilling to actually stand up for Pennsylvanian American workers.” [Breitbart News, [12/4/21](#)] (AUDIO) :04

## Election Law & Misinformation

**October 2021: Bognet Said He Had “Vast Concerns” About Election Security In Pennsylvania.** “[BOGNET:] Election security and election integrity are incredibly important. That’s what a democracy, that’s what a republic is founded on: fair elections. And I have vast concerns about the way they are being conducted in Pennsylvania. Gov. Wolf put through this change in the law last year that did not go through the legislature, that I believe was unconstitutional, extending the time that these no-excuse mail-in ballots could come in, days after the election. I took a court case up to the Supreme Court of the United States, Bognet v. Boockvar, trying to fight that.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 10:11

**October 2021: Bognet Called On Patriots To “Not Just Complain But Go And Do Something About” Election Integrity, Including By “Get[ting] After” Their Local Election Boards.** “[BOGNET:] I’ve kept up constant pressure on our elected officials here. [...] I’m calling on every patriot, everyone to not just complain but go and do something about it. Get after your local election boards. Go out and make sure they are properly administrating the election. Get on your state legislators, especially in Pennsylvania, and tell them: no more drop boxes, no more mail-in ballots that are open to fraud and abuse, demand voter ID at the ballot box.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 10:42

**Bognet Said Northeast Pennsylvania Voters Were “Demanding An Audit Of The PA Vote.”** “[BOGNET:] Bob ‘More Mistakes’ Morgan resigned as the election director here in Luzerne County and as you know, we had a real foul-up here in May with our elections in Luzerne County and you know, when I go around and talk to folks, they are demanding fair elections, demanding an audit of the PA vote, demanding voter ID before you can vote, and you know, now we got rid of Morgan, we’ve got to make sure we don’t have another Cartwright crony or any crony for any politician running our elections. It was amazing that they hired somebody who was a political hack to run our elections in Luzerne County.” [WILK Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/29/21](#)] (AUDIO) :26

**Bognet Said Issues With The 2020 Election And With The 2021 Special Primary Election Showed Evidence Of “Corruption” Among Election Officials In Northeast Pennsylvania.** “[BOGNET:] If we don’t have people trusting in our elections, how are we going to function in a democracy? And with what we’ve seen in the last two years, between the election last year and what happened in May here, we just need to clean out the stables. Bob, you’ve been around a long time. The corruption that we’ve seen in Northeastern Pennsylvania, people deserve better. So if we don’t have fair elections, how are we going to get rid of the corruption and how are we going to get a government we deserve?” [WILK Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/29/21](#)] (AUDIO) 1:17

**Bognet Said He Supported Eliminating No-Excuse Mail-In Voting.** “[BOGNET:] Man alive, we have to get rid of this no-excuse mail-in voting which is open to fraud and abuse. We’ve seen incredible amounts of stories of ballots being received at houses where the people no longer live so you know, we want fairness. I don’t think that’s too much to ask.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 12:43

## Energy

### June 2021: Bognet Criticized Fracking Regulations, Which He Said Hurt Energy Jobs In Pennsylvania.

“[BOGNET:] Biden on his first day in office cancels the Keystone Pipeline. Then he starts putting forward regulations to hurt fracking. He has been a disaster for Pennsylvania energy workers. Energy provides great jobs up here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We have gas builds [sic] on the North and the border with New York. The last five-ten years, they’ve created many jobs, which also helps the local economy because now you have people with cranes, you have laborers that are up there laying the pipe, that’s all stopped.” [Breitbart News, [6/19/21](#)] (AUDIO) 3:31

### December 2021: Bognet Claimed Trump Achieved Energy Independence Until Biden “Lit That All On Fire.”

“[BOGNET:] We waited most of our adult lives for America to be energy independent. And we achieved it under President Trump. And Joe Biden has lit that all on fire.” [Breitbart News, [12/4/21](#)] (AUDIO) 5:27

## Foreign Policy

### February 2022: In Reference To Rising Border Tensions In Ukraine, Bognet Said Biden’s “Weakness Is Provocative” To Russia.

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## Guns

**September 2020: Bognet Said The Second Amendment Was Necessary “Not Just For Hunting” But To “Protect Us From The Possibility OF Tyranny,” Citing Protests In Portland.”** “[BOGNET:] We have to protect the Second Amendment, Frank. I'm a firm believer in our sacred Second Amendment. I'm a firm believer in gun rights. I'm a firm believer that guns are not just for hunting. Guns are put in, Second Amendment rights were put into the Constitution by our founders, by Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, they talk about it in the Federalist, to protect us from the possibility of tyranny by only having one group of people with guns. And God in heaven, you see what's happening in Portland right now, you understand why we need the right to keep and bear arms, right? I mean those people in Portland, can you imagine going to work in the morning and owning a business and the business next to you has been burned to the ground by lunatics? And the business to the right to you, all the windows have been broken and graffiti saying, 'we'll kill you,' and 'we'll rape your wife if you come back to work'? We need the right to keep and bear arms, because in the end, we need to be able to protect ourselves. So I'm a full supporter of the right to keep and bear arms.” [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 22:05

## Immigration

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed The Biden Administration Was Sending A “Cascade Of Illegal Immigrants” On “Ghost Flights” To Pennsylvania To “Plant Democrat Voters All Over The Country.”** “[BOGNET:] Under Sleepy Joe, all we see is a cascade of illegal immigrants coming in and even worse guys, we have ghost flights coming into Wilkes-Barre Scranton Airport, where the Biden Administration is paying to put tons of illegal immigrants on flights. They started doing it Christmas night, thinking nobody would be paying attention, but luckily, we had supporters out there that had videos of illegal immigrants being airdropped into Pennsylvania, and we called BS on it. And we've been doing everything we can to stop it, but these guys just never stop. They're trying to make every state a border state, they're trying to plant Democrat voters all over the country.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:33:37

**February 2022: Bognet: “Joe Biden Is Trying To Make Northeastern Pennsylvania A Dumping Ground For Illegal Immigrants And Unvetted Afghans, And We Just Won't Stand For It.”** [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:36:36

**Bognet Called The Department Of Labor's Statement “Cockamamie” And Added That Biden Was “Picking On Small Town And Rural And Red State America.”** “[BOGNET:] Have they given you any information, local supervisors? Of course, the answer was no, they gave them some cockamamie statement by the Department of Labor saying, we stand ready to take as many unvetted Afghans as are willing to come here. And you know, it feels like, and maybe this is just because I'm from a small town, it feels like the Biden Administration is picking on small town and rural and red state America.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:38:05

- **According To The Department Of Labor, Afghan Evacuees With Permanent Legal Status Who Worked Alongside U.S. Troops Were To Be Accepted At Job Corps Programs.** “The U.S. Department of Labor also issued a statement Friday. ‘Job Corps is proud to join our federal, state and private partners to support Afghan evacuees who worked alongside U.S. troops in Afghanistan for two decades and are now temporarily housed at safe havens across the county. The Afghan Refugees have permanent legal status in the United States, including eligibility to work. Job Corps officials have visited six safe havens to speak with Afghans about opportunities to build meaningful skills, land fulfilling jobs and develop lifelong relationships through Job Corps. All Job Corps Centers will stand ready to accept Afghan refugees. None have been enrolled at Job Corps at this time.’” [FOX 56, [2/4/22](#)]

**February 2022: Bognet Said He And Mehmet Oz Were Told To Leave The Job Corps Center Property By Security Guards While They Attempted To Investigate Afghan Refugees There.** “[BOGNET:] I invited all the governor candidates, all the Senate candidates, to come and see what’s happening and see how it’s going to change this community, especially when you’re not coordinating with local police. The first one to take me up on it was Dr. Oz. Dr. Oz came into town last week, I took him to the facility, we parked our cars there. Security came out, tried to throw us off the property. So we walked to the edge of the property and started recording a video where you could see there were no walls, fences, you could see there were houses in the background. Security start running at us, screaming, trying to get us off the property, but, you know, we stood our ground and said, we want answers. We want to know who these people are, what their background is, what their Covid status is, have they been checked for terrorist affiliations, have they been checked for Taliban affiliations. We cannot get any answers.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:35:43

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**October 2021: Bognet Claimed Settlements For Victims Of Family Separation Would Cost “Billions,” Require Taking On Debt From China, And Constituted An “Impeachable” Offense.** “[BOGNET:] You know, the liberals are crazy, Matt, but this may be the craziest thing they’ve ever tried to do. I mean Biden, Cartwright, Pelosi, we know they’re always on the side of illegal immigrants over the American taxpayer. But here to give \$450,000 checks, that’s going to be billions down the tubes. You know, they always always always go against the American taxpayer, but you know what makes this particularly bad? They want to increase our debt, borrow the money from China, take money from China, to go to people who are illegally coming into our country. I think it’s reprehensible, I think it’s impeachable.” [Breitbart News, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO)

**February 2022: Bognet Blamed The Opioid Crisis On Illegal Immigration.** “[BOGNET:] My hometown, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, has dealt with the incredibly negative effects of illegal immigration. We’ve seen drug crimes skyrocket, fentanyl deaths, and under President Trump we had the return to Mexico policy, we were building the wall, we were actually trying to solve illegal immigration. And under sleepy Joe, all we see is a cascade of illegal immigrants coming in.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:33:20

**January 2020: Bognet Called Barletta A “Leader Fighting Illegal Immigration” And Called For Continuing “His Fight Up Here In Pennsylvania Against Illegal Immigration.”** “[BOGNET:] We need to finish the wall. We need to fight illegal immigration. My first campaign I ever did was for a guy named Lou Barletta, he was a leader fighting illegal immigration. We need to continue his fight up here in Pennsylvania against illegal immigration.” [Breitbart News via Team Bognet YouTube, [1/20/20](#)] (AUDIO) 12:51

## Infrastructure & Transportation

**July 2020: Bognet Called For “An Infrastructure Bill To Get People Back To Work.”** “[BOGNET:] I would like an infrastructure bill to get people back to work. There’s a lot of carpenters, pipefitters, laborers, people who lay asphalt, that need to get back to work in my district in PA-08. I would like to see an infrastructure bill to put those people back to work.” [Breitbart News via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/29/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:40

## Policing & Public Safety

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed Cartwright's Family's Law Firm Would Profit From Being Able To Sue Police Under The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Since It Ended Qualified Immunity.** “[BOGNET:] Let me tell you about some of Mr. Cartwright's actions. He voted to strip police of qualified immunity. He voted for the George Floyd Act, which would strip police of qualified immunity, which means law firms, like his family, could sue police officers that are there to protect us. Think about that. He wants to have his family's law firm able to make money off of suing police officers for doing their duty in trying to protect us.” [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 5:17

## Personal History & Attacks On Cartwright

**July 2020: Bognet Claimed He Fundraised From The Grassroots, Rather Than “DC Lobbyist Types.”** “[BOGNET:] The party has rallied around us, is helping us raise the resources. When you're dealing with a wealthy incumbent, they get a lot of money from the DC lobbyist types, we're getting great small-dollar donations from around the country to take the case to the people.” [Hugh Hewitt Show via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/24/20](#)] (AUDIO) 2:29

**August 2020: Bognet Criticized Cartwright For Allegedly “Get[ting] All His Money From The DC Swamp Creature Crowd.”** “[BOGNET:] My opponent, Matt Cartwright, is a bought and paid for lieutenant of Nancy Pelosi. He gets all his money from the DC swamp creature crowd and he was asked straight out if he supported defunding the police.” [The Lars Larson Show via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [8/19/20](#)] (AUDIO) 4:12

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed He Could “Help Us Get Jobs Back” As Someone Who Experienced “What It's Like To Scrimp To Get By,” And Live Without A Job Or Health Insurance As An Adult.** “[BOGNET:] I think someone who understands what it's like to be from here and be one of us can help us get jobs back. I grew up here, you know, I drive a car with 120,000 miles on it. I know what it's like to scrimp to get by. There have been times in my adult life when I haven't had health insurance. So I know what people face when they don't have jobs, because there's been times when I haven't had jobs.” [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 13:55

- **Bognet: “Most Of Us, If We Don't Have A Job, We Don't Eat. And That's What – Being From Northeastern Pennsylvania Is Knowing That.”** [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 13:55

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed Multi-Millionaires Could Not “Realize How Important It Is To Have A Job” And Added, “I Think You Just Have To Be One Of Us To Understand The Problems We Face.”** “[BOGNET:] When you're worth millions and millions and millions of dollars, it's just hard to realize how important it is to have a job, that there's nothing to fall back on for most of us. Most of us, if we don't have a job, we don't eat. And that's what – being from Northeastern Pennsylvania is knowing that. I mean, we still grow tomatoes to feed ourselves in the summer. We still grow a garden up here in Hazleton, I know many Italians and many other people around the area do that. So, I think you just have to be one of us to understand the problems we face.” [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 14:53

**February 2022: Bognet Criticized Cartwright As A “Rich, Entitled Progressive” And Called To “Get Rid Of Rich Elites Like Pelosi And Cartwright.”** “[BOGNET:] I just feel like there's no way that Northeastern PA, which is a working class, predominantly conservative area, should be represented by someone who, you know, votes with Nancy 100 percent of the time, just like her, he's a rich, entitled progressive. This guy, when he got into office was worth \$4 million and now ten years later, he's worth \$20 million. How the heck did that happen? When did getting elected to Congress become a millionaire guarantee program? It's unbelievable and I just feel like we'd be a lot better off if we got rid of rich [unintelligible] elites like Pelosi and Cartwright and actually had people who understand what it's like to work a real job in America.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:39:37

- **Bogent: “I Just Feel Like We’d Be A Lot Better Off If We Got Rid Of Rich Elites Like Pelosi And Cartwright And Actually Had People Who Understand What It’s Like To Work A Real Job In America.”** [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:39:37

## Professional History

**October 2020: Bognet Explained His Profession As A Consultant: “I Help Companies That Are Being Sued By Firms Like Matt Cartwright’s [...] With Their Reputation Management.”** “[BOBBY GUNTHER WALSH:] Jim, what do you do for a living? [BOGNET:] I’m a consultant. I help companies that are being sued by firms like Matt Cartwright’s, explain what they’re trying to do. I help them with their reputation management, management consultant, and my family’s in the construction businesses.” [WAEB via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [10/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:55

**March 2022: Bognet Said He Was “Honored To Work In [Trump’s] Administration To Try To Crack Down” On Unfair Chinese Trade Practices And “Bring Jobs Back To The American Heartland.”** “[BOGNET:] The centerpiece of my campaign in 2020, as you remember, were three words: make China pay. China destroyed our industries here in Northeast Pennsylvania with unfair trade practices, that thank God President Trump actually – I was honored to work in his administration to try to crack down on those unfair trade practices and bring jobs back to the American heartland.” [Breitbart News, [3/12/22](#)] (AUDIO) 14:02

## Russia Investigation

**May 2020: Bognet Claimed The “Deep State” Was Responsible For “The Russia Hoax.”** In addressing the question, “Disturbing facts are emerging in how the DOJ, FBI and CIA conducted investigations into the Trump campaign and Trump associates. There may have been approval for this conduct at the highest level of the White House. As a Representative, what do you think should be done?” Bognet answered in part, “It was a fiasco of the highest level. The Russia hoax leading to impeachment, it was really, it was disturbing. I’ve served in the Trump administration and let me tell you, there is a deep state. And Comey, Comey was a crook. Sally Yates was a co-conspirator. Susan Rice, she was also a renegade. They did everything they could to set traps for President Trump and his people.” [Monroe Council of Republican Women 8<sup>th</sup> District Forum, [5/21/20](#)] (AUDIO) 1:11:03

## Stock Trading

**February 2022: Bognet Said Members Of Congress “Think They’re The Wolf Of Wall Street” While Trading Stocks In Office, Which Is “Why People Start To Lose Faith In Government.”** “[BOGNET:] All these Democrats in positions of power in Congress and frankly, if I’m being honest, too many Republicans, all of a sudden think they’re the wolf of Wall Street, and they’re doing tons of stock trades, and that’s why people start to lose faith in government. That’s why normal Americans start to say, ‘The system is rigged against us,’ and whether it’s elections, whether it’s stock and bond trading, I’m just sick and tired of normal people feeling like the system’s rigged against them.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:40:44

## Tax Returns

**October 2020: Bognet Defended Trump’s Refusal To Release His Tax Returns While Attacking Cartwright For Not Releasing His.** “[BOBBY GUNTHER WALSH:] Well Trump won’t release them [his tax returns], why should Matt Cartwright? What’s your answer? [BOGNET:] Well, you know, I think that President Trump has had the most investigations into him than any politician I’ve seen in my 45 years on the Earth. The New York Times has, somebody leaked his tax returns, they released it and published it in a front-page news stories about it. I think we have a pretty good idea about President Trump made his money, he was a TV star and he invested in real estate and seemed to be a pretty good investor. So I think we have a pretty good idea where Donald Trump’s money came from, they’ve been hounding him about it for four years. And Mueller investigated him, the Mueller investigation

had his tax returns, they didn't see anything wrong with what he did. So I think that's pretty much been litigated over four years. This happened nine days ago when I challenged Cartwright, and he's gotten one question and he said, no we refuse to release them." [WAEB via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [10/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 4:48

## Headlines

### Immigration

**Headline: "Exclusive—Jim Bognet: Biden Turning 'Beautiful Rural' Pennsylvania into Afghan Refugee 'Dumping Ground.'" [Breitbart, [2/5/22](#)]**

### Infrastructure & Transportation

**Scranton Times-Tribune Headline: "NEPA To Benefit A Lot From Biden Infrastructure Bill." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]**

**Scranton Times-Tribune Editorial Headline: "Infrastructure Bill Signifies Huge Triumph." [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]**

**Scranton Times-Tribune: Headline: "Infrastructure Law To Deliver NEPA Major Funding For Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]**

### Policing & Public Safety

**September 2020: Philadelphia Inquirer Headline: "A Pennsylvania Congressional Candidate's Ad Misrepresents One Of Our Fact-Checks." [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/10/20](#)]**

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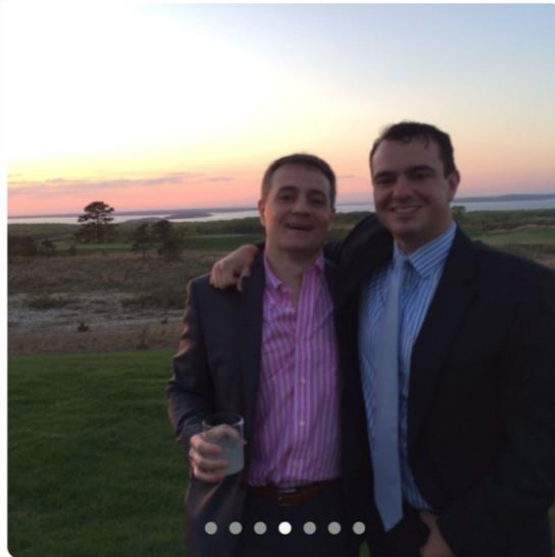
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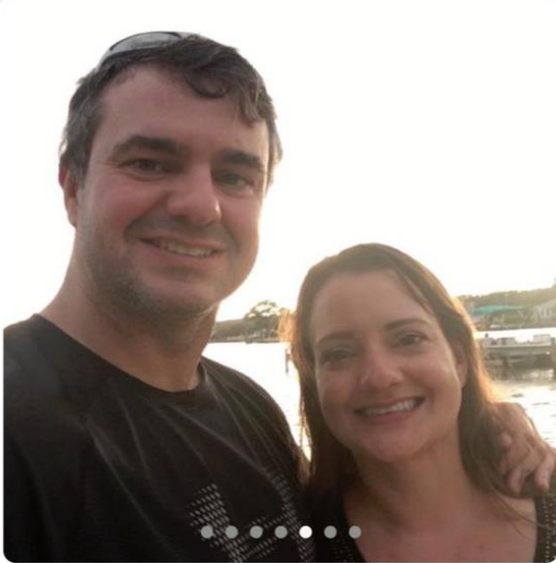
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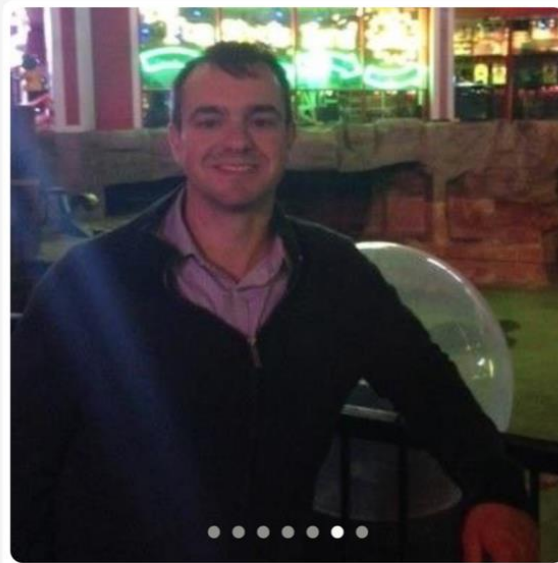


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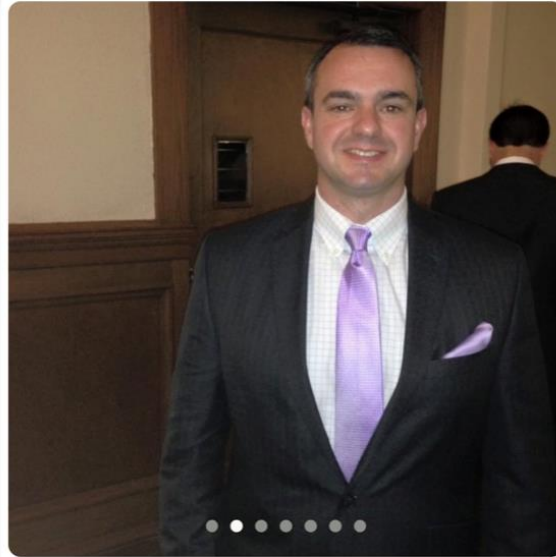
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# Personal & Professional History

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## Biography

This section provides background information on Bognet's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Northeast Pennsylvania, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

### Birth Date

**Bognet's Date Of Birth Was May 28, 1975.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Voter Registration Status Search, accessed [3/7/22](#)]

### Education

#### Education Timeline

**1993: Bognet Graduated From Hazleton Area High School, Where He Once Kicked A Field Goal That Later Became The (Exaggerated) Namesake Of His Campaign Consulting Firm**

**1993: Bognet Graduated From Hazleton Area High School.** "In the hot and humid Harman Geist Stadium on Friday night, graduates, parents, friends and relatives eagerly anticipated the first commencement for Hazleton Area High School. With 601 seniors graduating in the class of 1993, one parent lamented about her daughter being near the end of the alphabet. [...] The graduates are: [...] James Bognet" [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [6/19/93](#)]

**Bognet Said He Played Football, Basketball, And Baseball At Hazleton High School.** "If Bognet is anything, he is relentless and reflective of the district where family is king, and so is your work ethic. 'I grew up in a big Italian-Irish family in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. My dad had nine brothers and sisters. I have 25 cousins on one side and 20 on another. We all grew up working construction in the family construction business. My dad built schools and hospitals, worked in factories, digging ditches and knocking down walls,' he said in an interview with the Washington Examiner. 'I played football, basketball, baseball at Hazleton High School. Got lucky, got a full-ride academically to Penn State. I got a degree in finance there and after working for a few years, went out and got a partial scholarship to UCLA,' he said it was there in California where he got his law degree and his MBA." [Washington Examiner, [8/20/20](#)]

**1992: As Kicker For The Hazleton Area High School Football Team, Bognet Kicked A Go-Ahead Field Goal With Four Minutes Remaining, In The Team's First Win As A Consolidated School.** "Bognet kicked a field goal to beat West Scranton in 1992 and give the Cougars their first win as a consolidated high school, a moment he still remembers down to the 3 minutes 59 seconds showing on the clock. 'My mother still has the clip of me jumping into Corry Zanolini's arms that you ran on the front page,' he said of the next day's Standard-Speaker." [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

- **June 2017: Bognet Registered Winning Kick Strategies With Pennsylvania's Department Of State At In Hazle Township, PA As Its Sole Member.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, Application for Registration of Fictitious Name, filed 6/6/17, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

**Bognet Was Elected Senior Class Treasurer And Was President Of Future Business Leaders Of America At Hazleton Area High School.** "Jim Bognet, elected as senior class treasurer, provided media advice to Mitt Romney's presidential campaign and has worked across the country for candidates for Senate and governor, starting with Arnold Schwarzenegger in California in 2006. 'At least Hazleton Area High School then, and I hope it's true today, afforded you an opportunity for leadership,' said Bognet, now a vice president with the Glover Park Group consulting firm in Washington, D.C. In high school, he was president of Future Business Leaders of America and

said the club was one of the biggest in the state so the members received strong support to attend statewide competitions.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [6/11/17](#)]

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**1997: Bognet Graduated From Penn State With A BS In Finance.** “I graduated in 1997 with a B.S. in Finance from the Smeal College of Business Administration with memories to last a lifetime.” [Penn State Board of Trustees, Meet the Candidates, [3/15/21](#)]

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- **Bognet Was A Member Of Penn State FIJI, Or Phi Gamma Delta, While A Student At Penn State.** “I’m a proud FIJI brother, PSU class of 1997. I lived in the Hummel Fishburn Lodge for my sophomore, junior, and senior years. I know the importance of Greek life at Penn State, and will fight hard on behalf of fraternities and sororities at PSU. I believe that administration is unfairly cracking down on fraternities, and I will fight that!”



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I've been endorsed by Anthony Lubrano and the Lion Fraternity Alumni Association (LFAA), which represents Penn State graduates who are members of fraternities.

I am asking for your help in getting the word out that I am running and asking fellow PSU grads to vote for me.

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**2003: Bognet Received A JD And MBA From UCLA.** [UCLA, [November 2020](#)]

- **Bognet Later Said He Received A Partial Scholarship To UCLA.** “If Bognet is anything, he is relentless and reflective of the district where family is king, and so is your work ethic. ‘I grew up in a big Italian-Irish family in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. My dad had nine brothers and sisters. I have 25 cousins on one side and 20 on another. We all grew up working construction in the family construction business. My dad built schools and hospitals, worked in factories, digging ditches and knocking down walls,’ he said in an interview with the Washington Examiner. ‘I played football, basketball, baseball at Hazleton High School. Got lucky, got a full-ride academically to Penn State. I got a degree in finance there and after working for a few years, went out and got a partial scholarship to UCLA,’ he said it was there in California where he got his law degree and his MBA.” [Washington Examiner, [8/20/20](#)]

**May 2021: Bognet Ran Unsuccessfully For An Alumni-Selected Seat On The Penn State Board Of Trustees, Coming In Last Place Out Of Six**

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**2021: Bognet Was One Of Six Candidates In Penn State’s Annual Election For Alumni-Selected Seats On The Board Of Trustees.** “Penn State’s annual election for alumni-selected seats on the board of trustees is just days away -- and six candidates are running for three open positions. [...] Jim Bognet, 1997 alum Facebook: Bognet for PSU Email: [Bognet4PSU@gmail.com](mailto:Bognet4PSU@gmail.com) Bio: Ran for the U.S. House last year to represent Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District, but the Republican challenger lost to Democrat Matt Cartwright. (Bognet had 48.2% of the vote to Cartwright’s 51.8%.) ... Graduated with a B.S. in finance, before earning a law degree and master’s in business administration from UCLA. ... Native of Hazleton. ... Grew up in a PSU family that counts as alumni Bognet’s mother, father, brother, sister and more than 20 cousins. Position statement: 1. Respect for Penn State’s proud legacy, 2. Affordable tuition for students, 3. In-person reopening.” [Centre Daily Times, [4/8/21](#)]

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**Bognet Received The Lowest Number Of Votes And Came In Last Place In The Election**

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**Bognet Received The Smallest Number Of Votes In The Board Of Trustees Election.** “Penn State’s Board of Trustees elected or appointed six incumbent trustees and five new members during its meeting Friday. Alvin de Levie and Steven Wagman were elected by university alumni as alumni trustees, and incumbent Brandon Short was reelected. In the alumni election, the distribution of votes per candidate was as follows: • Steven B. Wagman - 9,730 • Alvin F. de Levie - 9,688 • Bridget M. Lasda - 8,171 • Jim Bognet - 7,016 • Laurie A. Stanell - 9,634 • Brandon Short - 14,299.” [Penn State Daily Collegian, [5/7/21](#)]

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**Bognet Campaigned On Supporting The “Legacy” Of Penn State, Including Recognition Of Joe And Sue Paterno At Football Games; Paterno Was Fired For Covering Up Child Molestation By His Assistant Coach**

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**April 2021: Bognet Campaigned On Supporting The “Legacy” Of Penn State, And Added, “It Makes A Lot Of Alumni Angry That They Won’t Show Joe Paterno’s Face On The Jumbotron.”** “‘I want a president of Penn State who respects Penn State’s legacy,’ he continued. ‘When we look up at the scoreboard during a football game, it makes a lot of alumni angry that they won’t show Joe Paterno’s face on the jumbotron.’ Bognet added that he feels ‘the current leadership’ has not shown enough respect for Penn State’s legacy and failed to honor the ‘people who built Penn State.’” [Onward State, [4/30/21](#)]

- **November 2011: The Penn State Board Of Trustees Fired Joe Paterno After Determining He Failed To Take Action After Being Told An Aide Molested A 10-Year-Old In Paterno’s Football Facility In 2002.** “It was growing late on the night of Nov. 9, 2011. John P. Surma, the chief executive of U.S. Steel and the vice

chairman of Penn State University's board of trustees, sat at a rectangular table at the Penn Stater Hotel. Gov. Tom Corbett of Pennsylvania was on the speaker phone. [...] Joe Paterno's future was next up. Surma announced that an agreement appeared to have been reached to fire Paterno, too — the trustees having determined that he had failed to take adequate action when he was told that one of his longtime assistants had been seen molesting a 10-year-old boy in Paterno's football facility. [...] The trustees also laid out what they said were three key reasons for firing Paterno: his failure to do more when told about the suspected sexual assault in 2002; what they regarded as his questioning of the board's authority in the days after Sandusky's arrest; and what they determined to be his inability to effectively continue coaching in the face of continuing questions surrounding the program." [New York Times, [1/18/12](#)]

- **February 2020: The Paterno Family Agreed To Drop Claims Against Penn State Related To Damage Of Its Reputation From The Sandusky Scandal And Penn State Agreed To Cover Some Of Its Legal Fees.** "Penn State reconciled Friday with the family of former football coach Joe Paterno after nearly one decade of tortuous relations in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal. Penn State's board of trustees Chair Mark Dambly announced Friday that the university and Paterno family resolved any "outstanding issues" stemming from the 2011 Sandusky scandal. The Paternos will drop all claims against Penn State and the university will cover some of the Paterno family's expenses, Dambly said in a prepared statement later released by Penn State. Jay Paterno, Joe's son, filed several lawsuits against the university that claimed his reputation was damaged." [State College Centre Daily Times, [2/21/20](#)]

**Bognet Called "Honor[ing] Penn State's Legacy" His Top Priority And Added, "I'm Sick And Tired Of Having Joe And Sue And 60 Years Of Excellence Written Out Of Penn State's History By The Current Administration."** "My priorities on the board of trustees will be this number one honor Penn State's legacy. I'm sick and tired of having Joe and Sue and 60 years of excellence written out of Penn State's history by the current administration, and by people that stand against us. I think we should honor the Penn State legacy, fight for the Penn State legacy. I think that's on top of everybody's mind still today, 10 years later, and I'm sick and tired of the current administration and the current president, not be willing to do that. I think it's ridiculous than when I go to a Penn State game on the big screen. The only thing I could see of our legacy is a pair of black shoes. I can't see the men and women that built this program into what it is today. So that's my number one priority." [Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Facebook, [4/11/21](#)] (VIDEO) 11:11

**April 2021: Bognet Proposed "Honoring Sue Paterno At The 50-Yard Line Before The Auburn Game This Fall."** "That's why I propose honoring Sue Paterno at the 50-yard line before the Auburn Game this fall. She should be an honorary Co-Captain of our team in recognition of 60 years of support for our University, our Students, and Joe!"



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[Jim Bognet Facebook, [4/22/21](#)]

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### **Bognet Repeatedly Touted His Endorsement From Anthony Lubrano, Who Defended Another Trustee Who Denigrated Sandusky's Victims And Sued Penn State For Access To Materials That Implicated Paterno In The Sandusky Scandal**

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**April 2021: Bognet Touted His Penn State Board Of Trustees' Campaign Endorsement From Anthony Lubrano.** "My name is Jim Bognet, candidate for the Penn State Board of Trustees. Please VOTE TODAY! [...] I've been endorsed by Anthony Lubrano and the Lion Fraternity Alumni Association (LFAA), which represents Penn State graduates who are members of fraternities. I am asking for your help in getting the word out that I am running and asking fellow PSU grads to vote for me."



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [4/22/21](#)]

**April 2017: As A Penn State Trustee, Lubrano Defended Another Trustee Who Said He Was “Running Out Of Sympathy” For Sandusky’s “So-Called Victims” As “Well Within His Right.”** “Lord, a retired bank executive, announced during a Wednesday candidates' forum that he was no longer seeking a second term on the Penn State board. Ballots go out next week in an election that runs through May 4. Lord's term expires June 30. Among those running is Jay Paterno, the son of former head coach Joe Paterno, who was Sandusky's boss for decades. Lord told the Chronicle after Spanier's conviction that he was ‘running out of sympathy for 35 yr old, so-called victims with 7 digit net worth.’ He followed that with a statement earlier this week to the Penn State student newspaper that apologized for ‘any pain the comment may have caused actual victims.’ [...] ‘Once again, we have a group of trustees stomping on our freedom of speech rights,’ said alumni-elected trustee Anthony Lubrano, a Lord ally. ‘Al Lord made a comment that was very personal, well within his right. And I think Al should stay on the board until the conclusion of his term.’” [NBC Sports, [4/6/17](#)]

**March 2020: State College Centre Daily Times Reported Lubrano Was “At The Center” Of An Effort To Counter A Report That Implicated Former Penn State Football Coach Paterno In The Sandusky Scandal.** “A former Penn State trustee at the center of an alumni-led effort to counter former FBI director Louis Freeh’s report that implicated former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno in the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal is seeking election to the board after a two-year hiatus. Anthony Lubrano, president of a financial services and wealth management firm, is one of four candidates vying for three alumni-elected positions on the board. Jay Paterno, one of the former football coach’s sons and president of Blue Line 409, and Alice Pope, associate professor of psychology at St. John’s University, are seeking reelection and Jeffrey Ballou, news editor of Al Jazeera English who ran last spring, is seeking first-time election.” [State College Centre Daily Times, [3/4/20](#)]

- **2015: Lubrano, Then A Penn State Trustee, Was Part Of A Group That Sued Penn State For Access To Materials In The Report.** “Lubrano and Pope were part of a group of seven alumni-elected trustees who sued Penn State in 2015 to access source materials used in the university-commissioned Freeh report, which investigated the university’s role in the Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.” [State College Centre Daily Times,

[3/4/20\]](#)

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**Bognet Campaigned Against Penn State's Equity Efforts, Which He Said "Doesn't Make Much Sense For Me"**

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**April 2021: Bognet While Campaigning For A Penn State Trustee Position: "Spending Tons Of Money On New Administrative Deans For Equity — That Doesn't Make Much Sense For Me."** "Making Penn State a more affordable institution is at the top of Bognet's to-do list. Along with this increased recognition of the university's history, he laid out the steps he feels are needed to decrease tuition costs. 'Number one: I want to stop spending money on administrative expenses,' Bognet said. 'I want to invest our money in the core educational mission. I believe athletics is part of that mission, but I don't believe political agendas are a part of that.' 'Spending tons of money on new administrative deans for equity — that doesn't make much sense for me,' Bognet added. 'I think we need to really invest our money in our students.'" [Onward State, [4/30/21](#)]

- **Letter To The Editor: "I Will Not Vote For Mr. Bognet Or Anyone Else Pushing Divisive Or Completely Ignorant Views On The Realities Faced By Students Of Color On Any Of Penn State's Campuses."** "As the first Latino appointed to this position, I take my role seriously in advocating for diversity, inclusion and equity in every facet of Penn State. [...] Given this fact along with recent nationwide events that have shaped our culture and brought greater attention to justice, I was appalled to read the comments put forth by a candidate with a record of division. Jim Bognet recently said that 'spending tons of money on new administrative deans for equity' doesn't make sense to him. Let's unpack that. He is an unsuccessful Congressional candidate who not only espoused and pushed a failed agenda, but one that is horrifically tone deaf. What he just said publicly is that he doesn't believe in the importance of diversity, our students of color, and Penn State's fine efforts to address inequalities. This is not what we need at Penn State or any institution of higher learning for that matter. Needless to say, I will not vote for Mr. Bognet or anyone else pushing divisive or completely ignorant views on the realities faced by students of color on any of Penn State's campuses." [Harrisburg Patriot-News, Opinion, Abe Amoros Letter to the Editor, [5/11/21](#)]

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**Bognet Campaigned On Opposing Crackdowns On Penn State Fraternities**

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**Bognet On Penn State Board Of Trustees Run: "I Believe That Administration Is Unfairly Cracking Down On Fraternities, And I Will Fight That!"** "I'm a proud FIJI brother, PSU class of 1997. I lived in the Hummel Fishburn Lodge for my sophomore, junior, and senior years. I know the importance of Greek life at Penn State, and will fight hard on behalf of fraternities and sororities at PSU. I believe that administration is unfairly cracking down on fraternities, and I will fight that!"



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [4/22/21](#)]

**As Of February 2021, Three Penn State Fraternities Were Suspended Over Exceeding Limits On People At Gatherings Due To COVID-19 Risk Imposed By The State College Police.** “Two fraternities at Penn State University have been placed on an interim suspension after they were accused of having gatherings that exceeded the limits set in place by State College police. Beta Sigma Beta and Acacia both have the opportunity to appeal the violation. This suspension follows the recent suspension of another Greek organization: Sigma Chi. Sigma Chi was suspended last week for also failing to follow COVID-19 guidelines implemented by the university.” [We Are Central PA, [2/8/21](#)]

**March 2017: Philadelphia Inquirer Headline: “Penn State Cracks Down On Fraternities And Sororities.”** [Philadelphia Inquirer, [3/30/17](#)]

- **Penn State Announced A Permanent Ban On The Fraternity Where A Student Died And Which Was Found Rampant “Forced Drinking, Hazing, And Other Illegal Activity.”** “Stepping up its crackdown on Greek life, Pennsylvania State University on Thursday announced new restrictions on its fraternities and sororities, including a reduction in the number of allowed parties and the permanent ban of a frat where a student died earlier this year, and a criminal investigation continues. [...] The university last month banned alcohol at all fraternity parties for the semester and instituted a minimum five-year ban on Beta Theta Pi, where pledge Timothy Piazza, 19, a sophomore engineering major from Lebanon, N.J., died after falling down a stairwell while intoxicated. Members of the frat didn’t call for help until 12 hours later, and police have said they are investigating whether hazing was involved in his death. On Thursday, Sims said the university — as far as he knows for the first time in its history — has instituted a permanent ban on the frat after a university investigation found rampant ‘forced drinking, hazing and other illegal activity.’ One member was arrested and charged with selling drugs, he said.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [3/30/17](#)]
- **The PSU Administration Also Announced A Reduction In The Number Of Parties Allowed In Greek Life Annually.** “Stepping up its crackdown on Greek life, Pennsylvania State University on Thursday

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## **Career**

The following provides a brief overview of Bognet’s professional career:

### **Political**

- 2022: Candidate, U.S. Representative (PA-08)
- 2020: Candidate, U.S. Representative (PA-08)
- 2006: Republican Central Committee (California’s 53rd Assembly District)

### **Professional**

- 2021 – 2022: Team Member, Bognet Inc
- October 2019 – January 2020: Senior Vice President of Communications, Export-Import Bank
- July – December 2018: CEO, McSally for Senate
- January 2016 – April 2018: Senior Vice President, Glover Park Group
- March 2013 – February 2022: Owner, JRB Strategies
- August – November 2012: Senior Advisor to Strategy/Media Team, Romney for President
- January – August 2012: Political Consultant, Dewhurst for Texas
- July 2011 – January 2012: Campaign Manager, Dewhurst for Texas
- August – November 2010: Media Consultant, SSG Media
- March 2009 – June 2010: Campaign Manager, Steve Poizner for Governor 2010
- August – November 2008: Communications Advisor, John McCain 2008
- January 2007 – February 2008: Policy Development Director, Romney for President
- March 2006 – January 2007: Policy Director, Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006
- November 2003 – March 2006: Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth, Office of Gov. Schwarzenegger
- 2002: Volunteer, Lou Barletta for Congress
- May – July 2001: Sumer Associate, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom
- July 1997 – January 1998: Investment Banking Analyst, Merrill Lynch
- Between 1993 and 1997: Intern, Office of Sen. Rick Santorum

## **Associated Entities**



The following provides a brief overview of Bognet's associated entities:

**Business(es)**

- Winning Kick Strategies
- JRB Strategies
- Elevate Public Affairs
- Bognet Inc

## Voter Registration & History

Bognet Voting History									
	State	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2021	PA			X		X			
2020	PA	X	X						
2019									
2018	PA	X	X						
2017									
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2015									
2014									
2013									
2012	TX	X	X						
2011									
2010	PA	X							
	CA		X						
2009	CA							X	
2008	CA	X					X		
2007									
2006	CA	X	X						
2005	CA							X	X
2004	CA	X							
2003	CA							X	
2002	CA	X	X						
2001									
2000	CA	X							
1999									
1998									

[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22; Sacramento County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/16/22; Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/3/22; Travis County, TX Tax Office, Registered Voter Histories as of March 2016, Obtained 5/17/22]

*Note: Please find copies of relevant voting records in [Appendix V – Bognet Voting Records](#).*

**9/30/00: Bognet Registered To Vote As A Member Of The Republican Party In Los Angeles, California.** [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/3/22]

**10/14/02: Bognet Registered To Vote As A Member Of The Republican Party In Hermosa Beach, California.** [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/3/22]

**10/25/04: Bognet Registered To Vote As A Member Of The Republican Party In Hermosa Beach, California.** [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/3/22]

**2/5/05: Bognet Registered To Vote As A Member Of The Republican Party At 920 Woodlawn Park Hazleton, PA 18201.** [Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22]

- **9/29/05: Bognet's Registration Was Confirmed Cancelled, As He Had Become A Resident Of California.** [Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22]

**10/17/08: Bognet Registered To Vote As A Member Of The Republican Party In Redondo Beach, California.** [Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voting History, Obtained 4/14/22]

**3/9/10: Bognet Registered To Vote As A Member Of The Republican Party In Sacramento County, California.** [Sacramento County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet, Voting History, Obtained 5/16/22]

**9/28/10: Bognet Re-Registered To Vote In Pennsylvania, Using His Parents' Address – 1345 Woodlawn Drive In Hazle Township – As His Primary Address For Voting.**

If your address of residence listed in Box 4a has no street number or street name (for example, Schoolhouse Road or RR2 Box 3) use the box above to draw a map of where you live. Include landmarks and roads. penalties, including loss of the right of suffrage, under state or federal law.

**PENNSYLVANIA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

1 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? ☒ Yes ☐ No } If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.  
Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2 ☒ New Registration ☐ Change of Name ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Party ☐ I am a Federal or State employee and wish to retain my voting residence in the county where I last resided.

3 ☒ M Last Name ☐ F **BOGNET** First Name **JAMES** Middle Name/Initial **ROCCO** Jr Sr II III IV (circle if applicable)

4 Place PA Driver's License (DL) # here  If no PA DL #, Place SSN (last 4 digits) here. ☒ I DO NOT have a PA Driver's License or Social Security Number.

4 Address of residence, include street and city (Use map above if no street number or name) (If only P.O. box, box above) Apt. # State Zip Code 4 Telephone Number (Optional)  
**1345 Woodlawn Drive** PA **18202** b **(310) 350-0993**

4 Municipality where you live County where you live 5 Mailing Address (if different than address of residence) City State Zip Code  
**Hazle Township** **Luzerne**

6 Date of birth **5/28/1975** 7 Race (Optional) 8 Name on previous registration Address of previous registration (include street and city)  
**5/28/1975** 8a 8b

9 In which party do you wish to register? How must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary.  
☐ Democratic ☒ Republican ☐ Libertarian ☐ No affiliation ☐ Other

10 Name and signature of person who assisted in the completion of this application: Address: Place signature with full name (or mark) below. (Please see Penalty for Falsifying Declaration.)

11 I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:  
(1) On the day of the next election I will have been a United States citizen for at least one month. I will be at least 18 years of age, and I will have resided in Pennsylvania and in my election district for at least 60 days.  
(2) I am legally qualified to vote.  
AND I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT the information I have provided in this registration declaration is true. I understand that this registration declaration will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit, and if the registration contains a materially false statement, I will be subject to penalties for perjury.

Print Your Name Below **James Rocco Bognet** Date **9/28/10**

12 Voter Identification Number (If available - not necessary if you are registering to vote for the first time or if you do not know your number)

13 Do you require assistance when voting? ☐ Yes ☒ No Reason for assistance:

ACTIVE  
RECORD

[Luzerne County Board of Elections, James Rocco Bognet Voter Registration Form, 9/28/10]

**12/20/11: Bognet Registered To Vote At 421 3<sup>rd</sup> St W, Apt. 1400 In Austin, TX.** [Travis County, TX Tax Office, Registered Voter Histories as of March 2016, Obtained 5/17/22]

- **2016: Travis County Cancelled Bognet's Voter Registration.** [Web Archive, Travis County, TX Tax Office, List of Voter Registrations Cancelled in Year 2016, Archived [5/7/19](#)]

## Personal Finance

In 2022, Bognet had an estimated net worth of between \$804,113 and \$2,995,000.

According to Bognet’s federal personal financial disclosures, his 2022 annual unearned income as of February 2022 was between \$14,568 and \$54,300. Bognet’s assets totaled between \$804,113 and \$2,995,000. Bognet did not report any liabilities.

*NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Bognet’s personal financial disclosures by year, see [Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures](#).*

### Bognet’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Liabilities
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
2022 (YTD)	\$8,000	\$804,113	\$2,995,000	\$14,568	\$54,300	\$0
2021	\$19,000	N/A	N/A	\$14,568	\$54,300	\$0
2020 (YTD)	\$39,000	\$576,098	\$2,329,000	\$13,568	\$50,300	\$0
2019	\$66,304	N/A	N/A	\$12,960	\$46,300	\$0
Total	\$132,304					

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

### Bognet Was Invested In And Profited Off Of Multiple Multi-Million Dollar Properties In The DC Area Through A Fund Connected To His Cousin’s Virginia Construction Company

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$200,000 Worth Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC And Reportedly Received Up To \$60,000 Total From It**

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**In His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures, Bognet Disclosed A 2.963 Percent Ownership In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, A “Private Real Estate Fund.”** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2019 – 2022: Bognet Reported Financial Interests In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
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**Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC Had The Same Chief Financial Officer And Address As Bognet Construction, Which Bognet's Cousin Ran In Virginia**

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**Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC's Chief Financial Officer Was Glenn Roberson And Its Address Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA**

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As Of July 2021, Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia's State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA. [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

Glenn Roberson Was The Registered Agent Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC As Of July 2021 And Its Chief Financial Officer Per Its November 2015 Filings. [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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**Bognet Construction's Chief Financial Officer Was Glenn Roberson And Its Address Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Tysons, VA**

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Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia's State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA. [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

Glenn Roberson Was Chief Financial Officer Of Bognet Construction In Tysons, VA. [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- As Of March 2022, Bognet Construction Listed Its Address On Its Website As Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Tysons, VA. [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- Business In Tyson, VA, Which Was Unincorporated, Typically Listed Their Addresses As Being In Vienna, McLean, Or Falls Church. "With no Zip code of its own, Tysons Corner has long struggled to define its sense of place, despite success as a major shopping and employment hub. It isn't an official city and residents and businesses there have traditionally had mailing addresses in McLean, Falls Church or Vienna." [Washington Post, [4/1/11](#)]

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**James Richard Bognet, Cousin Of Candidate Jim Bognet, Was The President, CEO, And Registered Agent Of Bognet Construction**

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As Of March 2020, James Richard Bognet Was The Registered Agent Of Bognet Construction Associates, Inc. [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- James Bognet, A Cousin Of Candidate Jim Bognet, Was The President And Chief Executive Of Bognet Construction Associates, A Vienna, VA-Based Construction Company. "Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is

another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

### Through Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, Bognet Held Financial Interests In Multiple Multi-Million Dollar Properties In The DC Area

### Through The Real Estate Investment Fund, Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$50,000 Worth Of 1250 DSC Investment LLC, Which Was Affiliated With The Ownership Of A \$100 Million Office Building In DC

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<b>Total</b>							<b>\$10,004</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

### March 2018: 1250 DSC Investment LLC, Was Registered With Delaware’s Division Of Corporations.

[Delaware Division of Corporations, Entity Details, filed 3/27/18, accessed [3/10/22](#); SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

**Per Its December 2018 Filing With The SEC, 1250 DSC Investment LLC Was A Commercial Real Estate Business With A Business Address Of 1250 I St NW, Suite 1250, Washington, DC.** [SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

**Per Its December 2018 Filing With The SEC, Nicholas Smith And Douglas Donatelli Were The Executive Officers Of 1250 DSC Investment LLC.** [SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

- **2017: “DC Real Estate Veterans” Smith And Donatelli Co-Founded DSC Partners, A Real Estate Investment Company That Owned 3.4 Million Square Feet Of Real Estate In DC, Maryland, And**

**Virginia.** “DSC Partners LLC is a real estate investment and development company based in Washington, DC that creates value through acquisition and management of commercial properties in dynamic local markets located in the Mid-Atlantic region. DSC’s integrated approach to real estate investment aims to maximize cash flow and optimize long-term, risk-adjusted returns. Founded in 2017 by long-time DC real estate veterans Douglas J. Donatelli and Nicholas R. Smith, the company has acquired in excess of 45 buildings and 3.4 million square feet with a diverse portfolio of commercial space and future development of 1.4 million square feet of industrial space in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia.” [DSC Partners, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**December 2018: 1250 DSC Investment LLC Disclosed Selling \$4.8 Million In Equity To 28 Investors.** [SEC EDGAR, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, filed [12/13/18](#)]

**May 2018: DSC Partners Purchased An Office Building At 1250 Eye St NW, Washington, DC For \$100 Million.** “First Potomac Realty Trust co-founders Doug Donatelli and Nick Smith have bought their first office building in downtown D.C. since launching a new venture last year. DSC Partners LLC closed Monday on its acquisition of 1250 Eye St. NW for \$100 million, or roughly \$562 per square foot. The deal picks up on a playbook that Donatelli and Smith had fashioned at First Potomac, putting emphasis on value-add properties in urban and Metro-accessible locations. DSC made its first acquisition, 77 Upper Rock Circle in Rockville, last summer.” [Washington Business Journals, [5/1/18](#)]

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### **Groups That Leased From 1250 I St NW Advocated Against The Professed Goals Of Bognet’s Campaign**

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**According To Its Website, Washington Media Group’s Address Was 1250 Eye Street, NW, Suite 902, Washington, DC.** [Washington Media Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **Washington Media Group Advertised Its Services “To Provide Discreet Counsel” With Its Clients Ranging “From Main Street To Wall Street To Silicon Valley, Beijing And Beyond.”** “We created Washington Media Group in 2005 to provide discreet counsel and a team approach to produce the best solutions for our clients in a chaotic world. From Main Street to Wall Street to Silicon Valley, Beijing and beyond, WMG is a trusted advisor to many of the world’s most successful companies, institutions and organizations. We have saved our clients millions of dollars by protecting and repairing reputations, improving brand value, and enhancing public recognition. Our approach is collaborative. WMG was one of the first firms to integrate the latest digital solutions with traditional media tools, investigative research and creative vision with the right message. Whether the mission is to navigate hostile political forces, regulatory challenges or investigations by the media and law enforcement – or just tell a great story, we design the right tools and content to reach and impact your audience.” [Washington Media Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **Washington Media Group: “We Know How To Refocus Negative Or Unsubstantiated Stories And Allegations So Our Clients Can Avoid Embarrassment, Economic Hardship Or A Government Investigation.”** “Discretion is a WMG hallmark. We work behind the scenes on four continents to execute across all media, whether it’s online, in print, paid, owned or earned. We know how to refocus negative or unsubstantiated stories and allegations so our clients can avoid embarrassment, economic hardship or a government investigation. And WMG has a combined 100 years of experience marketing companies, people or products. Top journalists know and trust us as honest brokers, and that guarantees access – and peace of mind for our clients.” [Washington Media Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **September 2021: Bognet Claimed That “Big Tech Muzzles Conservatives.”** “As Big Tech muzzles conservatives, please follow me on a conservative friendly platform GETTR by clicking the link below: <https://t.co/Ig7LMO8x5b>” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/1/21](#)]
- **October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Make [China] Pay For The Manufacturing Jobs We’ve Lost” And “Corporate Espionage They’ve Committed.”** “[BOGNET:] Number one, I want to make China pay. I want to make them pay for coronavirus, for the lives we’ve lost. I want to make them pay for the manufacturing jobs we’ve lost over the last 25 years from the WTO and other things, the way they manipulated trade, the way

they've stolen our products, the way they've stolen our plans, the corporate espionage they've committed.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 6:23

**April 2021: Environmental Working Group (EWG) Signed A 12-Year Lease At 1250 I St NW With DSC Partners.** “Environmental Working Group, a nonprofit that advocates for corporate accountability in sustainability, has signed a 12-year lease to occupy 15,331 square feet at 1250 Eye Street NW, a recently renovated, 177,906-square-foot office building in Washington, D.C. Cushman & Wakefield represented the landlord, DSC Partners, in the deal. The rent was not disclosed.” [Commercial Partners, [4/7/21](#)]

- **EWG Opposed “Outdated Legislation, Harmful Agricultural Practices And Industry Loopholes That Pose A Risk To Our Health And The Health Of Our Environment.”** “Since 1993, the Environmental Working Group has shined a spotlight on outdated legislation, harmful agricultural practices and industry loopholes that pose a risk to our health and the health of our environment. Whether it’s on Capitol Hill or in communities across America, we make our voices heard, changing the debate over environmental health and putting the most important people – you and your family – at the center of the conversation.” [Environmental Working Group, accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **EWG Reported On A Study That Projects Fracking To Pose “An Impending Health Crisis” And Its Work “At The Forefront Of Work To Bring Transparency To Fracking And Oil And Gas Regulation In California.”** “Fracking for oil and gas poses an impending health crisis in the U.S., two leading groups of health professionals warn in a new report. Not only do existing fracking regulations fail to protect Americans from increased risk of cancer, asthma and birth defects, but there is no evidence fracking can ever be done without threatening public health, according to the authors. [...] EWG has been at the forefront of work to bring transparency to fracking and oil and gas regulation in California: EWG reports and advocacy were instrumental in passing landmark legislation in 2013, making California the only state to require comprehensive chemical testing of drilling waste and public disclosure of results. Using the state’s data, in 2015 two EWG investigations revealed just how toxic fracking chemicals and chemical-laced wastewater are, identifying substances linked to cancer, reproductive harm, hormone disruption and other health impacts.” [Environmental Working Group, [3/16/18](#)]
- **June 2021: Bognet Criticized Fracking Regulations, Which He Said Hurt Energy Jobs In Pennsylvania.** “[BOGNET:] Biden on his first day in office cancels the Keystone Pipeline. Then he starts putting forward regulations to hurt fracking. He has been a disaster for Pennsylvania energy workers. Energy provides great jobs up here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We have gas builds [sic] on the North and the border with New York. The last five-ten years, they’ve created many jobs, which also helps the local economy because now you have people with cranes, you have laborers that are up there laying the pipe, that’s all stopped.” [Breitbart News, [6/19/21](#)] (AUDIO) 3:31

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#### **Tenants Of 1250 I St NW Performed More Than \$9 Million Worth Of Lobbying In 2021, Despite Bognet’s Attempts To Contrast Himself With “DC Lobbyist Types”**

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**July 2020: Bognet Claimed He Fundraised From The Grassroots, Rather Than “DC Lobbyist Types.”** “[BOGNET:] The party has rallied around us, is helping us raise the resources. When you’re dealing with a wealthy incumbent, they get a lot of money from the DC lobbyist types, we’re getting great small-dollar donations from around the country to take the case to the people.” [Hugh Hewitt Show via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/24/20](#)] (AUDIO) 2:29

- **August 2020: Bognet Criticized Cartwright For Allegedly “Get[ting] All His Money From The DC Swamp Creature Crowd.”** “[BOGNET:] My opponent, Matt Cartwright, is a bought and paid for lieutenant of Nancy Pelosi. He gets all his money from the DC swamp creature crowd and he was asked straight out if he supported defunding the police.” [The Lars Larson Show via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [8/19/20](#)] (AUDIO) 4:12

### Tenants Of 1250 I St NW Reportedly Performed More Than \$9,014,558 Worth Of Lobbying In 2021:

2021: Tenants Of 1250 I St NW Reported In-House Lobbying Spending				
“Organization/Lobbying Firm”	Address	Report	Date Filed	Reported Lobbying Spending Representing Itself
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/20/21	\$1,360,000
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/20/21	\$1,210,000.00
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/20/21	\$1,030,000
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/19/22	\$970,000
<b>Distilled Spirits Council Of U.S. Subtotal</b>				<b>\$4,570,000</b>
eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/20/21	\$200,000
eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/20/21	\$320,000
eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/14/21	\$340,000
eBay	1250 I St NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/20/22	\$340,000
<b>eBay Subtotal</b>				<b>\$1,200,000</b>
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/15/21	\$256,400
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/19/21	\$ 256,400
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/19/21	\$234,350
PayPal	1250 I St NW, Suite 1202, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/19/22	\$ 260,300
<b>PayPal Subtotal</b>				<b>\$1,007,450</b>
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q1	4/20/21	\$586,000
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q2	7/20/21	\$622,500
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q3	10/20/21	\$518,608
American Hotel & Lodging Association	1250 Eye St NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC	2021 Q4	1/20/22	\$510,000
<b>American Hotel &amp; Lodging Association Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,237,108</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$9,014,558</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Registration Activity Search, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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**2019 – 2022: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$100,000 Worth Of 4420 North Fairfax LLC And Receiving Up To \$20,000 Total From It Through His Investment In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC. [Bognet**



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**As of February 2020, 4420 North Fairfax LLC Was Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission With A Principal Office Address Of 1101 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 210, Washington, DC.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 2/9/20, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**June 2015: Washington Capitol Partners Purchased A Mixed-Use Office Building At 4420 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA In Partnership With Bognet Construction And A Real Estate Developer.** “Washington Capitol Partners acquired the Class A office building in June 2015, in partnership with Bognet Construction and [real estate developer] Kettler. The five-story, 57,496 square foot building is located in the Ballston sub-market of Arlington, VA. The property underwent extensive renovations totaling \$3 million in 2010. The asset also has the potential for future development of 250,000 square feet of multi-family residential and retail uses. The western entrance to the Ballston Metro Station will be located immediately adjacent to the building, commencing construction in 2018.” [Washington Capitol Partners LLC, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **The Three Entities Paid “Roughly \$21.8 Million” For The Property.** “Washington Capitol Partners LLC, Kettler and JB Partners, an affiliate of Bognet Construction, paid roughly \$21.8 million for 4420 Fairfax Drive, a five-story, 57,496-square-foot office property located two blocks from the existing Ballston Metro station.” [Washington Business Journals, [8/13/15](#)]

**On Its Filing For Reinstatement With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission, Peter Minshall Was Managing Director Of 4420 North Fairfax LLC And Cathryn Scheipers Was Listed As A Contact.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Application for Reinstatement, status date 1/16/20, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **Minshall And Scheipers Led Washington Capitol Partners.** “Peter C. Minshall founded Washington Capitol Partners in 2007 and serves as the Managing Partner responsible for all major decisions regarding the firm’s portfolio, including acquisitions, dispositions, financing, property management and asset management. [...] Cathryn M. Scheipers joined Washington Capitol Partners in August 2015 and focuses on evaluating new

acquisitions and assists in managing the firm’s portfolio of properties. She is also responsible for leasing, redevelopment and overseeing tenant improvements, and leads Washington Capitol’s marketing and public relations function.” [Washington Capitol Partners LLC, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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- **Per Its November 2015 Filings With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission, James R. Bognet Of Vienna, VA Was The Registered Agent Of JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC And Glenn Roberson Was Its CFO.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**November 2014: JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC Purchased Real Property At 1821 Michael Faraday Dr, Reston, VA For \$10.5 Million And Owned The Property As Of March 2022.** [Fairfax County Search by Property Location, dated 11/18/14, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**JB Properties, An Affiliate Of Bognet Construction, And Verity Commercial Partnered To Purchase The Property At 1821 Michael Faraday Dr, A Five-Story Office Building.** According to Verity Commercial, “1821 Michael Faraday Drive The property ownership is a partnership between JB Properties and Verity Commercial.

This 54,000-sf office building is located within a quarter mile of the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station.” Virginia Business reported JB Properties was an affiliate of Bognet Construction. [Verity Commercial, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia Business, [8/24/15](#)]

### August 2020: Bognet Said He Supported Exempting Certain Cigars From FDA Regulation, Which Health Advocacy Organizations Opposed And Multiple Tobacco Companies He Was Invested In Lobbied On

### August 2020: Bognet Spoke In Support Of HR 1854, A Bill To Exempt Premium Cigars From FDA Regulation

**August 2020: Bognet Called HR 1854, A Bill To Exempt Premium Cigars From FDA Regulation, “The Type Of Bill [He] Could See [Himself] Supporting In Congress.”** “[HOST:] Would it be safe to say that you’re in support of HR 1854, which would exempt premium cigars from FDA regulation? [BOGNET:] I’ve read HR 1854, I think it has a lot of good ideas in it. I think when I get to Congress I’ll want to look at it more, but that’s the type of bill I could see myself supporting in Congress. I do want to look at the legislative analysis in greater depth, I think I owe that to the constituents, but that’s the kind of sensible regulation that I think we need in the cigar industry.” [Best Cigar Prices Facebook, [8/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 18:19

### A Coalition Of Health Organizations Opposed The Bill Over Its Threats To Young People’s Health

**A Coalition Of Health Organizations Opposed HR 1854 Since It Could “Undercut FDA’s Ability To Protect Youth And Young Adults From The Health Consequences Of Cigar Smoking.”** In a letter to Representatives, a range of health and equity advocacy groups, including the American Public Health Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, Center for Black Equity, and LULAC, wrote of HR 1854, “If enacted, this legislation could undercut FDA’s ability to protect youth and young adults from the health consequences of cigar smoking. Cigar smoking is not limited to adults. Nearly one million youth reported current cigar use last year. The 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey shows that cigars are the most popular tobacco product among Black high school students and the second most popular tobacco product after e-cigarettes among all high school students. FDA has found that, while youth and young adults tend to smoke mass market cigars, they also use premium cigars. Many youth are likely to be attracted to inexpensive cigars that could qualify as ‘traditional large and premium cigars’ under this legislation.” [Letter to House of Representatives via Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, [11/29/21](#)]

### March 2020: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$30,000 In Tobacco Companies Altria Group And British American Tobacco Industries’ Stock

**2019 – 2020: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$30,000 Total In Altria Group And British American Tobacco Industries Stock And Receiving Up To \$2,400 In Unearned Income From Their Dividends.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2020: Bognet Reported Financial Interests In Tobacco Companies								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	Altria Group, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	British American Tobacco Industries, p.l.c. Common Stock ADR	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000

2019	Fidelity Self 401k	Altria Group, Inc.	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	British American Tobacco Industries, p.l.c. Common Stock ADR	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$404</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Altria Group Was “One Of The World's Largest Producers And Marketers Of Tobacco And Cigarettes.”**

[Fortune, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**British American Tobacco Industries Called Itself “The World’s Most International Tobacco Group.”**

[British American Tobacco, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

*Note: Bognet did not have any financial interests in Altria Group nor British American Tobacco Industries in 2021 or 2022 per his February 2022 financial disclosure.*

### **2019 – 2020: Subsidiaries Of Altria Group And British American Tobacco Lobbied On HR 1854 While Spending Millions On Lobbying**

**April – December 2019: Altria Client Services LLC Disclosed Lobbying On All Provisions Of HR 1854 And Spending \$7,840,000 Total, Including On Other Measures, During The Same Period.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Altria Client Services Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/20](#); filed [10/21/19](#); filed [7/22/19](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **Altria Client Services LLC Was A Subsidiary Of Altria Group.** [SEC, [12/31/09](#)]

**January – December 2020: The Smith-Free Group Disclosed Monitoring HR 1854 As A Specific Lobbying Activity For Its Client, RAI Services, A Subsidiary Of British American Tobacco.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **January – December: The Smith-Free Group Disclosed Spending \$240,000 Total On Lobbying For RAI Services, Including On Other Measures.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **The Smith-Free Group Described HR 1854 As A Bill To “To Protect Jobs And Small Businesses Involved In The Sale, Manufacturing, And Distribution Of Traditional And Premium Cigars” On Its Disclosures.** “Specific lobbying issues [...] Monitored H.R. 1854 to Amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administrations jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.” [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

### **October 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From An Altria Group Subsidiary’s Executive**

**October 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From Phil Park, An Executive At Altria Client Services.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [10/8/20](#)]

## Bognet Repeatedly Claimed “Big Tech” Companies Facebook And Twitter Were Biased Against Conservatives, But Owned As Much As \$62,000 Of The Companies’ Stocks And Options

### 2021: Bognet Repeatedly Alleged “Big Tech” Companies, Including Facebook And Twitter, “Muzzle[d] Conservatives” And Harmed His Campaign’s Social Media Engagement

**July 2021: In A Fundraising Email, Bognet Wrote In Support Of Trump’s Lawsuit “Against Big Tech Giants Such As Facebook, Twitter, And YouTube For Silencing Conservatives.”** “Last week, President Trump filed a Federal Lawsuit against Big Tech giants such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube for silencing Conservatives and removing influential voices from their platforms! I stand with President Trump against Big Tech! Big Tech has been EXPOSED for the unconstitutional censorship of the American people. We CANNOT ignore the flagrant silencing of users for our conservative beliefs or asking questions of government agencies. Big Tech’s suppression of users are a direct attack on the U.S. Constitution and cannot be allowed to continue.” [Team Bognet Email via Princeton Corpus of Political Emails, [7/12/20](#)]

**October 2021: Bognet Claimed His Facebook Page’s Engagement Dropped After He “Criticize[d] Biden & Liberals, Or Question[ed] Mandates” And Added, “This Is How Woke Oligarchs/Orgs. Operate.”** “This is how Woke oligarchs/orgs. operate. I’ve seen throttling on my account. Every time I criticize Biden & liberals, or question mandates, I see dramatically less engagement the following days. The ‘Whistleblower’ is about having FB be more anti-conservative. Don’t be fooled!”



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Seth Dillon · Oct 7, 2021

A recent post of ours on Facebook only reached 11 people. Eleven. We’d have reached more people if we’d printed it out and nailed it to a telephone pole in a small town. The throttling is so obvious and restrictive now, it’s ridiculous.  
[foxnews.com/media/babylon-...](https://foxnews.com/media/babylon-...)

4:14 PM · Oct 7, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [10/7/21](#)]

**September 2021: Bognet For Congress Twitter: “As Big Tech Muzzles Conservatives, Please Follow Me On A Conservative Friendly Platform GETTR.”** “As Big Tech muzzles conservatives, please follow me on a conservative friendly platform GETTR by clicking the link below: <https://t.co/Ig7LMO8x5b>”





As Big Tech muzzles conservatives, please follow me on a conservative friendly platform GETTR by clicking the link below:



gettr.com  
Jim Bognet  
Winning back PA-08, Northeastern PA Native, #PennState Alum, Conservative Fighter, Former President Trump Appointee

5:09 PM · Sep 1, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/1/21](#)]

### 2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$62,000 In Twitter And Facebook Stock And Options Combined

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$47,000 In Twitter Stock And Options, From Which He Received Up To \$800 In Unearned Income.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2019 – 2022: Bognet Twitter Stock And Options Ownership								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2022 (Jan – Feb)	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2022 (Jan – Feb)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2022 Subtotal				\$2,002	\$30,000	2022 Subtotal	\$0	\$0
2021	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2021	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2021 Subtotal							\$0	\$0
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200

2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 34.0 (Twitter April 17 20 34.0 C Long Option)	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr April 17 20 38.0 (Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 38.0 Call Short Options)	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2020 (Jan – March)	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
<b>2020 Subtotal</b>				<b>\$3,005</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>	<b>2020 Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$400</b>
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2019	TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2019	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 34.0 (Twitter April 17 20 34.0 C Long Option)	Option	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2019	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc Twtr April 17 20 38.0 (Twitter Inc Twtr Apr 17 20 38.0 Call Short Options)	Option	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2019	TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
<b>2019 Subtotal</b>							<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$800</b>

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$15,000 In Facebook Stock, From Which He Did Not Report Receiving Any Unearned Income.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

<b>2019 – 2022: Bognet Facebook Stock Ownership</b>								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2022 (Jan – Feb)	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2021	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc – Class A	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	None	None

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

## Professional Career

### Significant Findings

- ✓ From 2006 to 2018, campaigns paid Bognet and his business, Winning Kick Strategies, \$1.2 million.
- ✓ In September 2020, Bognet claimed he knew what it was to “scrimp to get by” and live without a job or health insurance.
- ✓ At least six of the campaigns Bognet worked for failed.
- ✓ Bognet was connected to multiple scandals involving theft, embezzlement, and misuse of campaign funds.
- ✓ In 2018, Bognet managed the budget and consultants on Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate campaign.
  - ✓ In 2021, Anthony Barry, a former consultant and deputy campaign manager on the race pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$115,000 from the McSally campaign.
  - ✓ Payments to Barry from the campaign increased “dramatically” while Bognet was CEO.
- ✓ While Bognet was CEO of McSally’s campaign, it classified top staff as independent contractors, allegedly to avoid paying payroll taxes, withholding, and benefits.
- ✓ Kenneth “Buddy” Barfield, who took over as campaign manager of David Dewhurst’s Texas Senate campaign from Bognet in October 2011, was convicted of embezzlement from the campaign.
  - ✓ Bognet continued to advise the campaign as a political consultant until after Dewhurst’s primary runoff loss to Ted Cruz in 2012.
  - ✓ In 2015, Barfield was sentenced to seven years in prison for embezzling \$1.8 million from the campaign.
- ✓ In 2016, FEC counsel alleged the Dewhurst campaign failed to report activity it paid for with excessive contributions prior to Dewhurst’s official declaration of candidacy, including early payments to Bognet that derived from Barfield’s firm.
- ✓ Bognet made a career out of engineering misleading, divisive attacks on political candidates, industries, and individuals.
  - ✓ 2018: Bognet was CEO of McSally’s campaign, which featured “ridiculously pervasive” and “alarming” attacks on Sinema, including on her choice of clothing and attending antiwar protests.
  - ✓ Bognet worked with Uber to coordinate opposition research during a timeframe when Uber attempted to “throw mud” at the taxi industry.
  - ✓ In 2012, Bognet produced TV and radio ads for Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign, which produced mostly negative and multiple false ads.

- ✓ While he worked for Dewhurst’s campaign in 2012, Katrina Pierson, a conservative blogger who later became a Trump spokesperson, accused Bognet of “bully[ing]” her over a question she asked about why Dewhurst would only debate on TV.
- ✓ As a media consultant in 2010, Bognet produced multiple attack ads columnists called “misleading” and “nasty.”
- ✓ Bognet managed Steve Poizner’s 2010 California gubernatorial campaign, which aired “vicious” and false ads; Poizner later said he regretted the “divisive tone” of the campaign.
- ✓ Bognet claimed he ran a small business, JRB Strategies, in Hazleton, PA; it appeared to be neither a business nor in Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly touted his “business background” based on his experience starting JRB Strategies in Hazleton, PA.
- ✓ As of March 2022, JRB Strategies was not registered in Pennsylvania or any state Bognet has lived in.
- ✓ As of March 2022, there was no available record of any federal or state campaign transaction with JRB Strategies, which Bognet claimed worked with campaigns.
- ✓ On his resume, Bognet stated JRB Strategies was based in Los Angeles, CA, not Hazleton.
- ✓ Bognet’s campaigns accepted tens of thousands of dollars from DC lobbyists and his other political connections.
- ✓ As of 2021, Bognet’s campaigns accepted more than \$38,000 from DC-area lobbyists.
- ✓ As of 2021, Bognet’s campaigns accepted more than \$25,000 from the alumni of campaigns he worked on.
- ✓ As of 2021, Bognet’s campaigns accepted more than \$14,000 from past and current employees of political firms where he once worked.
- ✓ In 2020, Bognet criticized multi-millionaires who ran for office as out of touch; in 2007, he touted the “real life experience” of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, whose max net worth exceeded \$270 million.
- ✓ Bognet worked at the Export-Import Bank for 57 days, then left the position two weeks before launching his congressional campaign in January 2020.
- ✓ Bognet’s role at Ex-Im was his first professional position not with a political campaign or consulting firm since 2001, when he held a banking job on Wall Street.

## Professional Career Timeline & Payments

**2021 – 2022: Bognet Stated That He Was A “Team Member” At Bognet Inc, His Family’s Construction Company**

**2022: Bognet Reported His Role As A “Team Member” At Bognet Inc. On His Financial Disclosure, Where He Reported Earning \$16,000 In 2021 And \$8,000 Between January And February 2022.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

- **James Bognet, Bognet’s Father, Was The Owner Of Bognet Inc, A Hazle Township Construction Company.** “Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

*Note: Bognet did not report any role at Bognet Inc on his 2020 financial disclosure.*

### **October 2019 – January 2020: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications At The Export-Import Bank**

**Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications For The Ex-Im Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020.** “Please note that Mr. James Bognet only served in the role of Senior Vice President of Communications from October 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020.” [Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20]

### **July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ**

#### **July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ**

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

#### **July 2018 – January 2019: McSally For Senate Paid Bognet And His Business A Total Of \$161,231.11**

**July 2018 – January 2019: McSally For Senate Paid Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies A Total Of \$161,231.11.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

<b>July 2018 – January 2019: McSally For Senate Payments To Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies</b>			
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Disbursement Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	1/4/19	\$461.56
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	12/13/18	\$11,250
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	11/15/18	\$818.80



Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	11/6/18	\$2,434.25
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	10/24/18	\$22,500
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	10/5/18	\$2,542.14
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	10/1/18	\$22,500
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	9/11/18	\$2,446.08
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	9/4/18	\$22,500
Winning Kick Strategies	Mileage	8/13/18	\$218.00
Winning Kick Strategies	See Memo	8/13/18	\$3,184.86
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	8/1/18	\$22,500
James Bognet	See Memo	7/26/18	\$1,748.03
James Bognet	Strategy Consulting	7/12/18	\$22,500
James Bognet	See Memo	7/12/18	\$23,627.39
<b>Consulting Subtotal</b>			<b>\$132,452.83</b>
<b>Mileage Subtotal</b>			<b>\$218</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$161,231.11</b>

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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**While Working For McSally's Campaign, Bognet Was Paid As An Individual Living In Manhattan Beach, CA, And His Business Was Paid As An Organization In Hazleton, PA**

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**July 2018 – January 2019: While Working For McSally's Campaign, Bognet Had A Mailing Address In Manhattan Beach, CA, And His Business Had A Mailing Address In Hazleton, PA.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

<b>July 2018 – January 2019: McSally For Senate Payments To Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies</b>			
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Disbursement Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reported Mailing Address Of Recipient</b>
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	1/4/19	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	12/13/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	11/15/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	11/6/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	10/24/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	10/5/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	10/1/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	9/11/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	9/4/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Mileage	8/13/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	See Memo	8/13/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
Winning Kick Strategies	Campaign Strategy Consulting	8/1/18	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazleton, PA
James Bognet	See Memo	7/26/18	3517 Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA
James Bognet	Strategy Consulting	7/12/18	3517 Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA
James Bognet	See Memo	7/12/18	3517 Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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**June 2017: Bognet Registered Winning Kick Strategies With Pennsylvania's Department Of State**

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**June 2017: Bognet Registered Winning Kick Strategies With Pennsylvania's Department Of State At 1345 Woodlawn Drive, Hazle Township, PA As Its Sole Member.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, Application for Registration of Fictitious Name, filed 6/6/17, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

- **On His Application To Register Winning Kick Strategies, Bognet Described Its Activities As “Facilitates Business Relationships Across Many Classes Of Stakeholders.”** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, Application for Registration of Fictitious Name, filed 6/6/17, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Winning Kick Strategies Was Active As A Fictitious Business Name In Pennsylvania And Bognet Was Its Owner.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, Business Entity Details, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

**Bognet Reported His Role As “Founder And Managing Director” Of Winning Kick Strategies On His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

### **January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client's goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**The Glover Park Group Was A “Leading Strategic Communications And Government Affairs Firm Headquartered In Washington, DC, With An Office In New York.”** “The Glover Park Group (GPG) is a leading strategic communications and government affairs firm. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with an office in New York, GPG offers its clients a suite of fully integrated services including public affairs, corporate reputation, media relations, government affairs, opinion research, crisis communications, digital strategy, advertising and brand positioning.” [Glover Park Group, [1/12/16](#)]

### **March 2013 – February 2022: Bognet Was A Consultant And Repeatedly Claimed His Work Was Associated With A “Small Business,” JRB Strategies**

**March 2013 – January 2016: According To His Resume, Bognet Was Managing Director Of JRB Strategies In Los Angeles, CA**

**March 2013 – January 2016: Bognet Was Managing Director Of JRB Strategies In Los Angeles, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: “Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.” He also described “Representative Client Engagements for JRB Strategies:” “Campaign Manager, NO on 105
- Served as Statewide Campaign Manager of ballot proposition campaign. Led Colorado statewide campaign in opposition to passage of Proposition 105, securing a 65%-35% victory.
- Coordinated all earned media, coalition building activities, and in-state strategy for successful campaign. Campaign Coordinator, Uber
- Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort
- Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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### **Bognet Claimed He “Had [His] Own Small Business” In Reference To JRB Strategies**

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**November 2020: Bognet Touted His Experience With JRB Strategies: “I Had My Own Small Business The Last Seven Years Before I Went To Work For The President.”** “‘Most of my professional career has been in public policy,’ Bognet said. ‘I’ve worked for Lou Barletta, (former Pennsylvania U.S. senator) Rick Santorum, and (Arizona Republican Senator) Martha McSally in public service. I had my own small business the last seven years before I went to work for the president.’ Bognet’s business is JRB Strategies, which provides corporate communications, campaign management, public affairs and crisis communications services, as well as strategic counsel to corporate executives, company founders and organizational leaders.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [11/3/20](#)]

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### **February 2022: Bognet Said He Shut Down His Company**

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**February 2022: Bognet Claimed He “Shut Down [His] Company” To Run For Congress In 2022.** “[BOGNET:] I am going to work and work and work 80 hours a week. I shut down my company to run again this year. This is too important.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) 1:31

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### **January 2019 – March 2020: Bognet Reported Receiving \$54,000 In Earned Income From JRB Strategies**

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**Bognet Disclosed His Role As A “Founder/Owner/Managing Director Of Small Business” At JRB Strategies On His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**January – March 2020: Bognet Reported Receiving \$24,000 In Earned Income From JRB Strategies.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**2019: Bognet Reported Receiving \$30,000 In Earned Income From JRB Strategies.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**2020: Bognet Disclosed JRB Strategies As A Source Of Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 And Did Not Appear To List Any Of Its Clients.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

- **House Ethics Committee Required Filers To “Disclose The Clients Or Customers Of That Firm Or Association To Whom He Or She Directly Provided Services.”** “New officers and employees and candidates must disclose any compensation in excess of \$5,000 received from a single source other than the United States.<sup>46</sup> Reporting individuals need disclose only their own compensation in this section, not that received by their spouses or children. The information must cover two calendar years. Specifically, a reporting individual who was a member or partner of a firm or association that provided services (such as legal, architectural, or accounting services) must disclose the clients or customers of that firm or association to whom he or she directly provided services. The clients or customers of a filer who was the sole proprietor of a business or

professional practice must be disclosed in the same manner. The nature of the duties performed only need be described generally. Thus, a client name (which may be a company name, if the client is a corporation) and ‘legal services’ would be sufficient for services rendered by an attorney. The amount of compensation also need not be disclosed.” [House Ethics Committee, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: Bognet did not disclose JRB Strategies as a source of earned income or compensation exceeding \$5,000 in his 2022 financial disclosure.*

## 2014: Two Campaigns Bognet Claimed Were JRB Strategies’ Clients On His Resume Paid Bognet, Rather Than JRB Strategies

**On His Resume, Bognet Claimed JRB Strategies Worked On Oregon’s No On 92 Campaign And Colorado’s No On 105 Campaign.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: “Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.” He also described “Representative Client Engagements for JRB Strategies:” “Campaign Manager, NO on 105
- Served as Statewide Campaign Manager of ballot proposition campaign. Led Colorado statewide campaign in opposition to passage of Proposition 105, securing a 65%-35% victory.
- Coordinated all earned media, coalition building activities, and in-state strategy for successful campaign. Campaign Coordinator, Uber
- Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort
- Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**September – November 2014: Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$93,164.40.** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

September – November 2014: Colorado No On 105 Coalition Payments To James Bognet				
Payee	Address	Expenditure Type	Date	Amount
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	11/14/14	\$1,538.61
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	11/7/14	\$10,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	11/5/14	\$2,471.42
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	10/30/14	\$10,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	10/28/14	\$3,284.14
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	10/17/14	\$5,562.16
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	10/1/14	\$20,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	9/29/14	\$5,289.92
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	9/18/14	\$10,000

James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	9/18/14	\$20,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Miscellaneous	9/18/14	\$5,018.15
<b>Consultant &amp; Professional Services Subtotal</b>				<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>Travel &amp; Lodging Subtotal</b>				<b>\$18,146.25</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$93,164.40</b>

[Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**November 2014: Oregon's No On 92 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$15,266.62 For Management Services.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

<b>November 2014: Oregon No On 92 Coalition Payments To James Bognet</b>				
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/26/14	\$3,585.96
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/24/14	\$3,585.96
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/10/14	\$4,047.35
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/7/14	\$1,547.35
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/4/14	\$2,500.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$15,266.62</b>

[Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: Campaign finance expenditure searches for JRB Strategies with Colorado and Oregon's Secretaries of State databases did not yield results.*

## **2014: Bognet Consulted On Two Campaigns Against Referenda To Label GMOs In Colorado And Oregon**

**September – November 2014: Colorado's No On 105 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$93,164.40, \$70,000 Of Which Was For "Consultant & Professional Services."** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

- **2014: Colorado's Proposition 105 Failed, With 65.47 Percent Of The Vote Against It.** [Colorado Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#)]

**November 2014: Oregon's No On 92 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$15,266.62 For Management Services.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

- **2014: Oregon's Measure 92 Failed By 837 Votes Following A Recount.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#); The Oregonian, [12/12/14](#)]

**Colorado's Proposition 105 And Oregon's Measure 92 Would Have Required Labeling Of Foods Derived From GMO Crops.** "Colorado's Proposition 105 would've required food companies to label packaged foods with the text 'produced with genetic engineering.' Oregon's Measure 92 says food labels would need to include the words 'genetically engineered.' Many processed foods contain soybean oil, corn syrup, refined sugar and cottonseed oil. Those oils and syrups are often derived from GMO crops that farmers have adopted over the last 18



years. Few whole foods, like the ones you see in the produce aisle, are genetically engineered, though some GE varieties of sweet corn, squash and papaya are approved for sale in the U.S.” [NPR, [11/5/14](#)]

**Efforts Against Colorado And Oregon’s Referenda On GMO Labeling Raised \$15 Million And \$18 Million, Respectively, With Most Money Coming From “Large Seed Corporations” And Processed Food Companies.** “Groups opposed to GMO labeling poured big money into efforts to quash the ballot measures, spending more than \$15 million in Colorado alone. In Oregon, opponents of labeling raised more than \$18 million, making the ballot measure the most expensive issue campaign in the state’s history. Most of that money came from large seed corporations like Monsanto and DuPont Pioneer, and from processed food companies like Pepsi, Land O’ Lakes and Smucker’s. All of that outside money opened labeling opponents up to criticism of being tied to corporate interests.” [NPR, [11/5/14](#)]

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign’s Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA**

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign’s Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign’s Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: “• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.  
• Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.  
• Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**February 2012: Romney For President Inc. Paid Bognet \$1,171.49 For Travel.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, [2/23/12](#)]

*Note: Romney for President Inc did not make any other payments to Bognet in 2012 according to FEC records. Bognet did not receive any payments from federal campaigns other than Romney for President Inc and Dewhurst for Texas in 2011 and 2012 per FEC records.*

**July 2011 – August 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager, Assistant Treasurer, And Advisor Of David Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign In Austin, TX**

**July 2011: Bognet Initially Served As The Manager Of Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign.** “David Dewhurst is the current Lieutenant Governor of Texas and has held that office since 2003. Mr. Barfield began advising Lt. Governor Dewhurst in the early 1990s and worked in a number of political and campaign capacities during the next 20 years, including serving as the executive director of the Dewhurst State Committee. After DFT [Dewhurst for Texas] registered with the FEC in July 2011, Mr. Barfield was a political consultant for DFT and Jim Bognet served as campaign manager for DFT.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**July 2011 – January 2012: Bognet Also Served As Assistant Treasurer For The Campaign.** “When DFT was formed in July 2011, Dr. Carlos Hamilton was appointed as treasurer of DFT and Mr. Bognet served as assistant treasurer. On January 31, 2012, Rebekah Balciunas replaced Mr. Bognet as DFT’s assistant treasurer; Ms. Balciunas also worked as an office manager for DFT and helped prepare DFT’s disclosure reports filed with the FEC.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**October 2011: Bognet Became A Political Consultant For Dewhurst’s Campaign.** “In October 2011, Mr. Barfield replaced Mr. Bognet as DFT’s campaign manager and Mr. Bognet became a political consultant for DFT.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**July 2011 – August 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And General Consultant Of David Dewhurst's Texas Senate Campaign In Austin, TX, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager and General Consultant of Dewhurst for Texas from July 2011 to August 2012. He described this role: “• Served as founding Campaign Manager and General Consultant for Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst's campaign in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate. Hired campaign staff of 15.

- Supervised record setting fundraising operation for a Texas U.S. Senate campaign.
- Managed campaign communications staff on a daily basis, providing daily guidance, setting message, and providing direction on most effective tactics to communicate message and campaign positioning.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**August 2011 – September 2016: Dewhurst For Texas Paid Bognet A Total Of \$510,748.49, \$506,611.12 Of Which Was For Consulting.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

August 2011 – September 2016: Dewhurst For Texas Payments To James Bognet				
Recipient	Address	Disbursement Description	Date	Amount
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	9/1/16	\$9,407.11
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	8/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	7/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	6/1/16	\$18,814.26
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Voided Outstanding Check, Reissued On 6/1/16	5/18/16	-\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	4/25/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting-Voided 5/18/16	4/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	3/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	2/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	1/4/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	12/1/15	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	11/2/15	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	10/15/15	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/10/12	\$181.19
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/10/12	\$181.19
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/3/12	\$321.71
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/3/12	\$321.71
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/2/12	\$884.88
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/2/12	\$884.88
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	8/1/12	\$179
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	8/1/12	\$179
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	7/29/12	\$115.44
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	7/29/12	\$115.44
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/20/12	\$375.42
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/20/12	\$375.42
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	7/18/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	7/18/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/18/12	\$1,358.37

James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/18/12	\$1,358.37
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	6/28/12	\$887.30
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/21/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/20/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/19/12	\$171.47
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	6/14/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	6/14/12	\$1,074.88
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/9/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/7/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/31/12	\$23,145.26
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	5/29/12	\$179.06
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	5/25/12	\$306.32
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/21/12	\$16,987.75
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/18/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	5/9/12	\$222.30
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/9/12	\$16,987.75
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	4/20/12	\$905.34
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	4/17/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	4/16/12	\$184.96
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	4/11/12	\$629.12
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	4/3/12	\$360.92
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	3/28/12	\$147.74
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	3/16/12	\$17,616.14
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	2/21/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	1/17/12	\$20,950.59
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	1/10/12	\$786.51
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Food & Beverage	12/29/11	\$43.95
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	12/22/11	\$102
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	12/22/11	\$58.33
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting- Media	12/20/11	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Food & Beverage	12/2/11	\$69.84
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel	12/2/11	\$196.75
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	12/2/11	\$201.30
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	11/14/11	\$10,000
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	11/14/11	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	11/1/11	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/14/11	\$3
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/14/11	\$5.61
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/12/11	\$49.14
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/12/11	\$33.45
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	10/11/11	\$37,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/5/11	\$83.01
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/5/11	\$65.86
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	10/3/11	\$13,750

James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/19/11	\$82.22
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/19/11	\$211.24
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/9/11	\$25
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	9/8/11	\$13,750
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/2/11	\$150.16
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/26/11	\$13,750
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/26/11	\$13,946.71
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/15/11	\$13,750
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	8/12/11	\$29.31
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/10/11	\$6,250
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/9/11	\$7,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	8/3/11	\$362
<b>Reimbursement, Travel, Mileage, And Food Subtotal</b>				<b>\$4,137.37</b>
<b>Consulting Subtotal</b>				<b>\$506,611.12</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$510,748.49</b>

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

### August – November 2010: Bognet Was A Media Consultant At Stevens And Schriefer Group In Washington, DC

**August – November 2010: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: “• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor’s Association, and the National Association of Realtors.

• Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager For Steve Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign In Sacramento, CA

**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: “• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

• Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.

• Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]



**March 2009 – July 2010: Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 Paid Bognet A Total Of \$334,351.49, \$322,277.75 Of Which Was Categorized As Campaign Consulting Or Office Expenses.** [California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

March 2009 – July 2010: Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 Payments To James Bognet				
Date	Payee	Payee City	Expenditure Code	Amount
7/23/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Office Expenses	\$199
6/29/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
6/29/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Office Expenses	\$368.29
6/14/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
6/14/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$162.14
6/4/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$115.50
5/27/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Office Expenses	\$303.31
5/26/10	James R. Bognet	Hazel Township, PA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
5/14/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
5/14/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$419.78
4/30/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$501.99
4/28/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
4/20/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$623.72
4/15/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Office Expenses	\$297.49
4/8/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
3/23/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
3/18/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$500.56
3/18/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$451.08
3/16/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
2/26/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
2/26/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$257.01
2/22/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$485.37
2/17/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$12,500
2/2/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$7,000
1/29/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
1/22/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
1/22/10	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$331.98
12/31/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$636.36
12/23/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
12/18/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
12/18/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$610.83
12/11/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$813.39
11/30/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
11/20/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$720.69
11/16/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
11/6/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$420.09
10/30/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
10/23/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$995.52
10/16/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
10/5/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$626.62



9/29/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
9/17/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
9/17/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Office Expenses	\$441.33
9/17/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$415.48
9/4/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$613.34
8/31/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
8/21/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$414.85
8/11/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
7/31/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
7/27/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Office Expenses	\$510.41
7/14/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Office Expenses	\$352.66
7/13/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
7/1/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
7/1/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$648.53
6/23/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$496.42
6/12/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
6/12/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$378.29
6/4/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Office Expenses	\$499.94
5/29/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
5/15/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
5/15/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Office Expenses	\$595.96
5/1/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
4/27/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$9,000
4/15/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Office Expenses	\$902.91
4/14/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Campaign Consultants	\$5,806.45
3/20/09	James R. Bognet	Sacramento, CA	Staff/Spouse Travel, Lodging And Meals	\$434.20
<b>Campaign Consultants And Office Expenses Subtotal</b>				<b>\$322,277.75</b>
<b>Travel, Lodging, And Meals Subtotal</b>				<b>\$12,073.74</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$334,351.49</b>

[California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**The San Jose Mercury News Described Bognet As Poziner’s “Baby-Faced Campaign Manager” Who Tweeted Photos Of Himself Stuffing Envelopes For The Candidate.** “Apparently reacting to murmurs that Steve Poizner’s run for governor was adrift, baby-faced campaign manager Jim Bognet sent a cheerful missive to supporters last week. [...] What really caught IA’s eye, however, was Bognet’s description of the campaign organization: ‘focused, dedicated, streamlined, efficient and results-oriented.’ Well, OK, that and the TwitPic that arrived a day later from Team Poizner, showing the staff hard at work getting the ‘message out’ stuffing envelopes. The apparent chief envelope stuffer: Bognet himself. The campaign manager for a major gubernatorial candidate stuffing envelopes? Talk about a ‘streamlined, efficient’ operation.” [San Jose Mercury News, [12/4/09](#)]

- **The San Jose Mercury News Referenced The Below Photo.** In December 2009, the San Jose Mercury News referenced a “the TwitPic that arrived a day later from Team Poizner, showing the staff hard at work getting the ‘message out’ stuffing envelopes. The apparent chief envelope stuffer: Bognet himself.” In December 2009, Steve Poizner tweeted, ‘Thanks to my staff for their work! RT @TeamPoizner <http://twitpic.com/rx20u> working hard to get @StevePoizner’s message out across CA #tcot’ The attached link led to the photo below:



[San Jose Mercury News, [12/4/09](#); Steve Poizner Twitter, [12/3/09](#)]

**2009: A California Blogger Reported Bognet Had “Good Relationships In California And Nationally With GOP Political Operatives.”** “After Romney dropped out of the presidential campaign, Jim was the only Romney senior staff member brought onto the McCain presidential campaign staff during the summer to work on the general election. Poizner insiders tell me he has good relationships in California and nationally with GOP political operatives, grassroots activists, and members of the business community.” [Flash Report Blog, [5/11/09](#)]

**February 2010: Bognet Proposed That “Beltway Wise Guys,” Rather Than Local California Reporters, Host The Republican Gubernatorial Debate.** “So after months of bashing Meg Whitman for spending all her time talking to national media types instead of the greasy grubs of the California political press corps, Steve Poizner now decides to nominate a couple of Beltway Wise Guys to moderate the one and only debate he knows he’ll get with the elusive eMeg. In a letter to the New Majority, the band of fat cats who are sponsoring the debate on March 15, Poizner campaign manager Jim Bognet tells the group’s leaders they have ‘an opportunity to raise the profile of the New Majority and you are in the rare position to garner significant statewide coverage for the event.’ Fortunately, two well-known and respected journalists have already expressed interest in moderating the debate: –Juan Williams, Fox News and National Public Radio –Mark Halperin, Time Magazine and Author of ‘Game Change’ We feel strongly that this debate should be viewed by as many Californians as possible and involving either of these journalists would greatly increase the likelihood of national cable news coverage or statewide coverage from network affiliates. Having this debate widely televised is key to giving Republican voters across the state the opportunity to learn about the candidates. You gotta be kiddin’, Bognet. Putting aside the most obvious choice for neutral, well-informed, if not well-groomed, moderators (we name no names) there’s a whole batch of distinguished California types who’d not only do a superb job of making the trains run on time for the TV cameras, but actually know something about state issues.” [Calbuzz, [2/18/10](#)]

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC**

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a

Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.

• Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**September – November 2008: John McCain 2008 Inc Paid Bognet A Total Of \$4,750.79.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

September – November 2008: John McCain 2008 Inc Payments To James Bognet				
Recipient	Address	Disbursement Description	Date	Amount
James R Bognet	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazletown PA	Travel	11/18/08	\$167.46
James R Bognet	1345 Woodlawn Dr, Hazletown PA	GOTV Consulting	9/3/08	\$4,583.33
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$4,750.79</b>

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

### January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA

**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.

• Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.  
• Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces  
• Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials. such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**February 2007 – February 2008: Romney For President Inc Paid Bognet A Total Of \$88,155.96.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

February 2007 – February 2008: Romney For President Inc Payments To James Bognet				
Recipient	Address	Disbursement Description	Date	Amount
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	2/22/08	\$1,840.92
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	2/15/08	\$3,667.97
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	2/14/08	\$462.45
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	1/31/08	\$3,667.97
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	1/18/08	\$65.10
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	1/18/08	\$117.64
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	1/15/08	\$552.60
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	12/31/07	\$3,987.22
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	12/20/07	\$170.15
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	12/15/07	\$3,987.22
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	12/14/07	\$254.10
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	11/30/07	\$3,987.22
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	11/15/07	\$3,987.22
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	11/9/07	\$316.51

James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	10/31/07	\$3,987.22
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	10/15/07	\$3,876.31
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	10/2/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	9/30/07	\$36.84
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	9/21/07	\$111.23
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	9/15/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	9/14/07	\$39.00
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	8/31/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	8/15/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	8/9/07	\$113.57
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	7/31/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	7/20/07	\$150.89
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	7/18/07	\$429.91
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	7/15/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	7/2/07	\$2,304.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	6/15/07	\$528.79
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	5/31/07	\$528.79
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	5/25/07	\$93.68
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	5/18/07	\$146.26
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	5/18/07	\$86.27
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	5/18/07	\$169.25
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	5/15/07	\$528.79
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	4/30/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	4/20/07	\$118.10
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	4/13/07	\$3,638.47
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	4/3/07	\$3,652.90
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	3/29/07	\$56.81
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Travel	3/26/07	\$89.79
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	3/15/07	\$3,661.28
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	2/28/07	\$3,661.28
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	2/15/07	\$3,661.28
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	2/12/07	\$1,189.12
James Bognet	585 Commercial St, Boston, MA	Payroll	2/2/07	\$2,762.08
Payroll Subtotal				\$85,128.41
Travel Subtotal				\$3,027.55
TOTAL				\$88,155.96

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**February 2008: Romney Dropped Out Of The 2008 Presidential Race.** “Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who sought to position himself as the true conservative choice for the Republican presidential nomination, announced Thursday afternoon that he had ended his campaign.” [New York Times, [2/7/08](#)]

**March 2006 – January 2007: Bognet Was Policy Director For Schwarzenegger’s California Gubernatorial Reelection Campaign In Sacramento, CA**



**March 2006 – January 2007: Bognet Was Policy Director For Schwarzenegger’s California Gubernatorial Reelection Campaign In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Director for Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 from March 2006 to January 2007. He described this role: “• Served as senior staff member for Governor Schwarzenegger’s re-election campaign. Reported directly to Campaign Manager Steve Schmidt. Assisted in running successful \$75 million re-election campaign  
• Acted as principal liaison to Governor’s office on all policy matters.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**March – December 2006: Californians For Schwarzenegger 2006 Paid Bognet A Total Of \$83,482.46, \$79,636.84 Of Which Was Categorized As Salary Or Office Expenses.** [California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

March – December 2006: Californians For Schwarzenegger 2006 Payments To Jim Bognet				
Date	Payee	Payee City	Expenditure Code	Amount
12/28/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$437.88
11/20/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$321.46
11/15/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
11/3/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$99.76
11/1/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
10/19/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$444.96
10/15/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
9/29/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
9/29/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$466.38
9/15/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
9/1/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
8/31/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$430.17
8/15/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
8/1/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
7/14/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
6/30/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$503.89
6/30/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
6/15/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
6/1/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
5/19/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$233.89
5/15/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
5/1/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
4/28/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Office expenses	\$21.44
4/18/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$607.52
4/15/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$5,000
3/31/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Campaign workers salaries	\$4,615.40
3/28/06	Jim Bognet	Hermosa Beach	Staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals	\$299.71
Salary and Office Expenses Subtotal				\$79,636.84
Travel Subtotal				\$3,845.62
TOTAL				\$83,482.46

[California Secretary of State, Expenditure Code Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]



**November 2003 – March 2006: Bognet Was Chief Deputy Special Advisor For Jobs And Economic Growth In Then-Gov. Schwarzenegger's Office In Sacramento, CA**

**November 2003 – March 2006: Bognet Was Chief Deputy Special Advisor For Jobs And Economic Growth In Then-Gov. Schwarzenegger's Office In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth at the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from November 2003 to March 2006. He described this role: “•Acted as surrogate speaker to business and political audiences across California. Advocated Governor’s policy agenda and special election initiatives in television and radio interviews in major California media markets.

- Briefed Gov. Schwarzenegger on business attraction and retention targets and staffed Governor during his calls to target businesses. Successful pitches included major companies such as Genentech and Virgin America.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Bognet Said Politics Started For Him When He Volunteered For The Campaign To Recall California Gov. Gray Davis Which “Resulted In A Job As An Economic Advisor In The Schwarzenegger Administration.”**

“Politics started for him as a volunteer on a recall campaign to get rid of California Gov. Gray Davis, ‘and somehow that resulted in a job as an economic advisor in the Schwarzenegger administration. I thought I’d do that for a year, but ended up doing campaigns for two years.’ In between, he started a small business doing crisis communications, then got the opportunity to serve in the Trump administration in 2019, working on manufacturing small businesses. ‘The challenge was, how do we rebuild the industrial heartland of the United States?’” [Washington Examiner, [8/20/20](#)]

- **2003: California Held A Recall Election And Arnold Schwarzenegger Won To Replace Gov. Davis.** “The only thing that bonded the guests was their role in California’s crazy election season of 2003, when voters booted out Gov. Gray Davis in a historic recall. You wouldn’t recognize the names of the people who showed up at this shindig. But you’d remember some of the others who crashed Davis’ party to pop his political balloon: Gary Coleman, Larry Flynt, Arianna Huffington or some of the 132 other D-list celebrities and randos who ran to replace the unpopular governor. The eventual winner, of course, was Arnold Schwarzenegger.” [Los Angeles Times, [3/12/21](#)]

**2005: Bognet Was Schwarzenegger's Liaison To The Los Angeles Area.** “James R. Bognet, a chief deputy and adviser for jobs and economic growth for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, talked about the governor's first 14 months in office and what is ahead for California at Wednesday's Long Beach Rotary luncheon. Bognet discussed Schwarzenegger's recently released budget package, which calls for budget reform, changes to the state's pension system, an end to the way redistricting is conducted in California and dramatic alterations of education funding, including merit pay for teachers. Bognet, who serves as the Los Angeles area representative for Schwarzenegger, defended the governor's decision to cut transportation funding, though he acknowledged that the overcrowded Long Beach (710) Freeway is a barrier to port growth.” [Long Beach Press-Telegram, 1/3/05]

**2002: Bognet Volunteered On Lou Barletta's House Race**

**2002: Bognet Volunteered On Lou Barletta's House Race.** “One of his first experiences with a campaign was in 2002, when he volunteered to help Lou Barletta run, unsuccessfully, for Congress. After helping Barletta, Bognet returned to UCLA, where he earned a law degree and a Master of Business Administration degree, in four years.” [Hazleton Township Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

*Note: Bognet did not receive any payments from any federal campaigns during the 2002 cycle, according to [FEC records](#).*

### May – July 2001: Bognet Was A Summer Associate Attorney At Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom In New York City, NY

**May – July 2001: Bognet Was A Summer Associate Attorney At Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom In New York City, NY, A “Top Wall Street Law Firm,” According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Summer Associate Attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom in New York City, NY from May to July 2001. He described this role: “Served as a summer associate attorney at a top Wall Street law firm.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### July 1997 – January 1998: Bognet Was An Investment Banking Analyst At Merrill Lynch In New York City, NY

**July 1997 – January 1998: Bognet Was An Investment Banking Analyst At Merrill Lynch In New York City, NY, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was an investment banking analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York City, NY from July 1997 to January 1998. He described this role: “Developed complex financial models of management buyouts, IPOs, and recapitalizations” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### While In College, Bognet Interned For Rick Santorum For A Semester

**Bognet Interned For Rick Santorum For A Semester In College.** “This winter, Bognet spent three weeks of his vacation in Hazleton visiting his father and mother, Patrice. One of his first experiences with a campaign was in 2002, when he volunteered to help Lou Barletta run, unsuccessfully, for Congress. After helping Barletta, Bognet returned to UCLA, where he earned a law degree and a Master of Business Administration degree, in four years. He spent his undergraduate years as a finance major at Penn State and interned for then-U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum one spring.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, 3/25/09]

### 2006 – 2018: Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies Were Paid A Total Of \$1.2 Million From Federal And State Campaigns, Despite Bognet’s Claim That He Knew What It Was Like To “Scrimp To Get By”

### 2006 – 2018: Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies Were Paid A Total Of \$1.2 Million From Federal And State Campaigns

**2006 – 2018: Bognet And His Business, Winning Kick Strategies, Were Paid A Total Of \$1.2 Million From Federal And State Campaigns:**

2006 – 2018: Total Payments To Bognet And Winning Kick Strategies From Federal And State Campaigns			
Cycle	Campaign	Spending Category	Amount
2018	McSally For Senate (AZ)	Consulting	\$132,452.83
2018	McSally For Senate (AZ)	Mileage	\$218
<b>2018</b>	<b>McSally For Senate (AZ)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$161,231.11</b>
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO)	Consultant & Professional Services	\$70,000
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO)	Travel & Lodging	\$18,146.25
<b>2014</b>	<b>No On 105 Coalition (CO)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$93,164.40</b>
2014	No On 92 Coalition (OR)	Management Services	\$15,266.62
<b>2014</b>	<b>No On 92 Coalition (OR)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$15,266.62</b>
2012	Romney For President (President)	Travel	\$1,171.49
<b>2012</b>	<b>Romney For President (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,171.49</b>

2012	Dewhurst For Texas (TX)	Reimbursement, Travel, Mileage, And Food	\$4,137.37
2012	Dewhurst For Texas (TX)	Consulting	\$506,611.12
<b>2012</b>	<b>Dewhurst For Texas (TX)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$510,748.49</b>
2010	Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)	Campaign Consultants & Office Expenses	\$322,277.75
2010	Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)	Travel, Lodging, And Meals	\$12,073.74
<b>2010</b>	<b>Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 (CA)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$334,351.49</b>
2008	John McCain 2008 Inc (President)	Travel	\$167.46
2008	John McCain 2008 Inc (President)	GOTV Consulting	\$4,583.33
<b>2008</b>	<b>John McCain 2008 Inc (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,750.79</b>
2008	Romney For President Inc (President)	Payroll	\$85,128.41
2008	Romney For President Inc (President)	Travel	\$3,027.55
<b>2008</b>	<b>Romney For President Inc (President)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$88,155.96</b>
2006	Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)	Salary & Office Expenses	\$79,636.84
2006	Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)	Travel	\$3,845.62
<b>2006</b>	<b>Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 (CA)</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$83,482.46</b>
<b>Subtotal For Services (Salary, Payroll, Consulting, Office Expenses, &amp; Management Payments)</b>			<b>\$1,215,956.90</b>
<b>Subtotal For Reimbursements (Travel, Mileage, Lodging, &amp; Food Payments)</b>			<b>\$42,787</b>
<b>TOTAL (All Subtotals)</b>			<b>\$1,292,322.81</b>

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: Subtotals for each campaign may not add up to its listed spending categories in cases in which campaigns had unclear descriptions, which were excluded from spending category totals.*

### September 2020: Bognet Claimed He Knew What It Was Like To “Scrimp To Get By” And Live Without A Job Or Health Insurance

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed He Could “Help Us Get Jobs Back” As Someone Who Experienced “What It’s Like To Scrimp To Get By,” And Live Without A Job Or Health Insurance As An Adult.** “[BOGNET:] I think someone who understands what it’s like to be from here and be one of us can help us get jobs back. I grew up here, you know, I drive a car with 120,000 miles on it. I know what it’s like to scrimp to get by. There have been times in my adult life when I haven’t had health insurance. So I know what people face when they don’t have jobs, because there’s been times when I haven’t had jobs.” [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 13:55

- **Bognet: “Most Of Us, If We Don’t Have A Job, We Don’t Eat. And That’s What – Being From Northeastern Pennsylvania Is Knowing That.”** [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 13:55

### Bognet Worked For At Least Six Failed Federal And State Campaigns

2006 – 2018: Bognet Record As A Campaign Operative						
Cycle	Campaign	Bognet Role & Timeframe	Results			
			Election Type	Candidate/Referendum Option	Final Vote %	Bognet’s Candidate Margin

2018	Martha McSally (AZ-Senate)	CEO (July – December 2018)	General	Martha McSally	50%	-2.4%
				Kyrsten Sinema	47.6%	
			Primary	Martha McSally	54.6%	27%
				Kelli Ward	27.6%	
2014	No On 105 Coalition (CO-Referendum)	Consultant (September – November 2014)	General	Yes	34.5%	31%
				No	65.5%	
2014	No On 92 Coalition (OR-Referendum)	Consultant (November 2014)	General Recount	Yes	49.97%	.06%
				No	50.03%	
2012	Mitt Romney (President)	Senior Advisor To Strategy/Media Team (August – November 2012)	General	Mitt Romney	47.2% 206 electoral votes	-3.86% -126 electoral votes
				Barack Obama	51.06% 332 electoral votes	
2012	David Dewhurst (TX-Senate)	Campaign Manager And Senior Advisor (July 2011 – August 2012)	Primary Runoff	David Dewhurst	43.18%	-13.64%
				Ted Cruz	56.82%	
			Primary	David Dewhurst	44.63%	10.47%
				Ted Cruz	34.16%	
2010	Steve Poizner (CA-Governor)	Campaign Manager (March 2009 – June 2010)	Primary	Tom Leppert	13.36%	-37.7%
				Steve Poizner	26.7%	
				Meg Whitman	64.4%	
2008	John McCain (President)	Communications Advisor (August – November 2008)	General	Larry Naritelli	2.3%	-7.28% -192 electoral votes
				John McCain	45.65% 173 electoral votes	
				Barack Obama	52.93% 365 electoral votes	
2008	Mitt Romney (President)	Policy Development Director (January 2007 – February 2008)	Primary	<b>February 2008: Romney Dropped Out Of The 2008 Presidential Race.</b> [New York Times, <a href="#">2/7/08</a> ]		
2006	Arnold Schwarzenegger (CA-Governor)	Policy Director (March 2006 – January 2007)	General	Arnold Schwarzenegger	55.9%	16.9%
				Phil Angelides	39%	
			Primary	Arnold Schwarzenegger	90%	86.4%
				Robert Newman II	3.6%	

[Arizona Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/6/18](#); Colorado Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#); Oregon Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#); Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#); FEC, Election Results, [11/6/12](#); National Archives, Election Results, [11/6/12](#); Texas Secretary of State, Election Results, [7/31/12](#); Texas Secretary of State Election Results, [5/29/12](#); California Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/8/10](#); National Archives, Election Results, [11/4/08](#); FEC, Election Results, [11/4/08](#); California Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/7/06](#); California Secretary of State, Election Results, [6/6/06](#); Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Bognet Was Connected To Multiple Scandals Involving Theft, Embezzlement, And Misuse Of Campaign Funds**

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**2018: Bognet Managed The Budget And Consultants Of Martha McSally's Senate Campaign, Which Labeled Top Staff As Consultants To Avoid Paying Payroll Taxes And Was Subject To \$115,000 In Fraud From A Consultant**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Managed The Budget And Consultants As CEO Of Martha McSally's Senate Campaign**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign, Where He Managed The Campaign's Budget And "Coordinated With Team Of High Profile Outside Political Consultants," According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: "• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**McSally's 2018 Campaign Labeled Top Staff As Independent Contractors, Allegedly To Avoid Paying Payroll Taxes, Withholding, And Benefits**

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**Arizona Republic EJ Montini Opinion: Headline: "Martha McSally Is Stiffing Uncle Sam And Her Campaign Staff. Will You Be Next?"** [Arizona Republic, EJ Montini Opinion, [10/23/18](#)]

- **Montini Opinion: McSally's Campaign Paid Top Staffers As Independent Contractors To Avoid Paying Payroll Taxes, Social Security And Medicare Withholding, And Benefits.** "A report in Arizona's Politics has found that Republican senate candidate Martha McSally has decided that her top campaign staff are not really employees, but independent contractors, and is therefore avoiding paying payroll taxes, Social Security and Medicare withholding, unemployment taxes and benefits." [Arizona Republic, EJ Montini Opinion, [10/23/18](#)]
- **Montini Opinion: "It Doesn't Seem Right For A Politician Who Lives Off The Taxpayers To Be Avoiding Taxes, Does It?"** "We can't be sure how much money McSally saves and is able to pump back into her campaign by avoiding taxes and labeling top staff as independent consultants. But it doesn't seem right for a politician who lives off the taxpayers to be avoiding taxes, does it? And if McSally is willing to treat Uncle Sam and her own staff like this, what can you expect from her when Congress is considering whether to cut YOUR funding for programs like Social Security, Medicare and so on?" [Arizona Republic, EJ Montini Opinion, [10/23/18](#)]

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**May 2021: A Former Consultant And Deputy Campaign Manager Of McSally's Senate Campaign Pleaded Guilty To Stealing Campaign Funds; The Campaign's Payments To Him "Dramatically" Increased While Bognet Was CEO**

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**May 2021: Anthony Barry, A Former Consultant And Deputy Campaign Manager Of Martha McSally's 2018 Senate Campaign, Pleaded Guilty To Stealing More Than \$115,000 From The Campaign.** "An Illinois man pleaded guilty today to the theft of more than \$115,000 in campaign funds from the McSally for Senate Campaign in 2018 and 2019. According to court documents, Anthony Barry, 33, of Yorkville, served as a deputy campaign manager and consultant for former U.S. Senator Martha McSally. Barry used his position in the campaign to fraudulently direct the campaign to make payments to him beyond what he was owed for his salary



and had the fraudulently obtained funds deposited into his personal bank account.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]

**Barry Fraudulently Directed The Campaign To Pay Him Beyond His Salary.** “Barry used his position in the campaign to fraudulently direct the campaign to make payments to him beyond what he was owed for his salary and had the fraudulently obtained funds deposited into his personal bank account.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]

**February – June 2018: McSally’s Campaign Paid Barry Between \$8,000 And \$9,000 Monthly.** “It’s unclear when the fraud took place. Federal campaign records show Barry received \$215,033.95 from McSally’s campaign in 2018. From February through June of that year, he brought in \$8,000 a month to about \$9,000 a month. His earnings increased dramatically that summer and by November, when the election took place, he earned nearly \$45,000 for the month.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]

**McSally’s Campaign’s Payments To Barry Increased “Dramatically” During Summer 2018 And Paid Him “Nearly \$45,000” Per Month By November 2018, Though It Was “Unclear When The Fraud Took Place.”** “It’s unclear when the fraud took place. Federal campaign records show Barry received \$215,033.95 from McSally’s campaign in 2018. From February through June of that year, he brought in \$8,000 a month to about \$9,000 a month. His earnings increased dramatically that summer and by November, when the election took place, he earned nearly \$45,000 for the month.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/21](#)]

**2011: After Taking Over As Campaign Manager Of Dewhurst For Texas From Bognet, A Consultant Embezzled \$1.8 Million In Campaign Funds And Was Later Sentenced To Seven Years In Federal Prison**

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**Kenneth “Buddy” Barfield Advised Dewhurst And “Worked In A Number Of Political And Campaign Capacities” With Him For Twenty Years Prior To His 2012 Senate Campaign**

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**Kenneth “Buddy” Barfield Advised Dewhurst And “Worked In A Number Of Political And Campaign Capacities” With Him For Twenty Years Prior To His 2012 Senate Campaign.** “As is detailed below—and as your office was notified orally on a sua sponte basis last January—in December 2012 DFT became aware of very serious financial irregularities perpetrated by Kenneth A. ‘Buddy’ Barfield (‘Mr. Barfield’) during 2011 and 2012. [...] David Dewhurst is the current Lieutenant Governor of Texas and has held that office since 2003. Mr. Barfield began advising Lt. Governor Dewhurst in the early 1990s and worked in a number of political and campaign capacities during the next 20 years, including serving as the executive director of the Dewhurst State Committee. After DFT registered with the FEC in July 2011, Mr. Barfield was a political consultant for DFT and Jim Bognet served as campaign manager for DFT [Dewhurst for Texas].” [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

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**2011: Bognet Initially Served As The Manager Of Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign And Barfield Was Its Political Consultant When The Campaign Began In July 2011; In October 2011, They Switched Roles**

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**July 2011 – January 2012: Bognet Also Served As Assistant Treasurer For The Campaign.** “When DFT was formed in July 2011, Dr. Carlos Hamilton was appointed as treasurer of DFT and Mr. Bognet served as assistant

treasurer. On January 31, 2012, Rebekah Balciunas replaced Mr. Bognet as DFT's assistant treasurer; Ms. Balciunas also worked as an office manager for DFT and helped prepare DFT's disclosure reports filed with the FEC." [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**October 2011: Barfield Became Dewhurst's Campaign Manager And Bognet Became Its Political Consultant.** "In October 2011, Mr. Barfield replaced Mr. Bognet as DFT's campaign manager and Mr. Bognet became a political consultant for DFT." [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**October 2011: Bognet Was Removed As A Signatory On The Campaign's Bank Accounts.** "As was noted above, Mr. Barfield served as a consultant for DFT from DFT's inception in July 2011 through October 9, 2011. At that time, Mr. Barfield assumed the role of campaign manager and DFT's prior campaign manager, Mr. Bognet, transitioned to serving as a senior adviser for DFT. On October 10, 2011, Mr. Bognet was removed, and Mr. Barfield was added, as signatory on DFT's bank accounts. The available information indicates that Mr. Barfield's embezzlement scheme began around the time that he became campaign manager for DFT." [FEC Enforcement Query System, ADR Case #760, Sua Sponte Submission, filed [7/30/13](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

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**October 2011: Barfield Began An Embezzlement Scheme After Taking Over The Campaign Manager Role From Bognet, Then Left The Campaign When Asked About Discrepancies In Its Finances**

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**2012: Barfield Left The Campaign After Being Confronted About Large Discrepancies In The Campaign's Finances.** "Barfield had been one of Dewhurst's most trusted advisers prior to 2012, when an accountant discovered that significant amounts of money were missing from Dewhurst's campaign accounts. After being confronted about the discrepancies, Barfield left the campaign and promised to repay the money. He has since had to sign over his spacious Austin house as part of a settlement agreement in a civil lawsuit." [Texas Tribune, [10/21/14](#)]

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**2013: A Year After Dewhurst's Campaign Ended, The Campaign Still Owed Vendors, Including Bognet, To Whom It Owed More Than \$100,000**

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**A Year After Dewhurst Lost, His Campaign Still Owed Vendors – Including Bognet -- Nearly \$1 Million.** "It's been more than a year since Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst lost his bid to become a U.S. senator, but his campaign still owes consultants and vendors nearly \$1 million, Federal Election Commission records show. In a July filing, the Dewhurst For Texas federal campaign committee disclosed various 'debts and obligations' owed to consultants and other service providers, including top Republican consultants Dave Carney, Mike Baselice and Jim Bognet." [Texas Tribune, [8/13/13](#)]

**Bognet Was Owed \$112,885 For His General Consulting Services.** "Here are some of the debts the Dewhurst Senate campaign still owes, according to the FEC: [...] \$112,885 to former general consultant and strategist Jim Bognet, a former top campaign aide to Mitt Romney." [Texas Tribune, [8/13/13](#)]

## Dewhurst For Texas Paid Bognet \$112,885.54 Between 2015 And 2016 And \$397,862.95 Between 2011 And 2012

Dewhurst For Texas Paid Bognet \$112,885.54 Between 2015 And 2016 And \$397,862.95 Between 2011 And 2012. [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

August 2011 – September 2016: Dewhurst For Texas Payments To James Bognet				
Recipient	Address	Disbursement Description	Date	Amount
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	9/1/16	\$9,407.11
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	8/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	7/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	6/1/16	\$18,814.26
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Voided Outstanding Check, Reissued On 6/1/16	5/18/16	-\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	4/25/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting-Voided 5/18/16	4/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	3/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	2/1/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	1/4/16	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	12/1/15	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	11/2/15	\$9,407.13
James R. Bognet	3517 N Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Media Consulting	10/15/15	\$9,407.13
<b>2015 – 2016 Payments Subtotal</b>				<b>\$112,885.54</b>
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/10/12	\$181.19
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/10/12	\$181.19
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/3/12	\$321.71
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/3/12	\$321.71
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/2/12	\$884.88
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	8/2/12	\$884.88
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	8/1/12	\$179
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	8/1/12	\$179
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	7/29/12	\$115.44
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	7/29/12	\$115.44
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/20/12	\$375.42
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/20/12	\$375.42

James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	7/18/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	7/18/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/18/12	\$1,358.37
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	7/18/12	\$1,358.37
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	6/28/12	\$887.30
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/21/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/20/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/19/12	\$171.47
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	6/14/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	6/14/12	\$1,074.88
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/9/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel - Mileage	6/7/12	\$4.66
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/31/12	\$23,145.26
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	5/29/12	\$179.06
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	5/25/12	\$306.32
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/21/12	\$16,987.75
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/18/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	5/9/12	\$222.30
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	5/9/12	\$16,987.75
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	4/20/12	\$905.34
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	4/17/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	4/16/12	\$184.96
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	4/11/12	\$629.12
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Mileage	4/3/12	\$360.92
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	3/28/12	\$147.74
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	3/16/12	\$17,616.14

James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	2/21/12	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	1/17/12	\$20,950.59
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Media Consulting	1/10/12	\$786.51
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Food & Beverage	12/29/11	\$43.95
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	12/22/11	\$102
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	12/22/11	\$58.33
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting- Media	12/20/11	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Food & Beverage	12/2/11	\$69.84
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Travel	12/2/11	\$196.75
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	12/2/11	\$201.30
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	11/14/11	\$10,000
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	11/14/11	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	11/1/11	\$17,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/14/11	\$3
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/14/11	\$5.61
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/12/11	\$49.14
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/12/11	\$33.45
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	10/11/11	\$37,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/5/11	\$83.01
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement	10/5/11	\$65.86
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	10/3/11	\$13,750
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/19/11	\$82.22
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/19/11	\$211.24
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/9/11	\$25
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	9/8/11	\$13,750
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	9/2/11	\$150.16



James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/26/11	\$13,750
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/26/11	\$13,946.71
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/15/11	\$13,750
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	8/12/11	\$29.31
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/10/11	\$6,250
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Consulting - Media	8/9/11	\$7,500
James R. Bognet	1210 San Antonio St, Suite 700, Austin, TX	Reimbursement - Travel	8/3/11	\$362
<b>2011 – 2012 Payments Subtotal</b>				<b>\$397,862.95</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$510,748.49</b>

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

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### 2014 – 2015: Barfield Admitted To Embezzling \$1.8 Million From Dewhurst’s Campaign And Was Sentenced To Seven Years In Federal Prison

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#### October 2014: Barfield Pleaded Guilty To Wire Fraud, Making A False Tax Return And Embezzlement Of Funds Contributed To A Federal Candidate After He Took \$1.8 Million In Dewhurst’s Campaign Funds.

“Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's former adviser Kenneth ‘Buddy’ Barfield pleaded guilty on Tuesday to charges of wire fraud, making a false tax return and embezzlement of funds contributed to a federal candidate. Barfield's plea agreement, which was submitted in federal court to U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Lane, stated that he took \$1.8 million from the David Dewhurst Committee and the Dewhurst for Texas campaign funds from 2008 to 2012.” [Texas Tribune, [10/21/14](#)]

#### February 2015: Barfield Was Sentenced To Seven Years In Federal Prison For Embezzling \$1.8 Million From The Dewhurst Campaign.

“A onetime adviser to former Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was sentenced Friday to 87 months in federal prison for embezzling millions of dollars from Dewhurst’s campaign for the U.S. Senate. Kenneth ‘Buddy’ Barfield pleaded guilty in October to charges of wire fraud, falsifying tax returns and tapping funds contributed to a federal candidate. Barfield admitted to taking \$1.8 million from the David Dewhurst Committee and the Dewhurst for Texas campaign funds from 2008 to 2012.” [Texas Tribune, [2/27/15](#)]

### 2016: FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst’s Campaign Failed To Report Activity It Paid For With Excessive Funds Provided By Barfield And His Firm, Including Payments To Bognet

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### 2016: FEC Counsel Accused Dewhurst’s Campaign And An Employee Of Barfield’s Consulting Firm Failed To Report Activity Paid For With Excessive Contributions – Funding That Activity Out Of Barfield’s Firm

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**2016: FEC Counsel Accused Dewhurst’s Campaign And Theresa Wheatley, An Employee Of Barfield’s Consulting Firm, Of Failing To Report Activity It Paid For With Excessive Contributions.** “Although our investigation is still ongoing, to date we have obtained information that demonstrates that Dewhurst may have been testing the waters for several months prior to declaring his candidacy, and that this activity was both unreported and paid for with excessive contributions from Barfield and his consulting company, AGC, and Dewhurst's state committee, David Dewhurst Committee (‘DDC’). Further information shows that Dewhurst privately made the decision to run for Senate as early as May 3,2011, and communicated that decision to several key supporters at that time; consequently, he may have been required to file his Statement of Candidacy before July 19,2011, the date he filed with the Commission. Finally, documents confirm that Theresa Wheatley, an employee of AGC, knowingly

permitted her name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst “May Have Been Testing The Waters” For Months Before Registering His Candidacy In July 2011 With Activities Funded By Excessive Contributions By Barfield And His Company.**

“Although our investigation is still ongoing, to date we have obtained information that demonstrates that Dewhurst may have been testing the waters for several months prior to declaring his candidacy, and that this activity was both unreported and paid for with excessive contributions from Barfield and his consulting company, AGC, and Dewhurst's state committee, David Dewhurst Committee (‘DDC’). Further information shows that Dewhurst privately made the decision to run for Senate as early as May 3,2011, and communicated that decision to several key supporters at that time; consequently, he may have been required to file his Statement of Candidacy before July 19,2011, the date he filed with the Commission. Finally, documents confirm that Theresa Wheatley, an employee of AGC, knowingly permitted her name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**During This Time, Dewhurst Allegedly Communicated His Decision To Run To “Key Supporters,” Which Would Have Required Him To Register As A Candidate And Report The Campaign’s Finances.** “Although our investigation is still ongoing, to date we have obtained information that demonstrates that Dewhurst may have been testing the waters for several months prior to declaring his candidacy, and that this activity was both unreported and paid for with excessive contributions from Barfield and his consulting company, AGC, and Dewhurst's state committee, David Dewhurst Committee (‘DDC’). Further information shows that Dewhurst privately made the decision to run for Senate as early as May 3,2011, and communicated that decision to several key supporters at that time; consequently, he may have been required to file his Statement of Candidacy before July 19,2011, the date he filed with the Commission. Finally, documents confirm that Theresa Wheatley, an employee of AGC, knowingly permitted her name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

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**FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst’s Campaign Failed To Report Paying Bognet As Campaign Manager In June 2011 And Referenced An Email From Bognet To Prove Dewhurst Decided To Run Months Before July 2011**

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**Dewhurst’s Campaign Failed To Disclose Expenditures To Bognet While He Was Its Campaign Manager In June 2011.** “Finally, emails reflect that Mark Sanders and Third Coast Consulting worked on setting up a super PAC and developing opposition reports on declared U.S. Senate candidates from Texas between May and July, 2011; that James Bognet worked as the Dewhurst for Texas campaign manager in June 2011; and that David Carney and Norway Hill provided opposition research to the Committee during the March - June, 2011 timeframe. The Committee failed to report any expenditures or receipts in connection with these services.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**FEC Counsel Referenced A June 2011 Email From Bognet To Enrique Marquez About “A Letter That Appears To Be Contemplating An Announcement Of [Dewhurst’s] Candidacy” To Prove Dewhurst Privately Decided To Run Months Before Announcing His Candidacy.** “Documents include the following email exchange reflecting that Dewhurst had privately made the decision to run for the U.S. Senate as early as May 3, 2011 (over two months prior to his July announcement). In response to the question of whether Dewhurst was running for Senate, Barfield on May 3,2011 replied, ‘I had a chance to talk with him last night late and he reconfirmed his desire and full intent to run and his expectations and that you and Arthur would be on the team.’” Similarly, a June 18 e-mail to Dewhurst's wife states, Patricia, I just spoke with your husband, and I am so excited to hear that he is going to run for Senate after all. David said that you check email even while traveling ... so I am emailing you this confirmation that Jim Pinkerton and I are available at 10A CT ... to do a conference call with David and a couple of his campaign staffers he mentioned.[FOOTNOTE 5] [...] [FOOTNOTE 5:] See E-mail from

James Pinkerton to Jim Woodhill, copy to Patricia Dewhurst and Amanda Gross (June 18, 2011, 7:04 CST). See also E-mail from Jim Bognet to Enrique Marquez (June 23, 2011, 9:13 CST) (discussing the content of a letter that appears to be contemplating an announcement of his candidacy).” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

- **March 2020: Enrique Marquez, A Self-Employed Consultant Of Austin, TX, Contributed \$250 To Bognet’s Congressional Campaign.** [FEC, Contributor Search, accessed [3/25/22](#)]

**FEC Counsel Alleged Dewhurst’s Campaign, Dewhurst, And Wheatley, Violated The Federal Election Campaign Acts.** “In light of the information described above, we believe that Dewhurst for Texas, David Dewhurst, and Theresa Wheatley may have violated the Act [Federal Election Campaign Acts of 1971]. If the Commission does not object during the 72-hour period, we will notify the Committee, Dewhurst, and Wheatley of the additional information summarized here, and afford them the opportunity to respond to these allegations if they wish to do so. Based on the information and their response, we will then proceed with any appropriate recommendations to the Commission.” [FEC Enforcement Query System, MUR Case #6761, Intent to Name and Notify Additional Respondents, filed [1/22/16](#), accessed [3/25/22](#)]

*Note: As of March 2022, the FEC did not take any other [votes](#) on MUR Case #6761 other than to name Theresa Wheatley as a respondent and to accept a conciliation agreement with her, both of which took place in 2016.*

## **Bognet Made A Career Out Of Engineering Divisive, Misleading Attacks**

### **July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign, Which Featured “Ridiculously Pervasive” And “Alarming” Attacks On Her Opponent**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign Where He Worked To “Shape [The] Narrative Of [The] Campaign” And Oversaw The Paid Media Budget, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

#### **McSally’s 2018 Negative Campaign Featured “Ridiculously Pervasive” And “Alarming” Attacks On Sinema**

**Headline: Tim Steller Op-Ed: “Arizona Voters Rejected Martha McSally’s Negative Campaign.”** [Arizona Daily Star, Tim Steller Op-Ed, [11/13/18](#)]

- **Steller Op-Ed: McSally Spread “Ridiculously Pervasive,” “Alarming” Attacks, Including That Sinema Would Allow Phoenix To Be Destroyed By A Nuclear Bomb.** “Ad after ad — let’s not forget how ridiculously pervasive they were — McSally’s campaign and outside groups attacked Sinema as not just wrong on the issues but a dangerous candidate, someone who would let Phoenix be blown up by a nuclear bomb, as one mailer put it. [...] By that time, though, most Arizona voters had tuned out the alarming critiques by

McSally and her supporters. She could have accused Sinema of genocide and nobody would have noticed.” [Arizona Daily Star, Tim Steller Op-Ed, [11/13/18](#)]

- **Steller: “We Can Hope That The Fact The Voters Ignored This [...] Will Discourage Candidates From This Sort Of Campaign In The Future.”** “We can hope that the fact the voters ignored this — or even took it as a reason to vote against McSally — will discourage candidates from this sort of campaign in the future.” [Arizona Daily Star, Tim Steller Op-Ed, [11/13/18](#)]

**2018: McSally Ran Ads Attacking Her Opponent, Kyrsten Sinema, For The Way She Dressed And For Her Decision To Participate In Anti-War Protests.** “One of the most notorious ads shows Democratic Rep. Kyrsten Sinema wearing a pink tutu and protesting the Iraq War. You’ve probably seen it. Sinema’s opponent for the Senate, Republican Martha McSally, launched the ad before the primary was even over. ‘You know I’m running against somebody who spent time organizing protests and protesting our troops in a pink tutu. You’ve seen the ad, right? Right?’ she asked the crowd at a Sun City GOP office in September. Sinema has said she was protesting the war and not the troops, and there’s a big difference between those things. The ad was rated mostly false by Politifact. But McSally has made no apologies for the tone of the campaign.” [KJZZ, [10/30/18](#)]

**Bognet Worked For Uber To Coordinate Opposition Research Between 2013-2016, A Period When Uber Hired Opposition Researchers To “Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil [The Taxi Industry] Is”**

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**Bognet Worked With Uber To Coordinate And Distribute Opposition Research On Its Competitors At A Point Between 2013 And 2016**

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**On His Resume, Bognet Listed “Campaign Coordinator, Uber” As “Representative Client Engagement” He Performed For JRB Strategies Between 2013 And 2016.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: “Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.” He also described “Representative Client Engagements for JRB Strategies:” “Campaign Manager, NO on 105
  - Served as Statewide Campaign Manager of ballot proposition campaign. Led Colorado statewide campaign in opposition to passage of Proposition 105, securing a 65%-35% victory.
  - Coordinated all earned media, coalition building activities, and in-state strategy for successful campaign.
- Campaign Coordinator, Uber
- Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort
  - Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

- **Bognet Stated He “Coordinated Opposition Research Activities On Competitors,” “Assembled A Team Of Opposition Research Professionals,” And “Provided Strategic Direction To Team” For Uber.** “Campaign Coordinator, Uber • Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort • Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**On His LinkedIn And Facebook, Bognet Touted His Work With A “Major Multi-Billion Dollar Ride Sharing Company.”**

**Managing Director**

JRB Strategies

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Jim Bognet serves as Managing Director of JRB Strategies. JRB Strategies offers political, communications, public affairs, crisis communications and strategic counsel to major corporations, political campaigns, officeholders, start-ups, and emerging growth companies.

The firm executes public affairs projects for corporate clients including a major multi-billion dollar ride sharing company, a software company in the medical field, a premier NYC management consulting firm, and a large movie studio.

JRB Strategies provides political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Campaign assignments includes directing communications strategy, strategic assessments, policy advice and creating paid media campaigns, including TV and radio advertising.

**Founder and Managing Director at JRB Strategies**

March 1, 2013 - Present · Hazleton, Pennsylvania

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[Jim Bognet LinkedIn, accessed [3/9/22](#); Jim Bognet Facebook, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

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**2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil [The Taxi Industry] Is”**

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**2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Weaponize Facts” Against The Taxi Industry.** “Uber has in recent weeks sought to hire opposition researchers to ‘weaponize facts’ to use against its taxi industry competition, according to a confidential recruiting document obtained by BuzzFeed News and confirmed by the company. [...] The recruiting document strikes a notably less positive tone. It is framed as two exercises job candidates must complete as part of the hiring process, including laying out a six-month research plan that includes ‘both “self” and “oppo” with a greater focus on “oppo.”’ ‘Oppo’ is political campaign shorthand for opposition research, a practice that typically includes searches of public records and published reports, but which may also extend to videotaped tracking of foes and more aggressive investigative tactics. ‘Your mission is to identify and weaponize the facts about those incumbents, the truth about Uber and to do it one step ahead of the rest,’ the document says.” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]

**Uber CEO Travis Kalanick Said Uber Had To “Throw Mud” At The Taxi Industry: “Uber Is The Candidate And [The Opponent] Is An Asshole Called Taxi. [...] We Have To Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil Taxi Is.”** “The new role of director of research and rapid response appears to be part of Uber's effort to bring the aggressive tactics of American presidential politics to its city-by-city trench wars with existing car companies. Uber CEO Travis Kalanick said in May that the company has no choice but to ‘throw mud’ at taxi companies and the associations that represent the taxi industry, and in August brought former Obama campaign manager David Plouffe to the company to lead a campaign-like effort that now includes both Uber's communications shop and the new opposition research role. ‘Uber is the candidate and [the opponent] is an asshole called Taxi,’ Kalanick told Re/code's Kara Swisher in May. ‘I'm not totally comfortable with it but we have to bring out the truth of how evil Taxi is.’” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]



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**2012: Bognet Had An Active Role In Producing Romney's TV And Radio Ads; 79 Percent Of Romney's Ads Were Negative And Multiple Were False**

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**August – November: Bognet Was A Senior Advisor To Romney's Presidential Campaign's Strategy/Media Team And Had An Active Role In Producing Its Ads**

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**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign's Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: “• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

- Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.
  - Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.”
- [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**October 2012: The Romney Campaign Aired TV And Radio Ads That Claimed Obama Allowed Automakers To Offshore Jobs, Which Was Named The “Lie Of The Year”**

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**October 2012: The Romney Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed Obama Allowed Automakers To Offshore Jobs.** “‘Who will do more for the auto industry? Not Barack Obama. Fact checkers confirm that his attacks on Mitt Romney are false. The truth? Mitt Romney has a plan to help the auto industry. He is supported by Lee Iacocca and the Detroit News. Obama took GM and Chrysler into bankruptcy and sold Chrysler to Italians who are going to build Jeeps in China. Mitt Romney will fight for every American job.’ — voiceover in unannounced Mitt Romney television ad running in Ohio When a campaign does not announce a television ad, it's a good sign that it knows it is playing fast and loose with the truth. Indeed, this is an excellent example of an ad that has a series of statements that individually might be factually defensible, but the overall impression is misleading.”

[Washington Post, Fact Checker, [10/30/12](#)]

**December 2012: PolitiFact: “Lie Of The Year: The Romney Campaign's Ad On Jeeps Made In China.”**

[PolitiFact, [12/12/12](#)]

- **PolitiFact: Romney Claimed Chrysler Would Move Its Operations To China; It Was Really Going To Expand Operations In China Without Reducing Them In The United States.** “But Chrysler was thinking of reviving the Jeep brand in key foreign markets, and like other American automakers, Chrysler preferred to build cars in the countries where it intended to sell them -- a common strategy to reduce tariffs and transport costs. Bloomberg reported on Oct. 22 that the company was planning to restart production of Jeeps in China. The entirety of the Bloomberg report made it clear that Chrysler was considering expansion in China, not shuttering American production. [...] But later that night at a campaign stop in Defiance, Ohio, Romney added a new line to his stump speech: ‘I saw a story today, that one of the great manufacturers in this state, Jeep, now owned by the Italians, is thinking of moving all production to China,’ he said, to boos from the audience.”
- [PolitiFact, [12/12/12](#)]
- **Romney's Campaign “Doubled Down” On The Claim And Repeated It In Radio And TV Ads.** “Romney's campaign didn't retreat, though. It doubled down with a TV ad for Ohio voters that weekend: ‘Who will do more for the auto industry? Not Barack Obama,’ the ad began, adding, ‘Obama took GM and Chrysler

into bankruptcy and sold Chrysler to Italians who are going to build Jeeps in China. Mitt Romney will fight for every American job.’ A similar radio ad soon followed.” [PolitiFact, [12/12/12](#)]

- **PolitiFact Called The Ad “Brazenly False.”** “But the Jeep ad was brazenly false. It started as a line in a speech about where an American brand of car would be made. It blew up into a lie heard by voters well beyond Ohio.” [PolitiFact, [12/12/12](#)]

**Washington Post Fact-Checker: “4 Pinocchios For Mitt Romney’s Misleading Ad On Chrysler And China.”** [Washington Post, Fact Checker, [10/30/12](#)]

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### **August 2012: Romney’s Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed Obama Ended Work Requirements On Welfare, Which Fact-Checkers Deemed A “Pants On Fire” Lie**

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**August 2012: Romney’s Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed Obama Ended Work Requirements On Welfare.** “A Romney campaign ad titled ‘Welfare Reform,’ which came out earlier in August, says that’s just what Obama did. ‘On July 12, President Obama quietly ended the work requirement, gutting welfare reform. One of the most respected newspapers in the country called it ‘nuts,’ ‘ the ad says. ‘Under Obama’s plan, you wouldn’t have to work and you wouldn’t have to train for a job,’ the ad continues. ‘They just send you your welfare check. And welfare to work goes back to being plain old welfare ...’” [CNN, Fact Check, [8/23/12](#)]

**A CNN Fact Check Rated The Ad “Nuts” Based On The Fact That The Obama Administration Did Not Change Work Requirements On Welfare, Which Originated With States.** “But the Obama campaign calls Romney’s ad ‘nuts.’ CNN’s Fact-check agrees. ‘Every single person here who’s looked at it says it’s patently false,’ Obama said a news conference on Monday. So where did the notion of a major welfare reform overhaul come from? Where it didn’t come from is Washington but rather from Utah, Nevada, California, Connecticut and Minnesota. These states, some with Republican governors, asked the federal government for more flexibility in how they hand out welfare dollars. [...] In some small way, the waivers might change precisely how work is calculated but the essential goal of pushing welfare recipients to work – something both Democrats and Republicans agreed to in the 1990s – remains the same.” [CNN, Fact Check, [8/23/12](#)]

**PolitiFact Rated The Ad A “Pants On Fire” Lie.** [PolitiFact, [8/7/12](#)]

**NBC’s Steve Benen Op-Ed Called The Ad “An Obvious, Demonstrable Lie.”** “We then learn, ‘Mitt Romney will restore the work requirement because it works.’ Romney’s lying. He’s not spinning the truth to his advantage; he’s not hiding in a gray area between fact and fiction; he’s just lying. The law hasn’t been ‘gutted’; the work requirement hasn’t been ‘dropped.’ Stations that air this ad are disseminating an obvious, demonstrable lie.” [NBC, Steve Benen Opinion, [11/2/15](#)]

**U.S. News Robert Schlesinger Op-Ed Headline: “Lies, Damned Lies, And Mitt Romney’s Ads”** [U.S. News, Robert Schlesinger Opinion, [8/8/12](#)]

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### **An Analysis Found That The 2012 Presidential Campaign Set A Record For The Most Negative Campaign Ads In Any Presidential Election, With Negative Ads Making Up 79 Percent Of Romney’s Ads**

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**Wesleyan Media Project Analysis Found The 2012 Presidential Campaign Set A Record For The Most Negative Campaign Ads In Any Presidential, With Negative Ads Making Up 79 Percent Of Romney’s Ads.** “Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are tearing each other up on the television airwaves in the final days of Election 2012, setting a record for the most negative campaign ads in presidential election history. A full 86 percent of Obama’s television advertising and 79 percent of Romney’s has been negative, according to the Wesleyan Media Project, which tracks political advertising. By comparison, Obama and John McCain had spent an average of 69 percent of their TV budgets on negative ads by this point in 2008, and George W. Bush and John Kerry had spent 58 percent in 2004.” [Politico, [11/4/12](#)]

**November 2012: Politico Headline: “RIP Positive Ads In 2012”** [Politico, [11/4/12](#)]

**August 2012: The Guardian Headline: “Romney And Obama Duel Over Negative Ads As Campaign Enters Bitter Phase.”** [The Guardian, [8/15/12](#)]

**June 2012: While He Worked For Dewhurst’s Texas Senate Campaign, A Blogger Alleged Bognet Attempted To “Bully [Her] Into Silence”**

**June 2012: On Her Blog, Katrina Pierson Alleged Bognet “Confronted” Her With A “Failed Attempt To Bully Me Into Silence” After She Asked Cruz Why Dewhurst Would Only Debate Him On TV.** “The following day: My question to Ted Cruz: Dewhurst will only agree to debate you on TV, why? Answer: (0:20) All of the sudden, these \$20M campaign guns are all facing me! I suppose I should have anticipated this tactic after Jim Bognet, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst political consultant from California, confronted me immediately following the interview and in public at the RPT Convention with a failed attempt to bully me into silence. It’s a shame this is guy was also on the Romney team. Surprised? I’m sure you have gotten in many girls faces with your finger pointing and name calling and they have backed down... ..Not this time, sir!” [Katrina Pierson Blog, [6/13/12](#)]

- **Pierson Later Worked For Trump’s Presidential Campaign As A National Spokesperson In 2016 And A Senior Advisor In 2020.** “The Trump campaign announced on Tuesday it hired its former 2016 national spokeswoman, Katrina Pierson, as a senior adviser for the 2020 reelection campaign.” [The Hill, [3/13/18](#)]
- **April 2020: The Bognet Campaign Did Not Respond To Request For Comment On Pierson’s Allegations.** “‘Jim Bognet, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst political consultant from California, confronted me immediately following the interview and in public at the RPT Convention with a failed attempt to bully me into silence. It’s a shame this is guy was also on the Romney team. Surprised?’ she wrote. The Bognet campaign did not comment on the Pierson blog post.” [Politics PA, [4/27/20](#)]

**2010: Bognet Produced “Misleading” Ads For A Media Consulting Firm, SSG Media, Whose Co-Founder’s Philosophy Was “Negative Ads Work”**

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, Where He Worked With Sen. Rob Portman’s Campaign, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: “• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor’s Association, and the National Association of Realtors. • Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Russ Schriefer Of The Stevens And Schriefer Group: “Negative Ads Work, Otherwise People Would Not Run Them If They Didn’t.”** “In Maryland, Democratic Gov. Parris N. Glendening was in a virtual tie against Republican Ellen R. Sauerbrey, until the closing weeks of the campaign when he let loose with a wave of negative ads attacking her for a ‘shameful’ record on civil rights that helped to boost the black vote. At the beginning of the year Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, Illinois Democrat, did not seem to be in that much danger. But her image fell sharply this summer when GOP state Sen. Peter Fitzgerald ran TV ads attacking her ethics and character. Campaign media strategists agree that negative ads - which they prefer to call ‘comparative ads’ - are effective. They also say the ads serve the public good by providing voters with information the news media might not otherwise report about a candidate. ‘Negative ads work, otherwise people would not run them if they didn’t,’ said Russ Schriefer of the Stevens and Schriefer Group in Alexandria that handled the Sauerbrey media campaign. ‘Glendening had to do only one thing, make her as disliked as possible,’ Mr. Schriefer said. ‘He had a much easier task. It was a push downhill for him and a push uphill for us.’” [Washington Times, 11/6/98]

**October 2010: Portman's Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens & Schriefer Group That The Columbus Dispatch Called "Extremely Misleading" Since It Implied Portman's Opponent Was Solely Responsible For Ohio's Job Losses During The Great Recession.** "Ad: 'Accountable,' a 30-second TV ad Producer: Stevens & Schriefer Group in Virginia for Republican Senate candidate Rob Portman. Where to see it: Broadcast statewide and at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuX6dpliNKA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuX6dpliNKA) [...] Script: Female narrator: 'Lt. Gov Lee Fisher takes office as director of development. His official role? Create jobs. Fisher says hold him accountable for his record. How's he doing? More than 420,000 jobs lost since Fisher took office, with a record number moving to other states. Unemployment's up to 10 percent. Seventeen thousand more Ohio jobs lost just last month. Had enough?' [...] Analysis: The commercial relies on accurate statistics, but the overall message is extremely misleading. The commercial would have voters believe that Ohio -- and only Ohio -- has lost jobs in the past four years. In reality, the nation has been gripped by the deepest recession since at least 1982 and the worst financial crisis since 1932. The causes of the economic downturn include a major collapse on Wall Street, falling home prices across the country and a general slowdown of the world's economic engine. Even though Fisher was the state's development director for two years, presumably no lieutenant governor in the country could have stemmed the tide of job losses in Ohio." [Columbus Dispatch, [10/30/10](#)]

**July 2010: Portman's Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens & Schriefer Group That The Columbus Dispatch Called "Misleading" And "Nasty."** "The ad: 'Jobs 2,' a 30-second TV commercial aired by Senate Republican candidate Rob Portman Producer: Stevens & Schriefer Group [...] Script: A female announcer says: 'Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher takes office as director of development. His official role? Create jobs. Fisher says hold him accountable for his job record. How's he doing? Nearly 400,000 jobs lost, with a record number moving to other states.' [...] Analysis: Right away, you know this is a nasty commercial because Portman uses three of the most unflattering photos ever taken of Fisher. The commercial seeks to blame Fisher -- and apparently only Fisher -- for Ohio losing 379,900 nonfarm payroll jobs from just before Fisher took office in December 2006 until June of this year. Because Fisher was director of the Ohio Department of Development and publicly said his performance would be measured through job creation, per-capita income and Ohioans with college degrees, the commercial is fair game. But although the commercial relies on accurate numbers, it is misleading because Ohio has seen a steady job loss since 2000." [Columbus Dispatch, [7/28/10](#)]

**2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner's California Gubernatorial Campaign; Poizner Later Said He Regretted The "Divisive Tone" Of The Campaign**

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**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: "• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

- Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.
  - Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget."
- [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**2010: Poizner Ran "Vicious" Attack Ads Against His Opponent That Accused Her Of Selling Pornography As CEO Of eBay And Falsely Claimed The ACA Granted Undocumented People Benefits**

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**2010: Poizner Ran "Vicious" Attack Ads Against His Opponent That Accused Her Of Selling Pornography As CEO Of eBay.** "[HEADLINE:] The 6 most vicious political attack ads of 2010 (so far) [BODY:] The 2010 election season is still young, but already political candidates across the country have shown a readiness to unleash vicious attack ads against their rivals. Here, 6 of the harshest: 1. A rival says Meg Whitman is smut merchant In the weeks leading up to California's GOP gubernatorial primary, candidate Steve Poizner is running an ad accusing



former eBay CEO Meg Whitman of promoting pornography. The charge stems from Whitman's business decision to create an 'adult' section on eBay for porn and erotic toys." [The Week, [2010](#)]

**April 2010: Poizner's Campaign Claimed In An Ad That His Opponent Would "Continue Taxpayer-Funded Benefits To Illegals. A Skyrocketing Cost Under Obamacare," Which PolitiFact Rated False.** "Steve Poizner stated on April 10, 2010 in a campaign commercial: 'Taxpayer-funded benefits to illegals' in California are 'a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare.' [...] The new federal law specifically prevents illegal immigrants from benefitting, and most of the additional indirect costs that might be expected from expanding the Medicaid rolls are already being paid in California by different state or local government accounts. For these reasons, the phrase 'a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare' is a gross exaggeration. We rate the statement False." [PolitiFact, [5/19/10](#)]

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**2018: Poizner Said He Regretted His "Wrong And Harmful" Immigration Positions During The 2010 Campaign And Pledged To "Never, Ever, Ever" Run A Divisive Campaign**

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**2018: Poizner Said He Regretted His "Trump-Like" Immigration Stances From His 2010 Gubernatorial Campaign, Which He Called "Wrong And Harmful."** "As he tries to make history as the first independent candidate elected to California statewide office, former insurance commissioner Steve Poizner is saying mea culpa for his past Trump-like stances. Eight years ago, during his unsuccessful run for governor as a Republican, Poizner bemoaned the influence of undocumented immigrants and vowed to block them from receiving 'taxpayer-funded benefits.' He supported ending in-state college tuition for undocumented students, called for the California National Guard to deploy to the Mexican border, and endorsed a controversial Arizona law that allowed police to detain people they thought were undocumented. He even argued that public schools should refuse to enroll undocumented children. Now, as he's running for his old insurance commissioner job as an independent, Poizner insists he no longer supports those ideas. 'I regret the tone and direction that we took in that campaign,' he said in an interview with the Bay Area News Group editorial board this week, calling his approach in that race 'wrong and harmful.'" [Mercury News, [4/5/18](#)]

**2018: Poizner Said The 2010 Campaign "Really Felt Like A Foxhole" And Pledged To "Never Ever, Ever Again Run A Campaign That Has A Divisive Tone."** "Poizner says he now believes everyone who's undocumented should be 'put on a path to get documented,' and young people on the DACA program should be eligible for U.S. citizenship. He took his previous anti-immigrant positions while under 'huge pressure' in a competitive primary race against former eBay CEO Meg Whitman, Poizner said. 'It really felt like a foxhole,' he said. 'I will never ever, ever again run a campaign that has a divisive tone.'" [Mercury News, [4/5/18](#)]

**Bognet Claimed He Ran A Small Business, JRB Strategies, In Hazleton, PA; It Appeared To Be Neither A Business Nor In Pennsylvania**

**Bognet Repeatedly Touted His Experience With JRB Strategies As "Having Started And Run A Small Business," But It Did Not Appear To Be Registered As A Business In Any State He Had Lived In**

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**Bognet Touted His Experience With JRB Strategies As "Having Started And Run A Small Business" For Seven Years Before Joining The Trump Administration**

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**November 2020: Bognet Touted His Experience With JRB Strategies: "I Had My Own Small Business The Last Seven Years Before I Went To Work For The President."** "'Most of my professional career has been in public policy,' Bognet said. 'I've worked for Lou Barletta, (former Pennsylvania U.S. senator) Rick Santorum, and (Arizona Republican Senator) Martha McSally in public service. I had my own small business the last seven years before I went to work for the president.' Bognet's business is JRB Strategies, which provides corporate communications, campaign management, public affairs and crisis communications services, as well as strategic counsel to corporate executives, company founders and organizational leaders." [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [11/3/20](#)]



**Bognet's 2022 Campaign Website: "Having Started And Run A Small Business, I Know How Hard It Can Be To Make Ends Meet."** "The people of Northeast Pennsylvania are hardworking and resilient. They deserve more job opportunities and better-paying jobs. Through increased business taxes, regulation and red tape, Democrats in the House are stifling job growth and economic development. Having started and run a small business, I know how hard it can be to make ends meet. Pennsylvanians know it too, but Democrats in Congress do not." [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**October 2021: Bognet Touted His "Business Background" And Said Voters Did Not Want To Support "Somebody From Out Of Town."** "[BOGNET:] People want somebody who will work, who knows the issues, and who has a business background. You know, I operated a small business, I grew up in my family's construction business, and I'm from Hazleton. I'm from Northeast Pennsylvania. I think people want someone who represents Northeast PA values, not somebody from out of town." [FOX 56, [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :52

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**As Of March 2022, JRB Strategies Did Not Appear To Be Registered With Any State Bognet Has Lived In**

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**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Pennsylvania's Database Of Registered Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

- **A Wide Range Of Business Types In Pennsylvania, Including Fictitious Business Names, Corporations, LLCs, And Sole Proprietorships, Were Required To Be Registered With Pennsylvania's Department Of State.** "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes many business forms including corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, general partnerships, business trusts and sole proprietorships. [...] Corporations are formed and fictitious names are registered in filings made with the Bureau [of Corporations and Charitable Organizations]." [Pennsylvania Department of State, [2018](#); Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In California's Database Of Registered Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [California Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Washington DC's Database Of Registered Businesses Did Not Yield Results.** [DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, CorpOnline Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Texas' Database Of Taxable Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Taxable Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Massachusetts' Database Of Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Massachusetts Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In New York's Database Of Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [New York Department of State, Business Entity Database Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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**As Of March 2022, JRB Strategies Did Not Appear To Be Registered With Or Based In Municipalities Where Bognet Has Lived**

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**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce's Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Did Not Yield Results.** [Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce, Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The City Of Los Angeles' Database Of Active Businesses Did Not Yield Results.** [Los Angeles Mayor, Listing of Active Businesses Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The Manhattan Beach Chamber Of Commerce's Business Directory Did Not Yield Results.** [Manhattan Beach Chamber Of Commerce, Business Directory Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Sacramento County's Fictitious Business Name Database Did Not Yield Results.** [Sacramento County, Fictitious Business Name Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Hermosa Beach's Business License Database Did Not Yield Results.** [City of Hermosa Beach, Business License Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Travis County's County Assumed Names For Businesses Did Not Yield Results.** [Travis County, County Assumed Names Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Boston's "Doing Business As" Database Did Not Yield Results.** [City of Boston, 'Doing Business As' (DBA) Database Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In New York City's "Doing Business" Database Did Not Yield Results.** [New York City, Doing Business Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**There Was No Available Record Of Any State Or Federal Campaign Having Any Transactions With JRB Strategies, Despite Bognet's Claims That The Business Worked With Campaigns**

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#### **Bognet Claimed JRB Strategies Worked With Political Campaigns**

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**Bognet Claimed JRB Strategies Worked With Political Campaigns, Including "Political Candidates And Ballot Initiative Campaigns With Strategic Consulting And Campaign Management Services."** "Jim Bognet serves as Managing Director of JRB Strategies. JRB Strategies offers political, communications, public affairs, crisis communications and strategic counsel to major corporations, political campaigns, officeholders, start-ups, and emerging growth companies. [...] JRB Strategies provides political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Campaign assignments includes directing communications strategy, strategic assessments, policy advice and creating paid media campaigns, including TV and radio advertising." [Jim Bognet LinkedIn, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

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#### **There Was No Record Of Any State Or Federal Campaign Having Any Transactions With JRB Strategies**

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**As Of March 2022, Searches With The FEC Did Not Yield Results For Transactions Between Any Federal Committee And JRB Strategies.** [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

*Note: A review of 48 states' campaign finance databases did not yield any results for transactions between state campaigns and JRB Strategies. Searching for campaign expenditures by vendor was not possible with Utah or South Dakota's campaign finance databases. See [Methodology](#) for a full list of state campaign finance databases searched and links to them.*

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#### **Two Campaigns Bognet Claimed Worked With JRB Strategies On His Resume Paid Him Directly As An Individual And Did Not Have Any Transactions With JRB Strategies**

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**On His Resume, Bognet Claimed JRB Strategies Worked On Oregon's No On 92 Campaign And Colorado's No On 105 Campaign.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: "Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting

and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.” He also described “Representative Client Engagements for JRB Strategies:” “Campaign Manager, NO on 105

- Served as Statewide Campaign Manager of ballot proposition campaign. Led Colorado statewide campaign in opposition to passage of Proposition 105, securing a 65%-35% victory.

- Coordinated all earned media, coalition building activities, and in-state strategy for successful campaign. Campaign Coordinator, Uber

- Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort

- Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**September – November 2014: Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$93,164.40.** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

September – November 2014: Colorado No On 105 Coalition Payments To James Bognet				
Payee	Address	Expenditure Type	Date	Amount
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	11/14/14	\$1,538.61
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	11/7/14	\$10,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	11/5/14	\$2,471.42
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	10/30/14	\$10,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	10/28/14	\$3,284.14
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	10/17/14	\$5,562.16
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	10/1/14	\$20,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Travel & Lodging	9/29/14	\$5,289.92
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	9/18/14	\$10,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Consultant & Professional Services	9/18/14	\$20,000
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA	Miscellaneous	9/18/14	\$5,018.15
Consultant & Professional Services Subtotal				<b>\$70,000</b>
Travel & Lodging Subtotal				<b>\$18,146.25</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$93,164.40</b>

[Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**November 2014: Oregon’s No On 92 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$15,266.62 For Management Services.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

November 2014: Oregon No On 92 Coalition Payments To James Bognet				
Payee	Address	Purpose	Date	Amount
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/26/14	\$3,585.96

James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/24/14	\$3,585.96
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/10/14	\$4,047.35
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/7/14	\$1,547.35
James Bognet	3515 North Alma Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA	Management Services	11/4/14	\$2,500.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$15,266.62</b>

[Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: Campaign finance expenditure searches for JRB Strategies with Colorado and Oregon's Secretaries of State databases did not yield results.*

### **Bognet Claimed He Started JRB Strategies In Hazleton, PA; It Was Not Registered In The State And He Indicated It Was Based In Los Angeles, CA On His Resume**

#### **Bognet Repeatedly Claimed He Started JRB Strategies In Hazleton, PA**

**March 2021: Bognet Claimed He Opened His “Own Business In [His] Hometown Of Hazleton, PA.”** “JIM BOGNET '97 Biographical Sketch I grew up in Hazleton, Pennsylvania near the Penn State Hazleton campus, and live there today. I went to my first Penn State football game at 3 years old, and gameday tailgates are a family reunion. My father, brother, sister, and over 20 cousins graduated from Penn State. Our shared Penn State experiences help bind our family together, all filled with pride and appreciation for our alma mater. I graduated in 1997 with a B.S. in Finance from the Smeal College of Business Administration with memories to last a lifetime. My Penn State education provided the strong educational foundation for earning a JD/MBA. My Penn State education helped me succeed in high profile positions across the country, and later open my own business in my hometown of Hazleton, PA.” [Penn State Board of Trustees, Meet the Candidates, [3/15/21](#)]

#### **On His LinkedIn, Bognet Indicated JRB Strategies Was Based In Hazleton, PA.**



**Managing Director**

JRB Strategies

Mar 2013 - Present · 9 yrs 1 mo

Hazleton, PA

Jim Bognet serves as Managing Director of JRB Strategies. JRB Strategies offers political, communications, public affairs, crisis communications and strategic counsel to major corporations, political campaigns, officeholders, start-ups, and emerging growth companies.

The firm executes public affairs projects for corporate clients including a major multi-billion dollar ride sharing company, a software company in the medical field, a premier NYC management consulting firm, and a large movie studio.

JRB Strategies provides political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Campaign assignments includes directing communications strategy, strategic assessments, policy advice and creating paid media campaigns, including TV and radio advertising.

[Jim Bognet LinkedIn, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

#### **On His Facebook, Bognet Indicated JRB Strategies Was Based In Hazleton, PA.**



Founder and Managing Director at JRB Strategies

March 1, 2013 - Present · Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Jim Bognet serves as Managing Director of JRB Strategies. JRB Strategies offers communications, public affairs, crisis communications and strategic counsel to major corporations, political campaigns, officeholders, start-ups, and emerging growth companies. The firm executes public affairs projects for corporate clients including a major multi-billion dollar ride sharing company, a software company in the medical field, a premier NYC management consulting firm, and a large entertainment company. JRB Strategies provides political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Campaign assignments includes directing communications strategy, strategic assessments, policy advice and creating paid media campaigns, including TV and radio advertising.

[Jim Bognet Facebook, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

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### **As Of March 2022, JRB Strategies Was Not Registered As A Pennsylvania Business Entity Or Listed In The Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory**

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**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In Pennsylvania's Database Of Registered Business Entities Did Not Yield Results.** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Searches For JRB Strategies In The Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce's Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Did Not Yield Results.** [Greater Hazleton Chamber Of Commerce, Greater Hazleton Area Business Directory Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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### **According To Bognet's Resume, JRB Strategies Was Based In Los Angeles, CA**

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**According To Bognet's Resume, JRB Strategies Was Based In Los Angeles, CA When He Worked There From March 2013 To January 2016.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: "Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice."

[Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### **Bognet's Role At The Export-Import Bank, Which He Held Immediately Prior To Launching His Congressional Run, Was His First Professional Experience Not At A Campaign Or Political Consulting Firm Since 2001**

**Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications For The Ex-Im Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020.** "Please note that Mr. James Bognet only served in the role of Senior Vice President of Communications from October 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020." [Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20]

**January 2020: Bognet Announced His Campaign For PA-08.** "Former Trump Administration appointee Jim Bognet on Thursday announced his candidacy for the 8th Congressional District seat. He is running as a Republican." [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [1/24/20](#)]

**According To His Resume, Which He Submitted For His Role At The Export-Import Bank, Bognet Had Not Had Any Professional Experience Outside Of Campaigns And Political Consulting Since He Was A Summer Associate At A New York City Law Firm In 2001.** [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]



## Bognet's Campaign Accepted Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars From DC Lobbyists And His Political Connections

### 2019 – 2021: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$38,500 From DC-Area Lobbyists And Employees Of Lobbying Firms

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2019 – 2021: Contributions To Bognet For Congress From DC-Area Lobbyists And Employees Of Lobbying Firms					
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation & Employer	Description Of Employer Or Donor	Date	Amount
John Weber	VA	Consultant, Mercury Public Affairs	<b>Mercury Public Affairs Was A Federally Registered Lobbying Firm As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	12/29/21	\$1,000
John Weber	VA	Consultant, Consultant Mercury Public Affairs		10/31/20	\$1,000
John Weber	VA	Consultant, Consultant Mercury Public Affairs		10/30/20	\$1,000
Cliff Roberti	MD	Consultant, Federal Hall Policy Advisors, LLC	<b>Federal Hall Policy Advisors Was A Federally Registered Lobbying Firm.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]  <b>Robert Co-Founded Federal Hall Policy Advisors And Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With The Firm As Of 2022.</b> [Politico, <a href="#">11/9/17</a> ; United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	12/20/21	\$1,000
Jeffrey Lucas	DC	Consultant, Todd Strategy Group	<b>Jeff Lucas Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Todd Strategy Group As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	12/9/21	\$500
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	<b>Brian Gaston Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC (Formerly Known As The Glover Park Group LLC) As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]  <b>Rob Seidman Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group		9/29/20	\$250
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group		8/10/20	\$500
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group		6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group		3/31/20	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group		3/31/20	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group		3/31/20	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering		11/11/21	\$250
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH		11/3/21	\$1,000

			<b>Paul Poteet Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]		
Andrew Maloney	DC	CEO, AIC	<b>AIC (American Investment Council) Was The “Main Lobbying Group” For The Private Equity Industry.</b> [New York Times, <a href="#">5/5/20</a> ]	11/23/21	\$1,000
Andrew Maloney	DC	President/CEO, AIC		6/30/20	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	<b>Jon Gans Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Polaris-Hutton Group, LLC As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	11/10/21	\$500
Daniel Gans	VA	Partner, Polaris Consulting		10/19/20	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting		10/9/20	\$1,000
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	<b>Daniel Gans Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Polaris-Hutton Group, LLC As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	5/7/20	\$1,000
Andrew King	MD	Lobbyist, Neale Creek, LLC	<b>Andrew King Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Neale Creek, LLC As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/27/21	\$1,000
Andrew King	MD	Lobbyist, Neale Creek, LLC		6/24/20	\$1,000
Andrew King	MD	Lobbyist, Neale Creek, LLC		3/14/20	\$1,000
Edward Reno	DC	Partner, FTP	<b>Edward Reno Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Forbes-Tate As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/30/20	\$250
Franklyn Steinberg	MD	Government, Forbes Tate Partners		10/30/20	\$250
Jeffrey Strunk	MD	Partner, Forbes Tate Partners		6/26/20	\$500
Edward Reno	DC	Partner, FTP	<b>Frank Steinberg Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Forbes-Tate As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	5/28/20	\$250
Frank Steinberg	DC	Government Relations, Forbes Tate Partners		5/15/20	\$250
Jeffrey Strunk	MD	Partner, Forbes Tate Partners		5/1/20	\$250
Edward Reno	DC	Partner, FTP	<b>Jeff Strunk Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Forbes-Tate As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	9/30/20	\$250
Robert Dole	DC	Special Counsel, Alston Bird LLC	<b>Robert Dole Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Alston &amp; Bird LLP As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/29/20	\$2,000
Jay Cranford	VA	CGCN Group		10/27/20	\$250

Mike Catanzaro	VA	Consultant, CGCN Group	<b>Jay Cranford Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With CGCN Group, LLC As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/15/20	\$500
Sam Geduldig	DC	Partner, CGCN Group		9/28/20	\$500
Matthew Rhoades	DC	Public Affairs, CGCN Group		9/16/20	\$500
Sam Geduldig	DC	Partner, CGCN Group		5/1/20	\$500
Matthew Rhoades	DC	Public Relations, CGCN Group	<b>Mike Catanzaro Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With CGCN Group, LLC As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]  <b>Sam Geduldig Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With CGCN Group, LLC As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	2/20/20	\$1,000
Phillip Bianchi	DC	Government Relations, Squire Patton Boggs	<b>Phillip Bianchi Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Squire Patton Boggs As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/25/20	\$250
Phillip Bianchi	DC	Government Relations, Squire Patton Boggs		8/11/20	\$250
Phillip Bianchi	DC	Government Relations, Squire Patton Boggs		6/2/20	\$250
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	<b>Hess Corporation Was A Federally Registered Lobbying Firm As Of 2018.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess		6/19/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp		4/29/20	\$1,000
Kyle William	DC	Consultant, Harbinger Strategies	<b>Steve Stombres Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Harbinger Strategies As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/15/20	\$500
Steve Stombres	VA	Partner, Harbinger Strategies		10/15/20	\$500
Troy Lyons	DC	Government Affairs, AXPC	<b>Troy Lyons Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With American Exploration And Production Council As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/15/20	\$250
Joseph Gibson	DC	Owner, The Gibson Group, LLC	<b>The Gibson Group Was Named A Top Antitrust Lobbying Firm.</b> [Gibson Group, accessed <a href="#">3/11/22</a> ]	10/14/20	\$500
Gary Kline	MD	Government Affairs, Cigna	<b>Gary Kline Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Cigna Corporation As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate	10/12/20	\$500

			Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a>		
Charles Spies	DC	Attorney, Dickinson Wright PLLC	<b>Charles Spies Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Dickinson Wright PLLC As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	9/30/20	\$500
Charles Spies	DC	Attorney, Dickinson Wright PLLC		6/30/20	\$250
Charles Spies	DC	Attorney, Dickinson Wright PLLC		5/17/20	\$250
Colin Reed	DC	Public Affairs, The Levinson Group		9/30/20	\$250
Kirsten Chadwick	VA	Consultant, Fierce Government Relations	<b>Fierce Government Relations Offered Its Services To “Directly Lobby Congress.”</b> [Fierce Government Relations, accessed <a href="#">3/11/22</a> ]	9/30/20	\$500
Mathew Lapinski	DC	Partner, Crossroads Strategies	<b>Mathew [Sic] Lapinski Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Crossroads Strategies As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	9/29/20	\$1,000
Richard Hohlt	VA	President, Hohlt & Company	<b>Richard Hohlt Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Mr. Richard F. Hohlt As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	9/28/20	\$500
John Herzog	DC	Government Relations, Kimbell Associates	<b>John Herzog Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Kimbell Associates As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	9/17/20	\$500
John Herzog	DC	Government Relations, Kimbell Associates		9/17/20	\$500
Keith Studdard	DC	Vice President, Jeffrey J. Kimbell Associates		9/17/20	\$500
Tracey Schmitt	VA	Consultant, Matador LLC	<b>As Of 2022, Tracey Schmitt Was A Senior Partner At CGCN, A GOP Lobbying Firm That Merged With Matador In October 2021.</b> [Politico, <a href="#">10/28/21</a> ; CGCN, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	9/15/20	\$500
Jeffrey Shapiro	DC	Consultant, Peckmadiganjones [sic]	<b>Jeff Shapiro Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Tiber Creek Group, Formerly Known As Peck Madigan Jones, As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed	7/31/20	\$1,500
Jeffrey Shapiro	DC	Consultant, Peckmadiganjones [sic]		5/19/20	\$500

			<a href="#">3/14/22</a> ; Tiber Creek Group, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a>		
John Sherrill	VA	Government Affairs And Business Develo, Jocelyn Hong & Assoc.	<b>Jocelyn Hong &amp; Associates Was A Federally Registered Lobbying Firm As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	7/28/20	\$1,500
David Hobbs	VA	Public Affairs, The Hobbs Group, LLC	<b>David Hobbs Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With The Hobbs Group, LLC As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	7/20/20	\$500
Carlyle Thorsen	MD	Principal, Thorsen-French Advocacy	<b>Carlyle Thorsen Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With Thorsen French Advocacy LLC As Of 2021.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	6/30/20	\$500
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$38,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

### 2019 – 2021: Bognet Accepted \$25,167.92 From Out-Of-State Alumni Of Campaigns He Worked On

2019 – 2021: Bognet Accepted \$25,167.92 From Out-Of-State Alumni Of Campaigns He Worked On:

2019 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Alumni Of Campaigns Bognet Worked On				
Contributor	State	Campaign	Date	Contribution
Alex Melendez	FL	2018 McSally Arizona Senate	10/20/21	\$2,900
Audrey Perry	CA	2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial, 2008 McCain Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential	12/13/21	\$1,060
Audrey Perry	CA	2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial, 2008 McCain Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential	9/30/20	\$100
Audrey Perry	CA	2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial, 2008 McCain Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential	6/4/20	\$100
Audrey Perry	CA	2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial, 2008 McCain Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential	1/23/20	\$500
Brian Rogers	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	10/2/20	\$500
Byron Koay	VA	2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial, 2006 Schwarzenegger California Gubernatorial	9/10/20	\$500
Charles Spies	DC	2008 Romney Presidential	9/30/20	\$500
Charles Spies	DC	2008 Romney Presidential	6/30/20	\$250
Charles Spies	DC	2008 Romney Presidential	5/17/20	\$250



Colin Reed	DC	2008 McCain Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential	9/30/20	\$250
David Langdon	TX	2008 Romney Presidential	6/29/20	\$250
David Langdon	TX	2008 Romney Presidential	2/3/20	\$250
Enrique Marquez	TX	2012 Dewhurst Texas Senate	3/31/20	\$250
James Barnett	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	10/23/20	\$500
James Barnett	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	2/6/20	\$500
James Brulte	CA	2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial	6/30/20	\$500
James Conroy	MA	2008 McCain Presidential	6/30/20	\$250
Jarrold Agen	VA	2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial	9/11/20	\$500
Jim Barnett	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	5/22/20	\$500
Jim Barnett	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	3/27/20	\$3
Jim Barnett	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	3/19/20	\$500
Jon Berrier	CA	2006 Schwarzenegger California Gubernatorial	8/20/20	\$250
Joseph Wall	VA	2008 Romney Presidential	11/24/21	\$1,000
Joseph Wall	VA	2008 Romney Presidential	9/30/20	\$1,000
Joseph Wall	VA	2008 Romney Presidential	3/31/20	\$500
Kelcy Warren	TX	2012 Dewhurst Texas Senate	6/29/20	\$877.46
Kelcy Warren	TX	2012 Dewhurst Texas Senate	4/21/20	\$877.46
Lanhee Chen	CA	2012 Romney Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential, 2010 Poizner California Gubernatorial	3/31/20	\$1,000
Matthew Rhoades	DC	2012 Romney Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential	9/16/20	\$500
Matthew Rhoades	DC	2012 Romney Presidential, 2008 Romney Presidential	2/20/20	\$1,000
Nathan Grow	IL	2008 Romney Presidential	5/30/20	\$500
Philip Wenzel	OH	2008 Romney Presidential	3/24/20	\$500
Raj Shah	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	10/30/20	\$250
Raj Shah	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	9/29/20	\$500
Raj Shah	DC	2008 McCain Presidential	3/31/20	\$250
Robert Keller	MO	2008 Romney Presidential	3/26/20	\$1,000
Robert Keller	MO	2008 Romney Presidential	2/27/20	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	2008 McCain Presidential	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	2008 McCain Presidential	8/10/20	\$500
Robert Seidman	VA	2008 McCain Presidential	3/31/20	\$250
Robert Terra	CA	2008 McCain Presidential, 2006 Schwarzenegger California Gubernatorial	5/11/20	\$500
William Jones	VA	2008 McCain Presidential	12/31/21	\$500
William Jones	VA	2008 McCain Presidential	1/24/20	\$500
<b>McSally 2018 Arizona Senate Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,900</b>
<b>Romney 2012 Presidential Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Romney 2008 Presidential Subtotal</b>				<b>\$11,510</b>
<b>Romney 2012 and 2008 Presidential Campaigns Subtotal</b>				<b>\$11,510</b>
<b>Dewhurst 2012 Texas Senate Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,004.92</b>
<b>Poizner 2010 California Gubernatorial Subtotal</b>				<b>\$4,260</b>

<b>McCain 2008 Presidential Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,013</b>
<b>Schwarzenegger 2006 California Gubernatorial Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,167.92</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

### 2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$14,000 From Past And Current Employees Of Political Firms Where He Once Worked

### 2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$12,000 From Past And Current Lobbyists Of Finsbury Glover Hering, Formerly Known As Glover Park Group, Where He Once Worked

### 2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$12,000 From Past And Current Lobbyists Of Finsbury Glover Hering, Formerly Known As Glover Park Group:

<b>2019 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Campaign Contributions From Current And Former Finsbury Glover Hering Employees</b>					
<b>Contributor</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Reported Occupation And Employer</b>	<b>Lobbying Affiliation With Glover Park Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	<b>2010 – 2017: Alex Mistri Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With The Glover Park Group, LLC.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess		6/19/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp		4/29/20	\$1,000
Andrew King	MD	Lobbyist, Neale Creek LLC	<b>2017 – 2019: Andrew King Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With The Glover Park Group, LLC.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	10/27/21	\$1,000
Andrew King	MD	Lobbyist, Neale Creek LLC		6/24/20	\$1,000
Andrew King	MD	Lobbyist, Neale Creek LLC		3/14/20	\$1,000
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	<b>Brian Gaston Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC (Formerly Known As The Glover Park Group LLC) As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group		9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group		6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group		3/31/20	\$250
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	<b>2012 – 2016: Jon Gans Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC (Formerly Known As The Glover Park Group LLC) As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting		11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting		10/9/20	\$1,000
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	<b>Paul Poteet Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a> ]	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group		3/31/20	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH	<b>Rob Seidman Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC As Of 2022.</b> [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group		8/10/20	\$500

Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	Search, accessed <a href="#">3/14/22</a>	3/31/20	\$250
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$12,000</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

### 2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,000 From Strategic Partners & Media, Formerly Known As Stevens & Schriefer Group

#### 2019 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,000 From Strategic Partners & Media:

2019 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Strategic Partners & Media Employees					
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation And Employer	Role At SPM According To Website	Date	Contribution
Russ Schriefer	MD	Consultant, SPM	Founding Partner	3/24/20	\$500
Austin Barbour	MS	Consultant, SPM	Partner	1/30/20	\$250
Austin Barbour	MS			3/6/20	\$250
Austin Barbour	MS			4/15/20	\$250
Austin Barbour	MS			5/28/20	\$250
Austin Barbour	MS			9/15/20	\$500
Total					\$2,000

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/14/22](#); Strategic Partners & Media, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

**2013: Stevens And Schriefer Group Was Renamed Strategic Partners And Media.** “Strategic Partners and Media technically only dates back to 2013, but the firm's history traces back to 1991 under the Stevens and Schriefer Group name. Here's what Fawell, Managing Partner Ashley O'Connor, Partner Russ Schriefer and Vice President Shannon Chatlos had to say about the newly expanded Strategic Partners and Media team and the gubernatorial election.” [Baltimore Business Journals, [2/20/15](#)]

### Bognet Criticized Multi-Millionaires Who Ran For Office In 2020 As Out-Of-Touch, But Touted Romney’s “Real Life” Experience In 2007 While His Net Worth Potentially Exceeded \$270 Million

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed Multi-Millionaires Could Not “Realize How Important It Is To Have A Job” And Added, “I Think You Just Have To Be One Of Us To Understand The Problems We Face.”** “[BOGNET:] When you’re worth millions and millions and millions of dollars, it’s just hard to realize how important it is to have a job, that there’s nothing to fall back on for most of us. Most of us, if we don’t have a job, we don’t eat. And that’s what – being from Northeastern Pennsylvania is knowing that. I mean, we still grow tomatoes to feed ourselves in the summer. We still grow a garden up here in Hazleton, I know many Italians and many other people around the area do that. So, I think you just have to be one of us to understand the problems we face.” [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 14:53

**December 2007: Romney’s “Years Of Experience As A CEO, Private Equity Investor, And Management Consultant Have Honed [...] Real Life Experience In How America Can Compete In A Global Economy.”** “James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: [...] Without a doubt, the most challenging and exciting part of the job is briefing and interacting with Governor Romney. His years of experience as a CEO, private equity investor, and management consultant have honed very sharp analytical skills, a broad knowledge base, and real life experience in how America can compete in a global economy. He also fosters lively debates

between his advisers and outside experts, asks in-depth questions, then digests and analyzes the varying data and arguments supporting such proposals. He views this data through the prism of the free market, pro-growth principles he has developed over his career, and makes decisions on which policies are the correct way to confront the important issues facing America's economy and future." [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]

**December 2007: Romney Had A Net Worth Of Up To \$276.2 Million And Owned \$18.7 Million In Personal Properties.** "The seven front-runners, those with the highest standing in the polls and the biggest campaign troves, all have assets that would place them in the nation's top 10% of households, and most of them in the top 0.5%. Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts, heads the list with from \$92.3 million to \$276.2 million, not counting three homes valued at \$18.7 million. (Presidential candidates are required to report the value of their assets only in broad ranges. We've used midpoints throughout this story.)" [CNN Money, [12/10/07](#)]

## Professional Licenses

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**2003: Bognet Was Admitted To The California Bar With License #228830.** [State Bar of California, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

**January 2005: Bognet Was Listed As Inactive In The California State Bar.** [State Bar of California, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

**July 2015: Bognet Was Suspended From The California Bar Over Failure To Pay Fees.** [State Bar of California, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

### Bognet Was Ordered By The California State Central District Of California District Court To Show Cause Why He Should Not Be Suspended From Practicing Law, Which Was Eventually Vacated

**November 2015: Bognet Was Ordered By A California State Central District Of California Court To Show Cause Why He Should Not Be Suspended From The Practice Of Law.** This Court has received notice that the attorney named above has been suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of California or the California State Bar Court, effective 7/1/2015. Accordingly, the attorney named above is HEREBY ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this order, why he or she should not be suspended from the practice of law before this Court, pursuant to Rule 83–3.2 of the Local Rules for the Central District of California. [U.S. District Court of Central District of California (Western Division – Los Angeles), In Re James Rocco Bognet Attorney Disciplinary Matter, Order to Show Cause, Case #: 2:15-ad-00128-GHK, filed 11/25/15, via PACER]

- **January 2016: The California State Central District Of California District Court Vacated The Order To Show Cause.** [U.S. District Court of Central District of California (Western Division – Los Angeles), In Re James Rocco Bognet Attorney Disciplinary Matter, Case #: 2:15-ad-00128-GHK, Order Vacating Order To Show Cause, filed 1/13/16, via PACER]

## Political Career

This section provides an overview of Bognet’s political career, from 2006 to 2022.

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2006, Bognet held elected office in California on the Republican Central Committee for California’s 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District.
- ✓ California Central Committee Members “basically run the local party apparatus” by recruiting candidates, raising money, and helping local party clubs.
- ✓ In 2011, while living in Austin, Bognet contributed \$100 to Nathan Fletcher’s San Diego mayoral campaign.
- ✓ In 2020, Bognet lost the endorsement of the Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice Editorial Board, which called him an “ideologue” and “not deeply conversant” with the district after living outside of it for 25 years.
- ✓ During the 2020 Republican primary, Bognet’s primary opponents accused him of being a carpetbagger and criticized his past work for Romney.
- ✓ In the 2020 and 2022 campaigns, Bognet repeatedly attacked Cartwright as a “rich, entitled progressive” and alleged he and his family’s law firm profited from his time in office.
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet unsuccessfully sued in federal court to block Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court from picking new congressional maps after a legislative impasse.
- ✓ Bognet’s lawsuit cited a radical legal theory that would limit state courts’ involvement in election law, empowering partisan politicians to dictate election processes and even overturn results.

## Campaigns

### Election History

Jim Bognet Electoral History				
Year	Office	Candidates	Results	Bognet Margin
2020	U.S. Representative (PA-08) General Election	James Bognet (R)	48.22%	-3.56%
		Matthew Cartwright (D)	51.78%	
2020	U.S. Representative (PA-08) Republican Primary	James Rocco Bognet	28.43%	4.75%
		Theodore Daniels V	23.68%	
		Earl Granville	23.2%	
		Michael P Marsicano	12.93%	
		Harry Haas IV	9.38%	
		Mikel J Cammisa	2.39%	
2006	Republican Central Committee (California’s 53 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly District)	James Rocco Bognet	11.48%	.53%
		Bob Holmes	10.95%	
		Cherryl Liddle	10.74%	
		Julius Wilson	10.38%	



		Harry Eicher	9.87%	
		J.S. Campbell	9.87%	
		Ed Cross	9.54%	
		N.M. Mikulicich	8.42%	
		Bill Eisen	7.67%	
		Emily Baker	5.99%	
		Sandy Rae Jr	5.09%	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, Election Results, [11/3/20](#), [6/2/20](#); Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, Election Results, [6/6/06](#)]

## 2022 Congressional Campaign

### March 2022: Bognet Was Named An “On The Radar” Candidate Of The NRCC’s Young Guns Program

**March 2022: Bognet Was Named An “On The Radar” Candidate Of The NRCC’s Young Guns Program.** “The National Republican Congressional Committee today announced Jim Bognet advanced to the ‘On the Radar’ stage of its Youngs Guns program. The program, spearheaded by Leader McCarthy, helps equip Republican candidates across the country with the tools they need to run winning campaigns. The Young Guns program is divided into three levels containing benchmarks that a candidate must achieve to advance in the program. Candidates who achieve full Young Guns status have successfully collaborated with the NRCC and completed the requirements that establish a path to victory on Election Day.” [NRCC, Press Release, [3/4/22](#)]

### February 2022: Bognet Unsuccessfully Sued In Federal Court To Block The Pennsylvania Supreme Court From Picking A New Congressional Map, Citing A Radical Theory That Left Election Law To Partisan Politicians, Potentially Allowing Them To Overturn Elections

**2/2/22: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Took Over A Case To Determine The State’s Redistricting After The Process Among State Legislators And Gov. Wolf “Had Broken Down.”** “A lower court had been poised to select a new map from among 13 proposals this week because the normal redistricting process between the governor and state legislature had broken down. Now the high court will instead make the decision, exercising its ‘extraordinary jurisdiction’ power to take over any case. That will likely speed up the selection of a final map, which was the stated goal of the plaintiffs who asked the Supreme Court to step in. [...] The usual redistricting process, which occurs through legislation, failed: The Republican-controlled state legislature passed a congressional map that Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, vetoed. Even as lawmakers passed the map, Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward (R., Westmoreland) told reporters she knew the governor would veto the map and it would end up in court. Republicans didn’t work with Democratic lawmakers when they introduced a map and then amended it — without public scrutiny — and passed it.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [2/2/22](#)]

**2/11/22: Bognet, A Member Of The Susquehanna Board of Elections, And Two Voters Sued In Federal Court To Require Pennsylvania’s Maps Be Approved By Its General Assembly.** “Plaintiff William C. Toth Jr. is a resident of Columbia County and a registered voter in Pennsylvania. Plaintiff William J. Hall is a resident of Lycoming County and a registered voter in Pennsylvania. Plaintiff Jim Bognet is a resident of Luzerne County and a Republican candidate for Congress. He is also a registered voter in Pennsylvania. Plaintiff Alan M. Hall is resident of Susquehanna County and a member of the Susquehanna Board of Elections. He is also a registered voter in Pennsylvania. [...] The plaintiffs respectfully request that the court: a. declare that the Elections Clause and 2 U.S.C. § 2a(c)(5) require the defendants to hold at-large elections for the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, unless and until the General Assembly enacts a new congressional map; b. enter a preliminary and permanent injunction that compels the defendants to hold at-large elections for the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, unless and until the General Assembly enacts a new congressional map; c. award the plaintiffs costs and attorneys’ fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988; d. grant all other relief that the Court may deem just, proper, or equitable.” [U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Complaint, filed 2/11/22, accessed 3/4/22]

- **Bognet And The Other Plaintiffs Argued The Judiciary Did Not Have Authority To Determine Congressional Maps, And That Any Attempt To Do So “Must Be Disregarded By State Officials.”** “The Elections Clause says that ‘the Legislature’—not the judiciary—must ‘prescribe’ the manner of electing representatives, and the General Assembly has not authorized the state judiciary to draw congressional maps or participate in the redistricting process in any way. The state judiciary must therefore wait for the General Assembly to act. And any attempt by the state judiciary to usurp the legislature’s constitutionally assigned role must be disregarded by state officials, who are compelled to honor the Elections Clause over any contrary edicts that might emanate from a state court.” [U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Complaint, filed 2/11/22, accessed 3/4/22]

**Spotlight PA Headline: “Fringe Theory Cited In Pa. Redistricting Case Could Give Legislatures Unchecked Election Power.”** [Spotlight PA, [3/18/22](#)]

**Spotlight PA: Bognet’s Lawsuit Argued State Courts Should Not Have Jurisdiction Over Election Law, Leaving “Partisan Politicians, Rather Than Independent Administrators, Overseeing Elections — Possibly Even Overturning Results They Don’t Like.”** “Republican officials cited the theory, which asserts that state courts do not have jurisdiction over election policy, in two key cases filed in North Carolina and Pennsylvania over congressional maps selected by their highest courts. Groups in those states — which included voters, Republican state senators and representatives, an election official, and a congressional candidate — petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to throw out the respective maps. They argued in federal court filings that the U.S. Constitution gives state legislatures the sole power to set rules for federal elections. [...] Legal experts and voting rights advocates warn the independent state legislature doctrine could radically alter election administration across the country, and siphon power away from courts and toward the legislatures that write election law. That would leave partisan politicians, rather than independent administrators, overseeing elections — possibly even overturning results they don’t like.” [Spotlight PA, [3/18/22](#)]

**2/23/22: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chose A New Congressional Map Proposed By Democrats And Decided To Keep The State’s Primary Date As May 17<sup>th</sup>.** “The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has selected a new congressional map that will shape power and politics for the next decade, one that’s largely based on the current map and slightly favors Republicans — but with some important wins for Democrats. In a 4-3 decision Wednesday, the court chose a map that was drawn by a Stanford professor and proposed by Democratic plaintiffs. It’s a major decision for the justices, one that will draw intense political scrutiny for the court’s elected Democratic majority. It also left the state’s May 17 primary in place, despite worries it would need to be delayed.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [2/23/22](#)]

**2/27/22: Bognet And The Other Plaintiffs Claimed The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Selection Of A New Map Was Unconstitutional Since The General Assembly Had Not Approved It.** “But on February 23, 2022, the state supreme court, in a 4-3 vote, overruled the special master and purported to ‘adopt’ the Carter Plan as the state’s congressional map. See Exhibit 11. And the state’s election officials intend to implement this Carter Plan for the 2022 elections. But any attempt by the defendants to implement the Carter Plan is flatly unconstitutional. The Elections Clause says that ‘the Legislature’—not the judiciary—must ‘prescribe’ the manner of electing representatives, and the General Assembly has not adopted or approved the Carter Plan as the state’s congressional map. More importantly, the General Assembly has not authorized the state judiciary to draw congressional maps or participate in the redistricting process in any way. The state judiciary must therefore wait for the General Assembly to act. And any attempt by the state judiciary to usurp the legislature’s constitutionally assigned role must be disregarded by state officials, who are compelled to honor the Elections Clause over any contrary edicts that might emanate from a state court.” [U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Amended Complaint, filed 2/27/22, accessed 3/4/22]

**3/16/22: A Panel Of Three Judges Dismissed Bognet’s Case Over Lack Of Jurisdiction.** [U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ,

Order, filed 3/16/22, accessed 3/28/22; U.S. District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania (Williamsport), Toth Jr. et al v. Chapman et al, Case # 1:22-cv-00208-JPW-KAJ, Docket, accessed 3/28/22]

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**January 2022: Ric Grenell Endorsed Bognet For Congress**

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**Ric Grenell, Who Trump Appointed As Ambassador To Germany Endorsed Bognet For Congress.**

“Ambassador Richard Grenell was a member of President Donald J. Trump’s Cabinet, and was appointed by President Trump to serve as Acting Director of National Intelligence and United States Ambassador to Germany. See Ric Grenell’s Statement below: ‘I’m proud to announce my endorsement of Jim Bognet for Congress in PA-8. Jim is a forceful advocate of President Trump’s America First Agenda, and worked successfully to bring manufacturing jobs to Pennsylvania during our time together serving in the Trump administration. Jim has made standing up to China central to his campaign for Congress. Jim is smart, strong, and tough, and he is the only candidate who has what it takes to beat Matt Cartwright in 2022. Jim will fight hard for Pennsylvania in Congress, and I’m honored to support Jim.’” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [1/9/22](#)]

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**February 2022: Bognet Criticized Cartwright As A “Rich, Entitled Progressive”**

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“[BOGNET:] I just feel like there’s no way that Northeastern PA, which is a working class, predominantly conservative area, should be represented by someone who, you know, votes with Nancy 100 percent of the time, just like her, he’s a rich, entitled progressive. This guy, when he got into office was worth \$4 million and now ten years later, he’s worth \$20 million. How the heck did that happen? When did getting elected to Congress become a millionaire guarantee program? It’s unbelievable and I just feel like we’d be a lot better off if we got rid of rich [unintelligible] elites like Pelosi and Cartwright and actually had people who understand what it’s like to work a real job in America.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:39:37

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“‘Joe Biden and Matt Cartwright are making it harder for American businesses to survive. They’re making it harder for us to hire people that have had their lives destroyed by COVID. And I just think it’s almost treasonous. It’s disgusting,’ he said, also calling Cartwright and his wife corrupt. He explained that Cartwright’s wife ‘runs the biggest law firm suing trucking companies for accidents,’ which has made him tens of millions of dollars in the process.” [Breitbart, [12/5/21](#)]

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“[BOGNET:] People want somebody who will work, who knows the issues, and who has a business background. You know, I operated a small business, I grew up in my family’s construction business, and I’m from Hazleton. I’m from Northeast Pennsylvania. I think people want someone who represents Northeast PA values, not somebody from out of town.” [FOX 56, [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :52

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**October 2021: Bognet’s Primary Opponent Attacked Him For Living At Home With His Parents In His Mid-40s And For Underperforming Trump**

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**October 2021: Teddy Daniels On Bognet: “He’s In His Late Forties, Unemployed, Lives With His Parents**

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#### **2020 Congressional Campaign**

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#### **Bognet Touted His Campaign’s In-Person Outreach Efforts And Claimed Cartwright “Didn’t Campaign” During The 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic**

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**November 2020: Bognet Touted His Campaign’s In-Person Outreach Efforts And Claimed Cartwright “Didn’t Campaign.”** “Campaigning in person was how he got to know people, he said. ‘Campaigning during the time of the coronavirus was different and challenging,’ Bognet said. ‘We had to adapt just like everybody has had to adapt, but we kept campaigning. We did over 200 events. We knocked on doors. ‘My opponent didn’t campaign. He relied almost entirely on paid television advertising,’ he said. ‘We felt people deserved to see the candidate and get to ask me questions.’” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [11/3/20](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet On Campaigning In-Person During The Pandemic: “The Voters Deserve To Hear From Us Face To Face.”** “Bognet said the Democrats, like Cartwright, are avoiding voters in the lead up to the 2020 election when there are safe ways to engage with them in person despite the COVID-19 pandemic. ‘The Republicans, President Trump and my campaign, we’re doing door knocks. We’re trying to reach people and come



to them,' Bognet said. 'Senior citizens aren't exactly in love with virtual pep rallies. We have to reach people where they live in a safe way, wearing masks. The voters deserve to hear from us face to face.'" [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [10/1/20](#)]

**July 2020: Bognet Criticized Cartwright For Agreeing To One Debate, Rather Than Five.** "Yesterday Cartwright responded by agreeing to just one debate. In response, Bognet issued the following statement: 'The fact that Matt Cartwright rejected my offer to debate five times, in five counties, on all five television stations, tells you all you need to know about him – he is scared of being exposed as the phony that he is. Clearly, Matt Cartwright doesn't want to defend his "defund the police" agenda nor does he want to be exposed for eight years of being weak on China.'" [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [7/30/20](#)]

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**October 2020: The Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice Editorial Board Endorsed Cartwright's Reelection.** "Because President Donald Trump carried what is now the 8th Congressional District by about 9.5 percentage points in 2016, Republicans have viewed incumbent U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright as vulnerable. District voters rejected that perception in 2018 by giving Cartwright an easy victory over well-financed Republican John Chrin. This year, Republicans believe their prospects are better because Trump is back on the ticket and Republican voters have nominated a candidate, Jim Bognet, who has attached himself to Trump's hip. For the good of Northeast Pennsylvania, voters would be wise to re-elect the Moosic Democrat for a fifth term." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

**The Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice Editorial Board Called Bognet An "Ideologue" And "Agent Of [...] Polarization" Who Was "Not Deeply Conversant With The District" After Living Outside Of It For 25 Years.** "Bognet, however, who lived outside NEPA for 25 years before returning two years ago, clearly is not deeply conversant with the district -- at least our part of it -- and several crucial issues. [...] Bognet is an ideologue, of which there are already too many in Congress, and would be an agent of that polarization. Cartwright is the better choice for NEPA, which needs pragmatic government more than it needs ideology." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

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**October 2020: Bognet Pledged To Release His Tax Returns And Called On Cartwright To Release His, Which He Claimed "We Can Only Assume" Were On Hunter Biden's Laptop**

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**October 2020: Bognet Called On Cartwright To Release His Tax Returns And Pledged To Release His Own.** "I worked hard last year. I want to tell people what I made. I made about \$40,000, here's my 2019 tax return. I'm going to issue my tax returns after this debate so people can know how I made my money. Matt Cartwright got an office in 2012. He was worth \$5 million already. Today, Matt's worth 15. God bless him for making a lot of money, but I don't know how he made that money. Did he make it by bringing laws that make it easier to suit trucking companies and for his law firms to get big rewards? Matt, I think you owe it to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania to release your tax returns within 24 hours." [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 30:06

**October 2020: Bognet Fundraising Email: "We Can Only Assume That Matt Cartwright's Tax Returns Are On Hunter Biden's Laptop -- Which The Media Has Instructions Not To Talk About."** "The people of Pennsylvania DESERVE to know how Matt Cartwright increased his net worth by \$10 MILLION during his time in Congress. After the local media has REFUSED to cover any of this, we can only assume that Matt Cartwright's tax returns are on Hunter Biden's laptop -- which the media has instructions not to talk about. The media CLEARLY wants to make sure that far-left politicians like Joe Biden and Matt Cartwright win in November." [Team Bognet Email via Princeton Corpus of Political Emails, [10/24/20](#)]

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**October 2020: The NRA Endorsed Bognet For Congress**

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**October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet For Congress.** “The NRA Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) has endorsed Jim Bognet for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 8th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Jim is a strong defender of the Second Amendment and will protect your fundamental right to self-defense from those who attempt to eradicate it!” [NRA Political Victory Fund, [10/21/20](#)]

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**September 2020: Trump Endorsed Bognet For Congress**

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**September 2020: Trump Endorsed Bognet For Congress.** “This is what Trump said: Jim Bognet (@Bognet4congress) will be a tremendous advocate for Pennsylvania in Congress! He is Tough on Immigration and Crime, and he is Strong on Jobs, our Military, Vets, and the Second Amendment. Jim has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #PA08” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [9/11/20](#)]

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**September 2020: The National Federation of Independent Business Endorsed Bognet For Congress**

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**September 2020: The National Federation of Independent Business Endorsed Bognet For Congress.** “The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation’s leading small business advocacy organization, today endorsed Jim Bognet for election to the United States House of Representatives to represent Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District.” [National Federation of Independent Business, Press Release, [9/16/20](#)]

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**August 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Bought \$600 Worth Of Ads In Portland, Oregon Urging Oregon Residents To “Come To NEPA (And Please Don’t Bring Your Crime Problem)”**

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**August 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Bought \$600 Worth Of Ads In Portland.** “Republican congressional candidate Jim Bognet paid for a single commercial during a Portland, Oregon, TV evening newscast Tuesday to bring attention to his Northeast Pennsylvania campaign. He paid \$600 for the ad that invites residents tired of protests there to move to Northeast Pennsylvania. [...] Bognet tweeted the commercial earlier Tuesday, along with a link to a fundraising website, GoodLuckPortland.com, that says ‘Come to NEPA (and please don’t bring b crime problem).’ The commercial is not airing in Northeast Pennsylvania, Bognet campaign spokeswoman Lauren Claffey said.” [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [8/18/20](#)]

- **In The Ad, Bognet Urged Portland Residents To Move To NEPA Over “Something About Peaceful Gatherings, Interruptions To Business, And Local Citizens Dissatisfied With Your Leadership.”** “[BOGNET:] Good evening, Portland. I’ve heard you’ve been having a few issues. Something about peaceful gatherings, interruptions to business, and local citizens dissatisfied with your leadership. I’m Jim Bognet, a candidate for Congress here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. If you’re a family or business living in Portland, Oregon who’s leaning toward leaving for whatever reason, consider Northeast PA. We’re all about made in America. We’re known for our mid-size paper industry. And around here we love the police. Well, maybe not our current congressman, but I’ll be taking care of him real soon.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [8/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :00

**A Cartwright Spokesperson Criticized The Ad As “Tasteless” And “Making Light Of A Very Bad Situation.”** “Cartwright campaign spokesman Matt Slavoski called the commercial ‘regrettable’ and ‘tasteless.’ He accused Bognet of ‘making light of a very bad situation out there.’ ‘It shows that Jim Bognet really just doesn’t get what people in Northeastern Pennsylvania are going through right now,’ Slavoski said in an email. ‘They’re worried about attacks on their hard-earned benefits like Social Security and Medicare, staying financially stable during this public health and economic crisis, and whether the Postal Service will be able to deliver their medications on time. It also exposes what Jim Bognet would do in Congress: lie, stoke violence, and fan the flames of division instead of working towards solutions to the challenges we face as a nation.’” [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [8/18/20](#)]

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“Republican Jim Bognet, who wants to unseat Cartwright in the Nov. 3 election, accused him of ‘a pattern of deception,’ a charge Cartwright’s spokesman denied. [...] Bognet sloughed off the complaint’s dismissal, saying the trucking bill would still benefit firms like Munley Law, Cartwright and his wife. ‘He’s lied for year after year after year on his financial disclosure,’ he said. ‘He managed to miss (disclosing) a \$200,000 private jet that he flies ... He missed (disclosing) a million mansion ... And this is a hot-shot attorney.’” [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [8/24/20](#)]

- **August 2020: The Board Of The Office Of Congressional Ethics Dismissed A Complaint Against Cartwright Over Whether His Support For The Bill Was Connected To His Wife.** “The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics, a nonpartisan panel, recommended dismissing the complaint filed in September by the Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust. The foundation, a nonprofit watchdog group based in Washington, D.C., was founded by Matthew Whitaker, who briefly served as acting attorney general under President Donald Trump. In its recommendation, the board said no ‘substantial reason’ exists to believe Cartwright allowed his wife, Marion Munley, to lobby him or his staff or introduced a bill as a ‘special favor’ to her. Cartwright did not take official action that someone could reasonably construe would benefit him, the panel decided in a 6-0 vote on March 13.” [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [8/24/20](#)]

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**July – August 2020: Bognet Claimed He Fundraised From The Grassroots, In Contrast With “DC Lobbyist Types” And The “DC Swamp Creature Crowd”**

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**July 2020: Bognet Claimed He Fundraised From The Grassroots, Rather Than “DC Lobbyist Types.”**

“[BOGNET:] The party has rallied around us, is helping us raise the resources. When you’re dealing with a wealthy incumbent, they get a lot of money from the DC lobbyist types, we’re getting great small-dollar donations from around the country to take the case to the people.” [Hugh Hewitt Show via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/24/20](#)] (AUDIO) 2:29

**August 2020: Bognet Criticized Cartwright For Allegedly “Get[ting] All His Money From The DC Swamp Creature Crowd.”**

“[BOGNET:] My opponent, Matt Cartwright, is a bought and paid for lieutenant of Nancy Pelosi. He gets all his money from the DC swamp creature crowd and he was asked straight out if he supported defunding the police.” [The Lars Larson Show via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [8/19/20](#)] (AUDIO) 4:12

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**June 2020: Bognet Narrowly Won The 2020 Republican Primary And Declared Victory While Mail-In Votes Were Still Being Counted**

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**June 2020: Bognet Claimed Victory In Republican Primary While Mail-In Votes Were Still Being Counted.**

“Jim Bognet claimed victory in the 8th Congressional District Republican nominating race Wednesday as two of his opponents conceded defeat. The Associated Press declared Bognet the winner of the race shortly after 4 p.m., though thousands of mail-in ballots in Luzerne and Monroe counties remained uncounted. Bognet held a lead of 1,567 votes over rival Teddy Daniels by the time vote counters broke for the night Wednesday. His lead grew all day Wednesday as more mail-in ballots were tallied, though more than 14,000 ballots in Luzerne County remained uncounted by the end of the day. [...] In a statement, Bognet, a consultant and former Trump administration official, called his apparent victory ‘beyond humbling,’ ‘an American dream come to life’ and an honor he owes to voters.’ [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [6/3/20](#)]

- **At The Time, Bognet Narrowly Led Daniels By 400 Votes.** “Jim Bognet held a narrow lead in a field of six candidates in the race for the 8th Congressional District Republican nomination as thousands of uncounted mail-in votes delayed final primary election results Tuesday evening. Bognet of Hazle Township, a consultant and former Trump administration official, led Teddy Daniels of Wayne County, a decorated Afghanistan War veteran, a former cop and a cannabis industry security consultant, by 400 votes.” [Associated Press, [6/4/20](#)]

- **Apparent Runner-Up Daniels Would Not Concede.** “Apparent runner-up Teddy Daniels was having none of it. ‘Thousands of absentee ballots in Lackawanna and Monroe counties, as well as thousands of provisional ballots where people should have been able to vote but never received their absentee ballot, have yet to be counted,’ Daniels wrote in a post on his campaign Facebook page. ‘I concede nothing. I want to see every vote counted,’ Daniels added.” [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [6/4/20](#)]

**Bognet Won The 2020 Republican Primary With 16,281 Votes (28.43%); Teddy Daniels Came In Second Place With 13,560 Votes (23.68%).** [Pennsylvania Department of State, Election Results, [6/2/20](#)]

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#### **April 2020: Bognet Was Named A Member Of The NRCC’s Young Guns Program**

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#### **April 2020: Bognet’s Primary Opponent Criticized Bognet’s Past Work For Romney**

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**Mike Marsicano Highlighted Bognet’s History Of Working For Mitt Romney, “One Of The Biggest Sources Of Resistance To President Trump.”** “He, like Granville’s campaign, continues to slam Bognet for his association with Romney and dubs him as a ‘RINO.’ ‘It looks like Jim Bognet needs to resort to misrepresenting the facts in an attempt to gain traction,’ Marsicano added. ‘Bognet used to work for Mitt Romney, one of the biggest sources of resistance to President Trump. Bognet moved back to the 8th District after a 20-year hiatus to run as an opportunist, yet he claims that he can represent the people of the 8th Congressional District? Jim Bognet should focus on how he is going to represent the people of the 8th Congressional District and his record as a RINO, not how much cash he has on hand.’” [Politics PA, [4/27/20](#)]

- **Bognet Countered By Describing His Time Working For Romney As “Fighting In The Trenches Against Barack Hussein Obama.”** “Bognet’s campaign dismissed the criticism from the other two candidates and claimed he’s the true Trump Republican in the race. ‘We’ll put Jim’s record of working for President Trump and Lou Barletta, and fighting in the trenches against Barack Hussein Obama, up against Mike Marsicano’s record of running as the Democrat nominee for Congress during Obama’s term on Hillary Clinton’s ticket in 2016, and Earl’s record as a Never Trumper, any day of the week,’ said Bognet’s campaign. ‘Welcome to the Republican Party, Mike and Earl. What took you so long?’” [Politics PA, [4/27/20](#)]

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#### **April – June 2020: Bognet’s Primary Opponents Criticized Him As A Carpetbagger**

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**June 2020: Bognet’s Opponents Questioned If He Really Lived In Northeast Pennsylvania Since He Refused To Say Where He Voted For Trump In 2016.** “Marsicano said he voted for Trump, questioned if Bognet really lives in Northeast Pennsylvania and said his opponent never voted for Trump, citing Pennsylvania voting records that show Bognet did not vote in Pennsylvania in 2016. Bognet said he backed Trump, but refused to say where he voted for the president. Daniels, who only moved into the district last year and moved from Luzerne County to Wayne County during the campaign, portrayed Bognet as part of the ‘D.C. Swamp’ that Trump wants to eliminate.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [6/3/20](#)]

**April 2020: Bognet’s Primary Opponents Criticized Him As A Carpetbagger.** “Both the Granville and Marsicano campaign fired back, noting Bognet’s years of campaign work outside PA. Including work for Mitt Romney, who has become a persona non grata in Trumpworld since the Senator’s vote to impeach. ‘We welcome

Mr. Bognet back to northeast Pennsylvania and congratulate him on tapping his DC network of fellow Mitt Romney alumni to fund his campaign,' said Matt Beynon, advisor to the Granville campaign. [...] 'It looks like Jim Bognet needs to resort to misrepresenting the facts in an attempt to gain traction,' Marsicano added. 'Bognet used to work for Mitt Romney, one of the biggest sources of resistance to President Trump. Bognet moved back to the 8th District after a 20-year hiatus to run as an opportunist, yet he claims that he can represent the people of the 8th Congressional District? Jim Bognet should focus on how he is going to represent the people of the 8th Congressional District and his record as a RINO, not how much cash he has on hand.'" [Politics PA, [4/27/20](#)]

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**January 2020: Bognet Said He Had "Fought Liberal Democrats Every Step Of The Way" In His Career And Called Cartwright Nancy Pelosi's "Lapdog"**

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**Bognet Said He Had "Fought Liberal Democrats Every Step Of The Way" In His Career As A Republican Consultant.** "A Hazleton native and a graduate of Penn State University, Bognet said he has spent his life fighting for conservative values across the country. From working for former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum and U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, to senior roles on three presidential campaigns and on campaigns across the country, Bognet said he 'has fought liberal Democrats every step of the way.'" [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [1/24/20](#)]

**Bognet Called Cartwright Nancy Pelosi's "Lapdog."** "'Northeastern Pennsylvania deserves a congressman who will support our great President Donald J. Trump,' Bognet said. 'I couldn't bear to see what Nancy Pelosi and her lapdog (U.S. Rep.) Matt Cartwright were doing to harm our country and our President. As a member of Nancy Pelosi's leadership team and under Pelosi's direction, Cartwright has spent this term in Congress working with Elizabeth Warren, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Ilhan Omar to smear President Trump. Patriots in Pennsylvania will not rest until Matt Cartwright loses the power to ever again support the fatally flawed impeachment against President Trump.'" [Times Leader, [1/24/20](#)]

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**January 2020: Bognet Announced His Campaign For PA-08 And Said He Was Motivated By Impeachment Proceedings Against Trump**

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**January 2020: Bognet Announced His Campaign For PA-08.** "Former Trump Administration appointee Jim Bognet on Thursday announced his candidacy for the 8th Congressional District seat. He is running as a Republican." [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [1/24/20](#)]

**Bognet Said He Decided To Run For Office While He Was In Washington Watching The Impeachment Proceedings And He "Reached A Personal Breaking Point."** "The spark hit him to run for office while he was sitting in Washington watching the impeachment proceedings, and his blood started to boil. 'When they eventually voted to impeach, I'd reached a personal breaking point. I met with my family, prayed about it over the holidays, and I just decided that I thought I could do more to defend the president, to help our country by moving home and trying to take out one of these guys that is just 100% dedicated to impeaching President Trump and removing him from office.' Thus the candidacy of Bognet began. But success was never guaranteed. First, he had to compete in the most crowded congressional primary in Pennsylvania this cycle, beating out five other impressive candidates for the nomination in the June 2 primary." [Washington Examiner, [8/20/20](#)]

**Bognet Said He Was Motivated To Run After Cartwright Voted For Impeachment.** "But like many Republicans inside and out of the administration, the Democratic drive to impeach Trump angered him, and he started watching his hometown Democratic congressman, Matt Cartwright, to see if he would vote against Trump. [...] But Cartwright did vote to impeach, prompting political predictor Charlie Cook to move his seat, Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, into the 'toss-up' category. Twenty-one days later, Bognet resigned from his job and made plans to run in the GOP House primary in April to unseat Cartwright, citing impeachment as his motivation." [Examiner, [1/22/20](#)]

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**2006: Bognet Was Elected To The 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Republican Central Committee**

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**March 2006: Bognet Filed To Run For 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Republican Central Committee.**

**COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
53RD DISTRICT**

CANDIDATE NAME	PARTY	INC	SIL ISSUE DATE	SIL FILE DATE	NOM ISSUE DATE	NOM FILE DATE
<b>JAMES ROCCO BOGNET</b> Governor's Economic Advisor 201 28th St Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 Phone: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">XXXXXXXXXX</span> Email: <a href="mailto:james.bognet.2003@anderson.ucla.edu">james.bognet.2003@anderson.ucla.edu</a>	REP				03/03/06	03/09/06

[Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, Candidate List, [4/27/06](#)]

**July 2006: Bognet Was Elected To The 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Republican Central Committee With 11.48 Percent Of The Vote.** [Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, Election Results, [6/6/06](#)]

**Bognet Was “Active In Grassroots California Republican Politics” And Elected As The Top Vote-Getter To The 53rd Assembly District Central Committee From Hermosa Beach.** “Steve Poizner’s new campaign manager is Jim Bognet, a veteran of the Schwarzenegger re-election and Romney presidential campaigns. Jim is a Pennsylvania native who grew up with Ronald Reagan and Jack Kemp as his conservative icons. A scholarship from UCLA Law School first brought Jim to California to obtain his JD and MBA. He became active in grassroots California Republican politics and was elected as the top vote-getter to the 53rd Assembly District Central Committee from Hermosa Beach.” [Flash Report Blog, [5/11/09](#)]

**San Bernadino Scene Headline: “These Party Leaders Work Behind Scene.”** [San Bernadino Scene, [6/6/08](#)]

- **Assembly District Central Committee Members “Basically Run The Local Party Apparatus. They Raise Money, Help The Clubs And Even Recruit Candidates.”** “You probably don’t remember their names or the offices, but Lilian Gonzalez, Kathy Howard and Pat Lund all were elected Tuesday. They and more than 20 Democrats and Republicans were elected to their respective Assembly district central committee offices. But in most cases, none of these candidates spent any money or even campaigned. The central committees basically run the local party apparatus. They raise money, help the clubs and even recruit candidates.” [San Bernadino Scene, [6/6/08](#)]

## Personal Political Donations

### Federal Contributions

James Rocco Bognet Federal Contributions					
Date	Contributor Name	Reported Occupation	State	Committee Name	Amount
1/22/20	James Bognet	Small Business Owner, Self-Employed	PA	WinRed	\$2
9/19/17	James R Bognet	Self Employed	PA	Lou Barletta For Senate	\$500
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					<b>\$502</b>

[FEC, Individual Contribution search, accessed [3/15/22](#)]



## Municipal Contributions

**December 2011: Bognet Contributed \$100 To Nathan Fletcher's San Diego Mayoral Campaign.** [California Secretary of State, [12/31/11](#)]

- **Bognet Reported His Address As Austin, Texas And His Occupation As "Self; James R. Bognet Campaign, Strategy & Communications Consultant."** [California Secretary of State, [12/31/11](#)]

**April 2012: San Diego Reader Headline: "Texas GOP Staffers Love Nathan Fletcher."** [San Diego Reader, [4/18/12](#)]

- **San Diego Reader Reported That Numerous Republican Staffers, Including Bognet, Contributed To Fletcher's Campaign.** "Now that the Republican presidential race has been pretty much decided in Mitt Romney's favor, staffers for the long roster of losing candidates are once again back on the job market. Those who might have a chance with Nathan Fletcher, the newly self-proclaimed independent state assemblyman and San Diego mayoral candidate, are former staff members of the presidential campaign of Texas governor Rick Perry. Campaign disclosure records reveal that Janan G. Grissom, Perry's director of operations, and Raymond C. Sullivan, the campaign's communications director, kicked in \$250 and \$500 respectively to Fletcher, who in 2002 served as political director of the California Republican Party. Other \$250 Texas donors to Fletcher included Karen Hughes, the political intimate of ex-GOP president George W. Bush. She is now working for the big public relations and lobbying outfit of Burson-Marsteller in West Lake Hills. Another Fletcher contributor is James Bognet of Austin, listed as a self-employed 'campaign, strategy & communications consultant.'" [San Diego Reader, [4/18/12](#)]

## Ethics

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In August 2021, Bognet posted a petition associated with his campaign that did not include a required disclaimer.
- ✓ In March 2020, Bognet did not appear to list any clients of JRB Strategies, which he described as his small business, on his 2020 financial disclosure, which the House Ethics Committee required.
- ✓ Bognet disclosed receiving \$54,000 in earned income from JRB Strategies between January 2019 and March 2020 and disclosed the firm itself, rather than its clients, as a source of compensation exceeding \$5,000.
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet spoke against stock trading for members of Congress, whom he said “think they’re the wolf of Wall Street” while in office.

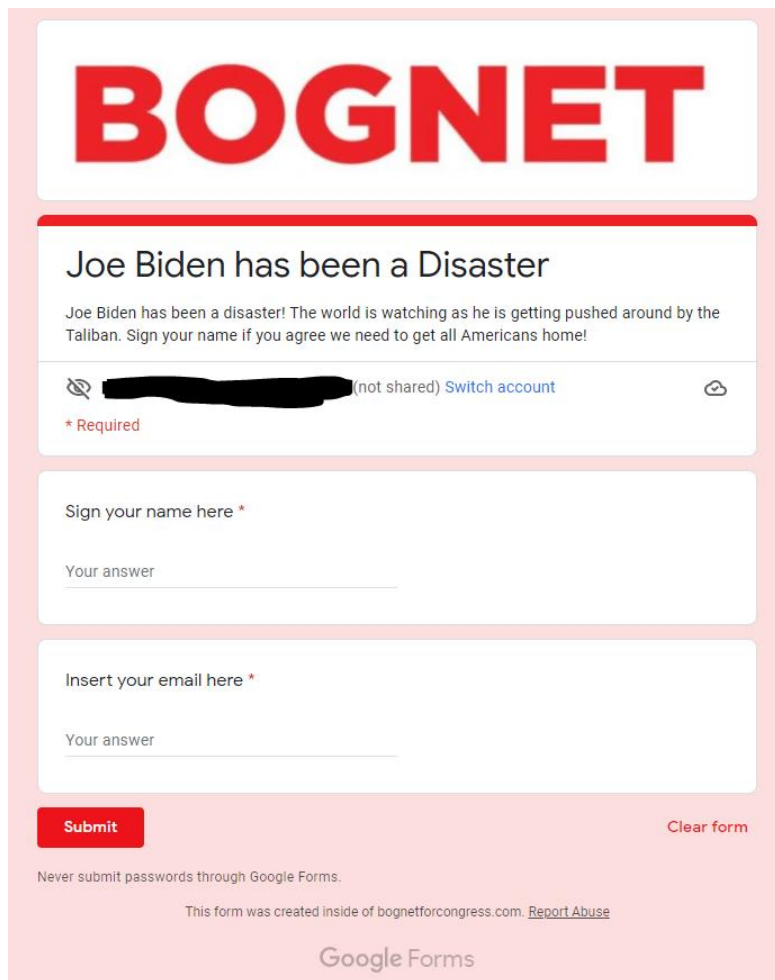
### 2021: Bognet Posted A Petition Associated With His Campaign That Did Not Include A Required Disclaimer

**August 2021: Bognet Posted On Social Media Soliciting Names And Email Addresses For A Petition About Biden’s Reaction To Afghanistan.** “Joe Biden has been a disaster! The world is watching as he is getting pushed around by the Taliban. Sign your name if you agree we need to get all Americans home! Sign Here: <https://tinyurl.com/y32yxn4b>”



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [8/25/21](#)]




- **The Post Linked To A Google Form Created Inside The BognetForCongress Domain That Did Not Show A Paid For Disclaimer.**



**BOGNET**

**Joe Biden has been a Disaster**

Joe Biden has been a disaster! The world is watching as he is getting pushed around by the Taliban. Sign your name if you agree we need to get all Americans home!

  (not shared) [Switch account](#) 

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Sign your name here \*

Your answer

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Your answer

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[Google Forms, Accessed [8/26/21](#)]

**The FEC Required A “Clear And Conspicuous” Disclaimer On Any Public Communication Made By A Political Committee, Including Communications That Did Not Solicit Contributions.** “Any public communication made by a political committee—including communications that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified federal candidate or solicit a contribution—must display a disclaimer. Furthermore, disclaimers must also appear on political committees' internet websites that are available to the general public, and in certain email communications. Political committees must also include additional information on their solicitations. As explained on this page, in addition to the requirements for public communications, printed communications, radio and television communications (or any broadcast, cable or satellite transmission) may have additional requirements. Disclaimers must be ‘clear and conspicuous’ regardless of the medium in which the communication is transmitted. A disclaimer is not clear and conspicuous if it is difficult to read or hear, or if its placement is easily overlooked. [...] The following communications are not considered to be public communications, but still require a disclaimer: Electronic mail: More than 500 substantially similar communications sent by a political committee Websites of political committees that are available to the general public” [FEC, accessed [3/29/22](#)]

**2020: Bognet Did Not Disclose Clients Of JRB Strategies As The House Ethics Committee Required**

**2020: Bognet Disclosed Receiving More Than \$5,000 In Compensation From JRB Strategies, Rather Than Listing Its Clients**

**Bognet Disclosed His Role As A “Founder/Owner/Managing Director Of Small Business” At JRB Strategies On His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**2020: Bognet Reportedly Received \$24,000 In Earned Income From JRB Strategies Between January And March 2020 And \$30,000 From The Firm In 2019.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**2020: Bognet Reported JRB As A Source Of Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source And Did Not Appear To Disclose Any Clients Of JRB Strategies.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2020 Bognet Reported Compensation Exceeding \$5,000	
Source (Name And Address)	Brief Description Of Duties
U.S. Government Executive Agency Appointment (Washington, DC)	SVP at ExIm
Martha McSally for Senate (Phoenix, AZ)	CEO of Campaign in 2018
JRB Strategies (Hazle Township, PA)	Founder/Owner/Managing Director of Small Business
Elevate Public Affairs (Los Angeles, CA)	Public Affairs services
Winning Kick Strategies (Hazle Township, PA)	Strategy/Media consulting

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

*Note: It is possible that Elevate Public Affairs was a client of JRB Strategies, but Bognet did not disclose it as such and it is unclear why Bognet disclosed JRB Strategies itself as a source of compensation separately from Elevate Public Affairs.*

*Note: Bognet did not disclose JRB Strategies as a source of earned income or compensation exceeding \$5,000 in 2022, despite disclosing his role at the firm.*

### House Ethics Committee Required Filers To “Disclose The Clients Or Customers Of That Firm Or Association To Whom He Or She Directly Provided Services”

**House Ethics Committee Required Filers To “Disclose The Clients Or Customers Of That Firm Or Association To Whom He Or She Directly Provided Services.”** “New officers and employees and candidates must disclose any compensation in excess of \$5,000 received from a single source other than the United States.<sup>46</sup> Reporting individuals need disclose only their own compensation in this section, not that received by their spouses or children. The information must cover two calendar years. Specifically, a reporting individual who was a member or partner of a firm or association that provided services (such as legal, architectural, or accounting services) must disclose the clients or customers of that firm or association to whom he or she directly provided services. The clients or customers of a filer who was the sole proprietor of a business or professional practice must be disclosed in the same manner. The nature of the duties performed only need be described generally. Thus, a client name (which may be a company name, if the client is a corporation) and ‘legal services’ would be sufficient for services rendered by an attorney. The amount of compensation also need not be disclosed.” [House Ethics Committee, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

## Stock Trading

### February 2022: Bognet Spoke Against Stock Trading For Members Of Congress

**February 2022: Bognet: “I Would Like To See Us Pass A Law That Says No Short-Term Stock Trading If You’re Holding Office In The United States Congress.”** “[BOGNET:] I think that we should not allow these

rich, powerful people to make money in office trading stocks. It just doesn't seem right to me. [...] I would like to see us pass a law that says no short-term stock trading if you're holding office in the United States Congress." [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/10/22](#)] (VIDEO) 16:40

**February 2022: Bognet Said Members Of Congress “Think They’re The Wolf Of Wall Street” While Trading Stocks In Office, Which Is “Why People Start To Lose Faith In Government.”** “BOGNET:] All these Democrats in positions of power in Congress and frankly, if I’m being honest, too many Republicans, all of a sudden think they’re the wolf of Wall Street, and they’re doing tons of stock trades, and that’s why people start to lose faith in government. That’s why normal Americans start to say, ‘The system is rigged against us,’ and whether it’s elections, whether it’s stock and bond trading, I’m just sick and tired of normal people feeling like the system’s rigged against them.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:40:44





## Political Relationships

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly praised former Pennsylvania Senate candidate Sean Parnell as a “patriot” and “American hero” whose endorsement he was “honored” to receive in January 2022.
- ✓ In November 2021, Parnell dropped out of the Senate race amid allegations he was physically abusive towards his estranged wife and children and a judge awarded her custody of their children.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed that Biden abandoned Scranton, his hometown.
- ✓ Bognet called Elizabeth Warren a “socialist Karen.”
- ✓ Bognet called Conor Lamb a “left-wing puppet.”
- ✓ In 2018, Bognet said of speculation about newly-elected New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy’s possible presidential campaign, “I don’t think it’s a crazy idea at all.”

## Joe Biden

### Bognet Claimed Biden Abandoned Scranton

**March 2022: Bognet: “Joe Biden Has Turned His Back On Scranton And All Of Real America.”** “Joe Biden has turned his back on Scranton and all of real America. It’s time to take back America! Join me today ->> <https://bit.ly/3BoL0kY>” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [3/12/22](#)]

**March 2022: Bognet: “Joe Biden Left Scranton In The 1950s And Never Looked Back!”** “Joe Biden left Scranton in the 1950s and never looked back! We’re going to beat Biden in his ‘hometown.’ Chip in today ->> <https://bit.ly/3BoL0kY>” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [3/19/22](#)]

## Elizabeth Warren

### December 2021: Bognet Called Warren A “Socialist Karen”

**December 2021: Bognet: “Elon Musk’s \$11 Billion Tax Payment Would Be Better Off In The Hands Of An Innovator Like Musk Than A Socialist Karen Like Elizabeth Warren.”**



Jim Bognet  
@Bognet4congress

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Elon Musk’s \$11 billion tax payment would be better off in the hands of an innovator like Musk than a socialist Karen like Elizabeth Warren.

6:09 PM · Dec 20, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [12/20/21](#)]

## Lou Barletta

### June 2020: Barletta Was Named An Honorary Chair Of Bognet's Campaign

**June 2020: Barletta Was Named An Honorary Chair Of Bognet's Campaign.** "According to a release on Monday afternoon, Jim Bognet, a former Trump administration appointee who is attempting to unseat Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-Lackawanna) in the 8th Congressional District, has named former Congressman Lou Barletta as the Honorary Chairman of his Congressional Campaign." [Politics PA, [6/22/20](#)]

## Sean Parnell

### November 2021: Parnell Dropped Out Of Pennsylvania's Senate Race Amid Allegations That He Physically Abused His Wife And Young Children

**11/22/21: A Judge's Decision To Grant Parnell's Estranged Wife Sole, Laurie Snell, Legal Custody Of Their Children Became Public.** "Laurie Snell -- the estranged wife of Pennsylvania GOP Senate candidate Sean Parnell -- was awarded primary physical custody and sole legal custody of the couple's three children, according to a judge's order that was made public Monday. The decision comes amid a contentious divorce and custody proceedings between Snell and Parnell, who are still legally married but have been separated for years. Snell has accused her husband of choking her and injuring their children -- all claims that Parnell has denied." [CNN, [11/22/21](#)]

**11/22/21: Parnell Dropped Out Of Pennsylvania's Senate Race And Said He Had To Focus On Appealing To The Court.** "Sean Parnell, the Republican endorsed by former President Donald Trump for Pennsylvania's open US Senate seat, announced on Monday he is suspending his campaign. The decision comes after a judge awarded Laurie Snell, Parnell's estranged wife, primary physical custody and sole legal custody of the couple's three children, according to an order that was made public Monday. The judge also determined that Parnell committed some abusive acts toward his wife in the past. 'There is nothing more important to me than my children, and while I plan to ask the court to reconsider, I can't continue with a Senate campaign,' Parnell said in a statement." [CNN, [11/12/21](#)]

**Parnell Denied Snell's Allegations That He Choked Her And Injured Their Children.** "The decision comes amid a contentious divorce and custody proceedings between Snell and Parnell, who are still legally married but have been separated for years. Snell has accused her husband of choking her and injuring their children -- all claims that Parnell has denied." [CNN, [11/22/21](#)]

- **The Judge Found Snell A Credible Witness On Her Allegations Of Abuse, But They Were Not The Most Significant Factors In The Custody Decision.** "The judge wrote that he found Snell to be a credible witness when it came to her allegations of abuse -- although those allegations were not the most significant factors in the judge's custody decision." [CNN, [11/12/21](#)]

### Bognet Repeatedly Praised Alleged Violent Domestic Abuser Sean Parnell

### January 2022: Sean Parnell Endorsed Bognet For Congress After Dropping Out Of Pennsylvania's Senate Race Over Allegations That He Physically Abused His Wife And Young Children

**January 2022: Sean Parnell Endorsed Bognet For Congress; Bognet Said He Was "Honored" And Called Parnell An "American Hero."**



[Jim Bognet Twitter, [1/31/22](#)]

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### Bognet Endorsed Parnell's Lawsuit Against Pennsylvania's Vote-By-Mail Law And Called Him A "Patriot"

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**January 2022: Bognet: "Non-Verified, Universal Mail-In Voting Was The Main Tool Used By Democrats To Skew The Election Against President Trump, Sean [Parnell], And Me In 2020."** "Huge victory for the Constitution! Non-verified, universal mail-in voting was the main tool used by Democrats to skew the election against President Trump, Sean, and me in 2020."



[Twitter, @Bognet4Congress, [1/28/22](#)]

**December 2020: Bognet Called Parnell A "Patriot" And Wrote In Support Of His Lawsuit Against Pennsylvania's Vote-By-Mail Law.** "Sean [Parnell] and Mike [Kelly]'s lawsuit is in front of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito tomorrow for an emergency appeal. I ask you to join me in praying for Justice Alito to make the right decision and strike down Act 77 as unconstitutional. President Trump and patriots like Sean, Mike, and WE THE PEOPLE of PA are fighting to make sure that we can restore faith in how our elections are conducted in

Pennsylvania. At every point in this election in PA, the democrats have attempted to loosen the rules and protections that make it possible to identify fraudulent votes.”



Jim Bognet

December 7, 2020 · 🌐

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Fellow Patriots, tomorrow is a big day in our fight for the integrity of our elections. Sean Parnell and Congressman Mike Kelly have filed a lawsuit to strike down Act 77, the unconstitutional bill that allowed mail-in voter fraud in Pennsylvania in contravention of the Pennsylvania State Constitution.

Sean and Mike's lawsuit is in front of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito tomorrow for an emergency appeal. I ask you to join me in praying for Justice Alito to make the right decision and strike down Act 77 as unconstitutional.

President Trump and patriots like Sean, Mike, and WE THE PEOPLE of PA are fighting to make sure that we can restore faith in how our elections are conducted in Pennsylvania. At every point in this election in PA, the democrats have attempted to loosen the rules and protections that make it possible to identify fraudulent votes.

I filed a federal lawsuit, Jim Bognet vs. Kathy Bookvar, Secretary of Pennsylvania, in order to prohibit the counting of mail in votes that are received after election day. The court wrongly decided that we did not have standing because the election had not yet occurred, so in the court's view, we did not yet suffer harm. Wrong! Everyone is harmed when election rules do not follow the Constitution.

Now, the biased, liberal PA State Supreme Court is saying that Sean Parnell and Mike Kelly's lawsuit is invalid because the election has already occurred! That is baloney! If a PA State law is unconstitutional, it is unconstitutional! No matter when the lawsuit is brought. The liberal PA Supreme Court has set up a twisted Catch-22 where you can't bring a suit before an election because you lack standing, and you can't bring a suit after because of the doctrine of laches. Totally and blatantly unjust!

I stand shoulder to shoulder with patriots like President Trump, Vice-President Pence, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Scalise, and Rep. Kelly to fight for our election security and for fair elections. I want to thank my colleague Sean Parnell for fighting against the unconstitutional Act 77 and for a just result in the 2020 General Election in Pennsylvania!

Please join our fight for fair elections by sharing this post and praying for the success of Sean and Mike's historic lawsuit!

FOUR MORE YEARS!

[Facebook, Jim Bognet, [12/7/20](#)]

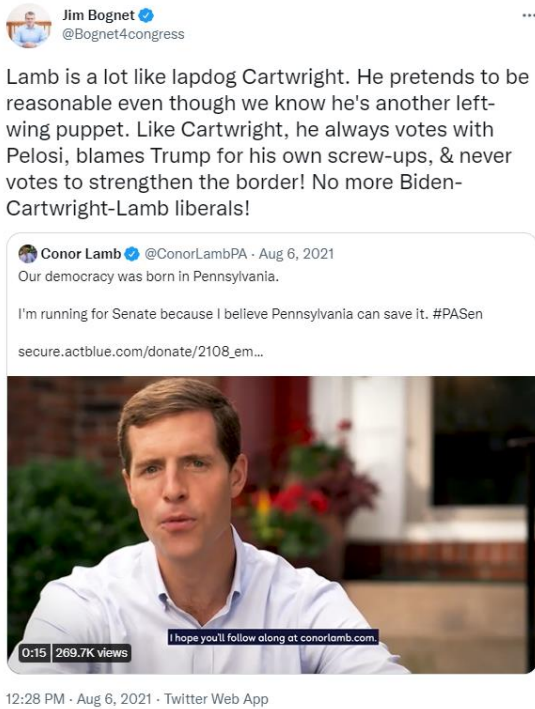
- **Kelly And Parnell Sued Over Pennsylvania's Vote-By-Mail Law.** “U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly celebrated on Friday the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court's decision to overturn a 2019 law that, among other things, allowed all registered voters in the state to vote by mail. [...] Kelly, a Republican whose district includes Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence counties and a portion of Butler County, filed the lawsuit with, among others, former Republican congressional candidate Sean Parnell. Both Parnell and Kelly are strong backers of Trump.” [Erie Times-News, [1/28/22](#)]

## Conor Lamb

### August 2021: Bognet Called Lamb A “Left-Wing Puppet”

**August 2021: Bognet Called Lamb A “Left-Wing Puppet.”** “Lamb is a lot like lapdog Cartwright. He pretends to be reasonable even though we know he's another left-wing puppet. Like Cartwright, he always votes with Pelosi, blames Trump for his own screw-ups, & never votes to strengthen the border! No more Biden-Cartwright-Lamb liberals!”





[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [8/6/21](#)]

## Gov. Phil Murphy

### 2018: Bognet Said The Possibility Of Gov. Murphy “Angling To Be A Possible Presidential Or Vice-Presidential Candidate” Was “[Not] A Crazy Idea At All”

**2018: Bognet Said Gov. Murphy Was “Angling To Be A Possible Presidential Or Vice-Presidential Candidate” And Added, “I Don't Think It's A Crazy Idea At All.”** “But experts say what Murphy's really signaling are his White House ambitions. ‘He's angling to be a possible presidential or vice-presidential candidate,’ said Jim Bognet, a conservative political operative and a veteran advisor to three Republican presidential campaigns. ‘And I don't think it's a crazy idea at all,’ Bognet said. ‘Barack Obama was positioning himself as presidential candidate six months after being elected to the U.S. Senate. Reagan ran in 1968 two years after he'd been elected governor.’” [New Jersey Advance Local, [7/5/18](#)]

*Note: For a timeline of Bognet's professional connections to politicians, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

## Donald Trump

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2020 and 2022, Bognet campaigned on his connection to Trump.
- ✓ In 2022, Bognet called earning Trump's 2020 endorsement, attending his nomination acceptance, and working in his administration "some of the great honors of my life."
- ✓ Bognet attempted to contrast himself with "never Trumpers and Hillary Clinton supporters," as well as "mushy moderates," during the 2020 and 2022 Republican primaries.
- ✓ 2003 – 2018: Bognet repeatedly worked for and alongside opponents of Trump's agenda.
- ✓ From 2016 to 2018, Bognet was a Senior Vice President of the Glover Park group, which was founded and led by Democratic strategists.
- ✓ Between 2009 and 2012, Bognet worked with Stuart Stevens, then a Republican strategist, at four different jobs, including a consulting firm Stevens co-founded.
  - ✓ Stevens opposed Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and joined the Lincoln Project to lead "anti-Trump advertising and strategy" in 2020.
- ✓ Bognet held senior leadership positions on Mitt Romney's 2008 and 2012 campaigns; Romney did not endorse either of Trump's presidential campaigns and voted to impeach him twice.
  - ✓ In 2020, Bognet said he decided to run for Congress after Cartwright voted to impeach Trump.
- ✓ 2009 – 2010: Bognet managed Steve Poizner's California gubernatorial campaign; Poizner became an independent in 2018, did not endorse Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, and said he regretted his "Trump-like" stances.
- ✓ Bognet advised John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign; McCain withdrew his 2016 endorsement of Trump, voted to block his health care agenda, and faced a slew of personal attacks from Trump.
- ✓ From 2003 to 2007, Bognet worked in Gov. Schwarzenegger's administration and campaign; Schwarzenegger called Trump the "worst president ever."
- ✓ In May 2020, Bognet claimed the Russia investigation was a "hoax" created by the "deep state."
- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet defended Trump's refusal to release his tax returns while demanding Cartwright release his.

### **Bognet Campaigned On His Connection To Trump**

**2022: Bognet Called His Connections To Trump, Including His Endorsement And Attending His Presidential Nomination Acceptance, Among "The Great Honors" Of His Life**

**2022: Bognet’s Campaign Website Called Working In The Trump Administration, Attending Trump’s 2020 Nomination Acceptance, And Earning Trump’s 2020 Endorsement “Some Of The Greatest Honors” Of Bognet’s Life.** “I was blessed to work for President Trump’s administration creating manufacturing jobs to rebuild America’s industrial heartland. Some of the greatest honors of my life were working in the Trump administration, attending President Trump’s nomination acceptance speech at the White House in August 2020, and having President Trump’s endorsement in the 2020 election.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**September 2021: Bognet Called Trump’s Endorsement Of Him An “Amazing Memory” And A Highlight Of His 2020 Congressional Campaign.** “This amazing memory from Sept. 10th last year popped up on my FB feed today. President Trump endorsing me last year was one of the highlights of my campaign for Congress in 2020, and I am so grateful. We must continue to fight alongside him for the America First Agenda!”



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/10/21](#)]

## 2020 – 2022: Bognet Praised Trump And His Agenda

**2022: Bognet Campaign Website: “We Need To Pick Up Where President Trump Left Off To Advance His America First Policies.”** “We need to get back to President Trump’s America First policies and pass legislation that strengthens our economy and secures our border. Jim will represent Pennsylvania’s 8th District in Washington to focus on results – for you, your family, and all Northeastern Pennsylvania.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**February 2022: Bognet Called The MAGA Hat “The Greatest Hat In American History.”** “7 Superbowls, 3 MVPs, and the guts to wear the greatest hat in American history. Tom Brady is the #GOAT! #MAGA”



7 Superbowls, 3 MVPs, and the guts to wear the greatest hat in American history.

Tom Brady is the #GOAT! #MAGA



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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/1/22](#)]

**December 2021: Bognet: “Donald Trump Was The People’s President, Joe Biden Is The Inflation President.”**



Donald Trump was the People’s President, Joe Biden is the inflation President.

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [12/18/21](#)]

**2020 – 2022: Bognet Framed Himself As Part Of The “America First Movement” Instead Of A “Mushy Moderate” Or “Never Trumper”**

**February 2022: Bognet: “Mushy Moderates Have No Place In The America First Movement.”**



Mushy moderates have no place in the America First movement.

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/16/22](#)]

**April 2020: Bognet Contrasted Himself With “Never Trumpers And Hillary Clinton Supporters” In The 2020 Republican Primary Field.** “More and more people are starting to recognize the growing momentum we’ve seen on the ground here in PA-8 each day. Over the next five weeks, I will make the case to Northeastern Pennsylvania voters that I am the candidate best equipped to go to Congress as a firm ally of President Trump who will help him finish the wall and make China pay. Our campaign will show voters the differences between me and others in the field who have been exposed as Never Trumpers and Hillary Clinton supporters,” Jim Bognet said.”  
[Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [4/27/20](#)]

**May 2020: Bognet Ad: “President Trump Fights For Us, But He Needs Teammates. I’m Running For Congress To Fight For The Trump Agenda, Build The Wall, And Put America First.”** “[BOGNET:] Around here, we used to win a lot. But things have changed. China cheated us on trade and sent us the Wuhan flu. “Illegal immigrants took our jobs, spread crime, and sent taxpayers the bill. President Trump fights for us, but he needs teammates. I’m running for Congress to fight for the Trump agenda, build the wall, and put America first.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [5/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :00

## 2020 – 2022: Bognet Touted His Work In The Trump Administration During His Campaigns

**Bognet’s 2022 Campaign Website Stated He Was Appointed In Trump’s Administration “To Help Rebuild Our Industrial Heartland And To Create Jobs, Support Small Businesses, And Promote ‘Made In America’ Products.”** “I was blessed to work for President Trump’s administration creating manufacturing jobs to rebuild America’s industrial heartland. Some of the greatest honors of my life were working in the Trump administration, attending President Trump’s nomination acceptance speech at the White House in August 2020, and having President Trump’s endorsement in the 2020 election. [...] President Trump appointed Jim to a position in his administration to help rebuild our industrial heartland and to create jobs, support small businesses, and promote ‘Made in America’ products around the world.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]



**January 2020: Bognet Said He Worked On “Manufacturing Issues, Increasing Exports, Really Helping Our Small Businesses” In The Trump Administration.** “[BOGNET:] Most recently I was working in the Trump administration on manufacturing issues, increasing exports, really helping our small businesses. You know, President Trump wants to rebuild the industrial heartland, make sure that we not just have jobs, but good jobs you can support a family on.” [WYLN via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [1/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:40

**October 2020: Bognet: “I Worked In The Trump Administration On Manufacturing. I Know How To Bring Manufacturing Jobs Back To The Heartland.”** “[BOGNET:] We can really make manufacturing, takeoff. And I worked in the Trump administration on manufacturing. I know how to bring manufacturing jobs back to the Heartland. Matt Cartwright was an office for eight years. The first six years of that, we didn’t see much manufacturing improvement. Only under President Trump, did we see manufacturing employment.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 29:27

**January 2022: Bognet: “I Worked In President Trump’s Administration Creating JOBS To Rebuild America’s Industrial Heartland.”**



I worked in President Trump’s administration creating JOBS to rebuild America’s industrial heartland.

Help me turn this battleground district PA-8 from  to  SOON

RETWEET & FOLLOW my account to help us reach our next milestone of 20,000 followers!

6:41 PM · Jan 15, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/15/22](#)]

## 2021: Bognet Supported Trump’s Off-Year Rallies

**Bognet Posted Online In Support Of Trump Doing Off-Year Rallies.** “It was great to see President Trump rallying Patriots across the country this weekend. He is one hundred percent right that his administration worked tirelessly to secure our borders. Now, Kamala takes fake trips to the border- what a disaster the Biden immigration



policy is. The enthusiasm among our grassroots for a return to an America First agenda is off the charts. Dems are in for a rude awakening in 2022!”



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [6/28/21](#)]

## 2003 – 2018: Bognet Repeatedly Worked For And Alongside Democrats And Opponents Of Trump’s Agenda

### 2016 – 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, A PR And Lobbying Firm Founded And Led By Democrats

#### January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

#### Glover Park Group Was A Lobbying And PR Firm Founded By Democrats

**Glover Park Group Was A Lobbying And PR Firm.** “The consolidation of K Street continued Tuesday as a global conglomerate snapped up another well-known lobbying brand. The communications giant WPP announced that it would acquire Glover Park Group, a powerhouse lobbying and public relations firm in Washington. The terms of the deal were not disclosed.” [The Hill, [11/29/11](#)]

**2001: Four Of DC's "Most Visible Democrats," Including Carter Eskew, Michael Feldman, Joel Johnson And Joe Lockhart, Founded Glover Park Group.** "Glover Park Group, which specializes in wide-ranging 'influence campaigns,' is run by some of the city's most visible Democrats, including Carter Eskew, Michael Feldman, Joel Johnson and Joe Lockhart. The four friends started the firm in 2001, after Gore lost the presidency, and it now has more than 100 employees in offices in Washington, New York and California." [Politico, [6/18/08](#)]

- **Feldman Worked In The Clinton-Gore White House For Eight Years Following Years Of Work In Democratic Politics.** "Michael began his career in politics and government. Over the course of eight years in the Clinton-Gore White House, Michael served in various leadership roles on behalf of Vice President Gore, including senior advisor and traveling chief of staff. In this capacity, he managed the Vice President's staff and implemented message and strategy throughout the 2000 campaign cycle. Michael also served as one of the Clinton Administration's chief liaisons to the United States Congress, providing advice and strategic counsel in order to forward the President's congressional agenda. Prior to joining the Clinton-Gore campaign in 1992, Michael worked for the Senate Democratic Leadership as a legislative analyst in the Democratic Policy Committee and as a member of the Democratic floor staff for the Senate Majority Leader. In 1991, Michael worked on the special election campaign of Senator Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania." [Finsbury Glover Hering, accessed [3/21/22](#)]
- **Eskew Was A Democratic Media Consultant And Senior Advisor To Gore's 2000 Presidential Campaign Before He Co-Founded Glover Park Group.** "He and I provided strategy and media consulting to 18 incumbent Democratic senators and helped steer challengers such as Frank Lautenberg, Paul Simon and Joe Lieberman to victory. In the mid-90s I started to work for corporations and causes, but in 1999 I returned to politics as a senior adviser to Al Gore, for whom I directed the message and advertising of his 2000 presidential campaign. Since that split-decision election, I helped to found the Glover Park Group, which today is a leading communications, advertising and lobbying company in Washington, New York, Boulder and Los Angeles." [Washington Post, About Carter Eskew, [10/23/11](#)]
- **Johnson Was A Senior Advisor To Clinton And Former Staffer For Democrats Sen. Tom Daschle And Rep. Howard Metzenbaum.** "Prior to founding The Harbour Group, Joel completed his appointment as President Clinton's Senior Advisor for Policy and Communications. In this capacity, he was charged with coordinating the message and communications strategies designed to promote the Administration's legislative and policy goals. As a member of the President's team of core advisors, his responsibilities required an intensive working knowledge of the machinery of government and media at the highest levels. Joel has extensive experience in public policy and strategic communications on Capitol Hill. When Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle was elected Democratic Leader in 1994, Joel was appointed Staff Director for the Senate Democratic Leadership, serving as Daschle's chief legislative and communications advisor for five years. Previously, he served the House Democratic Leadership as Executive Director of the Democratic Study Group, held senior staff positions on the Senate Labor and Human Resources and Judiciary Committees, and was Chief of Staff to Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum of Ohio." [Finsbury Glover Hering, accessed [3/21/22](#)]
- **Lockhart Was White House Press Secretary In Clinton's Administration.** "Lockhart is perhaps best known for his service as White House Press Secretary under President Bill Clinton from 1998 to 2000, during which time he managed daily press briefings, provided senior counsel to the President, and managed communications through the President's impeachment proceedings." [Rational 360, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### **Bognet Worked Alongside The Firm's Democratic Leadership**

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#### **January 2016: Then-Glover Park Group CEO Chip Smith Announced Bognet's Hiring At The Firm.**

"Leading strategic communications and government affairs firm The Glover Park Group (GPG) today announced that Jim Bognet has joined the firm as a Senior Vice President. Bognet will work in the Strategic Communications practice, providing strategic and media counsel for the firm's clients. [...] 'Jim brings a rarely matched breadth of experience to GPG,' said GPG CEO Chip Smith. 'He has worked on exceedingly complex matters for corporations,

within government and in the most challenging political campaigns. He arrives at GPG battle-tested with skills and expertise that will be of great value to our team and to our customers.” [Glover Park Group, Press Release via Politico, [1/12/16](#)]

- **Smith Was A “Veteran Democratic Strategist.”** “Chip Smith, a veteran Democratic strategist and CEO of the lobby and public affairs firm Glover Park Group, will become the chief lobbyist at 21st Century Fox, the media corporation founded by Rupert Murdoch.” [Washington Post, [5/5/16](#)]
- **2000: Smith Was Deputy Campaign Manager And Chief Of Staff For Al Gore’s Presidential Campaign.** “Al Gore is adding new faces to his presidential campaign and stocking the Democratic National Committee with loyal aides in preparation for the November showdown with Republican George W. Bush. [...] Chip Smith, deputy campaign manager and chief of staff who will conduct the campaign's day-to-day coordination with the DNC and other party affiliates.” [Associated Press, [4/20/2000](#)]

**Bognet Worked With Stuart Stevens, A Former Republican Strategist Who Later Opposed Trump’s 2016 Campaign And Joined The Lincoln Project, At Four Different Jobs Between 2009 And 2012**

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**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.

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- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

- **July 2007: Stevens Joined The Romney Campaign.** The Washington Post reported, “Mostly known as an image guy, Stevens was one of the handful of McCain aides who left that campaign in July 2007 amid squabbling over how to revive McCain’s flagging and cash-strapped operation.” The New York Times reported, “[Stevens’] first presidential campaign was Bob Dole’s 1996 bid, and he was part of George W. Bush’s media team in 2000 and 2004. He and Mr. Schrieffer, whose campaigns have included those of Chris Christie and Haley Barbour, jumped from a role with Senator John McCain’s campaign to Mr. Romney’s in the summer of 2007, but clashed with the existing campaign media team.” [Washington Post, [9/17/20](#); New York Times, [9/19/11](#)]

**2009: Bognet Was Campaign Manager Of Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign; Stevens Was A Political Strategist On The Campaign.** “The three new hires join a Poizner-for-governor team that includes campaign chairman and former state Senate Republican leader Jim Brulte, political strategist Stuart Stevens of The Stevens and Schrieffer Group, campaign manager Jim Bognet, finance director Julie Westlake and senior adviser Kevin Spillane.” [Sacramento Bee, 6/19/09]

**August – November 2010: Bognet Was Media Consultant At SSG Media In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Media Consultant at SSG Media in Washington, DC from August to November 2010. He described this role: “• Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor’s Association, and the National Association of Realtors.

- Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]
- **Stevens Co-Founded The DC-Based Political Consultancy Stevens & Schrieffer Group.** “Stuart Stevens is an American travel writer and political consultant. He is the cofounder of Washington, DC-based political media consultancy Stevens & Schrieffer Group. He served as a top strategist for Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign.” [Simon & Schuster, accessed [3/7/22](#)]

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- **2012: Stevens Was The Chief Strategist Of Romney’s Presidential Campaign.** “Stuart Stevens, the former chief strategist for Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign, said Thursday that he has joined the Lincoln Project, a super PAC launched by a group of veteran Republican operatives seeking to defeat President Trump.” [Washington Post, [5/28/20](#)]

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#### **2016: Stevens Opposed Trump’s Presidential Bid And Insulted Him Colorfully**

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**July 2016: Stevens: “Donald Trump Is Uniquely Unqualified To Be President.”** “‘Donald Trump is uniquely unqualified to be president,’ says Stevens. It’s a view he has shared regularly on Twitter. And he hopes Republicans will soon be disabused of the notion that Trump will make a sudden turn toward more ‘presidential’ bearing. ‘If you have a friend who is about to marry a guy who is 70 years old and he promises he will change, what would your advice be?’ Stuart muses. ‘No one changes at 70.’” [Variety, [7/19/16](#)]

**July 2016: Stevens Called Trump The “First Candidate Since World War II Not Prepared For The Job Of Sitting At The Top Of A Nuclear Command Chain” And Said His Mind Was “Like A Pin Ball Machine.”** “He went on to call Trump the ‘first candidate since World War II not prepared for the job of sitting at the top of a nuclear command chain’ and said that the candidate’s many shifts on the issues suggest he has a ‘mind like a pin ball machine, with all this stuff just bouncing around.’” [Variety, [7/19/16](#)]

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**May 2020: Stuart Stevens Joined The Lincoln Project To Advise On “Anti-Trump Advertising And Strategy.”** “Stuart Stevens, the former chief strategist for Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign, said Thursday that he has joined the Lincoln Project, a super PAC launched by a group of veteran Republican operatives seeking to defeat President Trump. Stevens said in an interview with The Washington Post that the group will likely be his sole political endeavor for the remainder of the year and that he will advise its team on anti-Trump advertising and strategy. ‘I will just try to fit in with the team and see where I can be helpful,’ Stevens said. ‘We’ll see how it goes.’” [Washington Post, [5/28/20](#)]

**Strategist John Weaver Said Stevens Would Convince Voters That “Donald Trump Must Be Trowned, Along With His Enablers.”** “The Lincoln Project’s leadership includes strategists John Weaver, Rick Wilson, Steve Schmidt and former New Hampshire Republican Party chair Jennifer Horn, who last year worked with Stevens on the long-shot GOP presidential primary campaign of former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld. Lawyer George T. Conway III, who is married to White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, is also involved. ‘It’s a small



tribe,' Stevens said. 'I don't know George Conway at all. Our paths never crossed. . . . But this core group is mainly people I've known one way or another for a long time.' Weaver said in an email that Stevens is the 'gold standard' and 'to have him join us in the Lincoln Project in a senior role' will help the group convince voters that 'Donald Trump must be trounced, along with his enablers.'" [Washington Post, [5/28/20](#)]

**August 2020: Stevens Wrote A Book Detailing "Lies The Republican Party Was Telling Itself And Decades Of Racism" That Enabled Trump's Campaign, The Opening Line Of Which Was, "Blame Me."**

"O'DONNELL: 'Blame me.' That is what Stuart Stevens says on page 1 of his book, 'It Was All A Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump'. Stuart Stevens tracks decades of lies the Republican Party was telling itself and decades of racism that were the perfect ramp up to Donald Trump's racist presidential campaign." [MSNBC, [8/12/20](#)]

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**Romney Voted To Impeach Trump Twice**

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**February 2021: Romney Voted To Impeach Trump Over His Incitement Of The Capitol Insurrection**

**"Despite The Obvious And Well Known Threats Of Violence That Day."** "U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) today released the following statement regarding his vote on the article of impeachment: 'After careful consideration of the respective counsels' arguments, I have concluded that President Trump is guilty of the charge made by the House of Representatives. President Trump attempted to corrupt the election by pressuring the Secretary of State of Georgia to falsify the election results in his state. President Trump incited the insurrection against Congress by using the power of his office to summon his supporters to Washington on January 6th and urging them to march on the Capitol during the counting of electoral votes. He did this despite the obvious and well known threats of violence that day. President Trump also violated his oath of office by failing to protect the Capitol, the Vice President, and others in the Capitol. Each and every one of these conclusions compels me to support conviction.'" [Sen. Mitt Romney, Press Release, [2/13/21](#)]

**February 2020: Romney Voted To Impeach Trump, Becoming The First Senator To Ever Vote To Impeach A President Of His Party.** "Senator Mitt Romney of Utah never became president, but he earned a new distinction on Wednesday: He will be remembered as the first senator in American history to vote to remove a president of his



own party from office. Mr. Romney, the 2012 Republican nominee for president, said he expected swift and extreme recrimination from his party for his solitary act of defiance. He was not incorrect.” [New York Times, [2/5/20](#)]

- **January 2020: Bognet Said He Was Motivated To Run For Congress After Cartwright Voted For Impeachment.** “But like many Republicans inside and out of the administration, the Democratic drive to impeach Trump angered him, and he started watching his hometown Democratic congressman, Matt Cartwright, to see if he would vote against Trump. [...] But Cartwright did vote to impeach, prompting political predictor Charlie Cook to move his seat, Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District, into the ‘toss-up’ category. Twenty-one days later, Bognet resigned from his job and made plans to run in the GOP House primary in April to unseat Cartwright, citing impeachment as his motivation.” [Examiner, [1/22/20](#)]

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### **Romney Did Not Endorse Either Of Trump’s Presidential Campaigns**

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**March 2016: Romney Spoke Against Trump’s Presidential Campaign And Called Him A “Fraud.”** “Former U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney attacked 2016 Republican front-runner Donald Trump as ‘a fraud’ on Thursday and urged primary voters to keep the outspoken New York billionaire from getting the nomination, paving the way for possible horse trading at a party convention in July. In an unusually harsh speech, party elder Romney warned that former reality TV star Trump would likely lose to possible Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in the Nov. 8 election if he becomes the Republican nominee.” [Reuters, [3/3/16](#)]

**October 2020: CNN Headline: “Mitt Romney Says He Did Not Vote For Trump In The 2020 Election.”** [CNN, [10/21/20](#)]

**2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign; Poizner Later Became An Independent, Said He Regretted His “Trump-Like” Immigration Positions From 2010, And Refused To Endorse Trump’s 2016 Campaign**

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### **2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign**

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**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: “• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

- Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.
- Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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### **2018: Poizner Registered And Ran For Statewide Office As An Independent**

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**2018: Poizner Ran For California Insurance Commissioner As An Independent After Holding The Office As A Republican From 2007 To 2011.** “Eight years after losing a bitter Republican primary for governor and stepping away from California’s political scene, Steve Poizner said Monday that he will run again for the elected office he gave up in that contest — state insurance commissioner. This time, he won’t run as a Republican. ‘There’s no room for partisan politics at the Department of Insurance,’ Poizner said in an interview, announcing the launch of a campaign to become the first independent ‘no party preference’ candidate ever to win statewide office. The 61-

year old former tech entrepreneur served as insurance commissioner from 2007 to 2011.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/12/18](#)]

**2018: Poizner Changed His Party Registration From Republican To “Decline To State.”** “In 2016, Poizner rejected Trump’s presidential candidacy and endorsed Ohio Gov. John Kasich, serving as his state campaign chair in California. Several weeks ago, he re-registered from Republican to ‘decline to state’ — a growing category that now defines 1 in 5 registered voters in the state, as both major parties continue to lose ground in voting rolls. He said he has discussed the move with Kasich, who has been ‘very supportive’ of his decision.” [Politico, [2/12/18](#)]

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**2018: Poizner Said He Regretted His “Trump-Like” Immigration Stances From His 2010 Gubernatorial Campaign, Which He Called “Wrong And Harmful.”** “As he tries to make history as the first independent candidate elected to California statewide office, former insurance commissioner Steve Poizner is saying mea culpa for his past Trump-like stances. Eight years ago, during his unsuccessful run for governor as a Republican, Poizner bemoaned the influence of undocumented immigrants and vowed to block them from receiving ‘taxpayer-funded benefits.’ He supported ending in-state college tuition for undocumented students, called for the California National Guard to deploy to the Mexican border, and endorsed a controversial Arizona law that allowed police to detain people they thought were undocumented. He even argued that public schools should refuse to enroll undocumented children. Now, as he’s running for his old insurance commissioner job as an independent, Poizner insists he no longer supports those ideas. ‘I regret the tone and direction that we took in that campaign,’ he said in an interview with the Bay Area News Group editorial board this week, calling his approach in that race ‘wrong and harmful.’” [Mercury News, [4/5/18](#)]

- **2010: Poizner Pledged To Ban Undocumented Children From Attending California Public Schools.** “Poizner said he’d work to change federal law that allows illegal immigrant children to attend public schools - a ‘radical’ approach he admitted, but a necessary one because of the state’s deficit.” [KPCC, [3/16/10](#)]

**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For McCain’s Presidential Campaign; McCain Withdrew His Endorsement Of Trump In 2016, Voted To Block His Health Care Agenda, And Repeatedly Faced Attacks From Trump**

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.

- Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**October 2016: McCain Withdrew His Endorsement Of Trump After The Access Hollywood Tape Became Public And Pledged To Write In “Some Good Conservative Republican.”** “Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) on Saturday withdrew his support from Donald Trump in the wake of leaked tapes of Trump making lewd comments about women in 2005. ‘I have wanted to support the candidate our party nominated,’ McCain said in a statement. ‘He was not my choice, but as a past nominee, I thought it important I respect the fact that Donald Trump won a majority of the delegates by the rules our party set. I thought I owed his supporters that deference.’ ‘But Donald Trump’s behavior this week, concluding with the disclosure of his demeaning comments about women and his boasts about sexual assaults, make it impossible to continue to offer even conditional support for his candidacy,’ he continued. [...] In his statement Saturday, McCain did not reveal who he would vote for, but maintained that he would not cross party lines. ‘Cindy and I will not vote for Donald Trump,’ he said. ‘I have never voted for a Democratic presidential candidate and we will not vote for Hillary Clinton. We will write in the name of some good conservative Republican who is qualified to be President.’” [The Hill, [10/8/16](#)]

**July 2017: McCain Voted Against The American Health Care Act, Blocking The Central Item Of Trump's Agenda.** "In a moment of unexpected high drama, Republicans were stymied once again in their effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act — and they have John McCain to thank for it. In the early morning hours Friday, the senator showed why he earned the nickname 'Maverick' over his long tenure. McCain, who was diagnosed with brain cancer and returned to Washington to advance the health care bill, turned around and bucked his party's leadership — and President Trump — by joining two moderate Republicans, two independents and every Democrat in voting against the so-called 'skinny repeal' of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare." [NPR, [7/27/17](#)]

**March 2019: NPR Headline: "Among False Claims, Trump Attacked McCain For Failing Veterans."** [NPR, [3/21/19](#)]

**March 2019: The Guardian Headline: "I'm Not A Fan': Trump's Grudge Against John McCain Continues Even In Death."** [The Guardian, [3/22/19](#)]

**September 2020: Chicago Tribune Headline: "Fact Check: Trump Says He Never Called John McCain A 'Loser.' He Definitely Did."** [Chicago Tribune, [9/5/20](#)]

**2003 –2007: Bognet Was An Advisor To Schwarzenegger's Office And Policy Director For His Reelection Campaign; Schwarzenegger Called Trump The "Worst President Ever" And Refused To Endorse Either Of His Presidential Campaigns**

**March 2006 – January 2007: Bognet Was Policy Director For Schwarzenegger's California Gubernatorial Reelection Campaign In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Director for Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 from March 2006 to January 2007. He described this role: "• Served as senior staff member for Governor Schwarzenegger's re-election campaign. Reported directly to Campaign Manager Steve Schmidt. Assisted in running successful \$75 million re-election campaign  
• Acted as principal liaison to Governor's office on all policy matters." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**November 2003 – March 2006: Bognet Was Chief Deputy Special Advisor For Jobs And Economic Growth In Then-Gov. Schwarzenegger's Office In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth at the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from November 2003 to March 2006. He described this role: "• Acted as surrogate speaker to business and political audiences across California. Advocated Governor's policy agenda and special election initiatives in television and radio interviews in major California media markets.  
• Briefed Gov. Schwarzenegger on business attraction and retention targets and staffed Governor during his calls to target businesses. Successful pitches included major companies such as Genentech and Virgin America." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**January 2021: Schwarzenegger: Trump "Will Go Down In History As The Worst President Ever."** "Schwarzenegger, whose feud with Trump dates back to when he took over The Apprentice from the mogul, then blamed Trump for inflaming racism and anti-Semitism, as well as how Trump's attempts to overturn the election incited his followers. 'President Trump is a failed leader. He will go down in history as the worst president ever. The good thing is soon he'll be as irrelevant as an old tweet,' Schwarzenegger said." [Rolling Stone, [1/10/21](#)]

**2019: Schwarzenegger Said, "I Doubt It" When Asked If He Would Vote For Trump In 2020 And Said He Would Support Elizabeth Warren If She Won The Democratic Nomination.** "During a Monday appearance on SiriusXM's 'Howard Stern Show,' Schwarzenegger was asked if he would be supporting President Trump's reelection next year. 'I doubt it,' he replied with a laugh. 'I could [vote for Elizabeth Warren],' Schwarzenegger said when asked specifically about casting a ballot for the Massachusetts senator if she won the Democratic nomination. 'I would just have to see what her program is, what her vision is for the future of America, because I think the most important thing is we keep America No. 1,' Schwarzenegger added." [The Hill, [10/8/19](#)]

October 2016: Politico Headline: “Schwarzenegger Says He Can’t Support Trump.” [Politico, [10/8/16](#)]

## 2020 Impeachment

### January 2020: Bognet Said He Decided To Run For Office After Becoming Angered At Democrats Over Trump’s First Impeachment

**Bognet Said He Decided To Run For Office While He Was In Washington Watching The Impeachment Proceedings And He “Reached A Personal Breaking Point.”** “The spark hit him to run for office while he was sitting in Washington watching the impeachment proceedings, and his blood started to boil. ‘When they eventually voted to impeach, I’d reached a personal breaking point. I met with my family, prayed about it over the holidays, and I just decided that I thought I could do more to defend the president, to help our country by moving home and trying to take out one of these guys that is just 100% dedicated to impeaching President Trump and removing him from office.’ Thus the candidacy of Bognet began. But success was never guaranteed. First, he had to compete in the most crowded congressional primary in Pennsylvania this cycle, beating out five other impressive candidates for the nomination in the June 2 primary.” [Washington Examiner, [8/20/20](#)]

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## Russia Investigation

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**May 2020: Bognet Claimed Michael Flynn Was “Railroaded” And Said That “It May Have Been The Most Dishonorable Thing Since The South Seceded From The Union.”** In addressing the question, “Disturbing facts are emerging in how the DOJ, FBI and CIA conducted investigations into the Trump campaign and Trump associates. There may have been approval for this conduct at the highest level of the White House. As a Representative, what do you think should be done?” Bognet answered in part, “There’s no doubt Obamagate was horrible, there’s no doubt General Flynn was railroaded, I put out a statement on it and said I’ve never seen that kind of behavior from the FBI. I think it may have been the most dishonorable thing since the south seceded from the Union, that they would go after a duly elected president.” [Monroe Council of Republican Women 8<sup>th</sup> District Forum, [5/21/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:12:08

- **May 2020: Bognet On Flynn Investigation: “I Will Stand With President Trump And Defend Him Against Attacks From The Do-Nothing Democrats, The Lamestream Media, And The Deep State.”** “The charges against General Michael Flynn were dropped today, further highlighting the abuses of power under

former FBI Director James Comey. Comey's minions went after General Flynn from the start of the administration to hamstring President Donald J. Trump. Today's action by the Department of Justice is long overdue and rights a wrong, unfortunately after three years of wrongful prosecution and pressure on a man who spent decades serving his country,' Jim Bognet said. 'As I have said before, the lamestream media and the Deep State have relentlessly targeted President Trump and his supporters since before his first day in office. Coupled with the FISA abuses, we now have overwhelming evidence that the FBI was politicized to target our lawfully elected President. This was shameful and wrong, and must never be allowed to occur again. 'I will stand with President Trump and defend him against attacks from the Do-Nothing Democrats, the lamestream media, and the Deep State.'" [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [5/7/20](#)]

## Tax Returns

### October 2020: Bognet Defended Trump's Refusal To Release His Tax Returns While Attacking Cartwright For Not Releasing His

**October 2020: Bognet Defended Trump's Refusal To Release His Tax Returns While Attacking Cartwright For Not Releasing His.** "[BOBBY GUNTHER WALSH:] Well Trump won't release them [his tax returns], why should Matt Cartwright? What's your answer? [BOGNET:] Well, you know, I think that President Trump has had the most investigations into him than any politician I've seen in my 45 years on the Earth. The New York Times has, somebody leaked his tax returns, they released it and published it in a front-page news stories about it. I think we have a pretty good idea about President Trump made his money, he was a TV star and he invested in real estate and seemed to be a pretty good investor. So I think we have a pretty good idea where Donald Trump's money came from, they've been hounding him about it for four years. And Mueller investigated him, the Mueller investigation had his tax returns, they didn't see anything wrong with what he did. So I think that's pretty much been litigated over four years. This happened nine days ago when I challenged Cartwright, and he's gotten one question and he said, no we refuse to release them." [WAEB via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [10/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 4:48



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# Issues

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## Abortion & Family Planning Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet called himself “100 percent pro-life” and attacked Cartwright for supporting increased abortion access.
- ✓ In January 2020, Bognet praised the March for Life, which supported overturning Roe v. Wade.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly criticized Cartwright for opposing so-called “Born-Alive” legislation, which reproductive rights activists called a “gross legislative interference” in the name of a “problem that doesn’t exist.”
- ✓ In September 2021, Bognet falsely claimed that Cartwright voted against a “Born-Alive” amendment to the Women’s Health Protection Act; Cartwright voted against a procedural motion that would have killed the WHPA, not amended it on the floor.

## Abortion Access

### Bognet Called Himself “Pro-Life” And Supported Restrictions On Abortion Access

**Bognet: “Northeastern Pennsylvania Is Pro-Life, Pres. Trump is Pro-Life, and I’m Pro-Life.”**

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[Twitter, Bognet 4 Congress, [2/4/20](#)]

**March 2020: Bognet Called Himself “100 Percent Pro-Life” And “For Fetal Life.”** “I’m sure about this: I’m 100 percent pro-life. I believe in the sanctity of life, not just for fetal life, but also at the end of life. We have to promote a culture that values the dignity of life.” [Sam Lesante Show, 3/13] (VIDEO) 12:30

*Note: Bognet’s interview on the Sam Lesante Show on [YouTube](#) is now private. It is on Vantage.*

**Bognet Attacked Cartwright For “Pushing For More And Easier Access To Abortion.”** “[HOST:] What is a Republican majority in the House going to be able to do that a Democrat majority isn’t doing for the American people right now? [...] [BOGNET:] Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Matt Cartwright are pushing for more and easier access to abortion. That will never happen with Republicans in power.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 16:36

## January 2020: Bognet Praised The March For Life, Which Supported Overturning Roe

**January 2020: Bognet On The March For Life: “I Stand In Solidarity With The Tens Of Thousands Of Dedicated Activists Descending On Washington Today To Make Their Voices Heard.”** “I applaud President Trump for becoming the first sitting president to attend the March for Life, and I stand in solidarity with the tens of thousands of dedicated activists descending on Washington today to make their voices heard. Since taking office, the President has not only talked the talk, he has walked the walk promoting the sanctity of life, especially for his efforts to transform the judiciary for generations to come with the appointment of a record number of conservative judges Unfortunately, Nancy Pelosi is the most pro-abortion Speaker in the history of our country, and has been supported every step of the way by Congressman Cartwright. That changes next year when I go to Congress to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with President Trump as a strong ally of and proponent for the pro-life movement.”



Jim Bognet

January 24, 2020 · 🌐

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[Jim Bognet Facebook, [1/24/20](#)]

**January 2020: Bognet Praised Trump’s Support Of The March For Life.** “Candidate for Congress Jim Bognet praises President Donald J. Trump for his participation Friday in the March for Life rally in Washington. ‘I applaud President Trump for becoming the first sitting president to attend the March for Life, and I stand in solidarity with the tens of thousands of dedicated activists descending on Washington today to make their voices heard.’ [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [1/24/20](#)]

**January 2022: NPR Headline: “March For Life Organizers Hope This Is The Year Roe V. Wade Is Overturned.”** [NPR, [1/21/22](#)]

## “Born-Alive” Legislation

### September 2021: Bognet Falsely Claimed Cartwright Voted Against An Amendment To Include A “Born-Alive” Provision To The Women’s Health Protection Act

**September 2021: Bognet Claimed Cartwright Voted Against A “Pro-Life Amendment Which Would’ve Protected Babies Who Survived Abortion”**

**9/24/21: Bognet: “Lapdog @CartwrightPA Failed Pro-Life Pennsylvanians Once Again” By Voting Against A “Pro-Life Amendment Which Would’ve Protected Babies Who Survived Abortion.”** “Lapdog @CartwrightPA failed Pro-life Pennsylvanians once again. Lapdog Cartwright fell in line once again obeying AOC & Nancy Pelosi by voting NO to a pro-life amendment which would’ve protected babies who survived abortion. Heartbreaking & evil vote against vulnerable life.”



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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/24/21](#)]

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### September 2021: Cartwright Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Women's Health Protection Act After The Text Of A "Born-Alive" Amendment Was Submitted To The Congressional Record

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**9/24/21: Cartwright Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Women's Health Protection Act.** In September 2021, Cartwright voted against a Letlow, R-Louisiana, motion to recommit HR 3755, the Women's Health Protection Act, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The motion was rejected, 210-219. [CQ, [9/24/21](#); HR 3237, [Vote #294](#), [9/24/21](#)]

- **9/24/21: NPR Headline: "The House Passes A Bill Meant To Counter Texas-Style Abortion Bans."** [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]

**Before Motioning To Recommit The Women's Health Protection Act, Rep. Letlow Said She Hoped Members Would Support A "Born-Alive" Amendment, The Text Of Which She Entered Into The Congressional Record.** According to the Congressional Record, Letlow said, "The amendment I am bringing forward is the text of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act in which my distinguished colleague from Missouri, Ann Wagner, has been an outstanding leader. This amendment is simple, straightforward, and the right thing to do. It would ensure that newborn children who survive an abortion are given the same crucial, lifesaving medical care that any infant would receive. The most transformational moment in my life was when I held my two children in my arms for the first time. I have always considered myself to be pro-life, but I never truly understood the sanctity of life until that moment. I can't image why anybody would intentionally deny a precious child taking his first beautiful, beautiful breaths of life the very care that would keep them alive. This language has received bipartisan support in the past, and I hope my colleagues across the aisle will join us in voting in favor of this important measure that will truly save the lives of countless children. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include the text of the amendment in the Record immediately prior to the vote on the motion to recommit." [Congressional Record, [9/24/21](#)]

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### As Of 2021, Motions To Recommit Did Not Allow The Bill To Be Amended On The Floor, Making Them Nothing More Than "A Procedural Move Designed To Kill A Bill"

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**January 2021 House Rules Package Eliminated Minority's Ability To Offer MTRs With Instructions.** "The rules package eliminates the minority's ability to offer MTRs with instructions. The impact of the change is that Republicans will not be able to use the MTR to alter bills on the floor, which they successfully did eight times last Congress. Instead, under the change the minority would only be able to use the motion to send a bill back to committee. That makes the MTR more of a procedural move designed to kill a bill, which is easier for Democrats to oppose." [Roll Call, [1/4/21](#)]

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**March 2020: Bognet Called Cartwright's Vote Against So-Called "Born-Alive" Legislation "Unconscionable"**

**March 2020: Bognet Called Cartwright's Vote Against The "Born Alive Protection Act" "Unconscionable."** "[LESANTE:] What is the Born Alive Protection Act? [BOGNET:] It basically says that if a baby survives an attempted abortion, that you must render health care to that baby. Matt Cartwright, the Democratic [unintelligible] voted against that. That's unconscionable. That's unconscionable." [Sam Lesante Show, 3/13/20] (VIDEO) 11:59

**Reproductive Rights Advocates Called "Born-Alive" Legislation A "Gross Legislative Interference" And A Solution To "A Problem That Doesn't Exist"**

**American College Of Gynecologists Executive Director Called "Born-Alive" Legislation A "Gross Legislative Interference Into The Practice Of Medicine, Putting Politicians Between Women And Their Trusted Doctors."** "The head of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said the "Born-Alive" bill "should never become law.' 'HR 4712 is a disservice to America's women and gross legislative interference into the practice of medicine, putting politicians between women and their trusted doctors,' Executive Vice President and CEO Dr. Hal Lawrence said in an email. 'This bill and others like it are part of a larger attempt to deny women access to safe, legal, evidence-based abortion care. We call on every member of the United States House of Representatives to stand with women and stand up for safe medical care.' Ultimately, the bill and its anti-abortion scare tactics could endanger patient health." [Rewire News Group, [1/17/18](#)]

**Planned Parenthood: "So-Called 'Born Alive' Bills Fabricate A Problem That Doesn't Exist."** "So-called 'Born Alive' bills fabricate a problem that doesn't exist. Doctors already have an obligation to provide appropriate medical care. To suggest otherwise is false, offensive, and dangerous, not to mention a complete waste of taxpayer time and money. The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists strongly opposes this legislation calling it a 'gross legislative interference in the practice of medicine.' This bill adds new and extreme criminal and financial penalties against doctors and inappropriately intrudes with the doctor-patient relationship by substituting out a parent's and a physician's best judgment with that of a group of politicians." [Planned Parenthood, [2/24/20](#)]



## Agriculture & Food Access Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2014, Bognet consulted for two campaigns against referenda to require labeling of GMO products in Colorado and Oregon.
- ✓ Bognet was paid more than \$85,000 total from the two campaigns.
- ✓ Large corporations made up the top ten donors of both campaigns, which contributed \$19 million and \$12 million to committees that paid Bognet in Oregon and Colorado, respectively.
- ✓ In 2020 and 2022, Bognet reported receiving more than \$5,000 in compensation from Elevate Public Affairs, a Los Angeles-based public affairs firm that represented a coalition of pork industry interests to advocate delaying implementation of a California law to require minimum space requirements for breeding pigs.

## GMO Labeling

### **2014: Bognet Was Paid More Than \$85,000 By Two Campaigns Against Referenda To Require Labeling Of GMO Products Funded By Huge Corporations**

**2014: Bognet Was Paid More Than \$85,000 Total By Colorado's No On 105 Coalition And Oregon's No On 92 Coalition**

**September – November 2014: Colorado's No On 105 Coalition Paid Bognet A Total Of \$93,164.40, Including \$70,000 For "Consultant & Professional Services" And \$18,146.25 For Travel And Lodging.** [Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**November 2014: Oregon's No On 92 Coalition Paid James Bognet Of Manhattan Beach A Total Of \$15,266.62 For Management Services.** [Oregon Secretary of State, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/16/22](#)]

*Note: For full account of transactions between Colorado's No on 105 Coalition and Oregon's No on 92 Coalition and Bognet, see section in [Professional Career Timeline & Payments](#).*

### **Colorado's No On 105 Coalition And Oregon's No On 92 Coalition, Which Opposed Requirements To Label Foods Derived From GMOs, Were Funded By Big Agriculture Corporations**

**Colorado's Proposition 105 And Oregon's Measure 92 Would Have Required Labeling Of Foods Derived From GMO Crops.** "Colorado's Proposition 105 would've required food companies to label packaged foods with the text 'produced with genetic engineering.' Oregon's Measure 92 says food labels would need to include the words 'genetically engineered.' Many processed foods contain soybean oil, corn syrup, refined sugar and cottonseed oil. Those oils and syrups are often derived from GMO crops that farmers have adopted over the last 18 years. Few whole foods, like the ones you see in the produce aisle, are genetically engineered, though some GE varieties of sweet corn, squash and papaya are approved for sale in the U.S." [NPR, [11/5/14](#)]

**Efforts Against Colorado And Oregon's Referenda On GMO Raised Most Of Its Money From "Large Seed Corporations" Like Monsanto And DuPont Pioneer, And Processed Food Companies Like Pepsi.** "Groups opposed to GMO labeling poured big money into efforts to quash the ballot measures, spending more than \$15

million in Colorado alone. In Oregon, opponents of labeling raised more than \$18 million, making the ballot measure the most expensive issue campaign in the state's history. Most of that money came from large seed corporations like Monsanto and DuPont Pioneer, and from processed food companies like Pepsi, Land O' Lakes and Smucker's. All of that outside money opened labeling opponents up to criticism of being tied to corporate interests.” [NPR, [11/5/14](#)]

**The Top Ten Contributors To Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition, All Huge Food And Agricultural Corporations, Contributed \$12.7 Million To The Committee, Making Up 83 Percent Of Its Contributions:**

Top 10 Contributors To Colorado’s No On 105 Coalition		
Rank	Contributor	Aggregate Contributions
1	Monsanto Company	\$3,351,276
2	Dupont Pioneer	\$2,590,000
3	Pepsico	\$1,650,000
4	Coca-Cola	\$1,385,000
5	Kraft Foods	\$1,030,000
6	Land O'Lakes, Inc.	\$900,000
7	General Mills, Inc.	\$820,000
8	The Hershey Company	\$380,000
9	The J. M. Smucker Company	\$345,000
10	Dow Agrosiences LLC	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,751,276</b>
<b>Total Percent Of All Contributions To No On 105 In 2014 (\$15,306,103)</b>		<b>83%</b>

[Colorado Secretary of State, TRACER Contribution Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**The Top Ten Contributors To Oregon’s No On 92 Coalition, All Huge Food And Agricultural Corporations, Contributed \$19.1 Million To The Committee, Making Up 90 Percent Of Its Contributions:**

Top 10 Contributors To Oregon’s No On 92 Coalition		
Rank	Contributor	Aggregate Contributions
1	Monsanto Company	\$5,958,750
2	DuPont Pioneer	\$4,928,150
3	PepsiCo, Inc.	\$2,350,000
4	Coca-Cola	\$1,170,000
5	Dow AgroSciences LLC	\$1,157,150
6	Kraft Foods	\$870,000
7	Land O'Lakes	\$760,000
8	Mondelez Global, LLC	\$720,000
9	General Mills	\$695,000
10	Kellogg Company	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,109,050</b>
<b>Total Percent Of All Contributions To No On 92 In 2014 (\$21,292,226.73)</b>		<b>89.7%</b>

[Oregon Secretary of State, Campaign Finance Transaction Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

## Pork Industry Regulation

**2020 – 2022: Bognet Reported Compensation From Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA, Which Fought To Delay A California Pig Welfare Law On Behalf Of The Pork Industry**

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**2020 – 2022: Bognet Disclosed Receiving Compensation From Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA**

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**Bognet Disclosed Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA As A Source Of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 On His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$3,000 In Earned “Consulting Income” From Elevate Public Affairs In 2021.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

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**March 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From A Partner At Elevate Public Affairs**

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**March 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From Elizabeth Hansell, Reportedly A Consultant At Elevate Public Affairs.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [3/25/20](#)]

**Hansell Was A Principal At Elevate Public Affairs.** [Elevate Public Affairs, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

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**2021: Elevate Public Affairs Represented A Coalition Of Pork Industry Interests To Delay Implementation Of An Animal Welfare Law Approved By California Voters**

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**January 2022: California’s Proposition 12, Requiring Minimum Space Requirements For Breeding Pigs Instead Of Gestation Crates, Was Scheduled To Go Into Effect.** “Driving these stories was a warning from an industry worried about the looming implementation of Proposition 12, the animal welfare ballot initiative that California voters approved by a wide margin in 2018. After a three-year phase-in, the law’s final requirements will go into effect on January 1, 2022. Among other rules that affect chickens and veal calves, Prop. 12 mandates minimum space requirements for breeding pigs typically housed in gestation crates and will ban the sale of fresh pork from producers in any state who don’t meet those requirements.” [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

- **Gestation Crates Were Roughly Two-And-Half-By-Seven-Foot Stalls That Did Not Allow Pregnant Pigs To Walk Or Turn Around.** “Since the 1970s, gestation crates have been standard housing in most hog-breeding facilities nationwide. For the nearly four-month duration of her pregnancy, each sow lives, eats, and sleeps in a roughly two-and-half-by-seven-foot stall that does not allow her to walk, turn around, or socialize. After giving birth and living in a slightly larger farrowing crate for a month, she is impregnated again and returned to the stall. The cycle is repeated for three to four years until her production drops off, and she is slaughtered for breakfast sausage.” [Civil Eats, [3/21/18](#)]

**Pork Industry Business Interests, Including The California Pork Producers Association, Created Food Equity Alliance To Advocate For Delaying Implementation Of Prop 12.** “It’s a change the pork industry has already attempted to fight from multiple angles, and this newest public relations push revolves around an entity called the Food Equity Alliance and a simple price-and-supply analysis commissioned by the group that warns of pork shortages and their impact on communities of color. But the analysis, which the AP erroneously called a study, was far from a comprehensive evaluation of the law’s potential impacts on prices and supply, and the Alliance is not, as the name suggests, an existing group fighting for food justice. It’s an entity that began developing its web and social media presence this spring when it started calling on Governor Gavin Newsom to delay the implementation of Prop. 12. Its members represent various business interests, including the California Pork Producers Association and some groups that represent diverse populations, such as the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.” [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

- **Food Equity Alliance’s Website Featured “A Number Of Stock Photos Of Minority Families And Restaurateurs” And The Support Of Pork Companies And A “Handful” Of Asian And Hispanic Organizations.** “Dauntless uses a sparse, formulaic structure for many of the political sites it develops, and the Food Equity Alliance site is no different; it features no content that isn’t related to Prop. 12, a number of stock photos of minority families and restaurateurs, and no contact information. In addition to the California Pork

Producers Council, its list of members includes a few other pork companies, California's biggest restaurant and grocery associations, and a handful of Latinx and Asian restaurant and business associations, including the Latino Restaurant Association and National Asian American Coalition." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

**Elevate Public Affairs Represented Food Equity Alliance To Media.** "Civil Eats reached out to the Alliance and was connected to Tiffany Moffatt, a senior counselor at public relations firm Elevate Public Affairs, who asked to be identified as the group's spokesperson. She told Civil Eats that the group does not have a position on the merits of Prop. 12 and is simply asking for a delay in the law's implementation because the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) was late in publishing regulations and the pork industry will not be able to comply in time, resulting in supply issues." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

**January 2022: A Judge Ordered A 180-Day Delay In Implementation Of Prop 12 In California, Declining To Grant An Industry-Requested 28-Month Delay.** "January 25, 2022 update: A California Superior Court today delayed enforcement of Prop. 12 for 180 days, noting that the state took two years to finalize regulations, leaving meat producers too little time to implement changes. The court declined to delay enforcement for 28 months, which is the amount the North American Meat Institute requested in its suit." [Civil Eats, [9/27/21](#)]

## Big Lie & January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet unsuccessfully sued over Pennsylvania's deadline for counting absentee and mail-in ballots, which he continued to defend after it was dismissed multiple times.
- ✓ October 2020: Bognet filed a federal lawsuit that argued extending the deadline for counting absentee ballots was unconstitutional, but a Johnstown federal judge denied the injunction to prevent officials from counting ballots received after Election Day.
- ✓ April 2021: Bognet asked the Supreme Court to reverse a November appellate decision that found he had no legal standing to challenge the ballot deadline decision.
- ✓ The Supreme Court dismissed Bognet's challenge as moot and issued an order to vacate the November decision.
- ✓ After the Supreme Court dismissed Bognet's lawsuit, he continued to defend it and allege that Pennsylvania's Secretary of State violated the law and Constitution.
- ✓ Bognet refused to concede his own defeat in the 2020 election, even after the race was called and Cartwright was sworn in.
- ✓ After Pennsylvania's vote-by-mail law in place during the 2020 election was overturned in court in 2022, Bognet said he would have won without that law: "I should be in Congress."
- ✓ Bognet spread a wide array of disinformation that needlessly cast doubt on the integrity of American elections.
- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet told voters that the "media is going to lie to you" about Trump's victory.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed that vote-by-mail was a scheme orchestrated by Democrats to "skew the election" against him and Trump.
- ✓ Bognet accused Democrats of "manipulat[ing] elections" by eliminating signature requirements and "other schemes."
- ✓ Bognet spread claims of voter fraud during the 2020 election in Fulton County based on a claim made by a conspiracy theorist whose allegations were dismissed in court.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly called for an audit of Pennsylvania's 2020 election results, citing "corruption" among NEPA election officials.
- ✓ The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that some Trump supporters saw election audits as a step in the process of overturning the results of the 2020 election.
- ✓ In October 2021, Bognet called for "patriots" to "get after [their] election boards" and "make sure they are properly administrating the election."
- ✓ As of March 2022, Bognet did not appear to have ever condemned violence at the Capitol Insurrection.



- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet called to “[e]nd the January 6<sup>th</sup> commission, start the November 3<sup>rd</sup> commission.”

## **2020 – 2021: Bognet Unsuccessfully Sued Over Pennsylvania’s Deadline For Counting Mail-In And Absentee Ballots, Which He Continued To Defend After It Was Dismissed Multiple Times**

### **October 2020: Bognet Filed An Unsuccessful Federal Lawsuit That Argued Extending The Deadline For Mail-In And Absentee Ballots Was Unconstitutional**

**October 2020: Bognet And Four Voters Filed A Federal Lawsuit That Argued Extending The Deadline For Counting Mail-In And Absentee Ballots Was Unconstitutional.** “A new federal lawsuit seeks to block Pennsylvania officials from counting mail-in and absentee ballots received within three days after Election Day, an extension approved by the state’s highest court and recently allowed to stand by the U.S. Supreme Court. [...] In the latest lawsuit, filed Thursday in federal court in Pittsburgh, a Republican congressional candidate and four voters argue that extending the deadline was unconstitutional, and the state Supreme Court overstepped its authority when it enacted the change. ‘Despite the exclusive grant of authority to the state legislatures to regulate the ‘time, place, and manner’ of federal elections and the ‘manner’ of selecting presidential electors, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court usurped this authority,’ the lawsuit from Jim Bognet, who is running for Congress in northeastern Pennsylvania, and the four voters states. [...] Bognet and the four voters argue that state legislatures, not the courts, have jurisdiction over setting or changing election law, echoing criticism by Republican lawmakers and other GOP officials who believe the high court is wrongly wading into legislative territory.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [10/22/20](#)]

**October 2020: A Johnstown Federal Judge Denied Bognet’s Request For An Injunction To Prevent Officials From Counting Ballots Received After Election Day.** “A Johnstown federal judge has denied a request for an injunction that would prevent county election officials in Pennsylvania from counting some mail-in ballots received up to three days after Election Day. U.S. District Judge Kim R. Gibson ruled late Wednesday that, while plaintiffs in the case Bognet v. Boockvar did show “arbitrary treatment of different voters based simply on their method of voting” in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision that mail-in ballots received after Election Day with no legible postmark should be presumed to have been cast legally, granting their requested injunction would create confusion among voters with just days to go before Election Day and thus would not be in the public interest. Plaintiffs’ attorneys filed notice Thursday that they plan to appeal the ruling to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.” [Cumberland Times-News, [10/30/20](#)]

**November 2020: Bognet Lost His Appeal To Challenge Ballots In Pennsylvania That Arrived Late Because He Had Gone Too Close To The Election.** “Also on Friday, a Republican congressional candidate from Pennsylvania lost a case on appeal that he had brought just before Election Day over ballots in Pennsylvania that arrived late. The issue of the legality of those ballots was already at the US Supreme Court – and still is there – but Jim Bognet and voters had added to the effort in their own federal case that challenged those ballots. The 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals decided the voters and Bognet, who lost his race in Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District, didn’t have the ability to sue and had gone to court too close to the election, rejecting their case. The appellate decision was in line with the lower court’s ruling in the case. The ruling on Friday also appears to block voters from making broad, theoretical claims under the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution about the possible dilution of their votes.” [CNN, [11/13/20](#)]

### **April 2021: Bognet Continued To Unsuccessfully Litigate The 2020 Election, Leading The GOP’s “Final Legal Bid [...] Challenging The Results Of The United States’ Presidential Election”**

**April 2021: Bognet And Four Voters Brought A Case That Asked The Supreme Court To Reverse The United States Court of Appeals For The Third Circuit’s Decision And Hold That The Pennsylvania Supreme**

**Court Usurped The Pennsylvania General Assembly's Authority.** "Republicans claimed that state legislatures had been cut out of the process of setting the rules for federal elections. The case is brought by a former republican congressional candidate, Jim Bognet, and four individual voters who argued the state high court exceeded its authority when it ordered the expansion amidst the pandemic. In court papers, they make clear that the case is forward looking -- not meant to impact the last election but future challenges going forward. But it comes as the former president is still bitter that the Supreme Court did not step into reverse election results, raising the possibility that if the court agrees to take up the case Trump will react once again rekindling battles over the 2020 election. The 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed this case holding that the challengers did not have the legal right to bring the case. The challengers are asking the Supreme Court to reverse that decision and hold that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court usurped the Pennsylvania General Assembly's authority when it changed voting rules prescribed by the legislature. 'This case presents an opportunity for the court to resolve these issues in an orderly manner on full briefing and argument, rather than on the 'shadow docket' under the time pressures of an ongoing election,' David Thompson, a lawyer for Bognet, argued in court papers." [CNN, [4/17/21](#)]

**April 2021: The Supreme Court Dismissed Bognet's Challenge To The Extension Of Pennsylvania's Deadline To Receive Mail-In Ballots As Moot And Issued An Order To Vacate The Appeals Court's Decision, Which Found No Legal Standing To Challenge The Ballot Deadline Extension.** "After five months and an estimated 65 lawsuits, the GOP lost its final legal bid at challenging the results of the United States' presidential election. The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed as moot a Republican challenge to the extension of Pennsylvania's deadline to receive mail-in ballots. It was the last challenge over Pennsylvania's results, and the last of 65 cases brought by GOP plaintiffs, according to Democrat Party attorney Marc Elias, who has been tracking the post-election legal battle. There were no noted dissents in the order to vacate a 13 November decision in the US Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the former congressional candidate, Jim Bognet, along with four voters, did not have legal standing to challenge the ballot deadline extension. [...] Pennsylvania officials argued that the case was moot as it would have not affected the outcome of the election, given the margin of victory was well beyond the number of ballots in question. 'The judgment is vacated, and the case is remanded to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit with instructions to dismiss the case as moot,' the order said. The Supreme Court's decision to vacate Mr Bognet's case as moot is the latest in several election challenges it has refused to take up from Donald Trump and his supporters within the Republican Party." [Independent, [4/20/21](#)]

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### **July 2021: Bognet Continued To Defend His Lawsuit**

**Bognet: "I Had To File A Federal Lawsuit And Take It All The Way Up To The U.S. Supreme Court Because [...] Secretary Of State Boockvar Failed To Follow Pennsylvania Law And The U.S. Constitution."** "No Governor Wolf, the real disgrace to democracy is your administration unilaterally changing the rules a few weeks before the beginning of the election! What is a disgrace to democracy is that I had to file a federal lawsuit and take it all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court because your administration's disgraced and since-resigned Secretary of State Boockvar failed to follow Pennsylvania law and the U.S. constitution. The real disgrace is that YOU actively gamed our election system to help your fellow Democrats by doing away with signature verification on mail-in ballots and your other shenanigans. Millions of Pennsylvanians stand with me to fix our elections and restore fairness, and think your actions in 2020 were a disgrace to Pennsylvania!"



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## Bognet Refused To Concede His Own Defeat Even After Cartwright Was Sworn In And Insinuated The 2020 Election Was Stolen From Him

**November 2020: The Associated Press Called The Election For Cartwright, But Bognet Refused To Concede, Demanding "All Lawful Votes Be Counted, And That Unlawful Ballots Not Be Counted"**

**11/6/20: The Associated Press Called The 2020 Election In PA-08 For Cartwright.** "BREAKING: Democrat Matt Cartwright wins reelection to U.S. House in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District. #APracecall at 12:05 p.m. EST. #Election2020 #PAelection <https://t.co/lGfinjTqT4>" [AP Politics Twitter, [11/6/20](#)]

**11/7/20: Bognet Demanded "That All Lawful Votes Be Counted" And "That Unlawful Ballots Not Be Counted."** "U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright's lead in the 8th Congressional District race expanded sharply Thursday as Monroe County completed counting mail-in ballots, according to unofficial results. As of 10 p.m., Cartwright, a Moosic Democrat, led with 174,008 to 162,361 for challenger Jim Bognet, a Hazle Twp. Republican. That's a 11,647-vote lead, up from about 7,300 earlier in the day. Many provisional ballots remain uncounted, but it was unclear if there are enough for Bognet to win. Earlier in the day, Bognet issued a statement calling for the counting of all 'lawful votes ... and that unlawful ballots not be counted.' 'Our campaign will continue until that occurs and we will work for a just and fair count,' he said." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [11/7/20](#)]

**January 2021: Bognet Had Yet To Concede Defeat After Cartwright Was Sworn Into Office For Another Term**

**January 2021: Scranton Times-Tribune Krawczeniuk Column: "Bognet Never Conceded Defeat And Never Congratulated The Moosic Democrat On His Victory."** "A day after U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright took the oath of office for his fifth term in Congress, his Republican opponent in the November election finally conceded something. In a statement, Jim Bognet agreed Monday that Cartwright was sworn into office for a fifth term on Sunday. Cartwright represents the 8th Congressional District. Bognet never conceded defeat and never

congratulated the Moosic Democrat on his victory, not in his statement and nowhere else that I could find anyway. Bognet did hint that he could run against Cartwright again in 2022.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [1/5/21](#)]

### **October 2021: Bognet Insinuated He Would Have Won The 2020 Election If Gov. Wolf Had Not “Changed The Rules Of The Election In The Middle Of The Election”**

**October 2021: Bognet: “On Election Night, I Was Up Over 10,000 Votes, Just Like President Trump. But Gov. Wolf Changed The Rules Of The Election In The Middle Of The Election.”** “[BOGNET:] On election night, I was up over 10,000 votes, just like President Trump. But Gov. Wolf changed the rules of the election in the middle of the election. We must audit the vote and make sure that only legal ballots are counted in Pennsylvania. No more drop-boxes, no more non-signature verified mail-in ballots, and no more rigged elections.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :42

### **March 2022: Bognet Said He “Should Be In Congress” And Trump Should Have Won The State Of Pennsylvania Since Pennsylvania’s Vote-By-Mail Law Was Overturned After The 2020 Election**

**March 2022: Bognet On Act 77: “If It’s Unconstitutional Now, It Should Have Been Unconstitutional In 2020, And I Should Be In Congress And President Trump Should Have Won The State Of Pennsylvania.”** “[BOGNET:] Well, first off, Pennsylvania saw a gaming of the system like you’ve never seen when it comes to the election. Governor Wolf and his out-of-control Secretary of State put in place many things to try and hurt Republicans in 2020, and that’s why I’m fighting to require voter ID, to get rid of mail-in ballots under Act 77. You know, Act 77, which allowed the no-excuse mail-ins, has been declared unconstitutional here in Pennsylvania. But if it’s unconstitutional now, it should have been unconstitutional in 2020, and I should be in Congress and President Trump should have won the state of Pennsylvania.” [OAN, [3/30/22](#)] (VIDEO) 2:10

- **October 2019: Gov. Wolf Signed Act 77, Which Allowed Vote-By-Mail For Up To 50 Days Before An Election, Allowed Voters To Vote By Mail Without An Excuse, And Provided More Time To Register To Vote.** “Governor Wolf made voting more convenient and secure by signing Act 77 of 2019, the most significant improvement to Pennsylvania’s elections in more than 80 years. The bipartisan compromise legislation takes effect for the April 2020 primary election and makes Pennsylvania a national leader with voter-friendly election reforms. The law creates a new option to vote by mail up to 50 days before an election and be placed on a list to permanently receive a ballot application by mail. It also provides more time to register to vote and authorizes a \$90 million bond to help counties fund the purchase of new voting systems with a paper trail that strengthens the security of our elections. [...] The law creates a new option to vote by mail without providing an excuse, which is currently required for voters using absentee ballots. Pennsylvania joins 31 other states and Washington, D.C. with mail-in voting that removes barriers to elections.” [Gov. Tom Wolf, [10/31/19](#)]
- **1/28/22: Philadelphia Inquirer Headline: “A Pennsylvania Court Overturned The State’s Mail Voting Law, But An Appeal Means It’s Still In Place.”** [Philadelphia Inquirer, [1/28/22](#)]

## **2020 Election Disinformation**

### **October 2020: Bognet Told Voters That “The Media Is Going To Lie To You” About Trump’s Presidential Victory**

**October 2020: Bognet Made Two Predictions: “One: Donald Trump Is Going To Kick Sleepy Joe Biden's Butt. Two: The Media Is Going To Lie To You About It.”** “Speaking to a group of Republicans excited to watch the first presidential debate Tuesday night, congressional Jim Bognet candidate gave two predictions on how the

night would go. ‘One: Donald Trump is going to kick sleepy Joe Biden’s butt. Two: The media is going to lie to you about it,’ Bognet said.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/1/20](#)]

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**Bognet Repeatedly Claimed Vote-By-Mail Was A Scheme Orchestrated By Democrats That Caused Him To Lose In 2020, Despite His Projections That A “Super Large Percentage Of The Electorate” Would Vote By Mail Before The 2020 Election**

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**October 2020: Bognet Cast Doubt On The Integrity Of Vote-By-Mail**

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**October 2020: Bognet On Vote-By-Mail: “It’s A Legitimate Concern To Worry About The Fairness Of Our Elections.”** “So I would love to see us come together and pass a system that allows people that need to vote by mail to do that. But it should be absentee. It shouldn’t be no excuse mail-in voting because I think that’s so ripe for corruption. And I do worry about that. And I think that’s a legitimate concern. It’s a legitimate concern to worry about the fairness of our elections.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 49:29

**October 2020: Bognet Said Voting Changes Made In 2020 Put “Local Election People In Jeopardy” And He Wanted “To Have Confidence” Votes By Mail Were “Going To Be Counted Properly.”** “Are the candidates worried that Trump has undermined faith in the electoral system by warning about mail-in voting fraud, and do they have faith in local election officials? ‘I feel badly for our local election officials,’ Bognet said. ‘I believe that the changes that have been made this year really put the local election people in jeopardy.’ People who want to vote by mail should do so, he said, ‘but I want to have confidence that those votes are going to be counted properly. And I know in my primary election, it took three and a half weeks before the counties were done counting. I think we should have an answer at least by the next day of who won the election.’” [Pocono Record, [10/19/20](#)]

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**After The 2020 Election, Bognet Repeatedly Claimed Vote-By-Mail Was A Scheme Orchestrated By Democrats That Caused Him To Lose**

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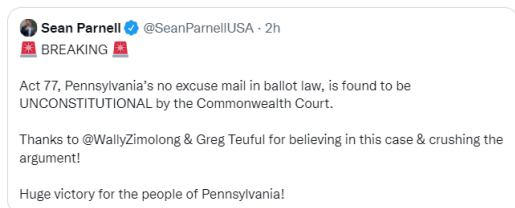
**January 2022: Bognet: “Non-Verified, Universal Mail-In Voting Was The Main Tool Used By Democrats To Skew The Election Against President Trump, Sean [Parnell], And Me In 2020.”** “Huge victory for the Constitution! Non-verified, universal mail-in voting was the main tool used by Democrats to skew the election against President Trump, Sean, and me in 2020.”





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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/28/22](#)]

**October 2021: Bognet Implied He Would Have Won The 2020 Election If Gov. Tom Wolf Had Not “Changed The Rules Of The Election In The Middle Of The Election.”** “[BOGNET:] On election night, I was up over 10,000 votes, just like President Trump. But Gov. Wolf changed the rules of the election in the middle of the election.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :42

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**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Democrats “Used Covid As A Cover To Really Affect The Election,” Including The 10,000 “Corrupt And Unconstitutional Mail-In Ballots” He Alleged Caused His 2020 Loss.** “[BOGNET:] We’ve seen it with the Democrats over and over again. They did in 2020, with using Covid as a cover to really affect the election. I saw it in my election, where I was up 10,000 votes on election night, and then we saw the corrupt and unconstitutional mail-in ballots come in.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/14/22](#)] (VIDEO) 9:01

**October 2021: Bognet Said He Had “Vast Concerns” About Election Security In Pennsylvania, Citing Its Vote-By-Mail Law.** “[BOGNET:] Election security and election integrity are incredibly important. That’s what a democracy, that’s what a republic is founded on: fair elections. And I have vast concerns about the way they are being conducted in Pennsylvania. Gov. Wolf put through this change in the law last year that did not go through the legislature, that I believe was unconstitutional, extending the time that these no-excuse mail-in ballots could come in, days after the election. I took a court case up to the Supreme Court of the United States, Bognet v. Boockvar, trying to fight that.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 10:11

*Note: For information on Bognet’s policy positions on vote-by-mail, see [Election Law section](#).*

**November 2020: Bognet Attended A Protest Outside The Luzerne County Bureau Of Elections Over Alleged Voter Fraud, Alongside Supporters Of A Fringe Church That Worshipped With Guns**

**November 2020: Bognet Attended A Protest Outside Of The Luzerne County Bureau Of Elections Over Allegations Of Voter Fraud.** “With former Vice President Joe Biden on the verge of being declared the winner of

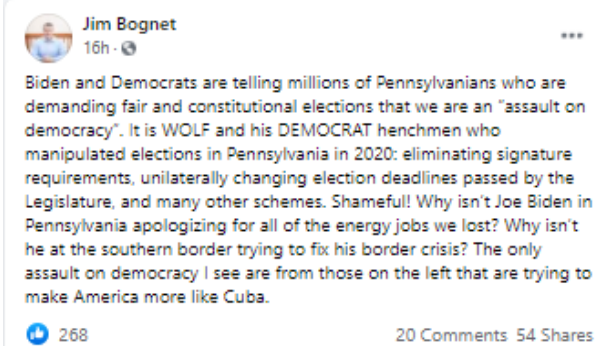
the presidential election, supporters of President Donald Trump on Friday protested outside the Luzerne County Penn Place office building, where the Bureau of Elections office is located. About 100 people carrying signs and shouting, ‘Stop the steal,’ ‘Stop the fraud,’ and ‘Four more years,’ occupied the intersection of East Market Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. [...] Republican Jim Bognet, who lost to Democratic incumbent Matt Cartwright to represent the 8th Congressional District, was in attendance.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/6/20](#)]

- **Bognet: “I Wanted To Come Stand Here With Patriots Who Wanted The Law To Be Followed.”**  
“Republican Jim Bognet, who lost to Democratic incumbent Matt Cartwright to represent the 8th Congressional District, was in attendance. ‘I wanted to come stand here with patriots who wanted the law to be followed,’ he said. ‘There’s something wrong when we are counting votes that came in after 8 p.m. on Election Day.’” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/6/20](#)]

**Scranton Times-Tribune: “Most Of The Protesters Were Citizens Of Japan And South Korea” Who Supported Pastor Hyung Jin Moon, Leader Of “A Controversial Congregation That Worships With Guns.”**  
“Most of the protesters were citizens of Japan and South Korea who have been in Northeast Pennsylvania the past few weeks campaigning for Trump. They are supporters of Pastor Hyung Jin Moon, of the World Peace and Unification Sanctuary in Wayne County, a controversial congregation that worships with guns, such as AR-15 rifles.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/6/20](#)]

### **Bognet Accused Democrats Of “Manipulat[ing]” Elections By Eliminating Signature Requirements, Changing Election Deadlines, And “Other Schemes”**

**Bognet Accused Democrats Of “Manipulat[ing] Elections” Through “Eliminating Signature Requirements, Unilaterally Changing Election Deadlines Passed By The Legislature, And Many Other Schemes.”** “Biden and Democrats are telling millions of Pennsylvanians who are demanding fair and constitutional elections that we are an ‘assault on democracy’. It is WOLF and his DEMOCRAT henchmen who manipulated elections in Pennsylvania in 2020: eliminating signature requirements, unilaterally changing election deadlines passed by the Legislature, and many other schemes. Shameful! Why isn’t Joe Biden in Pennsylvania apologizing for all of the energy jobs we lost? Why isn’t he at the southern border trying to fix his border crisis? The only assault on democracy I see are from those on the left that are trying to make America more like Cuba.”



[Facebook, Jim Bognet, [7/13/21](#)]

**Bognet Called A Tucker Carlson Clip A “Must Watch” “On Why We Are So Angry About The Games Played To Try To Destroy The Trump Presidency And How The 2020 Election Was Manipulated!”** “‘The DOJ, the press, and the government destroyed lives and actively subverted an elected administration.’ If you haven’t seen this clip from Tucker Carlson it’s a MUST WATCH where he highlights Darryl Cooper’s tweets on why we are so angry about the games played to try to destroy the Trump presidency and how the 2020 election was manipulated!”



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### July 2021: Bognet Spread Misinformation About The Legitimacy Of The 2020 Election In Fulton County Based On A Claim Made By A Conspiracy Theorist That Was Dismissed In Court

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[Facebook, Jim Bognet, [7/17/21](#)]

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**Conspiracy Theorist Garland Favorito Claimed There Were 850 Votes For Biden And None For Trump In A Fulton County Precinct; A Lawsuit Filed By Favorito’s Group Over Alleged Fraud Was Dismissed**

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**Garland Favorito Of The Group VoterGA Claimed In A Lawsuit That There Were 850 Votes For Biden And None For Trump In One Fulton County Precinct.** In the order granting motion to dismiss in Favorito et al vs Fulton County, Judge Brian Emery wrote, “On July 2, 2021 and July 14, 2021, the Favorito Petitioners and the Jeffords Petitioners respectively filed third amended petitions. The Favorito Petitioners alleged further violations to their state equal protection and due process rights, averring that a number of ballots had been incorrectly reported or were excluded from the Secretary of State’s risk limiting audit.<sup>32</sup>” Footnote 32 read, “Favorito Third Amended Petition, 214. Specifically, they pointed at seven batches that were incorrectly reported as 850 votes for Joe Biden, 0 votes for Donald Trump and 0 votes for Jo Jorgenson, when in fact the correct number of votes was 554 votes for Joe Biden, 140 votes for Donald Trump, and 11 votes for Jo Jorgenson.” GPB News reported plaintiff Garland Favorito was “of the group VoterGA.” [Superior Court of Fulton County, Favorito et al vs. Fulton County et al, Case # 2020CV343938, Order Granting Motion to Dismiss, filed 10/13/21, via GPB News, [10/13/21](#); GPB News, [10/13/21](#)]

**October 2021: Atlanta Journal-Constitution Headline: “Georgia Ballot Inspection Case Dismissed After No Fraud Found.”** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/13/21](#)]



- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Favorito's Case Was Dismissed After No Evidence Of Fraud Was Found In Three Ballot Counts And Multiple Investigations.** "The judge's order is the latest in a series of decisions against supporters of the former Republican president who have asked the courts to help them pursue suspicions of fraud or reverse the results of the election. State election officials have said there's no indication of fraud after three ballot counts and multiple investigations. In last year's presidential election, Democrat Joe Biden defeated Trump in Georgia by about 12,000 votes." [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [10/13/21](#)]

**Favorito "Embraced Conspiracy Theories About 9/11, Clinton-Era Scandals And Supreme Court Justices."** "The lawsuit was spearheaded by Garland Favorito, a longtime skeptic of Georgia's voting systems who has embraced conspiracy theories about 9/11, Clinton-era scandals and Supreme Court justices. Favorito says he voted for Don Blankenship, the U.S. Constitution Party candidate for president, last year." [Associated Press, [5/25/21](#)]

## Election Audits

### September – October 2021: Bognet Repeatedly Called For An Audit Of 2020 Election Results, Which Was Speculated To Be A Step In Overturning Election Results

**Bognet Said He Supported A Statewide Audit Of Pennsylvania's 2020 Election Results.** "[BOGNET:] On election night, I was up over 10,000 votes, just like President Trump. But Gov. Wolf changed the rules of the election in the middle of the election. We must audit the vote and make sure that only legal ballots are counted in Pennsylvania. No more drop-boxes, no more non-signature verified mail-in ballots, and no more rigged elections." [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :42

**Bognet Said Northeast Pennsylvania Voters Were "Demanding An Audit Of The PA Vote."** "[BOGNET:] Bob 'More Mistakes' Morgan resigned as the election director here in Luzerne County and as you know, we had a real foul-up here in May with our elections in Luzerne County and you know, when I go around and talk to folks, they are demanding fair elections, demanding an audit of the PA vote, demanding voter ID before you can vote, and you know, now we got rid of Morgan, we've got to make sure we don't have another Cartwright crony or any crony for any politician running our elections. It was amazing that they hired somebody who was a political hack to run our elections in Luzerne County." [WILK Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/29/21](#)] (AUDIO) :26

**Bognet Said Issues With The 2020 Election And With The 2021 Special Primary Election Showed Evidence Of "Corruption" Among Election Officials In Northeast Pennsylvania.** "[BOGNET:] If we don't have people trusting in our elections, how are we going to function in a democracy? And with what we've seen in the last two years, between the election last year and what happened in May here, we just need to clean out the stables. Bob, you've been around a long time. The corruption that we've seen in Northeastern Pennsylvania, people deserve better. So if we don't have fair elections, how are we going to get rid of the corruption and how are we going to get a government we deserve?" [WILK Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/29/21](#)] (AUDIO) 1:17

**September 2021: Pennsylvania Senate Republicans Began A "Forensic Audit" Of 2020 Election Results, Which "Some Trump Supporters" May Have Intended To Use To Overturn Election Results.** "Republicans are calling this a 'forensic audit' or 'forensic investigation.' What does that mean? [...] Are they trying to overturn the election? That's what Democrats accuse them of, saying the entire review is a continuation of efforts to overturn the results, including the flood of post-election lawsuits, efforts to stop the certification of election results, and the Jan. 6 insurrection. Some Trump supporters may very well hope to overturn the results: Trump himself has repeatedly said he won in Pennsylvania, and in September he sent a letter to Georgia's secretary of state asking for an investigation of election allegations 'and, if true ... start the process of decertifying the election, or whatever the correct legal remedy is, and announce the true winner.' And State Sen. Gene Yaw (R., Lycoming) said in August that many 'audit' supporters have told him they believe 'that Donald Trump will somehow be reinstated as President.' 'That is the underlying rationale for many who support an audit,' Yaw said. 'Unless there is a coup, which is not going to happen in the United States, the 2020 election is over.'" [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/29/21](#)]



**The Leader Of The Investigation Denied It Was An Effort To Overturn Election Results.** “State Sen. Cris Dush (R., Jefferson), the lawmaker Corman assigned to lead the review, said at the first hearing that the effort has nothing to do with overturning results. ‘This investigation is not about overturning the results of any election, as some would suggest,’ he said. ‘That horse is out of the barn, as far as this investigation is concerned.’” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/29/21](#)]

## Local Election Boards & Bureaus

**October 2021: Bognet Urged “Patriots” To “Get After [Their] Local Election Boards” And “Make Sure They Are Properly Adminstrating The Election”**

**October 2021: Bognet Called On “Patriots” To “Get After Your Local Election Boards. Go Out And Make Sure They Are Properly Adminstrating The Election.”** “[BOGNET:] I’ve kept up constant pressure on our elected officials here. [...] I’m calling on every patriot, everyone to not just complain but go and do something about it. Get after your local election boards. Go out and make sure they are properly adminstrating the election. Get on your state legislators, especially in Pennsylvania, and tell them: no more drop boxes, no more mail-in ballots that are open to fraud and abuse, demand voter ID at the ballot box.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 10:42

**May 2021: Bognet Criticized Luzerne County’s Hiring Of Bob Morgan, Who Once Worked For Cartwright, As Its Head Of Its Election Bureau**

**May 2021: Bognet Criticized Luzerne County’s Hiring Of Bob Morgan, Who Once Worked For Cartwright.** “Bognet questioned the optics of the county hiring Bob Morgan as elections director in the first place because of his previous job as former deputy chief of staff to Democratic U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, calling Morgan a ‘Democratic political operative.’” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [5/26/21](#)]

**May 2021: Bognet Alleged Luzerne County Republican Voters Were Shown A Democratic Ballot Header And Blamed Morgan For “The Voting Fiasco.”** “Just got interviewed by WNEP-TV discussing the voting fiasco in Luzerne County. Time after time Luzerne county continues to fail at running elections due to poor management, machines not working in the morning rush hour, and little poll worker training. Today, machines COUNTY WIDE had an error that displayed a Democratic Ballot header for Republican voters. Unacceptable! It amazes me how Luzerne county doesn’t seem to learn from their mistakes. This is what happens when your hire a partisan Democrat, Bob Morgan, to run our elections. Morgan’s last job was as a top aide for Nancy Pelosi’s lapdog Matt Cartwright. An incompetent partisan should NOT be running Luzerne County’s elections! Morgan must be replaced immediately. This third election screwup is embarrassing and things must change immediately!” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [5/18/21](#)]

**May 2021: Bognet Called For The Replacement Of Morgan, Whom He Called An “Incompetent Partisan.”** “This is what happens when your hire a partisan Democrat, Bob Morgan, to run our elections. Morgan’s last job was as a top aide for Nancy Pelosi’s lapdog Matt Cartwright. An incompetent partisan should NOT be running Luzerne County’s elections! Morgan must be replaced immediately. This third election screwup is embarrassing and things must change immediately!” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [5/18/21](#)]

**October 2021: Morgan Left His Position As Director Of The Luzerne County Bureau Of Elections To Join The USDA.** “Former Luzerne County Election Director Bob Morgan has been hired as Pennsylvania’s Rural Development State Director by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, according to a release issued on Tuesday. Morgan, who served for six months as the head of Luzerne County’s Bureau of Elections before announcing his resignation last month, was one of 12 new hires made by the USDA.” [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [10/12/21](#)]

## January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection

**As Of March 2022, Bognet Did Not Appear To Have Made A Statement On January 6<sup>th</sup> To Condemn Violence At The Capitol**

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*Note: Bognet did not appear to have made statements to press to condemn violence at the Capitol Insurrection as of March 2022.*

## January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection Investigations

**February 2022: Bognet: "End The January 6th Commission, Start The November 3rd Commission"**

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7:00 PM · Feb 11, 2022 · Agorapulse app

[Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/11/22](#)]

**December 2021: Bognet Pledged To Hold "Adam Schiff Accountable For His Lies To The American People" Shortly After Republicans Falsely Accused Him Of Tampering With Evidence In Insurrection Investigations**

12/22/21: Bognet: "In 2023, We're Holding Adam Schiff Accountable For His Lies To The American People."



In 2023, we're holding Adam Schiff accountable for his lies to the American People.

4:17 PM · Dec 22, 2021 · Agorapulse app

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [12/22/21](#)]

**12/7/21: Newsweek Fact Check Rated The Question “Did Adam Schiff ‘Tamper’ With Jim Jordan Jan. 6 Evidence in Meadows Hearing?” “Mostly False.”** [Newsweek, [12/7/21](#)]

- **Jim Jordan Accused Adam Schiff Of “Misrepresenting” A Text He Sent In The Meadows Investigation Of The Capitol Insurrection.** “Representative Adam Schiff, chair of the House select committee investigating the January 6 Capitol attack, cited a number of text messages during a December 13 meeting on referral of former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows to the Justice Department for contempt of Congress. [...] One piece of evidence in the investigation—a text message sent by an unspecified ‘lawmaker,’ later revealed to be GOP Representative Jim Jordan—has come under scrutiny after several Republicans accused Schiff of ‘misrepresenting’ its content. Since then, several conservative politicians and outlets have attacked the chairman and the committee for supposedly misquoting the original text, with The Federalist appearing to inadvertently out Jordan as the sender. Jordan's representatives have since confirmed that he sent the text, which they said was not authored by him but was a forwarded message containing a legal argument from former Pentagon Inspector General Joseph Schmitz. Russell Dye, Jordan's spokesman, claimed that the message was ‘altered’ and ‘misrepresented’ the original meaning.” [Newsweek, [12/7/21](#)]
- **Newsweek Rated The Accusation “Mostly False” Since The Text Was Excerpted For Brevity And Not To Mislead Committee Members.** “Mostly False. It's true that committee staff cut short Jordan's original forwarded message for the sake of brevity and that a period was mistakenly added in place of an em dash. The committee has admitted to both. But there is no evidence that the changes were made in order for Schiff to mislead fellow committee members, nor do they alter or distort the meaning of the message. The claims of evidence tampering by Schiff are misleading because the committee said that the graphic was shared with him in that form. It has since shared the full text, which is stored in the committee's evidence trove in its original form.” [Newsweek, [12/7/21](#)]

## Budget Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly attacked the Build Back Better Act (BBB), including with false and misleading claims about the bill.
- ✓ Bognet claimed BBB would raise taxes on the middle class and small businesses; it would cut taxes for nine out of ten families and level the playing field for small businesses by closing tax loopholes for companies that offshore.
- ✓ Bognet claimed BBB would allow the IRS to monitor American's bank accounts; PolitiFact rated similar claims "false."
- ✓ Bognet called BBB "big socialism."
- ✓ BBB would invest in child care to allow parents to get back to work, cut household costs by investing in energy efficiency, and lower drug prices for seniors.

## Build Back Better Act (BBB)

### Bognet Repeatedly Leveled False And Misleading Attacks On Build Back Better

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**September 2021: Bognet Claimed BBB Would "RAISE TAXES By Trillions Of Dollars On Individuals And Businesses."** "Democrats want to RAISE TAXES by trillions of dollars on individuals and businesses. Liberals want to manipulate the tax code to steal your money to pay for their \$3.5 trillion socialist spending spree. Keep your hands out of our pockets @CartwrightPA ! <https://t.co/82YnuNNYu2>"

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House Dems want to raise taxes with repeal of some Trump-era cuts  
House Democrats are seeking to raise \$2.9 trillion in tax revenue by repealing some Trump-era tax cuts, raising taxes for large firms and couples earning over ...

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/13/21](#)]

**September 2021: Bognet: “Biden, Pelosi & Cartwright Want To RAISE TAXES On Small Businesses To Pass TRILLIONS In Spending As Part Of AOC’s Socialist Wishlist.”** “Pres. Trump passed one of the biggest Tax Cuts in history sparking a booming economy. Now, Biden, Pelosi & Cartwright want to RAISE TAXES on small businesses to pass TRILLIONS in spending as part of AOC’s socialist wishlist. 2022 can’t come fast enough! <https://t.co/sSCz6MaMef>”

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House Democrats plan new tax hikes to fund \$3.5T spendi...  
House Democrats on Monday outlined an assortment of tax hikes on corporations and wealthy Americans to fund a ...

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/15/21](#)]

**September 2021: Bognet: “Biden, Pelosi, & Cartwright's Spending Package Will RAISE TAXES On The Middle Class.”** “LET’S BE CLEAR: Biden, Pelosi, & Cartwright's spending package will RAISE TAXES on the middle class. Instead of Cartwright fighting to cut taxes & bolster the US economy, he'll fall in line like a sheep & vote to dump trillions into a socialist wishlist that will harm NEPA!”





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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [9/17/21](#)]

**PolitiFact: BBB Would Close Tax Loopholes That Currently Benefit Companies That Offshore Jobs.** “One change would affect the global intangible low-taxed income, or GILTI. This refers to the income earned by foreign affiliates of U.S. companies that exceeds a 10% return on their tangible assets. Currently, a U.S. corporation must include half of the GILTI income earned by its foreign affiliates in the gross income that is subject to the U.S. corporate income tax. However, it can claim a tax credit for 80% of the foreign tax paid on GILTI. Notably, under the current rules, a multinational corporation might be able to avoid GILTI taxation by ‘blending’ income earned in low tax-rate countries with income earned in high-tax rate countries, effectively sidestepping much of the tax bite. Biden's Build Back Better legislation, which has passed the House and is now being considered by the Senate, would change how GILTI operates. It would effectively bar that cross-country ‘blending’ strategy and would increase the effective tax rate on GILTI from 10.5% to 15%.” [PolitiFact, [1/7/22](#)]

- **BBB's Loophole Closures For Offshoring Companies Would Level The Playing Field For Small Businesses.** “Three quarters of small business owners have said the tax code favors large corporations over small businesses and that small businesses are harmed when large businesses or corporations use loopholes to avoid paying taxes. Not only is the framework paid for, it is done so by helping level the playing field in the tax code. The package includes an agreement with 136 countries on a 15% global minimum tax that will prevent companies from receiving massive tax benefits from shifting profits and jobs abroad (The passage of the BBB framework will formally ratify this agreement). The legislation also ensures the highest income Americans are paying their fair share in taxes by including a new surtax on the income of multi-millionaires and billionaires with a 5% rate above income of \$10 million, and an additional 3% surtax on income above \$25 million. This doesn't touch the vast majority of small businesses owners who make below \$250,000 a year. This honors President Biden's promise to not raise taxes on Any American making more than \$400,000 and that's the vast majority of small businesses.” [Forbes, Rhett Buttle Op-Ed, [11/8/21](#)]

**FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden's Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.”** “In the first year of Biden's proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, [9/24/21](#)]

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### **Bognet Falsely Claimed That BBB Would Allow The IRS To Monitor American's Bank Accounts**

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**October 2021: Bognet: “The IRS Should NOT Be Allowed To Monitor The Bank Accounts Of American Citizens!”**



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12:43 PM · Oct 15, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [10/15/21](#)]

**PolitiFact Rated McCarthy's Claim That BBB Would Allow Americans' Bank Accounts To Be Under "Constant Audit" "False."** "McCarthy said, 'If you or your family spends \$28 a day — prepare to be under constant audit by the IRS.' What McCarthy is suggesting isn't in Build Back Better. McCarthy is criticizing a different proposal, but he leaves out many key details. Such a plan would require new legislation to move forward. McCarthy's claim ignores that the proposal aims to filter out people who get paid through an employer, or through a government program like Social Security. He treats audits as if they were the same as monitoring by the IRS, and they are different. The claim is not accurate. We rate it False." [PolitiFact, [11/19/21](#)]

- **McCarthy Referenced A Treasury Department Proposal For IRS Audits Intended To Crack Down On Tax Evasion By Corporations And Higher Earners Without Increases On Income Below \$400,000.** "The bill includes about \$79 billion over a decade for the IRS to strengthen tax enforcement and expand audits. The legislation states that 'no use of these funds is intended to increase taxes on any taxpayer with taxable income below \$400,000.' Michael Kaercher, a senior attorney advisor at the Tax Law Center at NYU Law, pointed to that language in the bill as well as other administration documents showing that the goal of the administration is to target the rich. The Treasury Department wrote in May that Biden's 'compliance proposals are designed to ameliorate existing inequities by focusing on high-end evasion. Audit rates will not rise relative to recent years for those with less than \$400,000 in actual income.' 'This funding will likely increase audit rates, but those increases will be directed to large corporations and high-income filers,' Kaercher said." [PolitiFact, [11/19/21](#)]
- **The Treasury Department Proposal Was Not Included In The House Version Of BBB As Passed.** "The first issue with McCarthy's claim is that the proposal he objects to is not in the bill. Erin Hatch, spokesperson for the House Ways and Means Committee told us, 'the bank reporting proposal was never a part of the House's Build Back Better legislation, so it certainly wasn't in the version that passed this morning.'" [PolitiFact, [11/19/21](#)]

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### Bognet Attacked Cartwright For Supporting BBB

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**December 2021: Bognet Attacked Cartwright For Having A "Helping Hand" In Attempting To Pass Build Back Better.** "Bognet said Cartwright has allowed the Biden-Pelosi agenda to pass through Congress and has been a helping hand in doing it. Cartwright has voted with Pelosi 99 percent of the time, helping her pass the Democrats' partisan items such as the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and the \$1.75 trillion reconciliation infrastructure bill. It was revealed last month that the reconciliation bill would add three-quarters of a billion dollars to the American deficit over five years." [Breitbart, [12/5/21](#)]

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### Bognet Claimed BBB Was Socialist

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**November 2021: Bognet Called Big Back Better "Big Socialism."** "[BOGNET:] Hi everyone, Jim Bognet here. Today the House of Representatives is voting on the Build Back Better BS. I call it BS because it stands for Big Socialism, and a few other things. When I'm in Congress, no more BS, no more trillion-dollar deficit spending, and no more Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright." [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [11/5/21](#)] (VIDEO) :00

### BBB Would Invest In Child Care, Reduce Energy Costs, And Lower Drug Prices For Seniors

**Roosevelt Institute: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Child Care, Creating Jobs And Allowing Parents To Get Back To Work.** "Convenient, affordable childcare is a major obstacle for working parents, illuminated even more so by school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted women's labor force participation. Increasing the capacity of industries in order to curb inflation of specific prices requires increasing the supply of labor. The Build Back Better Act invests in existing and new childcare facilities in underserved areas and provides subsidies to make childcare more affordable for qualifying

households. Together, these investments would increase the supply of childcare, create new jobs, and allow parents to get back to work. [Roosevelt Institute, Fact Sheet, [9/28/21](#)]

**Center For American Progress: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Clean Electricity And Energy Efficiency, Reducing Energy Costs By \$500 Per Year For The Average Household.** “Build Back Better helps break the United States’ dependence on fossil fuels—an industry that’s particularly vulnerable to extreme weather, which has and will continue to be exacerbated by climate change—consumer energy costs will be reduced. Specifically, proposed investments in clean electricity and energy efficiency will make energy costs more affordable, saving the average household approximately \$500 a year in reduced energy costs. This much-needed investment in clean energy would come at a time when energy prices have pushed up inflation for consecutive months.” [Center for American Progress, [11/16/21](#)]

- **E&E News: The Budget Resolution Set “The Stage For Unprecedented Investments To Tackle Climate Change And Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”** “Senate Democrats unveiled a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution this morning, setting the stage for unprecedented investments to tackle climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” [E&E News, [8/9/21](#)]

**The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A \$2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D.** “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, [11/2/21](#)]

## Consumer Issues & Financial Protections

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet worked for corporate interests throughout his consulting career – explicitly citing his pro-corporate work in consumer litigation as a positive in his campaign messaging – and began his career on Wall Street.
- ✓ In 2020, Bognet stated that his consultancy helped companies that faced lawsuits “by firms like Matt Cartwright’s [...] with their reputation management.”
  - ✓ Cartwright specialized in consumer litigation against predatory corporate practices.
- ✓ From 2016 to 2018, Bognet was Senior Vice President at the Glover Park Group (GPG), where he said he worked to “influence public narratives” and develop policy proposals for large corporations.
- ✓ Bognet worked as an investment banking analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York City immediately after graduating from undergrad in 1997 and at a “top Wall Street law firm” as a summer associate in 2001.
- ✓ While Bognet was Senior Vice President of Glover Park Group, it was paid \$860,000 to lobby on financial issues for proponents of credit card swipe fees that hurt consumers and small businesses.
  - ✓ In 2016, the American Bankers’ Association paid GPG \$360,000 to lobby on issues related to credit cards; Visa and JPMorgan, which opposed credit card swipe fee caps, paid GPG an additional \$500,000 from 2016 to 2018.
  - ✓ Credit card swipe fees cost consumers “billions per year in hidden interchange fees” and left small businesses unable to negotiate with big banks that set the fees.
- ✓ In August 2020, Bognet said he supported a bill to exempt certain cigars from FDA regulation, which health advocates warned would harm young people’s health.
  - ✓ In March 2020, Bognet reported owning up to \$30,000 in tobacco companies whose subsidiaries lobbied on the bill.
- ✓ While Bognet was Senior Vice President of Glover Park Group, FICO paid GPG \$20,000 to lobby on a bill that would end its monopoly on credit scoring for mortgages, which would expand homeowner eligibility.

### Bognet Historically Worked For Corporate Interests And On Wall Street

#### 2020: Bognet Stated His Consultancy Aided Companies That Faced Lawsuits “By Firms Like Matt Cartwright’s” By Helping With Their “Reputation Management”

**October 2020: Bognet Explained His Profession As A Consultant: “I Help Companies That Are Being Sued By Firms Like Matt Cartwright’s [...] With Their Reputation Management.”** “[BOBBY GUNTHER WALSH:] Jim, what do you do for a living? [BOGNET:] I’m a consultant. I help companies that are being sued by firms like Matt Cartwright’s, explain what they’re trying to do. I help them with their reputation management,

management consultant, and my family's in the construction businesses." [WAEB via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [10/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:55

### **Cartwright Specialized In Consumer Litigation Against Predatory Practices By Corporations Like Banks, Insurers, And Collection Agencies**

**Cartwright's Law Practice Specialized In Representing Victims And Consumers In Personal Litigation.** "For the past 25 years Cartwright worked as an attorney and partner for Munley, Munley and Cartwright, a Scranton firm specializing in representation of victims and consumers in personal litigation." [Penn Law, [1/13/13](#)]

**Cartwright Represented People And Small Businesses In Cases Against Predatory Banks, Insurance Companies, And Collection Agencies.** "Cartwright, 50, has spent the past 24 years as an attorney for Munley, Munley and Cartwright, a Scranton-based firm. [...] His campaign hails his legal work as protecting people and small businesses from predatory banks and insurance companies. Cartwright successfully litigated cases such as defending a widow against a credit card collection agency that made mistakes in billing cancer treatments for her late husband, according to his campaign." [Lehigh Valley Morning Call, [4/19/12](#)]

### **2016 – 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, Where He Said He Worked To "Influence Public Narratives" And Policy Proposals For Large Corporations**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: "• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
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- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client's goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**According To His Resume, Bognet Worked To "Influence Public Narrative And Perceptions On Issues Critical To Client Business Functions And Goals" For Fortune 500 Corporate Clients.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: "• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

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### **Bognet Began His Career On Wall Street**

**May – July 2001: Bognet Was A Summer Associate Attorney At Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom In New York City, NY, A “Top Wall Street Law Firm,” According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Summer Associate Attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom in New York City, NY from May to July 2001. He described this role: “Served as a summer associate attorney at a top Wall Street law firm.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**July 1997 – January 1998: Bognet Was An Investment Banking Analyst At Merrill Lynch In New York City Immediately After Graduating From Undergrad, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was an investment banking analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York City, NY from July 1997 to January 1998. He described this role: “Developed complex financial models of management buyouts, IPOs, and recapitalizations” Bognet graduated from undergrad at Penn State in May 1997. [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### **Credit Card Swipe Fees**

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$860,000 To Lobby On Financial Issues For Proponents Of Credit Card Swipe Fees That Hurt Consumers And Small Businesses**

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**2016: The American Bankers Association (ABA) Paid The Glover Park Group \$360,000 For Lobbying For On Issues Related To Credit Cards**

<b>2016 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For American Bankers Association</b>				
<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>Time Period Covered</b>	<b>Specific Lobbying Issues</b>	<b>Lobbyists</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
4/19/16	Q1 2016	Issues related to credit cards.	Joel Johnson Brian Gaston John Hughes Jon Gans	\$40,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	Issues related to credit cards.	Joel Johnson Brian Gaston John Hughes Jon Gans	\$40,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	Issues related to credit cards.	Joel Johnson Brian Gaston John Hughes Jon Gans	\$40,000
1/18/17	Q4 2016	Issues related to credit cards.	Joel Johnson Brian Gaston John Hughes Jon Gans	\$40,000
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4/19/18	Q1 2018	Issues related to credit cards.	Joel Johnson Brian Gaston	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$360,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$3,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented ABA While Bognet Worked There**

<b>2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented ABA Between 2016 And 2018</b>				
<b>Contributor</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Reported Occupation</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500

Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$3,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### ABA Was “The Largest U.S. Bank Lobby” And Represented Wall Street Banks

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**ABA Was “The Largest U.S. Bank Lobby” And Represented Wall Street Banks.** “The largest U.S. bank lobby group is spending \$1 million on television ads to boost Republican Senator David Perdue in a bid to ensure the Senate remains in Republican hands after Georgia election runoffs in January, according to federal filings. [...] The ABA represents Wall Street banks as well as regional lenders.” [Reuters, [12/4/20](#)]

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### ABA Opposed The Passage Of Wall Street Reform, Then Spent Millions On Lobbying To Water It Down

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**2010: The ABA “Strongly Opposed” Wall Street Reform.** “The American Bankers Association was strongly opposed to Democratic Wall Street reform before the law passed. But now that the government has begun to implement Dodd-Frank, the ABA says that it would be majorly disruptive to repeal the entire law, as most Republicans want to do.” [Washington Post, [11/30/11](#)]

**2011: The ABA Spent \$4.6 Million On Lobbying To Water Down Wall Street Reform, Including Weakening The Law’s Regulations On Derivatives And The Volcker Rule.** “In fact, the biggest changes under Dodd-Frank have yet to be completely written, much less implemented, as the agencies slated to do so are behind schedule. So interest groups have been actively pushing to shape derivatives regulations, the Volcker rule and other major pieces of the law: as of August, the ABA spent \$4.6 million on lobbying to do so.” [Washington Post, [11/30/11](#)]

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### 2017: ABA Opposed Caps On Credit Card Fees That Cost Consumers And Small Businesses

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**2011: The ABA Opposed A 12-Cent Cap On Credit Card Swipe Fees That Passed As Part Of Wall Street Reform In 2010.** “Banks and credit-card lobbyists lost big last year when Congress approved new restrictions on billions of dollars in debit-card fees charged to retailers. Now with more GOP allies in Congress, they hope to try again. Under proposed rules issued by the Federal Reserve last month, the so-called interchange fee, or “swipe fee,” on debit cards issued by major banks would be capped at 12 cents, which is about 70 percent lower than the average fee on such transactions last year. The Fed was required to address the issue as part of the Wall Street reform legislation passed by Congress. [...] But the lower fees are strongly opposed by banks and credit-card firms, which argue that they will be forced to make up for the lost revenue by charging consumers in other ways. The American Bankers Association and other business groups are lobbying lawmakers and regulators to reconsider the policy.” [Washington Post, [1/13/11](#)]

**April 2017: The ABA Supported A Proposal To Repeal The Swipe Fee Caps In The Financial CHOICE Act While Interest Groups Began “Ramping Up Their Lobbying Efforts” On The Bill.** “Groups representing the retail and banking industries are ramping up their lobbying efforts to do battle over limitations on debit card swipe fees contained in the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act. The swipe fee limitation — known as the Durbin amendment after its sponsor, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) — would be repealed under the Dodd-Frank replacement plan recently put forth by House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas). The proposed change in Hensarling’s Financial CHOICE Act is vehemently opposed by the retail industry and strongly supported by the American Bankers Association and the Independent Community Bankers of America. [...] Meanwhile, the banking industry is defending Hensarling’s proposal. American Bankers Association President and Chief Executive Rob Nichols wrote an op-ed in the The Hill today characterizing the swipe fee restrictions as ‘government price controls.’ Jeff Sigmund, an ABA spokesman, said the group plans to ‘be involved in grassroots efforts with national trades throughout the consideration of the Financial CHOICE Act.’” [Morning Consult, [4/25/17](#)]

- **May 2017: House Republicans Dropped Repeal Of Swipe Fee Caps From The Financial CHOICE Act.** “House Republican leaders will drop language from a sweeping bank deregulation bill that would have

eliminated a cap on debit card swipe fees, handing a major victory to retail lobbyists who spent months trying to kill the provision.” [Politico, [5/24/17](#)]

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### 2016 – 2018: Members Of The Electronic Payments Coalition, Which Opposed Swipe Fee Caps, Paid The Glover Park Group An Additional \$500,000

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**Visa And JPMorgan Were Members Of The Electronic Payments Coalition.** “Financial firms counter that retailers and tech companies do have representatives who weigh in on rules for credit cards, and this is yet another end run around paying the much-hated swipe fees. ‘All players in the payments ecosystem — including retailers — have the opportunity to provide feedback and participate in the process,’ said Jeff Tassey, chairman of Electronic Payments Coalition, whose members include networks like Visa and banks like JPMorgan Chase & Co.” [PYMNTS, [6/7/18](#)]

**The Electronic Payments Coalition Called Swipe Fee Caps A “Crony Handout That Has Generated Unearned Billions For The Big Box Retailers And Heartburn For Their Customers.”** “Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, agreed to remove a provision that repealed a cap on debit-card transaction fees known as the Durbin amendment—an issue that pits retailers and banks against each other and was bitterly fought as the legislation progressed to the House floor. Wednesday’s move is seen as a victory for retailers. [...] Financial-services firms, which view the Durbin amendment as a federal price control, criticized the move. ‘This is a crony handout that has generated unearned billions for the big box retailers and heartburn for their customers,’ said Molly Wilkinson, executive director of the Electronic Payments Coalition, a group of financial-services firms.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/24/17](#)]

2016 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Electronic Payments Coalition Members					
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Client	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/19/16	Q1 2016	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security and tax issues.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Jon Gans Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security and tax issues.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Jon Gans Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security and tax issues.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Jon Gans Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000
1/18/17	Q4 2016	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security and tax issues.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000

4/19/17	Q1 2017	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security and tax issues.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000
7/19/17	Q2 2017	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security, taxes and financial regulatory reform.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000
10/19/17	Q3 2017	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security, taxes and financial regulatory reform.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000
1/19/18	Q4 2017	Visa	Lobbying on issues related to credit cards, privacy, data breach, cyber security, taxes and financial regulatory reform.	Jack Krumholtz Brian Gaston John Hughes Joel Johnson Rob Seidman	\$60,000
<b>Visa Subtotal</b>					<b>\$480,000</b>
4/20/16	Q1 2016	JPMorgan	Financial Services related issues.	Brian Gaston Susan Brophy John Hughes Jon Gans	\$10,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	JPMorgan	Financial Services related issues.	Brian Gaston Susan Brophy John Hughes Jon Gans	\$10,000
<b>JP Morgan Subtotal</b>					<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$500,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,250 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Visa And JPMorgan While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Visa And JPMorgan Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000



Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	8/10/20	\$500
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$5,250</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### Sen. Durbin: Swipe Fees Cost Consumers Billions Annually And Hurt Small Businesses

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**Sen. Durbin, Author Of The Amendment That Capped Swipe Fees: Consumers Pay “Billions Per Year In Hidden Interchange Fees That Are Passed On To Them In Higher Prices For Gas And Groceries.”** “It is also unfair to consumers, particularly low-income consumers and those without banking accounts, who pay billions per year in hidden interchange fees that are passed on to them in higher prices for gas and groceries. How about that. I had some people in my office today talking about the price of gasoline. They said: Understand, every time a customer uses a Visa or a MasterCard, they are taking a percentage of that cost on the gallon of gasoline. Their percentage keeps going up, and in order to have a profit, to keep the lights on, we have to keep raising the price of gasoline to keep up with the credit card companies, let alone the national oil companies.” [Sen. Durbin, Press Release, [3/10/11](#)]

**Durbin: Swipe Fees Allowed Big Banks To Profit At The Expense Of Small Businesses That Lacked The Ability To Renegotiate Swipe Fees.** “It is easy to see why banks and card networks set up this system. It makes the banks happy because they get billions of dollars a year in high fees, and they don't have to worry about competition. It makes the networks happy because they get their own network fee each time a card is swiped, and high interchange means banks will issue more cards. But it is unfair to those who are receiving the cards--for example, the restaurants, the merchants, the shops, the book stores, universities, charities, convenience stores--because they have no power to negotiate this fee. They can't hold off and say: Wait a minute, if you want us to take Visa at our store, we want to know how much you are going to charge us every time a customer uses a Visa card. There is no way to have any conversation on that. Visa establishes what the swipe fee will be.” [Sen. Durbin, Press Release, [3/10/11](#)]

## Cigar Regulation

**August 2020: Bognet Said He Supported Exempting Certain Cigars From FDA Regulation, Which Health Advocacy Organizations Opposed And Multiple Tobacco Companies He Was Invested In Lobbied On**

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**August 2020: Bognet Spoke In Support Of HR 1854, A Bill To Exempt Premium Cigars From FDA Regulation**

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**August 2020: Bognet Called HR 1854, A Bill To Exempt Premium Cigars From FDA Regulation, “The Type Of Bill [He] Could See [Himself] Supporting In Congress.”** “[HOST:] Would it be safe to say that you’re in support of HR 1854, which would exempt premium cigars from FDA regulation? [BOGNET:] I’ve read HR 1854, I think it has a lot of good ideas in it. I think when I get to Congress I’ll want to look at it more, but that’s the type of bill I could see myself supporting in Congress. I do want to look at the legislative analysis in greater depth, I think I owe that to the constituents, but that’s the kind of sensible regulation that I think we need in the cigar industry.” [Best Cigar Prices Facebook, [8/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 18:19

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**A Coalition Of Health Organizations Opposed The Bill Over Its Threats To Young People’s Health**

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**A Coalition Of Health Organizations Opposed HR 1854 Since It Could “Undercut FDA’s Ability To Protect Youth And Young Adults From The Health Consequences Of Cigar Smoking.”** In a letter to Representatives, a

range of health and equity advocacy groups, including the American Public Health Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, Center for Black Equity, and LULAC, wrote of HR 1854, “If enacted, this legislation could undercut FDA’s ability to protect youth and young adults from the health consequences of cigar smoking. Cigar smoking is not limited to adults. Nearly one million youth reported current cigar use last year. The 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey shows that cigars are the most popular tobacco product among Black high school students and the second most popular tobacco product after e-cigarettes among all high school students. FDA has found that, while youth and young adults tend to smoke mass market cigars, they also use premium cigars. Many youth are likely to be attracted to inexpensive cigars that could qualify as ‘traditional large and premium cigars’ under this legislation.” [Letter to House of Representatives via Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, [11/29/21](#)]

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### March 2020: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$30,000 In Tobacco Companies Altria Group And British American Tobacco Industries’ Stock

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**2019 – 2020: Bognet Reported Owning Up To \$30,000 Total In Altria Group And British American Tobacco Industries Stock And Receiving Up To \$2,400 In Unearned Income From Their Dividends.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2020: Bognet Reported Financial Interests In Tobacco Companies								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	Altria Group, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2020 (Jan – March)	Fidelity Self 401k	British American Tobacco Industries, p.l.c. Common Stock ADR	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	Altria Group, Inc.	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$1	\$200
2019	Fidelity Self 401k	British American Tobacco Industries, p.l.c. Common Stock ADR	Stock	N/A	N/A	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$404</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Altria Group Was “One Of The World’s Largest Producers And Marketers Of Tobacco And Cigarettes.”** [Fortune, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**British American Tobacco Industries Called Itself “The World’s Most International Tobacco Group.”** [British American Tobacco, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

*Note: Bognet did not have any financial interests in Altria Group nor British American Tobacco Industries in 2021 or 2022 per his February 2022 financial disclosure.*

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### 2019 – 2020: Altria Group And A Subsidiary Of British American Tobacco Lobbied On HR 1854 While Spending Millions On Lobbying

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**April – December 2019: Altria Client Services LLC Disclosed Lobbying On All Provisions Of HR 1854 And Spending \$7,840,000 Total, Including On Other Measures, During The Same Period.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, Altria Client Services Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/20](#); filed [10/21/19](#); filed [7/22/19](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**January – December 2020: The Smith-Free Group Disclosed Monitoring HR 1854 As A Specific Lobbying Activity For Its Client, RAI Services, A Subsidiary Of British American Tobacco. And Spending \$240,000 Total, Including On Other Measures, During The Same Period.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **The Smith-Free Group Disclosed RAI Services Paid It \$240,000 Total For Lobbying, Including On Other Measures, During The Same Period.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]
- **The Smith-Free Group Described HR 1854 As A Bill To “To Protect Jobs And Small Businesses Involved In The Sale, Manufacturing, And Distribution Of Traditional And Premium Cigars” On Its Disclosures.** “Specific lobbying issues [...] Monitored H.R. 1854 to Amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administrations jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.” [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure, The Smith-Free Group, LLC Lobbying Report, filed [1/21/21](#); filed [10/19/20](#); filed [7/20/20](#); filed [4/17/20](#); accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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**October 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From An Altria Group Subsidiary’s Executive**

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**October 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From Phil Park, An Executive At Altria Client Services.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [10/8/20](#)]

## Credit Scores

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$20,000 To Lobby For FICO On A Bill To End Its Monopoly On Credit Scoring For Mortgages**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**2017 – 2018: FICO Paid The Glover Park Group \$20,000 For Lobbying On The Credit Score Competition Act**

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2016 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Fair Isaac Corporation				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid

1/19/18	Q4 2017	Issues related to credit scores, HR 898 - The Credit Score Competition Act.	John Hughes	\$10,000
4/19/18	Q1 2018	Issues related to credit scores, HR 898 - The Credit Score Competition Act and S. 2155.	Robert Harris Peter Benton Sullivan	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$20,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### The Credit Score Competition Act Was Aimed At Ending FICO's Monopoly On Credit Scoring For Mortgages To Expand Eligibility For Homeownership

**February 2017: HousingWire Headline: "House Reintroduces Bill To End 'FICO Monopoly' At Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac."** [HousingWire, [2/8/17](#)]

**Rep. Ed Royce Called The Credit Score Competition Act A "Opens Up The Market In A Responsible Manner For Those Qualified To Buy A Home And Eliminates The Government-Backed Monopoly In Credit Scoring."** "Alternative credit score consideration by the GSEs is a win-win: it opens up the market in a responsible manner for those qualified to buy a home and eliminates the government-backed monopoly in credit scoring," Royce said. "That's why the Credit Score Competition Act has garnered such strong bipartisan support." [Financial Regulation News, [2/10/17](#)]

## Wall Street

### July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Supported Deregulating Wall Street

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: "• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2017: McSally On Deregulating The Banking Industry: "Can I Get An Amen?!"** In May 2017, during an event put on by the Arizona Banker's Association, McSally spoke to her efforts deregulating the banking industry, saying, "When you think of any issue that we're trying to maybe roll back, regulatory overreach or legislative things that are negatively impacting, I think – are any of you guys Dodd-Frank, I don't think you're Dodd-Frank fans here, right? I mean, I'm assuming everybody here is against it, right? – as you know, within the public, there's often a perception, right, that we had the financial meltdown and then Dodd-Frank was good and it was saving us from future financial meltdowns. You guys are all experts in the industry, you know that's not true, right. You know that, really, Dodd-Frank, what it did was provided additional compliance and legislative regulations and more burdens upon you, doesn't actually protect the consumer anymore. It just adds more paperwork and compliance. We've got big banks that are getting bigger, we've got small banks closing at one-a-day, it's negatively impacting the economy and your industry and consumers, right. So, can I get an amen?" [McSally at Arizona Banker's Association, [5/30/17](#)]

**McSally Talked Up Her Efforts Deregulating The Banking Industry.** In May 2017, during an event put on by the Arizona Banker's Association, McSally spoke to her efforts deregulating the banking industry, saying, "It also creates an off-ramp for Dodd-Frank to banks that meet a certain capital to debt ratio, so that you can get, basically, complete relief. ... It's a starting point for us to create an off-ramp for the regulatory burden that Dodd-Frank is putting on your industry, and to free up capital. ... I think you're gonna see, not rapidly, but I think over time here you're gonna see some relief." [McSally at Arizona Banker's Association, [5/30/17](#)]



## COVID-19 And Pandemic Relief

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet called on Cartwright to return federal COVID-19 relief his family's business took, but Bognet's family businesses took nearly three times as much, and a Los Angeles PR firm he consulted for took nearly \$200,000.
- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet criticized a PPP loan taken by Cartwright's wife's law firm and called on him to return it; the firm had accepted \$1.2 million in PPP loans as of March 2022.
- ✓ Bognet's father's Pennsylvania-based construction company, Bognet Inc, took more than \$300,000 in PPP loans.
  - ✓ Bognet worked at Bognet Inc as of 2022 and used the company's headquarters as a base for his 2020 campaign.
- ✓ Bognet's cousin's Virginia-based construction company, Bognet Construction Associates, took more than \$3 million in PPP loans.
  - ✓ As of 2022, Bognet reportedly owned up to \$200,000 worth of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, which had the same address and leadership as Bognet Construction Associates.
- ✓ Elevate Public Affairs, a Los Angeles-based PR firm where Bognet reported consulting in 2020 and 2022, accepted \$175,000 in PPP loans.
- ✓ In May 2020, Bognet criticized federal pandemic relief as "government handouts" and "socialist spending."
- ✓ Bognet echoed criticism of Pelosi's defense of government spending associated with the American Rescue Plan (ARP).
- ✓ Bognet praised the Trump Administration's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic as "step[ping] in when it was necessary" and "exemplary."
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet called for imprisoning supporters of school mask mandates and workplace vaccine mandates.
- ✓ In May 2020, Bognet supported Trump's withdrawal from the World Health Organization to "make China pay."

## Paycheck Protection Program

### Bognet Denounced Cartwright's Family For Taking COVID Bailout Funds...

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**Bognet Called On Cartwright To Return A \$624,000 PPP Loan Disbursed To His Wife's Law Firm, Which Accepted \$1.2 Million In PPP Loans As Of March 2022**

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**October 2020: Bognet Criticized A PPP Loan Accepted By Munley Law, Where Cartwright's Wife Worked And Called On Him To Return The Money.** "Bognet criticized Cartwright for not securing extensions of the Paycheck Protection Program and unemployment insurance, and said he should return PPP money benefiting his family's 'wealthy law firm.' Munley Law, where Cartwright's wife Marion Munley works, received between \$350,000 and \$1 million. Bognet's family benefitted too, Cartwright noted. Bognet Inc. received between \$150,000 and 350,000, and Virginia-based Bognet Construction Associates, Inc. got between \$1 and \$2 million. (Bognet's father owns Bognet Inc., based in Hazle Township, and a cousin is the president and CEO of the Virginia company, according to Krawczeniuk's reporting.)" [Pocono Record, [10/19/20](#)]

**As Of March 2022, Munley Law Accepted \$1,248,075 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), accessed [3/2/22](#)]

- **April 2020: Munley Law Accepted \$624,000 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Munley Law PC in Scranton, PA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$624,000 which was approved in April 2020. This loan has been fully repaid or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 39 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **January 2021: Munley Law Accepted \$624,075 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Munley Law PC in Scranton, PA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$624,075 which was approved in January 2021. This loan was ongoing as of March 2021 and reportedly retained 39 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), accessed [3/2/22](#)]

### **...While His Own Family Took Nearly Three Times More...**

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#### **Bognet's Family Received A Combined Total Of \$3,345,963 In COVID Bailout Funds For Their Respective Construction Companies**

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**As Of March 2022, Bognet Inc Accepted \$306,310 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), accessed [3/2/22](#)]

- **May 2020: Bognet Inc Accepted \$186,311 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Inc in Hazle Township, PA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$186,311 which was approved in May 2020. This loan was ongoing as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 10 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **January 2021: Bognet Inc Accepted \$119,999 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Inc in Hazle Township, PA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$119,999 which was approved in January 2021. This loan was paid in full or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 10 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **James Bognet, Bognet's Father, Was The Owner Of Bognet Inc, A Hazle Township Construction Company.** "Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Accepted \$3,039,653 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), accessed [3/2/22](#)]

- **April 2020: Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Accepted \$1,561,240 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Construction Associates, Inc in Vienna, VA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$1,561,240 which was approved in April 2020. This loan was paid in full or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 80 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **January 2021: Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Accepted \$1,561,240 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Bognet Construction Associates, Inc in Vienna, VA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$1,478,413 which was approved in January 2021. This loan was paid in full or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 65 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/2/22](#)]
- **James Bognet, A Cousin Of Jim Bognet, Was The President And Chief Executive Of Bognet Construction Associates, A Vienna, VA-Based Construction Company.** “Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

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#### **Bognet Claimed He Worked At Bognet Inc As Of 2022, And Used Bognet Inc. As A Base For His 2020 Campaign**

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**In 2022, Bognet Disclosed That He Was A “Team Member” At Bognet Inc And Accepted \$8,000 In Salary Between January And February 2022 And \$16,000 In 2021 From The Company.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**Bognet Said He Worked In His Family’s Plumbing And Heating Business And That “Growing Up In A Construction Family” Was Experience That Would Serve Him Best In Congress.** “Bognet said the experience that would serve him best in Congress is ‘being a son of Hazleton and growing up in a construction family.’ He worked in his family's plumbing and heating business. ‘I think that really prepares me, knowing what it's like to work with your hands and knowing what business people go through.’ Bognet also owned consulting firms called JRB Strategies and Winning Kick Strategies. ‘I was a small business owner. I know what it's like to worry where the next job is going to come from.’ [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/24/20](#)]

**Bognet Used The Lunchroom At Bognet Inc. As A Base For His Campaign.** “As a base for his own campaign, Bognet took over the lunch room at his father's construction business, Bognet Inc., on North Church Street. In the lunch room, he gathered with George Hayden Jr., chairman of his campaign finance committee; Michael Reich, a veteran journalist and the campaign's media adviser, and Charles Russell, the campaign's political director. Vote totals from the last election were scrawled on the board along with breakdowns by counties and turnout figures. Using data like that, the team will build a model and prepare strategies to reach voters. ‘By the end of the campaign, this room will be covered with white boards,’ said Bognet, who set up a campaign website at bognetforcongress.com. Dressed in a sweater and jeans, he posed for a photo to start his campaign in front of the oversized hammer, saw, plane and other tools that decorate the front wall of the construction business. Since his father's near-fatal heart attack three years ago, Bognet has been spending more time at home and is renting a residence while shopping for a home near Hazleton.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [1/23/20](#)]

**Bognet Paid His Parents A Total Of \$1,650 For 11 Months of “Office Rent” At “Fair Market Value” During The 2020 Campaign.**

Date	Recipient	Disbursement	Amount
11/19/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Rent-Fair Market Value	\$300
9/18/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$600
6/9/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$300
5/11/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$150
3/28/20	Jim & Patrice Bognet	Office Rent	\$300

[FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$200,000 Worth Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, Which Was Connected To Bognet Construction Associates, And Reportedly Received Up To \$60,000 Total From It**

**2019 – 2022: Bognet Owned Up To \$200,000 Worth Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC And Reportedly Received Up To \$60,000 Total From It.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**In His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures, Bognet Disclosed A 2.963 Percent Ownership In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, A “Private Real Estate Fund.”** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2019 – 2022: Bognet Reported Financial Interests In Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC								
Year	Fund	Asset	Type	Year-End Value		Income Type	Unearned Income	
				Min	Max		Min	Max
2022 (Jan – Feb)	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	1250 DSC Investment LLC	Other	\$15,001	\$50,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
2022 (Jan – Feb)	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	4420 North Fairfax LLC	Other	\$50,001	\$100,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
2022 (Jan – Feb)	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC	Other	\$15,001	\$50,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
<b>2022 Subtotal</b>				<b>\$80,003</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>2022 Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,503</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
2021	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	1250 DSC Investment LLC	Other	N/A	N/A	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
2021	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	4420 North Fairfax LLC	Other	N/A	N/A	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
2021	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC	Other	N/A	N/A	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
<b>2021 Subtotal</b>							<b>\$7,503</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

2020 (Jan – March)	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	1250 DSC Investment LLC	Other	\$15,001	\$50,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
2020 (Jan – March)	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	4420 North Fairfax LLC	Other	\$50,001	\$100,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
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<b>2020 Subtotal</b>				<b>\$80,003</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>2020 Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,503</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
2019	Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	1250 DSC Investment LLC	Other	N/A	N/A	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
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<b>2019 Subtotal</b>							<b>\$7,503</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>\$30,012</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**As Of July 2021, Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Glenn Roberson Was The Registered Agent Of Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC As Of July 2021 And Its Chief Financial Officer Per Its November 2015 Filings.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Bognet Construction Associates, Inc Was An Active Business Registered With Virginia’s State Corporation Commission At 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, VA.** [Virginia State Corporation Commission, Entity Information, status date 7/22/21, accessed [3/10/22](#); Virginia State Corporation Commission, Statement of Change of the Principal Office of a Limited Liability Company, filed 11/20/15, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

**Glenn Roberson Was Chief Financial Officer Of Bognet Construction In Tysons, VA.** [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

- **As Of March 2022, Bognet Construction Listed Its Address On Its Website As Was 8224 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Tysons, VA.** [Bognet Construction, accessed [3/10/22](#)]



- **Business In Tyson, VA, Which Was Unincorporated, Typically Listed Their Addresses As Being In Vienna, McLean, Or Falls Church.** “With no Zip code of its own, Tysons Corner has long struggled to define its sense of place, despite success as a major shopping and employment hub. It isn’t an official city and residents and businesses there have traditionally had mailing addresses in McLean, Falls Church or Vienna.” [Washington Post, [4/1/11](#)]

*Note: For full details of Bognet’s investment in Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC, see [Personal Finance section](#).*

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**...And A Los Angeles PR Firm He Consulted For As Recently As 2021 Took More Than \$100,000 In Relief...**

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**2020 – 2022: Bognet Disclosed Receiving Compensation From Elevate Public Affairs, A PR Firm In Los Angeles, CA**

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**Bognet Disclosed Elevate Public Affairs In Los Angeles, CA As A Source Of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 On His 2020 And 2022 Financial Disclosures.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#); Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$3,000 In Earned “Consulting Income” From Elevate Public Affairs In 2021.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**Elevate Public Affairs Was A PR Firm That Specialized In Crisis Communications And Public Affairs.** “Our team has worked in every level of government and has spent years honing media and influencer relationships. We have experts in strategic communications, public affairs, community engagement, crisis communications, advocacy, public relations, and deliberate coalition building and activating.” [Elevate Public Affairs, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

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**April 2020: Elevate Public Affairs Accepted \$175,000 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans**

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**April 2020: Elevate Public Affairs Accepted \$175,000 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Elevate Public Affairs in Santa Monica, CA received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$175,000 which was approved in April 2020. This loan has been fully repaid or forgiven as of March 2022 and reportedly retained 10 jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

*Note: Elevate Public Affairs reportedly accepted its Paycheck Protection Program Loan using the address 312 Arizona Ave, Santa Monica, CA, which is the [location of a WeWork](#). On its [website](#), Elevate Public Affairs listed its address as 10474 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 405, Los Angeles, CA, 90025. Elevate Public Affairs, which linked to the firm’s website, listed its address as 312 Arizona Ave, Santa Monica, CA with the [Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce](#).*

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**March 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From A Partner At Elevate Public Affairs**

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**March 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$500 From Elizabeth Hansell, Reportedly A Consultant At Elevate Public Affairs.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, [3/25/20](#)]

**Hansell Was A Principal At Elevate Public Affairs.** [Elevate Public Affairs, accessed [3/17/22](#)]

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**...Even As Bognet Criticized Pandemic Relief As “Government Handouts” And “Socialist Spending”...**

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**May 2020: Bognet On Pandemic Recovery: “We Want To Get Back To Society [...] We Don’t Want Government Handouts.”** “[BOGNET:] We want to work. We want to get back to society. We want to protect our elderly. Do it in a safe way. We don't want government handouts, Tucker. [CARLSON:] It is so sad. I mean, they're using this moment, they really are. Jim, thank you so much for coming on tonight.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 3:03

**May 2020: Bognet Said That Voters Wanted To Get Back To Work And “[Did Not] Want Government Funds.”** “[BOGNET:] No, he spent his time hectoring and lecturing us, the people of Pennsylvania. My district is very blue-collar. My grandfather was a coal miner. We want to work. We don't want government funds. We want to work. We want to open our state back up. We think that's very reasonable. We know we can do it in a safe way. For god sakes, we landed on the moon. We can open businesses up.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:01

**May 2020: Bognet Claimed Democrats Were Forcing A “\$3 Trillion Debt Fueled Bonanza Of Socialist Spending.”** “[BOGNET:] It doesn't seem like we do, instead we get hectored, we get lectured, we get told that we're doing the wrong thing and the Democrats in Washington seem to do the same thing, Tucker. They tell us that we should have a three trillion dollar debt fueled bonanza of socialist spending instead of just doing what we want, which is to go back to work in a safe way, socially distant, use masks, let's open the economy back up in a safe way and stop having lectures every day from Governor Wolf, who's been a horrible leader.” [Fox News, [5/13/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:48

- **The HEROES Act Invested \$3 Trillion In Stimulus And Pandemic Relief.** “House Speaker Nancy Pelosi unveiled a massive coronavirus relief bill on Tuesday, the fifth proposed legislation related to the economic fallout from the pandemic. The House is expected to vote on the \$3 trillion proposal on Friday, although it is considered dead on arrival in the Republican-controlled Senate. The bill, which spans more than 1,800 pages, is known as the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act, or HEROES Act.” [CBS, [5/15/20](#)]

#### **...Bognet Also Criticized Cartwright For Not Securing PPP And Unemployment Insurance Extensions, And Called For Their Inclusion In A Standalone Bill**

**October 2020: Bognet Criticized Cartwright For Not Securing PPP And Unemployment Insurance Extensions.** “Bognet criticized Cartwright for not securing extensions of the Paycheck Protection Program and unemployment insurance, and said he should return PPP money benefiting his family’s ‘wealthy law firm.’” [Pocono Record, [10/19/20](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet Said He Wanted To See The House Pass Standalone Bills Extending The Paycheck Protection Program And Unemployment Insurance.** “Both men say the economic destruction of COVID-19 must be met with more federal relief. The eastern part of the district, in the Poconos, is especially vulnerable to losses in the restaurant and hospitality sector. Cartwright is frustrated by the lack of Senate action on the House-passed HEROES Act, which includes his legislation bumping pay for frontline workers. Bognet would rather see the House pass stand-alone bills extending the Paycheck Protection Program and unemployment insurance.” [York Daily Record, [10/20/20](#)]

- **Bognet Said He Favored Passing Elements Of A COVID-19 Relief Package “Most Congress Members Agreed On” Including Extending Greater Unemployment Benefits.** “Both candidates want a massive funding bill to improve the nation's roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Cartwright called for a new, larger-scale COVID-19 relief package. Bognet favors passing elements of the package most Congress members agree on, like extending greater unemployment benefits.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [10/15/20](#)]

## **HEROES Act**

**May 2020: Bognet Called The HEROES Act A “3 Trillion-Dollar Socialist Takeover Of Our Economy To Send Billions Of Your Hard-Earned Tax Dollars To Illegal Immigrants”**

**Bognet Said Cartwright Voted “On A 3 Trillion-Dollar Socialist Takeover Of Our Economy To Send Billions Of Your Hard-Earned Tax Dollars To Illegal Immigrants.”** “[HOST:] Do you think there needs to be an investigation into the priorities of Dr. Levine and Gov. Wolf? [BOGNET:] What I want is for our elderly to be safe. I don’t care about social justice warriors. I think it’s a distraction. Don’t get me started on Pelosi and Cartwright. They spent last night voting on a 3 trillion-dollar socialist takeover of our economy to send billions of your hard-earned tax dollars to illegal immigrants. Who says crime doesn’t pay?” [Jim Bognet via Breitbart News Saturday, [5/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 2:09

**Bognet Said The Bill “Should Be Called The Zeroes Act” And That Democrats Were “Adding Hundreds Of Zeroes To The National Debt.”** “[HOST:] Why are the Democrats wasting time putting forth a bill that everyone knows will not pass? Why aren’t they doing serious things? [BOGNET:] It should be called the Zeroes Act. Cartwright has been a zero for this country and Pa. They are adding hundreds of zeroes to the national debt.” [Jim Bognet via Breitbart News Saturday, [5/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 3:56

**The Heroes Act That Passed In The House In May 2015 “Modifie[d] And Expand[ed] The Paycheck Protection Program, Which Provide[d] Loans And Grants To Small Businesses”****May 2020: The Heroes Act Passed In The House And “Modifie[d] And Expand[ed] The Paycheck Protection Program, Which Provide[d] Loans And Grants To Small Businesses And Nonprofit Organizations.”**

H.R.6800 or “The Heroes Act” passed in the house on May 15, 2020: “This bill responds to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Among other things, the bill provides FY2020 emergency supplemental appropriations to federal agencies; provides payments and other assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; provides additional direct payments of up to \$1,200 per individual; expands paid sick days, family and medical leave, unemployment compensation, nutrition and food assistance programs, housing assistance, and payments to farmers; modifies and expands the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofit organizations; establishes a fund to award grants for employers to provide pandemic premium pay for essential workers; expands several tax credits and deductions; provides funding and establishes requirements for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; eliminates cost-sharing for COVID-19 treatments; extends and expands the moratorium on certain evictions and foreclosures; and requires employers to develop and implement infectious disease exposure control plans.” [H Res 6800, [5/15/20](#)]

- **“The Bill Also Modifie[d] Or Expand[ed] A Wide Range Of Other Programs And Policies, Including Those Regarding Medicare And Medicaid.”** “The bill also modifies or expands a wide range of other programs and policies, including those regarding Medicare and Medicaid, health insurance, broadband service, medical product supplies, immigration, student loans and financial aid, the federal workforce, prisons, veterans benefits, consumer protection requirements, the U.S. Postal Service, federal elections, aviation and railroad workers, and pension and retirement plans.” [H Res 6800, [5/15/20](#)]

**American Rescue Plan****March 2022: Bognet Echoed Criticism Of Pelosi’s Remarks Defending Government Spending To Reduce Inflation Behind An American Rescue Plan Podium**

**March 2022: Bognet Retweeted Criticism Of Pelosi’s Remarks Defending Government Spending To Reduce Inflation Behind An American Rescue Plan Podium.**

Jim Bognet Retweeted



Kayleigh McEnany  
@kayleighmcenany

Ponder this for a moment.

PELOSI: "government spending is doing the exact reverse, reducing the national debt."



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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [3/13/22](#)]

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## The American Rescue Plan Act

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**The American Rescue Plan Provided \$1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds.** "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] The American Rescue Plan provides \$1,400 direct payments to individuals making up to \$75,000 annually, \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments and \$14 billion for vaccine distribution. The bill also provides \$130 billion to elementary, middle and high schools to assist with safe reopening. [...] It includes an additional \$300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September and an expanded tax credit of up to \$3,600 per child, initially distributed in monthly installments. The child tax credit could raise 4 million children out of poverty, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than \$50 billion will be distributed to small businesses, including \$7 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The bill also provides \$25 billion for relief for small and mid-sized restaurants, which have suffered significantly during the pandemic." [CBS News, [3/12/21](#)]

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## Community Health Centers

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### ARP Granted \$630,000 To Scranton Primary Health Care Center To Open Another Floor To Patients.

"More than \$630,000 in federal funding will bring Scranton Primary Health Care Center closer to opening another floor of its Wyoming Avenue office to patients. With nearly \$983,000 from the same program, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers will renovate a new facility for women's health within walking distance of Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale. The awards are part of \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan funds for health care infrastructure that U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, Moosic, announced this week for three Northeast Pennsylvania community health centers." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

- **The Renovation Involved The Installation Of An Elevator For Accessibility To A Floor That Was Previously Only Accessible By Stairs.** "Combined with a grant that Scranton Primary Health Care Center recently received from the Moses Taylor Foundation, the \$631,373 in federal funding covers two-thirds of the \$2.1 million project. 'We're very excited,' CEO Joseph Hollander said. 'It's going to enable us to provide increased services for our deserving patients.' Hollander said the health care center plans to build out the

unused top floor of its main office at 959 Wyoming Ave., which will involve the addition of an elevator and stair tower for accessibility. Currently, there's only a narrow staircase leading to that level." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

- **The Investment Allowed Scranton Primary Health Care Center To Reduce Its Wait Times And Expand Its Dental Practice.** "Combined with a grant that Scranton Primary Health Care Center recently received from the Moses Taylor Foundation, the \$631,373 in federal funding covers two-thirds of the \$2.1 million project. 'We're very excited,' CEO Joseph Hollander said. 'It's going to enable us to provide increased services for our deserving patients.' Hollander said the health care center plans to build out the unused top floor of its main office at 959 Wyoming Ave., which will involve the addition of an elevator and stair tower for accessibility. Currently, there's only a narrow staircase leading to that level. 'It's going to allow us to expand our dental practice and reduce wait times. It's also going to allow us to expand our behavioral health services and give them dedicated space to work in, and provide additional exam rooms for our primary care practice,' he said." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

**ARP Granted \$983,000 To Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers To Open A New Women's Health Facility.** "More than \$630,000 in federal funding will bring Scranton Primary Health Care Center closer to opening another floor of its Wyoming Avenue office to patients. With nearly \$983,000 from the same program, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers will renovate a new facility for women's health within walking distance of Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale. The awards are part of \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan funds for health care infrastructure that U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, Moosic, announced this week for three Northeast Pennsylvania community health centers." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

**ARP Granted \$550,000 To Rural Health Corporation Of Northeastern Pennsylvania In Wilkes-Barre.** "Rural Health Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania in Wilkes-Barre will also receive \$550,000 in American Rescue Plan funds, Cartwright said." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [9/30/21](#)]

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### Small Business Support – Restaurant Revitalization Funding

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**As Of August 2021, PA-08 Had Received \$28.1 Million In Restaurant Revitalization Funding To Help Restaurants Keep Their Doors Open As Part Of The American Rescue Plan.** As of August 2021, [DISTRICT] had received \$28,123,116.86 in Restaurant Revitalization Funding as part of The American Rescue Plan: "The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023." [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF FOIA, [8/18/21](#); U.S. Small Business Administration, accessed [9/7/21](#)]

- **As Of June 2021, Pennsylvania Had Received \$949.3 Million In Restaurant Revitalization Funding As Part Of The American Rescue Plan.** [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF Report, [6/30/21](#)]

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### Small Business Support – Shuttered Venue Operators Grants

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**As Of December 2021, Pennsylvania Had Received \$417.6 Million In Shuttered Venues Operators Grants To Help Live Venues, Museums, And Theaters Stay Open As Part Of The American Rescue Plan.** As of December 2021, Pennsylvania had received \$417,632,429 in Shuttered Venues Operators Grants as part of the American Rescue Plan Act: "The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program includes over \$16 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million. \$2 billion is reserved for eligible



applications with up to 50 full-time employees. [...] Eligible entities include: live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, museum operators, motion picture theater operators (including owners), talent representatives.” [SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program Reports, [12/27/21](#); SBA accessed [9/8/21](#)]

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## Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief

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**Pennsylvania Received \$5 Billion In Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Through The American Rescue Plan To Help Safely Reopen Schools.** Pennsylvania received \$5,000,509,384 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief through the American Rescue Plan: “This document outlines the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER provides a total of nearly \$122 billion to States and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation’s students. In addition to ARP ESSER, the ARP Act includes \$3 billion for special education, \$850 million for the Outlying Areas, \$2.75 billion to support non-public schools, and additional funding for homeless children and youth, Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives.” [ARP ESSER Methodology and Allocation Table Revised, [6/25/21](#); Department of Education, Fact Sheet, [3/17/21](#)]

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## Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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**Pennsylvania Received \$7.2 Billion In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds As Part Of The American Rescue Plan To Help Governments Respond To The Pandemic And Bring Back Jobs.** Pennsylvania received \$7,291,328,098.40 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. [...] Recipients may use these funds to: support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector, replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet, within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. [Department of the Treasury, Allocation for States, accessed [9/8/21](#); Department of the Treasury, accessed [9/8/21](#)]

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## Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Law Enforcement

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**December 2021: The Wilkes-Barre City Council Approved \$512,868 In ARP Funding To The Wilkes-Barre Police Department For New Vehicles, Weapons Upgrades, And Headquarters Refurbishments.** “At its final meeting for the year Tuesday, Council approved all 11 items on its agenda and authorized the city to spend a combined \$586,858 in American Rescue Plan funds for the police department and a new ice rink to be installed on Public Square. [...] The other purchases fall under ARP-approved policing expenditures: • \$36,052 to Polaris Sales Inc. for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger Crew Side-by-Side and a Polaris 570 Premium Quad. • \$55,000 to upgrade weapons and related accessories for the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department. • \$197,232 to Action Target Inc. to fully refurbish the firing range in the basement of police headquarters. • \$224,584 to Ford Rottet Motors Inc. and Kovatch to purchase two Ford 2022 Interceptor SUVs with cages for prisoner transport, one Ford 2022 Interceptor SUV and a Ford 2022 F-150 Police Responder pickup for the police department.” [Wilkes Barre Times Leader, [12/21/21](#)]

**The American Rescue Plan Provided \$350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels.**

“Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan’s \$350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. [...] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.” [White House, Press Release, [6/23/21](#)]

**Department Of The Treasury: “There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [...] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence.”** “Under Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“Funds”) under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. [...] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels. [...] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers.” [Department of the Treasury, [7/19/21](#)]

**Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, Which We Passed In The First 100 Days Of My Administration, Is Providing Much-Needed, Historic Relief To Bring Back Those Law Enforcement Jobs.”** President Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, which we passed in the first 100 days of my administration, is providing much-needed, historic relief to bring back those law enforcement jobs and social service jobs. Much of this relief has already arrived. The rest is on its way. And we’re now providing more guidance on how they can use the \$350 billion nationally that the American Rescue Plan has available to help reduce crime and address the root causes. For example, cities experiencing an increase in gun violence were able to use the American Rescue Plan dollars to hire police officers needed for community policing and to pay their overtime. Mayors will also be able to buy crime-fighting technologies, like gunshot detection systems, to better see and stop gun violence in their communities. They can use the funding to scale up wraparound services for the residents as well, including substance abuse and mental health services that we know will make a difference in prevention of crime.” [White House, [6/23/21](#)]

## **Praise Of Trump Administration’s Handling Of COVID-19**

### **May 2020: Bognet Called The Work Of Pence And The COVID-19 Team Leader “Exemplary”**

**May 2020: Bognet Said The President Assembled A Strong Team To Respond To The Pandemic And Called The Work Of Pence As The Team Leader “Exemplary.”** “Q: What is your assessment of how Washington handled the pandemic response? A: ‘This is the most serious public health crisis we’ve seen in 100 years since the Spanish flu. I’m heartened we’ve had a strong federal government, strong leadership,’ said Bognet, who called for banning flights from China on Jan. 29. ‘A few days later the president did shut them down. I think that probably saved hundreds of thousands of lives.’ Bognet said the president assembled a strong team to respond to the crisis and called the work of Vice President Mike Pence as the team leader exemplary. ‘I think the president and vice president have done what we expect them to do: To lead and to balance competing interests. I think they’ve put us in a position where we’ve weathered a tough, tough storm in April. It’s time to get the economy moving.’” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/24/20](#)]

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**October 2020: Bognet Said The Trump Administration “Correctly Stepped In When It Was Necessary” And Managed The Pandemic Well.** “BOGNET: He criticizes Cartwright for cosponsoring the bills only days before airing a TV commercial promoting his support for one of the bills. He said states need flexibility to fight the coronavirus without federal government involvement because the virus spread differently from state to state. He said the Trump administration correctly stepped in when it was necessary to ensure manufacturers would supplement necessary supplies. He said he thinks the administration has managed the pandemic well.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/4/20](#)]

**Criticism Of Gov. Wolf’s Handling Of COVID-19****Bognet Called Gov. Wolf A “Horrible Leader” For Not Reopening The State’s Economy By May 2020, And Said His Response To The Coronavirus Pandemic Was A “Fiasco”**

**May 2020: Bognet: “Let’s Open The Economy Back Up In A Safe Way And Stop Having Lectures Every Day From Gov. Wolf, Who’s Been A Horrible Leader.”** “Republican Jim Bognet went on Tucker Carlson’s Fox News show last week to promote his candidacy for Congress in northeast Pennsylvania. [...] But Bognet spent the bulk of his airtime criticizing another politician over his response to the coronavirus pandemic: Gov. Tom Wolf. ‘Let’s open the economy back up in a safe way and stop having lectures every day from Gov. Wolf, who’s been a horrible leader,’ Bognet said. ‘...Why hasn’t he been talking to the business owners that are auctioning off equipment because they need to feed their family? Instead he’s stuck in his office in Harrisburg. It’s disgusting.’ Bognet posted the interview on Facebook and paid to promote the video, which has been seen as many as 45,000 times, according to Facebook data. [...] And Bognet ran another ad linking to an interview he gave to Breitbart News, saying Wolf should either resign or be impeached if he doesn’t open up the state ‘quickly and safely.’” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [5/20/20](#)]

**Bognet Criticized Gov. Wolf And Dr. Levine’s Handling Of The Pandemic And Said That “Their Conduct Has Been A Fiasco,” And That They Should Be “More Focused On Getting Our Economy Back.”** “Q: What do you see as key to ensure economic recovery from the pandemic? A: ‘Safety and competence,’ Bognet said. ‘Safety will be determined by how well we do with good hygiene, social distancing and using PPE.’ He criticized Gov. Tom Wolf and Dr. Rachel Levine, the state health secretary. ‘Their conduct has been a fiasco,’ said Bognet, who criticized them for disparaging small businesses and others who wanted to return to work as cowards and faulted their handling of nursing homes. ‘We must have a leadership more focused on getting our economy back.’” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/24/20](#)]

**Bognet: “Gov. Wolf Has Handled This Horribly. Pelosi And Cartwright Have Not Done Anything To Help Either. They Have Been On Vacation Over The Last 2 Weeks Instead Of Being In Washington And Doing What Needed To Be Done.”** “[HOST:] Tell us about your thoughts on where things stand here in Pa. [BOGNET:] Gov. Wolf has handled this horribly. Pelosi and Cartwright have not done anything to help either. They have been on vacation over the last 2 weeks instead of being in Washington and doing what needed to be done.” [Jim Bognet via Breitbart News Saturday, [5/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) :20

**Bognet Called Wolf’s Lockdown “A Disaster” And Said He Should Resign Or Face Impeachment If He Didn’t Open Pennsylvania Back Up.** “. @GovernorTomWolf 's lockdown has been a disaster. Millions of Pennsylvanians lost jobs & losing hope, 1000s dead in nursing homes. If Wolf won’t open up PA QUICKLY & SAFELY he should resign or face articles of impeachment. @RepCartwright is AWOL as #PA08 hurts. Both need to go!”



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**Governor Tom Wolf** @GovernorTomWolf · May 11, 2020

I won't sit back and watch residents who live in counties under Stay at Home orders get sick because local leaders cannot see the risks of #COVID19 and push to reopen prematurely.

Today I am announcing consequences for counties that do not abide by the law to remain closed.

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[Jim Bognet Twitter, [5/11/20](#)]

## Vaccine Mandates

### Federal Vaccine Mandate

#### Bognet Repeatedly Claimed Federal Vaccine Mandates Were Unconstitutional

**Bognet Said Biden's COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Was "Wrong," "Unconstitutional," And "Un-American."**  
"[BOGNET:] We must end the heavy-handed COVID mandates. Having Joe Biden force companies to fire their employees because he disagrees with a personal health care choice is wrong, it's unconstitutional, and it's un-American." [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [10/19/21](#)] (VIDEO) :29

**Bognet Criticized Biden's Vaccine Mandate, Calling It An Unconstitutional And An "Illegal Power Grab."**  
"Joe Biden won't quit until he has unconstitutionally tried to wedge the federal government into every employer-employee relationship in America. Tonight's latest announcement of another unconstitutional mandate on American workers is the latest example of Biden's out of control approach to governing. Threatening private employers and federal workers' jobs and livelihoods to comply with his wishes is another day at the office for Biden, Pelosi, and Matt Cartwright. We must keep fighting back against this illegal power grab from the left and take back control of our government. Keep holding rallies, talk to friends, call our representatives, and let's take this same energy into the voting booth next year! The madness must end!"



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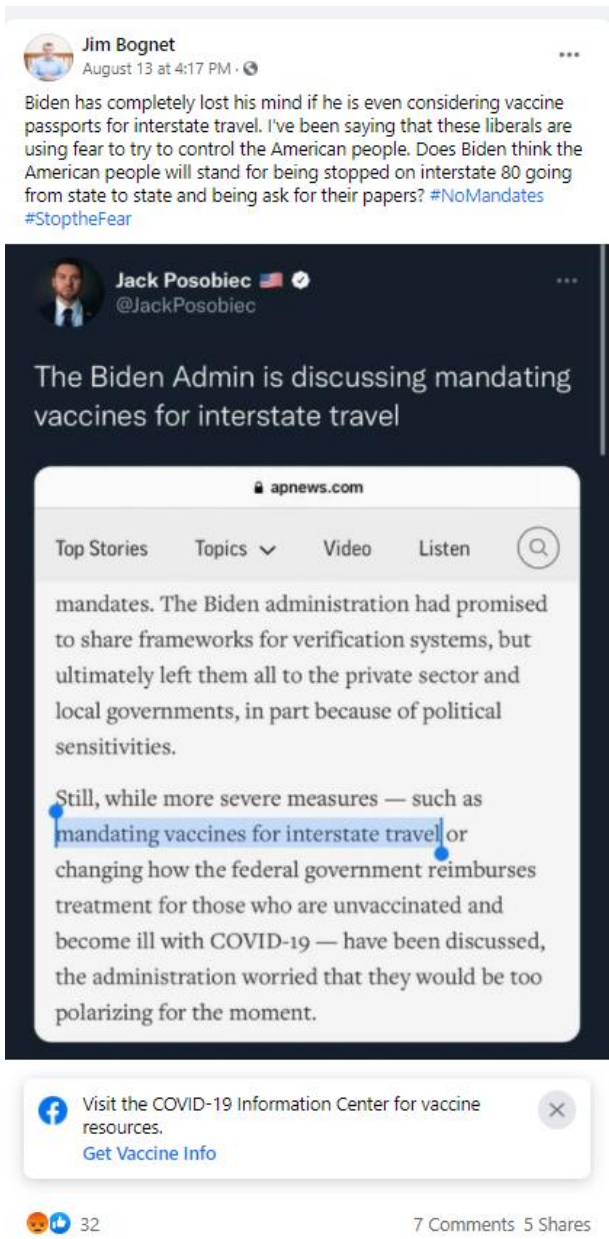
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### Bognet Criticized A Proposed Vaccine Mandate For Interstate Travel

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**Bognet: “Biden Has Completely Lost His Mind If He Is Even Considering Vaccine Passports For Interstate Travel.”** “Biden has completely lost his mind if he is even considering vaccine passports for interstate travel. I’ve been saying that these liberals are using fear to try to control the American people. Does Biden think the American people will stand for being stopped on interstate 80 going from state to state and being ask for their papers?  
#NoMandates #StoptheFear”





[Jim Bognet Facebook, [8/13/21](#)]

## Workplace Vaccine Mandates

### February 2022: Bognet Called For Imprisoning Supporters Of Workplace Vaccine Mandates

**February 2022: Bognet: “Anybody Who Thinks That You Shouldn’t Be Able To Go To Work And Work If You Don’t Make A Medical Decision That They Agree With, They Should Be In Jail.”** “[BOGNET:] Anyone that thinks our kids should still be wearing masks should be in jail, they shouldn’t be in charge. Anybody who thinks that you shouldn’t be able to go to work and work if you don’t make a medical decision that they agree with, they should be in jail. They shouldn’t be in charge. Anybody that thinks the proper way to treat the great American people is to scare them and heckle them and tell them they don’t love their brother, they should be in jail. They shouldn’t be in charge.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) :05

## Penn State University Vaccine Mandate

### April 2021: Bognet Spoke Against A Vaccine Mandate At Penn State While Campaigning For Its Board Of Trustees

#### April 2021: Bognet Spoke Against A Vaccine Mandate At Penn State While Campaigning For Its Board Of Trustees, Citing “Special Individual Circumstances” For Students, Including Pregnancy And Disabilities.

During a town hall for candidates for Penn State’s Board of Trustees, Bognet stated, “To address the specific of your question. I would strongly encourage everybody to get vaccinated. Let’s get America, let’s get Pennsylvania back open again. I’m strongly in favor of getting people vaccinated. As soon as I am legally allowed to get vaccinated, I will get vaccinated. I get very nervous when any government agency or any school wants to mandate vaccinations for people. And here’s why: every student has special individual circumstances. Are we going to mandate vaccination for somebody who’s seven months pregnant? And tell them that they have to get vaccinated? Are we going to mandate are students that have disabilities that may have compromised immune systems that may have cancer, that may be on chemotherapy? Are we going to do that and say, you have to get vaccinated? I would strongly strongly recommend that every staff member, every teacher and every student get vaccinated. But I also say it’s a bad public policy thing to say that we’re going to override you and your doctor and demand vaccination as the price to get back to school. I think if we can reach herd immunity, we can have the flexibility to let people talk to their doctors and make their own decisions on that. That being said, I would strongly, strongly advise everyone to get vaccinated.” [Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Facebook, [4/11/21](#)] (VIDEO) 19:58

## School Mask Mandates

### February 2022: Bognet Called For Imprisoning Supporters Of School Mask Mandates

**February 2022: Bognet: “Anyone That Thinks Our Kids Should Still Be Wearing Masks Should Be In Jail, They Shouldn’t Be In Charge.”** “[BOGNET:] Anyone that thinks our kids should still be wearing masks should be in jail, they shouldn’t be in charge. Anybody who thinks that you shouldn’t be able to go to work and work if you don’t make a medical decision that they agree with, they should be in jail. They shouldn’t be in charge. Anybody that thinks the proper way to treat the great American people is to scare them and heckle them and tell them they don’t love their brother, they should be in jail. They shouldn’t be in charge.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) :05

### August 2021: Bognet Opposed Mask Mandates In Schools

**August 2021: Bognet Claimed Mask Mandates Were “Unconstitutional” And “NOT Supported By The Science, & Does NOT Respect Local School Boards Making Decisions & Parents Making Their Own Decisions.”** “Wolf just announced the imposition of an unconstitutional mask mandate for school children across PA. This mandate is NOT supported by the science, & does NOT respect local school boards making decisions & parents making their own decisions. Tell King Wolf NO MORE MANDATES!”



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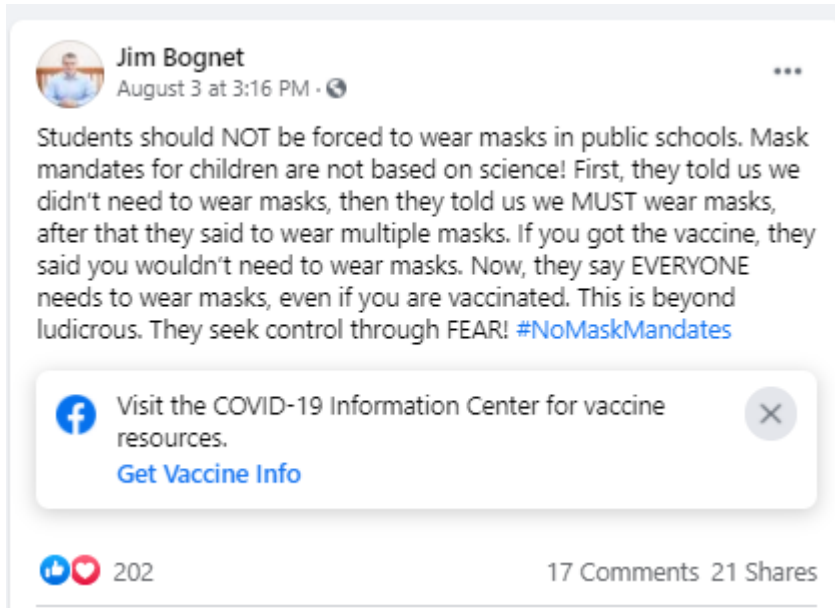
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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [8/31/21](#)]

**August 2021: Bognet: “Students Should NOT Be Forced To Wear Masks In Public Schools.”** “Students should NOT be forced to wear masks in public schools. Mask mandates for children are not based on science! First, they told us we didn’t need to wear masks, then they told us we MUST wear masks, after that they said to wear multiple masks. If you got the vaccine, they said you wouldn’t need to wear masks. Now, they say EVERYONE needs to wear masks, even if you are vaccinated. This is beyond ludicrous. They seek control through FEAR! #NoMaskMandates”



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [8/3/21](#)]

### April 2021: Bognet Supported Mask Wearing

**April 2021: Bognet Said Reopening Penn State’s Campus For In-Person Classes Would Be A Priority For Him As A Trustee And Added, “We Have To Be Safe, We All Should Wear Our Mask.”** During a town hall for Penn State Board of Trustees candidates, Bognet stated, “Number three Coronavirus, we have to be safe, we all should wear our mask. I have my Penn State mask here. But we should open Penn State our students deserve in person instruction. Right now. We should have students at the Blue White game our seniors should definitely be allowed to attend, we can do it in a safe way. Parents should be allowed to go to graduations, and we should be able to get back in stadiums next year. We have vaccinations we can do it safely. Let's get Penn State reopened again, so on our legacy, keep Penn State affordable, and get Penn State back open.” [Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Facebook, [4/11/21](#)] (VIDEO) 12:29

## COVID-19 Liability Shields

### July 2020: Bognet Supported COVID-19 “Liability Protections” For Restaurants, Bars, And Salons

**July 2020: Bognet Supported COVID-19 “Liability Protections” For Restaurants, Bars, And Salons.** “[BOGNET:] I would like to see some liability protections, so restaurants and bars and hair salons and nail salons don’t go out of business if they’re trying to do business here under a tough situation with Covid.” [Breitbart News via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/29/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:54

## Disinformation

## January 2022: Bognet Criticized Dan Bongino's Ban From YouTube Over Spreading COVID-19 Disinformation As "Outrageous"

**January 2022: Bognet Said Of Dan Bongino's Ban From YouTube, "Outrageous! Big Tech Smacks Conservatives Every Day!"**



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/26/22](#)]

**January 2022: YouTube Banned Bongino After He Spread Misinformation About The Effectiveness Of Masks To Prevent COVID-19, Then Attempted To Circumvent The Ban By Posting From Another Account.** "Fox News Channel host Dan Bongino on Wednesday became among the most-followed conservative personalities to be permanently banned from YouTube, a week after the Google-owned (GOOGL.O) video service said he had posted COVID-19 misinformation. YouTube suspended one of Bongino's YouTube channels on Jan. 20 after he posted a video where he questioned the effectiveness of using masks against the coronavirus, a violation of the company's pandemic-related misinformation policy. His later attempt to circumvent that one-week suspension by posting from another channel triggered a permanent ban, YouTube said." [Reuters, [1/26/22](#)]

## Dr. Fauci

### December 2021: Bognet Called For Firing Dr. Fauci

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [12/10/21](#)]

## WHO

### May 2020: Bognet Supported Trump's Withdrawal Of The U.S. From The WHO

**May 2020: Bognet Supported Trump's Withdrawal Of The U.S. From The WHO To "Make China Pay."** "[HOST:] Tell us what your thoughts are on President Trump's announcement on the World Health Organization. [BOGNET:] I was very happy to see that. You know, China, the main function of my campaign, my main message

of my first TV commercial was make China pay.” [Breitbart Radio via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [5/31/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:18

## Travel Restrictions

### January 2020: Bognet Called For A Suspension Of All Flights From China To The United States

**January 2020: Bognet Called For A Suspension Of All Flights From China To The United States.** “I encourage President Trump to suspend all direct and connecting flights originating in China until the Chinese authorities forcefully address this global public health crisis, and provide a full and transparent accounting of the measures taken.” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [1/29/20](#)]



## Economic, Jobs, & Trade Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Despite his harsh rhetoric against China and its unfair trade practices in 2020 and 2022, Bognet once opposed protectionist measures and worked for and benefited from organizations that supported and facilitated trade with China.
- ✓ In 2020 and 2022, Bognet repeatedly called to “make China pay,” including through tariffs, for unfair trade practices.
- ✓ As an economic advisor on Romney’s presidential campaign in 2007, Bognet said protectionism would reduce American productivity and said of China, “the only way to beat them is to out-compete them.”
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed he worked to bring back jobs from China as a Trump appointee at the Export-Import Bank, which authorized more than \$100 million in exports to China under Trump.
  - ✓ A Washington Examiner opinion piece described the Ex-Im Bank as “subsidiz[ing] U.S. exports through loans and loan guarantees to foreign buyers of U.S. goods,” with China as its top recipient.
- ✓ 2013: The Glover Park Group lobbied for a Chinese car part manufacturer on its acquisition of an American battery company, which Republicans said would threaten American energy security.
  - ✓ Bognet was a Senior VP at GPG from 2016 to 2018.
  - ✓ The GPG lobbyist who worked on the acquisition contributed \$2,500 to Bognet’s 2020 campaign.
- ✓ From 2007 to 2018, Bognet repeatedly worked for candidates who opposed policies to crack down on Chinese trade practices, including tariffs and labeling China as a currency manipulator.
- ✓ In 2020, Bognet accepted at least \$7,000 from PACs that opposed Trump’s tariffs on China, including \$5,000 from Koch Industries PAC and \$2,000 from National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies PAC.
- ✓ Bognet’s friend, a board member of a China-based pharmaceutical company, bankrolled a pro-Bognet PAC and contributed more than \$11,000 to his congressional campaigns.
  - ✓ A Washington, DC-based super PAC called “Keep PA Great” sent mailers claiming Bognet would “hold China accountable.”
  - ✓ Michael Goller, Bognet’s friend and classmate from Penn State, was the single largest donor to Keep PA Great, contributing \$160,000, in addition to contributing \$11,400 directly to Bognet’s campaign.
  - ✓ Goller was a member of the Board of Directors of Beijing-based biopharmaceutical company BeiGene and made more than \$1.5 million from cash fees and stock options while on the board.
  - ✓ BeiGene was boosted by the Chinese Communist Party, through Chinese government initiatives to make the Chinese biopharma market “competitive on the global stage.”

- ✓ In May 2020, Bognet stated the U.S. had become too dependent on China for pharmaceuticals.
- ✓ In February 2020, BeiGene conducted more than 20 clinical trials in Wuhan, China.
- ✓ 2020 – 2022: Bognet repeatedly said the U.S. should “make China pay” for “[sending] us the Wuhan flu,” which he claimed originated in a Wuhan lab.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed he brought back manufacturing jobs back to the U.S. as a Trump appointee at the Export-Import Bank, which averaged \$773 million annually in exposure to Russian markets.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly claimed he brought back manufacturing jobs back to the U.S. as a Trump appointee at the Export-Import Bank; but he worked at the bank for fewer than 60 days and it authorized dramatically less in exports from PA-08 under the Trump Administration compared to Biden and Obama.
- ✓ Bognet worked at the Ex-Im Bank for 57 days, during which he averaged \$900 in pay per day, then left the position two weeks before launching his congressional campaign in January 2020.
- ✓ Bognet’s role at Ex-Im was his first professional position not with a political campaign or consulting firm since 2001, when he held a summer associate job at a Wall Street law firm.
- ✓ According to available data, the Ex-Im Bank authorized an annual average of \$5.3 million in exports from PA-08 during the Trump administration, compared to \$18.7 million during the last three years of the Obama administration and \$8.1 million under Biden.
- ✓ Despite his claim that Democrats wanted Pennsylvania’s youth to work for Uber instead of the state’s heritage industries, Bognet worked for Uber.
- ✓ In 2020, Bognet claimed Democrats “rather have our skilled workforce driving Ubers and ‘learning to code’ than building homes, mining coal, and working in factories.”
- ✓ According to his resume, Bognet worked with Uber to hire a team of opposition researchers and coordinate research at a point between 2013 and 2016.
- ✓ In 2014, Uber hired a team of opposition researchers to “bring out the truth of how evil [the taxi industry] is.”
- ✓ In 2014, Uber executives suggested hiring a team of opposition researchers to investigate the personal lives of journalists who criticized the company, which it denied it did.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly worked for firms and campaigns that facilitated offshoring and promoted free trade.
- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior VP at Glover Park Group, it lobbied for AstraZeneca on a law that previously prevented it from merging with Pfizer to allow Pfizer to dodge American taxes.
- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior VP at Glover Park Group, one of its lobbyists promoted “positive aspects” of trade amid Trump’s protectionist promises.
  - ✓ The lobbyist later contributed \$1,250 to Bognet’s 2020 congressional campaign.
- ✓ Bognet held senior positions on Romney and McCain’s 2008 presidential campaigns, which both pledged to increase free trade.

- ✓ As a media consultant in 2010, Bognet helped create ads attacking the 2009 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, which created millions of jobs and boosted economic growth to help the U.S. recover from the Great Recession.
- ✓ Bognet worked as a consultant in 2010 for Stevens and Schriefer Group where he created TV ads, and, according to his resume, his clients included Sens. Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, and Dan Coats.
- ✓ In 2010, Blunt, Portman, and Coats' campaigns attacked 2009 stimulus in ads produced by the Stevens and Schriefer Group.

## Trade With China

### 2020 – 2022: Bognet Supported Confrontation With China Over Unfair Trade Practices, Including Tariffs

#### 2020: Bognet Made Confronting China Over “The Jobs They Stole” And Unfair Trade Practices Key Issues In His Campaign

**March 2022: Bognet: “The Centerpiece Of My Campaign In 2020, As You Remember, Were Three Words: Make China Pay.”** “[BOGNET:] The centerpiece of my campaign in 2020, as you remember, were three words: make China pay. China destroyed our industries here in Northeast Pennsylvania with unfair trade practices, that thank God President Trump actually – I was honored to work in his administration to try to crack down on those unfair trade practices and bring jobs back to the American heartland.” [Breitbart News, [3/12/22](#)] (AUDIO) 14:02

**October 2020: Bognet Supported “Confrontational Approach To China And Favors Aligning With China's Neighbors To Combat Its Unfair Trade Practices And Violations Of Trade Agreements.”** “BOGNET: He said he favors controlling China by ensuring the United States has a strong Navy to challenge Chinese incursions into international waters. He backs Trump's confrontational approach to China and favors aligning with China's neighbors to combat its unfair trade practices and violations of trade agreements.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [10/5/20](#)]

**March 2020: Bognet Released An Ad Where He Vowed To “Make China Pay” For “The Jobs They Stole.”** “Jim Bognet, a former Trump administration appointee, released his first television ad of the Republican primary race. The 30 second spot, ‘Make China Pay,’ is a video recorded by Bognet from his iPhone of him at his family’s construction business that has been impacted by restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic. In the ad, he said that he knows his family’s business will get through this, but vows to make China ‘pay’ for their role in the virus’s outbreak in the United States. ‘Three weeks ago here in Hazleton, my family’s construction business was booming,’ Bognet said to begin the ad. ‘Now, it’s empty.’ ‘The Chinese lied to us,’ he continues later in the spot. ‘They tried to cover up coronavirus.’ ‘When I’m your Congressman, we’ll make China pay for the lies they told, the jobs they stole, and the lives we’ve lost,’ he said towards the end of the ad. ‘I’m with President Donald Trump, we will make America Great Again.’ In an interview with PoliticsPA about the ad, Bognet said that he felt ‘strongly’ that he had to go on the record about his thoughts on how he believes that China needs to be held responsible by the United States for the coronavirus pandemic. ‘I wanted to speak from the heart about what was going on,’ Bognet said to PoliticsPA. ‘I wasn’t very worried about cinematography, what I was worried about was speaking to the voters about what I think China’s done to us and how we can make China pay for it.’ [Politics PA, [4/30/20](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Make [China] Pay For The Manufacturing Jobs We’ve Lost.”** “[BOGNET:] Number one, I want to make China pay. I want to make them pay for coronavirus, for the lives we've lost. I want to make them pay for the manufacturing jobs we've lost over the last 25 years from the WTO and other things, the way they manipulated trade, the way they've stolen our products, the way they've stolen our plans, the corporate espionage they've committed.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 6:23

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**March 2020: Bognet Endorsed Using “Our Tariff Power” Against China**

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**March 2020: Bognet Said The Number One Way To Respond To China Would Be To “Use Our Tariff Power To Go Up Against Them.”** “[BOGNET:] Well, number one we have to go up against the Chinese communist party. For too long, our elites have sold us out, and our supply chain there, they’ve put us at risk for letting the Chinese have massive, massive leverage against us. President Trump has finally turned the corner and the speech Vice President Pence gave a year and a half ago as our number one strategic competitor, what they have been doing, building bases in the South China sea, while we slept under Obama, has been reprehensible. When I get to Congress, I am going to be a hawk on making sure, number one, we use our tariff power to go up against them. Number two, we use every kind of soft power we can to make them pay. Number three, we need more resources, we need a bigger navy in the South China sea, we need to be fearless. You know President Trump has done a lot, I think we need to keep it happening...and it’s not something we can you know do in a year. This is a decade long mission to stand up to China.” [YouTube via Breitbart Radio, [3/28/20](#)] (AUDIO) 14:25

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**2022: Bognet Pledged To “Mak[e] China Pay For What They Have Done To Us”**

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**2022: Bognet Campaign Website: “I Also Support Making China Pay For What They Have Done To Us.”** “The liberals’ war against American energy has killed many great jobs. Unlike Democrats, I support fracking to enhance our economy in NEPA. I support finishing President Trump’s Border Wall and ending our border crisis. I also support Making China Pay for what they have done to us.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**As A Romney Advisor In 2007, Bognet Opposed Protectionist Policies To Fight Unfair Chinese Trade Practices**

**Bognet On China: “The Only Way To Beat Them Is To Out-Compete Them.”** When Bognet was the Policy Development Director on Governor Romney’s campaign, he spoke on a Brookings panel entitled “Opportunity 08: Better Direction On Main Street”: “MR. BOGNET: Yeah, Governor Romney spent a lot of time talking about the challenge of China and India, and again, it comes back to a very different philosophical point of view. You can talk about the currency policies, you can talk about mercantilism, but really you only have one answer and you have to out-compete them. You have to move up the value you chain and out-compete them. Currencies go up, currencies go down. We’ve had prosperity with a weak dollar, we’ve had prosperity with a strong dollar, but the thing and I think you’ve done some great work on this. That drives how nations do as productivity. We have to increase our productivity growth. You know, the Governor has talked about having China work with us, you know, supported some of Secretary Paulson’s effort of what he’s trying to do with the Chinese currency. But in the long run the only way to beat them is to out-compete them.” [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

**Bognet Said Of Protectionism, “It Sounds Really Good, But After A Few Years You Find Yourself In A Situation Where You Are Not Producing The Goods And Services That Can Compete Internationally.”**

BOGNET: “How protectionism is going to help us? It sounds really good, but after a few years you find yourself in a situation where you are not producing the goods and services that can compete internationally. And whether we like it or not, we are not where we were 70, 80 years ago. We are in an integrated global economy. So unless we make the investments in human capital through education and in better research development, leading the world in productivity innovation, we will not be able to win the global economic battle.” [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

- **BBC: Trade Restrictions, Like Tariffs, Were At The Core Of Protectionism.** “Protectionism is trying to use restrictions such as tariffs to boost your country’s industry, and shield it from foreign competition.” [BBC, [5/10/19](#)]

**2007: Free Trade Was A “Key Element” Of Romney’s Economic Platform Of Which Bognet Said, “He Believes That The American Business And American Worker Can Compete With Anyone In The World.”**

“Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, the co-founder of private-equity investment giant Bain Capital, has

been one of the most consistent supporters of free trade, making it a key element of his economic platform. ‘He believes that the American business and American worker can compete with anyone in the world,’ according to James Bognet, a deputy policy director for the Romney campaign. Romney particularly supports engaging China in trade, his website calling the Asian market an ‘opportunity.’” [National Review, [8/9/07](#)]

**2007: Bognet: “President Bill Clinton Was One Of The Most Eloquent Advocates For Increased International Engagement And Increased Trade.”** “MR. BOGNET: It’s amazing to me. I agree with a lot of what was said, but it’s amazing to me if you look back. President Bill Clinton was one of the most eloquent advocates for increased international engagement and increased trade and now all of the major Democratic candidates to a certain extent, are retreating from that and I think that’s probably one of the great unwritten ironies of this election is to see the way Hillary Clinton and some of the other candidates have totally walked away from free trade.” [The Brookings Institution, [12/3/07](#)]

### **Bognet Claimed He Worked To Bring Back Jobs From China As A Trump Appointee At The Ex-Im Bank, Which Authorized More Than \$100 Million To China During Trump’s Term**

#### **October 2019 – January 2020: Bognet Was A Senior VP At The Export-Import Bank, Where He Said He Worked “To Bring Jobs From China BACK To America” And Crack Down On Unfair Trade Practices**

**Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications For The Ex-Im Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020.** “Please note that Mr. James Bognet only served in the role of Senior Vice President of Communications from October 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020.” [Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20]

**March 2022: Bognet Said He Was “Honored To Work In [Trump’s] Administration To Try To Crack Down” On Unfair Chinese Trade Practices And “Bring Jobs Back To The American Heartland.”** “[BOGNET:] The centerpiece of my campaign in 2020, as you remember, were three words: make China pay. China destroyed our industries here in Northeast Pennsylvania with unfair trade practices, that thank God President Trump actually – I was honored to work in his administration to try to crack down on those unfair trade practices and bring jobs back to the American heartland.” [Breitbart News, [3/12/22](#)] (AUDIO) 14:02

#### **February 2022: Bognet: “I Worked In President Trump’s Administration To Bring Jobs From China BACK To America.”**



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/20/22](#)]

#### **Fiscal Years 2017 – 2020: The U.S. Export Import Bank Authorized \$103,219,400 To China And Had An Average Of \$3.7 Billion In Exposure To Its Market Annually**

Fiscal Years 2017 – 2020: Export-Import Bank Authorizations And Exposure To China		
Fiscal Year	Total Authorizations	Total Exposure
2020	\$2,700,000	\$2,871,200,000



2019	\$18,100,000	\$3,434,100,000
2018	\$31,419,400	\$3,993,287,172.54
2017	\$51,000,000	\$4,528,700,000
<b>Total (Authorizations) &amp; Average (Exposure)</b>	<b>\$103,219,400</b>	<b>\$3,706,821,793</b>

[Export-Import Bank of the United States, [2020 Annual Report](#); [2019 Annual Report](#); [2018 Annual Report](#); [2017 Annual Report](#)]

**The Export-Import Bank Defined Exposure To A Market As The “Outstanding And Undisbursed Principal Balance Of Loans, Guarantees, And Insurance” And Unrecovered Balances Approved By The Bank.** “For both financial statement and analytical purposes, EXIM defines exposure as the authorized outstanding and undisbursed principal balance of loans, guarantees, and insurance, also including any unrecovered balances of payments made on claims submitted to and approved by the Bank. The claims payments are made by EXIM while acting as guarantor or insurer under the export guarantee and insurance programs. Note, exposure does not include accrued interest or transactions pending final approval.” [Export-Import Bank of the United States, [2020 Annual Report](#); [2019 Annual Report](#); [2018 Annual Report](#)]

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**Washington Examiner Column: “Ex-Im Subsidizes U.S. Exports Through Loans And Loan Guarantees To Foreign Buyers Of U.S. Goods,” And The Top Recipient Of Its Financing Was The Chinese Government**

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**Washington Examiner Timothy Carney Opinion: Headline: The US Export-Import Bank Is China’s Cash Cow.** [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]

- **Carney: “Ex-Im Subsidizes U.S. Exports Through Loans And Loan Guarantees To Foreign Buyers Of U.S. Goods. The Top Recipient Of Ex-Im Financing Is The Chinese Government, Through State-Owned Banks, Manufacturers, Airlines, And Other State-Owned Companies.”** “If you are wearing a tie, there’s a good chance it was made in China. The factory where that tie was made was probably subsidized by the Chinese government. But here’s what you probably never guessed: That subsidized Chinese factory may have been subsidized by you, the U.S. taxpayer. And for that, thank the Export-Import Bank of the United States, a federal agency whose single biggest recipient is the communist-run government of China. [...] Ex-Im subsidizes U.S. exports through loans and loan guarantees to foreign buyers of U.S. goods. The top recipient of Ex-Im financing is the Chinese government, through state-owned banks, manufacturers, airlines, and other state-owned companies.” [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]
- **Carney: “China Is The Top Destination Of U.S. Ex-Im Financing, And An Overwhelming Majority Of That Money Goes To State-Owned Enterprises.”** “China is the top destination of U.S. Ex-Im financing, and an overwhelming majority of that money goes to state-owned enterprises. For instance, the largest bank in the world, by some measures, is the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China. It is owned by the government of China, and thus operated by the Communist Party. Its purpose to advance China’s industrial policy, and thus China’s global designs. The U.S. government regularly subsidizes ICBC through Ex-Im.” [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]
- **Carney: Ex-Im Subsidies To China Meant “U.S. Taxpayers Are Simply Helping The Chinese Do Their Industrial Policy On The Cheap.”** “In 2014, ICBC’s aircraft leasing arm bought Boeing jets, and Ex-Im extended them a \$300 million loan guarantee. In 2011, Ex-Im loaned \$75.8 million directly to the same division of ICBC so that it could buy corporate jets. Obviously ICBC doesn’t need U.S. subsidies to buy some airplanes, but the subsidies make it cheaper. So U.S. taxpayers are simply helping the Chinese do their industrial policy on the cheap.” [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]
- **Carney: “Subsidizing The Communist-Run Government Of China Does Not Make America Great.”** “Ex-Im clearly doesn’t promote U.S. interests, and it clearly doesn’t combat China’s industrial policy. It subsidizes China’s industrial policy. That’s not helpful to U.S. interests. Ex-Im should be abolished. But the banks who love taxpayer guarantees and the U.S. exporters who love the export subsidies have too strong of a grip on both

parties. [...] Yes, some Democrats value subsidizing their corporate allies enough that they're willing to prop up China's industrial policy in order to do it. Republicans should have more self-respect than that. Subsidizing the Communist-run government of China does not make America great." [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]

- **Timothy Carney Was A Senior Columnist At The Washington Examiner.** [Washington Examiner, Timothy Carney Column, [9/18/19](#)]

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**Foreign Policy: "Ex-Im Does Little To Help U.S. Exports And Was "Misallocating Scarce Capital For Questionable Returns"**

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**Foreign Policy: "Ex-Im Does Little To Help U.S. Exports At Any Rate, And Trying To Out-China China By Underwriting An Ever-Growing Pool Of Deals Risks Misallocating Scarce Capital For Questionable Returns."** "But critics of the bank say it's fine to let it sleepwalk along, and many would prefer it shut down altogether. Their fundamental arguments? Ex-Im does little to help U.S. exports at any rate, and trying to out-China China by underwriting an ever-growing pool of deals risks misallocating scarce capital for questionable returns. 'It's the 'they do it, too' fallacy,' said Ryan Young of the Competitive Enterprise Institute. 'The U.S. should not copy a Chinese policy mistake.'" [Foreign Policy, [11/22/19](#)]

- **China's "\$39 Billion In Official Export Credit In 2018 Was More Than 100 Times Greater Than The \$301 Million Worth Of Deals Ex-Im Pushed Out The Door Last Year."** "First, developing countries, especially China, now dominate the field, a sea change from decades past or even more recently—and they never signed on to agreements to limit export agencies' use. Just before the financial crisis, in 2008, developing country export agencies accounted for just 13 percent of all export financing; today, they account for almost half. There are now at least 113 government export agencies globally, compared with just a handful when the gentlemen's agreement was reached. China alone offered more export financing than the next three most active countries combined. Its \$39 billion in official export credit in 2018 was more than 100 times greater than the \$301 million worth of deals Ex-Im pushed out the door last year. 'The Chinese have supported more exports in the last two years than Ex-Im has in its entire 85-year existence,' Ex-Im President Kimberly Reed noted in a September speech." [Foreign Policy, [11/22/19](#)]
- **Foreign Policy: "Many Republicans Are Also Worried" That Ex-Im Loans Are "Essentially Helping Foreign Firms, Including Chinese State-Owned Companies, Compete With U.S. Businesses."** "Many Republicans are also worried that U.S. government money, in the form of Ex-Im loans, is essentially helping foreign firms, including Chinese state-owned companies, compete with U.S. businesses. Even President Donald Trump, formerly a critic who has done an about-face on Ex-Im since taking office, found the House legislation unsatisfactory. [...] Further, critics of Ex-Im argue that government support has never affected more than a tiny fraction of U.S. exports even when the bank was operating at full throttle. Since the bank became all but moribund, U.S. goods exports held steady and then last year reached a record high of \$1.7 trillion (though goods imports also reached a record high, leading to a record trade imbalance)." [Foreign Policy, [11/22/19](#)]

**Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From A Former Glover Park Group Lobbyist Who Represented A Chinese Company In Its Acquisition Of An American Battery Producer That Republicans Criticized For Weakening American Energy Security**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: "• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national

trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.

- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client's goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### 2013: Glover Park Group Was Paid \$90,000 For Lobbying For Wanxiang America Corporation On Its Acquisition Of A123

2016: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Wanxiang America Corporation				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/18/13	Q1 2013	Lobbying related to Wanxiang's acquisition [sic] of A123.	Alex Mistri Joel Johnson Susan Brophy	\$90,000
Total				\$90,000

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Wanxiang On Its Acquisition Of A123

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Wanxiang America Corporation Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	6/19/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp	4/29/20	\$1,000
Total				\$2,500

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### January 2013: Wanxiang Group, China's Largest Car Part Manufacturer, Purchased A123 Systems, An American Battery Producer, Despite Concerns Over U.S. Energy Security And Wasted Taxpayer Funds

**January 2013: Wanxiang Group, China's Largest Car Part Manufacturer, Purchased A123 Systems, An American Battery Producer.** "China's largest auto parts maker won U.S. government approval to buy A123 Systems Inc AONEQ.PK, a maker of electric car batteries, despite warnings by some lawmakers that the deal would transfer sensitive technology developed with U.S. government money. The sale of the lithium-ion battery maker to a U.S. unit of Wanxiang Group was approved by a U.S. government committee on foreign investment, according to a statement from the Chinese company. The companies later said the deal had been completed." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

**Some Members Of Congress And Members Of The Strategic Materials Advisory Council Asked The Committee On Foreign Investment In The United States To Block The Sale Over Energy Security Concerns.** "But the transaction still needed approval by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, a government body led by the Treasury secretary. The committee approved the deal on Monday night, according to Wanxiang. 'Wanxiang America looks forward to closing the transaction and to continuing to foster the technologies A123 has worked so hard to develop,' said Pin Ni, the president of Wanxiang America Corp, in a statement. Jason

Forcier, president of the newly formed A123 Systems LLC's auto business, said Wanxiang was focused on pushing A123 to profitability within a few years. 'Wanxiang obviously brings financial stability to the company that we haven't had in at least the last six to 12 months,' he said in a telephone interview. Some members of Congress and the Strategic Materials Advisory Council - a group including retired military leaders that is focused on protecting the U.S. industrial supply chain - said the sale to Wanxiang could jeopardize U.S. energy security and they asked the U.S. committee to block it." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

**Sen. Thune: "Technology Produced By A123 And Funded By U.S. Taxpayers Should Not Simply Be Shipped Off To China So That The Military Applications For These Materials Can Be Reproduced Abroad."** "Among the lawmakers who remained opposed to the sale were two senators who questioned the government's funding of the battery company even before its bankruptcy. 'Technology produced by A123 and funded by U.S. taxpayers should not simply be shipped off to China so that the military applications for these materials can be reproduced abroad,' said a statement from Senator John Thune, a Republican from South Dakota." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

- **A123 Systems Received A Federal \$249 Million Grant For Clean Energy Development Before Declaring Bankruptcy In October 2013.** "A123 had received a \$249 million grant from the U.S. government as part of a stimulus program to promote clean energy, although about half of that money was never released. The company filed for bankruptcy in October due to weaker-than-expected demand for hybrid vehicles and technical problems." [Reuters, [1/29/13](#)]

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#### **Republicans Later Criticized The Sale Of A123 Systems During The 2016 Presidential Election**

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**June 2015: The RNC Criticized Clinton For Not Intervening In The 2013 Sale Of A123 Systems To Wanxiang As Secretary Of State.** "National Republican Party officials are questioning why Hillary Rodham Clinton did not intervene in the controversial 2013 sale of high-tech battery plants in Michigan to a Chinese firm when she was secretary of State and could have done so. At a campaign stop in New Hampshire last month, Clinton, the leading Democratic candidate for president, expressed concerns about the sale of A123 Systems — built with millions in government aid — along with those of other new energy firms, to Chinese investors, calling them 'unfortunate' and a 'serious' problem for high-tech industries in the U.S. 'That does concern me because a lot of foreign companies, particularly Chinese companies ... are looking to buy American companies,' she said in response to an entrepreneur who mentioned A123's sale while commenting that venture capital for new energy technology has largely fled overseas. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, in a statement to the Free Press, called Clinton's remarks 'lip service' considering that as the former secretary of state, her department had a 'role in signing off on these sales,' including A123's to Wanxiang in early 2013." [Detroit Free Press, [6/5/15](#)]

#### **Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Campaigns That Opposed Penalizing China For Unfair Trade Practices**

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#### **Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's 2018 Senate Campaign; McSally Later Called Herself A "Free And Fair Trader At Heart" And Opposed Trump's Tariffs On China**

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**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: "• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.



- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2019: McSally, Who Called Herself A “Free And Fair Trader At Heart,” Opposed Trump’s Tariffs On China.** “McSally, a Republican, said she also opposes tariffs and the U.S. needs to work with its allies to boost pressure on China. ‘This is a national security issue for sure, and this is very much my focus,’ McSally said. ‘But I’m a free and fair trader at heart. I don’t support tariffs.’” [Associated Press, [5/17/19](#)]

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**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For McCain’s Presidential Campaign; McCain Supported And Opposed Obama’s Promises To Crack Down On China’s Predatory Trade Practices**

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**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.**

According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.

- Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2008: McCain Opposed Obama’s Pledges To Crack Down On China’s Predatory Trade Practices; A**

**McCain Advisor Said That “Starting A Trade War With China” Would Be Detrimental To Americans.** In October 2008, Reuters reported, “Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama would ramp up pressure on China and other countries that violate trade rules and put less emphasis on cutting new trade deals if he captures the White House, a representative of the Obama campaign said on Wednesday. [...] [Philip] Levy agreed that China’s currency is undervalued and a long-term problem for the United States. But given the global financial crisis it is ‘a bit of an odd time to be punishing the Chinese for sending capital our way,’ he said. ‘I think there’s room for negotiation there. I think what Sen. McCain would do is try to take action that would be effective for the American people. Starting a trade war with China probably doesn’t meet that bill,’ Levy said.” Levy coordinated international economic policy for McCain’s 2008 campaign according to Business Insider. [Reuters, [10/8/8](#); Business Insider, [8/27/18](#)]

- **McCain Advisor Equated Pressuring China To Stop Undervaluing Its Currency With “Punishing The Chinese For Sending Capital Our Way.”** “[Philip] Levy agreed that China’s currency is undervalued and a long-term problem for the United States. But given the global financial crisis it is ‘a bit of an odd time to be punishing the Chinese for sending capital our way,’ he said. ‘I think there’s room for negotiation there. I think what Sen. McCain would do is try to take action that would be effective for the American people. Starting a trade war with China probably doesn’t meet that bill,’ Levy said.” Levy coordinated international economic policy for McCain’s 2008 campaign according to Business Insider. [Reuters, [10/8/8](#); Business Insider, [8/27/18](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Economic Policy For Romney’s Presidential Campaign; Romney Opposed Tariffs On China In 2009 And 2010...**

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**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.**

According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.

- Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.
- Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces
- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials. such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]



- **According To His Resume, Bognet “Led Development” On “All Aspects Of Economic Policy” And “Coordinated [The] Economic Policy Portfolio” For The Campaign.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.
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- **December 2007: Bognet: “My Main Goal On A Daily Basis Is To Help Governor Romney Communicate His Pro-Growth, Conservative Vision For The U.S. Economy.”** “James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: The role of an economic adviser, or any campaign policy staffer, is to help your candidate win the election by developing sound policy. In my role as policy development director, I help manage the campaign’s policy department, and am charged with coordinating the Governor’s economic policy. My main goal on a daily basis is to help Governor Romney communicate his pro-growth, conservative vision for the U.S. economy.” [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]
- **According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney’s 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner’s deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney’s policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

**September 2012: New Republic Headline: “When Romney Was Anti-Anti-China, Not So Long Ago”** [New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

**2009: Romney Opposed Obama’s Decision To Place Tariffs On Chinese Tires Flooding The U.S. Market.** “While reporting a possible piece on Romney’s foreign policy, I discovered a video of a luncheon chat that Romney held in September 2009 at the Foreign Policy Initiative, the organization founded by Bill Kristol to advance the neo-conservative cause. [...] But near the end of the luncheon, at the 31:30 mark, there is a question from Senor about Obama’s decision that same month to slap tariffs on cheap Chinese tires flooding the U.S., imports that the administration argued violated WTO rules. The question sets Romney loose – he launches on a long, fluid disquisition with nary an affirming glance at Senor. [...] [ROMNEY:] And I understand that and they -- and the corporations, it’s not just the unions by the way, it’s the corporate executives and the shareholders and all the wealth owners, capitalists behind the tire industry -- are saying don’t let those foreign tires in here, it’s gonna hurt me. And it will -- as those tires come in it does hurt them directly, and therefore what their response is, their immediate response is, don’t let them in. But if that’s what their response is, my experience is over time, they will lose out slowly but surely, as they protect their lack of productivity with barriers, they will become less and less competitive, the foreign guys will get more and more volume, more and more successful, they’ll become more and more productive, the domestic guys get less and less productive, less and less competitive, until finally even the tariff can’t hold them out and the foreign products come flooding into the marketplace and the domestic guys are gone.” [New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

- **Romney Said The Tariffs Would “Directly” Hurt American Tire Workers, But That Tariffs Would Hurt Them More In The Long Run By Reducing Productivity Through Higher Competition.** “[ROMNEY:] And that is something which is lost on a lot of people in this country. The tire workers of America look at these tires coming in from China and say this is not good for me. And I understand that and they -- and the corporations, it’s not just the unions by the way, it’s the corporate executives and the shareholders and all the

wealth owners, capitalists behind the tire industry -- are saying don't let those foreign tires in here, it's gonna hurt me. And it will -- as those tires come in it does hurt them directly, and therefore what their response is, their immediate response is, don't let them in. But if that's what their response is, my experience is over time, they will lose out slowly but surely, as they protect their lack of productivity with barriers, they will become less and less competitive, the foreign guys will get more and more volume, more and more successful, they'll become more and more productive, the domestic guys get less and less productive, less and less competitive, until finally even the tariff can't hold them out and the foreign products come flooding into the marketplace and the domestic guys are gone." [ForeignPolicyI YouTube, [9/21/09](#); Transcript via New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

- **Romney: "So Putting Barriers Up, Trying To Put Walls Up, In My Opinion Is A Defeating Strategy And Will Yield Ultimate Decline And Collapse."** "[ROMNEY:] So putting barriers up, trying to put walls up, in my opinion is a defeating strategy and will yield ultimate decline and collapse. The alternative strategy, by the way, as you know is, to say, OK, those guys have figured out a way to make tires in a more productive way than we have, and we're going to have to find another way to compete. We're going to have to find a way to use our ingenuity and our investments, new capital, we're going to have to find way to compete or we're gonna be gone." [ForeignPolicyI YouTube, [9/21/09](#); Transcript via New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

**In His 2010 Book, Romney Opposed The Bush And Obama Administrations' Tariffs Against Chinese Steel And Tires, Respectively, Which He Said Were "Bad For Our Nation And Our Workers."** "That results-oriented dialogue, coupled with vigorous enforcement, draws a sharp contrast with Romney's approach. Romney, in his 2010 book, 'No Apology,' opposed actions by both the Bush and Obama administrations to combat unfair trade practices. He said those moves -- aimed at steel and tires, respectively -- were 'decidedly bad for our nation and our workers.'" [Politico, Nina Hachigan and Jacob Stokes Op-Ed, [3/14/12](#)]

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### **...Before He Adopted Harsher Rhetoric Against Chinese Trade Practices During His 2012 Campaign**

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**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign's Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: "• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

- Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.
  - Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas."
- [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2012: Romney's Campaign Criticized Obama For Being Soft On Chinese Trade Practices.** "Mitt Romney is kicking off a three-day tour through Ohio, the state he badly needs to win, where Barack Obama has held a stubborn lead for months. Not surprisingly, Romney's arrival coincides with a new ad hitting Obama for being too soft in pushing back against China's trade violations. Romney's been hitting this protectionist line since early in the Republican primaries, which has raised eyebrows coming from a man who has thrived on the realities of global capitalism as much as he has. But I recently came across a remarkable video clip from just three years ago that shows just how radically Romney has shifted on the subject of trade with China." [New Republic, [9/24/12](#)]

**2020: Bognet Accepted At Least \$7,000 From PACs That Opposed Trump's Proposed Tariffs On China**

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**September 2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$5,000 From Koch Industries Inc. PAC; Koch Industries Opposed Trump's Tariffs**

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**September 2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$5,000 From Koch Industries Inc. PAC.** [FEC, Individual Contribution Search, [9/25/20](#)]

**Koch Industries Website: "Free Trade Lifts Up Society."** "Why Should I Care? Because free trade lifts up

society. International trade issues. They seem kinda complicated. And you've got a million other things to care about. [...] Explore these perspectives on the topic of trade and discover how win-win trades aren't just vital to a healthy economy. But critical to the betterment of society itself." [Koch Industries, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

**March 2018: Charles Koch Op-Ed Headline: "Corporate Leaders Must Reject Trump's Tariffs."**

[Washington Post, Charles Koch Op-Ed, [3/7/18](#)]

- **Koch Op-Ed: "Tariffs Increase Prices, Limit Choices, Reduce Competition And Inhibit Innovation."**  
"Countries with the freest trade have tended to not only be the wealthiest but also the most tolerant. Conversely, the restriction of trade — whether through tariffs, quotas or other means — has hurt the economy and pitted people against each other. Tariffs increase prices, limit choices, reduce competition and inhibit innovation. Equally troubling, research shows that they fail to increase the number of jobs overall. Consider the devastation of cities such as Detroit, where trade barriers to aid the auto industry did nothing to halt its decline."  
[Washington Post, Charles Koch Op-Ed, [3/7/18](#)]

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**2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$2,000 From National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies PAC; The National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies Opposed Trump's Tariffs On Chinese Car Parts**

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**October – November 2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$2,000 Total From National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies PAC.** [FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

**July 2018: Trump Threatened To Impose A 25 Percent Tariff On Imported Car Parts From China.** "During the meeting with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, President Trump backed off his threat to impose a 25 percent tariff on European cars and parts, after which the two men embraced. But Mr. Trump's threat to levy that tariff on China and other nations remains in place and no formal agreement having been reached in Europe." [CBS, [7/30/18](#)]

**2018: The National Association Of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) Warned About "The Unintended Impact Of Potential Automotive Parts Tariffs On The Cost Of Auto Insurance Repair Claims."** "As the Department of Commerce undertakes its investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 on the effects of importation of automobiles and automotive parts, the American Insurance Association (AIA), the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) would like to comment on an additional 'relevant factor' not specifically addressed in the request for comments: the unintended impact of potential automotive parts tariffs on the cost of auto insurance repair claims." [Joint Comments of the American Insurance Association, the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, [2018](#)]

- **NAMIC: "We Urge The Department Of Commerce To Consider This Unintended Consequence Of The Imposition Of Tariffs, Quotas Or Other Adjustments On The Importation Of Automotive Repair Parts."**  
"While not commenting on the broader strategy of the Administration, on behalf of our member companies and their policyholders, we urge the Department of Commerce to consider this unintended consequence of the imposition of tariffs, quotas or other adjustments on the importation of automotive repair parts." [Joint Comments of the American Insurance Association, the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, [2018](#)]

**A Super PAC Formed To Boost Bognet Was Funded Largely By Bognet's Friend Michael Goller, A Board Member Of A Beijing-Based Biopharmaceutical Company That Worked In Wuhan Labs, Which Bognet Claimed Was The Source Of COVID-19**

# **April-October 2020: Keep PA Great, A Super PAC That Supported Bognet, Spent \$223,763 On Campaign Mailings And Materials, Including One That Said Bognet Would “Get Our Economy Moving Again And Hold China Accountable For The Damage” And Lost Jobs They Caused**

## **Keep PA Great Super PAC Supported Bognet And Spent \$223,763 On Campaign Mail**

Keep PA Great Was A Conservative Super PAC That Supported Jim Bognet. [OpenSecrets, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**April-October 2020: DC-Based Keep PA Great Super PAC Spent \$223,763 On Campaign Mailings And Materials.**

Expenditures By Keep PA Great		
Sector	Description	Total Expenditures
Campaign Expenses	Campaign mailings & materials	\$241,172
Media	Unspecified media buys	\$71,670
	Miscellaneous media	\$34,892
Administrative	Accountants, compliance & legal services	\$9,065
Strategy & Research	Campaign strategy & communications consulting	\$500
Unclassifiable	Unclassifiable	\$2,542
	Unclassifiable printing & shipping	\$0

[OpenSecrets, accessed [3/24/22](#); FEC, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

## **May 2020: Bognet’s Republican Opponent Called Keep America Great A “D.C. Swamp-Based Super PAC.”**

“In a statement, Granville noted his pledge to avoid criticizing fellow Republicans and said Bognet should concentrate on beating Cartwright. ‘I first learned of the (postcard) attacks on Monday when I was commemorating Memorial Day with my fellow veterans at Arlington National Cemetery,’ Granville said. ‘It’s truly sad that one of my Republican opponents does not share my commitment and he and his D. C. swamp-based Super PAC are using their resources to divide our party.’” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

## **Keep PA Great PAC Counted Bognet’s Family And Friends As Donors**

Keep PA Great Super PAC	
Contributor	Total Contributed
Michael J Goller	\$160,000
Bognet Construction Associates, Inc.	\$50,000
Bognet Partners, LP	\$50,000
Richard Mutchler	\$50,000
George J. Hayden Inc	\$15,000
James G Bognet	\$10,000
Maple Hazleton Properties, LLC	\$10,000
William J Rosado	\$7,500
Chronos Construction Staffing Inc	\$5,000
Vincent Ferraro	\$4,000
David L Fogel	\$3,000
Kavlick Enterprises, Inc.	\$2,000
Heim Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,000
Donald Sherwood	\$1,000

[FEC, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

**James G. Bognet Was Candidate Jim Bognet's Father And Owner Of Pennsylvania-Based Construction Company Bognet Inc.** "Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**James Bognet, A Cousin Of Candidate Jim Bognet, Was The President And Chief Executive Of Bognet Construction Associates, A Vienna, VA-Based Construction Company.** "Since forming March 6, Keep PA Great has received \$105,000 in contributions. Its contributors are: James Bognet, Bognet's father and owner of Bognet Inc., a Hazle Twp. construction company, who gave \$10,000. He gave another \$5,600 directly to his son's candidate PAC, Bognet for Congress. [...] Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**George Hayden Jr, Of The Contractor George J. Hayden Inc., Was Bognet's Cousin.** "George J. Hayden Inc., a Hazleton-based commercial and industrial electrical contractor, which gave \$10,000. Company president George J. Hayden Jr. is Bognet's cousin. Hayden and his wife, Karen, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC." [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

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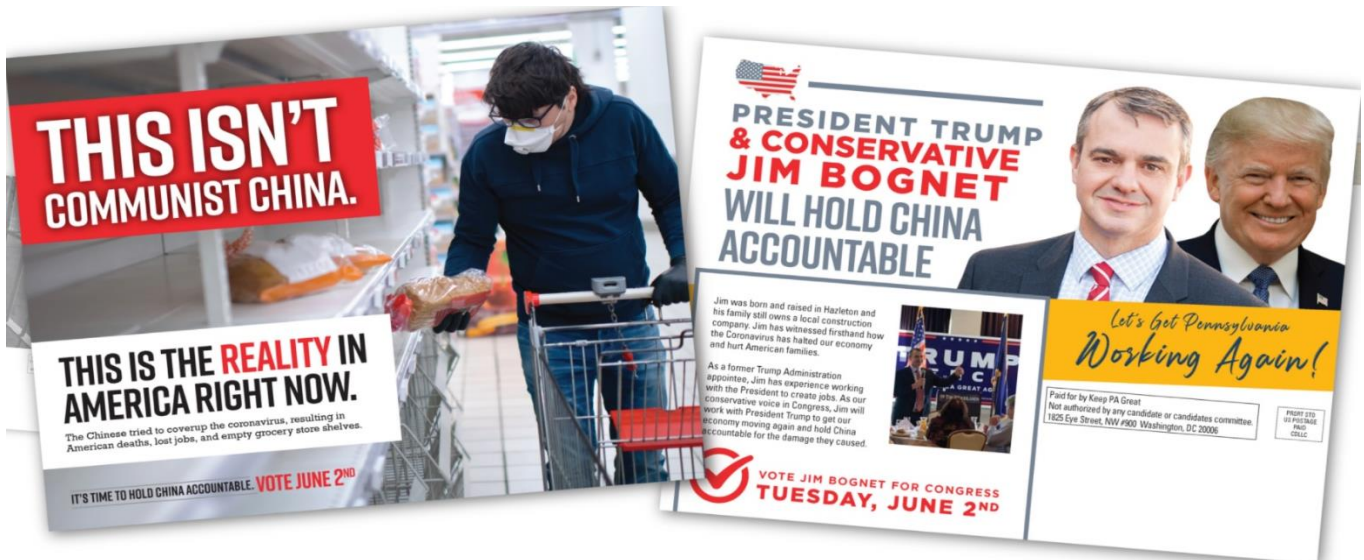
**Despite The Source Of Keep PA Great's Top Funder, The Super PAC Sent Mailers That Said Bognet Would "Get Our Economy Moving Again And Hold China Accountable For The Damage They Caused" And The "Lost Jobs" Caused By China's "Coverup" Of The Coronavirus**

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**A Keep PA Great Postcard Questioned Republican Primary Candidates' Loyalty To Trump.** "A political action committee whose donors have close ties to Jim Bognet has sent voters a postcard criticizing two of his fellow Republican congressional candidates. Keep PA Great has a Washington, D. C. address, but its contributors are Bognet's father, companies owned by relatives and a wealthy friend from his college days. The PAC sent the large postcard last weekend, accusing rival candidate Mike Marsicano of refusing to support President Donald Trump in 2016 and Earl Granville of not voting for Trump. The mailer also notes Marsicano and Granville 'just registered' as Republicans and questions whether they would work with Trump and 'stand up for our conservative values.'" [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**A Postcard Paid For By Keep PA Great During The Republican Primary Showed Pictures Of Bognet And Trump, And Said Bognet Would "Get Our Economy Moving Again And Hold China Accountable For The Damage They Caused" And The "Lost Jobs" Caused By China's "Coverup" Of The Coronavirus.**





[Creative Direct, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

### **Bognet's Friend Michael Goller, Who Served On The Board Of A Chinese Biopharmaceutical Company Boosted By The Chinese Communist Party, Bankrolled A Pro-Bognet Super PAC And Donated The Maximum Possible Amount Directly To Bognet's Campaign**

#### **Bognet's Friend, Michael Goller, Served On The Board Of Beijing-Based Biopharmaceutical Company BeiGene**

**Michael Goller Was A Hedge Fund Partner Who Bognet Described As A Friend.** “There's no law forbidding two PACs supporting the same candidate from having the same donors, and Keep PA Great and Bognet's congressional PAC, Bognet for Congress, share several. [...] Michael J. Goller, a partner in Baker Brothers Advisors, a New York City-based hedge fund, who gave \$60,000. He also gave \$5,600 to the candidate PAC. Goller is a Bognet friend and classmate from Penn State University, the campaign said.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [5/29/20](#)]

**Goller Served On BeiGene's Board Of Directors Since April 2015.** [BeiGene, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

- **According To Its Website, BeiGene Started In Beijing And Its Mission Was “To Build The First Next-Generation Biopharmaceutical Company.”** [BeiGene, accessed [3/24/22](#)]
- **BeiGene's Website: “We Have No Borders.”** “From our start in 2010, with a handful of scientists and developers, each committed to discovering new oncology treatments and improving access to patients.....To today, with a global team of more than 8,000 colleagues and more than 30 offices across five continents – including one of the world's largest oncology research teams – a rich pipeline, strong partnerships, and commercial products. Our global clinical development program includes clinical trials in more than 45 countries. We have no borders.” [BeiGene, accessed [3/24/22](#)]
- **According To Yahoo Finance, BeiGene, Ltd. “Discovers, Develops, Manufactures, And Commercializes Medicines For Cancer Therapeutics In The People's Republic Of China And The United States.”** [Yahoo Finance, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

#### **Goller Made More Than \$1.5 Million From Cash Fees And Stock Options While On The Board Of BeiGene**

**2016 – 2020: Goller Made \$1,524,109 From Cash Fees And Stock Options While On The Board Of BeiGene.**

- **2020: Goller Made \$360,543 In Cash Fees And Stock Option Awards From BeiGene.** [2020 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/30/21](https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1651308/000104746920002658/a2241477zdef14a.htm)<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1651308/000104746920002658/a2241477zdef14a.htm>]
- **2019: Goller Made \$354,971 In Cash Fees And Stock Option Awards From BeiGene.** [2019 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/28/20](#)]
- **2018: Goller Made \$352,291 In Cash Fees, Stock Options, And Share Options From BeiGene.** [2018 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/29/19](#)]
- **2017: Goller Made \$443,804 In Cash Fees And Stock Options From BeiGene.** [2017 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/30/18](#)]
- **2016: Goller Made \$12,500 In Cash Fees From BeiGene.** [2016 DEF 14A, SEC, [4/26/17](#)]

*Note: BeiGene's website does not list DEF 14A filings prior to 2016.*

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**BeiGene Had A Strong Relationship With Chinese Regulators And Was Boosted By The Communist Party Via Chinese Government Initiatives To Make Its Biopharma Market “Competitive On The Global Stage”**

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**BeiGene Was “Getting A Boost From The Communist Party, Which Wants To Build Homegrown Champions In The Drug Industry.”** “In laboratories across China — from BeiGene’s shiny research centers to the sprawling biotech parks that dot the country — an army of scientists are racing to catch up with and then overtake their Western counterparts. They’re working overtime on everything from cutting-edge cancer therapies to genetic engineering, and they’re getting a boost from the Communist Party, which wants to build homegrown champions in the drug industry.” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**Fierce Pharma Called BeiGene “The Poster Child Of China’s Booming Biotech Industry.”** “Now, BeiGene is basically the poster child of China’s booming biotech industry. It’s size has increased exponentially as its fame grows; as of January, the company had about 3,500 employees, compared with about 300 at the end of 2016. They are stationed at 17 locations across China, the U.S. and Europe.” [Fierce Pharma, [11/20/20](#)]

**BeiGene Was Reportedly “Boosted By The Communist Party, Which Aims To Put China In The Forefront Of Global Pharmaceutical Research.”** “In pharmaceutical research facilities across China, legions of scientists are tirelessly working to compete with their counterparts in the West on everything from genetic engineering to revolutionary cancer treatments. Boosted by the Communist Party, which aims to put China in the forefront of global pharmaceutical research, and private investors attracted to the sector’s huge growth potential, Chinese firms are extremely optimistic. China is the second-largest pharmaceutical market after the United States, and there is plenty of room to grow. [...] Chinese companies like BeiGene aim to take market share away from global pharmaceutical manufacturers, which have traditionally dominated local sales. If they succeed in competing on the domestic front, they will attempt to expand into foreign markets.” [MENAFN Asia Times, [6/19/18](#)]

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**BeiGene Built “One Of The Premier Clinical Trial Platforms In China” Due To Its Strong Relationships With Trial Investigators And Chinese Regulators.** “International drugmakers including Britain-based AstraZeneca Plc, Swiss drugmaker Roche Holding, U.S. biotech Amgen Inc and Switzerland’s Novartis AG have made big investments, hoping to benefit from cheaper trial costs in China, access to large patient populations and the ability to identify new drugs for Asian markets. Amgen last year agreed to pay \$2.7 billion for a 20.5% stake in BeiGene to develop cancer drugs for the Chinese market. A few weeks later, BeiGene in November became the first drugmaker to receive U.S. approval for a cancer therapy based on trials conducted largely in China. Amgen research chief David Reese said at the time BeiGene has built ‘one of the premier clinical trial platforms in China,’ noting its strong relationships with trial investigators and regulators.” [Reuters, [2/12/20](#)]

**BeiGene CEO: “When The Government Turns And Says Let’s Make Sure This Industry Grows Properly In China, You Wind Up With Global Leaders.”** “‘There’s a belief here that we can compare with anyone anywhere in the world,’ said Oyler, who’s now BeiGene’s chief executive officer. ‘When the government turns and says let’s make sure this industry grows properly in China, you wind up with global leaders.’” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**BeiGene Hoped “To Grab A Bigger Slice Of That Pie From Global Drugmakers,” With BeiGene’s Plans “Getting A Boost From The Government’s Move In 2015 To Overhaul Regulations.”** “Chinese companies like BeiGene are hoping to grab a bigger slice of that pie from global drugmakers, who have for years dominated local sales of innovative therapies. If that works, the Chinese firms are hoping to take their drugs around the world. Their plans are getting a boost from the government’s move in 2015 to overhaul regulations that had for decades slowed drug approvals and stifled innovation. These days innovative new drugs can reach the Chinese market in a fraction of the time the process once took.” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**BeiGene, “One Of China’s Largest Innovative Drug Developers,” Sought Approval From The Chinese Government For A Drug Which Could Reach \$2.3 Billion In Annual Sales According To Morgan Stanley.** “BeiGene, which is one of China’s largest innovative drug developers, reflects both the risks and the potential upside for companies that succeed. At the heart of its pipeline is a drug called Tislelizumab that belongs to a hot new class of cancer therapies called PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitors. Such therapies use the patient’s own immune system to fight tumors. [...] BeiGene plans to seek approval from the Chinese government in 2018. If approved, annual sales for BeiGene’s drug have the potential to reach up to \$2.3 billion at their peak in 2030, Morgan Stanley analysts estimate. The company is already doing some global trials with U.S.-based Celgene Corp.” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**BeiGene CEO: “I Believe In Five To 10 Years, Several Global Blockbusters That Benefit People Around The World Will Come From China. I Don’t Know Which Companies, But They Will Be Chinese.”** “Still, Oyler is among those who acknowledge the risks of an emerging biotech industry: When things don’t go well, investors unfamiliar with the complexities of drug development tend to flee and leave companies strapped for money. [...] ‘I believe in five to 10 years, several global blockbusters that benefit people around the world will come from China,’ said Wu Xiaobin, BeiGene’s China head and former country manager at Pfizer China. ‘I don’t know which companies, but they will be Chinese.’” [Bloomberg, [6/19/18](#)]

**April 2019: Pharma Manufacturing Headline: The Biopharma Company That’s Redefining ‘Made In China.’”** [Pharma Manufacturing, [4/29/19](#)]

- **BeiGene Vice President: The Chinese Government Created An Initiative To Boost Its Biopharma Market And “Be Competitive On The Global Stage.”** “Recently, we caught up with Diana Francis, Vice President and Global Head of Quality & Compliance for BeiGene, for more insights on the current landscape of Chinese manufacturing and opportunities in the biopharma field. Meagan Parrish: Why has the Chinese government launched this initiative to boost its biopharma market? Diana Francis: The Chinese government created the initiative called ‘Made in China,’ which focuses on sectors where they want to make a difference. For years, a lot of multinationals went to China for manufacturing because of the lower costs. But now China wants to be a major player in all the different high-tech sectors. China has invested in its infrastructure — for example, every city with over 60,000 people has rail service connecting them. And now for years, the country

has been manufacturing a lot of its own drugs, including HIV treatments and birth control, all made with pharmaceutical ingredients that were made in China. China has also been implementing regulatory changes and focusing on branding and product quality to be competitive on the global stage. They want to reduce their reliance on foreign technologies.” [Pharma Manufacturing, [4/29/19](#)]

- **BeiGene Vice President: China Wanted “To Dominate Domestically And Produce For The World Market, And They Are Willing To Back It Up With Financial Investments For Companies That Do Business Here.”** “MP: What kinds of regulatory changes have been made to support the pharma industry? DF: Because the regulatory landscape was quite difficult when it comes to getting a drug approved, companies became too discouraged to conduct clinical trials in China. Companies usually start in the U.S. and then they go to the EU, Japan or Latin America. But now Chinese regulators will accept foreign data for studies, provided that there is a correlation to the Chinese population. If you have subsets of Chinese patients in the study, they will analyze that to see how the data look. The government is also creating science and technology centers, encouraging multinational companies to develop innovative drugs there. Clearly China wants to become the world’s largest producer of high-quality, innovative drugs. These changes demonstrate the Chinese government’s strong commitment to patients. If you look at Merck, they had six new products approved in China in 2018 — that’s quite a few. And Celgene has three approved in China that we are marketing and distributing. China wants to be competitive in the world market. They also want the supply chain well controlled and are encouraging multinational companies to do R&D there and be competitive with exports. That’s the key. They want to dominate domestically and produce for the world market, and they are willing to back it up with financial investments for companies that do business here.” [Pharma Manufacturing, [4/29/19](#)]

**March 2021: Belt And Road News Headline: “Armed With Innovative Drugs, BeiGene Goes From Strength To Strength Overseas.”** [Belt and Road News, [3/2/21](#)]

- **Belt And Road News: “BeiGene’s Rapid Inroads Into The Global Market Signal The Coming Of Age Of China’s Biotech Industry.”** “BeiGene’s rapid inroads into the global market signal the coming of age of China’s biotech industry. Homegrown treatments are now regarded as top-class and have been receiving regulatory approvals abroad to be offered to people with urgent clinical needs. That marks a contrast to the past when foreign pharmaceutical companies would make a beeline for the huge domestic market in China, an economy flush with high growth and an improving business environment. China’s biotech companies such as BeiGene have made a name for themselves with an intense focus on research and development of innovative drugs.” [Belt and Road News, [3/2/21](#)]
- **BeiGene President: “The Future Of Chinese Innovative Pharmaceutical Companies Relies On Successful Global Operations Because That Is A Significant Way For Chinese Pharmaceutical Companies To Grow Into International Pharmaceutical Giants.”** [Belt and Road News, [3/2/21](#)]

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**Goller Was The Single Largest Donor To Keep PA Great, A Super PAC Supporting Bognet’s 2020 Congressional Bid**

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**Michael Goller Was The Single Largest Donor To Keep PA Great, Contributing A Total Of \$160,000.**

2019 – 2021: Michael Goller Contributions To Keep PA Great	
Date	Amount
9/29/20	\$50,000
8/10/20	\$50,000
5/4/20	\$20,000
3/23/20	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]



Contributions To Keep PA Great Super PAC	
Contributor	Total Contributed
Michael J Goller	\$160,000
Bognet Construction Associates, Inc.	\$50,000
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Richard Mutchler	\$50,000
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Heim Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,000
Donald Sherwood	\$1,000

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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### 2019 – 2021: Goller Directly Contributed \$11,400 To Bognet’s Congressional Campaigns

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According To The Federal Election Commission, Michael Goller Contributed \$11,400 To Bognet’s 2020 Campaign.

Michael Goller Contributions To Bognet For Congress		
Date	Election	Amount
11/2/21	Bognet for Congress - General	\$2,900
11/2/21	Bognet for Congress - Primary	\$2,900
2/2/20	Bognet for Congress - General	\$2,800
3/22/20	Bognet for Congress - Primary	\$2,800
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,400</b>

[FEC, accessed [3/24/22](#)]

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### Despite His Relationship To Goller, Bognet Said The US Had Become Too Dependent On China For Pharmaceuticals

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**May 2020: Bognet Op-Ed: “We Have Become Too Dependent On Supply Chains In China For Too Many Of Our Goods, Especially Pharmaceuticals.”** “Coronavirus originated in the Wuhan region of China, killing thousands there in January. Today, the world is paying the price in lives for the lies, deception and foot-dragging by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). [...] This crisis has clearly demonstrated what President Trump has been saying for years. We have become too dependent on supply chains in China for too many of our goods, especially pharmaceuticals. That must end now. We need a new national policy that focuses on promoting American industry, diversifying our trading partners, and making China pay for what it has done to our health and our economy.” [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, Jim Bognet Op-Ed, [5/25/20](#)]



## **Bognet Accused China Of Covering Up The Coronavirus, Calling It “The Wuhan Flu” And Called On Trump To Suspend All Flights Originating In China**

### **Bognet Accused China Of Covering Up The Coronavirus Sending The “Wuhan Flu” To The U.S.**

**April 2020: Bognet Aired TV Commercials That Said China Tried To Cover Up The Coronavirus And He Would “Make China Pay” When He Was Elected.** “[BOGNET:] The Chinese lied to us. They tried to cover up coronavirus. When I’m your congressman, we’ll make China pay for the lies they told, the jobs they stole, and the lives we’ve lost. I’m with President Donald Trump. We will make America great again” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [4/15/20](#); YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [4/15/20](#)] (VIDEO) :10

**May 2020: Bognet’s Second TV Ad: “China Cheated Us On Trade And Sent Us The Wuhan Flu.”** “[BOGNET:] Around here, we used to win a lot. But things have changed. China cheated us in on trade and sent us the Wuhan flu.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [5/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :10

### **Bognet Called On Trump To “Suspend All Direct And Connecting Flights Originating In China Until The Chinese Authorities Forcefully Address This Global Public Health Crisis”**

**January 2020: Bognet Called On Trump To “Suspend All Direct And Connecting Flights Originating In China Until The Chinese Authorities Forcefully Address This Global Public Health Crisis.”** “I encourage President @realDonaldTrump to suspend all direct and connecting flights originating in #China until the Chinese authorities forcefully address this global public health crisis, and provide a full and transparent accounting of the measures taken.”



**Bognet For Congress** ✓  
@Bognet4congress

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Replying to @Bognet4congress

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1:54 PM · Jan 29, 2020 · Twitter Web App

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/29/20](#)]

## **2020 – 2022: Bognet Said COVID-19 “Very Likely” Originated In A Wuhan Lab And Called For Making China “Pay” Over It**

**March 2022: Bognet Encouraged People To Watch His 2020 Ads About “Making China Pay For All They’ve Done To Us, With The China Virus And The Wuhan Flu.”** “[HOST:] Jim, how can people find out more about you as an individual, how can they find out more about what you believe in, and how can they find out more about your campaign? [BOGNET:] Number one, go to YouTube and watch my ads from last year where I talk about making China pay for all they’ve done to us, with the China virus and the Wuhan flu.” [Bannon’s War Room, [3/11/22](#)] (AUDIO) 18:00

**June 2021: Bognet On The “Very Likely Origin” Of COVID-19 Being A Wuhan Lab: “We Must MAKE CHINA PAY!”** “It’s amazing that even liberals are coming around to the idea that COVID-19 came from the Wuhan Lab. Most on the left and in the liberal media immediately dismissed this very likely origin when Pres. Trump, Senator Cotton and I said this OVER A YEAR AGO! We must MAKE CHINA PAY!”



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**Tom Cotton** ✓ @TomCottonAR · Jun 15

Jon Stewart is right about the Wuhan lab—even if he's 18 months late.

6:13 PM · Jun 15, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [6/15/21](#)]

**April 2020: In An Op-Ed, Bognet Called For “A Forceful Response To China’s Role In Unleashing This Plague Upon The World,” Including “Lost Trade, International Shunning, And Even Sanctions.”** “China must pay for the decision to keep the world dangerously misinformed. On January 29, I called for a total shutdown of flights into the U.S. from China. Today, I am calling for a forceful response to China’s role in unleashing this plague upon the world. I support the resolution by U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), and Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), calling for an international investigation into the CCP coverup. The Chinese government should be given a choice to come clean, or accept the consequences in lost trade, international shunning, and even sanctions.” [Townhall, Jim Bognet Op-Ed, [4/21/20](#)]

**April 2020: Bognet Said We Must Hold The Chinese Communist Party Accountable For “Lying” About The Coronavirus.** “The Chinese Communist party has lied about this from the beginning. We must hold China accountable and make them pay for what they have done to the world. #PA08 #KAG #PAPolitics”



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## February 2020: BeiGene Had More Than 20 Ongoing Clinical Trials In Wuhan, China

**February 2020: BeiGene Had More Than 20 Ongoing Clinical Trials In Wuhan, China.** “Affected ongoing studies include trials testing a Novartis medicine for a rare blood disorder, a cancer drug from BeiGene Ltd and a treatment for a type of spinal arthritis from Chinese drugmaker Tasly Pharmaceutical Group, according to doctors

involved. Beijing-based BeiGene, which has more than 20 trials ongoing in Wuhan, said it was working to minimize potential delays and disruptions, but that it was ‘too early to speculate on any specific impact on our clinical trial and commercial progress in China.’” [Reuters, [2/12/20](#)]

- **In Addition To Wuhan, BeiGene Conducted Clinical Trials In Beijing And Guangzhou City.** “The issue is not limited to Wuhan. Two doctors testing the BeiGene cancer drug tislelizumab in Beijing and Guangzhou city said efforts to contain the virus have hampered patient enrollment and capacity.” [Reuters, [2/12/20](#)]

## Trade With Russia

### Bognet Claimed He Worked To Develop U.S. Manufacturing Jobs As A Trump Appointee At The Ex-Im Bank, Which Averaged \$773 Million In Exposure To Russian Markets During Trump’s Term

**October 2019 – January 2020: Bognet Was A Senior VP At The Export-Import Bank, Where He Said He Worked “To Bring Jobs From China BACK To America”**

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**Fiscal Years 2017 – 2020: The U.S. Export Import Bank Averaged \$773 Million In Exposure To The Russian Market Annually**

Fiscal Years 2017 – 2020: Export-Import Bank Authorizations And Exposure To Russia		
Fiscal Year	Total Authorizations	Total Exposure
2020	\$0	\$588,600,000
2019	\$0	\$712,700,000
2018	\$0	\$835,138,128.02
2017	\$0	\$955,700,000
<b>Total (Authorizations) &amp; Average (Exposure)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$773,034,532</b>

[Export-Import Bank of the United States, [2020 Annual Report](#); [2019 Annual Report](#); [2018 Annual Report](#); [2017 Annual Report](#)]

**The Export-Import Bank Defined Exposure To A Market As The “Outstanding And Undisbursed Principal Balance Of Loans, Guarantees, And Insurance” And Unrecovered Balances Approved By The Bank.** “For both financial statement and analytical purposes, EXIM defines exposure as the authorized outstanding and undisbursed principal balance of loans, guarantees, and insurance, also including any unrecovered balances of payments made on claims submitted to and approved by the Bank. The claims payments are made by EXIM while acting as guarantor or insurer under the export guarantee and insurance programs. Note, exposure does not include accrued interest or transactions pending final approval.” [Export-Import Bank of the United States, [2020 Annual Report](#); [2019 Annual Report](#); [2018 Annual Report](#)]

## **Bognet Repeatedly Claimed He Brought Back Manufacturing Jobs To The U.S. As A Trump Appointee At The Ex-Im Bank; He Worked There For 57 Days And The Bank Authorized Millions More In Exports From PA-08 Under Obama And Biden Than Trump**

### **Bognet Repeatedly Claimed He Worked In Trump's Administration To Bring Back Manufacturing Jobs To The Heartland And Increase American Exports Amid An Economic Boom Under Trump**

**February 2022: Bognet: "I Worked In President Trump's Administration To Bring Jobs From China BACK To America."**



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/20/22](#)]

**Bognet's 2022 Campaign Website Stated He Was Appointed In Trump's Administration "To Help Rebuild Our Industrial Heartland And To Create Jobs, Support Small Businesses, And Promote 'Made In America' Products."** "I was blessed to work for President Trump's administration creating manufacturing jobs to rebuild America's industrial heartland. Some of the greatest honors of my life were working in the Trump administration, attending President Trump's nomination acceptance speech at the White House in August 2020, and having President Trump's endorsement in the 2020 election. [...] President Trump appointed Jim to a position in his administration to help rebuild our industrial heartland and to create jobs, support small businesses, and promote 'Made in America' products around the world." [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**January 2020: Bognet Said He Worked On "Manufacturing Issues, Increasing Exports, Really Helping Our Small Businesses" In The Trump Administration.** "[BOGNET:] Most recently I was working in the Trump administration on manufacturing issues, increasing exports, really helping our small businesses. You know, President Trump wants to rebuild the industrial heartland, make sure that we not just have jobs, but good jobs you can support a family on." [WYLN via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [1/25/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:40



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**January 2022: Bognet: "I Worked In President Trump's Administration Creating JOBS To Rebuild America's Industrial Heartland."**



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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/15/22](#)]

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed NEPA Experienced An Economic Boom During The Trump Administration, Including In Manufacturing And Real Estate.** “[BOGNET:] Number one, on the economy, the economy of Northeast Pennsylvania, where I’m from, which, you know, was challenged from about 2008 to 2017, under President Trump, it was the most robust we’ve ever seen it during my lifetime. I’m 46 years old. We had unemployment down around four percent. We were building new factories, we were building new warehouses. Real estate was doing very well. And then between Biden and Covid, we hit a really tough spot there in 2020, 2021, we had huge spikes in unemployment in Pennsylvania, a lot of dislocation, so we need to get the economy back on track, get it out of the ditch, go back to the Trump policies of low taxes and low regulation and pro-worker.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:32:34

### **Bognet Worked At The Export-Import Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020, Or 57 Days Excluding Federal Holidays And Weekends**

**Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Communications For The Ex-Im Bank From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020.** “Please note that Mr. James Bognet only served in the role of Senior Vice President of Communications from October 16, 2019 to January 8, 2020.” [Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20]

- **From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020 Was 85 Days Total, Including The End Date.** [Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]
- **Excluding Weekends And Including The End Date, From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020 Was 61 Days.** [Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]
- **Excluding Weekends And Federal Holidays And Including The End Date, From October 16, 2019 To January 8, 2020 Was 57 Days.** [Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]
- **Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, And New Year’s Day Fell On Weekdays Between October 16, 2019 And January 8, 2020.** [U.S. Office of Personnel Management, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

### **Pennsylvania’s 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Had Dramatically More Exports Related To The Export-Import Bank’s Financing Or Insurance Under Obama And Biden Than Under Trump Or Bognet’s Tenure**

**Based On Available Data, PA-08 Had An Average Of \$18.7 Million Worth Of Exports With Ex-Im Bank-Authorized Financing Or Insurance Annually Under Obama, Compared To \$5.3 Million Under Trump And \$8.1 Million Under Biden:**



2014 – 2020: PA-08 Exports Facilitated By The Export-Import Bank						
Year	Exporter	City	District	Product	Total Insured Shipments, Guaranteed Credit Or Disbursed Loan Amount	Total Export Value
2014	Kraft Foods Group, Inc.	Wilkes Barre	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	\$2,338	\$2,338
2014	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$342,990	\$342,990
2014	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$635,041	\$635,041
2014	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$1,882,928	\$1,882,928
2014	Bridon American Corporation	Hanover Township	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$22,882,050	\$22,882,050
2014 Subtotal					\$25,745,347	\$25,745,347
2015	Bridon American Corporation	Hanover Township	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$17,699,051	\$17,699,051
2015	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$205,480	\$205,480
2015	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$2,835,021	\$2,835,021
2015	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$403,688	\$403,688
2015 Subtotal					\$21,143,240	\$21,143,240
2016	Bridon American Corporation	Hanover Township	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$5,610,277	\$5,610,277
2016	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$468,752	\$468,752
2016	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$2,812,007	\$2,812,007
2016	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$474,081	\$474,081
2016 Subtotal					\$9,365,117	\$9,365,117
2017	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$500,672	\$500,672
2017	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$3,339,991	\$3,339,991

2017	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$494,050	\$494,050
<b>2017 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$4,334,713</b>	<b>\$4,334,713</b>
2018	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$649,727	\$649,727
2018	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$499,744	\$499,744
<b>2018 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$1,149,471</b>	<b>\$1,149,471</b>
2019	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$446,326	\$446,326
2019	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$547,969	\$547,969
2019	Noble Biomaterials, Inc.	Scranton	PA-08	Textile Mills	\$2,700,000	\$6,666,667
<b>2019 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$3,694,295</b>	<b>\$7,660,962</b>
2020	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$359,380	\$359,380
2020	Intermetro Industries Corp	Wilkes Barre	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$824,017	\$824,017
2020	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$222,193	\$222,193
2020	Noble Biomaterials, Inc.	Scranton	PA-08	Textile Mills	\$2,700,000	\$6,666,667
<b>2020 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$4,105,590</b>	<b>\$8,072,257</b>
2021	Gentex Corporation	Simpson	PA-08	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	\$356,608	\$356,608
2021	Intermetro Industries Corp	Wilkes Barre	PA-08	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$906,544	\$906,544
2021	LOH Enterprises, LLC	Clarks Summit	PA-08	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	\$183,811	\$183,811
2021	Loveshaw Corporation, The	South Canaan	PA-08	Machinery Manufacturing	\$37,550	\$37,550
2021	Noble Biomaterials, Inc.	Scranton	PA-08	Textile Mills	\$2,700,000	\$6,666,667
<b>2021 Subtotal</b>					<b>\$4,184,513</b>	<b>\$8,151,180</b>
<b>Obama Presidency Yearly Average (2014 - 2016):</b>					<b>\$18,751,235</b>	<b>\$18,751,235</b>
<b>Trump Presidency Yearly Average (2016 - 2020):</b>					<b>\$3,321,017</b>	<b>\$5,304,351</b>
<b>Bognet Ex-Im Tenure Yearly Average (2019 - 2020):</b>					<b>\$3,899,943</b>	<b>\$7,866,610</b>
<b>Biden Yearly Average (2021):</b>					<b>\$4,184,513</b>	<b>\$8,151,180</b>

[Export-Import Bank, Export Data, accessed [3/23/22](#)]

**The Export-Import Bank Defined “Total Export Value” As “The Total Dollar Value Of Exports Related To EXIM's Authorized Financing Or Insurance.”** [Export-Import Bank, Export Data, accessed [3/23/22](#)]

*Note: As of March 2022, the Export-Import Bank did not have export data available from years prior to 2014.*

**Bognet Claimed He “Worked Hard” And Made \$40,000 In 2019, But Was Really Paid An Average Of \$900.07 Per Day Throughout His 57 Business Days Working At The Export-Import Bank**

**Throughout His 57 Business Days Working At The Export-Import Bank, Bognet Was Paid An Average Of \$900.07 Per Day.**

2019 – 2020: Bognet Payment Per Working Day At Export-Import Bank			
Time Period On Financial Disclosure	Number Of Days Excluding Federal Holidays And Weekdays	Disclosed Income From “SVP At U.S. Government Agency”	Payment Per Working Day
2020	5	\$15,000	\$3,000
2019	52	\$36,304.08	\$698.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>\$51,304.08</b>	<b>\$900.07</b>

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#); U.S. Office of Personnel Management, accessed [3/11/22](#); Correspondence with Chief FOIA Officer of Export-Import Bank, dated 7/16/20; Time and Date, accessed [3/30/22](#)]

**Bognet Was Offered An Annual Salary At Ex-Im Of \$192,000.** “Dear Mr. Bognet, The Export-Import Bank of the United States is pleased to offer you the Schedule C position of Senior Vice President of Communications, SL-0301-00--\$192,300.00 per annum.” [Correspondence from Dana Pinkney, undated, received 7/16/20]

**October 2020: During A Debate, Bognet Said He “Worked Hard Last Year” And Made “About \$40,000.”** “I worked hard last year. I want to tell people what I made. I made about \$40,000, here's my 2019 tax return. I'm going to issue my tax returns after this debate so people can know how I made my money. Matt Cartwright got an office in 2012. He was worth \$5 million already. Today, Matt's worth 15. God bless him for making a lot of money, but I don't know how he made that money. Did he make it by bringing laws that make it easier to suit trucking companies and for his law firms to get big rewards? Matt, I think you owe it to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania to release your tax returns within 24 hours.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 30:06

- **Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$66,304.08 In Earned Income In 2019: \$30,000 From JRB Strategies And \$36,304.08 From “SVP At U.S. Government Agency.”** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]
- **Bognet Disclosed Receiving Between \$12,960 And \$46,300 In Unearned Income In 2019.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]
- **Bognet Disclosed Receiving \$39,000 In Earned Income Between January And March 2020: \$24,000 From JRB Strategies And \$15,000 From “SVP At U.S. Government Agency.”** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Bognet’s Role At Ex-Im, Held Immediately Prior To Launching His Congressional Run, Was His First Professional Experience Not At A Campaign Or Political Consulting Firm Since 2001**

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**January 2020: Bognet Announced His Campaign For PA-08.** “Former Trump Administration appointee Jim Bognet on Thursday announced his candidacy for the 8th Congressional District seat. He is running as a Republican.” [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [1/24/20](#)]

- **1/21/20: Bognet Filed A Statement Of Organization To Run For Congress In PA-08.** [FEC, Bognet for Congress Statement of Organization, filed [1/21/20](#)]

**According To His Resume, Which He Submitted For His Role At The Export-Import Bank, Bognet Had Not Had Any Professional Experience Outside Of Campaigns And Political Consulting Since He Was A Summer Associate At A New York City Law Firm In 2001.** [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

*Note: For Bognet’s full professional career timeline, see [Professional Career](#) section.*

**Despite His Claim That Democrats Favored Pennsylvania’s Youth Working For Uber Over NEPA’s Heritage Industries, Bognet Previously Worked For Uber, Coordinating Its Opposition Research During A Timeframe When Uber Targeted The Taxi Industry**

**February 2020: Bognet Claimed Democrats Would “Rather Have Our Skilled Workforce Driving Ubers And ‘Learning To Code’ Than Building Homes, Mining Coal, And Working In Factories”**

**February 2020: Bognet Claimed Democrats Would “Rather Have Our Skilled Workforce Driving Ubers And ‘Learning To Code’ Than Building Homes, Mining Coal, And Working In Factories.”** “The results are undeniable: since 2017, we’ve seen an 8 percent growth in mining, logging, and construction work; a 2 percent increase in manufacturing jobs; and near record-low unemployment rates in the region, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Liberal Democrats like Matt Cartwright have tried for years to get rid of these good-paying jobs because they’re not ‘green’ enough for their donors in New York, California and Washington, D.C. They’d rather have our skilled workforce driving Ubers and ‘learning to code’ than building homes, mining coal, and working in factories. President Trump has put an end to that nonsense, and when I am elected to Congress, I will support his work to extend the economic growth that’s happening right now for Pennsylvanians.” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [2/4/20](#)]

**Bognet Worked With Uber To Coordinate And Distribute Opposition Research On Its Competitors At A Point Between 2013 And 2016**

**On His Resume, Bognet Listed “Campaign Coordinator, Uber” As “Representative Client Engagement” He Performed For JRB Strategies Between 2013 And 2016.** According to his resume, Bognet was Managing Director of JRB Strategies in Los Angeles, CA from March 2013 to January 2016. He described this role: “Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.

- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.” He also described “Representative Client Engagements for JRB Strategies:” “Campaign Manager, NO on 105
  - Served as Statewide Campaign Manager of ballot proposition campaign. Led Colorado statewide campaign in opposition to passage of Proposition 105, securing a 65%-35% victory.
  - Coordinated all earned media, coalition building activities, and in-state strategy for successful campaign.
- Campaign Coordinator, Uber
- Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort

- Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]
- **Bognet Stated He “Coordinated Opposition Research Activities On Competitors,” “Assembled A Team Of Opposition Research Professionals,” And “Provided Strategic Direction To Team” For Uber.**  
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## On His LinkedIn And Facebook, Bognet Touted His Work With A “Major Multi-Billion Dollar Ride Sharing Company.”



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[Jim Bognet LinkedIn, accessed [3/9/22](#); Jim Bognet Facebook, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

## 2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil [The Taxi Industry] Is”

**2014: Uber Sought To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To “Weaponize Facts” Against The Taxi Industry.** “Uber has in recent weeks sought to hire opposition researchers to ‘weaponize facts’ to use against its taxi industry competition, according to a confidential recruiting document obtained by BuzzFeed News and confirmed by the company. [...] The recruiting document strikes a notably less positive tone. It is framed as two exercises job candidates must complete as part of the hiring process, including laying out a six-month research plan that includes ‘both “self” and “oppo” with a greater focus on “oppo.”’ ‘Oppo’ is political campaign shorthand for opposition research, a practice that typically includes searches of public records and published reports, but which may also extend to videotaped tracking of foes and more aggressive investigative tactics. ‘Your mission is to identify and weaponize the facts about those incumbents, the truth about Uber and to do it one step ahead of the rest,’ the document says.” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]



**Uber CEO Travis Kalanick Said Uber Had To “Throw Mud” At The Taxi Industry: “Uber Is The Candidate And [The Opponent] Is An Asshole Called Taxi. [...] We Have To Bring Out The Truth Of How Evil Taxi Is.”** “The new role of director of research and rapid response appears to be part of Uber's effort to bring the aggressive tactics of American presidential politics to its city-by-city trench wars with existing car companies. Uber CEO Travis Kalanick said in May that the company has no choice but to ‘throw mud’ at taxi companies and the associations that represent the taxi industry, and in August brought former Obama campaign manager David Plouffe to the company to lead a campaign-like effort that now includes both Uber's communications shop and the new opposition research role. ‘Uber is the candidate and [the opponent] is an asshole called Taxi,’ Kalanick told Re/code's Kara Swisher in May. ‘I'm not totally comfortable with it but we have to bring out the truth of how evil Taxi is.’” [Buzzfeed, [11/20/14](#)]

**2014: Uber Executives Suggested Hiring A Team Of Opposition Researchers To Expose The Personal Lives Of Journalists Who Criticized The Company**

**November 2014: BuzzFeed Headline: “Uber Executive Suggests Digging Up Dirt On Journalists”** [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]

- **Uber Executive Emil Michael Suggested Spending A Million Dollars To Hire A Team Of Opposition Researchers To Look Into The Personal Lives And Families Of Journalists Amid Negative Reporting On Uber's Leadership.** “A senior executive at Uber suggested that the company should consider hiring a team of opposition researchers to dig up dirt on its critics in the media — and specifically to spread details of the personal life of a female journalist who has criticized the company. The executive, Emil Michael, made the comments in a conversation he later said he believed was off the record. At the dinner, Uber CEO and founder Travis Kalanick, boyish with tousled graying hair and a sweater, made the case that he has been miscast as an ideologue and as insensitive to driver and rider complaints, while in fact he has largely had his head down building a transformative company that has beat his own and others' wildest expectations. [...] Over dinner, he outlined the notion of spending ‘a million dollars’ to hire four top opposition researchers and four journalists. That team could, he said, help Uber fight back against the press — they'd look into ‘your personal lives, your families,’ and give the media a taste of its own medicine.” [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]
- **Michael Suggested A Team Of Opposition Researchers Could Expose “A Particular And Very Specific Claim” About The Personal Life Of Sarah Lacy, A Reporter Who Accused Uber Of Sexism.** “Michael was particularly focused on one journalist, Sarah Lacy, the editor of the Silicon Valley website PandoDaily, a sometimes combative voice inside the industry. Lacy recently accused Uber of ‘sexism and misogyny.’ She wrote that she was deleting her Uber app after BuzzFeed News reported that Uber appeared to be working with a French escort service. ‘I don't know how many more signals we need that the company simply doesn't respect us or prioritize our safety,’ she wrote. At the dinner, Michael expressed outrage at Lacy's column and said that women are far more likely to get assaulted by taxi drivers than Uber drivers. He said that he thought Lacy should be held ‘personally responsible’ for any woman who followed her lead in deleting Uber and was then sexually assaulted. Then he returned to the opposition research plan. Uber's dirt-diggers, Michael said, could expose Lacy. They could, in particular, prove a particular and very specific claim about her personal life.” [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]
- **An Uber Spokesperson Denied That Uber Conducted Opposition Research On Journalists.** “The spokeswoman, Nairi Hourdajian, said the company does not do ‘oppo research’ of any sort on journalists, and has never considered doing it. She also said Uber does not consider Lacy's personal life fair game, or believe that she is responsible for women being sexually assaulted. (Lacy initially declined to comment on Michael's remarks; she denounced them in a column after this story was published.)” [Buzzfeed, [11/17/14](#)]

**Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Campaigns And Firms That Facilitated Offshoring And Supported Free Trade**

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$120,000 To Lobby On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act For AstraZeneca, Which Previously Attempted A Tax Inversion To Allow Pfizer To Dodge American Taxes**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
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- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2016: AstraZeneca Paid The Glover Park Group Paid \$120,000 For Lobbying On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act**

2016: Glover Park Group Lobbying For AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/19/16	Q1 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson John Hughes Jon Gans	\$40,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson	\$40,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$120,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca While Bognet Worked There**

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount

Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### **AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed Pfizer To Cut Its U.S. Tax Bill After The Stop Corporate Inversion Act Tightened Regulations On Tax Inversions**

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**2015: Pfizer And AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed U.S.-Based Pfizer To Cut Its American Tax Bill By Merging With U.K.-Based AstraZeneca.** “No one seems to like tax inversions, those deals whereby a U.S. corporation merges into a company in a tax haven to cut its U.S. tax bill, even though many—or most—of its operations remain in the U.S. President Obama wanted to ban tax inversions in his 2015 budget, Hillary Clinton opposes inversions, and Donald Trump has said that such deals are another reason to overhaul the tax code. So why does Pfizer seem to think that it can structure a merger with Allergan in a way that would allow Pfizer to be ‘bought’ by its partner and move its headquarters to Allergan’s base of Ireland, one of the world’s great low-tax jurisdictions. The U.S. pharmaceutical giant failed once before, after all, when it attempted a tax inversion with the U.K. firm AstraZeneca earlier this year.” [Fortune, [11/20/15](#)]

**The Stop Corporate Inversions Act Implemented Regulations On The Potential Pfizer-AstraZeneca Merger And Raised The Threshold Of International Stock Ownership For American Companies To Dodge Taxes.** “This time with Pfizer was no exception. Earlier this month the New York Times reported that 14 senators introduced The Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, which would tightened requirements on the structure Pfizer would have used (They are called inversions and the brief definition is that they allow U.S. companies to reincorporate elsewhere after a takeover of a smaller international firm. A better and more detailed definition can be found in Cadwalader’s newsletter for Corporate Board Members). Companies can move overseas if foreign shareholders own at least 20 percent of their stock under the current law. The bill would raise that threshold to 50 percent for two years.” [Forbes, [5/26/14](#)]

**2016: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, Which, Under The Direction Of A Lobbyist Who Contributed To Bognet’s Campaign, Promoted “Positive Aspects” Of Trade For Its Corporate Clients Amid Trump’s Protectionist Promises**

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### **January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
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**December 2016: Incoming Glover Park Group Managing Director Paul Poteet, Who Advised The Firm's Corporate Clients On Trump's Trade Policies, Promoted "Positive Aspects" Of Trade**

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**December 2016: Incoming Glover Park Group Managing Director Paul Poteet, Who Advised The Firm's Corporate Clients On Trump's Trade Policies, Promoted "Positive Aspects" Of Trade.** "Few people are more enmeshed in Washington's tax and trade scene -- both front-burner issues for the incoming Donald Trump administration -- than Paul Poteet. Poteet joined the Glover Park Group lobbying firm last month after nearly six years as a senior adviser to South Dakota's John Thune, who is the No. 3 Republican in the Senate leadership and chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. The promotion of international trade, once a central tenet of the Republican Party platform, is sure to be a big question mark looming over the new Congress come January, given Trump's promise to renegotiate trade deals or pull out of them. Poteet, who'll now be advising corporate clients on what Congress might do, hopes legislators will remain thoughtful and vigilant. Glover Park boasts a blue chip list of clients, including Apple, Coca-Cola and Walt Disney. It's become popular to talk about the negative effects of trade, Poteet says, but there are positive aspects that go unnoticed like the protection of intellectual property. [...] In his new managing director role at Glover Park Group, Poteet may still have the ear of Thune and other senators." [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 12/8/16]

**Poteet Said It Was "Popular To Talk About The Negative Effects Of Trade" But Expected "Cooler Heads Will Prevail" During The Trump Presidency.** "It's become popular to talk about the negative effects of trade, Poteet says, but there are positive aspects that go unnoticed like the protection of intellectual property. He expects cooler heads will prevail. 'Sometimes election year rhetoric will lead to a more middle-of-the-road position,' Poteet says, alluding to Trump's desire to rip up or renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Poteet also expects that Republican senators and representatives will have some differences to work out in the new year." [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 12/8/16]

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**2020 – 2021: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$1,250 From Poteet, A Federally Registered Lobbyist As Of 2022**

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2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Paul Poteet				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$1,000
Total				<b>\$1,250</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**Paul Poteet Was A Federally Registered Lobbyist With FGH Holdings, LLC (Formerly Known As The Glover Park Group LLC) As Of 2022.** [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/14/22](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Economic Policy For Romney's Presidential Campaign, Which Supported Increasing Free Trade Without Protections For American Workers**

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**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney's Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: "• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.  
• Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.  
• Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces  
• Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff"  
[Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

- **According To His Resume, Bognet “Led Development” On “All Aspects Of Economic Policy” And “Coordinated [The] Economic Policy Portfolio” For The Campaign.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.  
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- **December 2007: Bognet: “My Main Goal On A Daily Basis Is To Help Governor Romney Communicate His Pro-Growth, Conservative Vision For The U.S. Economy.”** “James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: The role of an economic adviser, or any campaign policy staffer, is to help your candidate win the election by developing sound policy. In my role as policy development director, I help manage the campaign’s policy department, and am charged with coordinating the Governor’s economic policy. My main goal on a daily basis is to help Governor Romney communicate his pro-growth, conservative vision for the U.S. economy.” [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]
- **According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney’s 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner’s deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney’s policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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### **2007: Romney Supported Increasing Free Trade And Opposed Stipulations On Free Trade Agreements To Protect Workers**

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**November 2007: Romney Released A Plan To Increase Free Trade And Increase The President’s Authority Over Free Trade Deals.** “Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney says Washington must act to open more foreign markets to American products, and calls for the president to have new authority to negotiate such agreements. Romney also wants what he calls a ‘Reagan Zone of Economic Freedom’ that would include U.S. free-trade agreement partners who are committed to open markets and ‘playing by the rules.’ Such an alliance could operate through the World Trade Organization and in other arenas to push trade agreements as well as labor, environmental and other reforms.” [NBC, [11/1/07](#)]

**October 2007: During A Republican Debate, Romney Said, “I Believe In Trade, But I Believe In Opening Up Markets To American Goods And Services” And Said He Could Protect Americans From Chinese IP Theft.** “Mr. Seib: President Bush says trade is still good for America. Are you a Bush Republican on trade? Mr. Romney: Well, I believe in trade, but I believe in opening up markets to American goods and services. And it’s been calculated that the average family in America is \$9,000 a year richer because we have the ability to sell products around the world. And a lot of people in this country make their living making products that go around the world. But it’s also true that the people who negotiate these agreements -- the people who sit down with the Chinese and sit down the Mexicans and others are people, by and large, who spent their life in politics. And the politicians come together and try to understand how the economy works. I think I’m probably the only guy on the stage who spent most of his career in the business world. I understand how the economy works. I understand how if you make a certain adjustment in the agreement, it’s going to have a huge impact on the United States. And so if, for instance, we agree to sit down with China, I understand that if we don’t get real careful and protect patents and designs and technology, that what we tend to sell the most of, those kinds of things -- intellectual property -- is going to get



stolen by the Chinese or by others; that we have to recognize agreements have to be in our benefit, not just in their benefit.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/10/07](#)]

**November 2007: Romney On Democrats’ Stipulations To Trade Agreements Over Their Effects On Workers: “Don’t Close Down America; Don’t Put Up Walls Around America.”** “Mitt Romney talked tough on trade and illegal immigration Monday during a brief presidential campaign stop in Washington, where the former Massachusetts governor leads the pack in Republican fundraising. ‘Don’t close down America; don’t put up walls around America,’ Romney said, referring to some congressional Democrats’ efforts to rein in free trade agreements unless and until they include provisions to protect the environment and workers. ‘People in Washington respect and understand that a lot of our jobs are associated with selling goods and services around the world.’” [Seattle Post-Intelligencer, [11/19/07](#)]

### **2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For McCain’s Presidential Campaign; McCain Pledged To Approve Free Trade Agreements And “Restore Support For Trade” Among Americans**

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message. • Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**McCain’s Top Trade Priorities Were To Approve Free Trade Agreements With Colombia, South Korea, And Panama And “Restore Support For Trade In Congress And The American Public.”** “McCain’s top trade priorities would be to conclude the long-running round of world talks, win approval of free trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea and Panama and work in a bipartisan fashion to restore support for trade in Congress and the American public, Levy said.” [Reuters, [10/8/8](#)]

## **Inflation**

### **Bognet Blamed Inflation On Democrats’ Spending**

**Bognet Blamed Inflation On Democrats’ Spending.** “The Democrats’ spending spree has already caused sky-high inflation on many products and has increased the cost of gas at the pump to jaw-dropping numbers. I will never support a bill filled with trillions of dollars of woke nonsense and tax increases. I will fight against the Democrats proposed tax increases and push for lower taxes that will help small businesses thrive and bolster the middle class.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

## **2009 Stimulus**

### **2010: As A Media Consultant, Bognet Helped Create Ads Against Stimulus To Recover From The Great Recession**

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- Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Bognet “Create[d] And Deliver[ed] Campaign Message Through Paid Media, Including TV, Radio And Web-Based Advertising” For Clients Sens. Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, And Dan Coats At SSG Media.**

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**October 2010: Roy Blunt Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens And Schriefer Group That Criticized The “A Disastrous Stimulus Bill That Grew Government, Not Jobs.”** “Rep. Roy Blunt(R-07) released a new TV ad on 10/8, produced by Stevens and Schriefer Group. Full script, ‘What’s at stake in this election?’ BLUNT: ‘What’s at stake in this election? Jobs. My opponent Robin Carnahan supports the Obama agenda that’s killing jobs. A disastrous stimulus bill that grew government, not jobs. Government-controlled health care we can’t afford. And a job-killing new energy tax. My jobs plan takes a different approach. Lower taxes, less red tape, more American energy, encouraging small businesses to do what they do best: create jobs. Read my plan at royblunt.com. I’m Roy Blunt, and I approve this message’” [Hotline, 10/11/10]

**September 2010: Roy Blunt Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens And Schriefer Group That Claimed Stimulus Gave Americans “Generations Of Debt.”** “Rep. Roy Blunt (R-07) released a new TV ad today, produced by Stevens and Schriefer Group. Full script, ‘Where’s My Stimulus?’ ANNCR: ‘They promised jobs. Instead we got generations of debt. Where’d our money go? Ask (Sec/State) Robin Carnahan (D). Her brother’s wind farm got over \$100 million stimulus dollars. How? Robin Carnahan campaigned for Obama and the stimulus. Her brother lobbied for his special deal, and was a top Obama fundraiser. The payoff? Over \$100 million. The Carnahans get a real windfall. We get the bill. And no jobs.’ BLUNT: ‘I’m Roy Blunt and I approve this message’ (Youtube, 9/29).” [Hotline, 9/30/10]

**October 2010: Portman’s Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens & Schriefer Group That Attacked Stimulus.** “The ad: ‘Within Means,’ a 30-second TV spot by the campaign of Republican Senate candidate Rob Portman Producer: Stevens & Schriefer Group Where to see it: Statewide television and on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqkPnzgUhuU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqkPnzgUhuU) Video: The spot opens with Portman in an open-collared button shirt sitting in his kitchen as he talks about families living within a budget. As he refers to Washington, the ad switches to footage of the Capitol with a graphic showing rising federal deficits between 2009 and 2015. There are images of out-of-work Ohioans when Portman talks about the stimulus package and shots of happily employed Ohioans and a house construction site when Portman talks about his jobs plan. Script: Portman: ‘Every Ohio family has to live within a budget. Why shouldn’t Washington? Out-of-control federal spending is driving the deficit to dangerous new highs. And the spending’s not working to create jobs as promised. Since the \$800 billion stimulus passed, Ohio’s lost over 100,000 more jobs. It’s time to stop spending money we don’t have. Stop growing government and start growing private sector jobs. There’s a better way. Read my jobs plan at RobPortman.com. I’m Rob Portman, and I approve this message.’” [Columbus Dispatch, [10/8/10](#)]

**September 2010: Coats’ Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By SSG That Attacked Stimulus.** “Ex-Sen. Dan Coats (R) has launched a new TV ad, produced by SSG. Full script, ‘The Choice’: ANNCR: ‘In Washington, D.C., Congressman Brad Ellsworth faced a choice. Represent Indiana? Or vote in lock-step with Nancy Pelosi and Barack [sic] Obama. On the \$787 billion stimulus, Ellsworth chose the liberal Pelosi-Obama agenda. Ellsworth supported \$7.7 billion in pork-filled earmarks, adding billions of new debt. Ellsworth even voted for ObamaCare. If Congressman Ellsworth didn’t vote for Indiana, why should Indiana vote for Ellsworth?’ COATS: ‘I’m Dan Coats

and I approve this message' (youtube.com, 9/24)." [Hotline, 9/24/10]

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### **2009 Stimulus Created Millions Of Jobs, Cut Unemployment, And Boosted Economic Growth To Recover From The Great Recession**

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**The Recovery Act Boosted The U.S. GDP By \$500 Billion, Or 3 Percent, Amid The Great Recession.** "But the different policy choices we made led to very different outcomes. The economy began to rebound in 2009, returning us to a path of robust and sustained growth. After the unemployment rate peaked at 10 percent in 2009, we have since cut it in half, with the rate dropping below 5 percent in January—the fastest pace of decline in thirty years and nearly the fastest since World War II. [...] Leading outside analysts agree that the Recovery Act created millions of jobs and substantially boosted economic output, supporting the economy at a crucial moment. Recent analysis by Moody's Analytics' Mark Zandi and Princeton's Alan Blinder found that the Recovery Act raised U.S. GDP by over 3 percent—or roughly \$500 billion—in 2010 alone, lowering the unemployment rate by 1.4 percentage points that year." [White House, Press Release, [2/25/16](#)]

**The Recovery Act Created Nearly Six Million Jobs Through 2013 And Reduced The Unemployment Rate By As Much As 1.8 Percent In 2010.** "The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), similarly, has estimated that the Recovery Act raised U.S. GDP by between roughly 1 to 4 percent in 2010 alone. CBO's analysis indicates that the Recovery Act lowered the unemployment rate that year by as much as 1.8 percentage points. Analysis by the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) suggests that the Recovery Act created or supported millions of jobs, provided a substantial boost to economic growth, and delivered a significant 'bang-for-the-buck' for every dollar spent. Consistent with outside estimates, CEA estimates the boost to the economy from the Recovery Act generated almost 6 million job-years (years of full-time equivalent employment) through the end of 2013, raising employment by more than 2.3 million in 2010 alone." [White House, Press Release, [2/25/16](#)]

**The Recovery Act Boosted Long-Term Economic Growth By Investing In Education And Infrastructure And Cutting Taxes For Working And Middle-Class Families.** "While shoring up our economy in the short run, the Recovery Act also took significant steps critical to supporting long-term growth. These policies included major investments and tax incentives to support clean energy, education reforms catalyzed by the Race to the Top program, innovative infrastructure projects funded through TIGER grants, expansions to Pell Grants and the creation of the American Opportunity Tax Credit to make college more affordable, investments in electronic medical records to improve health care, and tax relief to boost incomes for working and middle-class families. These investments in the Recovery Act will support our economy for decades to come by raising productivity growth, and many of the programs created by and policy changes adopted through the Recovery Act have been extended, enhanced, or made permanent since." [White House, Press Release, [2/25/16](#)]

## **UPS Jobs**

### **December 2021: Bognet Called For UPS To Reverse Its Decision To Lay Off 200 Workers, Which He Blamed On Cartwright And Biden**

**December 2021: Bognet Called For UPS To Reverse Its Decision To Lay Off 200 Workers, Which He Attributed To "Matt Cartwright And Joe Biden's America."** "[HOST:] Tell us what's going on with UPS. [BOGNET:] Matt, great to be here. Well, UPS has decided to ruin 200 families' Christmases by announcing mass layoffs here a few weeks before Christmas. It's an outrage. We hear that the economy is doing well, but then we have layoffs that show the economy is not doing well, and really, that's Matt Cartwright and Joe Biden's America. So I'd call them publicly on UPS to reverse their decision and give these people their jobs back. But I've also called on Cartwright and Biden to call the CEO of UPS, but they just seem unwilling to actually stand up for Pennsylvanian American workers." [Breitbart News, [12/4/21](#)] (AUDIO) :04

## **Border Adjusted Taxes**

**2007: Bognet Advocated A Border Adjustable Tax**

**2007: On Behalf Of Romney, Bognet Advocated A Border Adjustable Tax.** When Bognet was the Policy Development Director on Governor Romney's campaign, he spoke on a Brookings panel entitled "Opportunity 08: Better Direction On Main Street": "QUESTION: Hello Carolyn Eavery with IAS Group. Virtually all of our treaty partners have border adjustable taxes and the United States doesn't and that put U.S. exporters at a disadvantage. What's your strategy for dealing with the imbalance? MR. KLEIN: Jim, do you want to respond to that? MR. BOGNET: Governor Romney has talked about that. Governor Romney does believe we should move toward a system where we do have border adjustable taxes. He believes that it does hurt our exporters. He's talked a lot about that. Coincidentally enough in Michigan. He's talked a lot about how border adjustability would help us compete, so Governor Romney does want to move to a system with border adjustability." [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

## Education Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ During and immediately after his tenure as the Policy Development Director for Romney's 2008 presidential campaign, Bognet expressed support for school vouchers.
- ✓ January 2008: Bognet called for more "experimentation" with school vouchers, charter schools, and performance-based pay for teachers.
- ✓ December 2007: Bognet backed school voucher programs, such as a D.C. pilot program to "get kids out of [D.C.] public schools, to give them an opportunity to go to private school."
- ✓ In June 2021, Bognet claimed Democrats tried to "invade" classrooms with critical race theory.

## Charter Schools & School Vouchers

### **2007-2008: Bognet Repeatedly Advocated School Vouchers That Would Transfer Taxpayer Money From Public Schools To Private Schools**

**Bognet: "I Would Like To See More Experimentation With Vouchers, With Charter Schools, With Pay For Performance For Teachers, Maybe Even With Year Around Schooling For Students."** Bognet spoke on a Brookings Panel entitled "Economic Mobility In America" as the Former Policy Development Director, Romney for President, Inc.: "MR. BOGNET: [...] I worked for Governor Schwarzenegger before I went to Governor Romney's campaign, and trying to work with the LAUSD, the Los Angeles Unified School District, to figure some way out of the cycle of despair and low graduation rates for Hispanic and African American students, it's heart breaking, because every time you come up with a new idea, every time you try a new approach, whether it's on the liberal or conservative side of the aisle, there's a no. Inertia is one of the most powerful forces in human affairs, and trying to get the school districts, the urban school districts to change, has been one of the most difficult things that I've worked with in policy. I would, you know, of course, be for some of the more conservative policy prescriptions. I would like to see more experimentation with vouchers, with charter schools, with pay for performance for teachers, maybe even with year around schooling for students. I think those are some things that we need to try. Governor Romney went out and talked a lot about taking more chances in education. Governor Romney sometimes gets hit for only talking about popular things. One thing that he supported that isn't very popular is, he thought No Child Left Behind had a lot of good things in it. He thought bringing standards and testing to education was very, very important, and I agree with that." [Brookings, [3/20/08](#)]

**Bognet Called School Vouchers "Our Solution For Trying To Help The Next Generation Of Kids," Citing "A Pilot Program To Get Kids Out Of [D.C.] Public Schools."** "MR. BOGNET: I think it's unnecessarily divisive and I think what you do, is you talk about the problem. It's totally fair to talk about that problem, but it's the solution that we differ on. A Governor Romney solution would be to look at things like the D.C. Opportunity Scholarships. Which say we spend \$10,000 per student in D.C. on the public schools and we have a pilot program to get kids out of those public schools, to give them an opportunity to go to private school. That's our solution for trying to help the next generation of kids. On the other side of the solution would be let's spend more money on public education, even though D.C. is already the highest spending per pupil in the nation. So it's not that both sides don't recognize the problem, it's that one side has a different solution than the other side." [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]



## Teacher Pay

### 2008: Bognet Called For “More Experimentation” With “Pay For Performance For Teachers”

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## “Critical Race Theory”

### June 2021: Bognet Claimed Democrats Tried “To Invade” Classrooms With “CRT”

**Bognet On Critical Race Theory: “There Is Intense Concern That The Liberals Are Trying To Invade. [...] This CRT Stuff Is Racist.”** “Boyle asked about Bognet’s thoughts on Critical Race Theory seeping into the schools in America and children being taught from parts of the 1619 Project. ‘I talk to parents all over my district. There is intense concern that the liberals are trying to invade, and I think in many cases, have successfully invaded every part of education, and instead of teaching our students, they’re now trying to indoctrinate them into this far left... Really, there’s no other way to say it. It is racist stuff,’ Bognet said. ‘This CRT stuff is racist. It’s teaching people that they should be treated differently based on the color of their skin. Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, they taught us that we should judge people on the content of their character, not the color of their skin, so this far-left stuff, the CRT stuff, critical race theory. It’s an abomination. It’s anti-American. He added, ‘We have done so much, we have come so far on relationships in our country, we have to keep that going and making [sic] dispute, disagreements among the races is the main thing. That we should be teaching our children ... I just find it disgusting, but there is hope, there really is hope people are getting sick of it. For instance, in Pennsylvania we rose up, and we voted for question one and two, to take power back from the swamp.’” [Breitbart, [6/19/21](#)]

## Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Following the 2020 election, Bognet criticized Pennsylvania's 2019 expansion of no-excuse vote-by-mail, which he claimed was unconstitutional.
- ✓ Bognet claimed no-excuse vote-by-mail was a tool Democrats used to manipulate elections.
- ✓ Bognet opposed the use of ballot drop-boxes and supported signature verification requirements for vote-by-mail.
- ✓ Bognet supported voter ID requirements in all states.

## Vote-By-Mail

### Bognet Opposed No-Excuse Vote-By-Mail

#### December 2020: Bognet Supported Striking Down A Law Expanding Mail-In Voting In Pennsylvania

**October 2019: Gov. Wolf Signed Act 77, Which Allowed Vote-By-Mail For Up To 50 Days Before An Election, Allowed Voters To Vote By Mail Without An Excuse, And Provided More Time To Register To Vote.** “Governor Wolf made voting more convenient and secure by signing Act 77 of 2019, the most significant improvement to Pennsylvania’s elections in more than 80 years. The bipartisan compromise legislation takes effect for the April 2020 primary election and makes Pennsylvania a national leader with voter-friendly election reforms. The law creates a new option to vote by mail up to 50 days before an election and be placed on a list to permanently receive a ballot application by mail. It also provides more time to register to vote and authorizes a \$90 million bond to help counties fund the purchase of new voting systems with a paper trail that strengthens the security of our elections. [...] The law creates a new option to vote by mail without providing an excuse, which is currently required for voters using absentee ballots. Pennsylvania joins 31 other states and Washington, D.C. with mail-in voting that removes barriers to elections.” [Gov. Tom Wolf, [10/31/19](#)]

**December 2020: Bognet Asked For Prayers For Justice Alito To Strike Down Act 77 As Unconstitutional “To Make Sure That We Can Restore Faith In How Our Elections Are Conducted In Pennsylvania.”** “Sean and Mike’s lawsuit is in front of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito tomorrow for an emergency appeal. I ask you to join me in praying for Justice Alito to make the right decision and strike down Act 77 as unconstitutional. President Trump and patriots like Sean, Mike, and WE THE PEOPLE of PA are fighting to make sure that we can restore faith in how our elections are conducted in Pennsylvania. At every point in this election in PA, the democrats have attempted to loosen the rules and protections that make it possible to identify fraudulent votes.”



Jim Bognet

December 7, 2020 · 🌐

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Fellow Patriots, tomorrow is a big day in our fight for the integrity of our elections. Sean Parnell and Congressman Mike Kelly have filed a lawsuit to strike down Act 77, the unconstitutional bill that allowed mail-in voter fraud in Pennsylvania in contravention of the Pennsylvania State Constitution.

Sean and Mike's lawsuit is in front of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Alito tomorrow for an emergency appeal. I ask you to join me in praying for Justice Alito to make the right decision and strike down Act 77 as unconstitutional.

President Trump and patriots like Sean, Mike, and WE THE PEOPLE of PA are fighting to make sure that we can restore faith in how our elections are conducted in Pennsylvania. At every point in this election in PA, the democrats have attempted to loosen the rules and protections that make it possible to identify fraudulent votes.

I filed a federal lawsuit, Jim Bognet vs. Kathy Bookvar, Secretary of Pennsylvania, in order to prohibit the counting of mail in votes that are received after election day. The court wrongly decided that we did not have standing because the election had not yet occurred, so in the court's view, we did not yet suffer harm. Wrong! Everyone is harmed when election rules do not follow the Constitution.

Now, the biased, liberal PA State Supreme Court is saying that Sean Parnell and Mike Kelly's lawsuit is invalid because the election has already occurred! That is baloney! If a PA State law is unconstitutional, it is unconstitutional! No matter when the lawsuit is brought. The liberal PA Supreme Court has set up a twisted Catch-22 where you can't bring a suit before an election because you lack standing, and you can't bring a suit after because of the doctrine of laches. Totally and blatantly unjust!

I stand shoulder to shoulder with patriots like President Trump, Vice-President Pence, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Scalise, and Rep. Kelly to fight for our election security and for fair elections. I want to thank my colleague Sean Parnell for fighting against the unconstitutional Act 77 and for a just result in the 2020 General Election in Pennsylvania!

Please join our fight for fair elections by sharing this post and praying for the success of Sean and Mike's historic lawsuit!

FOUR MORE YEARS!

[Facebook, Jim Bognet, [12/7/20](#)]

*Note: For information on Bognet's disinformation on the role of vote-by-mail in the 2020 election and his lawsuit related to vote-by-mail, see [Big Lie & January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection Issues](#) section.*

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## January 2022: Bognet Celebrated A Court's Decision To Overturn Act 77

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### Bognet Called A Decision To Throw Out A Pennsylvania Law Allowing No-Excuse Mail-In Ballots A "Huge Victory For The Constitution."



Jim Bognet

@Bognet4congress

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Huge victory for the Constitution!

Non-verified, universal mail-in voting was the main tool used by Democrats to skew the election against President Trump, Sean, and me in 2020.



Sean Parnell

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@SeanParnellUSA · 2h

Act 77, Pennsylvania's no excuse mail in ballot law, is found to be UNCONSTITUTIONAL by the Commonwealth Court.

Thanks to @WallyZimolong & Greg Teufel for believing in this case & crushing the argument!

Huge victory for the people of Pennsylvania!

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[Jim Bognet Twitter, [1/28/22](#)]

**1/28/22: Philadelphia Inquirer Headline: “A Pennsylvania Court Overturned The State’s Mail Voting Law, But An Appeal Means It’s Still In Place.”** [Philadelphia Inquirer, [1/28/22](#)]

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### **Bognet Supported Eliminating No-Excuse Vote-By-Mail, Which He Claimed Democrats Used To Manipulate Elections**

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**Bognet Said He Supported Eliminating No-Excuse Vote-By-Mail.** “[BOGNET:] Man alive, we have to get rid of this no-excuse mail-in voting which is open to fraud and abuse. We’ve seen incredible amounts of stories of ballots being received at houses where the people no longer live so you know, we want fairness. I don’t think that’s too much to ask.” [Breitbart, Interview with Jim Bognet, [10/30/21](#)] (AUDIO) 12:43

**1/28/22: Bognet: “Non-Verified, Universal Mail-In Voting Was The Main Tool Used By Democrats To Skew The Election Against President Trump, Sean [Parnell], And Me In 2020.”** “Huge victory for the Constitution! Non-verified, universal mail-in voting was the main tool used by Democrats to skew the election against President Trump, Sean, and me in 2020.” [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/28/22](#)]

### **Bognet Opposed The Use Of Ballot Drop-Boxes**

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## **Voter ID**

### **February 2022: Bognet Supported Voter ID Requirements “In All 50 States”**

**February 2022: Bognet: “Voter ID Should Be Mandatory In All 50 States.”**



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Voter ID should be mandatory in all 50 states.

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/10/22](#)]

## Energy & Environment Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In October 2020, the Wilkes-Barre Citizen's Voice Editorial Board excoriated Bognet's lack of familiarity with energy and environmental issues relevant to Northeast Pennsylvania (NEPA).
- ✓ Editorial: Bognet had "no sense of the danger" posed by transport of explosive liquefied natural gas through NEPA to New Jersey, which local governments opposed.
- ✓ Editorial: Bognet was unaware that Pennsylvania could not restrict the millions of tons of waste other states shipped to it without congressional authorization.
- ✓ Bognet supported a ban on Russian oil imports, restarting the Keystone XL Pipeline, and limiting regulations on domestic fracking, all of which he said would increase domestic energy independence.
- ✓ From 2003 to 2006, Bognet worked for Gov. Schwarzenegger, who opposed offshore drilling.
- ✓ During a 2015 interview, Bognet said that "nobody wants to be a coal miner" and said his grandfather and great-grandfather contracted serious illness while mining.
- ✓ In 2015, Bognet spoke about the "lack of hope and alternatives in [coal mining] towns" and added, "I don't know what the answer is. I wish I did."
- ✓ However, in 2020, Bognet claimed Cartwright would "make it horrible for the coal industry" and "legislate away" coal mining jobs.
- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior Vice President at the Glover Park Group from 2016 to 2018, it was paid to lobby on environmental issues for notorious air and water polluters, including 3M and Exelon.
- ✓ 3M paid the Glover Park Group to lobby on the Toxic Substances Control Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, the former of which it was sued for violating by polluting drinking water with PFAS chemicals.
- ✓ As of October 2021, the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Coolbaugh Township was an active PFAS contamination site in PA-08.

## Oil & Gas

**October 2020: Bognet Did Not Recognize Dangers Posed To NEPA Residents By Transporting Explosive Natural Gas Between Bradford County And New Jersey, Which Local Governments Opposed**

**December 2019: The Trump Administration Issued A Permit Allowing For Transport Explosive Liquefied Natural Gas Between Pennsylvania And New Jersey Through NEPA, Which Local Governments Opposed**

**December 2019: The Trump Administration Issued A Permit Allowing For Two 100-Car Trains To Transport Liquefied Natural Gas Between Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, And Gibbstown, New Jersey.** "The Special Permit, issued by the Trump administration in December 2019, would allow Energy Transport Solutions, a



unit of New Fortress Energy, to run up to two 100-car trains a day from a planned liquefaction plant at Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, to Gibbstown. There the fuel would be loaded onto ships at what would be New Jersey's first LNG export terminal. The facility would represent an expansion of an existing port called the Gibbstown Logistics Center." [NJ Spotlight News, [11/23/21](#)]

- **The Trains Would Travel Along The Susquehanna River Through Lackawanna And Luzerne Counties.** "From the Wyalusing plant, Lehigh Railway would carry the bomb trains until the railway interchanges with the Reading & Northern Railroad lines at Mehoopany in Wyoming County. From there, trains would likely travel alongside the Susquehanna River through Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, then south through Carbon, Schuylkill and Berks counties. Once arriving in Reading, cargo would travel along a Norfolk Southern line to Philadelphia or via Trenton. See the Pennsylvania Railroad Map." [PennFuture, Blog, [9/9/20](#)]

**Opponents Of The Permit Said The Trains Carrying Liquefied Natural Gas, Or "Bomb Trains," Could Expose New Jersey And Pennsylvania Residents To "Catastrophic Explosions" And Leak Methane.** "Critics say that transport of the fuel in tank cars — dubbed 'bomb trains' by opponents — through densely populated areas including Camden and Philadelphia exposes populations to a risk of catastrophic explosions and should be blocked by federal and state authorities. They also argue that exporting LNG would stimulate the production of natural gas and lead to more leaks of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, at a time when world leaders are trying to curb carbon emissions to slow climate change." [NJ Spotlight News, [11/23/21](#)]

**As Of December 2020, The Governments Of Pittston Township In Luzerne County, Three Boroughs And A Township In Lackawanna County, And Scranton Passed Resolutions Against The LNG Transport.** "Sixteen resolutions have been passed by local government units opposing the transportation and handling of LNG in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware: Clarks Green Borough, Lackawanna County, PA; Clarks Summit Borough, Lackawanna County, PA; South Abington Township, Lackawanna County, PA; Scranton City, Lackawanna County, PA; Jessup Borough, Lackawanna County, PA; Pittston Township, Luzerne County, PA; Lehigh County Board of Commissioners, Lehigh County, PA; Kutztown Borough, Berks County, PA; Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA; Penndel Borough, Bucks County, PA; Runnemede, Camden County, NJ; Haddon Township, Camden County, NJ; City of Burlington, Burlington County, NJ; Pennsauken Township, Camden County, NJ; City of Wilmington, New Castle County, DE; Bellefonte, New Castle County, DE. More than two dozen more municipalities are in the process of considering resolutions." [Delaware River Keeper Network, Press Release, [12/4/20](#)]

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#### **October 2020 Editorial: Bognet Had "No Sense Of The Danger" Of The Dangers The Explosive LNG Transport Posed To PA-08 Residents**

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**October 2020 Wilkes-Barre Citizen's Voice Editorial: Bognet Had "No Sense Of The Danger" Posed To NEPA By Daily Shipments Of Explosive Liquefied Natural Gas Between Bradford County And New Jersey.** "Bognet, however, who lived outside NEPA for 25 years before returning two years ago, clearly is not deeply conversant with the district -- at least our part of it -- and several crucial issues. In an interview, for example, he seemed to have no sense of the danger posed to heavily populated parts of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties by allowing daily shipments by truck or rail of 4 million gallons of explosive liquefied natural gas from a processing plant in Bradford County to an export terminal in New Jersey. To Bognet, the natural gas industry must be protected first, rather than his would-be constituents who might be in its path." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

- **Editorial: "To Bognet, The Natural Gas Industry Must Be Protected First, Rather Than His Would-Be Constituents Who Might Be In Its Path."** [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

**Bognet Called High Gas Prices The “Biden-Harris-Cartwright Disaster.”** “Bognet said with the energy, Biden, on ‘his first day in office, cancels the Keystone pipeline, then he starts putting forward regulations to fracking.’ He went on to say Biden caused a ‘disaster for Pennsylvania’s energy workers. Energy provides great jobs up here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We have gas builds [sic] on the North and the border with New York. The last five-ten years, they’ve created many jobs, which also helps the local economy because now you have people with cranes, you have laborers that are up there laying the pipe, that’s all stopped.’ He continued to tell Boyle it’s all due to Cartwright and Biden. In Pennsylvania, he said, ‘It’s been a disaster for Pennsylvania, and we could see it at the pump, gas prices are up a dollar from where they were last April and May, which hurts working-class people’s budgets, so energy [equals the] Biden-Harris-Cartwright disaster.’” [Breitbart, [6/19/21](#)]

## Domestic Oil And Gas Development & Energy Independence

### March 2022: Bognet Supported Oil Development In Pennsylvania, Ohio, And Texas

**March 2022: Bognet: “Joe Biden Should Look To Pennsylvania, Texas, And Ohio For Oil.”** “Joe Biden shouldn’t look to Putin, Maduro, or the Ayatollah for oil. Joe Biden should look to Pennsylvania, Texas, and Ohio for oil. Say NO to countries that despise America and YES to American Energy Independence!”



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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [3/7/22](#)]

### February 2022: Bognet Supported A Ban On Russian Oil Imports, Opening The Keystone Pipeline, And Drilling Domestically To Increase Energy Independence

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**December 2021: Bognet Claimed Biden Reversed Gains In Energy Independence Made Under Trump**

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**December 2021: Bognet Claimed Trump Achieved Energy Independence Until Biden “Lit That All On Fire.”** “[BOGNET:] We waited most of our adult lives for America to be energy independent. And we achieved it under President Trump. And Joe Biden has lit that all on fire.” [Breitbart News, [12/4/21](#)] (AUDIO) 5:27

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**2020 – 2021: Bognet Said He “Believe[d] In” Fracking And Criticized Biden’s Regulations On It**

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**June 2021: Bognet Criticized Biden’s Fracking Regulations, Which He Said Hurt Energy Jobs In Pennsylvania.** “[BOGNET:] Biden on his first day in office cancels the Keystone Pipeline. Then he starts putting forward regulations to hurt fracking. He has been a disaster for Pennsylvania energy workers. Energy provides great jobs up here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We have gas builds [sic] on the North and the border with New York. The last five-ten years, they’ve created many jobs, which also helps the local economy because now you have people with cranes, you have laborers that are up there laying the pipe, that’s all stopped.” [Breitbart News, [6/19/21](#)] (AUDIO) 3:31

**Bognet Said, “I Believe In Fracking, I Believe In Natural Gas,” And Added, “Pennsylvania Could Be The Saudi Arabia Of Energy.”** “Republican congressional candidate Jim Bognet questioned Democratic U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright’s commitment to Pennsylvania’s natural gas industry Thursday, but Cartwright said he favors gas production. During an online forum sponsored by chambers of commerce in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and Honesdale, Bognet tried to tie Cartwright to Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez’s controversial Green New Deal. [...] Bognet said Cartwright almost always votes with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and portrayed her and Ocasio-Cortez as part of a band of Washington, D.C., Democrats who want to end fracking for natural gas. Bognet wants to promote more production, including greater exports of liquefied natural gas all over the world. ‘I believe in fracking, I believe in natural gas,’ Bognet said. ‘Pennsylvania could be the Saudi Arabia of energy ... for the 21st century, we have so much natural gas, we can really provide great jobs all over Northeastern Pennsylvania.’ Cartwright, who spoke separately in the hour before Bognet, said he isn’t sponsoring the Green New Deal and questioned its ‘arbitrary timeline.’ He portrayed himself as always ‘bullish on natural gas production’ because it’s a cleaner energy source.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/15/20](#)]

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**2003 – 2006: Bognet Advised Schwarzenegger’s Office And His Reelection Campaign; Schwarzenegger Opposed Offshore Drilling**

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**November 2003 – March 2006: Bognet Was Chief Deputy Special Advisor For Jobs And Economic Growth In Then-Gov. Schwarzenegger’s Office In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his

resume, Bognet was Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth at the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from November 2003 to March 2006. He described this role: “•Acted as surrogate speaker to business and political audiences across California. Advocated Governor’s policy agenda and special election initiatives in television and radio interviews in major California media markets.

- Briefed Gov. Schwarzenegger on business attraction and retention targets and staffed Governor during his calls to target businesses. Successful pitches included major companies such as Genentech and Virgin America.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**March 2006 – January 2007: Bognet Was Policy Director For Schwarzenegger’s California Gubernatorial Reelection Campaign In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Director for Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 from March 2006 to January 2007. He described this role: “• Served as senior staff member for Governor Schwarzenegger’s re-election campaign. Reported directly to Campaign Manager Steve Schmidt. Assisted in running successful \$75 million re-election campaign

- Acted as principal liaison to Governor’s office on all policy matters.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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### **2003 – 2006: Schwarzenegger Opposed Offshore Drilling Near California**

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**2003: Schwarzenegger Opposed Offshore Drilling Near California.** “The actor also said he does not support the legalization of drugs, except for the medicinal use of marijuana; he is in favor of limited school vouchers; and he supports allowing schools to decide whether prayer will be part of their day. But he came out strongly against allowing oil companies to drill off the coast of California. ‘No, absolutely not, I think that we should stop the oil drilling and I think that our state government and federal government should negotiate to buy back the leases,’ the candidate said. As for his economic views, Schwarzenegger said he’s ‘fiscally conservative.’” [CNN, [8/27/03](#)]

**2006: Schwarzenegger Opposed A Bill To Lift The Moratorium On Drilling In The Outer Continental Shelf, Calling The Effects Of Oil And Gas Exploration Near California’s Coast “Unacceptable.”** “At issue: a bill, sponsored by Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Tracy, approved by the House on June 29 that would end a quarter-century moratorium on drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf. The Senate is expected to vote on a narrower version of the bill this week. The Pombo bill has sparked fears among environmentalists that it could open drilling in 85 percent of the nation’s coastal waters -- from New England to Alaska. Critics also oppose a provision in the bill increasing the amount of revenue individual states would get to keep from oil and gas drilling, which they say would give states incentive to approve drilling. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger strongly opposed the bill. In a June 26 letter to Pombo, Schwarzenegger called the impacts of new gas and oil exploration off California’s coast ‘unacceptable.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 8/1/06]

## **Coal Mining**

### **2020: Bognet Claimed Cartwright Would “Make It Horrible For The Coal Industry” And “Legislate Away” Coal Mining Jobs**

**October 2020: Bognet During Candidate Debate: Cartwright “Will Make It Horrible For The Coal Industry Here In Northeastern Pennsylvania. I’m Proud To Say My Grandfather Was A Coal Miner.”** “[BOGNET:] Now on the Green New Deal, Matt Cartwright, he is a Lieutenant of Nancy Pelosi, the most liberal speaker of the house in history. He is a caucus mate with Ilhan Omar and AOC. He supports many aspects of their environmental agenda. He will make it horrible for the coal industry here in Northeastern, Pennsylvania. I’m proud to say my grandfather was a coal miner.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 15:14

**February 2020: Bognet Said Democrats “Have Tried For Years To Get Rid Of These Good-Paying Jobs,” Including Coal Mining Jobs, “Because They’re Not ‘Green’ Enough For Their Donors In New York, California And Washington, D.C.”** “The results are undeniable: since 2017, we’ve seen an 8 percent growth in mining, logging, and construction work; a 2 percent increase in manufacturing jobs; and near record-low unemployment rates in the region, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Liberal Democrats like Matt

Cartwright have tried for years to get rid of these good-paying jobs because they're not 'green' enough for their donors in New York, California and Washington, D.C. They'd rather have our skilled workforce driving Ubers and 'learning to code' than building homes, mining coal, and working in factories. President Trump has put an end to that nonsense, and when I am elected to Congress, I will support his work to extend the economic growth that's happening right now for Pennsylvanians." [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [2/4/20](#)]

- **February 2020: Bognet Claimed "Liberal Democrats Like Nancy Pelosi And Matt Cartwright Want To Legislate Away" Coal Mining Jobs Like The One Held By His Grandfather.** "In my hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, business is picking up after eight years of no to slow job growth under President Obama. This is personal to my family and my community. Like many in Northeast Pennsylvania, my family started out by doing the 'dirty jobs' that liberal Democrats like Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright want to legislate away. My grandfather provided for his nine children by working long, hard hours as a coal miner. At night, he dug graves by hand and on weekends he had an old truck and delivered coal to homes. It wasn't glamorous work, but as an Italian immigrant with an eighth-grade education, he always believed hard work was the solution to every problem." [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [2/4/20](#)]
- **February 2020: Bognet Claimed Democrats Would "Rather Have Our Skilled Workforce Driving Ubers And 'Learning To Code' Than Building Homes, Mining Coal, And Working In Factories."** "The results are undeniable: since 2017, we've seen an 8 percent growth in mining, logging, and construction work; a 2 percent increase in manufacturing jobs; and near record-low unemployment rates in the region, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Liberal Democrats like Matt Cartwright have tried for years to get rid of these good-paying jobs because they're not 'green' enough for their donors in New York, California and Washington, D.C. They'd rather have our skilled workforce driving Ubers and 'learning to code' than building homes, mining coal, and working in factories. President Trump has put an end to that nonsense, and when I am elected to Congress, I will support his work to extend the economic growth that's happening right now for Pennsylvanians." [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [2/4/20](#)]

**2015: Speaking On A Panel At USC, Bognet Said That "Nobody Wants To Be A Coal Miner" And Said His Grandfather And Great-Grandfather Contracted Serious Illnesses While Mining**

**2015: Bognet Told A Lecture Audience At USC, "The Problem Is Nobody Wants To Be A Coal Miner. [...] There's Just Such A Lack Of Hope And Alternatives In Those Towns."** "[BOGNET:] I grew up in a town called Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which is basically a giant anthracite strip mine. My grandfather had black lung from being a coal miner. My great-grandfather on the other side died, basically, of lung problems from being a coal miner. The problem is nobody wants to be a coal miner. People don't wake up in the morning and say, 'Hey, I want to be a coal miner.' It's not a fun industry. There's just such a lack of hope and alternatives in those towns. Appalachia can compete with South-Central LA for soul-crushing poverty. I don't know what the answer is, I wish I did, but there definitely has to be an option." [YouTube via USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, uploaded [2/19/15](#)] (VIDEO) 46:11

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**2015: Bognet On Coal Mining Towns: “There’s Just Such A Lack Of Hope And Alternatives In Those Towns [...] I Don’t Know What The Answer Is, I Wish I Did, But There Definitely Has To Be An Option.”** “[BOGNET:] I grew up in a town called Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which is basically a giant anthracite strip mine. My grandfather had black lung from being a coal miner. My great-grandfather on the other side died, basically, of lung problems from being a coal miner. The problem is nobody wants to be a coal miner. People don’t wake up in the morning and say, ‘Hey, I want to be a coal miner.’ It’s not a fun industry. There’s just such a lack of hope and alternatives in those towns. Appalachia can compete with South-Central LA for soul-crushing poverty. I don’t know what the answer is, I wish I did, but there definitely has to be an option.” [YouTube via USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, uploaded [2/19/15](#)] (VIDEO) 46:11

**Waste Management****October 2020: Bognet Did Not Know That Pennsylvania Could Not Restrict Millions Of Tons Of Trash Other States Shipped To It Without Congressional Authorization**

**October 2020: Editorial: Bognet Did Not Know Pennsylvania’s Government Could Not Restrict Millions Of Tons Of Garbage Shipped In From Other States Without Congressional Authorization.** “Bognet, however, who lived outside NEPA for 25 years before returning two years ago, clearly is not deeply conversant with the district -- at least our part of it -- and several crucial issues. In an interview, for example, he seemed to have no sense of the danger posed to heavily populated parts of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties by allowing daily shipments by truck or rail of 4 million gallons of explosive liquefied natural gas from a processing plant in Bradford County to an export terminal in New Jersey. To Bognet, the natural gas industry must be protected first, rather than his would-be constituents who might be in its path. And Bognet did not realize that Pennsylvania's government could not restrict hundreds of millions of tons of garbage shipped here from other states unless Congress authorizes it to do so.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, Editorial, [10/30/20](#)]

**According To Sen. Bob Casey, Pennsylvania Was A “Top Waste Importing State” And Imported 6.4 Million Tons Of Waste Annually In 2013.** “Municipal waste is generated by 12 million Pennsylvania citizens, the government and upwards of thousands of commercial businesses across the state. According to DEP, since 2006: The annual quantity of municipal waste from Pennsylvania managed at Pennsylvania’s landfills and resource recovery facilities has decreased from 10.3 million tons to 8.5 million tons in 2013. The per capita disposal of municipal waste in Pennsylvania decreased from 4.53 pounds/person/day to 3.7 pounds/person/day in 2013. Out of state waste decreased from 9.2 million tons/year to 6.4 millions tons/year in 2013. Pennsylvania is a top waste importing state. In 2014, out-of-state waste (including MSW, residual, construction waste, etc.) came from: New Jersey – 3,516,904 tons New York – 2,682,977 tons Maryland – 593,230 tons West Virginia – 170,903 tons DC – 75,110 tons Delaware – 64,452 tons Connecticut – 43,123 tons Ohio – 38,545 tons Virginia – 4,590 tons Massachusetts – 1,809 tons Puerto Rico – 1,646 tons North Carolina – 1,254 California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin – minimal amounts (under 300 tons)” [Sen. Bob Casey, Press Release, [8/5/15](#)]

- **Sen. Casey: “Pennsylvania Shouldn’t Be A Dumping Ground For Trash From Other States.”** “Washington DC- Today, U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) announced that he has introduced legislation, the TRASH Act, to restrict the flow of out-of-state trash into Pennsylvania. The legislation would give states the ability to leverage their own solid waste management plans to create higher standards thereby restricting interstate waste imports. The bill would also allow states to impose higher fees on out of state waste. ‘Pennsylvania shouldn’t be a dumping ground for trash from other states,’ Senator Casey said.” [Sen. Bob Casey, Press Release, [8/5/15](#)]

## While Bognet Worked Was A Senior VP At Glover Park Group, It Lobbied For Multiple Polluters On Environmental Issues

### January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC

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- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### 2017 – 2018: 3M, A Notorious PFAS Polluter, Paid Glover Park Group \$120,000 To Lobby On Environmental And Chemical Issues Including The Safe Drinking Water Act

### While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$120,000 For Lobbying On Behalf Of 3M Related To Laws Like The Toxic Substances Control Act And Safe Drinking Water Act

2016 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors (On Behalf of 3M)					
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Agencies Lobbied	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
1/18/17	Q4 2016	Lobbying related to the environment, TSCA [Toxic Substances Control Act], SDWA [Safe Drinking Water Act], and chemicals.	Senate, EPA, DOD	Joel Johnson Catharine Ransom Brian Gaston Rob Seidman	\$20,000
4/19/17	Q1 2017	Lobbying related to the environment, TSCA, SDWA and chemicals.	DOD	Joel Johnson Catharine Ransom Brian Gaston Rob Seidman	\$20,000
7/19/17	Q2 2017	Lobbying related to the environment, TSCA, SDWA and chemicals.	None	Joel Johnson Catharine Ransom Brian Gaston Rob Seidman	\$20,000
10/19/17	Q3 2017	Lobbying related to the environment, TSCA, SDWA and chemicals.	Senate, House of Representatives	Joel Johnson Catharine Ransom Brian Gaston Rob Seidman	\$20,000

1/19/18	Q4 2017	Lobbying related to the environment, TSCA, SDWA and chemicals.	Senate, House of Representatives	Joel Johnson Catharine Ransom Brian Gaston Rob Seidman	\$20,000
4/19/18	Q1 2018	Lobbying related to the environment, TSCA, SDWA and chemicals.	Senate, House of Representatives	Joel Johnson Catharine Ransom Brian Gaston Rob Seidman	\$20,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$120,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,740 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied On Behalf Of 3M While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied On Behalf Of 3M Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	8/10/20	\$500
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,750</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 3M Was A Leading Producer Of PFAS, Chemicals Found In Drinking Water That Were Strongly Linked To Serious Health Issues

**PFAS Were Chemicals Found In Drinking Water And “Strongly Linked” To Cancer, Birth Defects, Kidney And Liver Disease, And Other Serious Health Problems.** “PFAS, also called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a class of 4,500 fluorinated compounds that for decades have been used to make thousands of products water and stain resistant. They’re increasingly ubiquitous in the environment and human bodies because they don’t naturally break down, and they’ve been strongly linked to cancer, liver disease, kidney disease, birth defects and a range of other serious health problems. [...] By some estimates, toxic PFAS are in drinking water for well over 100 million people and are contaminating 98% of Americans’ blood. Though industry has for decades known of the chemicals’ environmental and human toll, they continue sending PFAS to the market.” [The Guardian, [4/26/21](#)]

**Environmental Working Group: 3M Was A “Leading Producer” Of PFAS For Decades.** “For decades, 3M was a leading producer of the toxic fluorinated chemicals known as PFAS. As early as the 1950s, 3M’s own studies showed that PFAS chemicals built up in blood, and by the 1960s, 3M’s own animal studies showed the potential for harm. Yet 3M continued to produce PFAS chemicals without notifying its employees of the risks.” [EWG, [9/11/19](#)]

### 3M Was Sued Multiple Times For Drinking Water Pollution, Including For Violations Of The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

**June 2019: 3M Admitted It Polluted The Tennessee River, Which Provided Drinking Water To Thousands Of People, With PFAS In Violation Of The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).** “3M has voluntarily acknowledged to regulators that its Decatur, Alabama, plant illegally released a perfluorinated chemical to the Tennessee River, which supplies drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people. The chemical is perfluorobutane sulfonamide (FBSA), which the company began to manufacture and use at the Decatur facility in 2009. As a condition of allowing manufacture of the substance under the US Toxic Substances Control Act, the Environmental Protection Agency prohibited 3M from releasing FBSA into US waterways. [...] FBSA and FBSEE are intermediates used to make fluorochemical products, according to 3M, including water- and stain-resistant coatings. Data on the toxicity of FBSA and FBSEE wasn’t immediately available. The chemicals are in a class of environmentally persistent pollutants known as per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS). In late April, 3M settled a lawsuit brought by a Decatur area water utility over longstanding PFAS contamination in the Tennessee River, agreeing to pay \$35 million to fund a new filtration facility.” [Chemical & Engineering News, [6/25/19](#)]

**February 2018: 3M Settled With The State Of Minnesota For \$850 Million Over Contamination Of Drinking Water.** “Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson on Tuesday announced an \$850 million settlement in the state’s lawsuit against 3M over water contamination by perfluorochemicals, or PFCs, in several east Twin Cities suburbs. A trial in the state’s largest environmental lawsuit had been set to begin Tuesday with jury selection. The state sought \$5 billion in punitive damages from 3M. The state will use settlement funds for drinking water and water sustainability projects in areas affected by the contamination.” [MPR News, [2/20/18](#)]

### PFAS Producers “Found A Powerful Friend” Through Outreach To The Military, Which Would Have Had To Pay For PFAS Cleanups At Bases If Regulations Were Tightened

**PFAS Producers “Found A Powerful Friend” Through Outreach To The Military, Which Would Have Had To Pay For PFAS Cleanups At Bases If Regulations Were Tightened.** “Though records show PFAS producers extensively lobbied the EPA as the rules moved, they weren’t alone. Industry found a powerful ally in the military, which likely opposed the rules because it could also be held liable for cleanup costs at least 400 bases, Woolford said. Meanwhile, Trump stocked the EPA with political appointees who previously worked in the PFAS industry, including an American Chemistry Council lobbyist, a Dow attorney and a Koch industry executive.” [The Guardian, [4/26/21](#)]

### As Of October 2021, The Tobyhanna Army Depot Was An Active PFAS Contamination Site In PA-08

**As Of October 2021, The Tobyhanna Army Depot In Coolbaugh Township Was An Active PFAS Contamination Site In PA-08.** [EWG, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

### 2016 – 2017: Exelon, Which Faced Multiple Lawsuits Over Pollution In And Near Pennsylvania, Paid Glover Park Group \$60,000 To Lobby On Pollution Issues

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$60,000 For Lobbying For Exelon On The Clean Air Act And Other Pollution Issues**

2016 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Exelon				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/19/16	Q1 2016	Lobbying regarding EPA oversight and EPA rulemaking under the Clean Air Act as well as on other pollution and water-use issues.	Susan Brophy Joel Johnson Alex Mistri	\$10,000

			Catharine Ransom Jon Gans	
7/20/16	Q2 2016	Lobbying regarding EPA oversight and EPA rulemaking under the Clean Air Act as well as on other pollution and water-use issues.	Susan Brophy Joel Johnson Alex Mistri Catharine Ransom Jon Gans	\$10,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	Lobbying regarding EPA oversight and EPA rulemaking under the Clean Air Act as well as on other pollution and water-use issues.	Susan Brophy Joel Johnson Alex Mistri Catharine Ransom Jon Gans	\$10,000
1/18/17	Q4 2016	Lobbying regarding EPA oversight and EPA rulemaking under the Clean Air Act as well as on other pollution and water-use issues.	Susan Brophy Joel Johnson Alex Mistri Catharine Ransom	\$10,000
4/19/17	Q1 2017	Lobbying regarding EPA oversight and EPA rulemaking under the Clean Air Act as well as on other pollution and water-use issues.	Susan Brophy Joel Johnson Alex Mistri Catharine Ransom	\$10,000
7/19/17	Q2 2017	Lobbying regarding EPA oversight and EPA rulemaking under the Clean Air Act as well as on other pollution and water-use issues.	Susan Brophy Joel Johnson Alex Mistri Catharine Ransom	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$60,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,000 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Exelon While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied For Exelon Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	6/19/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp	4/29/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$5,000</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### Exelon Was Sued Multiple Times For Pollution In And Near Pennsylvania, Including For A Violation Of The Clean Air Act

**2003: Exelon Settled For \$20,000 Over Allegations That It Exceeded Emission Limits Outlined In The Clean Air Act At A Generating Station In Philadelphia.** “Exelon Generation Co. LLC has agreed to pay a \$20,000 penalty to settle an EPA complaint alleging Clean Air Act violations at Exelon’s Delaware Generating Station, located at 1325 N. Beach St., Philadelphia, Pa. EPA cited the company for violating a requirement of its state-issued Clean Air Act permit designed to limit the opacity of emissions from the facility’s two larger boilers.



Opacity is caused by particulate matter in the air emissions. Particulate pollution has been linked to asthma and other respiratory illnesses, increased mortality, and reduced visibility. The Clean Air Act permit, which was issued by the City of Philadelphia, prohibited emissions from these stacks that exceeding 60 percent opacity at any time, or exceeding 20 percent for more than three minutes in any hour. An EPA inspector and opacity monitoring equipment documented that emissions from both stacks exceeded these limits on July 29, 2002. As part of the settlement, the company has neither admitted nor denied the alleged violation.” [Environmental Protection Agency, Press Release, [4/8/03](#)]

**2019: Exelon Settled For \$200 Million Over Allegations That It Contributed To Pollution Of The Chesapeake Bay Through Its Operation Of The Conowingo Near The Maryland-Pennsylvania Border.**

“Energy giant Exelon Generation has agreed to pay \$200 million to help restore the Chesapeake Bay and protect parts of it from the impacts of climate change. The deal ends a months-long lawsuit over the company’s operation of Conowingo Dam, the nearly century-old hydroelectric facility that is Maryland’s largest source of renewable energy. Exelon and Gov. Larry Hogan’s administration had been fighting over how much the company should contribute to reversing the region’s declining water quality and mitigating pollution from upstream sources. The deal, announced Tuesday by Hogan (R), would pour tens of millions apiece into an array of environmental and ecosystem projects, including a pilot program to dredge some sediment built up behind the dam, funding research, creating a mussel hatchery and making it easier for eels to swim through the dam, which sits on the Susquehanna River not far from the Maryland-Pennsylvania border.” [Washington Post, [10/29/19](#)]

## Green New Deal

### October 2020: Bognet Claimed Cartwright Supported The Green New Deal, Which He Did Not

**October 2020: Bognet Claimed Cartwright Supported The Green New Deal, Which He Did Not.** “During an online forum sponsored by chambers of commerce in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and Honesdale, Bognet tried to tie Cartwright to Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez’s controversial Green New Deal. In an effort to tackle climate change, the proposal envisions the federal government actively pursuing an agenda to shift American energy supplies away from carbon-based fuels, including oil and natural gas, to renewable sources like solar and wind power. The goal is to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Bognet said Cartwright almost always votes with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and portrayed her and Ocasio-Cortez as part of a band of Washington, D.C., Democrats who want to end fracking for natural gas. [...] Cartwright, who spoke separately in the hour before Bognet, said he isn’t sponsoring the Green New Deal and questioned its ‘arbitrary timeline.’ He portrayed himself as always ‘bullish on natural gas production’ because it’s a cleaner energy source.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [10/15/20](#)]

## Foreign Policy Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior Vice President of Glover Park Group from January 2016 to April 2018, GPG was paid \$1.3 million by the government of Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ In 2016, the Glover Park Group lobbied extensively on behalf of the Saudi government against the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), a bill to allow families of 9/11 victims to sue the Saudi government.
  - ✓ Between September and December 2016, the Glover Park Group contacted legislative and White House offices more than 150 times about JASTA on behalf of the Saudi government and distributed materials in opposition to JASTA.
  - ✓ After Congress voted to override Obama's veto of the bill, Sens. Graham and McCain unveiled a "fix" to the law that an advocacy group for 9/11 victims' families called a "betrayal" that was "demanded by Saudi Arabia's lobbyists."
  - ✓ The Glover Park Group contacted Sen. Graham's office eight times within a week of his JASTA amendment proposal.
- ✓ Between April 2017 and March 2018, the Glover Park Group paid another lobbying firm, the McKeon Group, \$490,000 to lobby on issues for Saudi Arabia, including arms sales.
  - ✓ In June 2017, Glover Park Group distributed materials in support of arms sales to Saudi Arabia.
  - ✓ The NGO Save The Children criticized the arms sales for "fueling a brutal war that has cost many thousands of lives" in Yemen.
- ✓ As of March 2022, Bognet's congressional campaigns accepted \$3,000 from registrants who represented the government of Saudi Arabia, including one who did so at Glover Park Group while Bognet worked there.
- ✓ On his resume, Bognet took credit for a 2016 PR campaign that promoted Cuba as an idyllic tourist destination, then bashed the country as the antithesis of American democracy in 2021.
  - ✓ According to his resume, Bognet "[l]ed [an] integrated public affairs campaign" that won an award awarded to United Airlines' United to Cuba campaign.
  - ✓ The United to Cuba campaign promoted tourism to Cuba and collaboration between American and Cuban entrepreneurs.
  - ✓ In July 2021, Bognet claimed "those on the left that are trying to make America more like Cuba" threatened American democracy.
- ✓ Bognet claimed that Biden's "weakness" on foreign policy was "provocative" to Russia and supported a ban on Russian oil imports in February 2022.

## Saudi Arabia

**2016 – 2018: While Bognet Was A Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, It Reported Receiving \$1.3 Million From The Government Of Saudi Arabia**

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**July 2016 – April 2018: While Bognet Worked There, Glover Park Group Reported Receiving \$1.3 Million From The Government Of Saudi Arabia, In Addition To Nearly \$6 Million From Other Foreign Agents**

**January 2016 – April 2018: While Bognet Worked There, Glover Park Group Reported Receiving \$1.3 Million From The Government Of Saudi Arabia:**

January 2016 – July 2018: Glover Park Group Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings Related To Work On Behalf Of The Government Or Embassy Of Saudi Arabia				
Supplemental Statement Filing Date	Time Period	Foreign Principal	Date Paid	Total Paid
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	The Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	3/19/18	\$600,000
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Government of Saudi Arabia	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Government of Saudi Arabi	4/6/17	\$700,000
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Acquired 9/20/16)	Government of Saudi Arabi	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,300,000</b>

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings Registrant Search, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**January 2016 – April 2018: During The Time Periods When Bognet Worked There, Glover Park Group Reported Representing Nine Foreign Principals And Receiving More Than \$7 Million Total From Them:**

January 2016 – July 2018: Glover Park Group Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings			
Supplemental Statement Filing Date	Time Period	Foreign Principal	Total Paid

<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	\$183,793.08
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	\$122,485.05
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	\$183,625.01
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	\$183,661.62
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	\$153,092.43
<b>Abu Dhabi Investment Authority Subtotal</b>			<b>\$826,657.19</b>
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Terminated 11/17/16)	Adalid Business Consulting DMCC	\$270,000
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Adalid Business Consulting DMCC	\$204.98
<b>Adalid Business Consulting DMCC Subtotal</b>			<b>\$270,205.98</b>
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	\$1,500,000
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	\$1,750,000
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	N/A
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	\$1,000,000
<b>Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt Subtotal</b>			<b>\$4,250,000</b>
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18 (Terminated 8/1/17)	LN Communication	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	LN Communication	N/A
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17	LN Communication	\$572
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	LN Communication	\$186,473.29
<b>LN Communication Subtotal</b>			<b>\$187,045.29</b>
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17 (Acquired 2/14/17)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland	\$66,006.16
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland	\$853.62

	(Terminated 8/19/17)		
<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland Subtotal</b>			<b>\$66,859.78</b>
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16 (Terminated 5/16/16)	Taipei Economics Cultural Representative Office	N/A
<b>Taipei Economics Cultural Representative Office Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	The Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	\$600,000
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Government of Saudi Arabia	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Government of Saudi Arabi	\$700,000
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Acquired 9/20/16)	Government of Saudi Arabi	N/A
<b>Government of Saudi Arabi Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,300,000</b>
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco (On Behalf of JPC Strategies, LLC)	\$100,000
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18 (Acquired 1/4/18)	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco (On Behalf of JPC Strategies, LLC)	N/A
<b>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco (On Behalf of JPC Strategies, LLC) Subtotal</b>			<b>\$100,000</b>
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Terminated 8/11/16)	Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global	N/A
<b>Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$7,000,767.24</b>

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings Registrant Search, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

*Note: For details of Glover Park Group's services for foreign principals per each filing listed, see [Appendix IV – Glover Park Group Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings](#).*

**2020: Bognet's Campaign Accepted \$3,000 From Registrants To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia, Including One Registered For Glover Park Group While Bognet Worked There**

**2020: Alex Mistri And Richard Hohlt Contributed \$3,000 To Bognet's Congressional Campaign:**



2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Alex Mistri And Richard Hohlt				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	10/15/20	\$500
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess	6/19/20	\$1,000
Alex Mistri	DC	Executive, Hess Corp	4/29/20	\$1,000
Richard Hohlt	VA	President, Hohlt & Company	9/28/20	\$500
Total				\$3,000

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**September 2016: Glover Park Group Filed As A Registrant To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- **In Its Filing, Glover Park Group Stated It Would “Provide Communications And Government Relations Counsel” To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** “Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding. Registrant will provide communications and government relations counsel and support to the foreign principal in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant will undertake specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**September 2016: Alex Mistri, A Glover Park Group Consultant, Filed As A Registrant To Provide Services, Including “Communications And Government Relations Counsel” To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.**

Glover Park Group consultant Alex Mistri’s filing as a registrant to provide services to principal agent the Government of Saudi Arabia read in part, “Registrant will provide communications and government relations counsel and support to the Government of Saudi Arabia in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant will undertake specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Short-Form, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- **September 2016: Brett O’Brien And Joel Johnson Of The Glover Park Group Also Filed As Registrants To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Short-Form, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#); Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Short-Form, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**As Of October 2021, Richard Hohlt Of Hohlt Group Global Was Registered To Provide Services Related To “Public Affairs, And Technical Legislative Interpretation, Strategy, And Analysis” For The Embassy Of Saudi Arabia.** On its Supplemental Statement covering April to October 2020, Hohlt Group Global indicated that Richard Hohlt was a registrant to provide services for the Embassy of Saudi Arabia. It described these services: “Richard Hohlt served as a called upon advisor to Embassy staff on public affairs, and technical legislative interpretation, strategy, and analysis. HE DOES NOT LOBBY OR ADVOCATE.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed [11/17/20](#), accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**2016: While Bognet Was Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, It Advocated On Behalf Of Saudi Arabia Against A Bill That Would Allow Families Of 9/11 Victims To Sue The Saudi Government**

**May – September 2016: The House And Senate Voted Unanimously For The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), Then Overrode Obama’s Veto Of The Bill**

**May 2016: The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), A Bill To Allow Families Of 9/11 Victims To Sue The Government Of Saudi Arabia, Passed The Senate Unanimously.** “The U.S. Senate passed

legislation on Tuesday that would allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia's government for damages, setting up a potential showdown with the White House, which has threatened a veto. The Saudis, who deny responsibility for the 2001 attacks, strongly object to the bill. They had said they might sell up to \$750 billion in U.S. securities and other American assets in retaliation if it became law. The 'Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act,' or JASTA, passed the Senate by unanimous voice vote. It must next be taken up by the U.S. House of Representatives, where the Judiciary Committee intends to hold a hearing on the measure in the near future, a committee aide said." [Reuters, [5/17/16](#)]

**9/9/16: JASTA Passed The House Unanimously.** "The House unanimously passed a bill Friday allowing families of 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts. But President Barack Obama is almost certain to reject it, setting up the first potential veto override of his presidency." [Politico, [9/9/16](#)]

**9/23/16: Obama Vetoed JASTA, Citing Concerns Over Foreign Governments Potentially Suing American Officials In Retaliation.** "The White House vetoed legislation on Friday that would allow Saudi Arabia to be sued for any alleged role in the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks — setting up what is almost certain to be the first veto override of Barack Obama's presidency. Obama's rejection of the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act was well-foreshadowed; White House officials have repeatedly said Obama has several objections to the measure, including concerns that U.S. officials would face retaliation in the courts by foreign governments." [Politico, [9/23/16](#)]

- **September 2016: Trump Said Obama's Veto Of JASTA Was "Shameful" And "Will Go Down As One Of The Low Points Of His Presidency."** "Donald Trump on Friday blasted President Obama for vetoing legislation that would allow families of 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts. 'President Obama's veto of the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act is shameful and will go down as one of the low points of his presidency,' he said in a statement." [The Hill, [9/23/16](#)]

**9/28/16: The House And Senate Voted To Override Obama's Veto Of JASTA.** "Congress overwhelmingly rejected President Barack Obama's bid to derail legislation allowing families of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to sue the government of Saudi Arabia, handing him the first veto override of his presidency during his final year in office. The Senate took the first step Wednesday, voting 97-1 to override Obama's veto of the 9/11 bill. The House quickly followed with a 348-77 vote." [Politico, [9/28/16](#)]

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### **September 2016: The Saudi Government Hired Glover Park Group Amid Its Fight Against JASTA**

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**September 2016: The Saudi Government Hired Glover Park Group Amid Its Fight Against JASTA.** "Saudi Arabia has hired two new lobby firms as it fights legislation that would allow victims of the 9/11 attacks to file lawsuits against the country. Glover Park Group and Squire Patton Boggs are now working for the Saudi government, according to new disclosure forms. Both contracts were inked earlier this week. The Saudi government is adding Washington firepower amid the battle over legislation that would allow U.S. citizens to sue any other country for terrorist attacks. The bill passed both chambers of Congress unanimously. [...] The Senate passed the legislation, known as the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), in May, and the House followed suit on Sept. 9. Members of the House and Senate are now starting a movement to undo Obama's veto[.]" [The Hill, [9/23/16](#)]

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undertake specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.”  
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### September – December 2016: The Glover Park Group Conducted Extensive Outreach To White House And Congressional Offices On Behalf Of The Government Of Saudi Arabia Related To JASTA

### September – December 2016: The Glover Park Group Conducted Outreach To White House And Congressional Offices On JASTA, Reporting More Than 150 Contacts On Behalf Of The Saudi Government On The Subject:

September – December 2016: Glover Park Group Political Activity On Behalf Of The Government Of Saudi Arabia Mentioning JASTA		
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1	12/6/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
2	12/6/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
3	12/6/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
4	12/6/16	Call with Neil Campbell, Office of Senator Jack Reed, regarding status of JASTA
5	12/6/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
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8	12/5/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
9	12/5/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
10	12/4/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
11	12/3/16	Email to Jonathan Burks and Jeff Dressier, Office of the Speaker, Office of the Majority Leader, regarding distribution of JASTA material
12	12/2/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
13	12/2/16	Call with Jared Jones, Office Senator Shelly Moore Capito, regarding cosponsorship of Graham/McCain legislation
14	12/2/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
15	12/2/16	Email to Dan Burgess, Office of Senator Roy Blunt, regarding cosponsorship of Graham/McCain legislation
16	12/2/16	Call with Taryn Frideres, Office of Senator Joni Ernst, regarding cosponsorship of Graham/McCain legislation
17	12/1/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
18	12/1/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
19	12/1/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
20	12/1/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
21	12/1/16	Email to Richard Perry and Matt Rimkunas, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding administration support for JASTA amendment
22	11/30/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
23	11/30/16	Call with Jeff Dressier, Office of the Majority Leader, regarding Graham/McCain amendment
24	11/30/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
25	11/29/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
26	11/29/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
27	11/29/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment
28	11/28/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
29	11/28/16	Call with Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding JASTA amendment

30	11/28/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
31	11/28/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
32	11/28/16	Email with Michael O'Neill, Office of Rep. Darrell Issa, regarding Graham/McCain amendment
33	11/28/16	Call with Jonathan Burks, Office of Speaker Paul Ryan, regarding status of JASTA
34	11/23/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
35	11/22/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
36	11/21/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
37	11/21/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
38	11/20/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
39	11/19/16	Call with Neil Campbell, Office of Senator Jack Reed, regarding status of JASTA
40	11/19/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
41	11/18/16	Call with Antony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State, regarding JASTA
42	11/18/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
43	11/17/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
44	11/17/16	Call with Laura McAleer, Office of Senator John Boozman, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
45	11/17/16	Call to Dan Burgess, Office of Senator Roy Blunt, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
46	11/17/16	Call to Bradley Bowman and Ryan Clark, Office of Senator Kelly Ayotte, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
47	11/17/16	Call to Helen Tolar, Office of Senator John Boozman, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
48	11/17/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
49	11/17/16	Call with Jared Jones, Office of Senator Shelly Moore Capito, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
50	11/17/16	Call with Neil Campbell, Office of Senator Jack Reed, regarding status of JASTA
51	11/17/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
52	11/17/16	Email to Helen Tolar, Laura McAleer, Toni-Marie Higgins, Office of Senator John Boozman, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
53	11/17/16	Email to Jennifer Duck, Office of Senator Diane Feinstein, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
54	11/17/16	Email to Mac Abrams, Office of Senator Dean Heller, regarding educational information on JASTA and the Senator's position
55	11/17/16	Email to Robert Wilkie, Office of Senator Thorn Tillis, regarding educational information on JASTA and the Senator's position
56	11/17/16	Email to Ryan Berger, Office of Senator Joni Ernst, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
57	11/17/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
58	11/16/16	Call with Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding JASTA amendment
59	11/16/16	Call with Jonathan Burks, Office of Speaker Paul Ryan, regarding status of JASTA
60	11/16/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
61	11/16/16	Email to Neil Campbell, Office of Senator Jack Reed, regarding Senator's position on JASTA
62	11/16/16	Email to Jennifer Duck, Office of Senator Diane Feinstein, regarding education information on JASTA
63	11/15/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
64	11/15/16	Call with Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding JASTA amendment
65	11/15/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
66	11/15/16	Email to Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding JASTA amendment
67	11/14/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
68	11/14/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA

69	11/14/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
70	11/13/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
71	11/11/16	Email to Damon Nelson, House Intelligence Committee, regarding status of JASTA
72	11/10/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
73	11/10/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
74	11/9/16	Email to Neil Campbell, Office of Senator Jack Reed, regarding the status of JASTA
75	11/9/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding the status of JASTA
76	11/8/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
77	11/7/16	Call with Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding status of JASTA
78	11/7/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
79	11/4/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
80	11/3/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
81	11/3/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
82	11/2/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
83	11/1/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
84	10/28/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
85	10/28/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
86	10/27/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
87	10/27/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
88	10/27/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
89	10/26/16	Call with Jennifer Duck, Office of Senator Diane Feinstein, regarding status of JASTA
90	10/26/16	Email to Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding administration support for JASTA
91	10/26/16	Call with Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding status of JASTA
92	10/25/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
93	10/25/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
94	10/25/16	Call with Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding status of JASTA
95	10/25/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
96	10/25/16	Call with Jonathan Burks, Office of Speaker Paul Ryan, regarding status of JASTA
97	10/24/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
98	10/21/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
99	10/20/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
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107	10/14/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
108	10/14/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
109	10/13/16	Call with Jennifer Duck, Office of Senator Diane Feinstein, regarding status of JASTA



110	10/13/16	Email to Chris Joyner, Senate Intelligence Committee, regarding educational information on JASTA
111	10/13/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
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115	10/13/16	Email to Helen Tolar, Office of Senator John Boozman, regarding educational information on JASTA
116	10/13/16	Email to Joel Brubaker, Office of Senator Shelly Moore Capito, regarding educational information on JASTA
117	10/13/16	Email to Ryan Berger, Office of Senator Joni Ernst, regarding educational information on JASTA
118	10/12/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
119	10/11/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
120	10/10/16	Email to Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
121	10/10/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
122	10/6/16	Call with Chad Kreikemeier, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
123	10/5/16	Call with Neil Campbell, Office of Senator Jack Reed, regarding status of JASTA
124	10/5/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
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130	9/29/16	Call with Antony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State, regarding JASTA
131	9/28/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA override vote
132	9/28/16	Call With Jeff Dressier, Office of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, regarding veto override vote.
133	9/28/16	Call with Jennifer Duck, Office of Senator Diane Feinstein, regarding status of veto override vote
134	9/28/16	Call with Michael O'Neill, Office of Rep. Darrell Issa, regarding JASTA legislation
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140	9/27/16	Call with Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA override vote
141	9/27/16	Call with Jeff Dressier, Office of the Majority Leader, regarding status of JASTA
142	9/27/16	Call with Mark Isakowitz, Office of Senator Rob Portman, regarding pending Senate override vote
143	9/27/16	Call with Neil Campbell, Office of Senator Jack Reed, regarding status of veto override vote
144	9/27/16	Email to Amy Rosenbaum, Office of White House Legislative Affairs, regarding JASTA
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152	9/21/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding SASC hearing and military concern over JASTA
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### **November 2016: The Glover Park Group Distributed Materials In Opposition To JASTA On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government**

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**November 2016: On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government, The Glover Park Group Distributed A Press Release Warning Of The “Harmful Consequences” Of JASTA After Its Passage.** “The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), vetoed by President Obama but overridden on September 28, 2016 by the U.S. Congress, is now law. This legislation will likely trigger a chain of unintended and harmful consequences and is already leading to foreign lawsuits against the U.S., which could ultimately implicate U.S. personnel serving abroad. The legislation passed by Congress has received widespread opposition from the country’s top defense and national security leaders and our military veterans. [...] This is distributed by The Glover Park Group on behalf of the government of Saudi Arabia. Additional information is available at the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.” [Government of Saudi Arabia, Press Release, via Department of Justice Foreign Agents Registration Act Database, dated November 2016, received [3/30/17](#)]

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### **November 2016: Sens. Graham And McCain Unveiled A “Fix” To JASTA, Which 9/11 Victims’ Families And A Congressional Aide Attributed To The Saudi Government And Its Lobbyists**

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**11/30/16: Sens. Graham And McCain Unveiled A “Fix” To JASTA Intended To Prevent Retaliatory Lawsuits, Which Would Only Hold Governments Liable For Terrorism If They Knowingly Engaged With Terrorists.** “Sens. Lindsey Graham and John McCain on Wednesday unveiled their ‘fix’ to a controversial new law intended to allow families of victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to sue Saudi Arabia. Under their proposal, foreign governments would only be held liable for terrorist attacks ‘if they knowingly engage with a terrorist organization directly or indirectly, including financing,’ as Graham explained. The fix is intended to narrow the law’s scope and reduce the likelihood that it would produce retaliatory suits against the United States.” [Politico, [11/30/16](#)]

**9/11 Families And Survivors United For Justice Against Terrorism Called The Graham-McCain Version Of JASTA A “Betrayal” And Said The Changes Were “Demanded By Saudi Arabia’s Lobbyists.”** “Following Graham and McCain’s floor speeches, a group advocating for the law issued a statement blasting the two senators’ proposed fix. The group, 9/11 Families and Survivors United for Justice Against Terrorism, said the provision would ‘effectively gut’ JASTA. ‘In April of this year, Senator Graham met with 9/11 family members from the September 11 Advocates Group and told them that he supported our cause 100 percent,’ said Terry Strada, the group’s national chair. ‘Senator Graham is now stabbing the 9/11 families in the back. He and Senator McCain are seeking to torpedo JASTA by imposing changes demanded by Saudi Arabia’s lobbyists. We have reviewed the language, and it is an absolute betrayal.’” [Politico, [11/30/16](#)]

**A Congressional Aide Called The Change To JASTA “A Giveaway To K Street Lobbyists And The Saudis.”** “‘In April of this year, Senator Graham met with 9/11 family members from the September 11 Advocates Group and told them that he supported our cause 100 percent,’ said Terry Strada, the group’s national chair. ‘Senator

Graham is now stabbing the 9/11 families in the back. He and Senator McCain are seeking to torpedo JASTA by imposing changes demanded by Saudi Arabia’s lobbyists. We have reviewed the language, and it is an absolute betrayal.’ One congressional aide familiar with the changes being pushed called the provision ‘a giveaway to K Street lobbyists and the Saudis.’” [Politico, [11/30/16](#)]

### **Additional Amendments To JASTA After Congress Overrode Obama’s Veto Of It Did Not Pass.**

[Congress.gov, S.2040, [9/28/16](#)]

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### **December 2016: Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, With Whom The Glover Park Group Contracted, Traveled To The U.S. In Support Of The Amendment**

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**December 2016: Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir Spoke In Support Of The Amendment And Travelled To The U.S. To Persuade American Lawmakers To Pass It.** “Saudi foreign minister Adel al-Jubeir told reporters on Sunday that he had been ‘trying to persuade’ US legislators to change a law allowing victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks to sue the kingdom. According to Agence France-Presse, Jubeir said he had returned from a US visit in which he had been trying ‘to persuade them that there needs to be an amendment of the law’, the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA).” [Alarabiya News, [12/19/16](#)]

### **2016: On Its Filing As A Registrant To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia, The Glover Park Group Listed Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir As The “Official With Whom Registrant Deals.”**

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Exhibit AB, filed 9/20/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

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### **2016: The Glover Park Group Contacted Sen. Graham’s Office Eleven Times On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government Regarding JASTA, With Eight Contacts Occurring Within One Week Of Graham’s Amendment Proposal**

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9	9/21/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding SASC hearing and military concern over JASTA
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11	9/20/16	Email to Richard Perry, Office of Senator Lindsey Graham, regarding status of veto override vote

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed 1/31/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

### **2017: While Bognet Was Senior VP Of Glover Park Group, It Advocated For Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of Its Government, Which Critics Said Prolonged Disastrous Conflict In Yemen**

**April 2017 – March 2018: The Glover Park Group Paid The McKeon Group, Another Registrant For The Saudi Government, Nearly Half A Million Dollars To Lobby On Issues Related To Saudi Arabia, Including Arms Sales**

2016 – 2018: McKeon Group Lobbying Paid For By The Glover Park Group						
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Client	Specific Lobbying Issues	Interest Of Foreign Representatives	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
1/23/17	Q4 2016	The Glover Park Group	JASTA	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon	Less than \$5,000
4/12/17	Q1 2017	The Glover Park Group	JASTA	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon	Less than \$5,000
7/12/17	Q2 2017	The Glover Park Group	Senate S.J. Res 40 National Defense Authorizing Act HR 2810 Sale of American made goods to our foreign relations partners	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon Preston Feinberg	\$70,000
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1/19/18	Q4 2017	The Glover Park Group	Senate S.J. Res 40 Sale of American made goods to our foreign relations partners Maintain US Saudi Relations	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon Preston Feinberg	Less than \$5,000
4/19/18	Q1 2018	The Glover Park Group	Maintain US Saudi Relations	Embassy of Saudi Arabia	Howard “Buck” McKeon Preston Feinberg	\$420,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$490,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

**November 2016: The McKeon Group Filed As A Registrant To Provide Services To The Government Of Saudi Arabia, With Howard P. McKeon, Howard D. McKeon, And Preston Feinberg Registered To Provide Services.** [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Registration Statement, filed 11/16/16, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**1993 – 2015: Howard “Buck” McKeon Served In The U.S. House Of Representatives Representing CA-25.** [Congress.gov, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**June – November 2017: The McKeon Group Advocated For Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of The Glover Park Group**

**May – November 2017: The McKeon Group Reported Representing The “Glover Group” For The Government Of Saudi Arabia, Including “Government Relations Support.”** On its Foreign Agents Registration Act Supplemental Statement covering May to November 2017, the McKeon Group reported representing “The Glover Group for The Government of Saudi Arabia, Embassy of Saudi Arabia.” It described the services it provided: “Registrant provided communications and government relations support to The Glover Group on behalf of the Government of Saudi Arabia in connection with general foreign public policy.” [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed 12/29/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

**June – November 2017: The McKeon Group Contacted Legislative Staff Eight Times Regarding Matters Related To Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia And Conflict In Yemen:**

<b>May – November 2017: The McKeon Group Reported Political Activity Related To Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia &amp; Conflict In Yemen</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
11/13/17	Preston Feinberg email to Jennifer Bird, Blake Peltz, Candace Wagner and Hannah Scheenstra of Chairman Thornberry's staff regarding the Khana [sic] Resolution
10/16/17	Howard D. McKeon contacted Josh Martin (Chairman Thornberry's COS) to gain better insight into the Davidson Amendments meaning.
10/4/17	Howard D. McKeon email to Jen Stewart (Staff Director - House Armed Services Committee) to inquire about the Nolan Amendment.
8/4/17	Preston Feinberg and Howard D. McKeon met with Senator McCain's new COS, Truman Anderson to discuss NDAA issues.
7/13/17	Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon and Preston Feinberg spoke with Chairman Thornberry and his staff to discuss the Davidson amendment in the NDAA.
6/12/17	Chairman Howard "Buck" spoke with Senator Cotton regarding the PGM sale.
6/5/17	Preston Feinberg emails to Chris Anderson (Mil Leg Asst.) for Sen. Cassidy, Klon Kitchen (Natl Security Advisor) for Sen. Salle and Jason Suslavich (Mil Legislative Asst) for Sen Sullivan regarding positions on PGM sale.
6/1/17	Preston Feinberg emails to Brad Bowman, (Sen. Young, Chris Anderson (Sen Cassidy), John Noonan and Alex Wong (Sen Cotton), Dan Adelstein and Gregg Rickman (Sen. Rounds), Klon kitchen (Sen. Sasse) and Jason Suslavich (Sen. Sullivan) to follow up as to each Senator's current position on the PGM sale.

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Supplemental Statement, filed 12/29/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

- June 2017: The Senate Narrowly Voted To Sell Saudi Arabia \$500 Million Worth Of Precision-Guided Munitions (PGM).** “Along with Raytheon and Kaman, Boeing was the big winner in a narrowly approved (53-47) Senate vote last month to sell over \$500 million worth of precision-guided munitions (PGM) to Saudi Arabia. PGM could in theory be used to pinpoint Saudi airstrikes to avoid hitting civilians. However, the Saudi military has a history of doing the opposite and targeting schools, hospitals, and markets — something members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have criticized the nation for.” [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]
  - Saudi Arabia Historically Used PGM To Target Attacks On Schools And Hospitals, Which Both Parties Condemned.** “PGM could in theory be used to pinpoint Saudi airstrikes to avoid hitting civilians. However, the Saudi military has a history of doing the opposite and targeting schools, hospitals, and markets — something members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have criticized the nation for.” [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]
- 2017: Multiple Proposed Amendments To The NDAA, Including Those Proposed By Reps. Ro Khanna And Warren Davidson, Would Tighten Regulations On Arms Sales Between The U.S. And Saudi Arabia.** “Arms deals to Saudi Arabia have become increasingly fraught due to the country’s dismal domestic human rights record and ongoing war with neighboring Yemen. Several amendments aiming to limit military support for Saudi Arabia have been put forward on this year’s National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the annual bill that sets defense policy. Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) submitted multiple amendments. One would prohibit the



U.S. from providing funding or logistical support for aerial refueling, which enables the Saudi-led coalition's constant bombardment of Yemen. Another would limit air-to-ground munitions being sold to the coalition. Republicans have also registered their objections. An amendment from Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH) would prohibit taxpayer dollars to be spent on U.S. military operations in Yemen." [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]

- **July 2017: The Nolan Amendment Proposed A Prohibition On Sending American Troops To Participate In The War On Yemen And Limiting Mid-Air Refueling Operations For Saudi Warplanes.** "The house version of the nearly \$700 billion 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes multiple amendments aimed at limiting US involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen, explicitly forbidding the deployment of ground troops there, or spending any money on military operations outside the scope of the 2001 AUMF. [...] The Nolan Amendment prohibits the deployment of troops to participate in any way in the war, which is seen not only as restricting ground troops being sent to Yemen to fight on the side of the Saudis, but also appears aimed at limiting mid-air refueling operations for Saudi warplanes." [Financial Tribune, [7/17/17](#)]
- **November 2017: Rep. Khanna Introduced A Resolution Denouncing "The Conduct Of Activities In Yemen And Areas Affected By The Conflict That Are Inconsistent With The Laws Of Armed Conflict."** "Expresses the urgent need for a political solution in Yemen consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2216 or as otherwise agreed to by the parties. Denounces the conduct of activities in Yemen and areas affected by the conflict that are inconsistent with the laws of armed conflict, including the deliberate targeting of civilian populations or the use of civilian human shields. Calls on all parties to the conflict to: (1) increase efforts to prevent civilian casualties and increase humanitarian access; and (2) allow for unobstructed access for humanitarian organizations, human rights investigators, medical relief personnel, and journalists. Supports the Saudi-led Arab Coalition's commitments to abide by their no-strike and restricted target list and improve their targeting capabilities. Condemns Iranian activities in Yemen in violation in such resolution and calls on all responsible countries to take necessary measures against Iran, including the interdiction of Iranian weapons to the Houthi rebels and the application of sanctions against Iran. Encourages other governments to join in providing the resources necessary to address the humanitarian crisis." [Congress.gov, H.Res.599, Introduced [11/1/17](#)]

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**June 2017: The Glover Park Distributed A Press Release In Support Of Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government**

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**June 2017: The Glover Park Group Distributed Touting The Benefits Of Arms Sales To Saudi Arabia On Behalf Of The Saudi Arabian Government.** "During President Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia in May, the United States and Saudi Arabia committed to defense agreements totaling \$110 billion • Cumulatively, these agreements will enhance the Kingdom's ability to fight terrorism and deter Iranian aggression, critical shared interests of our two nations. These arms sales will have four concrete benefits: DEFEND THE KINGDOM: Saudi Arabia wishes to live in peace with its neighbors. Saudi Arabia has only intervened military when the security of its own territory has been threatened. [...] DEFEAT TERRORISM: These arms sales help encourage the Kingdom and other nations in the region to shoulder more of the burden of fighting terrorism and maintaining regional security. [...] DETER AGGRESSION: Saudi Arabia remains under threat from the violent ambitions of Iran and its proxies around the region. [...] DEEPEN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES: Saudi Arabia and the United States share an economic and security relationship that spans eight decades [...] Distributed by The Glover Park Group on behalf of the Government of Saudi Arabia." [Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings, Informational Materials, filed 6/8/17, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

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**NGO: International Arms Sales For Use In Yemen "Are Fueling A Brutal War That Has Cost Many Thousands Of Lives"**

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**Save The Children: "When International Governments Sell Weapons To Be Used In Yemen They Are Fueling A Brutal War That Has Cost Many Thousands Of Lives And Left A Country In Ruins."** "'Every day

in Yemen we see the terrible human cost of arms sales when children are killed and maimed, or their homes and schools are bombed to rubble,' Alun McDonald, Save the Children's communications director in the Middle East, told IBT by email. 'The Saudi-led coalition has repeatedly used these weapons in violation of international law and children make up about one third of civilian casualties. 'Thousands of children have died, not only directly from bombing but also from preventable illnesses that can't be treated because of the bombing of hospitals and health facilities. When international governments sell weapons to be used in Yemen they are fueling a brutal war that has cost many thousands of lives and left a country in ruins.'" [International Business Times, [7/13/17](#)]

### **October 2018: Months After Bognet Left The Firm, Glover Park Group Announced It Would No Longer Work With The Government Of Saudi Arabia After Journalist Khashoggi's Murder**

**April 2018: Bognet Left His Position As Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**October 2018: Glover Park Group Announced It Would No Longer Work With The Government Of Saudi Arabia After Journalist Khashoggi's Murder.** "Two more Washington lobbying firms dropped their representation of Saudi Arabia on Monday amid an escalating uproar about the disappearance and alleged killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, according to people familiar with the decisions. The Glover Park Group notified the Saudi Embassy in Washington that it was canceling its two-year-old contract to represent the kingdom, according to a person with knowledge of the move." [Washington Post, [10/15/18](#)]

## **Cuba**

### **Bognet Took Credit For A 2016 Glover Park Group Campaign That Promoted Cuba As A Tourist Destination, Then Bashed The Country As The Antithesis Of American Democracy During His Congressional Campaign In 2021**

#### **On His Resume, Bognet Took Credit For Glover Park Group's PR Campaign That Matched The Description Of United's "United To Cuba" Campaign**

**On His Resume, Bognet Said He "Led [An] Integrated Public Affairs Campaign For A Large Domestic Airline Applying For Limited Number Of Air Routes To Havana, Cuba" At Glover Park Group.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: "• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client's goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**United To Cuba Was Named “Best In Public Affairs 2017” By PR Week.** “[HEADLINE:] Best in Public Affairs 2017 [BODY:] Winner Glover Park Group and United Airlines United to Cuba The thaw in more than 50 years of international relations with Cuba presented a golden opportunity for U.S. businesses, especially airlines. But the path to getting approval from the federal government to fly to the island nation required a deft approach because 13 airlines were vying for only a handful of slots to Havana. United Airlines differentiated its bid from those of its competitors by proposing a package of flights from various parts of the country rather than solely from Florida. It hired Glover Park Group and commissioned research, eventually finding nearly one in three Americans had some interest in traveling to Cuba.” [PR Week, [3/17/17](#)]

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## The United To Cuba Campaign Promoted Cuba As An Idyllic Tourist Destination And Site Of Entrepreneurship

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**PR Week: The United To Cuba Campaign Promoted Cuba Through “Grassroots Advocacy, Owned Digital And Social Platforms, Earned Media, And Paid Digital Media, Including Social.”** “Glover Park Group and United Airlines United to Cuba [...] Responding directly to Department of Transportation demands that flights to Cuba ‘maximize public benefit,’ the airline demonstrated broad support from an array of individuals, including employees, customers, elected officials, and business and cultural organizations. The team developed a campaign employing grassroots advocacy, owned digital and social platforms, earned media, and paid digital media, including social. It debuted the website UnitedToCuba.com to disclose information about the bid and began paid social campaigns. It also took out display advertising on websites that are well read by public officials, such as Politico and The Washington Post. The result? DOT approved eight of United’s 11 flights per week, the highest percentage of any airline, including key daily service from Newark, New Jersey.” [PR Week, [3/17/17](#)]

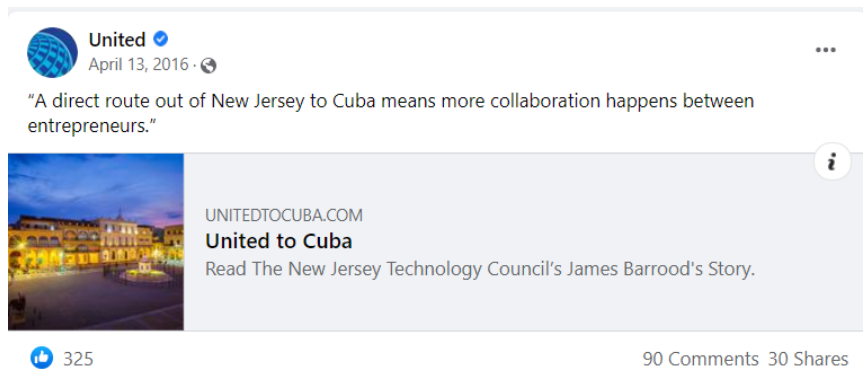
**December 2016: On Facebook, United Shared A Slideshow Entitled “United To Cuba” That Featured Tourist Activities In Havana, “Milestones In Cuban Culture,” And A Guide To Cuban Foods.** In December 2016, United posted on Facebook, “Hola, 2017 — Here’s everything you need to know about flying with us to Cuba in the new year. #TravelTuesday <http://uafly.co/07BZwB>” The linked slideshow, entitled “United to Cuba,” featured sections entitled, “Milestones in Cuban culture,” “Things to do in Havana,” “Traditional dishes in Havana,” and “Beyond Havana.” [United Airlines Facebook, [12/27/16](#); United, “United to Cuba,” accessed [3/23/22](#)]

**September 2016: United Facebook: “Cuban Culture, Coffee And Charm Is Within Reach.”** “Cuban culture, coffee and charm is within reach. Book nonstop flights to Havana from EWR and IAH starting today. [uafly.co/CGUQcS](http://uafly.co/CGUQcS)”



[United Airlines Facebook, [9/1/16](#)]

### April 2016: United On Facebook: “A Direct Route Out Of New Jersey To Cuba Means More Collaboration Happens Between Entrepreneurs.”



[United Airlines Facebook, [4/13/16](#)]

### March 2016: United On Facebook: “Cuba Is Unlike Anything You've Seen Before. We've Applied To Expand Our Network And Offer Routes To Get You There.”



[United Airlines Facebook, [3/2/16](#)]

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [7/13/21](#)]

## Ukrainian Crisis

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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/27/22](#)]

1/27/22: CNBC Headline: “Biden Speaks To Ukrainian President As Crisis On Border With Russia Intensifies.” [CNBC, [1/27/22](#)]

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And any time that you have other countries or other terrorist groups mess with us, President Trump messed back hard. I mean remember the Soleimani missile strike, no president in my lifetime would have the guts to take out an Iranian terrorist on the soil of a third country. President Trump had the guts to do that. So what really drives me the craziest about Biden is he's made America, our foreign policy, a laughingstock. We saw what happened in Afghanistan. I know under President Trump that the Afghan withdrawal would have been handled with strength. That if there were a suicide bombing and 13 Americans were killed, American heroes, like happened under Biden, Trump wouldn't stand for that. And that's what I worry about, Biden's weakness is provocative, it's provocative to the Chinese, who we're dealing with over Taiwan and over bases in the Pacific, it's provocative to the Russians, it's provocative to all of our enemies." [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:41:13

## February 2022: Bognet Supported A Ban On Russian Oil Imports

**February 2022: Bognet Supported A Ban On Russian Oil Imports, Opening The Keystone Pipeline, And Drilling Domestically To Increase Energy Independence.** "Want to make Russia reconsider, Sleepy Joe? - BAN Russian oil - OPEN the Keystone Pipeline - DRILL baby drill!"



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## China

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### May 2020: Bognet Pledged To Cosponsor The Force Act, "A \$43 Billion Package To Take [China] On Militarily"

**Bognet: "I Will Be A Cosponsor Of [The Force Act]. It's A \$43 Billion Package To Take [China] On Militarily."** "[BOGNET:] I'll be a cosponsor of the Force Act with Senator Tom Cotton, I've talked to his people, I will be a cosponsor of that. It's a \$43 billion dollar package to take them on militarily. We need to confront them in the South China Sea, we need to help Taiwan. We beat Japan, we beat Germany, we can defeat China. We have the best military in the world." [Monroe Council of Republican Women 8<sup>th</sup> District Forum, [5/21/20](#)] (AUDIO) 1:19:14

*Note: For information on Bognet's positions on and professional past related to trade with China, see the [Economic, Jobs, & Trade Issues](#) section.*

## Afghanistan

### 2021 – 2022: Bognet Criticized The Handling Of The Withdrawal From Afghanistan

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**August 2021: Bognet Said Of Officials Who Stood Behind Biden While He Spoke Of The Afghanistan Withdrawal While Wearing Masks, “If I Had To Stand Behind Biden Making Excuses For This Calamity, I Might Go Full Burqa.”** “I understand why the senior members of the Biden National Security Team responsible for this Afghanistan disaster want to cover their faces... If I had to stand behind Biden making excuses for this calamity, I might go full burqa....”



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [8/20/21](#)]

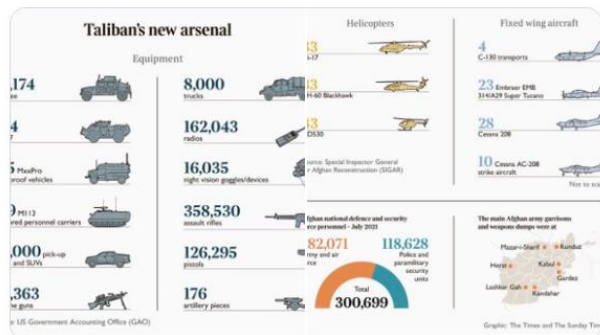
## August 2021: Bognet Spread Inflated Claims Of How Much Equipment Was Left In Afghanistan After The Withdrawal

**August 2021: Bognet Claimed That “Biden Surrendered Advanced Equipment & Weapons Paid For By Billions Of Our Tax Dollars” Using An Infographic That Cited A “U.S. Government Accounting Office (GAO)” Report.** “Biden surrendered advanced equipment & weapons paid for by Billions of our tax dollars. Biden waived the white flag to terrorists BEFORE getting Americans out, & left our weapons there where they can be turned against our brave Soldiers & Marines. American people deserve better!”



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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [8/30/21](#)]

**FactCheck.org Headline: “Republicans Inflate Cost Of Taliban-Seized U.S. Military Equipment.”**  
[FactCheck.org, [9/3/21](#)]

- **A Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report Included Totals For All Military Equipment The U.S. Supplied Afghan Defense And Security Forces Between 2003 And 2016.** “According to a Government Accountability Office report, between 2003 and 2016, the U.S. supplied Afghan defense and security forces with an arsenal that included 208 aircraft; more than 42,000 pickup trucks; more than 22,000 Humvees; nearly 9,000 MTV cargo and transport trucks; nearly 1,000 mine resistant ambush protected vehicles; nearly 200 armored personnel carriers; and hundreds of thousands of rifles, pistols, machine guns, grenade launchers, rocket propelled weapons and night vision goggles. More has been provided since then.” [FactCheck.org, [9/3/21](#)]
- **The Taliban Could Not Have Seized Those Reported Totals In The GAO Report Since They Could Not Use Equipment That Has Become Inoperable, Moved Out Of The Country, Decommissioned, Or Destroyed.** “About a quarter of the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund since 2001 — more than \$18 billion — has been specifically for equipment and transportation, according to the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction report. The rest has been for training and infrastructure. Military experts say there is reason to believe the cost of military equipment seized by the Taliban is smaller than what was purchased for the Afghans because some of the equipment has become inoperable, and some has either been moved out of the country or ‘decommissioned’ or destroyed.” [FactCheck.org, [9/3/21](#)]

## Iran

### February 2022: Bognet Praised The Killing Of Qassem Soleimani

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## Muslim-Majority Countries

### 2008: As Economic Advisor To Mitt Romney, Bognet Said Romney Was Focused On Moving Muslim Nations “Forward Into Modernity”

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## Gun Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In September 2020, Bognet said the Second Amendment was necessary to “protect us from the possibility of tyranny,” citing protests in Portland, and “not just for hunting.”
- ✓ As of October 2020, Bognet opposed universal background checks.
- ✓ As of October 2020, Bognet supported reciprocity for concealed carry across state lines.

## Second Amendment

### **September 2020: Bognet Said The Second Amendment Was Necessary To “Protect Us From The Possibility Of Tyranny,” Citing Protests In Portland**

**September 2020: Bognet Said The Second Amendment Was Necessary “Not Just For Hunting” But To “Protect Us From The Possibility Of Tyranny,” Citing Protests In Portland.** “[BOGNET:] We have to protect the Second Amendment, Frank. I’m a firm believer in our sacred Second Amendment. I’m a firm believer in gun rights. I’m a firm believer that guns are not just for hunting. Guns are put in, Second Amendment rights were put into the Constitution by our founders, by Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, they talk about it in the Federalist, to protect us from the possibility of tyranny by only having one group of people with guns. And God in heaven, you see what’s happening in Portland right now, you understand why we need the right to keep and bear arms, right? I mean those people in Portland, can you imagine going to work in the morning and owning a business and the business next to you has been burned to the ground by lunatics? And the business to the right to you, all the windows have been broken and graffiti saying, ‘we’ll kill you,’ and ‘we’ll rape your wife if you come back to work’? We need the right to keep and bear arms, because in the end, we need to be able to protect ourselves. So I’m a full supporter of the right to keep and bear arms.” [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 22:05

### **Bognet Called The Second Amendment “Especially Important To Women”**

**Bognet’s 2022 Campaign Website: “Second Amendment Protections Are Especially Important To Women.”** “I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, and I will fight to protect each American’s right to bear arms. Second Amendment protections are especially important to women, and I will fight to make sure they can defend themselves and their homes by exercising their fundamental constitutional rights. In Congress, I will work tirelessly to guarantee that law-abiding citizens maintain the right to protect themselves and their families.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

## Background Checks

### **October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Opposition To Universal Background Checks**

**October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Opposition To Universal Background Checks.** “For the following reasons, Jim Bognet has received our endorsement and ‘AQ’ rating: [...] Opposes Criminalizing Private Transfers – Opposes the so-called ‘universal’ background check system that would



criminalize the private transfer of firearms, which is only enforceable through federal firearms registration.” [NRA Political Victory Fund, [10/21/20](#)]

## Concealed Carry

### October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Support For Concealed Carry Reciprocity Across State Lines

**October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Support For Concealed Carry Reciprocity Across State Lines.** “For the following reasons, Jim Bognet has received our endorsement and ‘AQ’ rating: Supports Right-to-Carry – Supports Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation, because we are all safer when the nearly 20 million law-abiding Americans who can carry a concealed firearm in their home state are able to do so in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry.” [NRA Political Victory Fund, [10/21/20](#)]

## Semi-Automatic Firearm Ban

### October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Opposition To Banning Semi-Automatic Firearms

**October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Opposition To Banning Semi-Automatic Firearms And Certain Types Of Magazines And Ammunition.** “For the following reasons, Jim Bognet has received our endorsement and ‘AQ’ rating: Supports Right-to-Carry – Supports Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation, because we are all safer when the nearly 20 million law-abiding Americans who can carry a concealed firearm in their home state are able to do so in any other state that does not prohibit concealed carry. Opposes Government Bans and Confiscation – Opposes the Pelosi/Biden/Bloomberg plan to ban lawfully-owned semi-automatic firearms, magazines and ammunition commonly used for self-defense.” [NRA Political Victory Fund, [10/21/20](#)]

## Mental Health

### October 2020: The NRA Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Support For Legislation To Protect Veterans’ Second Amendment Rights; The NRA Previously Supported A Measure To Prohibit Submission Of Veterans’ Severe Mental Illness Records To Background Check Systems

**October 2020: The NRA Political Victory Fund Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Support For “Veterans’ Second Amendment Rights.”** “For the following reasons, Jim Bognet has received our endorsement and ‘AQ’ rating: [...] Supports Veterans’ Second Amendment Rights – Supports legislation that would protect veterans’ Second Amendment rights.” [NRA Political Victory Fund, [10/21/20](#)]

- **2017: The NRA supported A Measure To Prohibit VA Officials From Submitting Records Of Veterans With Severe Mental Illnesses To The Federal Criminal Background Check System For Firearm Ownership.** “The second measure — which passed 240-175 — would prohibit VA officials from submitting records of veterans with severe mental illnesses to the federal criminal background check system, thereby preventing them from purchasing firearms. Exceptions would be made for court orders mandating the conditions be reported. Critics have called the practice an invasion of privacy and a violation of some veterans’ constitutional rights. Opponents of the bill have called it a common-sense practice designed to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of unstable individuals, for their own safety and that of the public. The National Rifle Association supports the change, while gun control activists have opposed it.” [Military Times, [3/16/17](#)]

- **A Coalition Of Retired General Opposed The Measure And Said It Put Vulnerable Veterans In Harm's Way.** “Earlier in the week, a coalition led by retired Gens. Stanley McChrystal, David Petraeus, Peter Chiarelli, and Wesley Clark wrote a letter to lawmakers saying the proposal would ‘put America’s veterans who need our support the most in harm’s way, by providing them with easy access to firearms.’” [Military Times, [3/16/17](#)]

## Hunting & Sportsmen

### October 2020: The NRA Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Support For “Expanding Access For Hunting And Shooting”

**October 2020: The NRA Endorsed Bognet, Citing His Support For “Expanding Access For Hunting And Shooting.”** “For the following reasons, Jim Bognet has received our endorsement and ‘AQ’ rating: [...] Supports Pennsylvania Sportsmen – Supports expanding access for hunting and shooting, benefitting sportsmen throughout Pennsylvania and the country.” [NRA Political Victory Fund, [10/21/20](#)]

## Health Care Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet made attacks on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) a focal point of his congressional campaigns and career.
- ✓ In 2020 and 2022, Bognet called the ACA a “disaster.”
- ✓ Bognet held senior leadership positions for multiple campaigns, including Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential and David Dewhurst’s 2012 Texas Senate campaign, that pledged to repeal the ACA.
- ✓ In 2018, Bognet was CEO of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate campaign, which defended her two votes for repealing the ACA and her support for the American Health Care Act.
- ✓ In 2010, Bognet worked as a media consultant to create ads that attacked the ACA.
- ✓ ACA repeal would cause 59,000 PA-08 residents to lose their health insurance and cause more than half of the district to lose pre-existing condition protections.
- ✓ Bognet built his political career on lies about health care.
- ✓ In 2020, Bognet claimed he supported protections for people with pre-existing conditions, but proposed no solution to do so.
- ✓ In 2018, McSally’s campaign claimed she fought to protect pre-existing conditions, which PolitiFact rated “mostly false” based on her votes to repeal the ACA and pass the AHCA.
- ✓ In 2010, Bognet managed a California gubernatorial that falsely claimed the ACA granted benefits to undocumented people.
- ✓ Before the ACA was enacted, Bognet worked for candidates who proposed dangerous health care policies.
- ✓ In 2008, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for McCain’s 2008 presidential campaign, which proposed covering pre-existing conditions through inaccessible and expensive high-risk pools.
- ✓ Bognet previously developed domestic policy for Romney’s 2008 presidential campaign, which opposed expanding Medicaid.
- ✓ While Bognet was a Senior Vice President at the Glover Park Group, it lobbied for multiple pharmaceutical companies.
- ✓ In 2016, Abbott Laboratories paid GPG \$110,000 for lobbying; Abbot was sued multiple times for allegedly perpetrating the opioid epidemic and mismarketing opioid painkillers and other drugs.
- ✓ In 2017 and 2018, Horizon Pharma paid GPG \$230,000 to lobby on tax issues; the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was a “major victory for pharma manufacturers.”
- ✓ In 2016, AstraZeneca paid GPG \$120,000 to lobby on a law that previously prevented the company from merging with Pfizer to allow Pfizer to dodge American taxes.

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly attacked Build Back Better, which would allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for seniors and cap insulin prices at \$35/month.
- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet said of Cartwright's record securing funding for opioid addiction treatment programs, "Cartwright's answer to everything is that he could spend more of your money."

## Affordable Care Act (ACA)

### 2020 – 2022: Bognet Repeatedly Called The ACA A “Disaster”

**On His 2022 Campaign Website, Bognet Called The Affordable Care Act A “Disaster” And Said “Socialized Medicine Is Not The Answer To Our Health Care Challenges.”** “Improve Health Care: Every American deserves quality health care they can afford. Democrats in Congress want to double down on the disaster that was Obamacare and usher in a new era of higher prices, less access and greater control by government bureaucrats. Socialized medicine is not the answer to our health care challenges.” [Bognet For Congress, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

**October 2020: Scranton Times-Tribune Roderick Random Column: Bognet “Absolutely Wants To Repeal Obamacare, Which He Calls A Disaster.”** “For another, Cartwright’s ad claims Bognet wants to repeal the only law that forbids insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. That much is true. Bognet absolutely wants to repeal Obamacare, which he calls a disaster and which stands as the only law forbidding denial of coverage because of preexisting conditions.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

### 2010 – 2018: Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Attacked The ACA

#### July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Repeatedly Voted To Repeal The ACA And Defended Her Votes During The 2018 Campaign

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- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2015: As A U.S. Representative, McSally Voted To Repeal The Affordable Care Act Twice.** “Soon after she assumed office to represent Arizona’s Tucson-based district in the House of Representatives, Martha McSally voted for a Republican-backed measure to repeal the Affordable Care Act. McSally’s ‘aye’ vote for H.R. 596 was recorded on the evening of Feb. 3, 2015, and came as her party was intent on undoing, tweaking or rolling back the controversial 2010 health care law implemented by President Barack Obama and Democrats. A year later, McSally voted again to repeal the law.” [Arizona Republic, [10/29/18](#)]

**2018: When Asked About Whether She Supported Repealing The ACA, McSally Said Her Votes Were “Being Misconstrued By The Democrats” During The Campaign.** “McSally was asked if she would vote again

to repeal the health-care law on conservative commentator Sean Hannity's radio show. 'Well, Sean, I did vote to repeal and replace Obamacare on that House bill — I'm getting my ass kicked for it right now because it's being misconstrued by the Democrats,' she said. 'They're trying to, you know, invoke fear in people who have family members or loved ones with pre-existing conditions.'" [Arizona Republic, [10/29/18](#)]

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## **2012: Bognet Was A Senior Advisor For Romney's Presidential Campaign, Which Repeatedly Promised To Repeal The ACA**

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**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign's Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: "• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.  
• Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.  
• Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2012: Romney Pledged To Begin The Process Of Repealing The ACA On His First Day In Office.** "[HEADLINE:] Romney says he'll undo Obama healthcare reform on Day 1. Can he? [BODY:] [...] Romney's campaign website promises that the former governor of Massachusetts would make the undoing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act — often referred to as 'Obamacare' — a priority: 'On his first day in office, Mitt Romney will issue an executive order that paves the way for the federal government to issue Obamacare waivers to all fifty states.'" [Los Angeles Times, [10/30/12](#)]

**2012: Romney: "I Will Start The Process Of Repealing Obamacare On Day 1."** "Even before Mitt Romney stepped on stage at the Republican National Convention, he had promised a lot to voters. Below, sentences containing the phrase 'I will' from Mr. Romney's campaign speeches. [...] So, as president, I will begin with an equally big dose of certainty across our economy: By granting waivers to all fifty states, I will start the process of repealing Obamacare on Day 1." [New York Times, [9/6/12](#)]

**2012: Romney: "Our Mission Is Clear: If We're Going To Get Rid Of Obamacare, We're Going To Have To Replace President Obama."** "But the overhaul remains unpopular, and Romney cast the November 6 presidential election as the best chance for voters to overturn it. 'Our mission is clear: If we're going to get rid of Obamacare, we're going to have to replace President Obama,' Romney said on the roof of a building overlooking the U.S. Capitol." [Reuters, [6/28/12](#)]

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## **2011 – 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And Senior Advisor To Dewhurst's Texas Senate Campaign, Which Pledged To Repeal The ACA**

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**July 2011 – August 2012: Bognet Was Campaign Manager And General Consultant Of David Dewhurst's Texas Senate Campaign In Austin, TX, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager and General Consultant of Dewhurst for Texas from July 2011 to August 2012. He described this role: "• Served as founding Campaign Manager and General Consultant for Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst's campaign in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate. Hired campaign staff of 15.  
• Supervised record setting fundraising operation for a Texas U.S. Senate campaign.  
• Managed campaign communications staff on a daily basis, providing daily guidance, setting message, and providing direction on most effective tactics to communicate message and campaign positioning." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**May 2012: Dewhurst Pledged To Repeal The ACA.** "At his Houston victory party Lt Gov. Dewhurst generally ignored Cruz and talked about taking Texas budget-cutting know-how to Washington. Dewhurst: Tonight we Texas Republicans said we're going to repeal Obamacare. We said we're going to stop the out-of-control spending in Washington. If you like Texas you are going to love the job I'm going to do for you in Washington." [KERA News, [5/30/12](#)]



**July 2012: Dewhurst Said He Wanted To “Put [The ACA] In The Trash Heap Of History.”** “Dewhurst: ‘I got in this race because I looked and saw that the freedoms we’ve all been granted in the Constitution have been slipping through our fingers.’ Describes his upbringing, says he’s lived the American Dream. ‘I’m in this race to turn Washington upside down.’ Says he wants to repeal Obamacare and ‘put it in the trash heap of history.’ Says he wants to take the Texas model to DC.” [Dallas Morning News, [7/23/12](#)]

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**As A Media Consultant, Bognet Helped Create Ads Against The ACA**

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- Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**Bognet “Create[d] And Deliver[ed] Campaign Message Through Paid Media, Including TV, Radio And Web-Based Advertising” For Clients Sens. Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, And Dan Coats At SSG Media.**

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**October 2010: Roy Blunt Aired An Ad Produced By Stevens and Schriefer Group That Criticized The “Obama Agenda,” Including “Government-Controlled Health Care We Can’t Afford.”** “Rep. Roy Blunt(R-07) released a new TV ad on 10/8, produced by Stevens and Schriefer Group. Full script, ‘What’s at stake in this election?’ BLUNT: ‘What’s at stake in this election? Jobs. My opponent Robin Carnahan supports the Obama agenda that’s killing jobs. A disastrous stimulus bill that grew government, not jobs. Government-controlled health care we can’t afford. And a job-killing new energy tax. My jobs plan takes a different approach. Lower taxes, less red tape, more American energy, encouraging small businesses to do what they do best: create jobs. Read my plan at royblunt.com. I’m Roy Blunt, and I approve this message’” [Hotline, 10/11/10]

**September 2010: Coats’ Campaign Aired An Ad Produced By SSG That Attacked His Opponent For Voting For The ACA.** “Ex-Sen. Dan Coats (R) has launched a new TV ad, produced by SSG. Full script, ‘The Choice’: ANNCR: ‘In Washington, D.C., Congressman Brad Ellsworth faced a choice. Represent Indiana? Or vote in lock-step with Nancy Pelosi and Barack [sic] Obama. On the \$787 billion stimulus, Ellsworth chose the liberal Pelosi-Obama agenda. Ellsworth supported \$7.7 billion in pork-filled earmarks, adding billions of new debt. Ellsworth even voted for ObamaCare. If Congressman Ellsworth didn’t vote for Indiana, why should Indiana vote for Ellsworth?’ COATS: ‘I’m Dan Coats and I approve this message’ (youtube.com, 9/24).” [Hotline, 9/24/10]

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**ACA Repeal Would Cause 59,000 PA-08 Residents To Lose Their Health Insurance**

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**2019: Center For American Progress Estimated Full ACA Repeal Would Cause 59,000 Residents Of PA-08 To Lose Their Health Insurance.** [Center For American Progress, [7/9/19](#)]

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**ACA Protected People With Pre-Existing Conditions, Including More Than Half Of PA-08 Residents**

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**The ACA Outlawed Denial Of Coverage Or Increasing Insurance Prices For People With Pre-Existing Conditions.** “Before the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, insurers in the individual market could deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions like these or charge them much more for coverage. The ACA banned this practice and was signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2010. The law also made it more palatable for insurers to cover people with pre-existing conditions by requiring everyone get insurance, offsetting those added costs for companies with payments from more healthy individuals who don’t submit claims.” [PolitiFact Pennsylvania, [10/20/18](#)]

**Roderick Random Column: Bognet “Wants To Repeal The Only Law That Forbids Insurance Companies From Denying Coverage To People With Pre-Existing Conditions.”** “For another, Cartwright’s ad claims Bognet wants to repeal the only law that forbids insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. That much is true. Bognet absolutely wants to repeal Obamacare, which he calls a disaster and which stands as the only law forbidding denial of coverage because of preexisting conditions.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

**2017: Center For American Progress Estimated That 306,500 PA-08 Residents Under 65, Or 53 Percent Of The District’s Nonelderly Population, Had Pre-Existing Conditions.** [Center for American Progress, [4/5/17](#)]

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## Repealing The Individual Mandate “Would Hurt, Not Help, Low- and Moderate-Income People” And Leave 13 Million American Uninsured

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**BLOG: CBPP Director of Health Insurance and Marketplace Policy: “Repealing Individual Mandate Would Hurt, Not Help, Low- and Moderate-Income People.”** Headline: “Repealing Individual Mandate Would Hurt, Not Help, Low- and Moderate-Income People”: “Some Republican senators claim that repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandate that people have health insurance or pay a penalty — as Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch’s revised tax bill would do — would help low- and moderate-income people, but that claim defies common sense. In fact, repealing the mandate, which the Hatch bill proposes to help pay for permanent corporate tax rate cuts, would cause 13 million mostly low- and middle-income people to become uninsured and raise premiums for millions of others. The claim also contradicts the official Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) estimates, which show lower-income households losing from the revised tax bill, even though these estimates account for only some of the harmful impacts of repealing the mandate. The Republican claims ignore the increases in the number of uninsured that repealing the mandate would cause. Repeal would save \$318 billion over ten years by increasing the number of uninsured Americans by 13 million by 2027 [...] The millions of low- and moderate-income people losing health insurance would be harmed. [...] Overall, low- and moderate-income people would lose much more than they’d gain from repeal.” [CBPP, [11/16/17](#)]

**2017: CBO Projected Repealing The Individual Mandate Would Leave 13 Million Americans Uninsured And Increase Premiums by Ten Percent.** “Repealing Obamacare’s individual mandate would lead to 13 million fewer Americans having health insurance and save the federal government \$338 billion in the next 10 years. The numbers come from a new report from the Congressional Budget Office, which re-scored the repeal as Republicans consider including it in their tax reform proposal as a means of saving money — and striking a blow to the health care law they’ve campaigned against but haven’t quite been able to undo. (President Trump is also reportedly considering an executive order that would defang the mandate.) Four million more Americans would be uninsured in 2019, the first of the mandate’s repeal, with the uninsured figure increasing over the next decade to 13 million in 2027. The mandate requires every American to have health insurance or pay a penalty. It’s the Affordable Care Act’s incentive for young and healthy people to buy insurance. Without it, healthier people would be expected to

drop out of the market, which then increases insurance premiums. The CBO estimated premiums on the marketplaces would go up 10 percent if the mandate were repealed.” [Vox, [11/8/17](#)]

## **Bognet Built His Career And Campaign On Lies About Health Care**

### **October 2020: Bognet Said He Supported Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions, But Had No Plan To Do So**

**Bognet Said He Wanted To Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions If The ACA Were Struck Down Or Cut Back.** “Both said they want to protect people with pre-existing conditions, if the Affordable Care Act is struck down or cut back. It’s personal for Bognet, who mentioned several conditions affecting his parents, though as Cartwright noted, ‘we ha’ en’t seen the plan’ from Republicans.” [York Daily Record, [10/20/20](#)]

**Scranton Times-Tribune Roderick Random Column: Bognet “Hasn’t Said How He’ll Just Protect Preexisting Conditions Coverage.”** “In fairness to Cartwright, Bognet hasn’t said how he’ll just protect preexisting conditions coverage, one of the key and complicating elements of Obamacare. Voting only to protect preexisting conditions coverage probably won’t fly because of all the special interests involved, and any health care fix is complicated. If Republicans could have just done that, they would have when they controlled all of Congress. Republicans haven’t come up with an alternative they could pass into law in the decade since Democrats passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Obamacare’s formal name. Republicans really haven’t tried that hard, either. They spent most of their time voting to repeal Obamacare.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

### **2018: Bognet Was The CEO Of A Campaign That Falsely Claimed Its Candidate Fought For Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions, When She Really Repeatedly Voted To Gut Them**

#### **July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign**

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#### **October 2018: PolitiFact Rated The McSally Campaign’s Claim That She Fought To Cover Pre-Existing Conditions “Mostly False,” Citing Her Votes For The AHCA And To Repeal The ACA**

**October 2018: The McSally Campaign Aired An Ad That Claimed McSally Was “Leading The Fight To [...] Force Insurance Companies To Cover Pre-Existing Conditions.”** “McSally, a Republican running for the state’s open Senate seat, says in a new ad that she is ‘leading the fight to secure our border, force insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions and protect girls and women from sex trafficking.’” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]

**October 2018: PolitiFact Rated The Claim “Mostly False,” Citing Her Votes To Repeal The ACA And Pass The AHCA.** “McSally claimed she’s ‘leading the fight’ to ‘force insurance companies to cover pre-existing

conditions.’ It was the Obama-era Affordable Care Act that forced insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions. McSally in 2015 voted in favor of a full repeal of the law. The bill directed House committees to offer new proposals, including one that provided people with pre-existing conditions access to affordable health coverage. In 2017, McSally voted for the American Health Care Act, a Republican proposal that kept the Affordable Care Act’s pre-existing conditions coverage. Despite language in the bill to protect people with pre-existing conditions, it included provisions that undermined that coverage and increased premiums for certain people, making insurance unaffordable in some cases, experts said. McSally did support an amendment to help reduce over 5 years increased premiums and out-of-pocket expenses that people with pre-existing conditions might face due to a state waiver allowed in the bill. McSally’s statement contains an element of truth but ignores critical facts that would give a different impression. We rate it Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]

- **2015: McSally Voted For A Full Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act, Which Established Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions.** “McSally in 2015 voted in favor of a full repeal of the law. The bill directed House committees to offer new proposals, including one that provided people with pre-existing conditions access to affordable health coverage.” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]
- **2017: McSally Voted For The American Health Care Act, Which “Included Provisions That Undermined” Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions.** “In 2017, McSally voted for the American Health Care Act, a Republican proposal that kept the Affordable Care Act’s pre-existing conditions coverage. Despite language in the bill to protect people with pre-existing conditions, it included provisions that undermined that coverage and increased premiums for certain people, making insurance unaffordable in some cases, experts said.” [PolitiFact, [10/30/18](#)]

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**The AHCA Would Have Caused 41,400 Residents Of PA-08 To Lose Their Health Insurance, Increased Premiums For Pennsylvanians With Pre-Existing Conditions, And Cost Pennsylvania Jobs**

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**CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026.** “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

**CBO Estimated 41,400 Residents Of PA-08 Would Lose Their Health Insurance Under The AHCA.** [Center for American Progress, [5/25/17](#)]

**The Center For American Progress Estimated That The AHCA Would Result In Surcharges Of \$32,740 For Breast Cancer, \$19,780 For Pregnancy, \$9,700 For Major Depression, \$6,390 For Diabetes, And \$4,950 For Asthma In Pennsylvania.** [Center for American Progress, [4/21/17](#)]

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**2009 – 2010: Bognet Managed Steve Poizner’s California Gubernatorial Campaign, Which Spread Lies About The ACA**

**March 2009 – June 2010: Bognet Was Campaign Manager At Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Campaign Manager of Steve Poizner For Governor 2010 from March 2009 to June 2010. He described this role: “• Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.

- Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.



- Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**April 2010: Poizner’s Campaign Claimed In An Ad That His Opponent Would “Continue Taxpayer-Funded Benefits To Illegals. A Skyrocketing Cost Under Obamacare,” Which PolitiFact Rated False.** “Steve Poizner stated on April 10, 2010 in a campaign commercial: ‘Taxpayer-funded benefits to illegals’ in California are ‘a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare.’ [...] The new federal law specifically prevents illegal immigrants from benefitting, and most of the additional indirect costs that might be expected from expanding the Medicaid rolls are already being paid in California by different state or local government accounts. For these reasons, the phrase ‘a skyrocketing cost under Obamacare’ is a gross exaggeration. We rate the statement False.” [PolitiFact, [5/19/10](#)]

## **Before The ACA Was Enacted, Bognet Worked For Candidates Who Proposed Dangerous Health Care Policies**

### **2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Policy For Romney’s Presidential Campaign And Championed The Campaign’s Opposition To Medicaid Expansion**

#### **2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign And Worked On Domestic Policy**

**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.  
• Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.  
• Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces  
• Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney’s 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner’s deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney’s policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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**2007: Bognet Advocated For “Getting Everyone Private Health Insurance” Instead Of Government Health Insurance As Romney Admonished Democrats For Their “Fight To [...] Put More People On Medicaid”**

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**On Behalf Of Romney, Bognet Spoke About “Getting Everyone Private Health Insurance” Instead Of Government Health Insurance.** When Bognet was the Policy Development Director on Governor Romney’s campaign, he spoke on a Brookings panel entitled “Opportunity 08: Better Direction On Main Street”: “MR. BOGNET: [...] But Governor Romney really feels that health care is going to be a major issue next year. And he’s the only one with a record of getting more folks health insurance as a governor. So he, you know, in our policy meetings, he’s always, you know, saying very clearly that health care should be a republican issue, and that we have to work hard on it. And he concentrates on getting everyone private health insurance. You know, there will be a candidate to talk about getting everybody health insurance, and they mean government health insurance. He concentrates on getting everybody private health insurance and bringing down the cost of health care. So I think taxes and health care are going to be two huge issues next year.” [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

- **Bognet: “Our Approach Is Let’s Get People Private Health Insurance.”** When Bognet was the Policy Development Director on Governor Romney’s campaign, he spoke on a Brookings panel entitled “Opportunity 08: Better Direction On Main Street”: “MR. BOGNET: [...] Governor Romney definitely understands that there is insecurity about losing your healthcare when you lose your job, that’s why he thinks that we should try to get everybody insured. That’s why we should do it in a private market way. There’s a perfect example. You have a situation where, I think, candidates on both sides or at least all three candidates represented here, realize that healthcare is major concern to people. Our approach is let’s get people private health insurance. Most people are generally happy with their private health insurance. The approach on the other side of the aisle is let’s get government health insurance for more people. So it’s a very different philosophical approach.” [Brookings, [12/3/07](#)]

**Romney Admonished Democrats For Their “Fight To [...] Put More People On Medicaid.”** Romney addressed the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC): “As a nation at war and facing uncertain economic times, the American people cannot afford the Democrats and their agenda for retreat and economic slowdown. [...] The threat to our culture comes from within. The 1960’s welfare programs created a culture of poverty. Some think we won that battle when we reformed welfare, but the liberals haven’t given up. At every turn, they try to substitute government largesse for individual responsibility. They fight to strip work requirements from welfare, to put more people on Medicaid, and to remove more and more people from having to pay any income tax whatsoever. Dependency is death to initiative, risk-taking and opportunity. Dependency is a culture-killing drug. We have got to fight it like the poison it is.” [Reuters, [2/7/08](#)]

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**Medicaid Expansion Under The ACA Allowed 11.9 Million Americans To Gain Health Insurance As Of 2016 And Allowed More than Half Of A Million Pennsylvanians To Gain Coverage As Of 2018**

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**Medicaid Expansion Under The ACA Allowed 11.9 Million Americans To Gain Health Insurance.** “Since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law in 2010, 31 states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid, extending health care coverage to low-income nonelderly adults. Virginia and Maine are slated to join them as soon as 2019. In November 2018, voters in four more states—Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, and Utah—will decide whether to follow suit. Overwhelming evidence shows how Medicaid expansion, which began in 2014, has substantially increased health insurance coverage and improved access to affordable care. As of 2016, Medicaid covered 11.9 million newly eligible Americans in expansion states, reducing the share of nonelderly adults without insurance in these states from 13.6 percent in 2013, the year before expansion, to 8.1 percent. A growing body of research also shows that Medicaid expansion’s benefits extend far beyond coverage and access to care: It also saves lives, reduces families’ chances of facing bankruptcy, and increases access to opioid addiction treatment, among other benefits.” [Center for American Progress, [10/24/18v](#)]

**Medicaid Expansion Allowed 584,465 Pennsylvanians To Enroll In Medicaid And CHIP Between 2013 And 2018.** “In Pennsylvania, the number of people covered by Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, rose by 584,465 people between 2013 and 2018, an increase of 43 percent, for a total of 2.97 million people,

according to HealthInsurance.org, an independent data tracker. Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf authorized the expansion shortly after being elected to his first term in 2015. His Republican predecessor, ex-Gov. Tom Corbett, declined the expansion and attempted to move the state onto a public-private hybrid that critics decried as more expensive and with fewer benefits.” [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, [12/19/19](#)]

**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign, Which Proposed Covering Pre-Existing Conditions Through High-Risk Pools Faced Criticism As Insufficient, Exclusive, And Expensive**

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.  
• Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**McCain’s 2008 Presidential Campaign Proposed Covering Pre-Existing Conditions Through High-Risk Pools.** “Republican presidential nominee John McCain says if he's elected president, he'll dramatically expand an existing program to help people in less-than-perfect health get health insurance. ‘Over 30 states have some form of ‘high-risk’ pool, and over 20 states have plans that limit premiums charged to people suffering an illness and who have been denied insurance,’ he said at a campaign stop earlier this year. McCain says he'll work with the nation's governors to expand those pools, add new programs to help those with chronic conditions stay healthier and provide more funding. Aides say it could be as much as \$15 billion to \$20 billion in new subsidies.” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

**Individuals With Pre-Existing Conditions Faced Barriers To Accessing High-Risk Pools, According To Professors And Insurance Industry Members.** “Since insurance companies can and do turn down individuals who apply for coverage if they're in less-than-perfect health, many states have set up high-risk pools to give them a place they can get insurance, even if they have to pay substantially higher premiums. But Karen Pollitz of Georgetown University says there's a big problem with state high-risk pools that goes beyond money. ‘When people get to these high-risk pools, they usually can't get in.’ [...] But there's a reason the high-risk pools are so hard-nosed about who and what they cover, says Mary Nell Lehnhard of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. ‘The idea is that you want to discourage people from waiting until the last minute — the day they know they're going to the hospital for surgery, and that's when they buy insurance,’ says Lehnhard. ‘The idea of insurance is you get them in early; they subsidize other people,’ she says. ‘Then they get sick; they're subsidized by somebody else. But if everybody waits until the last minute, you don't have any subsidies, (and) you're just paying out for expenses.’” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

**NPR: “While In Theory The High-Risk Pools Being Proposed By McCain Are A Good Idea, So Far They've Mostly Been Just Too Expensive.”** “Lehnhard says high-risk pools are needed to get the sicker people out of the regular individual insurance pool. Otherwise, they drive up everyone's premiums. That prevents the healthy, young people from signing up. And those are the people insurance companies need most. ‘You want to make sure your coverage is affordable enough so that these very price-sensitive people in their 20s will buy coverage,’ she says. Lehnhard and consumer advocate Pollitz, however, agree that while in theory the high-risk pools being proposed by McCain are a good idea, so far they've mostly been just too expensive. That's why only about 300,000 people total are enrolled in them, out of 46 million uninsured.” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

**NPR: “Many [State] High-Risk Pools Delay Covering The Condition That Makes Patients Eligible In The First Place.”** “Then there's another catch. Even if he gets into the pool, Gene Meadows will still have to wait six more months before it will cover his cancer. That's not unusual. Many high-risk pools delay covering the condition that makes patients eligible in the first place. That's what happened to Barb Fleming in Missouri. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in January. Fleming, who's a self-employed saleswoman, did have health insurance when she got the diagnosis, but it was about to expire. The Missouri high-risk pool let her in — but told her she'd have to wait a full year for the coverage she needed most. ‘I was approved for the pool as of March 4 ... but it

would not cover my cancer,’ she said. ‘So I was going to be paying \$908 a month for an insurance — and I have been — that was not covering the cancer.’ Fleming was lucky. She got her surgery before her old policy ended. She didn’t need chemotherapy. And, after months of appeals, Missouri officials lifted the 12-month waiting period. But even though she’s doing OK now, the fight took its toll. ‘I hate to say this, but I felt more in charge of my cancer than I ever felt about the insurance situation,’ she says.” [NPR, [9/29/08](#)]

## While Bognet Was A Senior VP At Glover Park Group, It Lobbied For Multiple Pharmaceutical Companies

### January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was A Senior VP At Glover Park Group

**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

### 2016: Abbott Laboratories, Which Was Sued Multiple Times For Allegedly Mismarketing Opioids And Other Drugs, Paid The Glover Park Group \$110,000 For Lobbying

#### 2016: Glover Park Group Was Paid \$110,000 For Lobbying For Abbott Laboratories

2016: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Abbott Laboratories				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/19/16	Q1 2016	Lobbying related to healthcare, nutrition and tax	Jon Gans Grant Leslie	\$40,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	Lobbying related to healthcare, nutrition and tax.	Jon Gans Grant Leslie	\$40,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	Lobbying related to healthcare, nutrition and tax.	Jon Gans Grant Leslie	\$30,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$110,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Abbott While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied For Abbott Laboratories Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500

Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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### Abbott Laboratories Was Sued Multiple Times Over Its Role In The Opioid Epidemic

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**2019: Mobile Health, Of Mobile County, Alabama, Sued Abbott Laboratories Over Its Role In The Opioid Epidemic.** “Mobile Health filed suit against Abbott Laboratories and multiple other companies in 2019 making claims that dated back to 2006 and earlier, the court said. The justices agreed with the company, which argued that the legal time limit for such allegations had expired at least 11 years earlier. The county, which is among multiple governmental bodies that filed suit over the drug nationwide to recover expenses from treating overdose patients and people addicted to OxyContin, argued that the time limit did not apply because the opioid crisis was still going on when the lawsuit was filed.” [U.S. News, [5/28/21](#)]

- **May 2021: The Case Was Dismissed Over Its Statute Of Limitations.** “The court agreed with arguments by Abbott Laboratories that county officials waited too long to sue over claims that a marketing campaign wrongly played down the addictive power of the drug, leading to a dramatic rise in hospitalizations for overdoses and deaths.” [U.S. News, [5/28/21](#)]

**2017: Illinois’ St. Clair County Filed A Lawsuit Against Abbott Laboratories And Purdue Pharma Over Allegations That The Companies Downplayed The Addictiveness Of Opioids In Their Marketing.** “St. Clair County State’s Attorney Brendan Kelly is suing pharmaceutical companies he accuses of misleading Illinoisans about the danger of the opioid prescription painkillers. Kelly announced the suit Thursday against Purdue Pharma and Abbott Laboratories on behalf of St. Clair County and the state of Illinois. Purdue Pharma made several popular opioids using hydrocodone, oxycodone and morphine, and Abbott Laboratories promoted and distributed those drugs. The suit alleges that Purdue and Abbott knew for years that the products they made and sold, though helpful to treat both short- and long-term pain, were highly addictive and yet the companies worked to reverse this perception in the medical community.” [Belleville News-Democrat, [4/21/17](#)]

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### 2012: Abbott Laboratories Pleaded Guilty And Settled For \$1.5 Billion To Resolve Claims That It Specially Trained A Salesforce To Sell A Drug To Elderly Dementia Patients Without FDA Approval

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**2012: Abbott Laboratories Pleaded Guilty And Settled For \$1.5 Billion To Resolve Claims That It Specially Trained A Salesforce To Sell A Drug To Elderly Dementia Patients Without FDA Approval.** “Global Health Care Company Abbott Laboratories Inc. has pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$1.5 billion to resolve its criminal and civil liability arising from the company’s unlawful promotion of the prescription drug Depakote for uses not approved as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Justice Department announced today. [...] Abbott has pleaded guilty to misbranding Depakote by promoting the drug to control agitation and aggression in elderly dementia patients and to treat schizophrenia when neither of these uses was FDA approved. In an agreed statement of facts filed in the criminal action, Abbott admits that from 1998 through 2006, the company maintained a specialized sales force trained to market Depakote in nursing homes for the control of agitation and aggression in elderly dementia patients, despite the absence of credible scientific evidence that Depakote was safe and effective for that use.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/7/12](#)]

**2017 – 2018: Horizon Pharma Paid The Glover Park Group \$230,000 To Lobby On Tax Reform; The 2017 Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Gave The Pharmaceutical Industry Billions In Tax Cuts**

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**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$230,000 For Lobbying For Horizon Pharma On Business Tax Reform**

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**2017 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Horizon Pharma USA, Inc**



Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
7/19/17	Q2 2017	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston John Hughes Paul Poteet	\$60,000
10/19/17	Q3 2017	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston John Hughes Paul Poteet	\$60,000
1/19/18	Q4 2017	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston John Hughes Paul Poteet	\$60,000
4/19/18	Q1 2018	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston Paul Poteet	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$230,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,250 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Horizon Pharma While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied For Horizon Pharma Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,250</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers” And Saved The Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion

**Politico: Repatriation Provision In Tax Bill Was A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers.”** “The bill, H.R. 1 (115), lowers the corporate tax rate and would offer a one-time reduction on profits U.S.-based multinational companies earn and keep abroad. The repatriation provision is seen as a major victory for pharma manufacturers who store boatloads of cash in countries where tax rates are lower.” [Politico, [12/4/17](#)]

- Pharmaceutical Companies Were “One Of The Biggest Beneficiaries” Of The Provision, And Were Seen As Likely To Return Money To Their Shareholders, Rather Than Invest In Research And Innovation.** “U.S. drugmakers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the repatriation portion of the bill. They’ve been sitting on billions of dollars in overseas earnings and can now bring home that cash at a reduced rate. While the tax bill has been promoted by Republicans as a job creator, the reality is that drug companies are more likely to return the money to shareholders, or use it to make acquisitions.” [Bloomberg, [12/20/17](#)]
- Tax Bill Was Estimated To Save Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion.** “The tax proposal supported by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans would give five top pharmaceutical corporations a \$42.7 billion tax break.” [Public Citizen and ITEP, [11/20/17](#)]

## Pharmaceutical Companies Used TCJA Savings To Benefit Shareholders, Rather Than To Bring Down The Cost Of Drugs Or Invest In New Research And Development

**Pharmaceutical Companies Were Predicted To Use Savings From Tax Bill To Invest In Mergers And Acquisitions In An Effort To Preserve Patents And Prevent Competitors From Producing Cheaper, Generic Drugs.** “Blue-chip drugmakers holding \$200 billion in cash, mostly overseas, will start investing more of it in mergers and acquisitions after President Trump’s tax overhaul slashed the cost of spending the money in the U.S., debt-ratings firm Moody’s predicts. [...] Amgen, Pfizer, Gilead, and Celgene are the most likely to seek deals, Moody’s projects, as they grapple with challenges from a shrinking market for some medications to the expiration of patents on others that will enable rivals to produce cheaper generic versions.” [Washington Examiner, [1/9/18](#)]

**Nine Pharmaceutical Companies Announced \$50 Billion In Share Buybacks After Tax Bill Passed, “A Sum That Towers Over Investments In Employees Or Drug Research And Development.”** “The pharmaceutical industry is using a large portion of its windfall from Republicans’ corporate tax cuts to boost its stock prices. Nine drug companies are spending a combined \$50 billion on new share buyback programs, a sum that towers over investments in employees or drug research and development. The bottom line: All of those buybacks were announced during or after the passage of the Republican tax bill. That money is enriching hedge funds, other Wall Street investors and top drug company executives, but it isn’t necessarily helping patients.” [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Pharma’s \$50 Billion Tax Windfall For Investors.”** [Axios, [2/22/18](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Big Pharma Investors Cash In On Trump’s Tax Plan.”** [Salon, [2/22/18](#)]

**2016: AstraZeneca Paid The Glover Park Group \$120,000 To Lobby On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act; AstraZeneca Had Previously Attempted A Tax Inversion To Allow Pfizer To Dodge American Taxes**

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$120,000 For Lobbying For AstraZeneca On The Stop Corporate Inversions Act**

2016: Glover Park Group Lobbying For AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
4/19/16	Q1 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson John Hughes Jon Gans	\$40,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson	\$40,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	HR 4679 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, S 2360 Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014 (in the context of corporate acquisition activity)	Joel Johnson	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$120,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

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**2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca While Bognet Worked There**

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2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented AstraZeneca Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
Total				\$2,500

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**AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed Pfizer To Cut Its U.S. Tax Bill After The Stop Corporate Inversion Act Tightened Regulations On Tax Inversions**

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**2015: Pfizer And AstraZeneca Unsuccessfully Attempted A Tax Inversion That Would Have Allowed U.S.-Based Pfizer To Cut Its U.S. Tax Bill By Merging With U.K.-Based AstraZeneca.** “No one seems to like tax inversions, those deals whereby a U.S. corporation merges into a company in a tax haven to cut its U.S. tax bill, even though many—or most—of its operations remain in the U.S. President Obama wanted to ban tax inversions in his 2015 budget, Hillary Clinton opposes inversions, and Donald Trump has said that such deals are another reason to overhaul the tax code. So why does Pfizer seem to think that it can structure a merger with Allergan in a way that would allow Pfizer to be ‘bought’ by its partner and move its headquarters to Allergan’s base of Ireland, one of the world’s great low-tax jurisdictions. The U.S. pharmaceutical giant failed once before, after all, when it attempted a tax inversion with the U.K. firm AstraZeneca earlier this year.” [Fortune, [11/20/15](#)]

**The Stop Corporate Inversions Act Implemented Regulations On The Potential Pfizer-AstraZeneca Merger And Raised The Threshold Of International Stock Ownership For American Companies To Dodge Taxes.**

“This time with Pfizer was no exception. Earlier this month the New York Times reported that 14 senators introduced The Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2014, which would tightened requirements on the structure Pfizer would have used (They are called inversions and the brief definition is that they allow U.S. companies to reincorporate elsewhere after a takeover of a smaller international firm. A better and more detailed definition can be found in Cadwalader’s newsletter for Corporate Board Members). Companies can move overseas if foreign shareholders own at least 20 percent of their stock under the current law. The bill would raise that threshold to 50 percent for two years.” [Forbes, [5/26/14](#)]

## Prescription Drugs

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**Bognet Repeatedly Attacked Build Back Better, Which Would Lower Prescription Drug Costs**

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**Bognet Repeatedly Attacked The Build Back Better Act (BBB)**

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**December 2021: Bognet Attacked Cartwright For Having A “Helping Hand” In Attempting To Pass Build Back Better Act.** “Bognet said Cartwright has allowed the Biden-Pelosi agenda to pass through Congress and has been a helping hand in doing it. Cartwright has voted with Pelosi 99 percent of the time, helping her pass the Democrats’ partisan items such as the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and the \$1.75 trillion reconciliation infrastructure bill. It was revealed last month that the reconciliation bill would add three-quarters of a billion dollars to the American deficit over five years.” [Breitbart, [12/5/21](#)]

**November 2021: Bognet Called Big Back Better “Big Socialism.”** “[BOGNET:] Hi everyone, Jim Bognet here. Today the House of Representatives is voting on the Build Back Better BS. I call it BS because it stands for Big

Socialism, and a few other things. When I'm in Congress, no more BS, no more trillion-dollar deficit spending, and no more Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright." [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [11/5/21](#)] (VIDEO) :00

*Note: For full information on Bognet's attacks on BBB, see [Budget Issues](#) section.*

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### **BBB Would Lower Drug Prices For Seniors And Cap Insulin Prices**

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**Build Back Better Act Would Allow Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Lowering Costs, And Penalize Companies That Increased Drug Prices Faster Than Inflation.** "Drug price reduction efforts: Build Back Better contained multiple efforts to lower the price of prescription medication -- most notably allowing Medicare to negotiate prices for the first time. The bill would have empowered Medicare to negotiate prices of certain costly medications administered in doctors' offices or purchased at the pharmacy. The Health and Human Services secretary would negotiate up to 10 drugs in 2025 and up to 20 medications starting in 2028. The legislation also would have imposed penalties if drug companies increased their prices faster than inflation." [CNN, [12/20/21](#)]

**The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A \$2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D.** "Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: 'For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today's agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.' She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors' expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said." [NBC News, [11/2/21](#)]

**Build Back Better Act Would Cap The Price Of Insulin At \$35 Per Month, Potentially Saving Diabetics More Than \$11,500 Annually.** "Under the Build Back Better Act, prescription drug prices will become more affordable, with out-of-pocket expenses for seniors and people with disabilities capped at \$2,000 annually. Currently, millions of seniors pay \$6,000 out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs, meaning they will save \$4,000 each year. Further, insulin costs will be capped at \$35 per month. Currently, diabetics pay up to \$1,000 per month for insulin. This means some diabetics will save more than \$11,500 a year." [The Hill, Rose Khattar Op-Ed, [12/15/21](#)]

## **Opioid Epidemic**

### **October 2020: Bognet Criticized Cartwright For Speaking About Funding Addiction And Rehabilitation Services For Pennsylvanians Suffering In The Opioid Epidemic**

**October 2020: After Cartwright Spoke About Funding Services For Pennsylvanians Suffering In The Opioid Epidemic, Bognet Said, "Cartwright's Answer To Everything Is That He Could Spend More Of Your Money."** "[CARTWRIGHT:] Sure, and one thing I admitted was that as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, it puts me in a place where I can bring back money to ameliorate these problems. This year alone, I brought back \$1.5 million for the drug courts that I was talking about. And it's something that I fought for every year, robust funding for addiction and rehabilitation services, and I will continue to do so in the future. [MODERATOR:] Mr. Bognet, you have a rebuttal 30 seconds. [BOGNET:] It's really amazing. Matt Cartwright's answer to everything is that he could spend more of your money. He loves Nancy Pelosi more than the cookie monster loves cookies. And he thinks that if he gets elected, she'll put him in a position to spend more of your money. I think you really have to think, do we want to be spending more of our money? And you mentioned McConnell, I'm not running for the Senate. You bragged about being close to Pelosi. She raised you up into her leadership team. So when you take shots at me, think about how much you've said that your relationship to Pelosi is what distinguishes you." [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 27:33

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“Stories about the opioid epidemic resonate with him. Two relatives died because of drugs. Bognet said his first bill would establish a federal death penalty for drug kingpins and traffickers, but he also said the nation needs more counselors to provide treatment. ‘We have to help our addicts get back on their feet,’ he said.” [Standard-Speaker, [1/24/20](#)]

*Note: For Bognet’s attacks on immigration related to the opioid crisis, see the [Immigration & Border Security Issues](#) section.*

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## Billing Transparency

### October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Outlaw [Health Care] Billing That’s Not Transparent”

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## Immigration & Border Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet made a series of outlandish and xenophobic claims about immigration and refugee placement in northeast Pennsylvania (NEPA).
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet falsely claimed the Biden Administration sent a “cascade of illegal immigrants” to NEPA on “ghost flights” to “plant Democrat voters.”
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet claimed Biden sent “500 to 600 unvetted Afghan refugees” to Keystone Job Corps Facility in NEPA.
- ✓ In February 2022, the Department of Labor stated Afghan refugees who worked alongside U.S. troops for two decades had permanent legal status and were eligible to enroll at the center.
- ✓ As of February 2022, the DOL stated no Afghan refugees had enrolled at Job Corps centers.
- ✓ Bognet called the Department of Labor’s statement “cockamamie.”
- ✓ Bognet stated the refugees would “change the very nature” of the area and said at an event, “nobody in here wants those people in Hazleton, Pennsylvania or Butler Township, Pennsylvania.”
- ✓ Bognet bragged about attempting to trespass on the federal Job Corps property with Senate candidate Mehmet Oz and yelling at a security guard to get “answers” about the refugees.
- ✓ In footage Bognet posted of the encounter, he did not appear to ask anyone any questions and left after being repeatedly told he was trespassing.
- ✓ Bognet claimed illegal immigration caused overcrowding in NEPA schools and hospitals.
- ✓ Bognet spoke in support of Trump’s border wall during his 2020 and 2022 campaigns.
- ✓ Bognet praised Lou Barletta’s advocacy against illegal immigration; Barletta’s signature action, an ordinance to block hiring of or renting to undocumented immigrants, was not enforced for a single day and cost \$1.7 million in public funds to unsuccessfully fight for in court.

### “Ghost Flights”

#### **February 2022: Bognet Falsely Claimed The Biden Administration Was Sending A “Cascade Of Illegal Immigrants” On “Ghost Flights” To Pennsylvania To “Plant Democrat Voters”**

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed The Biden Administration Was Sending A “Cascade Of Illegal Immigrants” On “Ghost Flights” To Pennsylvania To “Plant Democrat Voters All Over The Country.”** “[BOGNET:] Under Sleepy Joe, all we see is a cascade of illegal immigrants coming in and even worse guys, we have ghost flights coming into Wilkes-Barre Scranton Airport, where the Biden Administration is paying to put tons of illegal immigrants on flights. They started doing it Christmas night, thinking nobody would be paying attention, but luckily, we had supporters out there that had videos of illegal immigrants being airdropped into Pennsylvania, and

we called BS on it. And we've been doing everything we can to stop it, but these guys just never stop. They're trying to make every state a border state, they're trying to plant Democrat voters all over the country." [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:33:37

**PolitiFact Rated The Claim That Biden Was “Secretly Flying Illegal Immigrants Into Communities Across The Country In The Middle Of The Night” “Mostly False.”** “Kistner said Biden ‘has been secretly flying illegal immigrants into communities across the country in the middle of the night.’ The ad implies that it is a new phenomenon for the federal government to transport immigrants around the country. That’s not true. The federal government flies adult detainees in its custody from one facility to another, or from one U.S. city to another during deportation proceedings. The U.S. government in some cases also flies unaccompanied children who are being released from its custody to a family member or sponsor. Some of these flights may happen at night, but they are not covert operations. The same types of routine flights were done by the Trump administration. The ad contains only an element of truth. We rate it Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, [3/16/22](#)]

## Afghan Refugees

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Biden Was “Dumping” Afghans In Rural Pennsylvania And Repeatedly Bragged About Attempting To Trespass At A Federal Jobs Center To Support His Claims**

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Biden Was “Dumping” Afghans In Rural Pennsylvania And Using A Jobs Corps Center That Was “Supposed To Be For American Citizens”**

**Headline: “Exclusive–Jim Bognet: Biden Turning ‘Beautiful Rural’ Pennsylvania into Afghan Refugee ‘Dumping Ground.’”** [Breitbart, [2/5/22](#)]

- **Bognet Claimed Biden Was “Dumping” Hundreds Of Unvetted Afghan Refugees – Whom He Suggested Could Have Criminal Records – Into “Beautiful, Rural” Pennsylvania.** “Republican Jim Bognet, running against Democrat Rep. Matt Cartwright in Pennsylvania’s 8th congressional district, says President Joe Biden has turned a ‘beautiful, rural area’ into a ‘dumping ground’ for hundreds of ‘unvetted Afghan refugees.’ As Breitbart News has reported, the Biden administration has brought more than 76,000 Afghans to the United States for resettlement across 46 states since mid-August 2021. The operation is being facilitated by the federal government, a non-governmental organization (NGO) backed by former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, as well as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and multinational corporations.” [Breitbart, [2/5/22](#)]
- **Bognet Said “500 To 600 Unvetted Afghan Refugees” Would Enroll At The Keystone Job Corps Facility.** “‘In Butler Township, Pennsylvania, which is a beautiful rural area two miles from my house, the Biden administration just dropped that they’re going to put 500 to 600 unvetted Afghan refugees into the [Keystone Job Corps] facility — this is a facility that trains college kids to get jobs and get skills,’ Bognet said. ‘And instead, we’re going to put 500 to 600 unvetted Afghan refugees.’ ‘I have no trust in the Biden administration that they have any ability to screen these people,’ Bognet continued. ‘Local law enforcement who I’ve talked to have no idea who these people are, we don’t have their criminal records, we don’t have their vaccine status, we don’t have their COVID-19 status, we don’t have any status on them. We don’t know who they are.’” [Breitbart, [2/5/22](#)]

**February 2022: Bognet: “Joe Biden Is Trying To Make Northeastern Pennsylvania A Dumping Ground For Illegal Immigrants And Unvetted Afghans, And We Just Won’t Stand For It.”** [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:36:36

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**Bognet Claimed The Afghans Would “Change The Very Nature” Of The Area, That “Nobody In Here Wants Those People In Hazleton,” And Referenced 9/11 While Discussing The “Risk” They Posed**

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**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Afghan Refugees Would “Change The Very Nature” Of Butler Township By Being Placed At The Job Corps Center, Which Was “Supposed To Be For American Citizens.”**

“[BOGNET:] Butler Township, Pennsylvania is a very rural town, beautiful area, houses, farms, schools. And now we’re going to try to change the very nature of it by using a job corps center, which is supposed to be for American citizens to learn skills to get a job, now we’re going to use it as a refugee camp. I don’t think that’s right.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/14/22](#)] (VIDEO) 10:56

**February 2022: Bognet Said Of Afghan Refugees At An Event, “I Know That Nobody In Here Wants Those People In Hazleton, Pennsylvania Or Butler Township, Pennsylvania.”** “[BOGNET:] We all saw on TV what hash they made out of the Afghanistan withdrawal. It was a disaster. We saw those people running on those planes. I know that nobody in here wants those people in Hazleton, Pennsylvania or Butler Township, Pennsylvania.” [Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :12

**February 2022: Bognet Said Of The “Risk To Our Safety” That The Afghans Posed, “9/11 Happened Twenty Years Ago, And New York City Is Only Two Hours Away From Here.”** “[BOGNET:] We don’t know who these people are. We don’t know what their criminal history is. We don’t know what their Covid status is. We don’t know if there’s criminals among them. We don’t know if they were infiltrated by the Taliban, ISIS, or any other organization that has nefarious motives. You know, 9/11 happened twenty years ago, and New York City is only two hours away from here. I think that this is a possible risk to our safety and or security.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/8/22](#)] (VIDEO) 5:04

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**The Department Of Labor Stated That All Afghan Evacuees Who Worked Alongside U.S. Troops Had Permanent Legal Status And Were Eligible For Jobs Corps Programs, Which Bognet Called “Cockamamie”**

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**According To The Department Of Labor, Afghan Evacuees With Permanent Legal Status Who Worked Alongside U.S. Troops For Two Decades Were Eligible To Be Accepted At Job Corps Programs.** “The U.S. Department of Labor also issued a statement Friday. ‘Job Corps is proud to join our federal, state and private partners to support Afghan evacuees who worked alongside U.S. troops in Afghanistan for two decades and are now temporarily housed at safe havens across the county. The Afghan Refugees have permanent legal status in the United States, including eligibility to work. Job Corps officials have visited six safe havens to speak with Afghans about opportunities to build meaningful skills, land fulfilling jobs and develop lifelong relationships through Job Corps. All Job Corps Centers will stand ready to accept Afghan refugees. None have been enrolled at Job Corps at this time.’” [FOX 56, [2/4/22](#)]

- **As Of February 2022, Afghan Refugees Had Not Enrolled In Job Corps.** “The U.S. Department of Labor also issued a statement Friday. ‘Job Corps is proud to join our federal, state and private partners to support Afghan evacuees who worked alongside U.S. troops in Afghanistan for two decades and are now temporarily housed at safe havens across the county. [...] All Job Corps Centers will stand ready to accept Afghan refugees. None have been enrolled at Job Corps at this time.’” [FOX 56, [2/4/22](#)]

**Bognet Called The Department Of Labor’s Statement “Cockamamie” And Added That Biden Was “Picking On Small Town And Rural And Red State America.”** “[BOGNET:] Have they given you any information, local supervisors? Of course, the answer was no, they gave them some cockamamie statement by the Department of Labor saying, we stand ready to take as many unvetted Afghans as are willing to come here. And you know, it feels like, and maybe this is just because I’m from a small town, it feels like the Biden Administration is picking on small town and rural and red state America.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:38:05

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**February 2022: Bognet Repeatedly Bragged About Attempting To Trespass At The Federal Jobs Corps Center Property With Mehmet Oz And Dramatically Inflated The Story**

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**February 2022: Bognet Said He And Mehmet Oz Were Told To Leave The Job Corps Center Property By Security Guards While They Attempted To Investigate Afghan Refugees There.** “[BOGNET:] I invited all the governor candidates, all the Senate candidates, to come and see what’s happening and see how it’s going to change this community, especially when you’re not coordinating with local police. The first one to take me up on it was Dr. Oz. Dr. Oz came into town last week, I took him to the facility, we parked our cars there. Security came out, tried to throw us off the property. So we walked to the edge of the property and started recording a video where you could see there were no walls, fences, you could see there were houses in the background. Security start running at us, screaming, trying to get us off the property, but, you know, we stood our ground and said, we want answers. We want to know who these people are, what their background is, what their Covid status is, have they been checked for terrorist affiliations, have they been checked for Taliban affiliations. We cannot get any answers.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:35:43

- **Bognet Claimed Security Started “Running At Us, Screaming, Trying To Get Us Off The Property” But He And Oz “Stood Our Ground And Said, We Want Answers.”** “[BOGNET:] I invited all the governor candidates, all the Senate candidates, to come and see what’s happening and see how it’s going to change this community, especially when you’re not coordinating with local police. The first one to take me up on it was Dr. Oz. Dr. Oz came into town last week, I took him to the facility, we parked our cars there. Security came out, tried to throw us off the property. So we walked to the edge of the property and started recording a video where you could see there were no walls, fences, you could see there were houses in the background. Security start running at us, screaming, trying to get us off the property, but, you know, we stood our ground and said, we want answers. We want to know who these people are, what their background is, what their Covid status is, have they been checked for terrorist affiliations, have they been checked for Taliban affiliations. We cannot get any answers.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:35:43

**February 2022: Bognet Spoke Of His Attempted Investigation With Oz At An Event.** “[BOGNET:] One other thing I would tell you is, we went over there looking for answers. Dr. Oz and I went over there at 5 o’clock today. I wanted to show him what a beautiful rural community you all have here. And as we were filming a video and talking about it, the security came out. And Dr. Oz and I started asking them questions: how many Afghans are coming here? When will they be here? What are their backgrounds? What vetting did you do? You know what they said? This is a federal facility and we can do whatever we want.” [Jim Bognet Twitter, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :24

**February 2022: Bognet Posted A Video In Which He Spoke To Oz About The Afghan Evacuees While Being Told He Is Trespassing On Federal Property At The Keystone Job Corps Center.** “[BOGNET to Dr. Oz:] – unvetted Afghan refugees. Now the problem with that is- [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] Excuse me, you’re on federal property. You can’t be here. This is trespassing. [BOGNET:] We’re on the side of the road. [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] You’re on federal property. [unintelligible] [BOGNET:] See, they don’t want us here because they know they’re bringing unvetted Afghan refugees. We don’t know who they are. [VOICE OFFSCREEN:] Excuse me, you’re on federal property. You’re trespassing. Please leave.” After being told to leave, Dr. Oz and Bognet appeared to leave. [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

- **Bognet And Oz Appear To Walk Away After Being Told To And Did Not Ask The Security Guard Any Questions In The Video.** [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

<b>February 2022: Bognet Claimed Afghan Refugees Were Being Offered “Free Housing, Food Stamps, And Welfare Checks,” Which He Called “Insanity”</b>
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**February 2022: Bognet: “Afghan Refugees Brought To America Are Being Offered Free Housing, Food Stamps, And Welfare Checks Totaling \$2,300. This Is Biden’s America Last Agenda. Stop The Insanity.”**





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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/7/22](#)]

## Southern Border Wall

### 2020 – 2022: Bognet Supported Trump's Border Wall

**Bognet: “We Must Support President Trump As He Continues To Build The Wall, And Demand Funding From Congress For Aggressive Border Patrol And Interior Enforcement.”** “Stop Illegal Immigration: There is a crisis at our southern border. We need to end illegal immigration and never apologize for building a border wall. We must support President Trump as he continues to build the Wall, and demand funding from Congress for aggressive border patrol and interior enforcement. Democrats in Congress refuse to act and have only made the problem worse. It is time for new leadership who will put more resources at the southern border, ending the crisis Democrats created.” [Bognet For Congress, accessed [3/2/22](#)]

**Bognet: “We Need Secure Borders. I Believe We Should Finish Building The Wall.”** “[BOGNET:] We need secure borders. I believe we should finish building the wall that President Trump has asked for. President Trump is President today because he strongly took on illegal immigration. I believe we need to stop sanctuary cities, they're illegal, they're bad, they really hurt us. They're the road towards socialism. We need to eliminate sanctuary cities, I believe they're unconstitutional. And we need interior enforcement, we need to deport an illegal immigrant in Wilkes-Barre in the same way we'd do it in Houston. We need to deport illegal immigrants in Homestead the same way we would in Houston.” [Your Local Election HQ via YouTube, [5/3/20](#)] (VIDEO) 1:38

## Sanctuary Cities

### May 2020: Bognet Opposed Sanctuary Cities

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## Family Separation

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**Deportations****May 2020: Bognet Called For “Interior Enforcement” To Deport “An Illegal Immigrant In Wilkes-Barre In The Same Way We’d Do It In Houston”**

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**Illegal Immigration****February 2022: Bognet Claimed Illegal Immigration Damaged The Quality Of NEPA Schools, Overcrowded Hospitals, And Caused A “Crime Wave”**

**February 2022: Bognet Claimed Illegal Immigration Damaged The Quality Of NEPA Schools, Overcrowded Hospitals, And Caused A “Crime Wave.”** “[BOGNET:] My hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, has been devastated by illegal immigration. Our schools have really suffered. It’s hard to get an emergency room in the hospitals. There’s been a crime wave, and we were called by one of the liberal papers from New York, the heroin capital of Pennsylvania.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [2/8/22](#)] (VIDEO) 6:40

**February 2022: Bognet Blamed Fentanyl Deaths On Illegal Immigration**

**February 2022: Bognet Blamed Fentanyl Deaths And Increasing Drug Crimes On Illegal Immigration.** “[BOGNET:] My hometown, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, has dealt with the incredibly negative effects of illegal immigration. We’ve seen drug crimes skyrocket, fentanyl deaths, and under President Trump we had the return to Mexico policy, we were building the wall, we were actually trying to solve illegal immigration. And under sleepy Joe, all we see is a cascade of illegal immigrants coming in.” [Steak for Breakfast Podcast, [2/15/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:33:20

*Note: For Bognet’s positions on the opioid epidemic, see [Health Care Issues](#) section.*

## January 2022: Bognet Falsely Claimed TSA Allowed “Illegals To Use Their ARREST WARRANTS” As ID To Board Planes

**January 2022: Bognet: “Joe Biden’s TSA Is Allowing Illegals To Use Their ARREST WARRANTS As A Form Of ID.”** “Joe Biden’s TSA is allowing illegals to use their ARREST WARRANTS as a form of ID. People presenting these warrants at an airport should be detained and given a one way ticket back to their home country!”



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[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [1/21/22](#)]

**March 2022: PolitiFact Rated The Claim That Undocumented Immigrants Could Use Arrest Warrants To Fly On U.S. Aircraft “Mostly False.”** “Johnson claimed that TSA was allowing undocumented immigrants who are ‘known criminals who possess an arrest warrant to fly on U.S. aircraft (which) threatens our homeland security.’ While immigrants can use civil immigration violation documents to prove their identity in order to board planes, those documents are not criminal arrest warrants, as the claim suggests. Indeed, there is no reason to think the target of a criminal arrest warrant would be given a copy of such a warrant, much less carry it with him or herself. What’s more, under the process officials have already established an individual’s identity and determined they are not a threat or a flight risk. That said, a memo from the TSA administrator includes a document labeled ‘Warrant for Arrest of Alien’ on a list of acceptable paperwork. So, there is at least an element of truth to the matter. That fits our definition of Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, [3/4/22](#)]

## January 2022: Bognet Falsely Claimed New York City Allowed “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote In Municipal Elections

**January 2022: Bognet Claimed New York City Allowed “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote In Municipal Elections.** “[BOGNET:] Last week, New York City passed a law allowing illegal immigrants to vote in New York City elections. This is crazy. If you don’t believe me, I pasted the link below. We must fight against this.” [Jim Bognet Facebook, [1/12/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

- **The Law Allowed Legal Residents Of The U.S. Who Were Not Citizens, Including DREAMers And Green Card Holders, To Vote In Municipal Elections.** “Mayor Eric Adams, setting aside prior misgivings, allowed a bill to become law on Sunday that would grant more than 800,000 noncitizens the right to vote in municipal elections. ‘I believe that New Yorkers should have a say in their government, which is why I have and will continue to support this important legislation,’ the mayor said in a statement. ‘I look forward to bringing millions more into the democratic process,’ he added. The measure applies to legal residents, including those with green cards, and so-called Dreamers who were brought to the country illegally as children but were allowed to remain under a federal program known as DACA. Although the City Council approved the bill last month, New York law provides the mayor the opportunity to veto it within 30 days. Without any action, the bill passes into law automatically, as happened with this measure.” [New York Times, [1/9/22](#)]

**January 2020: Bognet Praised Lou Barletta's Positions Against Illegal Immigration; Barletta's Signature Immigration Law Was Never Enforced And Cost Nearly \$1.7 Million In Public Funds**

**January 2020: Bognet Called Barletta A "Leader Fighting Illegal Immigration" And Called For Continuing "His Fight Up Here In Pennsylvania Against Illegal Immigration."** "[BOGNET:] We need to finish the wall. We need to fight illegal immigration. My first campaign I ever did was for a guy named Lou Barletta, he was a leader fighting illegal immigration. We need to continue his fight up here in Pennsylvania against illegal immigration." [Breitbart News via Team Bognet YouTube, [1/20/20](#)] (AUDIO) 12:51

**2018: Philadelphia Inquirer's Chris Brennan Column: Headline: "As Lou Barletta's Immigration Law Failed His Political Brand Was Born."** [Philadelphia Inquirer, Chris Brennan Column, [7/16/18](#)]

**2006: As Mayor Of Hazleton, Barletta Pushed For A Local Ordinance To Prohibit Employers From Hiring Undocumented Immigrants And Landlords From Renting To Them.** "Kichline was working on his car in front of his house one night in 2006, Barletta said earlier this month, when two men approached. One raised a gun and fired a shot at close range into Kichline's head, killing him. The men were in the country illegally from the Dominican Republic, and police told local media they were involved in drug dealing. The murder shocked this town of 25,000, 82 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Barletta, who was mayor at the time, pushed for a local ordinance making it illegal for employers to hire and landlords to rent to anyone in this country illegally." [Philadelphia Inquirer, Chris Brennan Column, [7/16/18](#)]

- **Barletta's Law Was Not Enforced For A Single Day Because It A Federal Judge Immediately Blocked It.** "The men accused in Kichline's killing were released after the case against them fell apart. And the law Barletta pushed in Kichline's name was never enforced — not for a single day — because a federal judge stepped in to immediately block it." [Philadelphia Inquirer, Chris Brennan Column, [7/16/18](#)]
- **After Being Rejected Twice In The U.S. Court Of Appeals For The Third Circuit In 2010 And 2011, A District Judge Ordered Hazleton To Pay For Both Party's Legal Fees, Totaling \$1,685,213.** "Hazleton's ordinance was rejected in 2010 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The U.S. Supreme Court asked the Third Circuit to take another look in 2011, where it failed again. Kobach points to two local ordinances passed in Nebraska and Missouri that were similar to Hazleton's law. The U.S. Eighth Circuit upheld those measures, Kobach said. 'If Hazleton would have been in the Eighth Circuit, Lou Barletta's law would still be enforced today,' Kobach said. A district court judge in October 2015 ordered Hazleton to pay the legal fees and expenses for the plaintiff's attorneys — a tally of \$1,426,684. City records show Hazleton spent \$258,634 from a legal defense fund. That brings the total legal cost of the law to \$1,685,213." [Philadelphia Inquirer, Chris Brennan Column, [7/16/18](#)]

## Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet campaigned on a “gigantic” bipartisan infrastructure bill in 2020, then insinuated the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), which made historic investments in NEPA, was not “real infrastructure” in 2021.
- ✓ During his 2020 campaign, Bognet called for a “gigantic,” “massive” infrastructure investment and pledged to “work across the aisle” to pass it.
- ✓ The week that Biden signed BIF into law, Bognet tweeted, “Real infrastructure is finishing President Trump’s border wall and restarting the Keystone XL Pipeline!”
- ✓ BIF made historic investments in NEPA’s infrastructure.
  - ✓ BIF invested more than \$12 billion in Pennsylvania’s roads and bridges and allowed NEPA’s Department of Transportation to start on \$270 million worth of projects years in advance.
  - ✓ BIF invested \$1 billion in abandoned mine reclamation in NEPA, which was projected to reduce pollution and create jobs in the region.
  - ✓ BIF invested more than \$2 billion in NEPA’s public transit and a historic \$66 billion in Amtrak, with the possibility of offering service between Scranton and New York City.
  - ✓ BIF invested \$100 million in Pennsylvania’s broadband expansion and \$1.4 billion in drink water improvements statewide.

## Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

### 2021: Bognet Attacked The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), Suggesting It Was Not “Real Infrastructure”

**11/20/21: Bognet Insinuated The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Was Not “Real Infrastructure.”**  
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[Jim Bognet Twitter, [11/20/21](#)]

- **11/15/21: NPR Headline: “Biden Signs The \$1 Trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Into Law.”** [NPR, [11/15/21](#)]



## BIF Made Historic Investments In NEPA Infrastructure

### BIF Invested Heavily In NEPA Infrastructure And Was Projected To Generate More Than \$17 Billion In Pennsylvania

**Scranton Times-Tribune Headline: “NEPA To Benefit A Lot From Biden Infrastructure Bill.”** [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

**Scranton Times-Tribune Editorial Headline: “Infrastructure Bill Signifies Huge Triumph.”** [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

- **BIF Included “Considerable” Benefits To Pennsylvanians, Including Projections That It Would Generate More Than \$17 Billion, Or \$1,400 Per Resident, Statewide.** “President Joe Biden’s \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill represents the approval of a major government initiative to advance the broad public interest. Biden’s signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. The largest infrastructure investment in generations includes \$550 billion in spending for the nation’s airports, bridges, waterways, public transit and other infrastructure. The benefits to Pennsylvania are considerable. The act will generate more than \$17 billion in spending here, or some \$1,400 for each resident, including:” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

### BIF Invested More Than \$12 Billion In Pennsylvania’s Roads And Bridges, Allowing NEPA’s Department Of Transportation To Start More Than \$260 Million Worth Of Projects Years In PA-08 In Advance

**BIF Invested \$11.3 Billion For State Highway Work And \$1.6 Billion For Bridge Replacement And Repairs In Pennsylvania.** “Biden’s signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. The largest infrastructure investment in generations includes \$550 billion in spending for the nation’s airports, bridges, waterways, public transit and other infrastructure. The benefits to Pennsylvania are considerable. The act will generate more than \$17 billion in spending here, or some \$1,400 for each resident, including: \$11.3 billion for state highway work and \$1.6 billion for bridge replacement and repairs. [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

**BIF Allowed The Department Of Transportation In Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne And Wyoming Counties To Start More Than \$270 Million Worth Of Projects To Improve Bridges And Roads Years Earlier.** “Of course, no infrastructure bill would be an infrastructure bill without more money for roads and bridges. Rich Roman, state Department of Transportation district executive for Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, said the bill will allow his district to get to a series of projects years earlier.” According to Roman, the projects the Department of Transportation could begin on expedited timeline were:

District Department Of Transportation Expedited Timeline Projects Due To BIF			
Project	Location	Estimated Dates For Seeking A Contract	Estimated Costs
Repaving of the Casey Highway		February 2022	\$37.91 million
Replacement of the Green Ridge Street Bridge over the Lackawanna River in Scranton	Scranton	April 2022	\$16.35 million
Replacement of North Main Avenue Bridge over Leggetts Creek	Scranton	November 2023	\$3.29 million
Rehabilitation of the Market Street Bridge over the Susquehanna River	Wilkes-Barre	January 2023	\$4.1 million
Reconstruction of the Sans Souci Parkway	Hanover Township	February 2024	\$44 million

Rehabilitation of Cross Valley Expressway bridge, Route 309, over River Street and the Susquehanna River	Connecting Wilkes-Barre and Kingston	October 2025	\$28 million
Resurfacing and bridge replacement/preservation on 5 structures on Interstate 81	Butler, Dorrance, and Rice townships and West Hazleton	January 2023	\$120 million
Replacement of Route 6 bridge over Delaware River	Matamoras, Pike County	October 2022	\$7 million
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$260.65 million</b>

[Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

**State Department Of Transportation District Executive For Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne And Wyoming Counties: “We’re Really Excited To See This Level Of Investment In Our Infrastructure.”** “Of course, no infrastructure bill would be an infrastructure bill without more money for roads and bridges. Rich Roman, state Department of Transportation district executive for Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, said the bill will allow his district to get to a series of projects years earlier. [...] ‘These were projects that we had on our active portfolio for design, but they were out in the outer (later) years of our (12-year) transportation plan,’ Roman said. ‘So we’re really excited to see this level of investment in our infrastructure and we’re looking forward to it being finalized and getting the final rules in place for what we need to do and how we’re going to do it.’” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

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**BIF Invested Up To \$3.8 Billion In Pennsylvania’s Abandoned Mine Reclamation, \$1 Billion Of Which Was Designated For NEPA, Which Was Expected To Reduce Pollution And Create Jobs**

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**Scranton Times-Tribune: Headline: “Infrastructure Law To Deliver NEPA Major Funding For Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation.”** [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]

- **BIF Invested Up To \$3.8 Billion In Pennsylvania’s Abandoned Mine Reclamation, \$1 Billion Of Which Was Designated For NEPA.** “The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes \$11.3 billion over 15 years for abandoned mine land and water reclamation projects, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior. It will deliver \$3.8 billion in funding to Pennsylvania over that time, and Cartwright expects Northeast Pennsylvania to receive north of \$1 billion of that total.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]
- **Mine Reclamation Was Projected To Create Jobs And Grow NEPA’s Economy By Allowing The Former Mine Sites To Be Transformed Into Parks, Offices, Industrial Buildings, And Renewable Energy.** “Beyond the environmental benefits, officials said the funding will help grow the region’s economy and create jobs. For example, reclamation projects can pave the way for development on abandoned mine lands, enabling them to hold parks, offices, industrial buildings, renewable energy infrastructure and other assets.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]
- **Abandoned Mines Heavily Polluted Pennsylvania’s Rivers, With One Site Spewing 60 Million Gallons Of Contaminated Water Into The Lackawanna River Daily.** “The Old Forge borehole spews about 60 million gallons of iron-laden, contaminated mine water into the Lackawanna River each day, one of many examples in Northeast Pennsylvania of the long-term effects of the area’s coal mining past. Gathered near the borehole Wednesday, local partners, stakeholders and environmental stewards joined U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, Moosic, in touting a major infusion of federal funding for abandoned mine land reclamation included in the bipartisan infrastructure bill President Joe Biden signed into law last month.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, [12/29/21](#)]

**BIF Was Projected To Address More Than 8,000 Abandoned Mines That Leak Methane.** “Biden’s signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. The largest infrastructure investment in generations

includes \$550 billion in spending for the nation's airports, bridges, waterways, public transit and other infrastructure. The benefits to Pennsylvania are considerable. The act will generate more than \$17 billion in spending here, or some \$1,400 for each resident, including: [...] Up to \$3 billion for abandoned mine reclamation, affecting numerous regional counties, and billions to remediate and cap abandoned gas wells. More than 8,000 orphaned wells in the state that leak methane will be addressed." [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

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**BIF Invested \$2.13 Million In Lackawanna County's Public Transit.** "Lackawanna County public transportation officials are overjoyed to receive \$2.13 million from President Joe Biden's federal infrastructure bill." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [2/24/22](#)]

- **BIF Included Funding For Workforce Development Related To Lackawanna County's Public Transit, Facilitating Workplace Safety For Bus Drivers And Allowing The County To Keep Jobs "In House."** "Steve Matassa, a veteran bus driver and drivers' union official, said the infrastructure bill includes money for workforce development, which could mean training for mechanics and technicians. That will grow more important as COLTS shifts to more electric and natural gas vehicles, he said. 'We need our members of maintenance schooled so that we could keep the jobs in house. And not only that, but to keep them safe so they are aware of all the safety measures they need to take to repair a newer vehicle or electrified vehicle,' Matassa said." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [2/24/22](#)]

**BIF Invested \$336,095 In The Hazleton Area's Public Transit.** "The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre region will benefit from about \$2.1 million in federal funding for public transportation projects, a result of the bipartisan infrastructure law. It's a share of \$234 million in public transit funding U.S. Sen. Bob Casey announced Friday for such projects in Pennsylvania. That total also includes \$336,095 for the Hazleton region." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [2/4/22](#)]

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**BIF Invested A Historic \$66 Billion In Amtrak, With The Potential To Offer Service Between New York City And Scranton, Which Bognet Dismissed As "Smoke And Mirrors"**

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**BIF Invested \$66 Billion In Amtrak, The Biggest Investment In The Service Since Its Creation, With The Potential To Start Offering New York-Scranton Service, Which Would Yield \$87 Million Annually.**

"Democratic U.S. House members boasted about the infrastructure bill's benefits in a conference call Wednesday and even needled former President Donald Trump without saying his name. [...] Cartwright said \$66 billion — 'the largest federal investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak' — will allow the nation's largest passenger railroad to build the proposed Scranton to New York City route with three round trips a day, creating \$87 million a year in economic benefits. Amtrak is studying the idea, but has not committed to build it." [Scranton Times-Tribune, [11/10/21](#)]

**January 2022: Bognet Called Cartwright's Efforts To Offer Amtrak Service Between Scranton And New York City "All Smoke And Mirrors."** "[BOGNET:] Hi everyone, Jim Bognet here. I just sat through an hour-long press conference in Monroe County, Pennsylvania from my opponent, liberal Matt Cartwright. It was about his promise to bring Amtrak service from New York City to Scranton. It's all smoke and mirrors. Cartwright's been talking about this for a decade, not one train ride's happened. You know what he has brought to Northeast Pennsylvania? Flights full of illegal immigrants." [Jim Bognet Facebook, [1/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) :00

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**BIF Invested \$3 Billion Nationally Into Energy Efficiency And Weatherization To Decrease Energy Costs And Improve Health And Safety**

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**BIF Allowed Pennsylvania Residents To Access A \$3 Billion National Fund For Energy Efficiency And Weatherization To Decrease Energy Costs And Improve Health And Safety.** “Biden’s signing of the historic legislation on Monday affirms a commitment to extensive and long-overdue attention to an abundance of needed improvements in public facilities and resources. [...] The legislation also addresses other critical needs. At least \$100 million will help more than 300,000 Pennsylvanians gain access to high-speed internet service and more than one in five state residents will be eligible for financial aid to afford broadband service. Also, state residents can tap into more than \$3 billion that will be available nationally for energy efficiency and weatherization, which will reduce heating and cooling costs for families and businesses and improve health and safety.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Editorial, [11/17/21](#)]

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## 2020 Infrastructure Pledge

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**July – October 2020: Bognet Pledged Support For A “Gigantic Infrastructure Bill”**

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**July 2020: Bognet Called For “An Infrastructure Bill To Get People Back To Work.”** “[BOGNET:] I would like an infrastructure bill to get people back to work. There’s a lot of carpenters, pipefitters, laborers, people who lay asphalt, that need to get back to work in my district in PA-08. I would like to see an infrastructure bill to put those people back to work.” [Breitbart News via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [7/29/20](#)] (AUDIO) 6:40

**October 2020: During A Candidate Debate, Bognet Called For A “Gigantic Infrastructure Bill” And Added, “We Need Better Roads, We Need Better Bridges.”** “[O’BOYLE:] I think what the voters would like to know in trying to make this decision on who to vote for on November 3rd is what exactly do you see as the key issues that you will work on in your term? [BOGNET:] On the issues, number one, I think we need a gigantic infrastructure bill. Northeastern, Pennsylvania is such an amazing place to live and work, but we need better roads, we need better bridges. We need better access for goods and services. We’ve seen a blue collar boom, until we got hit by COVID.

The first three years of the Trump administration at Humboldt industrial park in Hazleton, we saw factories going up. We saw distribution centers going up, but we need better infrastructure.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 8:10

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged To “Work Across The Aisle” On “A Big Infrastructure Bill.”** “[BOGNET:] I believe bipartisanship is important and I will work across the aisle in these ways. Number one, we need a big infrastructure, Bill. We should be able to get 400 votes in the House of Representatives. Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright. Matt said that he's in charge of a lot of spending. They haven't been able to get a big infrastructure bill done. I will work across the aisle on that.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 44:30

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged Support For A “Massive Funding To Bill” To Improve Infrastructure.** “Both candidates want a massive funding bill to improve the nation's roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Cartwright called for a new, larger-scale COVID-19 relief package. Bognet favors passing elements of the package most Congress members agree on, like extending greater unemployment benefits.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [10/15/20](#)]

## American Jobs Act

### May 2021: Bognet Attacked An Earlier Version Of Biden’s Infrastructure Package

**April 2021: Republicans Claimed That Only Five To Seven Percent Of Biden’s \$2.3 Trillion Infrastructure Package Was “Real Infrastructure.”** “‘You look at this bill, the \$2 trillion in the bill that, only about 5 to 7 percent of it is actual roads and bridges and ports and things that you and I would say is real infrastructure and that we tried to get passed under the last administration with President Trump.’ — Russell Vought, former director of the Office of Management and Budget, on the ‘Brian Kilmeade Show’ on Fox News Radio, April 1 Republicans are trying to brand President Biden’s \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan with a new talking point, claiming there is barely any infrastructure in it.” [Washington Post, [4/5/21](#)]

**5/6/21: Biden Said He Was “Ready To Compromise” To Pass \$2.3 Trillion Infrastructure-Focused American Jobs Act.** “Standing before an aging bridge in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Thursday afternoon, President Joe Biden once again said he's ready to work across the aisle with Republicans to pass his \$2.3 trillion infrastructure-focused American Jobs Plan. ‘I’m willing to hear ideas from both sides,’ Biden said. ‘I’m ready to compromise. What I’m not ready to do, I’m not ready to do nothing. I’m not ready to have another period where America has another infrastructure month and doesn't change a damn thing.’” [ABC News, [5/6/21](#)]

**May 2021: Bognet: “Can't Wait To Hear Cartwright Explain Why He Is A Cheerleader For This Massive Lard-Filled Spending Bill Where Only 7% Of Money Is For Actual Infrastructure.”** “Can't wait to hear Cartwright explain why he is a cheerleader for this massive lard-filled spending bill where only 7% of money is for actual infrastructure. Another day, another attempt to spend trillions of your money by the tax, borrow, and spend Dems. <https://t.co/WAPmKn5NCy>”





[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [5/13/21](#)]

**May 2021: Bognet: “It Seems Like Matt Cartwright Never Met A Trillion Dollar Spending Package That He Didn't Like.... We Need Real Infrastructure Investment, Not Another Pelosi-Cartwright Special Interest Scam.”**



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [5/24/21](#)]

## July 2021: Bognet Attacked Cartwright For Supporting A Toll On Interstate 80

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**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

**"Mr. Cartwright cited Interstate 80 as an example of a road that should collect more tolling revenue"**

-Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, July 19, 2021

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## Labor & Working Families Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet repeatedly worked for candidates and administrations that attacked unions and workers' protections.
- ✓ In 2018, Bognet was CEO of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate campaign; McSally repeatedly voted to defund enforcement of Davis-Bacon wage protections for workers on public infrastructure projects in 2017 and co-sponsored a Davis-Bacon repeal bill in 2020.
- ✓ In 2012, Bognet was a senior advisor to Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, which labeled union leaders "stooges," supported right-to-work laws, and opposed prevailing wage requirements on federal public works projects.
- ✓ In 2008, Bognet developed domestic economic policy on Romney's presidential campaign, which claimed "bad unions" go "too far" and undermine their employers.
- ✓ From 2003 to 2006, Bognet advised Gov. Schwarzenegger on jobs issues.
  - ✓ In 2005, Schwarzenegger held a special election on whether to cut state workers' pensions and require written consent of union members for unions to engage in political spending.
  - ✓ In 2005, Schwarzenegger engaged in a legal battle over a hospital staffing law that earned the support of nurses' unions, of which he said, "The special interests just don't like me in Sacramento because I'm always kicking their butts."
- ✓ Bognet advised Schwarzenegger on workers' comp issues, which the California Labor Federation called "nothing short of a disaster" under his leadership.
- ✓ In 2004, Schwarzenegger signed workers' comp reform into law, which cut benefits, delayed medical care, and generated new expenses.

## Unions & Pensions

### **2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign, Which Attacked Unions**

#### **August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team**

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign's Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign's Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: "• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.  
• Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.  
• Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas."  
[Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**2012: Romney Attacked Unions On The Campaign Trail And Supported Right-To-Work Policies**

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**2012: Romney Supported Right-To-Work Laws.** “In addition to supporting a right-to-work-law, Romney has called for the repeal of a federal law requiring the prevailing local wage to be paid on public-works projects. He has pledged that on the first day of his presidency he would forbid any union preference in federal contracting and said he would fight rules allowing union dues to be taken out of paychecks to fund political activities.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/26/12](#)]

**2012: Romney Called Union Leaders, Which He Blamed For Damage To The Auto Industry, “Stooges” And “Bosses” On The Campaign Trail.** “As Mitt Romney seeks victory in his native state’s primary, he has made organized labor enemy No. 1. He has railed against union ‘stooges’ and ‘bosses,’ arguing that their demands nearly killed the auto industry and gravely wounded America’s competitiveness.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/26/12](#)]

**2007 – 2008: Bognet Devised Economic Policy For Romney’s Presidential Campaign; Romney Attacked Unions On The Campaign Trail**

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**2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign And Worked On “All Aspects Of Economic Policy”**

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**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.**

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- Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.
- Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces
- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**December 2007: Bognet: “My Main Goal On A Daily Basis Is To Help Governor Romney Communicate His Pro-Growth, Conservative Vision For The U.S. Economy.”** “James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: The role of an economic adviser, or any campaign policy staffer, is to help your candidate win the election by developing sound policy. In my role as policy development director, I help manage the campaign’s policy department, and am charged with coordinating the Governor’s economic policy. My main goal on a daily basis is to help Governor Romney communicate his pro-growth, conservative vision for the U.S. economy.” [Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]

**According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for

Romney's 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner's deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney's policies." [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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**October 2007: Romney Criticized "Bad Unions" That "Go Too Far And Who Forget That In Order For Them To Be Successful, The Enterprise That They're Involved With Has To Also Be Successful."** "MR. ROMNEY: Senator McCain is sure right on that point. With regards to unions overall, there are some good ones and some not so good. The good ones are those that say, 'How can we do a better and better job helping our members have better and better skills, and making sure that the enterprises they work in are more and more' -- MR. MATTHEWS: Can you name a few 'good' unions? MR. ROMNEY: Yeah, like the Carpenters Union, for instance, does a great job training their members and making them more effective and more efficient, and they get higher compensation as a result of it. There are also bad unions. I'm probably not going to name specific bad unions, but there are -- (laughter) -- but there are bad unions as well, which -- who go too far and who forget that in order for them to be successful, the enterprise that they're involved with has to also be successful." [New York Times, [10/9/07](#)]

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**2003 –2006: Bognet Advised Gov. Schwarzenegger On Jobs Issues While Schwarzenegger Antagonized Unions**

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- Briefed Gov. Schwarzenegger on business attraction and retention targets and staffed Governor during his calls to target businesses. Successful pitches included major companies such as Genentech and Virgin America." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**March 2006 – January 2007: Bognet Was Policy Director For Schwarzenegger's California Gubernatorial Reelection Campaign In Sacramento, CA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Director for Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006 from March 2006 to January 2007. He described this role: "• Served as senior staff member for Governor Schwarzenegger's re-election campaign. Reported directly to Campaign Manager Steve Schmidt. Assisted in running successful \$75 million re-election campaign  
• Acted as principal liaison to Governor's office on all policy matters." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**2005: Schwarzenegger Forced A Special Election To Cut Pensions And Weaken Unions, But His Initiatives Were Rejected By Voters**

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**April 2005: A Wide Array Of Unions Protested Schwarzenegger's Plans For A Special Election On Whether To Cut State Workers' Pensions And Change How Teachers Were Paid.** "If there's doubt that Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's special-election push is in big trouble, foes in the Bay Area plan to crush it today. Even a conservative GOP group joined the opposition as traditional Democratic constituencies on Monday prepared a massive protest outside a Schwarzenegger fund-raiser scheduled tonight at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in San Francisco. An array of labor unions, representing everyone from nurses to teachers, hope to field 10,000 protesters loud



enough to drown out Schwarzenegger's pitch inside for a fall special election. His initiatives would, among other things, curtail state-worker pensions, change the way teachers are paid and establish new fiscal controls affecting schools." [East Bay Times, [4/5/05](#)]

- **Schwarzenegger Also Included A Ballot Measure On Whether To Require Public Workers' Unions To Get Written Consent From Members Before Engaging In Political Spending.** "In a sharp repudiation of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, voters rejected his most sweeping ballot proposals on Tuesday in an election that shattered his image as an agent of the popular will. Voters turned down his proposals to curb state spending, redraw California's political map and lengthen the time it takes teachers to get tenure. With most of the votes counted, Californians were leaning against Proposition 75, his plan to require unions for public workers to get written consent from members before spending their dues money on politics." [Los Angeles Times, [11/9/05](#)]

**May 2005: Los Angeles Times Headline: "Gov. Readies Special Election to Attack Legislature, Unions."** [Los Angeles Times, [5/17/05](#)]

**November 2005: Seattle Times Headline: "Schwarzenegger Suffers Major Defeat As His Four Ballot Initiatives Fail."** [Seattle Times, [11/9/05](#)]

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**2005: Schwarzenegger Engaged In A Legal Battle Against A Law That Gained The Support Of Nurses' Unions, Of Whom He Said, "The Special Interests Just Don't Like Me [...]" I'm Always Kicking Their Butts"**

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**November 2005: Schwarzenegger Abandoned A Lawsuit He Filed Against A Law To Require More Nurses In Hospitals, Causing More Than 100 Nurses' Union-Led Demonstrations Against Him.** "Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has given up a yearlong legal battle with the state's nurses union, among his most ardent critics, over a state law that requires more nurses in hospitals. Mr. Schwarzenegger was opposed to the law, which mandated that California hospitals raise hospital staffing ratios to one nurse for each five patients, from one to six, beginning this year. He issued an emergency declaration last November blocking the new ratios, setting off a court fight and angering the union, the California Nurses Association, which staged more than 100 public demonstrations against him." [New York Times, [11/12/05](#)]

- **Schwarzenegger Said Of Nurses' Unions, "The Special Interests Just Don't Like Me In Sacramento Because I'm Always Kicking Their Butts."** "JAFPE: By now, Schwarzenegger must be used to ranks of chanting nurses following him around everywhere he goes. They were one of many unions that helped to defeat his special election measures last year. But their protests go back further than that, to when Schwarzenegger tried to suspend a new law that called for hospitals to hire more nurses. When CNA members heckled the governor at a big convention, his retort made them famous. Governor ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER (California): Pay no attention to those voices over there, by the way. Those are the special interests, if you know what I mean. Okay? The special interests just don't like me in Sacramento because I'm always kicking their butts. That's why they don't like me. (Soundbite of applause) JAFPE: The CNA ultimately won the fight over hospital staffing in court. If Schwarzenegger helped make them famous, the CNA made sure to keep itself in the public eye, with stunts like renting airplanes to fly over the governor's fundraisers trailing anti-Schwarzenegger banners." [NPR, [8/8/06](#)]

## Workers Comp

**2003 –2006: Bognet Advised Gov. Schwarzenegger On Workers Comp Issues, Which The California Labor Federation Called "Nothing Short Of A Disaster" Under His Leadership**

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**As Of 2006, Bognet Reportedly Advised Schwarzenegger On Workers' Comp Reform.** "Bognet served in the Schwarzenegger administration for two and a half years as the governor's chief deputy special adviser for jobs and economic growth. As a liaison to the business community, he advised the governor on workers' compensation reform and business-attraction efforts. Bognet now serves as policy director for the governor's re-election campaign." [Contra Costa Times, 8/2/06]

**California Labor Federation: Workers' Comp Reform Under Schwarzenegger Was "Nothing Short Of A Disaster For Injured Workers."** "Well, in 2004, following workers' compensation cost increases in the late 1990's, employers began drafting a draconian ballot initiative that would have devastated our entire system. Newly elected Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who had campaigned on a platform of workers compensation reform, also threatened to support the ballot measure. Legislative negotiations ensued and labor ultimately went neutral on a major reform: SB 899 (Poochigian). However, to implement the legislation, Schwarzenegger implemented rules that have been nothing short of a disaster for injured workers." [California Labor Federation, Blog, [3/28/12](#)]

- **Schwarzenegger's Major Workers' Comp Reform, SB 899, "Cut Benefits, Delayed Medical Care, And Generated Massive New Costs Associated With Processing And Reviewing Treatment Decisions."** "Legislative negotiations ensued and labor ultimately went neutral on a major reform: SB 899 (Poochigian). However, to implement the legislation, Schwarzenegger implemented rules that have been nothing short of a disaster for injured workers. Billed as a reasonable means to address rising costs without major benefit reductions, 899—and subsequent rulemaking—in fact cut benefits, delayed medical care, and generated massive new costs associated with processing and reviewing treatment decisions. All have done little to relieve injured workers but everything to generate expensive waste and fraud throughout the system." [California Labor Federation, Blog, [3/28/12](#)]
- **April 2004: Schwarzenegger Signed SB 899 Into Law.** [California Legislative Information, SB 899, [4/19/04](#)]

## Davis-Bacon Protections

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Repeatedly Attacked Davis-Bacon Protections**

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign**

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: "• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign." [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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**McSally Repeatedly Attacked Davis-Bacon Wage Protections For Construction Workers On Public Works And Infrastructure Projects**

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**March 2020: McSally Co-Sponsored The Davis-Bacon Repeal Act.** [Congress.gov, S.2360, [3/9/20](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In July 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce prevailing wage requirements associated with the Davis-Bacon Act, which specify the basis for wages paid to employees by companies under contract with the federal government.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, [Vote #419](#), 7/26/17; CQ, [7/26/17](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In September 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #445](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In September 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [H R 3354, [Vote #453](#), 9/6/17; CQ, [9/6/17](#)]

**2017: McSally Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works.** In September 2017, McSally voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-240. [H R 3354, [Vote #464](#), 9/7/17; CQ, [9/7/17](#)]

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**As Of 2020, McSally Had A 16 Percent Lifetime Score From AFL-CIO**

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**2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign, Which Opposed Prevailing Wage Protections On Federal Public Works Projects And Federal Preferences For Union Contractors**

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign’s Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign’s Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: “• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.  
• Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.  
• Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2012: Romney Called For Repeal Of Prevailing Wage Protections On Federal Public Works Projects And Opposed Federal Preferences For Union Contractors.** “In addition to supporting a right-to-work-law, Romney has called for the repeal of a federal law requiring the prevailing local wage to be paid on public-works projects. He

has pledged that on the first day of his presidency he would forbid any union preference in federal contracting and said he would fight rules allowing union dues to be taken out of paychecks to fund political activities.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/26/12](#)]

## Policing & Public Safety Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ Bognet claimed Cartwright supported defunding the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, which PolitiFact and the Philadelphia Inquirer rated “false.”
- ✓ Bognet cited the fact check in an ad that repeated his false claim that Cartwright supported defunding the police; when asked about it, a Bognet spokesperson said that “absolutely no one cares” about the fact check.
- ✓ Bognet echoed criticism of government spending associated with the American Rescue Plan, which enabled more than \$500,000 to be invested in the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.
- ✓ In September 2020, Bognet claimed that Cartwright’s family’s law firm would profit from lawsuits related to ending qualified immunity under the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.
- ✓ In February 2022, Bognet accused Democrats of “worship[ing] George Floyd” instead of Jesus.
- ✓ In November 2021, Bognet celebrated Kyle Rittenhouse’s “not guilty” verdict as a “victory for our constitutional right to self-defense.”
- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet lauded a St. Louis couple who pulled guns on Black Lives Matters protesters while introducing them at an event in support of Trump.
- ✓ Mark and Patricia McCloskey were initially charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon, then pleaded guilty to misdemeanor harassment and assault charges in June 2021.

### **Bognet Falsely Claimed Cartwright Supported Defunding The Police And Empowered Democrats Who Did**

#### **June 2021: Bognet Repeatedly And Falsely Accused Cartwright Of Supporting Defunding The Police, Then Flagrantly Disregarded Fact Checks Disproving The Claim**

#### **June 2021: Bognet Falsely Claimed Cartwright Supported Defunding The Wilkes-Barre Police Department**

**June 2021: Bognet Claimed Cartwright Supported Defunding The Wilkes-Barre Police Department In A Press Release.** “Yesterday, June 11, Matt Cartwright showed his true liberal colors. When asked if ‘we should quit wasting money’ on Wilkes-Barre police and ‘move that money around’ to causes, Cartwright answered unequivocally ‘absolutely yes!’ Bognet for Congress released the following comment in response to Cartwright’s outrageous idea to ‘Defund the Police.’ ‘Matt Cartwright’s proposal to defund law enforcement is a radical and dangerous idea, and shows once again that he would rather cater to the latest leftist fad than represent the interests of Northeast Pennsylvania,’ Bognet for Congress spokesman Charles Russell said.” [Bognet for Congress, Press Release, [6/12/20](#)]

**PolitiFact And The Philadelphia Inquirer Rated Bognet’s Statement That Cartwright Wanted To Defund The Police As “False.”** “The Bognet campaign said that ‘Cartwright proposes to defund the Wilkes-Barre police.’ He does not. Instead, he explained to a participant in a recent virtual listening session that public officials in places like Wilkes-Barre, and in Congress, have the power to decide how public funds are spent on the police, as



for any other public agency. During the same event, Cartwright said explicitly that he does not agree with the idea of defunding the police. We rate the statement False.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [7/9/20](#)]

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### September 2020: Bognet Released An Ad That Claimed Cartwright Supported Defunding The Police Based On A Fact-Check That Concluded The Opposite

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**September 2020: Philadelphia Inquirer Headline: “A Pennsylvania Congressional Candidate’s Ad Misrepresents One Of Our Fact-Checks.”** [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/10/20](#)]

**Bognet Released An Ad That Said PolitiFact Concluded Cartwright Wanted To Cut Funding For Law Enforcement, Even Though PolitiFact Had Concluded The Opposite.** “A new campaign ad attacking U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, a Democrat who represents northeast Pennsylvania, mentions one of our fact-checks and says PolitiFact concluded Cartwright wants to cut funding for law enforcement. The ad was paid for by the campaign of Cartwright’s Republican opponent Jim Bognet, a consultant and former Trump administration official from Hazleton. The race in the 8th Congressional District is one of Pennsylvania’s most hotly contested. ‘Fact-checkers wrote that Cartwright wants to defund the police,’ the ad’s narrator says as the PolitiFact logo flashes across the screen, along with text from an article we published on July 9 that concludes just the opposite. Here’s what we actually wrote: ‘No, Pa. Congressman Matt Cartwright did not call for defunding the police,’ a policy push springing from the Black Lives Matter movement that President Donald Trump and his allies have seized on as an example of Democratic overreach.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/10/20](#)]

**Bognet Ad Chyron: “Independent Fact Checker: Cartwright Was Asked If It’s Possible To Defund The Police, And He Responded ‘Absolutely Yes.’ PolitiFact.”**



[Bognet For Congress Ad, accessed [3/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) :11

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### A Bognet Spokesperson Said Of The Ad, “Absolutely No One Cares Anymore About Getting ‘Fact-Checked’”

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**September 2020: Bognet Spokesman Ian Prior Said “Absolutely No One Cares Anymore About Getting ‘Fact-Checked’” And Offered No Evidence To Back Up The Claim In The Ad.** “‘There have been voices calling for defunding and disbanding police forces. I personally do not agree with that,’ Cartwright said during the listening session, advocating instead for new investment in officer training and an expansion of community policing. An audio clip of the exchange is available on Cartwright’s Facebook page. Asked why the Bognet campaign misrepresented our fact-check, spokesman Ian Prior deflected, saying ‘absolutely no one cares anymore about getting ‘fact-checked’ by publications like The Inquirer or PolitiFact. He offered no evidence to back up the claim in the ad that’s at the center of this check, nor did he address why the campaign included our initial check in its ad if ‘absolutely no one cares.’ No, Pa. Congressman Matt Cartwright did not call for defunding the police. A Bognet campaign ad claims, ‘Fact-checkers wrote that Cartwright wants to defund the police.’ We actually wrote the opposite. The statement is not accurate and makes a ridiculous claim. We rate it Pants on Fire!” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [9/10/20](#)]

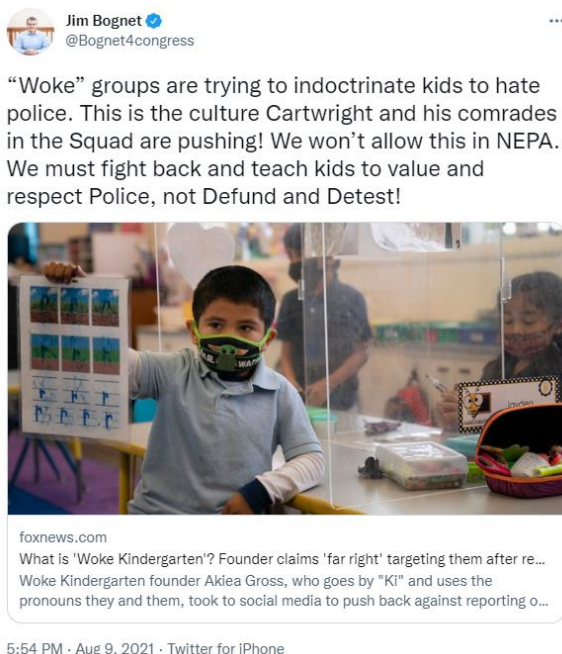
## September 2020: Bognet Again Argued Cartwright “Clearly Favors Defunding Police,” A Claim Hazleton’s Police Chief Called “Bogus”

**9/15/20: Bognet Again Argued Cartwright “Clearly Favors Defunding Police” In An Interview.** “In a telephone interview, Bognet argues Cartwright clearly favors defunding police. ‘It’s classic Matt Cartwright, talking out of both sides of his mouth,’ Bognet said. ‘He was asked specifically whether the Wilkes-Barre police department should have less funding, which is defunding, less funding, defunding, and he said, yes, absolutely. So he wants the support of these progressives and he’ll say yeah defund the police. But when he gets called on it, he says, ‘Of course, I’m not for that.’” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [9/15/20](#)]

**9/18/20: In An Ad, Hazleton’s Police Chief Called Bognet’s Ad “Bogus” And Said Cartwright Worked To Secure A \$1.34 Million Grant For The Police.** “Hazleton Police Chief Jerry Speziale broke five months of silence since he took a leave from the city police force by appearing in a commercial about police funding in a hotly contested congressional race in the 8th District. Speziale his role is more about principle than politics. The chief, who took a leave of absence from Hazleton’s police department in April, said Friday that his appearance in a commercial released by Matt Cartwright is nothing more than an acknowledgment of the congressman’s efforts to secure a \$1.34 million grant for bolstering the police force. The commercial aired after Republican congressional candidate Jim Bognet had for months accused Cartwright of wanting to defund the police. [...] ‘Don’t believe bogus commercials that are untrue,’ Speziale said in the ad. ‘When I needed cops and I needed funding, Matt Cartwright was there for us.’ Speziale’s involvement drew the ire of the Bognet camp, which took a swipe at both Cartwright and the police chief in a Sept. 4 news release -- and continued insisting that the incumbent wants to defund the police.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [9/19/20](#)]

## August 2021: Bognet Accused Cartwright Of Supporting Teaching Children To Defund Police

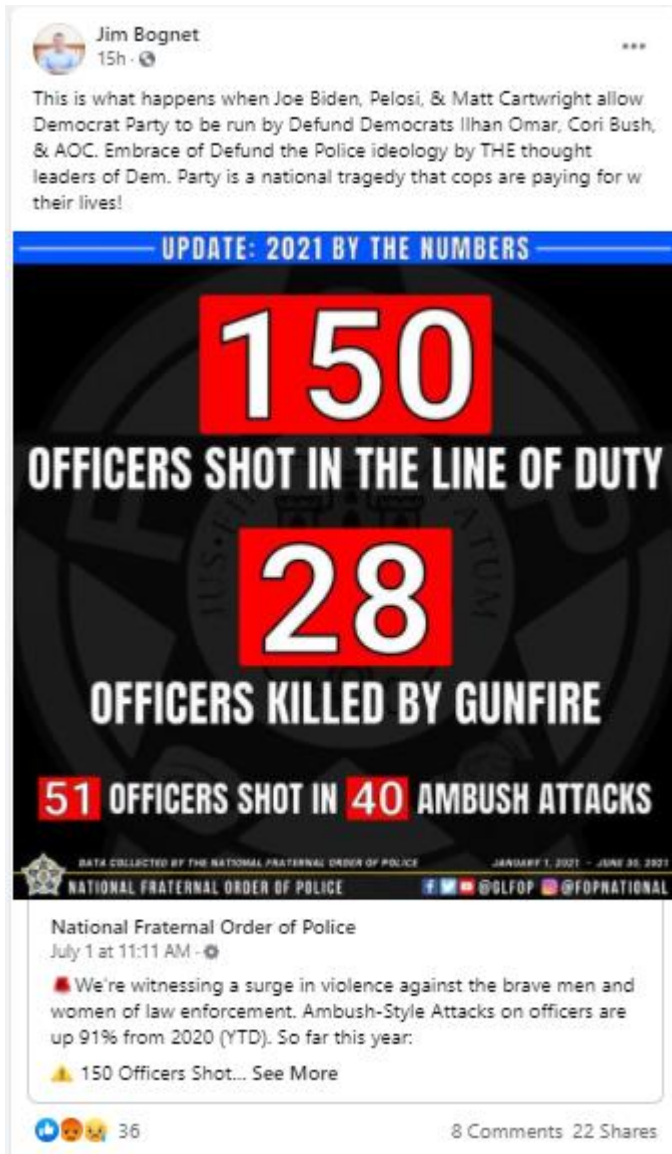
**August 2021: Bognet Accused Cartwright Of Supporting Teaching Children To Defund Police.** “‘Woke’ groups are trying to indoctrinate kids to hate police. This is the culture Cartwright and his comrades in the Squad are pushing! We won’t allow this in NEPA. We must fight back and teach kids to value and respect Police, not Defund and Detest!”



[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [8/9/21](#)]

## July 2021: Bognet Accused Cartwright Of Empowering “Defund Democrats”

**July 2021: Bognet Claimed Cartwright “Allow[ed] Democrat Party [Sic] To Be Run By Defund Democrats,” Caused The Deaths Of Police Officers.** “This is what happens when Joe Biden, Pelosi, & Matt Cartwright allow Democrat Party to be run by Defund Democrats Ilhan Omar, Cori Bush, & AOC. Embrace of Defund the Police ideology by THE thought leaders of Dem. Party is a national tragedy that cops are paying for w their lives!”



[Jim Bognet Facebook, [7/13/21](#)]

## Bognet Echoed Criticism Of Government Spending That Allowed For More Than Half A Million Dollars Of Investment In The Wilkes-Barre Police Department

## March 2022: Bognet Echoed Criticism Of Pelosi’s Remarks Defending Government Spending Made Behind An American Rescue Plan Podium

**March 2022: Bognet Retweeted Criticism Of Pelosi’s Remarks Defending Government Spending To Reduce Inflation Made Behind An American Rescue Plan Podium.**

Jim Bognet Retweeted



Kayleigh McEnany  
@kayleighmcenany

Ponder this for a moment.

PELOSI: "government spending is doing the exact reverse, reducing the national debt."



11:24 AM · Mar 13, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [3/13/22](#)]

### **Wilkes-Barre Allocated More Than \$500,000 To Its Police Department Using ARP Funds, Which Also Funded Law Enforcement With \$350 Billion Nationwide**

**December 2021: The Wilkes-Barre City Council Approved \$512,868 In ARP Funding To The Wilkes-Barre Police Department For New Vehicles, Weapons Upgrades, And Headquarters Refurbishments.** "At its final meeting for the year Tuesday, Council approved all 11 items on its agenda and authorized the city to spend a combined \$586,858 in American Rescue Plan funds for the police department and a new ice rink to be installed on Public Square. [...] The other purchases fall under ARP-approved policing expenditures: • \$36,052 to Polaris Sales Inc. for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger Crew Side-by-Side and a Polaris 570 Premium Quad. • \$55,000 to upgrade weapons and related accessories for the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department. • \$197,232 to Action Target Inc. to fully refurbish the firing range in the basement of police headquarters. • \$224,584 to Ford Rottet Motors Inc. and Kovatch to purchase two Ford 2022 Interceptor SUVs with cages for prisoner transport, one Ford 2022 Interceptor SUV and a Ford 2022 F-150 Police Responder pickup for the police department." [Wilkes Barre Times Leader, [12/21/21](#)]

**The American Rescue Plan Provided \$350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels.** "Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan's \$350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. [...] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels." [White House, Press Release, [6/23/21](#)]

**Department Of The Treasury: "There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [...] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence."** "Under



Treasury's Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("Funds") under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. [...] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels. [...] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers." [Department of the Treasury, [7/19/21](#)]

**Biden: "The American Rescue Plan, Which We Passed In The First 100 Days Of My Administration, Is Providing Much-Needed, Historic Relief To Bring Back Those Law Enforcement Jobs."** President Biden: "The American Rescue Plan, which we passed in the first 100 days of my administration, is providing much-needed, historic relief to bring back those law enforcement jobs and social service jobs. Much of this relief has already arrived. The rest is on its way. And we're now providing more guidance on how they can use the \$350 billion nationally that the American Rescue Plan has available to help reduce crime and address the root causes. For example, cities experiencing an increase in gun violence were able to use the American Rescue Plan dollars to hire police officers needed for community policing and to pay their overtime. Mayors will also be able to buy crime-fighting technologies, like gunshot detection systems, to better see and stop gun violence in their communities. They can use the funding to scale up wraparound services for the residents as well, including substance abuse and mental health services that we know will make a difference in prevention of crime." [White House, [6/23/21](#)]

## Qualified Immunity

### September 2020: Bognet Claimed Cartwright's Family's Law Firm Would Profit From Being Able To Sue Police Under The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Since It Ended Qualified Immunity

**September 2020: Bognet Claimed Cartwright's Family's Law Firm Would Profit From Being Able To Sue Police Under The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Since It Ended Qualified Immunity.** "[BOGNET:] Let me tell you about some of Mr. Cartwright's actions. He voted to strip police of qualified immunity. He voted for the George Floyd Act, which would strip police of qualified immunity, which means law firms, like his family, could sue police officers that are there to protect us. Think about that. He wants to have his family's law firm able to make money off of suing police officers for doing their duty in trying to protect us." [Frank Andrews Interview with Jim Bognet via Team Bognet YouTube, uploaded [9/16/20](#)] (AUDIO) 5:17

### February 2022: Bognet Accused Democrats Of "Worship[ping] George Floyd" Instead Of Jesus

**February 2022: Bognet: "Most Of Us In Here Worship Jesus Christ. You Know Who The Democrats Worship? George Floyd And AOC."** "[BOGNET:] Who do we worship? Most of us in here worship Jesus Christ. You know who the Democrats worship? George Floyd and AOC. That's not what we need. We need people who believe in God, believe in the Second Amendment, and believe this is a country for Americans, not illegal immigrants." [Bognet for Congress Twitter, [2/28/22](#)] (VIDEO) 1:57

## Kyle Rittenhouse Verdict

### November 2021: Bognet Celebrated Rittenhouse's Not Guilty Verdict



**11/19/21: Rittenhouse Was Acquitted Of All Charges After He Shot Three Protesters, Two Of Whom He Killed, At A Demonstration Over A Police Officer's Wounding Of A Black Man In Kenosha.** "Kyle Rittenhouse, a white 18-year-old from Antioch, Ill., was acquitted on all charges on Nov. 19 in his trial over the shootings of three white men — two of whom died — in the aftermath of demonstrations in Kenosha, Wis., in August 2020. The jury deliberated for more than three days before reaching the verdict. The protests in Kenosha erupted after Rusten Sheskey, a white Kenosha police officer, shot and wounded Jacob Blake, a Black man, on Aug. 23, 2020. The episode was captured on cellphone video and came only months after the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis set off protests nationally about police abuse of Black Americans. Kenosha, a former industrial hub of 100,000 people on the western shore of Lake Michigan, experienced widespread looting, arson and property destruction in the days after the police shooting. The shootings by Mr. Rittenhouse, which he contends were committed in self-defense, occurred on the third night of protests. Mr. Rittenhouse faced six counts, including homicide charges. One, a misdemeanor weapons charge, was dismissed near the end of the trial, and Mr. Rittenhouse was acquitted on all of the others." [New York Times, [11/19/21](#)]

**11/19/21: Bognet Tweeted, "The Kyle Rittenhouse Verdict Is A Victory For Our Constitutional Right To Self-Defense" And Added, "The Prosecutor And His MSM Allies Should Be Ashamed Of Themselves."** "The Kyle Rittenhouse verdict is a victory for our constitutional right to self-defense. This jury had the guts to do the right thing. The prosecutor and his MSM allies should be ashamed of themselves."



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2:26 PM · Nov 19, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

[Bognet for Congress Twitter, [11/19/21](#)]

## Summer 2020 Protests

### October 2020: Bognet Lauded A St. Louis Couple Who Pulled Guns On Black Lives Matter Protesters, For Which They Later Pleaded Guilty To Harassment And Assault Charges

**October 2020: Bognet Introduced Mark And Patricia McCloskey, Who Pulled Guns On Black Lives Matter Protesters, At An Event In Support Of Trump.** "Accompanied by a former area congressman and a local candidate for Congress, a Missouri couple that gained national fame for pulling guns on Black Lives Matter protesters outside their home in June visited Luzerne County on a 'Team Trump' bus tour Wednesday. Mark and Patricia McCloskey touted the Second Amendment and advocated for President Donald Trump's reelection while addressing dozens of supporters outside the Republican Party of Luzerne County headquarters on Wyoming Avenue in Kingston. [...] Jim Bognet of Hazleton -- who is running against U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, of Moosic -- introduced the McCloskeys in Kingston." [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [10/2/20](#)]

**Bognet Said The McCloskeys "Stood Up And Used Their Second Amendment Rights."** "Jim Bognet of Hazleton -- who is running against U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-8, of Moosic -- introduced the McCloskeys in Kingston. 'We've been warning all year that if we didn't stop this violence and shut down what's happening in Portland and Chicago, it would come to Pennsylvania. One day in June it came to these people's doors. It came to their doors -- a mob out of control,' Bognet said. 'What did they do? They stood up and used their Second Amendment rights. And now they are here to tell their story about how they stood up for themselves and big city liberals are going after them and trying to destroy their life.'" [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, [10/2/20](#)]

**June 2021: After Being Charged With Felony Unlawful Use Of A Weapon, The McCloskeys Pleaded Guilty To Misdemeanor Harassment And Assault Charges.** “The wealthy husband-and-wife team who were slapped with criminal charges for waving guns at Black Lives Matter protesters in St. Louis, Mo., last year, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges in court on Thursday and agreed to give up the guns seized during the investigation. Patricia McCloskey, who menaced the marching crowd with her finger on the trigger of a handgun, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor harassment and was ordered to pay a fine of \$2,000. Her husband, Mark McCloskey, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor fourth-degree assault for threatening the passersby with an AR-15 rifle. He was fined \$750. [...] Eventually, the charges against the McCloskeys were reduced from unlawful use of a weapon — a class E felony — and evidence tampering, to the lesser misdemeanors.” [NPR, [6/17/21](#)]

### **August – October 2020: Bognet Called On Cartwright To Condemn Violent Protests In Cities, Which He Claimed Cartwright Failed To Do**

**Bognet Said “I Denounce All Hate Groups And Extremists, Period,” And Called On Cartwright To “Condemn Antifa And Violence From The Extremists In His Party Who Are Burning Down Our Cities.”** “Jim Bognet, Republican candidate in the 8th Congressional District, said, ‘I denounce all hate groups and extremists, period.’ Bognet added, ‘Hatred leads to violence, and violence is not the answer to our challenges. Joe Biden refused to condemn Antifa last night, and I call on (U.S. Rep.) Matt Cartwright to do something he has been unwilling to do -- condemn Antifa and violence from the extremists in his party who are burning down our cities and seeking to destroy our country.’” [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, [10/1/20](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet Accused Cartwright Of Having Not Denounced Antifa And Violent Protests.** “And then one other thing that's so important is law and order standing up to Antifa, standing up to these people that are trying to burn down. We've seen from Portland, Oregon to Kenosha, Wisconsin lawlessness, and it's really broken my heart that the leaders of the democratic party, like Nancy Pelosi and Matt Cartwright haven't stood up and said, ‘Antifa is wrong.’ Haven't stood up and said, ‘Why are you burning down your cities?’ Haven't stood up and said, ‘It's all right to protest. But when violence and anarchy happen, that is not the path we want to go down.’” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 9:35

**August 2020: Bognet Accused Cartwright Of Refusing To Condemn Violent Protests In Cities.** “In an interview, Bognet accused Cartwright of refusing to denounce violent protests. He acknowledged the ad's fundraising nature. ‘We certainly want support from all over the country and we're trying to make the point’ that Cartwright and other prominent Democrats ‘side with protesters over law-abiding citizens,’ Bognet said.” [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [8/18/20](#)]

- **August 2020: Cartwright Disavowed Violence.** “Cartwright campaign spokesman Matt Slavoski called the commercial ‘regrettable’ and ‘tasteless.’ He accused Bognet of ‘making light of a very bad situation out there.’ [...] Slavoski said Cartwright has supported increasing police funding to implement reforms, supported local, peaceful protests and ‘disavowed violence.’” [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [8/18/20](#)]

### **August 2020: Bognet Aired An Ad Urging Portland Residents To Move To NEPA Over Its Protests**

**August 2020: Bognet’s Campaign Bought \$600 Worth Of Ads In Portland.** “Republican congressional candidate Jim Bognet paid for a single commercial during a Portland, Oregon, TV evening newscast Tuesday to bring attention to his Northeast Pennsylvania campaign. He paid \$600 for the ad that invites residents tired of protests there to move to Northeast Pennsylvania. [...] Bognet tweeted the commercial earlier Tuesday, along with a link to a fundraising website, GoodLuckPortland.com, that says ‘Come to NEPA (and please don't bring b crime problem).’ The commercial is not airing in Northeast Pennsylvania, Bognet campaign spokeswoman Lauren Claffey said.” [Hazelton Standard-Speaker, [8/18/20](#)]

- **In The Ad, Bognet Urged Portland Residents To Move To NEPA Over “Something About Peaceful**

**Gatherings, Interruptions To Business, And Local Citizens Dissatisfied With Your Leadership.”**

“[BOGNET:] Good evening, Portland. I’ve heard you’ve been having a few issues. Something about peaceful gatherings, interruptions to business, and local citizens dissatisfied with your leadership. I’m Jim Bognet, a candidate for Congress here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. If you’re a family or business living in Portland, Oregon who’s leaning toward leaving for whatever reason, consider Northeast PA. We’re all about made in America. We’re known for our mid-size paper industry. And around here we love the police. Well, maybe not our current congressman, but I’ll be taking care of him real soon.” [YouTube via Team Bognet, uploaded [8/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) :00

## Seniors' Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2008, as Policy Development Director for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, Bognet called entitlement reform "the big enchilada" to address government spending.
- ✓ Between 2007 and 2018, Bognet held senior leadership positions on two Senate campaigns and three presidential campaigns for candidates that supported privatizing or cutting Social Security.
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- ✓ Between 2007 and 2018, Bognet held senior leadership positions on three presidential campaigns and one Senate campaign that supported raising the retirement age.
- ✓ Bognet repeatedly attacked the Build Back Better Act, which would allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for seniors and invest \$150 billion into elder care.
- ✓ Bognet praised the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which created a \$1.9 trillion deficit spike that Republicans threatened to pay for with cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

## Social Security

### 177,072 Residents Of Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District Received Social Security Benefits

**As Of December 2020, 177,072 Residents Of Pennsylvania's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Received Social Security Benefits.** [Social Security Administration, 2020 Congressional Statistics, [May 2021](#)]

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### 2008: As A Policy Development Director For Romney's 2008 Presidential Campaign, Bognet Called For Entitlement Reform And Helped Design Proposals To Privatize Social Security

#### 2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney's Presidential Campaign

**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney's Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: "• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.  
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- **According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.** “Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney’s 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner’s deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney’s policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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### **Bognet Called “Reforming Entitlements” – Cutting Social Security And Medicare – “The Big Enchilada”**

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**2008: Bognet: “The Big Enchilada, So To Speak, Is Reforming Entitlements Going Forward.”** “[BOGNET:] And of course, the big enchilada, so to speak, is reforming entitlements going forward because we’re in a situation with our entitlement program where they’re eating up an increasing portion of the budget each year. Gov. Romney has a PowerPoint slide that he likes to show showing how quickly the entitlement programs are going to grow to be almost the entire federal budget over the next twenty or thirty years.” [Jim Bognet via C-SPAN, [1/26/08](#)] (VIDEO) :03

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### **Romney Considered Cutting And Privatizing Social Security During His 2008 Campaign**

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**February 2007: Romney Considered “Deep Cuts” To Medicare And Social Security.** “Romney’s Detroit address will be followed by other speeches that flesh out his economic platform. He is weighing a cut in the top individual tax rate from the current 35 percent; a reduction in the corporate income tax; and deep cuts in automatic-benefit programs such as Medicare and Social Security.” [Salt Lake Tribune, [2/7/07](#)]

**2007: Romney Said “The President Said Let’s Have Private Accounts And Take That Surplus Money That’s Being Gathered Now In Social Security And Put That Into Private Accounts. That Works.”** “Currently, we’re taking more money into Social Security that we actually send out. So our current seniors, their benefits are not going to change. For people 20 and 30 and 40 years old, we have four major options for Social Security. The one Democrats want: raise taxes. It’s the wrong way to go. The president said let’s have private accounts and take that surplus money that’s being gathered now in Social Security and put that into private accounts. That works.” [On The Issues, [10/21/07](#)]

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### **Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Other Candidates Who Would Cut And Privatize Social Security**

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- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2012: McSally Supported Transitioning Social Security To Private Investment Accounts.** “MCSALLY: Generations of greed in Washington have raided and drained our Social Security trust fund and left it full of useless I.O.U.s. That has to stop. We have to keep the promises we’ve made to our seniors and protect the retirement benefits they’ve earned. At the same time, we have take measures to strengthen and sustain it for future generations because it is currently unsustainable. For younger workers, we need to consider approaches such as gradually increasing the retirement age and allowing them to invest a portion of their Social Security payments in ways that will allow them to maximize their returns. We also need to stop raiding the retirement fund at will for special interests so we can keep our promises and institute the measures needed to strengthen and sustain social security for future generations.” [Green Valley News, [4/4/12](#)]

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• Supervised record setting fundraising operation for a Texas U.S. Senate campaign.  
• Managed campaign communications staff on a daily basis, providing daily guidance, setting message, and providing direction on most effective tactics to communicate message and campaign positioning.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**February 2012: Dewhurst Supported Cutting Medicare, Medicaid, And Social Security.** “While Dewhurst is the perceived front-runner, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz was the only one of his three GOP rivals to directly attack him during the debate in Austin. [...] All of the candidates agreed on cutting spending on unemployment insurance, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to give greater power to the states and individuals, while protecting those who currently depend on the programs.” [Abilene Reporter-News, 2/2/12]

**April 2012: Dewhurst: “Social Security Right Now Is Broken. [...] We Need To Look At The Cost Of Living Adjustment, Which I Believe Is Slightly Overrated Right Now.”** “When the candidates were asked whether they would cut defense, social security or Medicaid to help reduce federal spending, they gave a variety of responses. ‘I’m opposed to the cuts President Obama has made,’ Dewhurst said regarding military spending. But he noted that ‘social security right now is broken. It’s an empty lockbox. We need to fund social security ... (but) we need to look at the cost of living adjustment, which I believe is slightly overrated right now’ and look at ways to lower that raise eligibility.” [Fort Worth Star Telegram, 4/14/12]

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- Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2008: McCain’s Campaign Supported Privatizing Social Security.** “But President Bush’s failed push to privatize Social Security has not deterred John McCain from putting forward the same idea -- and from risking a similar political disaster. McCain, the presumed Republican presidential nominee, spoke several times last week about changing how the popular retirement program is funded, at one point calling it a ‘disgrace’ that younger workers are forced to pay for a plan that, in his view, is unlikely to benefit them when they retire.” [Los Angeles Times, [7/14/08](#)]

## Bognet Praised The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Republicans Planned To Pay For With Cuts To Social Security And Medicare

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet Praised The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

**October 2020: Bognet “Heartily Praise[d]” Trump For His Handling Of The Economy And The Tax Cut And Said He Favored Continuing Existing Research And Development Tax Credits.** “Bognet heartily praises Trump for his handling of the economy and the tax cut, criticizes Cartwright for opposing the cut and questions Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden's proposal to raise taxes. The proposal would impose higher taxes on people with incomes of more than \$400,000 and raise the corporate tax rate to 28%. ‘When we're facing the economic turbulence that COVID brought on, we don't need to be raising taxes,’ he said. ‘Businesses are barely hanging on right now.’ He favors continuing existing research and development tax credits, which come up for renewal yearly, and promoting further natural gas extraction in the state's shale regions because that keeps energy costs low for manufacturers. As an official at the Export-Import bank under Trump, he said he worked to help manufacturers.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/5/20](#)]

**July 2021: Bognet: “The Trump Tax-Cuts Gave Hard-Working Americans Relief And Helped Create A Blue-Collar Boom!”** “The Trump Tax-Cuts gave hard-working Americans relief and helped create a blue-collar boom! Now Democrats want to increase taxes on Americans after a global pandemic and in the middle of increasing inflation! I agree with President Trump: we must stand 100% against raising taxes!”



Jim Bognet

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- July 13, 2021 -

#### Statement by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America

Republicans in the U.S. Senate must not in any way, shape, or form increase taxes that were won in the TRUMP TAX CUT, the largest in the history of our Country. It's what made our economy grow and great. Democrats want major tax increases to pay for their fake infrastructure bill, where over 90% of the money goes to the ridiculous Green New Deal nonsense, which will destroy our economy. The tax cuts were a great achievement of the Trump Administration and the Republican Party. More importantly, they were a great victory for our Nation. Do not increase them one penny. Republicans must learn to fight these vicious, Radical Left Democrats who are destroying lives and destroying our Country!

[Jim Bognet, Facebook, [7/14/21](#)]

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**Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt By Nearly \$2 Trillion – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security**

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**Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion.** “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](#)]

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**Scranton Times-Tribune Roderick Random Column: In-Depth Studies “Don’t See Economic Growth As The Major Solution” To Social Security.** “As for Social Security, Bognet rules out increases to payroll taxes to save the program. He says the fix should focus on getting the economy growing again so the program will collect more revenue. Economic growth certainly would help, but most in-depth studies recommend one of three solutions or some combination — lifting the cap on income subject to the payroll tax, increasing the payroll tax, or cutting benefits. The studies don’t see economic growth as the major solution, although Cartwright suggested that himself the first time he ran for Congress eight years ago. If you don’t want to increase payroll taxes or raise the cap on taxable income cap, that leaves you with cutting benefits. You can tinker with lesser methods, but these big three solutions are most likely to get us where we need to go.” [Scranton Times-Tribune, Roderick Random Column, [10/17/20](#)]

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**McSally Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution.** [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

- **AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.”** “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the “Obamacare” health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

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**2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney-Ryan Presidential Campaign; Romney & Ryan Proposed Replacing Medicare With A Voucher-Like Program**

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- Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.
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**2012: Romney Campaigned On His Running Mate Paul Ryan’s Plan To Replace Medicare With A Voucher-Like System.** “Romney: He has come out in support of his vice presidential running mate’s plan. Rep. Paul Ryan would phase out the current Medicare system by 2022 and replace it with a voucher system. In this plan, seniors would be given vouchers by the government to purchase private insurance.” [CNBC, [11/6/12](#)]

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**2008: Obama Alleged McCain Would Cut Medicare By \$882 Billion To Pay For His Health Care Plan, Which McCain Denied.** “Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Friday that Republican rival John McCain wants to cut \$882 billion from Medicare over a decade to finance his health care plan and the result would be more costly drugs, diminished services and lower quality care for seniors. ‘It’s entirely consistent with Sen. McCain’s record during his 26 years in Congress where, time and again, he’s opposed Medicare,’ Obama said. ‘In fact, Sen. McCain has voted against protecting Medicare 40 times.’ Campaign officials said the \$882 billion estimate was drawn in part from a study by the Center for American Progress, a public policy organization stocked with prominent Democrats. In response, McCain’s campaign issued a statement saying Obama was ‘simply lying.’ The statement said the Republican planned to trim spending, but said his plans ‘do not cut a single benefit.’” [CBS, [10/17/08](#)]

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**February 2007: Romney Considered “Deep Cuts” To Medicare And Social Security.** “Romney’s Detroit address will be followed by other speeches that flesh out his economic platform. He is weighing a cut in the top individual tax rate from the current 35 percent; a reduction in the corporate income tax; and deep cuts in automatic-benefit programs such as Medicare and Social Security.” [Salt Lake Tribune, [2/7/07](#)]

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**The Build Back Better Deal Would Allow Medicare To Negotiate Lower Drug Prices For Seniors, Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A \$2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit In Medicare Part D.** “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, [11/2/21](#)]

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**Bognet Said Saving Medicare Should Be Part Of A Larger Reform Of The Nation’s Health Care System That Focuses On Transparency In Billing And Market-Based Solutions.** “BOGNET: He argues Democrats favor socialized medicine and said saving Medicare should be part of a larger reform of the nation's healthcare system that focuses on transparency in billing and market-based solutions. If more people know a medical service's cost, they could shop for lower prices, he said. Bognet routinely calls the Affordable Care Act ‘a disaster.’ Reminded of its benefits, Bognet said some people lost existing coverage despite President Barack Obama's declaration that wouldn't happen and the act taxes more expensive health insurance benefits. He called for more innovation, for example, encouraging the development of more surgery centers to handle operations rather than costlier hospitals. He favors keeping protections on preexisting conditions, funding to close the prescription drug doughnut hole and better cost controls. He opposes allowing people to buy into Medicare because he thinks that would weaken its shaky finances. He wants to reform Medicaid because costs keep rising, partly because undocumented immigrants tap into the benefits, which he said he wants to outlaw.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/4/20](#)]

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## Retirement Age

### Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Candidates Who Supported Raising The Retirement Age

#### Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's 2018 Arizona Senate Campaign; McSally Supported Raising The Retirement Age In 2012

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally's Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**2012: McSally Supported Raising The Retirement Age.** “In 2012, during McSally's initial run for Congress, she sketched out her support for raising the retirement age and allowing younger workers to invest in lieu of paying into Social Security in a candidate questionnaire for the Green Valley News. ‘We have to keep the promises we’ve made to our seniors and protect the retirement benefits they’ve earned,’ McSally wrote. ‘At the same time, we have take measures to strengthen and sustain it for future generations because it is currently unsustainable. For younger workers, we need to consider approaches such as gradually increasing the retirement age and allowing them to invest a portion of their Social Security payments in ways that will allow them to maximize their returns.’” [Arizona Republic, [10/15/18](#)]

**2020: McSally Did Not Respond To Request For Comment On Whether She Supported Raising The Retirement Age As She Did In 2012.** “When she first ran for Congress in 2012, the Green Valley News asked McSally if Social Security was sustainable and whether she supported changes such as raising the retirement age. McSally said Social Security was unsustainable and needed measures to strengthen it for future generations. ‘For younger workers, we need to consider approaches such as gradually increasing the retirement age and allowing them to invest a portion of their Social Security payments in ways that will allow them to maximize their returns,’ McSally said. We asked McSally's campaign about her position in 2020, but did not hear back.” [PolitiFact, [9/14/20](#)]

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• Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.  
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#### 2012: Romney Supported Raising The Retirement Age For Younger Workers By A “Year Or Two.”

“Romney: The GOP candidate would protect the status quo for people 55 and over but, for the next generation of

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**2008: Romney Supported Raising The Retirement Age To “Fix” Social Security.** “BECK: Then done with Karl Rove and on the other end of the line is Mitt Romney. He said that Washington is broken, but he knows how to fix

it. Listen to this. He said he would start with Social Security. (BEGIN VIDEOTAPE) ROMNEY: Washington is broken. We simply cannot keep on going the way we have gone. The good news is Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security can be fixed. BECK: How do you fix it? ROMNEY: Social Security is the easiest. And that's because you can give people a personal account. You can extend the retirement age, and you can calculate the initial benefit, based on inflation for higher-income people rather than the wage index that goes up so much higher. BECK: Hang on, hang on. Hold on. I think I've just heard a politician say extend the retirement age? ROMNEY: Those are the three major levers you have." [CNN, [1/16/08](#)]

## Elder Care

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#### BBB Would Invest \$150 Billion In At-Home And Community-Based Elder Care

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## Tax Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2020 and 2022, Bognet repeatedly praised the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).
- ✓ TCJA cut taxes for the very wealthy and corporations while ultimately raising them for the middle class.
- ✓ TCJA incentivized companies to move jobs overseas by increasing tax-free income on equipment abroad and giving “permanent preference” to foreign income.
- ✓ While Bognet was Senior Vice President of the Glover Park Group from 2016 to 2018, it was paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to lobby on tax issues for major beneficiaries of TCJA.
  - ✓ Apple paid Glover Park Group \$360,000 to lobby on tax issues between 2016 and 2018.
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  - ✓ Horizon Pharma paid Glover Park Group \$230,000 to lobby on tax issues between 2016 and 2018.
    - ✓ TCJA was a “major victory for pharma manufacturers,” which it saved billions in taxes.
- ✓ In October 2020, Bognet opposed Biden’s plan to raise taxes on corporations and individuals with incomes exceeding \$400,000.
- ✓ Between 2007 and 2018, Bognet held senior leadership positions on three presidential campaigns and one Senate campaign for candidates that supported tax cuts that disproportionately benefited the wealthy.
  - ✓ 2007 – 2008: Bognet led domestic policy development, including on economic policy, for Romney’s presidential campaign, which proposed cutting taxes on dividends and capital gains that would disproportionately benefit wealthy investors.

## TCJA And Corporate Taxes


### 2020 – 2022: Bognet Praised The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

**Bognet’s 2022 Campaign Website: TCJA “Bolstered The U.S. Economy, Helped Small Businesses Grow, And Returned Money Into The Pockets Of Hardworking Americans Across The Country.”** “President Trump’s administration passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in 2017 which bolstered the U.S. economy, helped small businesses grow, and returned money into the pockets of hardworking Americans across the country. Democrats today are fighting to reverse historic progress by spending trillions of dollars on a socialist wish list that will increase taxes on the middle class and hurt businesses here in NEPA.” [Bognet for Congress, accessed [3/9/22](#)]

**October 2020: Bognet “Heartily Praise[d]” Trump For His Handling Of The Economy And The Tax Cut And Said He Favored Continuing Existing Research And Development Tax Credits.** “Bognet heartily praises Trump for his handling of the economy and the tax cut, criticizes Cartwright for opposing the cut and questions Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden’s proposal to raise taxes. The proposal would impose higher taxes on

people with incomes of more than \$400,000 and raise the corporate tax rate to 28%. ‘When we're facing the economic turbulence that COVID brought on, we don't need to be raising taxes,’ he said. ‘Businesses are barely hanging on right now.’ He favors continuing existing research and development tax credits, which come up for renewal yearly, and promoting further natural gas extraction in the state's shale regions because that keeps energy costs low for manufacturers. As an official at the Export-Import bank under Trump, he said he worked to help manufacturers.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/5/20](#)]

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[Jim Bognet, Facebook, [7/14/21](#)]

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## TCJA Gave Tax Cuts To The Very Wealthy While Raising Them For The Middle Class

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**The Atlantic: “The Richer The Family, The Bigger The Cut, Both In Absolute Terms And In Proportional Income” From The GOP Tax Bill.** “The GOP tax bill operates by two simple principles. First, families at every income level can expect a tax cut—but the richer the family, the bigger the cut, both in absolute terms and in proportional income. Households making between \$500,000 and \$1 million would get a \$21,000 tax cut in 2019 and their after-tax income would rise by 4.3 percent. That proportional gain is four times larger than the average after-tax benefit for a family making \$40,000. Second, as time goes by, most families’ tax benefits would shrink—with the major exception being the most affluent. Most of the plan’s individual tax cuts end after 2025. This provision is necessary (because of the procedure congressional Republicans chose for the bill) to pay for a permanent corporate tax cut whose benefits flow mostly through capital gains and dividends to shareholders. The bars below illustrate this effect: The tax cuts shrink between 2018 and 2025 before disappearing for all levels in 2027—except for the richest households, the ones with the most money invested in stocks, who will still be reaping the benefits of lower corporate taxes.” [The Atlantic, [12/19/17](#)]

**Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.”** “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

**The Tax Cut Benefitted The Top 1% Of Earners And “Will Reap More Than 20% Of The Total Value Of The Tax Cut, Roughly The Same Amount As Americans In The Bottom 60% Of The Income Distribution.”** “No one in the middle class is going to turn up their nose at an extra thousand bucks. But critics have been pointing out that the tax bill could have done much more for middle earners. That \$900 pales in comparison to the average \$51,000 tax cut that Americans in the top 1% of earners — those taking home \$733,000 and up — will reap. Overall, the 1% will reap more than 20% of the total value of the tax cut, roughly the same amount as Americans in the bottom 60% of the income distribution, the Tax Policy Center found.” [Time, [12/20/17](#)]

**Time: The Tax Bill “Will Work Against Middle-Class Taxpayers Over Time” And In A Decade Two Thirds Of Middle-Class Taxpayers Will Be Subject To A Tax Hike.** “There may be an even bigger problem for the middle class, however. Budget rules tied Republicans’ hands, limiting their ability to make changes that extend more than 10 years in the future. As a result, most personal tax provisions in the bill expire by 2026. Meanwhile, other tweaks — like a new, less generous way of accounting for inflation — will work against middle-class taxpayers over time. As a result, a decade from now, about two thirds of middle-class taxpayers will actually see a tax hike, albeit a relatively small one of about \$150, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [Time, [12/20/17](#)]

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## TCJA Included The Largest-Ever Tax Cut For Large Corporations, Reducing The Corporate Rate From 35% To 21%

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**S&P 500 Companies Could See \$1.64 Trillion in Tax Cuts.** “In other words, you can thank tax cuts for nearly half the growth in big-company earnings in the first quarter. For many companies – including a favorite target of Trump’s ire, Amazon.com Inc. – the boost was even more substantial, representing all, or nearly all, the quarter’s growth. It gets better: At the rate they’re going, S&P 500 companies could save \$1.64 trillion in taxes over the next decade, Steve estimates – \$300 billion more than lawmakers expected. Now we’re talking real money.” [Bloomberg News, [5/25/18](#)]

- **S&P 500 Companies Included 500 Of The Country's Largest Publicly Traded Companies.** "The Standard & Poor's 500 Index - S&P 500 is a market capitalization weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies by market value. The S&P 500 is a market value or market capitalization weighted index and one of the most common benchmarks for the broader U.S. equity markets. [Investopedia, accessed [6/20/18](#)]

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**Corporate Tax Cuts In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Cost Roughly \$1 Trillion.** "It still amounts to roughly a \$1 trillion tax cut for businesses over the next decade. Republicans argue this will make the economy surge in the coming years, but most independent economists and Wall Street banks predict only a modest and short-lived boost to growth." [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

**Major Corporations Received Bulk of Tax Cuts.** "Widespread publicity about corporations sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype, this Americans for Tax Fairness analysis reveals. Even though America's biggest corporations are poised to reap hundreds of billions in tax cuts, only 18 corporations in the Fortune 100 have announced any sort of employee benefits tied to those cuts, as of today. Only 46 of the Fortune 500—just 9%—have announced any plans to share the tax-cut wealth." [Americans For Tax Fairness, [1/29/18](#)]

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### **TJCA Made It More Attractive For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas**

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**Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas.** "What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. 'This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,' said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. 'It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.'" [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **Washington Post Headline: "Trump Promised 'America First' Would Keep Jobs Here. But The Tax Plan Might Push Them Overseas."** [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]
- **Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad.** "In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. [...] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a 'routine' rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations 'a perverse incentive' to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center." [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)] See Article #43
- **Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States.** "Second, the bill sets the 'routine' return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed

a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a \$100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of \$20 million would pay roughly \$1 million in tax versus \$4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)] *See Article #43.*

**Sperling: GOP Tax Bill Would “Give A Permanent Preference To Foreign Income And Lead Companies To Shift More Profits To Tax Havens Knowing That They Could Permanently Avoid Virtually All Taxation On Such Profits.”** “Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits. [...] What was problematic about this design was that it not only encouraged companies to move profits to tax havens, but it actually encouraged them to simultaneously move jobs and operations such as manufacturing to industrialized countries that had typical tax rates and to shift more profits to tax havens.” [The Atlantic, Gene Sperling, [12/8/17](#)]

**CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations’ Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation Can Increase Its Deductible Foreign Income While Reducing Its Tax Liability On Foreign Income.** “The act contains several provisions to reduce corporations’ incentive to shift profits out of the United States. Two provisions—which impose a tax on global intangible low-tax income (GILTI) and create a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)—reduce corporations’ incentive to locate high-return assets (which are often intangible assets, such as intellectual property, or IP) in low-tax countries. The provisions reduce that incentive by applying special treatment to profits that exceed a specified return on tangible assets (such as equipment and structures). In addition to reducing profit shifting through the location of intangible assets, the GILTI and FDII provisions affect corporations’ decisions about where to locate tangible assets. By locating more tangible assets abroad, a corporation is able to reduce the amount of foreign income that is categorized as GILTI. Similarly, by locating fewer tangible assets in the United States, a corporation can increase the amount of U.S. income that can be deducted as FDII. Together, the provisions may increase corporations’ incentive to locate tangible assets abroad. (Like profit shifting, such decisions change the locations of reported profits—but they are not classified as profit shifting, because they involve actual economic activity rather than simply reporting.)” [Congressional Budget Office, Appendix B: The Effects Of The 2017 Tax Act On CBO’s Economic And Budget Projections, [April 2018](#)]

**New York Times: Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.”** “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

- **An Economist Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.”** “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment.” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]
- **New York Times Headline: “Tax Law May Send Factories and Jobs Abroad, Critics Say.”** [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]



**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$360,000 To Lobby On Tax Issues For Apple, Which Saw Billions In Tax Cuts From The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act That It Reinvested To Benefit Its Executives Instead Of Its Workers**

**2016 – 2018: Apple Paid Glover Park Group \$360,000 For Lobbying On Tax Issues**

<b>2016 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Apple</b>				
<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>Time Period Covered</b>	<b>Specific Lobbying Issues</b>	<b>Lobbyists</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
4/19/16	Q1 2016	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz John Hughes Jon Gans Rob Seidman Robert Harris	\$40,000
7/20/16	Q2 2016	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz John Hughes Jon Gans Rob Seidman Robert Harris	\$40,000
10/19/16	Q3 2016	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz John Hughes Jon Gans Rob Seidman Robert Harris	\$40,000
1/18/17	Q4 2016	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz John Hughes Rob Seidman Robert Harris Paul Poteet	\$40,000
4/19/17	Q1 2017	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz John Hughes Rob Seidman Robert Harris Paul Poteet	\$40,000
7/19/17	Q2 2017	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband.	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz	\$40,000

			John Hughes Rob Seidman Robert Harris Paul Poteet	
10/19/17	Q3 2017	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband.	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz John Hughes Rob Seidman Robert Harris Paul Poteet	\$40,000
1/19/18	Q4 2017	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband.	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz John Hughes Rob Seidman Robert Harris Paul Poteet	\$40,000
4/19/18	Q1 2018	Issues related to tax, technology and broadband.	Joel Johnson Susan Brophy Gregg Rothschild Jack Krumholtz Rob Seidman Robert Harris Paul Poteet	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$360,00</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$5,500 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Apple While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Apple Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Jon Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	5/7/20	\$1,000
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	11/10/21	\$500
Jonathan Gans	VA	Consultant, Polaris Consulting	10/9/20	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, FGH	11/3/21	\$1,000
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	8/10/20	\$500
Robert Seidman	VA	Public Affairs, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$5,500</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

### Apple Was A “Major Beneficiary” Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act (TCJA), Which Saved It Billions In Taxes

**Apple Was A “Major Beneficiary” Of TCJA, Which Saved It Billions In Taxes And Allowed It To Repatriate \$250 Billion In Cash It Had Stored Overseas.** “Apple, as it turns out, is also a major beneficiary of the Republican tax cut bill passed in December 2017. Its effective tax rate fell to about 18 percent in 2018, thanks in large part, according to its annual report, to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Apple saved billions of dollars in taxes due to the legislation and was able to bring back some \$250 billion in cash it had stashed overseas.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

- **TCJA Dropped Apple’s 2018 Effective Tax Rate To 18.3 Percent From 24.6 Percent In 2017.** “Apple, like a lot of corporations, wasn’t paying the full 35 percent corporate tax rate even before the tax cut bill was passed, but the new legislation has been very good to it. According to the liberal-leaning Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, dozens of profitable Fortune 500 companies paid no federal income taxes at all last year, including Amazon and IBM. Apple’s 2018 effective tax rate was 18.3 percent, compared to 24.6 percent in 2017.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

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**2019: Apple Used \$75 Billion Of Tax Savings From TCJA To Repurchase Its Shares, Meaning “Investors, Not Workers, Are The Big Winners” Of Its Tax Cut**

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**2019: Apple Used \$75 Billion Of Its Savings From TCJA To Repurchase Its Shares, Meaning “Investors, Not Workers, Are The Big Winners In The iPhone Maker’s Tax Savings.”** “[HEADLINE:] Apple is spending even more of its huge tax cut on Wall Street stock buybacks [SUBHEADLINE:] Investors, not workers, are the big winners in the iPhone maker’s tax savings. [BODY:] Apple is turning more of its tax cut into stock buybacks. The iPhone maker on Tuesday announced that it would repurchase an additional \$75 billion of its own shares. The announcement comes less than a year after Apple revealed a \$100 billion buyback in May 2018. The company on both occasions also said it would increase its dividend.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

- **Stock Buybacks Benefitted “Executives And Corporate Insiders” Who Could Use Them To Sell Shares They Receive As Part Of Their Compensation.** “Executives and corporate insiders — generally, directors and senior officers — are major beneficiaries of stock buybacks because they take advantage of them to sell shares with which they are rewarded as part of their compensation. Politico reported last year that a review of Securities and Exchange Commission filings showed that there was an uptick in executives selling shares after the tax bill was passed and buyback activity was on the rise.” [Vox, [5/1/19](#)]

**While Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group, It Was Paid \$230,000 To Lobby On Tax Issues For Horizon Pharma; The Pharmaceutical Industry Gained Billions In Tax Cuts From The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC**

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**January 2016 – April 2018: Bognet Was Senior Vice President Of Glover Park Group In Washington, DC According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was Vice President of Glover Park Group in Washington, DC from January 2016 to April 2018. He described this role: “• Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.

- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client’s goal of being awarded routes. This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

## 2017 – 2018: Horizon Pharma Paid The Glover Park Group \$230,000 For Lobbying On Business Tax Reform

2017 – 2018: Glover Park Group Lobbying For Horizon Pharma USA, Inc				
Date Filed	Time Period Covered	Specific Lobbying Issues	Lobbyists	Amount Paid
7/19/17	Q2 2017	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston John Hughes Paul Poteet	\$60,000
10/19/17	Q3 2017	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston John Hughes Paul Poteet	\$60,000
1/19/18	Q4 2017	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston John Hughes Paul Poteet	\$60,000
4/19/18	Q1 2018	Lobbying related to business tax reform.	Brian Gaston Paul Poteet	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$230,000</b>

[United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

## 2020 – 2021: Bognet’s Campaign Accepted \$2,250 From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Represented Horizon Pharma While Bognet Worked There

2020 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Contributions From Glover Park Group Lobbyists Who Lobbied For Horizon Pharma Between 2016 And 2018				
Contributor	State	Reported Occupation	Date	Amount
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	12/7/21	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	9/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	6/29/20	\$250
Brian Gaston	VA	Consultant, The Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Finsbury Glover Hering	11/11/21	\$250
Paul Poteet	VA	Consultant, Glover Park Group	3/31/20	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,250</b>

[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed [3/21/22](#)]

## TCJA Was A Giveaway To Pharmaceutical Companies

**Politico: Repatriation Provision In Tax Bill Was A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers.”** “Senate Republicans cobbled together enough support to pass what could amount to the biggest rewrite of the tax code in nearly three decades. The bill, H.R. 1 (115), lowers the corporate tax rate and would offer a one-time reduction on profits U.S.-based multinational companies earn and keep abroad. The repatriation provision is seen as a major victory for pharma manufacturers who store boatloads of cash in countries where tax rates are lower. The Senate bill also scaled back the orphan drug tax credit, a definite loss for drugmakers (the House version repealed the credit outright). The Senate’s tax plan now has to be reconciled with the House-passed version in a legislative conference.” [Politico, [12/4/17](#)]

- **Pharmaceutical Companies Were “One Of The Biggest Beneficiaries” Of The Provision And Were Seen As Likely To Return Money To Their Shareholders, Rather Than Invest In Research And Innovation.** “U.S. drugmakers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the repatriation portion of the bill. They’ve been

sitting on billions of dollars in overseas earnings and can now bring home that cash at a reduced rate. While the tax bill has been promoted by Republicans as a job creator, the reality is that drug companies are more likely to return the money to shareholders, or use it to make acquisitions.” [Bloomberg, [12/20/17](#)]

**Tax Bill Was Estimated To Save Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion.** “The tax proposal supported by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans would give five top pharmaceutical corporations a \$42.7 billion tax break.” [Public Citizen and ITEP, [11/20/17](#)]

### **October 2020: Bognet Opposed Biden’s Proposal To Undo Some Of TCJA’s Tax Cuts For Corporations And The Wealthy**

**October 2020: Bognet Opposed Biden’s Proposed Tax Increase On Corporations And Individuals With Incomes Exceeding \$400,000.** “Bognet heartily praises Trump for his handling of the economy and the tax cut, criticizes Cartwright for opposing the cut and questions Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden's proposal to raise taxes. The proposal would impose higher taxes on people with incomes of more than \$400,000 and raise the corporate tax rate to 28%. ‘When we’re facing the economic turbulence that COVID brought on, we don’t need to be raising taxes,’ he said. ‘Businesses are barely hanging on right now.’” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/5/20](#)]

### **Bognet Repeatedly Worked For Campaigns That Supported Tax Cuts For The Wealthy And Corporations**

#### **2018: Bognet Was CEO Of McSally’s Senate Campaign, Which Touted Her Support For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act**

**July – December 2018: Bognet Was CEO Of Martha McSally’s Arizona Senate Campaign In Phoenix, AZ According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was CEO of McSally for Senate in Phoenix, Arizona from July to December 2018. He described this role: “• Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.

- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**October 2018: During A Debate, McSally “Repeatedly Touted The Successful Economy, Which She Said Was On Fire Thanks To Republican Tax Cuts.”** “National politics dominated much of the discussion at the debate, hosted by Arizona PBS and Arizona State University in downtown Phoenix. McSally repeatedly touted the successful economy, which she said was on fire thanks to Republican tax cuts. ‘I voted to cut your taxes, providing the opportunity for about \$2,000 per Arizona family.’ McSally said it was ‘more money in their pockets instead of going to Washington, D.C.’” [KJZZ, [10/16/18](#)]

#### **2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign, Which Proposed Raising Taxes On The Middle Class While Cutting Them For Millionaires**

**August – November 2012: Bognet Was Senior Advisor To The Romney For President Campaign’s Strategy/Media Team In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Senior Advisor to the Romney for President campaign’s Strategy/Media Team from August to November 2012. He described this role: “• Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.



- Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.
  - Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.”
- [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**August 2012: The Centrist Tax Policy Center Found Romney’s Proposed Tax Plan Would Force Tax Increases On The Middle Class To Cut Them For Millionaires.** “The study was developed by the centrist Tax Policy Center and authored by economists who have worked under both the Obama and Bush administrations. It concluded that Romney’s proposed tax cuts - which include reducing all personal income taxes rates by 20 percent, eliminating the estate tax and zeroing-out taxes on investment income for couples earning less than \$200,000 per year - would slash \$360 billion in federal revenues in 2015 and will have to increase taxes on the middle class to pay for those losses. [...] So in order to make sure his plan would not add to the deficit, Romney would have to pay for \$86 billion worth of high-income tax cuts by cutting deductions that benefit middle- and low-income earners, according to the Tax Policy Center study. If his plan is to be revenue neutral, as Romney has said it would be, the study shows he would have to raise taxes on 95 percent of Americans - families earning less than \$200,000 - by an average of \$500 per year. Millionaires will still get an \$87,000 tax cut.” [ABC News, [8/3/12](#)]

**2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign, Which Proposed Tax Cuts That Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy And Corporations**

**August – November 2008: Bognet Was A Communications Advisor For John McCain’s Presidential Campaign In Washington, DC, According To His Resume.** According to his resume, Bognet was a Communications Advisor for John McCain 2008 from August to November 2008. He described this role: “• Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate’s debate preparation, strategy, and message.  
• Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**McCain’s 2008 Campaign Proposed Tax Cuts That Would “Cater To Wealthy Taxpayers And Corporations” By Reducing Corporate And Estate Taxes.** “McCain’s plan would cater to wealthy taxpayers and corporations by extending and expanding President Bush’s tax cuts, slashing corporate taxes and weakening the estate tax, but it would also aid taxpayers across the board by making the full Bush cuts permanent. [...] McCain also has proposed a sharp reduction in corporate taxes. He would pare the two highest corporate tax brackets, 34% and 35%, down to 25%. The top bracket would be immediately eliminated, and the 34% bracket would be phased down to 25% between 2009 and 2014. He would also maintain the 15% tax rates on dividends and capital gains for the highest-tier taxpayers. And starting in 2010, McCain would substantially reduce the estate tax. He would increase the exemption on inherited funds from \$3.5 million to \$5 million and sharply lower taxes on remaining wealth from 45% to 15% -- moves that would enable affluent families to hold on to more of their wealth.” [Los Angeles Times, [8/21/08](#)]

**Economic Policy Institute: McCain’s Tax Plan Was “Skewed Toward Upper-Income Americans To The Exclusion Of Most Everyone Else.”** “Democratic-leaning economists say McCain’s plan offers little new aid to squeezed middle-class families. And they question whether corporations and wealthy Americans would convert McCain-era tax savings into new investments that would bolster the economy. ‘McCain does nothing about income inequality,’ said John Irons, research and policy director for the Economic Policy Institute, a center-left think tank backed by labor interests. ‘It’s skewed toward upper-income Americans to the exclusion of most everyone else.’” [Los Angeles Times, [8/21/08](#)]

**2007 – 2008: Bognet Advised Romney’s Presidential Campaign On Domestic Economic Issues; The Campaign Proposed Tax Cuts That Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy**

**2007 – 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign And “Led Development Of Major Domestic Policy Initiatives, Including All Aspects Of Economic Policy”**

**January 2007 – February 2008: Bognet Was Policy Development Director For Romney’s Presidential Campaign In Boston, MA, According To His Resume.**

According to his resume, Bognet was Policy Development Director for Romney for President from January 2007 to February 2008. He described this role: “• Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.

- Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.
- Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces
- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

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- Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff” [Jim Bognet Resume, received 7/17/20]

**December 2007: Bognet: “My Main Goal On A Daily Basis Is To Help Governor Romney Communicate His Pro-Growth, Conservative Vision For The U.S. Economy.”**

“James Bognet, policy development director for Mitt Romney: The role of an economic adviser, or any campaign policy staffer, is to help your candidate win the election by developing sound policy. In my role as policy development director, I help manage the campaign’s policy department, and am charged with coordinating the Governor’s economic policy. My main goal on a daily basis is to help Governor Romney communicate his pro-growth, conservative vision for the U.S. economy.”

[Freakonomics, [12/6/07](#)]

**According To The Washington Post’s The Fix Blog, Bognet Was A “Critical Behind-The-Scenes Player In Formulating Romney’s Policies” In 2008.**

“Former eBay president Meg Whitman may have won the support of Mitt Romney in the California Republican primary but state Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner has landed the former Massachusetts governor’s economics guru. Jim Bognet, who served as deputy political director for Romney’s 2008 presidential primary bid, has inked a deal to be Poizner’s deputy campaign manager. Bognet, according to a source familiar with his role with Romney, was the in-house economics adviser to the former governor and a critical behind-the-scenes player in formulating Romney’s policies.” [Washington Post, The Fix Blog, [3/23/09](#)]

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**2007 – 2008: Romney Proposed Tax Cuts That Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy And Lower Taxes For Corporations**

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**2007: Romney Released A Plan To Cut Taxes On Interest, Dividends, And Capital Gains For People Earning Under \$200,000, Which Critics Said Would Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy Who Invested More.**

“Mitt Romney rolled out one of the most detailed tax cut plans yet among the major presidential candidates yesterday, proposing to eliminate taxes on income from interest, dividends, and capital gains for the vast majority of Americans. In several appearances in New Hampshire, Romney said his proposal, which would give the tax break to those earning less than \$200,000 a year, would be a boon to the middle class. ‘You can save your money for a down payment on a house, for a car, for a boat, for college for your kids, whatever the heck you want,’ he told about 75 people gathered at a coffee shop yesterday morning. ‘Government shouldn’t be telling you they’re going to tax you on your savings.’ But \$200,000 a year is nearly five times the nation’s median household income of about \$44,300 a year. Critics pointed out that while many families would benefit, the vast majority of the total dollar savings would go to the wealthy, who own the most stocks, have the biggest bank accounts, and reap the most capital gains from real estate and other investments.” [Boston Globe, [9/8/07](#)]

- **By Claiming The Middle Class Would Benefit From The Tax Cut, Romney Pushed “His Definition Of The Middle Class Well Into Six-Figure Incomes.”** “Romney underscored the point in the South Carolina debate Thursday night, as he does in speeches and in his platform. Other GOP candidates, too, want to preserve President Bush's expiring tax cuts for people of all incomes. That inevitably saves rich people the most dollars if relieving people of moderate income of a noticeable share of their tax burden. Nor is Romney alone in wanting to get rid of the estate tax. But the former Massachusetts governor goes beyond that to say ‘anyone’ with adjusted gross income under \$200,000 - that's after certain deductions - should be relieved of all taxes on capital gains, interest and dividends, pushing his definition of the middle class well into six-figure incomes.” [Cleveland 19 News, [1/11/08](#)]

**2007: Romney Supported Lowering The Corporate Tax Rate.** “Romney said in an interview yesterday that he would make President George W. Bush's tax cuts permanent and lower corporate tax rates. He also said the U.S. government should ‘take a good, hard look’ at implementing a consumption tax.” [CNN, [8/29/07](#)]

## Pledge Against Raising Taxes

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged Not To Raise Taxes And Claimed Cartwright Would Raise Them By 25 Percent**

**October 2020: Bognet Pledged Not To Raise Taxes And Claimed Cartwright Would Raise Them By 25 Percent.** “[BOGNET:] Number two, Bill, I will fight to keep taxes low. Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Matt Cartwright are on the record wanting to raise taxes. Joe Biden and Matt Cartwright want to raise your taxes 25%. That's not right, I will never vote for tax increases.” [PBS, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO) 9:09

## Payroll Tax

**October 2020: Bognet Opposed Payroll Tax Increases**

**October 2020: Bognet Opposed Payroll Tax Increases.** “Bognet said he opposes raising the payroll tax because he's against higher taxes.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, [10/4/20](#)]

## State Taxes

**October 2020: Bognet Said He Wanted To Promote Pennsylvania’s Lower Taxes To Attract Talented New Jersey And New York Residents**

**Bognet Said He Wanted To Promote Pennsylvania’s Lower Taxes To Attract Talented New Jersey And New York Residents.** “Bognet brought up his experience working on economic development for California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2003-2006 and said he wants to promote Pennsylvania's lower taxes to attract talented New Jersey and New York residents, especially with housing cheaper here and more people working from home because of the pandemic.” [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice, [10/15/20](#)]

## Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

**2007: On Behalf Of Mitt Romney, Bognet Called For Congress To Be Able To Do Its Job In Dealing With The AMT, While Avoiding “Raising Taxes On Other Folks To Offset The AMT”**

**2007: On Behalf Of Mitt Romney, Bognet Called For Congress To Be Able To Do Its Job In Dealing With The AMT, While Avoiding “Raising Taxes On Other Folks To Offset The AMT.”** “Just one major campaign

made a top policy advisor available to discuss the AMT. Many didn't respond at all to requests for the candidates' plans. 'Congress should be allowed to do its job,' said James Bognet, policy development director to Republican Mitt Romney. The former Massachusetts governor wants to ensure the AMT doesn't spread, and supports finding a temporary fix, though Mr. Bognet made clear that he defers to Congress on the nitty-gritty. 'The easiest way to patch it is to index for inflation. . . . The governor doesn't support raising taxes on other folks to offset the AMT.'" [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 11/25/07]

## **"Rain Tax"**

### **January 2020: Bognet Opposed The "Rain Tax Fee" In Luzerne County**

**January 2020: Bognet Opposed The "Rain Tax Fee" In Luzerne County.** "Luzerne County residents are not happy with 'rain tax fee' - already in place in a few counties here in Pennsylvania. Members of Taxpayer power and the NEPA Riverwater Association joined residents at the Luzerne County Courthouse to rally for a solution. [...] Councilman Griffith says residents are already overwhelmed [sic] with too many fees within the county and that's something Jim Bognet, a candidate for congress agrees with. 'It's been percolating for a while the bills went out last year but now people are starting to get notices threatening their houses telling them they're gonna be hit with penalties. People are scared you have a lot of elderly home owners who just cannot afford to pay this and they're rising up that's why you see so many people out here today,' says Bognet." [FOX 56, [1/28/20](#)]

- **The Rain Tax Was "Federal Mandate That Lists Seven States, Including Pennsylvania, As Responsible For Keeping Pollution In The Chesapeake Bay Down."** "The rain tax is a federal mandate that lists seven states, including Pennsylvania, as responsible for keeping pollution in the Chesapeake Bay down. That tax is applied to homes and businesses by the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority and the Dallas Area Municipal Authority. The Luzerne County Legislative Committee held this meeting to collect public input on the tax. It says the standard fee is \$65 a year, but some homes were assessed at \$2,000. There are also fines for non-payment." [WNEP, [2/18/20](#)]

## Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

### 2022 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

#### Net Worth

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#### Earned Income

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2022: Bognet Reported Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount (January – February 2022)	Amount (2021)
Bognet Inc	Salary	\$8,000	\$16,000
Elevate Public Affairs	Consulting income	[Blank]	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

#### Assets & Unearned Income

**February 2022: Bognet Reported Between \$804,113 And \$2,995,000 In Assets**

**February 2022: Bognet Reported Assets Valued Between \$804,113 And \$2,995,000.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

2022: Bognet Reported Assets And Unearned Income (January – February 2022)							
Fund	Asset	Asset Type	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income (YTD 2022)	
			Min	Max		Min	Max
	Bank of America Checking Account	Bank Account	\$50,001	\$100,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	1250 DSC Investment LLC	Other	\$15,001	\$50,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
Bognet Capital Partners	4420 North Fairfax LLC	Other	\$50,001	\$100,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000



Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)							
Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC	Other	\$15,001	\$50,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
	Chase Checking/Saving Account	Bank Account	\$50,001	\$100,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
	ClearBridge Small Cap Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
	ClearBridge Value Trust Class A	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Edward Jones Brokerage Account	Lord Abbett Growth Leaders A	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Edward Jones Brokerage Account	Lord Abbett Short Duration Inc A	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
	Legg Mason Clearbridge Mutual Funds	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Retirement Accounts	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Trust Plus	Mutual Fund	\$50,001	\$100,000	None	None	None
Retirement Accounts	Vanguard-The Savings and Investment Plan	Mutual Fund	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	AMC Networks Inc Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Asensus Surgical Inc	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	AstraZeneca PLC - American Depositary Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Atlassian Corporation PLC - Class A Ordinary Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Banco Santander, SA Sponsored ADR	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000

Fidelity Self 401k	BioCryst Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Chatham Lodging TR Com	Other	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc	Stock	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Coca-Cola Company	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Companhia Siderurgica Nacional SA	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Constellation Brands	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Continental Resources Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Crown Castle Intl Corp Mew Com	Other	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	FNB Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	FedEx Corporation	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Fidelity Focused High Income Fund	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Fidelity Govt Cash Reserves	Mutual Fund	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	First Commonwealth Financial Corporation	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	First Northwest Bancorp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Golden Entertainment Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Halliburton Company	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Hecla Mining Company	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Hennessy Gas Utility Inv CL	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	HomeTrust Bancshares Inc	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Iamgold Corporation Ordinary Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Ishares SCI Brazil ETF	ETF	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Kearny Financial	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000

Fidelity Self 401k	Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corp Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corp Class A Common Stock	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Marathon Petroleum Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Markel Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Medical Properties Trust Inc	REIT	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	MGIC Investment Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Molson Coors Beverage Company Class B	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Newell Brands Inc	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Nexstar Media Group Class A	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	OceanFirst Financial Corp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Park Hotels Resorts Inc Com	REIT	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Pebblebrook Hotel Trust Com	Other	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Premier Financial Corp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Primis Financial Corp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	ProShares TR ProShares Ultrashort	ETF	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Raytheon Technologies Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Riverview Bancorp Inc	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Salesforce.com Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Schlumberger NV	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Severn Bancorp Inc	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Shore Bancshares Inc	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	SouthState Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000

Fidelity Self 401k	Summit Hotel Pptys Inc Com	Other	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Suncor Energy Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Synovus Financial Corp	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Tanger Factory Outlet CTRS IncCom	REIT	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Under Armour Inc Class C	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	ViacomCBS Inc Class B	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Westbury Bancorp Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Wynn Resorts Inc Limited	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Yamana Gold Inc Ordinary Shares	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	YETI Holdings Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	FNB Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	JetBlue Airways Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Lumen Technologies Inc	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Lumen Technologies Inc	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Morgan Stanley	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Under Armour Inc Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Atlassian Corporation PLC - Class A Ordinary Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Cash Insrdr Dep Acct (IDA)	Other	\$15,001	\$50,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Discovery Inc Series A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	FNB Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000

TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Halliburton Company	Option	\$1	\$1,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Halliburton Company	Option	\$1	\$1,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Hub Group Inc Class A	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Incyte Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corp Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000		None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	MGIC Investment Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Molson Coors Beverage Company Class B	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Montrose Environmental Group Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Newell Brands Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Nexstar Media Group Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Occidental Petroleum Corp	Option	\$1	\$1,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Occidental Petroleum Corp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade	OceanFirst Financial Corp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200



Brokerage Acct							
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Proxim Corporation Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Riverview Bancorp Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Schlumberger Limited	Option	\$1	\$1,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Schlumberger Limited	Option	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Select Sector SPDR Trust	Option	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Select Sector SPDR Trust	Option	\$1	\$1,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Sprott Physical Silver Trust ETV	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	STORE Capital Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Suncor Energy Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	Twitter Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	ViacomCBS Inc Class B	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Acct	YETI Holdings Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
	Treasury Bills and Notes	Government Securities	\$100,001	\$250,000	Interest	\$1,001	\$2,500
	Wells Fargo Checking Account	Bank Account	\$50,001	\$100,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$804,113</b>	<b>\$2,995,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,568</b>	<b>\$54,300</b>

[Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**February 2022: Bognet Reported Receiving Between \$14,568 And \$54,300 In Unearned Annual Income**

**February 2022: Bognet Reported Receiving Between \$14,568 And \$54,300 In Unearned Income In 2021, And An Equal Amount In January-February 2022.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

*NOTE: Bognet's disclosure may have incorrectly listed equivalent totals for prior-year income (a 12 month period) and current-year-to-filing income (a two-month period).*

**Liabilities**

**2022: Bognet Did Not Report Any Liabilities.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**Positions**

2022 Bognet Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Founder and Managing Director	Winning Kick Strategies
Team Member	Bognet Inc
Founder/Owner/Managing Director of Small Business	JRB Strategies

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**Agreements**

**2022: Bognet Did Not Report Any Agreements.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

**Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source**

**2022: Bognet Reported Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By Elevate Public Affairs And Bognet Inc.** [Bognet 2022 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [2/16/22](#)]

2022 Bognet Reported Compensation Exceeding \$5,000	
Source (Name And Address)	Brief Description Of Duties
Elevate Public Affairs (Los Angeles, CA)	Public Affairs services
Bognet Inc (Hazle Township, PA)	Team Member

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**2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure****Net Worth**

**2020: Bognet Reported An Estimated Net Worth Between \$576,098 And \$2,329,000**

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## Earned Income

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2022: Bognet Reported Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount (January – February 2020)	Amount (2019)
JRB Strategies	Owner of Firm	\$24,000	\$30,000
United States Government	SVP at U.S. Government Agency	\$15,000	\$36,304
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$66,304</b>

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

## Assets & Unearned Income

**March 2020: Bognet Reported Assets Between \$576,098 And \$2,329,000**

**March 2020: Bognet Reported Assets Valued Between \$576,098 And \$2,329,000.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2020: Bognet Reported Assets And Unearned Income (January – March 2020)							
Fund	Asset	Asset Type	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income (YTD 2020)	
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	Bank of America Checking Account	Bank Account	\$50,001	\$100,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
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Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	4420 North Fairfax LLC	Other	\$50,001	\$100,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
Bognet Capital Partners Fund II LLC (Real Estate Investment Fund)	JB 1821 Michael Faraday LLC	Other	\$15,001	\$50,000	Qualified Business Income	\$2,501	\$5,000
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Edward Jones	Lord Abbett Short Duration Inc A	Mutual Fund	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000

Brokerage Account							
	Legg Mason Clearbridge Mutual Funds	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
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Fidelity Self 401k	ACADIA Pharmaceuticals	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Altria Group Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	AMC Networks Inc. - Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc. Common Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Atlassian Corporation Plc - Class A Ordinary Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Azcelis Technologies, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. New	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	British American Tobacco Industries, p.l.c. Common Stock ADR	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	CenterState Bank Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Chatham Lodging TR Com	Other	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Companhia Siderugica Nacional S.A.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Constellation Brands, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
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Fidelity Self 401k	Exxon Mobil Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	F.N.B. Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Facebook, Inc. - Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	FedEx Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200

Fidelity Self 401k	Fidelity Focused High Income Fund	Mutual Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Fidelity Govt Cash Reserves	Mutual Fund	\$50,001	\$100,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	First Commonwealth Financial Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	First Defiance Financial Corp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	First Northwest Bancorp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
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Fidelity Self 401k	Kearny Financial	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Mattel, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	MGIC Investment Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	MGM Resorts International	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Newell Brands, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
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Fidelity Self 401k	Pebblebrook Hotel Trust Com	Other	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	ProShares TR ProShares Ultrashort	ETF	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Provident Financial Holdings, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Riverview Bancorp Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Seyern Bancorp Inc	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Southern National Bancorp of Virginia, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Starwood Property Trust, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000



Fidelity Self 401k	Summit Hotel Pptys Inc Com	Other	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	Synovus Financial Corp	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
Fidelity Self 401k	TransEnterix, Inc	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Twitter, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Under Armour, Inc. Class C	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	ViacomCBS Inc. - Class B	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Walt Disney Company	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	Westbury Bancorp, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
Fidelity Self 401k	Yamana Gold Inc. Ordinary Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
Fidelity Self 401k	YETI Holdings, Inc	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	CenturyLink, Inc	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	F.N.B. Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Macy's Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Morgan Stanley	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Roth IRA	Twitter, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Atlassian Corporation Plc - Class A Ordinary Shares	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Citigroup, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Discovery, Inc. - Series A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	F.N.B. Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Hub Group Inc. - Class A	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade	Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000

Brokerage Account							
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Incyte Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	Stock	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	iShares Trust Tlt Apr 17 20 144.0	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	iShares Trust Tlt Apr 17 20 145.0	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	iShares Trust Tlt Apr 17 20 147.0	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	iShares Trust Tlt Apr 17 20 149.0	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Mattel, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	MGIC Investment Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Nabors Industries Ltd.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Occidental Petroleum Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	OceanFirst Financial Corp.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	RH	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Starwood Property Trust, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$201	\$1,000
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Store Capital Corporation	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200

TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc	Stock	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc TWTR 17 20 34.0	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter Inc TWTR April 17 38.0	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Twitter, Inc.	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	ViacomCBS Inc. - Class B	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Wells Fargo & Co Apr 17 20 47.5	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Wells Fargo & Co Apr 17 20 42.5	Option	\$1	\$1,000	Dividends	None	None
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	Wells Fargo & Company	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200
TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account	YETI Holdings, Inc	Stock	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	None	None
	Treasury Bills and Notes	Government Securities	\$100,001	\$250,000	Interest	\$1,001	\$2,500
	Wells Fargo Checking Account	Bank Account	\$100,001	\$250,000	Interest	\$1	\$200
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$576,098</b>	<b>\$2,329,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,568</b>	<b>\$50,300</b>

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**March 2020: Bognet Reported Receiving Between \$13,568 And \$50,300 In Unearned Income Between January And March 2020**

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**March 2020: Bognet Reported Receiving Between \$12,960 And \$46,300 In Unearned Income In 2019**

**March 2020: Bognet Reported Receiving Between \$12,960 And \$46,300 In Unearned Income In 2019.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Liabilities**

**2022: Bognet Did Not Report Any Liabilities.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Positions**

2020 Bognet Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Founder and Managing Director	Winning Kick Strategies
CEO	McSally for Senate

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Agreements**

**2020: Bognet Did Not Report Any Agreements.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

**Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source**

**2020: Bognet Reported Five Sources Of Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source.** [Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

2020 Bognet Reported Compensation Exceeding \$5,000	
Source (Name And Address)	Brief Description Of Duties
U.S. Government Executive Agency Appointment (Washington, DC)	SVP at ExIm
Martha McSally for Senate (Phoenix, AZ)	CEO of Campaign in 2018
JRB Strategies (Hazle Township, PA)	Founder/Owner/Managing Director of Small Business
Elevate Public Affairs (Los Angeles, CA)	Public Affairs services
Winning Kick Strategies (Hazle Township, PA)	Strategy/Media consulting

[Bognet 2020 House Candidate Financial Disclosure, filed [3/28/20](#)]

## Appendix II – Campaign Finance

### Campaign Committee

**As Of December 2021, Bognet’s Authorized Campaign Committees Raised \$1,874,720.13 And Spent \$1,445,152.44**

2019 – 2021: Bognet Authorized Campaign Committee Funds			
Cycle	Committee	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements
<b>2022</b> (As Of Dec. 2021)	Bognet for Congress	\$334,372.12	\$36,854.69
<b>2022</b> (As Of Dec. 2021)	Bognet for PA-08	\$644.76	\$1,084.76
<b>2022 Cycle Subtotal</b>		<b>\$335,016.88</b>	<b>\$37,939.45</b>
<b>2020</b>	Bognet for Congress	\$1,493,704.39	\$1,360,657.49
<b>2020</b>	Bognet for PA-08	\$45,998.86	\$46,555.50
<b>2020 Cycle Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,539,703.25</b>	<b>\$1,407,212.99</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,874,720.13</b>	<b>\$1,445,152.44</b>

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/11/22](#), accessed [3/11/22](#)]

2019 – 2021: Bognet For Congress Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
<b>2022</b> (As Of Dec. 2021)	\$334,372.12	\$318,683.98	\$0	\$2,500	\$1,308.57	\$0	\$36,854.69	\$36,501.24	\$0
<b>2020</b>	\$1,493,704.39	\$1,163,202.44	\$6,000	\$189,284.36	\$10,002	\$12,500	\$1,360,657.49	\$1,328,693.09	\$8,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,828,076.51</b>	<b>\$1,481,886.42</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$191,784</b>	<b>\$11,310.57</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$1,397,512.18</b>	<b>\$1,365,194.33</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

2019 – 2021: Bognet For PA-08 Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
<b>2022</b> (As Of Dec. 2021)	\$644.76	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,084.76	\$1,084.76	\$0
<b>2020</b>	\$45,998.86	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46,555.50	\$966.19	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,643.62</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$47,640.26</b>	<b>\$2,050.95</b>	<b>\$0</b>

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

*Note: Bognet for PA-08 filed to terminate in March 2021.*

### Bognet’s Campaign Committee Received 12.46% Of His Contributions From PACs

Source Of Bognet Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Small Individual Contributors (<\$200)	\$168,739	11.1%
Large Individual Contributors	\$995,569	65.52%



PAC Contributors	\$189,284	12.46%
Self-Financing	\$10,002	.66%
Other	\$155,933	10.26%

[OpenSecrets, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

### 2020: Bognet's Campaign Committee Received \$15,000 From Corporate PACs

2020: Bognet's Campaign Committee Received \$15,000 From Corporate PACs. [FEC, Expenditure Search, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

### 2020 Cycle: Bognet's Campaign Received \$147,800 From Ideological PACs

Source Of Bognet's 2020 Congressional Campaign Committee PAC Contributions	
Category	#
Business PACs	\$37,200
Labor PACs	\$0
Ideological PACs	\$147,800

[OpenSecrets, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

### Top Overall Contributors

Bognet 2020 Campaign Top Contributors			
Contributor	Total	Individuals	PACs
Jones Financial Companies	\$14,001	\$14,001	\$0
Marcus Foundation	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
George J Hayden Inc	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Fisher Investments	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Bognet Const Assoc	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Wenger Feeds	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Santa Monica Fertility	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Western National Group	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0
Hasd	\$10,125	\$10,125	\$0
Pmsd	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Hunter Engineering	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$0
Flad Development	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$0
McCarthy Tire	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$0
Pioneer Aggregates Inc	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$0
Cci Consulting	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
CG Investments	\$6,110	\$6,110	\$0
Hazleton Area School District	\$6,100	\$6,100	\$0
Keystone Alliance	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Scranton Label Inc	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Novartis AG	\$5,750	\$5,750	\$0

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

### Top Overall Industries

Bognet 2020 Campaign Top Industries		
Rank	Industry	Total
1	Retired	\$207,568

2	Leadership PACs	\$86,128
3	Real Estate	\$72,872
4	Securities & Investment	\$41,815
5	Lawyers/Law Firms	\$38,823
6	Candidate Committees	\$36,000
7	Republican/Conservative	\$34,610
8	Automotive	\$31,965
9	General Contractors	\$28,814
10	Misc Business	\$28,369
11	Lobbyists	\$21,950
12	Health Professionals	\$19,881
13	Non-Profit Institutions	\$19,744
14	Agricultural Services/Products	\$18,897
15	Business Services	\$18,001
16	Oil & Gas	\$17,319
17	Insurance	\$16,045
18	Education	\$15,756
19	Special Trade Contractors	\$15,537
20	Crop Production & Basic Processing	\$15,051

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

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### Top Overall Sectors

Bognet 2020 Campaign Top Contributors By Sector		
Rank	Sector	Total
1	Other	\$253,409
2	Ideology/Single-Issue	\$172,288
3	Finance/Insur/RealEst	\$158,487
4	Misc Business	\$99,977
5	Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$60,773
6	Construction	\$60,551
7	Health	\$57,757
8	Transportation	\$46,272
9	Agribusiness	\$44,106
10	Energy/Nat Resource	\$31,893
11	Communic/Electronics	\$12,703
12	Defense	\$7,180
13	Labor	\$37

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

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## Keep PA Great

### Keep PA Great Was A PAC With “Close Ties” To Bognet

**Keep PA Great Was A Super PAC With “Close Ties” To Bognet.** “A political action committee whose donors have close ties to Jim Bognet has sent voters a postcard criticizing two of his fellow Republican congressional candidates. Keep PA Great has a Washington, D.C., address, but its contributors are Bognet's father, companies owned by relatives and a wealthy friend from his college days. [...] Known as a super PAC, Keep PA Great has the advantage of raising money without limits on what anyone can contribute. Contributors to Bognet's PAC can only take \$2,800 in individual contributions for the primary and the same amount toward a general election.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

**May 2020: Keep PA Great Paid For Postcards That Attacked Bognet’s Primary Opponents.** “Keep PA Great has a Washington, D.C., address, but its contributors are Bognet's father, companies owned by relatives and a wealthy friend from his college days. The PAC sent the large postcard last weekend, accusing rival candidate Mike Marsicano of refusing to support President Donald Trump in 2016 and Earl Granville of not voting for Trump. The mailer also notes Marsicano and Granville ‘just registered’ as Republicans and questions whether they would work with Trump and ‘stand up for our conservative values.’” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

**Bognet’s Campaign Said It Did Not Coordinate With Keep PA Great.** “Charles Russell, a spokesman for Bognet's campaign, said Bognet welcomes Keep PA Great's support, but ‘we can't and don't work with outside groups.’ There's no law forbidding two PACs supporting the same candidate from having the same donors, and Keep PA Great and Bognet's congressional PAC, Bognet for Congress, share several.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

*Note: Keep PA Great filed to terminate in January 2021.*

### 2020 Cycle: Keep PA Great Raised And Spent \$368,500

2020 Keep PA Great PAC Funds						
Total Contributions					Total Disbursements	
Year	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts
2020	\$368,500	\$368,500	\$0	\$0	\$368,500	\$18,209.70

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

### Top Leadership PAC Contributors

2020 Keep PA Great PAC Top Contributors				
Rank	Name	Total	Individuals	PACs
1	Baker Brothers Advisors	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0
2	Biospectra Inc	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
2	Bognet Construction Assoc	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000

2	Bognet Partners LP	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
5	George J Hayden Inc	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
6	Bognet Inc	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
6	Maple Hazleton Properties LLC	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
8	New Car Dealer	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
9	Chronos Construction Staffing	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
10	US Dept of State	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
11	Kavlick Enterprises	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
12	Heim Construction Co	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
12	Sherwood Chevrolet	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [3/11/22](#)]

**Michael Goller Was A Partner At Baker Brothers Advisors And Bognet’s “Friend And Classmate” From Penn State.** “Michael J. Goller, a partner in Baker Brothers Advisors, a New York City-based hedge fund, who gave \$60,000. He also gave \$5,600 to the candidate PAC. Goller is a Bognet friend and classmate from Penn State University, the campaign said.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

**Bognet’s Cousin, Also Named James Bognet, Was President Of Bognet Construction Associates.** “Bognet Construction Associates, a Vienna, Virginia-based construction company, which contributed \$25,000. The company's president and chief executive officer is another James Bognet, according to the company's website. This James Bognet, the candidate's cousin, and his wife, Jennifer, the company's executive vice president, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

**George Hayden, Of The Contractor George J. Hayden Inc., Was Bognet’s Cousin.** “George J. Hayden Inc., a Hazleton-based commercial and industrial electrical contractor, which gave \$10,000. Company president George J. Hayden Jr. is Bognet's cousin. Hayden and his wife, Karen, each gave \$5,600 to Bognet's candidate PAC.” [Hazleton Standard-Speaker, Borys Krawczeniuk Column, [5/29/20](#)]

## Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

NOTE: Paid media advertisements saved on the DCCC research drive.

### 2022 Election

2022 Bognet “Good Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
<a href="#">1/24/22</a>	House Majority Forward	“Challenge”	Infrastructure	Cartwright’s support for BIF
<a href="#">8/24/21</a>	House Majority Forward	“Tough Get Going”	Infrastructure	Cartwright’s support for BIF
<a href="#">7/15/21</a>	House Majority Forward	“Working Again”	Pandemic Relief	Cartwright’s support for ARP
<a href="#">3/29/21</a>	House Majority Forward	“About”	Pandemic Relief	Cartwright’s support for ARP

2022 Bognet “Bad Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
<a href="#">10/19/21</a>	Bognet Campaign	“Take Back America!”	Trump, Immigration, COVID-19, Election misinformation	Trump’s 2020 endorsement of Bognet, support for building the wall, opposition to COVID-19 mandates, claims vote-by-mail changed Bognet and Trump’s 2020 election results
<a href="#">10/20/21</a>	American Action Network	“Tell Matt Cartwright: Oppose Pelosi’s Tax and Spending Scam”	Build Back Better	Claims BBB benefits Pelosi’s allies and raises taxes
<a href="#">9/22/21</a>	American Action Network	“Tell Matt Cartwright: Vote Against Pelosi’s Spending Spree”	Build Back Better	Claims BBB benefits Pelosi’s allies and raises taxes
<a href="#">8/11/21</a>	American Action Network	“Stop Pelosi’s Socialist Agenda”	Prescription drugs, inflation	Blames government spending and Democrats for inflation, claims Democrats’ plan to lower drug prices is socialist
<a href="#">5/10/21</a>	American Action Network	“Takeover”	Prescription drugs, China	Claims Democrats’ plan to lower drug prices would outsource drug production to China



<a href="#">5/6/21</a>	American Action Network	“What’s a Life Worth?”	Prescription drugs	Cartwright’s support for Democrats’ plan to lower drug prices
<a href="#">12/15/21</a>	NRCC	“Not So Merry Christmas”	Inflation	Blames Democrats for inflation
<a href="#">9/27/21</a>	NRCC	“Tax Hikes”	Taxes, Inflation	Blames Democrats for inflation, raising taxes
<a href="#">8/25/21</a>	NRCC	“Back to School”	Inflation	Blames Democrats for inflation
<a href="#">8/5/21</a>	NRCC	“Sticker Shock”	Inflation	Blames Democrats for inflation
<a href="#">6/3/21</a>	NRCC	“Enough”	Inflation, Gas prices	Claims Cartwright supports increasing the gas tax

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Bognet “Good Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
<a href="#">10/29/20</a>	House Majority PAC	“Washington Swamp”	Personal History, Health Care, Social Security, Medicare	Bognet’s past political work, support for eliminating protections for pre-existing conditions, threatening Social Security and Medicare
<a href="#">10/26/20</a>	House Majority PAC	“Moving Van”	Personal History, Health Care, Social Security	Bognet’s past political work, support for eliminating protections for pre-existing conditions, threatening Social Security
<a href="#">9/15/20</a>	House Majority PAC	“His Way”	Personal History, Health Care	Bognet’s past political work, support for eliminating protections for pre-existing conditions
<a href="#">9/25/20</a>	AFSCME	“Hand-Picked”	Personal History, Health Care, Taxes, Medicare, Social Security	Bognet’s past political work, support for eliminating protections for pre-existing conditions, tax breaks for Wall Street, cutting Medicare and Social Security
7/21/20	House Majority Forward	“Infrastructure”	Infrastructure	Cartwright’s support for infrastructure investments in HR 2

1/8/20	House Majority Forward	“Anyone”	Prescription drugs	Cartwright’s support for lowering drug prices
10/8/19	House Majority Forward	“Hits”	Prescription drugs, Health care	Cartwright’s support for lowering drug prices, funding rural hospitals
10/28/20	Cartwright Campaign	“Bogus Commercials”	Police	Bognet’s lies about Cartwright’s support for defunding police
10/14/20	Cartwright Campaign	“Caught Him Lying”	Health care, Social Security	Bognet’s support for repealing the ACA, cuts to Social Security
10/14/20	Cartwright Campaign	“Marion”	Personal History, Pandemic relief, Manufacturing	Cartwright’s wife on Cartwright’s support for pandemic relief, preventing outsourcing
9/24/20	Cartwright Campaign	“Around Here”	Pandemic relief, Manufacturing, Health Care	Cartwright’s support for limiting outsourcing of medical supplies, pandemic relief
9/3/20	Cartwright Campaign	“Defunding the Police”	Police	Bognet’s lies about Cartwright’s support for defunding police
8/7/20	Cartwright Campaign	“Social Security and Medicare”	Social Security, Medicare	Bognet’s support for cutting Social Security and Medicare
8/7/20	Cartwright Campaign	“Forward”	Health care, Manufacturing	Cartwright’s support for limiting outsourcing of medical supplies
<a href="#">7/14/20</a>	Cartwright Campaign	“Let’s Move America Forward”	Health care, Pandemic relief	Cartwright’s support for pandemic relief, Bognet’s opposition to protections for pre-existing conditions

<b>Bognet “Bad Guy” Paid Media Summary</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">10/26/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“One of Us”	Cartwright’s wealth, Police, Immigration, Trump 2020 impeachment	Details Cartwright’s wealth, claims Cartwright supports defunding the police, granting amnesty, Cartwright’s vote for Trump’s 2020 impeachment
<a href="#">10/26/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“Trump”	Trump 2020 impeachment, Pelosi	Cartwright’s vote for Trump impeachment in 2020, votes with Pelosi

<a href="#">10/6/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“You Earned It”	Social Security	Claims Bognet will protect Social Security
<a href="#">10/5/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“Stay True”	Cartwright’s wealth, Police, Immigration, Taxes, Social Security	Details Cartwright’s wealth, claims Cartwright supports defunding the police, raising taxes on Social Security, granting amnesty
<a href="#">8/24/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“Foundation”	Personal History, Jobs, China	Bognet’s family’s construction company, support for manufacturing jobs, “make China pay”
<a href="#">8/18/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“Good Luck, Portland”	Public safety	Urging Portland residents to move to NEPA over summer 2020 protests
<a href="#">5/18/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“Make China Pay”	China, COVID-19	Bognet’s support for Trump’s positions on China
<a href="#">5/18/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	“Teammates”	China, COVID-19, Immigration, Trump	Bognet’s support for Trump’s positions on immigration, China
<a href="#">5/12/20</a>	Bognet Campaign	Radio Ad	Personal History, COVID-19	Bognet’s family’s construction company, “make China pay” for COVID-19
<a href="#">8/25/20</a>	NRCC, Bognet Campaign	“Changed”	Police, Social Security	Alleges Cartwright supports defunding police, taxing Social Security
<a href="#">8/5/20</a>	NRCC, Bognet Campaign	“Dad”	Personal history, Medicare, Social security, Health care	Bognet’s father’s heart attack, alleged support for Medicare, Social Security, and protecting pre-existing conditions
<a href="#">11/18/19</a>	American Action Network	“Clear”	2020 Trump impeachment	Cartwright’s vote for Trump’s first impeachment
<a href="#">1/17/20</a>	American Action Network	“Focus”	2020 Trump impeachment	Cartwright’s vote for Trump’s first impeachment
10/3/19	RNC	“Broke his Promise”	2020 Trump impeachment	Cartwright’s vote for Trump’s first impeachment

## Appendix IV – Glover Park Group Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings

January 2016 – July 2018: Glover Park Group Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings				
Supplemental Statement Filing Date	Time Period	Foreign Principal	Nature Of Glover Park Group Work Performed	Total Paid
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	“Registrant monitored and provided insight and counsel to foreign principal on US policy issues that are of relevance to foreign principal's business. Registrant assisted foreign principal in building relationships with Washington thought leaders and policymakers.”	\$183,793.08
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	“Registrant monitored and provided Insight and counsel to foreign principal on US policy issues that are of relevance to foreign principal's business. Registrant assisted foreign principal in building relationships with Washington thought leaders and policymakers.”	\$122,485.05
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	“Registrant monitored and provided insight and. counsel to foreign principal on US policy issues-that are of relevance to foreign principal's business. Registrant-assisted foreign principal in building relationships with Washington thought leaders and policymakers.”	\$183,625.01
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	“Registrant monitored and provided insight and counsel to foreign principal on US policy issues that are of relevance to foreign principal's business. Registrant assisted foreign principal in building relationships with Washington thought leaders and policymakers.”	\$183,661.62
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	“Registrant monitored and provided insight and counsel to foreign principal on US policy issues that are of relevance to foreign principal's business. Registrant assisted foreign principal in building relationships with Washington thought leaders and policymakers.”	\$153,092.43
<b>Abu Dhabi Investment Authority Subtotal</b>				<b>\$826,657</b>
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Terminated 11/17/16)	Adalid Business Consulting DMCC	“Registrant provided public diplomacy, strategic communications counsel and government relations services for Adalid Business Consulting, who works on behalf of the Iraqi Sunni Community. Registrants activities will include engagement on issues related to the Sunni Community's standing Within Iraq.”	\$270,000

<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Adalid Business Consulting DMCC	“Registrant provided public diplomacy, strategic communications counsel and government relations services for Adalid Business Consulting, who works on behalf of the Iraqi Sunni Community. Registrants activities will include engagement on issues related to the Sunni Community's standing within Iraq.”	\$204.98
<b>Adalid Business Consulting DMCC Subtotal</b>				<b>\$270,205</b>
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	“Registrant provided public diplomacy, strategic communications counsel and government relations services for the Government of Egypt. Registrant's activities included communications associated with the Government's implementation of its Road Map to build the institutions of an inclusive democratic state through parliamentary and presidential elections via support in the creation of informational materials; assistance with outreach to Congressional offices, media outlets and think tanks and other key interested parties; strategic counsel; and support for visiting delegations and other events.”	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	“Registrant provided public diplomacy, strategic communications counsel and government relations services for the Government of Egypt-. Registrant's activities included communications associated with the Government's implementation of its Road Map to build the institutions of an inclusive democratic state through parliamentary and presidential elections via support in the creation of informational materials; assistance with outreach to Congressional offices, media outlets and think tanks and other key interested parties; strategic counsel; and support for visiting delegations and other events.”	\$1,500,000
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	“Registrant provided public diplomacy, strategic communications counsel and government relations services for the Government of Egypt. Registrant's activities included communications associated with the Government's implementation of its Road Map to build the institutions of an inclusive democratic state through parliamentary and presidential elections via support in the creation of informational materials;	\$1,750,000



			assistance with outreach to Congressional offices, media outlets and think tanks and other key interested parties; strategic counsel; and support for visiting delegations and other events.”	
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	“Registrant provided public diplomacy, strategic communications counsel and government relations services for the Government of Egypt.. Registrant's activities included communications associated with the Government's implementation of its Road Map to build the institutions of an inclusive democratic state through parliamentary and presidential elections via support in the creation of informational materials; assistance with outreach to Congressional offices, media outlets and think tanks and other key interested parties; strategic counsel; and support for visiting delegations and other events.”	N/A
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17	Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt	“Registrant provided public diplomacy, strategic communications counsel and government relations services for the Government of Egypt. Registrant's activities included communications associated with the Government's implementation of it's Road Map to build the institutions of an inclusive democratic state through parliamentary and presidential elections via support in the creation of informational materials; assistance with outreach to Congressional offices, media outlets and think tanks and other key interested parties; strategic counsel; and support for visiting delegations and other events.”	\$1,000,000
<b>Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt Subtotal</b>				<b>\$4,250,000</b>
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18 (Terminated 8/1/17)	LN Communication	“Registrant acted as an advisor to LN Communication on communications and government affairs matters pertaining to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's commercial relations with the U.S. political, business and financial communities.”	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	LN Communication	“Registrant acted as an advisor to LN Communication on communications and government affairs matters pertaining to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's commercial relations with the U.S. political, business and financial communities.”	N/A

<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17	LN Communication	“Registrant acted as an advisor to LN Communication on communications and government affairs matters pertaining to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's commercial relations with the U.S. political, business and financial communities.”	\$572
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	LN Communication	“Registrant acted as an advisor to LN Communication on communications and government affairs matters pertaining to the Democratic Republic of the Congo's commercial relations with the U.S. political, business and financial communities.”	\$186,473.29
<b>LN Communication Subtotal</b>				<b>\$187,045.29</b>
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17 (Acquired 2/14/17)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland	“Registrant acted as an advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland on communications and government relations matters. Registrant conducted these services associated with Somaliland's bilateral relations with the United States.”	\$66,006.16
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18 (Terminated 8/19/17)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland	“Registrant acted as an advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland on communications and government relations matters. Registrant conducted these services associated with Somaliland's bilateral relations with the United States.”	\$853.62
<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Somaliland Subtotal</b>				<b>\$66,859.78</b>
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16 (Terminated 5/16/16)	Taipei Economics Cultural Representative Office	“Registrant monitored and provided insight and counsel to foreign principal on US policy issues that are of relevance to foreign principal's business. Registrant assisted foreign principal in building relationships with Washington thought leaders and policymakers.”	N/A
<b>Taipei Economics Cultural Representative Office Subtotal</b>				<b>\$0</b>
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	The Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	“Registrant provided communications and government relations counsel and support to the Government of Saudi Arabia in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant undertook specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.”	\$600,000
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18	Government of Saudi Arabia	“Registrant provided communications and government relations counsel and support to the Government of Saudi	N/A

			Arabia in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant undertook specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.”	
<a href="#">8/30/17</a>	1/31/17 - 7/31/17	Government of Saudi Arabi	“Registrant provided communications and government relations counsel, and support to the Government of Saudi Arabia in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant undertook specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.”	\$700,000
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Acquired 9/20/16)	Government of Saudi Arabi	“Registrant provided communications and government relations counsel and support to the Government of Saudi Arabia in connection with general foreign policy and related matters, as well as legislative, public policy and media-related activities of interest. As requested, registrant undertook specific advocacy assignments with regard to legislative, public policy or public affairs matters.”	N/A
<b>Government of Saudi Arabia Subtotal</b>				<b>\$1,300,000</b>
<a href="#">8/30/18</a>	1/31/18 - 7/31/18	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco (On Behalf of JPC Strategies, LLC)	“The registrant managed the government relations activities on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco with the US government, and implemented a public relations strategy for the promotion of business with the Kingdom of Morocco by advising the foreign principal in promoting a strategic partnership with the United States.”	\$100,000
<a href="#">3/1/18</a>	7/31/17 - 1/31/18 (Acquired 1/4/18)	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco (On Behalf of JPC)	“The registrant managed the government relations activities on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco with the US government, and implemented a public relations strategy for the promotion of business with the Kingdom of Morocco by advising the foreign principal in promoting a strategic partnership with the United States.”	N/A

		Strategies, LLC)		
<b>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco Subtotal</b>				<b>\$100,000</b>
<a href="#">3/1/17</a>	7/31/16 - 1/31/17 (Terminated 8/11/16)	Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global	“As requested by Mr. Edward Wanandi, Chairman of Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global and CEO of International Merchants, LLC, and in coordination with officials of the Republic of Indonesia, as appropriate, the Registrant rendered advice on matters involving bilateral relations between the United States and the Republic of Indonesia, including policy advocacy before officials and staff of the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. Government regarding matters affecting the interests of the Republic of Indonesia and/or Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global. Registrant also conducted outreach to the U.S. media representatives and others for these purposes.”	N/A
<a href="#">8/30/16</a>	1/31/16 – 7/31/16	Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global	“As requested by Mr. Edward Wanandi, Chairman of Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global and CEO of International Merchants, LLC, and in coordination with officials of the Republic of Indonesia, as appropriate, the Registrant rendered advice on matters involving bilateral relations between the United States and the Republic of Indonesia, including policy advocacy before officials and staff of the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. Government regarding matters affecting the interests of the Republic of Indonesia and/or Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global. Registrant also conducted outreach to the U.S. media representatives and others for these purposes.”	N/A
<b>Yayasan Diaspora Indonesia Global Subtotal</b>				<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$7,000,767.24</b>

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Filings Registrant Search, accessed [3/22/22](#)]

## Appendix V – Bognet Voting Records

### Pennsylvania Records

ACTIVE  
RECORD

Voters: Find/Modify Voter

**BOGNET, JAMES ROCCO** Security:  Last Changed: 12/2/2020 3:45:18 PM

Voter Hall of Fame ☐ Federal Voter ☐

General ☐ Districts ☐ Votes ☐ Correspondence ☐ Petitions ☐ Changes ☐ Documents ☐ Other ☐ Application ☒

ID Number:  Application Source:  Registered: 10/15/2010 Status Reason: ACTIVE - REACTIVATED (5 YEAR UPDATE) 10/4/2010 10/2/2017

Title:  Last Name:  First Name:  Middle Name:  Suffix:  Maiden Name:  Verify

House #:  1/2 Street Name:  Unit:  Unit #:  City:  State:  Zip Code:

Address Line 2:  Mail Addr Line 1:  Mail City:  State:  Mail Zip:  Mail Country:

Email Address:

Birth Date:  Social Sec.:  Driver's Lic.:  Phone:  U: ☐ Sex:  Race:  Language:  Assistance:

Party:  Other Party:  Last Voted: 11/02/2021 ☐ Must Vote In Person ☐ Poll Worker ☐ Poll Worker Interest ☐

Precinct Split:  Insert  Clear

HAZLE TWP D 0:

OK Cancel

Record: 1 of 1




**LUZERNE County**

00000-VOT-030-C

Thursday, April 14, 2022

**Voting History for Voter**

ID Number (T) IS

Voter Name: **BOGNET, JAMES ROCCO**

ID Number:

Date Registered: 10/15/2010

Voter Status:

**ACTIVE - REACTIVATED (5  
YEAR UPDATE)**

Date	Election	Method	Party	Location	Reason	Pre Split
11/02/2021	2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003
05/18/2021	2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/03/2020	2020 GENERAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003
06/02/2020	2020 GENERAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/06/2018	2018 GENERAL ELECTION	AB	R		OOM	280003
05/15/2018	2018 GENERAL PRIMARY	AP	R			280003
11/02/2010	2010 GENERAL ELECTION	AP	R			280003

Total Elections for Voter: 7

Total Voters in Report: 1

ACTIVE  
RECORD

ACTIVE  
RECORD

**Absentee/Mail-In Voting**

**BOGNET, JAMES ROCCO**  
☒ **280003**  
**HAZLE TWP D 03**

Select Application: **2018 GENERAL ELECTION (11/06/2018) REG** ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application** | App Details | App Status | Ballots | Permanent | ID Verification | Application Queue

**Election:** 2018 GENERAL ELECTION (11/06/2018) **Application Type:** Regular Absentee **VR Source:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Status:** Vote Recorded

**Date Sent:** 10/29/2018 **Date Sent Back:** 10/29/2018 **Date Received:** 10/29/2018 **Language:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voter ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Party Ballot:** REPUBLICAN **Vote Method:** ABSENTEE **Vote Reason:** OUT OF MUNICIPAL **Vote Location:** \_\_\_\_\_





**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **App Rec'd Method:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ballot Delivery:** USPS

☒ **Send Ballot to Alternate Address**  
 2141 E CAMELBACK RD STE250  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State:** PHOENIX, AZ **Zip Code:** 85016 **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

☒ **Submit For Printing Later**

**New App** **Delete App** **Process App** **OK** **Cancel**

Record:   1   of 1

ACTIVE  
RECORD

If your address of residence listed in Box 4a has no street number or street name (for example, Schoolhouse Road or Rte. 1), use the box above to draw a map of where you live, include landmarks and roads.

PENNSYLVANIA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

1 Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.	
2 Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Party		I am a Federal or State employee and wish to retain my voting residence in the county where I last resided.	
3a Last Name <b>BOGNET</b>		Middle Name/Initial <b>ROCCO</b>	
3b First Name <b>JAMES</b>		Jr Sr II III IV (circle if applicable)	
3c Place PA Driver's License (DL) # none		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT have a PA Driver's License	
3d If you have date:		Social Security Number	
4a Address of residence, include street and city (Use map above if no street number or name) (If only P.O. box, see above)		4b Telephone Number (Optional)	
1345 Woodtown Drive		PA 18202	
4c Municipality where you live		City	
Hazle Township		State Zip Code	
5a Date of birth		5b Name on previous registration	
5/28/1975		8	
6a In which party do you wish to register? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		How many years with a party if you want to make part in that party's primary?	
8		8	
10 Name and signature of person who testified in the completion of this application		Place signature with full name (or mark) below. (Please see Penalty for Falsifying Declaration.)	
11 I HEREBY DECLARE THAT: (1) On the day of the next election I will have been a United States citizen for at least 14 years of age, and I will have resided in Pennsylvania and in my election district for at least 30 days. (2) I am legally qualified to vote.		Date	
AND I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT the information I have provided in this registration declaration is true. I understand that this registration declaration will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit, and if this registration contains a materially false statement, I will be subject to penalties for perjury.		James Rocco Bogner 9/28/10	
12 Voter Identification Number (if available - not necessary if you are registering to vote for the first time or if you do not know your number)		Reason for assistance:	
Do you require assistance when voting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

Luzerne County



PRINTGRID-0004

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Voters: Modify Voter - Documents Grid

BOGNET, JAMES ROCCO

County	Type	Description	Date Stored	File Size
40			10/5/2010 9:15:10 AM	49728

ACTIVE  
RECORD



CANCELLED  
RECORD

**Voters: Find/Modify Voter**

**BOGNET, JAMES R**      Security:       Last Changed: 9/29/2005 2:19:04 PM

Verify Addr.: Cancelled      Voter Hall of Fame ☐      Federal Voter ☐

General ☒    Districts ☐    Votes ☐    Correspondence ☐    Petitions ☐    Changes ☐    Documents ☐    Other ☐    Application ☐

ID Number:      Application Source:      Registered:      Status-Reason:

UNK      02/05/1998      CANCEL - Voter Confirmed Moved Out Of County-5 Y

2/5/1998      9/29/2005

Title:      Last Name:      First Name:      Middle Name:      Suffix:      Maiden Name:      Verify

BOGNET      JAMES      R

House #: 1/2      Street Name:      Unit:      Unit #:      City:      State:      Zip Code:

92J WOODLAWN PAR      HAZLETON      PA      18201

Address Line 2:      Mail Addr Line 1:      Mail City:      State:      Mail Zip:      Mail Country:

Email Address:

BirthDate:      Social Sec:      Driver's Lic.:      Phone:      U: ☐      Sex:      Race:      Language:      Assistance:

05/28/1975      U

Party:      Other Party:      Last Voted:      Must Vote In Person: ☐      Poll Worker ☐      Poll Worker Interest ☐

REPUBLICAN

Precinct Split:      Insert      Clear

OK      Cancel

Record: 1 of 1



CANCELLED  
RECORD

Name/Address: **JAMES R BOGNET**  
**92J WOODLAWN PARK**  
**HAZLETON PA 18201**

Date of Birth/Voter ID#: **5/28/1975**

☐ The above address information is correct.  
☒ The above address information is incorrect below is my correct information.

Residence Address: no longer in  
The State of PA

Mailing Address: 11212  
California

Date of Birth: 5/28 My Township or Borough is: HAZLETON  
Voter Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/28/1975 Phone: 5YR

Post office boxes are not valid Voter Registration addresses.

[Luzerne County Board of Elections, Received 4/15/22]



**DEAN C. LOGAN**  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

**COMBINED ROSTER**

The combined roster shows who voted at their designated polling place on election day, and is used to obtain the voter's voting history information. The combined rosters are retained for a period of five years, and are then discarded.

**PRESERVATION OF ROSTERS OR COMBINED ROSTERS AND INDEXES CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 17300(A):** The elections official shall preserve all rosters of voters or combined rosters and indexes as provided for in Section 14109, if applicable, until five years after the date of the election, after which they may be destroyed by that official.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

I, Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, do hereby certify that the following voted information is on file at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk office:

VOTER'S NAME: JAMES ROCCO BOGNET  
RESIDENCE ADDRESS: REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278  
DATE OF BIRTH: 5/28/1975  
PARTY: REPUBLICAN  
REGISTRATION STATUS: CANCELED - 04/12/2010  
REGISTRATION DATE: 10/20/2008

**VOTING HISTORY:**

5/19/2009 STATEWIDE SPECIAL AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS  
11/4/2008 GENERAL ELECTION  
2/5/2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
11/7/2006 GENERAL ELECTION  
6/6/2006 PRIMARY ELECTION  
11/8/2005 SPECIAL STATEWIDE AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS  
9/13/2005 53RD STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
11/2/2004 GENERAL ELECTION  
10/7/2003 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION  
11/5/2002 GENERAL ELECTION  
3/5/2002 PRIMARY ELECTION  
11/7/2000 GENERAL ELECTION

**This is a true certified document  
if it bears the seal, imprinted in purple ink,  
of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**

APR 13 2022

*Dean C. Logan*  
**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**




In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at Norwalk, California this

13 DAY OF APRIL, 2022

## Voter Registration Application

Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <small>If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form. (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)</small>		This space for office use only.				
1	(Circle one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Ms.	Last Name <b>Bognet</b>	First Name <b>James</b>	Middle Name(s) <b>Rocco</b>	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV	
2	Home Address		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town <b>Redondo Beach</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip Code <b>90278</b>
3	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above		City/Town	State	Zip Code	
4	Date of Birth <b>05/28/1975</b> <small>Month Day Year</small>		5 Telephone Number (optional)	6 ID Number - (See item 6 in the instructions for your state)		
7	Choice of Party (See item 7 in the instructions for your state) <b>Republican</b>		8 Race or Ethnic Group (See item 8 in the instructions for your state)			
<b>OCT 20 2008</b>						
9	I have reviewed my state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a United States citizen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I meet the eligibility requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have not subscribed to any oath <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The information I have provided is true and correct, and I understand that if I provide false information, I may be a citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States. <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>19XX 483284</b>              Please sign full name (or put mark)               Date: <b>10 / 17 / 08</b>  <small>Month Day Year</small> </div>					

If you are registering to vote for the first time: please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

### Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

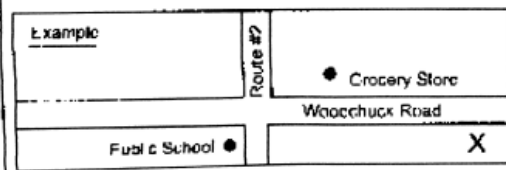
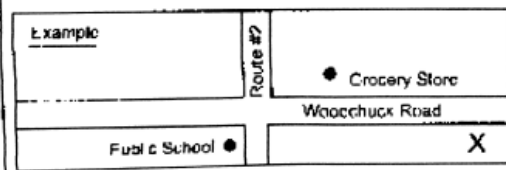
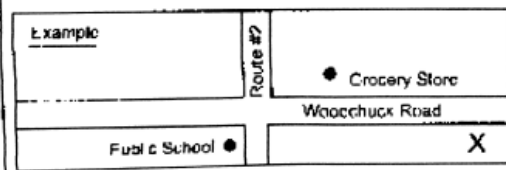
If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

A	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
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If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, what was your address where you were registered before?

B	Street (or route and box number)	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County	State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

C	Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live. Draw an X to show where you live. Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark.	NORTH ↑			
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Example</td> <td style="width: 10%;">Route #7</td> <td style="width: 70%;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </td> </tr> </table>	Example	Route #7	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
Example	Route #7	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>			

If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

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**Mail this application to the address provided for your State.**

## Voter Registration Application

For U.S. Citizens

You can use this form to: <input type="checkbox"/> register to vote <input type="checkbox"/> report that your name or address has changed <input type="checkbox"/> register with a party				This space for office use only.  0000 5216 1261			
Please print in blue or black ink							
<b>1</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Ms.	Last Name <b>BOGNET</b>	First Name <b>JAMES</b>	Middle Name(s) <b>ROCCO</b>	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV		
<b>2</b>	Address (see instructions)— Street (or route and box number) Apt. or Lot #		City/Town <b>HERMOSA BEACH</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip Code <b>90254</b>		
<b>3</b>	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above (see instructions)		City/Town	State	Zip Code		
<b>4</b>	Date of Birth <b>05 / 28 / 75</b> Month Day Year	<b>5</b>	Telephone Number (optional)		<b>6</b>		
ID Number (see item 6 in the instructions for your State)			ID Number (see item 6 in the instructions for your State)				
<b>7</b>	Choice of Party (see item 7 in the instructions for your State) <b>REPUBLICAN PARTY</b>				<b>8</b>		
Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)				Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)			
I swear/affirm that: <input type="checkbox"/> I am a United States citizen <input type="checkbox"/> I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. (See item 9 in the instructions for your state before you sign.) <input type="checkbox"/> The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States.							
Please sign full name (or put mark) ↓ <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>							
Date: <b>10 / 14 / 02</b> <b>19XX 148055</b> Month Day Year							
<b>10</b>	If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (with the street address).						

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### Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a change of name, what was your name before you changed it?

<b>A</b>	<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
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If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, what was your address where you were registered before?

<b>B</b>	Address (see instructions)— Street (or route and box number) Apt. or Lot #	City/Town <b>Los Angeles</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip Code <b>90049</b>
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

<b>C</b>	Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live. Draw an X to show where you live. Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark.	NORTH ↑			
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**To Mail:** 1. Address the back of this application (see address under your state). 2. Remove plastic strip below. 3. Fold form at middle and seal at top. 4. Put on a first-class stamp and mail.





STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

USE BLACK OR BLUE INK—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

☒ Mr ☐ Mrs  
☐ Miss ☐ Ms

LAST NAME (Only)

Bognet

1 FIRST NAME (Only)

James

MIDDLE NAME (Only)

Rocco

ADDRESS where you live (Number, Street, Ave., Road, Drive, including N, S, E, W)

(NO PO BOX/BUSINESS ADDRESS)

APT#/SP#/UNIT#

2 CITY

Hermosa Beach

STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTY

CA

90254

Los Angeles

IF NO STREET ADDRESS, describe where you live (Cross Streets, Route, Section, Range, N, S, E, W)

3

MAILING ADDRESS: (If different from the address where you live, or PO BOX)

4 CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

FOREIGN COUNTRY

DATE OF BIRTH  
Month Day Year

05 28 1975

PLACE OF BIRTH - (U.S. State or Foreign Country Only)

Luzerne

CA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CA ID CARD #

NUMBER, SEQUENCE, .SER (SSN) - (Last 4 digits)

7

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

8

POLITICAL PARTY - Fill in One Oval

☐ American Independent Party

☐ Libertarian Party

☐ Democratic Party

☐ Natural Law Party

☐ Green Party

☐ Peace and Freedom Party

☒ Republican Party

☐ I Decline to State a Political Party

☐ Other (Specify)

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you have previously been registered to vote, you must provide your prior voter registration information in Item 10 below

LAST NAME

Bognet

FIRST NAME

James

10

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

Hermosa Beach

STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTY

ca

90254

Los Angeles

POLITICAL PARTY

Republican

☐ PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER

Fill in the oval and initial here to become a Permanent Absentee Voter

(FOR OFFICE USE)

OPTIONAL: Please check your ethnic background

13

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native

☐ Black

☐ Hispanic

☐ White

☐ Asian

☐ Filipino

☐ Pacific Islander

☐ Other (Specify)

OPTIONAL SURVEY: Can you help in the following area(s)?

14

☐ Provide a Polling Place Site

☐ Bilingual Polling Place Worker

☐ Polling Place Worker

Language

NOTICE: It is a felony if you sign this statement even though you know it is untrue; you can be fined and imprisoned for up to three years.

☒ Yes ☐ No Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

☒ Yes ☐ No Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?

If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

VOTER DECLARATION - Read, sign, and date below

I am a U.S. Citizen, will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election, and am not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information on this form is true and correct

15

SIGNATURE - You must sign and date in box below.

X

10/25/04

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA — VOTER REGISTRATION FORM  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

USE BLACK OR BLUE INK—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1 ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms  
LAST NAME (Only) **BOGNET**  
FIRST NAME (Only) **JAMES**

0000 6012 2587

MIDDLE NAME (Only)  
**RUCCO**

ADDRESS where you live (Number Street, Ave. Road Drive including N, S, E, W)

(NO PO BOX/BUSINESS ADDRESS)

APT. / SP. / UNIT

2 CITY  
**Hermosa Beach**

STATE ZIP CODE  
**CA 90254**

COUNTY

IF NO STREET ADDRESS, describe where you live (Cross Streets, Route, Section, Range, N, S, E, W)

3 MAILING ADDRESS: (If different from the address where you live or PO BOX)

4 CITY STATE ZIP CODE FOREIGN COUNTRY

5 DATE OF BIRTH Month Day Year 05 28 1975 6 PLACE OF BIRTH - (Specify U.S. State or Foreign Country Only)

7 IF YOU HAVE A CA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CA ID CARD YOU MUST ENTER THE NUMBER HERE

IF NOT, YOU MUST ENTER THE LAST 4 DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

8 TELEPHONE E-MAIL ADDRESS

9 POLITICAL PARTY - Fill in one oval  
☐ American Independent Party ☐ Libertarian Party ☐ I Decline to State a Political Party  
☐ Democratic Party ☐ Peace and Freedom Party ☐ Other (Specify)  
☐ Green Party ☒ Republican Party

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE? ☐ Yes ☐ No If you have previously been registered to vote, you must provide your previous registration information at the top of this form.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

FOLD HERE  
DO NOT DETACH

10 STREET ADDRESS CITY  
STATE ZIP CODE COUNTY POLITICAL PARTY

Fill in oval to receive election materials in the language you prefer in addition to English.

如果希望收到英文及另外一种语言的选票，请在以下方格内填上。

Llene el óvalo para recibir materiales en el idioma que prefiere, además de materiales en inglés.

英語以外の言語による選挙資料を希望する場合には以下の円を塗ってください。

11 영어 이외에 언어가 원하는 언어로 된 선거 자료를 받고자 한 사항을 적으십시오

Punasan ang hugis-ilog o obale upang tumanggap ng mga materya sa eleksiyon sa ibang gusto mo bilang karagdagan sa Ingles.

Đánh dấu vào ô bầu dục để nhận các tài liệu bầu cử bằng ngôn ngữ quý vì muốn chọn ngoài Anh ngữ

☐ 中文 ☐ Español ☐ 日本語  
☐ 한국어 ☐ Tagalog ☐ Tiếng Việt

If someone helps fill out or keeps this form, see special instructions below

12 (a) (b)  
(c) (d)  
(e) (f)

NOTICE: It is a felony if you sign this statement even though you know it is untrue; you can be fined and imprisoned for up to three years.

☒ Yes ☐ No Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

☒ Yes ☐ No Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?

If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

VOTER DECLARATION—Read, sign, and date below

I am a U.S. citizen, will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election, and am not imprisoned or on parole for a felony conviction. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information on this form is true and correct.

SIGNATURE—You must sign and date in box below.

X 05/28/75  
91 AT 715870  
Today's Date

OPTIONAL SURVEY: Can you help in the following area(s)?

14 ☐ Provide a Polling Place Site ☐ Bilingual Polling Place Worker  
☐ Polling Place Worker Language

OPTIONAL: Please check your ethnic background

15 ☐ American Indian ☐ Black ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ White  
or Alaskan Native ☐ Filipino ☐ Other (specify)

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA — COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**... FORM**

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? ☒ Yes ☐ No **▶ If no, don't fill out this form.**

USE BLACK OR BLUE INK—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1 **LAST NAME (Only)**  
BOGNET

2 **FIRST NAME (Only)**  
JAMES

3 **MIDDLE NAME (Only)**  
ROCCO

4 **ADDRESS where you live: (Number, Street, Ave., Road, Drive, Including N, S, E, W, NO PO BOX)**

5 **CITY**  
LOS ANGELES

6 **STATE**  
CA

7 **ZIP CODE**  
90044

8 **COUNTY**

9 **IF NO STREET ADDRESS, describe where you live: (Cross Street, Route, Section, Range, N, S, E, W)**

10 **MAILING ADDRESS: (If different from the address where you live, no PO BOX)**

11 **CITY**

12 **STATE**

13 **ZIP CODE**

14 **FOREIGN COUNTRY**

15 **DATE OF BIRTH**  
Month: 05 Day: 28 Year: 1975

16 **PLACE OF BIRTH - (State or Country Only)**  
PENNSYLVANIA

17 **CA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CA ID CARD #**

18 **TELEPHONE**

19 **POLITICAL PARTY - Fill in One Only**  
☐ American Independent Party ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Green Party  
☐ Libertarian Party ☐ Natural Law Party ☐ Reform Party  
☒ Republican Party ☐ Decline to State  
☐ Other

20 **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE?**  
☐ No ☒ Yes

21 **If Yes, give information from last voter registration form:**

22 **LAST NAME**  
BOGNET

23 **FIRST NAME**  
JAMES

24 **MI**  
R

25 **STREET ADDRESS**

26 **CITY**

27 **STATE**  
PA

28 **ZIP CODE**  
18201

29 **COUNTY**  
Luzerne

30 **POLITICAL PARTY**  
Republican

31 **Fill in oval to receive election materials in the language you prefer in addition to English**  
如果希望資料的英文外能增加其他語言，請在此處填上。  
希望增加以下語言：  
Llene el óvalo para recibir materiales en el idioma que prefiera además de materiales en inglés.  
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영어 이외에 언어가 원하는 언어로 된 선거 자료를 받기 위해 아래의 ○를 칠하십시오.  
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☐ 中文 ☐ Español ☐ 日本語  
☐ 한국어 ☐ Tagalog ☐ Tiếng Việt

32 **WARNING: It is a felony if you sign this statement even though you know it is untrue; you can be fined and imprisoned for up to four years.**

33 **VOTER DECLARATION - Read; Sign and Date Below**  
• I am a U.S. Citizen.  
• I will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election.  
• I am not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction.  
• The residence address shown on this affidavit is my true and correct residence address.

34 **I have read and understand the contents of this form. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information on this form is true and correct.**

35 **SIGNATURE - SIGN AND DATE IN BOX BELOW**

36 **093000**

37 **91 AB 521442**

38 **OPTIONAL SURVEY: Can you help in the following ways?**  
☐ Polling Place Worker  
☐ Polling Place Site  
☐ Designate Polling Place Worker

39 **Language**

40 **100010**

[Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder, County Clerk, 4/13/22]

**Ann Edwards**  
County Executive

**County of Sacramento**

**David Villanueva**  
Deputy County Executive  
Administrative Services

**Courtney Bailey-Kanelos**  
Registrar of Voters  
Voter Registration & Elections

May 16, 2022

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Our office has received your request for voter registration information on the following individual:

**Name:** James Rocco Bognet  
**DOB:** 05/28/1975

**A record was found for the individual in Sacramento County.**

**Current Status: Cancelled (Not Registered to Vote in County)**

**Registered:** 3/9/2010 – 10/15/2010

**Voting History:**

Election Description	Date	Type	Voting Method
Primary Election	06/08/2010	Primary	Voted by Absentee Ballot

Sincerely,



David Gonzalez

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[County of Sacramento, 5/16/22]

## Appendix VI – Bognet Redacted Resume

### Jim Bognet

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#### EXPERIENCE

##### **McSally for Senate**

Phoenix, AZ

##### *Chief Executive Officer*

07/18 - 12/18

- Served as chief executive officer of a \$17 million dollar battleground Senate race to fill an open Senate seat.
- Ran daily operations of campaign, including budget, communications, and political.
- Directed all major budget decisions of the campaign, including \$1 million a week of media expenditures on broadcast television, cable, satellite, radio, and digital ads across Arizona.
- Supervised communications director, and worked with her and candidate daily to shape narrative of campaign and prepare candidate for press interviews and debate. Played opposing candidate in debate prep.
- Managed and coordinated with team of high profile outside political consultants across the country.
- Coordinated post-election ballot counting and legal challenges in conjunction with the NRSC, RNC, Arizona GOP, and outside groups supportive of our campaign.

##### **The Glover Park Group**

Washington, DC

##### *Senior Vice-President*

01/16 - 04/18

- Served as an engagement leader and SVP at an award-winning public relations and crisis communication agency.
- Provided communication, reputation, policy and strategic counsel to Fortune 500 corporate clients and national trade associations. Worked directly for C-Suite executives at clients to influence public narrative and perceptions on issues critical to client business functions and goals.
- Managed client relationships and large teams, integrating public affairs, media relations, and paid advertising production to meet client objectives. Executed optimal mix of earned and paid media to reach campaign goals.
- Drafted high-level executive communication materials for corporate officers, such as Op-eds and policy proposals, for placement in national media platforms. Media trained executives for TV and print interviews.
- Led integrated public affairs campaign for a large domestic airline applying for limited number of air routes to Havana, Cuba. Successfully achieved client's goal of being awarded routes. **This campaign won the PR Week Magazine Award for Public Affairs Campaign of the Year for 2016.**

##### **JRB Strategies**

Los Angeles, CA

##### *Managing Director*

03/13 - 01/16

- Provided policy, communications, media training, and strategic counsel to major corporations, start-ups, elected officials and political campaigns.
- Provided political candidates and ballot initiative campaigns, such as Oregon No on 92, with strategic consulting and campaign management services. Direct communications strategy, strategic assessments, and policy advice.



Representative Client Engagements for JRB Strategies**Campaign Manager, NO on 105**

- Served as Statewide Campaign Manager of ballot proposition campaign. Led Colorado statewide campaign in opposition to passage of Proposition 105, securing a 65%-35% victory.
- Coordinated all earned media, coalition building activities, and in-state strategy for successful campaign.

**Campaign Coordinator, Uber**

- Coordinated opposition research activities on competitors. Assembled a team of opposition research professionals in major cities across the country. Provided strategic direction to team and supervised effort
- Packaged raw research into easily digestible format for distribution to press and relevant stakeholders.

**Romney for President**

Boston, MA

*Senior Advisor, Strategy/Media Team*

08/12 - 11/12

- Led Radio Advertising division for GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney.
- Served as member of Media Strategy team, analyzing and directing allocation of funds for campaign media buy.
- Produced TV ads, web videos, and long form videos responding to attacks on candidate in specific issue areas.

**Dewhurst for Texas**

Austin, TX

*Campaign Manager/General Consultant*

07/11 - 08/12

- Served as founding Campaign Manager and General Consultant for Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst's campaign in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate. Hired campaign staff of 15.
- Supervised record setting fundraising operation for a Texas U.S. Senate campaign.
- Managed campaign communications staff on a daily basis, providing daily guidance, setting message, and providing direction on most effective tactics to communicate message and campaign positioning.



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|--|----------------|
| <b>SSG Media</b>   | Washington, DC |
| <i>Media Consultant</i>  | 08/10 - 11/10  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Created television commercials for candidates for Senate and Governor, as well as national campaign committees. Winning clients included Senators Rob Portman, Roy Blunt, Dan Coats, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican Governor's Association, and the National Association of Realtors.</li> <li>Worked directly with candidates and senior campaign staff to create and deliver campaign message through paid media, including TV, radio and web-based advertising, and earned media channels.</li> </ul>                                      |                |
|  |                |
| <b>Steve Poizner for Governor 2010</b>   | Sacramento, CA |
| <i>Campaign Manager</i>  | 03/09 - 06/10  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managed a \$27 million dollar primary campaign for Steve Poizner, a candidate for Governor of California.</li> <li>Created organizational structure for campaign. Hired presidential campaign-level staff of over 40 full-time professionals to execute campaign. Mentored junior staff to build skills and judgment to create leaders.</li> <li>Directed campaign budget allocations and spending of campaign funds, including \$25 million media budget.</li> </ul>   |                |
|  |                |
| <b>John McCain 2008</b>  | Washington, DC |
| <i>Communications Advisor</i>  | 08/08 - 11/08  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advised campaign senior staff on presidential candidate's debate preparation, strategy, and message.</li> <li>Coordinated debate rapid response planning. Managed debate site outreach to national media in spin alley.</li> </ul>  |                |
|  |                |
| <b>Romney for President</b>  | Boston, MA     |
| <i>Policy Development Director</i>   | 1/07 - 2/08    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as campaign senior staff member for a major presidential candidate, Governor Mitt Romney.</li> <li>Led development of major domestic policy initiatives, including all aspects of economic policy.</li> <li>Wrote speeches and op-ed pieces for Gov. Romney, collaborating on major policy addresses and opinion pieces.</li> <li>Coordinated economic policy portfolio, working with advisors including Senators, Congressmen, and officials, such as past CEA Chairman Glenn Hubbard, OMB Deputy Director John Cogan, and former White House staff.</li> </ul> |                |
|  |                |
| <b>Californians for Schwarzenegger 2006</b>  | Sacramento, CA |
| <i>Policy Director</i>   | 3/06 - 1/07    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as senior staff member for Governor Schwarzenegger's re-election campaign. Reported directly to Campaign Manager Steve Schmidt. Assisted in running successful \$75 million re-election campaign.</li> <li>Acted as principal liaison to Governor's office on all policy matters.</li> </ul>   |                |
|  |                |
| <b>Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger</b>  | Sacramento, CA |
| <i>Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth</i>   | 11/03 - 3/06   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acted as surrogate speaker to business and political audiences across California. Advocated Governor's policy agenda and special election initiatives in television and radio interviews in major California media markets.</li> <li>Briefed Gov. Schwarzenegger on business attraction and retention targets and staffed Governor during his calls to target businesses. Successful pitches included major companies such as Genentech and Virgin America.</li> </ul>  |                |
|  |                |
| <b>Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher &amp; Flom</b>  | New York, NY   |
| <i>Summer Associate Attorney</i>   | 5/01 - 7/01    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as a summer associate attorney at a top Wall Street law firm.</li> </ul>   |                |
|  |                |
| <b>Merrill Lynch &amp; Company, Investment Banking Group (Leveraged Buyout Team)</b>   | New York, NY   |
| <i>Investment Banking Analyst</i>  | 7/97 - 1/98    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed complex financial models of management buyouts, IPOs, and recapitalizations.</li> </ul>   |                |

**UCLA School of Law, J.D. May 2003**

*Honors:* UCLA School of Law Academic Scholarship and Phi Gamma Delta Graduate Fellowship

**Pennsylvania State University, B.S. in Finance with High Honors May 1997**

*Honors:* Dean's List, Golub Scholar for Leadership, National Merit Scholar

**LICENSES:** Passed GSRE Series 7, 63, and the California Bar Exam.

[Jim Bognet Resume, obtained via FOIA request, received 7/17/20]