

# Jen Kiggans (VA-02) Can't Be Trusted

## OVERVIEW

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## SUMMARY

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- *In Congress, Jen Kiggans would vote for a [nationwide abortion ban](#) that would override protections for women in Virginia and continue to let states ban abortion in the case of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. The ban could even send doctors to jail for up to 5 years for performing abortions.*
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- *Jen Kiggans has used her official position to benefit industries that have funded her political campaigns. She voted against cracking down on predatory lending practices that especially hurt military families, while she took nearly twenty thousand dollars in contributions from a Republican PAC funded by the payday loan industry.*

*Black Voters need to hear radio ads on WXTG 102.1 FM, WXTG 1490 AM, WVKL 95.7 FM, and WHBT 92.1 FM; WHBT 1410 AM, WJZU 1250 AM, WGPL 1350 AM, WPCE 1400 AM, and WPCE 95.3 FM, see ads on OTT, and see ads on other digital platforms that Jen Kiggans can't be trusted and that she is more beholden to her campaign backers than Coastal Virginia's families.*

- *Jen Kiggans has used her official position to benefit industries that have funded her political campaigns. She took money from a private prison management company, then voted against efforts to abolish private prisons in Virginia. And Kiggans voted against cracking down on predatory lending practices that especially hurt military families, while she took nearly twenty thousand dollars in contributions from a Republican PAC funded by the payday loan industry.*

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*Voters need to see digital ads, see ads on OTT, see ads on social media platforms (including Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat), and hear digital audio ads that Elaine Luria took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution during her twenty years of Naval Service, and in Congress she's fighting for Coastal Virginia by:*

- *Protecting a woman's right to choose.*
- *Fighting for veterans.*
- *Repealing the unfair tax on Gold Star Families.*

- *Growing our Navy to stand up to Chinese Aggression.*
- *Working with police and getting millions of dollars for an upgraded 9-1-1 system on the Eastern Shore.*

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

*It is important that voters see a real mother from Coastal Virginia whose life was saved by terminating a non-viable pregnancy allowing them to be here to see her other children grow up which would not have happened if Jen Kiggans had her way.*

*It is equally important that voters see a nurse from Coastal Virginia who would face prosecution for doing their jobs saving people's lives due to Jen Kiggans' craven position.*

[Jenn Kiggans refuses to acknowledge the results of the 2020 election.](#)

## **Jen Kiggans Pledged To Vote In Congress For A Nationwide Abortion Ban That Would Override Protections For Women In Virginia And Let States Ban Abortion In The Case Of Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Mother. The Ban Could Even Send Doctors To Jail For Up To 5 Years For Performing Abortions**

**Kiggans Stated That If Elected She Would Support A Nationwide “15-Week Ban” On Abortion.** “Democrats are increasing pressure on VA-02 Republican nominee Jen Kiggans after Republicans in Congress introduced legislation to ban abortion across the country at 15 weeks. A statement from the Kiggans campaign implied that if she were to be elected, she would support a 15-week ban.” [Virginia Scope, [9/14/22](#)]

- **Federal Anti-Abortion Legislation Introduced By Sen. Lindsey Graham Would Ban Abortion After 15 Weeks.** “Senate Republicans led by Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced federal anti-abortion legislation on Tuesday — the first of its kind since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June. The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act prohibits abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy and provides some exceptions in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the pregnant person. A physician who violates the law could face up to five years in prison.” [Politico, [9/13/22](#)]
- **Physicians Who Violated The Federal Abortion Ban Law Proposed By Sen. Graham “Could Face Up To Five Years In Prison.”** “Senate Republicans led by Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced federal anti-abortion legislation on Tuesday — the first of its kind since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June. The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act prohibits abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy and provides some exceptions in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the pregnant person. A physician who violates the law could face up to five years in prison.” [Politico, [9/13/22](#)]
- **Sen. Graham’s Abortion Ban Legislation Did Not “Preempt Or Limit Any Federal, State, Or Local Law That Provides Greater Protections For An Unborn Child” Than Those Provided In The Legislation.** “(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.— 21 “(1) GREATER PROTECTION.—Nothing in this 22 section may be construed to preempt or limit any 23 Federal, State, or local law that provides greater 24 protections for an unborn child than those provided 25 in this section.” [Senator Lindsey Graham, Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, accessed [9/14/22](#)]
- **Vox: A National Ban Would Supersede Even Permissive State Laws In States That Have Been Working To Expand Access To Abortion.** “The repeal of Roe v. Wade left the United States with a patchwork of state laws governing abortion. In parts of the South, someone seeking an abortion would need to travel hundreds of miles to get one. But a national ban would supersede even permissive state laws in states that have been working to expand access to abortion. One estimate found that denying all wanted abortions would increase pregnancy-related deaths by 21 percent nationwide if there aren’t effective means for pregnant people to self-manage their abortions.” [Vox, [6/25/22](#)]

**Kiggans Supported “Common Sense Restrictions” Including A “15-Week Ban On Abortion.”** “The Kiggans campaign responded by saying she supports common sense restrictions and implied that a 15-week ban would fall under that umbrella. ‘The vast majority of Virginians - and Americans - support common-sense restrictions on abortion such as protecting babies from 15 weeks on,’ said Kiggans campaign spokesperson Bryan Piligra. “What Virginians don't support is the inhumane and extreme position taken by Rep. Elaine Luria who believes babies should be killed all the way through pregnancy, up until the moment of birth, which is current law in North Korea and China. While Sen. Kiggans believes the states should make these decisions, Rep. Luria voted for her extreme position to have Washington tell Virginians what to do.” [Virginia Scope, [9/14/22](#)]

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## **Jen Kiggans Supports Allowing States To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Danger To The Life Of The Mother**

### **Kiggans Applauded The Overturn Of Roe v. Wade And Described Herself As “100% Unapologetically Pro Life”**

**Kiggans Said She “Applauds The Decision To Overturn Roe.”** “Kiggans said in a statement that she applauds the decision to overturn Roe and ‘give Virginians and our elected representatives the opportunity to defend life in our commonwealth. ‘As a nurse practitioner I believe all life is precious and must be protected,’ Kiggans said. ‘As a State Senator I have fought hard for legislation that gives mothers and families the support they need so they can always choose life.’” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [6/25/22](#)]

**Kiggans Said She Was 100% Pro-Life.** QUESTION: “As the country awaits the Supreme Court’s decision on whether to overturn Roe v. Wade, what federal legislation, if any, would you support to address abortion nationally?” KIGGANS: “I am 100%, unapologetically pro-life and am incredibly proud of my record of protecting our most vulnerable, preventing taxpayer-funded abortions, and upholding the sanctity of life in the Virginia Senate. Today’s Democratic Party has made it clear they will do anything to guarantee a women’s “right” to an abortion — even up until the moment of birth. In Congress, I will vehemently fight back against these inhumane and radical policies because there is nothing more important than preserving human life.” [Smithfield Times, [6/7/22](#)]

**Kiggans Was Endorsed By SBA List.** “Today SBA Pro-Life America Candidate Fund announced its endorsement of Jen Kiggans (R) for Congress in Virginia’s 2nd District. ‘We’re pleased to endorse Jen Kiggans, a dedicated public servant who will bring the compassion of a nurse and the toughness of a veteran to Congress,’ said Hon. Marilyn Musgrave, SBA Pro-Life America’s vice president of government affairs. ‘Virginians are weary of pro-abortion extremists like Elaine Luria, who won’t even support protections for babies who survive abortions. Jen has spent her career serving our country and the elderly in her community. She is pro-life and committed to commonsense policies that save lives and assist women and families. We encourage all Virginians in the 2nd District who are concerned about protecting our most vulnerable to support Jen in the primary on June 21.’” [SBA List, Press Release, [6/10/22](#)]

### **Following The Overturning Of Roe. V Wade Several States Banned Abortions With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest**

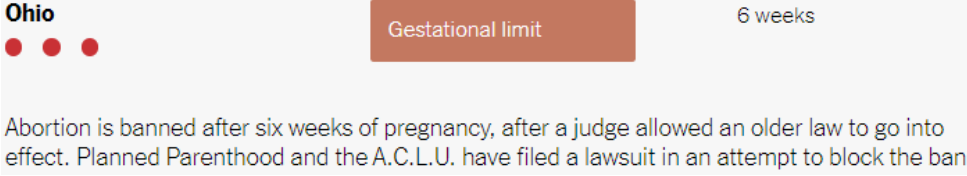
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## July 2022: Ohio Had A 6-Week Abortion Ban With Exceptions Only To Prevent Death Or “Serious Risk Of The Substantial And Irreversible Impairment Of A Major Bodily Function Of A Pregnant Women”

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### July 2022: Ohio Had A Gestation Limit Abortion Ban After Six Weeks Of Pregnancy.

**Ohio**



The infographic features a light gray background with three red dots on the left. A brown rectangular box contains the text 'Gestational limit' in white. To the right of this box, the text '6 weeks' is displayed in a smaller font.

Abortion is banned after six weeks of pregnancy, after a judge allowed an older law to go into effect. Planned Parenthood and the A.C.L.U. have filed a lawsuit in an attempt to block the ban. [New York Times, [7/22/22](#)]

**Ohio’s Abortion Law Only Allowed Exceptions “To Prevent The Death” Or “Serious Risk Of The Substantial And Irreversible Impairment Of A Major Bodily Function Of A Pregnant Woman.”** “Yost’s meaning wasn’t entirely clear. Some took his comment as claiming Ohio has a rape exception in its abortion ban; it clearly and unambiguously does not. The applicable law allows abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected: • ‘to prevent the death of the pregnant woman’ or • ‘to prevent a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman.’” [Washington Post, [7/15/22](#)]

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## July 2022: Texas Had A 1925 Abortion Law And A Bounty Law Incentivizing Citizens To Go After Anyone Who Aids In An Abortion In Effect And A Trigger Ban Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

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**July 2022: Texas Had A 1925 Abortion Law In Effect And A Trigger Ban Expected To Take Effect With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** “The Texas Supreme Court allowed a 1925 law banning abortion to take effect. The law can only be enforced with fines and other civil penalties. Texas has a separate trigger ban, with no exceptions for rape or incest, set to take effect later this summer.” [New York Times, [7/22/22](#)]

**July 2022: The Texas Supreme Court Ruled To Allow The State’s 1925 Law That Made Abortion Punishable By 2-10 Years In Prison To Stand.** “Texas can enforce its abortion ban from 1925, the state Supreme Court ruled late Friday evening, a decision that exposes abortion providers to lawsuits and financial penalties if they continue to perform the procedure. The court overruled a district judge in Houston, who on Tuesday had temporarily blocked the state’s old abortion law from going into effect. That law made performing an abortion, by any method, punishable by two to 10 years in prison. Friday’s decision does not permit prosecutors to bring criminal cases against abortion providers, but it exposes anyone who assists in the procurement of an abortion to fines and lawsuits. [Texas Tribune, [7/2/22](#)]

**Texas’ Abortion Trigger Ban Only Had An Exception For The “Life-Threatening Physical Condition” Of The Mother.** “In 2021, Texas enacted a total ban on providing abortion care unless for a ‘life-threatening physical condition aggravated by, caused by, or arising from a pregnancy that places the female at risk of death or poses a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function unless the abortion is performed or induced.’<sup>74</sup> This language means that mental health conditions would never qualify, even in the imminent risk for suicide. The statute does not have an exception for rape or incest. Violators are subject to imprisonment for ‘not more than 20 years or less than 2 years’ and to a fine of at least \$100,000 per violation for attempting an abortion, or a fine and imprisonment of ‘not more than 99 years or less than 5 years’ for performing an abortion.<sup>75</sup> The person seeking care is shielded from prosecution under this statute.” [Center for American Progress, [6/24/22](#)]

**2021: Texas Senate Bill 8 Took Effect, Banning Abortions At The Detection Of A Fetal Pulse Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** “One state abortion ban that has already been tested in courts — and so far prevailed — is a Texas law known as Senate Bill 8. It took effect last fall and relies not on the government but on private citizens to enforce. [...] SB 8 bans abortions following the detection of a fetal pulse — in other words, after about six weeks — which is often well before many women even know they are pregnant. The law makes no exceptions for rape or incest.” [NPR, [7/1/22](#)]

- **Texas SB 8 Incentivized Private Citizens With Cash “Bounty” To Sue Anyone Who “Aids Or Abets” An Abortion.** *“One state abortion ban that has already been tested in courts — and so far prevailed — is a Texas law known as Senate Bill 8. It took effect last fall and relies not on the government but on private citizens to enforce. Opponents have couched it in terms like the ‘vigilante abortion law’ or ‘bounty hunter law.’ That’s because the law incentivizes citizens with a cash ‘bounty’ if they succeed in suing anyone who has helped a person get an illegal abortion. Texas inspired Idaho and Oklahoma to follow suit with this type of enforcement mechanism. [...] It allows private citizens to file a civil lawsuit against anyone who knowingly “aids or abets” an abortion. If successful, the law instructs courts to award plaintiffs at least \$10,000 in damages from defendants.” [NPR, [7/1/22](#)]*

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## July 2022: Missouri’s Abortion Ban Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest Was In Effect

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**July 2022: Missouri Passed An Abortion Law With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** *“Missouri law outlaws abortion except in medical emergencies and when necessary to save the life of the mother, but it’s unclear what medical issues qualify under that exemption.” [AP, [7/13/22](#)]*

### July 2022: Missouri’s Abortion Ban Was In Effect.

Missouri Banned

Abortion is banned with no exceptions for rape or incest.  
[New York Times, [7/22/22](#)]

**Missouri’s Abortion Ban Only Had An Exception For A “Medical Emergency.”** *“In 2019, Missouri enacted a total ban on providing abortion unless the pregnancy presents a ‘medical emergency.’<sup>43</sup> The statute criminalizes abortion even in cases of rape or incest. Violators are guilty of a Class B felony, which, under Missouri law, is punishable by five to 15 years’ imprisonment.<sup>44</sup> The person seeking care is shielded from prosecution under this statute.” [Center for American Progress, [6/24/22](#)]*

## Anti-Abortion Groups And Republican Politicians In Multiple States Are Pushing To End The “Life Of The Mother” Exception To Abortion Bans

**HEADLINE: “Why Exceptions For The Life Of the Mother Have Disappeared.”** [The Atlantic, [7/25/22](#)]

- *Anti-Abortion Groups Like The Wisconsin Right To Life Have Described The “Life Of The Mother” Exception As “Unnecessary And Wrong.”* *“Anti-abortion-rights groups, like Wisconsin Right to Life, have described the ‘life of the mother’ exception as unnecessary and wrong.” [The Atlantic, [7/25/22](#)]*
- *The Idaho GOP And Other Republican Candidates Oppose All Exceptions To Abortion Bans And Conservative States Are “Rushing” To Eliminate Or Narrow Existing Exceptions.* *“The Idaho GOP just approved a platform with no lifesaving exception. Republican candidates like Matthew DePerno, the Republican running to be Michigan’s attorney general, oppose all exceptions to abortion bans, and that includes to save a mother’s life. Conservative states are rushing to eliminate or narrow existing exceptions to their laws.” [The Atlantic, [7/25/22](#)]*
- *Powerful Anti-Abortion Groups Argue That Abortion Is “Never Medically Necessary” And That Doctors Should Always Be Punished For Intentionally Taking A Fetal Life.* *“Powerful groups like Students for Life, Feminists for Life, and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) argue that ‘abortion is never medically necessary’ and that doctors should always be punished for intentionally taking a fetal life.” [The Atlantic, [7/25/22](#)]*

**Abortion Abolition Aligned Groups Like Pro-Life Wisconsin And Doug Mastriano, The Republican Nominee For Pennsylvania Reject All Exceptions, With Mastriano Calling Abortion “Science-Denying Genocide.”** *“But some groups, like Pro-Life Wisconsin and those affiliated with the abortion abolition movement,*

reject all exceptions, as does Doug Mastriano, the Republican nominee for governor of Pennsylvania, who calls abortion ‘science-denying genocide.’” [New York Times, [6/9/22](#)]

### **HEADLINE: “Anti-Abortion Group Seeks To Change State Law By Removing Lifesaving Exception From Wisconsin Abortion Law”** [Post Crescent, [5/9/22](#)]

- *Pro-Life Wisconsin Would Seek To Remove An Exception To Wisconsin’s Abortion Law For The Life Of The Mother, Saying There Are No Situations Where An Abortion Would Be Medically Necessary To Save A Woman’s Life.* “An anti-abortion group would seek to remove an exception to Wisconsin’s abortion law that permits the procedure to save the life of the pregnant person, if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned by the country’s highest court. Pro-Life Wisconsin legislative director Matt Sande told USA TODAY Network-Wisconsin Friday that his organization believes there are no situations where an abortion would be medically necessary to save the pregnant person’s life.” [Post Crescent, [5/9/22](#)]
- *Pro-Life Wisconsin’s Legislative Director Claimed “Many” Wisconsin Lawmakers Support A Total Ban On Abortion And Said The State Would Have The Power To Implement A Full Ban If An Anti-Abortion Governor Was Elected.* “Sande said ‘many’ Wisconsin lawmakers would support a total ban on abortion, and said the state would ‘have the power to completely ban abortion without exception’ if a governor opposed to abortion is elected.” [Post Crescent, [5/9/22](#)]
- *Wisconsin Pro-Life Legislative Director On Current Language On Exceptions: “We Just Want It Gone.”* Sande said his organization has not been focused on interpreting or clarifying the existing language. ‘We just want it gone,’ he said. [Post Crescent, [5/9/22](#)]

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#### **Kiggans Voted Against Cracking Down On Predatory Lending Practices...**

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**Kiggans Voted Against Virginia Fairness In Lending Act.** In April of 2020, Kiggans voted against SB 421, which “Replaces references to payday loans with the term ‘short-term loans.’ The measure caps the interest and fees that may be charged under a short-term loan at an annual rate of 36 percent, plus a maintenance fee; increases the maximum amount of such loans from \$500 to \$2,500; and sets the duration of such loans at a minimum of four months, subject to exceptions, and a maximum of 24 months. Short-term loan licensees are required to make a reasonable attempt to verify a borrower’s income and may not collect fees and charges that exceed 50 percent of the original loan amount if such amount is equal to or less than \$1,500 and 60 percent of the original loan amount if such amount is greater than \$1,500 [...] A violation of these provisions is made a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The measure amends provisions of the Consumer Finance Act to, among other things, allow licensed lenders to use the services of access partners and establish requirements that loans be between \$300 and \$35,000; be repayable in substantially equal installment payments; have a term of no fewer than six and no more than 120 months; charge not more than 36 percent annual interest and a loan processing fee; and require licensees to post a bond. The measure prohibits credit service businesses from advertising, offering, or performing other services in connection with an extension of credit that has an annual interest rate exceeding 36 percent, is for less than \$5,000, has a term of less than one year, or is provided under an open-end credit plan.” The bill passed 22-18 and became law on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 421, 4/22/20](#)]

- **Fairness In Lending Act Fought Predatory Lending In Short-Term Loans, Car Titles, And Other Lines Of Credit.** “In an effort to fight predatory lending, loans with unfavorable terms to the borrower, the House of Delegates and Senate each voted recently to pass bills that will alter laws related to consumer lending. That includes payday loans, which would be renamed short-term loans, car title loans and open-end credit, such as credit cards and other lines of credit.” [WHSV 3, [2/11/20](#)]
- **Fairness In Lending Act Fixed Patchwork Of Laws That Allowed Financial Harm, Repeated Borrowing, And Car Repossessions.** “The law rationalizes what had been a disparate regulatory structure, governed by a patchwork of laws that allowed payday and auto title loans with unaffordable payments and unnecessarily high costs, and exposed borrowers to financial harm, including repeated borrowing and high rates of vehicle repossession.” [Pew Trusts, [10/22/20](#)]
- **Fairness In Lending Act Improved Consumer Outcomes With An Estimated Total Consumer Savings Exceeding \$100 Million Annually.** “Virginia lawmakers balanced concerns about the availability of small-dollar credit with the urgency of stopping harmful lending practices, a challenge that officials in other states also have struggled with. Virginia’s evidence-based approach builds on successful reforms previously enacted in Colorado and Ohio that maintained widespread access to credit and measurably improved consumer outcomes by closing loopholes, modernizing outdated statutes, and prohibiting balloon payments [...] Pew’s analysis of the act confirmed that, under the legislation, lenders can profitably offer affordable installment loans with structural safeguards, saving the typical borrower hundreds of dollars in fees and interest with estimated total consumer savings exceeding \$100 million annually.” [Pew Trusts, [10/22/20](#)]

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### ... That Especially Hurt Military Families

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**HEADLINE: “Some VA Lenders Are Still Exploiting Troops And Veterans, Report Alleges.”** [Military Times, [8/4/21](#)]

**Troops And Veterans Were Being “Grossly” Overcharged For VA Home Loans.** “Troops and veterans in some cases are being “grossly” overcharged for VA home loans, and federal regulators need to suspend or ban alleged bad actors and strengthen their oversight over lenders, according to a new report from the office of Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif.” [Military Times, [8/4/21](#)]

**The Report Found That “Grossly Overpriced Cash-Out Refinancings Continue To Scam Veterans.”** “The report alleges that NewDay USA and The Federal Savings Bank ‘continue to aggressively market cash-out refinancings with fees and interest rates that could cost borrowers tens of thousands of dollars more over the life of the loan compared to other lenders.’ ‘This report finds that grossly overpriced cash-out refinancings continue to scam veterans,’ Porter stated in an introduction to the report released Aug. 3.” [Military Times, [8/4/21](#)]

**Payday Loans Can Be A Debt-Trap For Military Service Members.** “Payday loans can be a debt-trap for military service members, with many predatory lenders located near military bases. Federal regulations have tried to curtail the practice with mixed success. All military personnel should know their rights and be able to spot predatory lending practices to avoid being made a victim.” [Military.com, How To Protect Yourself From Predatory Lenders, Accessed [7/20/22](#)]

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**GOPAC Was A Republican PAC Dedicated To “Educating And Electing A New Generation Of Republican Leaders.”** “GOPAC is under the current leadership of David Avella and is the Republican Party’s premier center for educating and electing a new generation of Republican leaders. It’s a force in American politics as it ensures a healthy roster of prepared and tested state leaders are ready to lead in their legislatures and/or run for higher office.”

[GOPAC, History, accessed [2/29/22](#)]

**GOPAC Inc. Was Organized As A Tax-Exempt “527 Organization” Under IRS Code.** “But GOPAC Inc., the source of money for the group’s political contributions, is organized as a so-called ‘527 organization’ and as such must report all of its contributions and expenses to the IRS. Gilbert said because GOPAC Inc. and GOPAC Education Fund share the same goals and philosophy, ‘it is absolutely possible that there’s extreme overlap in the donors to the two entities. But you can’t prove that’ because GOPAC Education fund donors are not disclosed.” [Courier Journal, [7/13/18](#)]

**Kiggans Received \$15,000 From GOPAC On October 30<sup>th</sup> of 2019, Days Before The General Election.**

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Date of contribution	Amount of contribution	Aggregate contributions year-to-date
GOPAC Election Fund 1201 Wilson Blvd Suite 2100 Arlington, VA 22209;	Republican Leadership Committee Arlington, Virginia	10/30/2019	\$ 15000.00	\$ 17500.00

[Virginia State Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Reports Search, accessed [2/15/21](#)]

**Kiggans Received \$2,500 From GOPAC In June 2019.**

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Date of contribution	Amount of contribution	Aggregate contributions year-to-date
GOPAC Election Fund 1201 Wilson Blvd Suite 2100 Arlington, VA 22209;	Republican Leadership Committee Arlington, Virginia	06/30/2019	\$ 2500.00	\$ 2500.00

[Virginia State Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Reports Search, accessed [2/15/21](#)]

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**... Funded By The Payday Loan Industry.**

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**According To IRS Reports, Payday Lenders Provided “Substantial Financial Backing” To GOPAC.** “The group, GOPAC Inc., also gets substantial financial backing from casino interests and payday lenders, according to reports the organization has filed with the Internal Revenue Service.” [Courier Journal, [7/13/18](#)]

**In December 2021, Amscot Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Tampa Florida, Donated \$25,000 To GOPAC.**

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Amscot Financial 600 N Westshore Blvd Suite 1200 Tampa, FL 33609	N/A	\$ 25000
	Contributor's occupation	Date of contribution
	N/A	12/03/2021
	Aggregate contributions year-to-date	
	\$ 25000	

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 12/31/21, EIN: 52-1237780, IRS.gov, filed [1/31/22](#)]

**In April 2021, Cash Into Cash, A Payday Lender Based In Cleveland Tennessee, Donated \$25,000 To GOPAC.**

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Check into Cash, Inc. 201 Keith Street SW Suite 80 Cleveland, TN 37311	N/A	\$ 25000
	Contributor's occupation	Date of contribution
	N/A	04/16/2021
	Aggregate contributions year-to-date	
	\$ 25000	

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 6/30/21, EIN: 52-1237780, IRS.gov, filed [8/2/21](#)]

**September 2019: Advance America, A Payday Lender Based In Spartanburg South Carolina, Donated \$50,000 to GOPAC.**

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Advance America 135 N. Church Street Spartanburg, SC 29306	N/A	\$ 50000
	Contributor's occupation	Date of contribution
	N/A	09/05/2019
	Aggregate contributions year-to-date	
	\$ 50000	

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**Kiggans Accepted Campaign Contributions From A Company That Ran Private Prisons In VA, Then Voted Against Ending Private Prisons In Virginia**

**Kiggans Received \$500 From GEO Group, Inc On December 21, 2020.**

The Geo Group, Inc. 4955 Technology Way Boca Raton, FL 33431;	Rehabilitation Boca Raton, FL	12/21/2020	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
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[Virginia State Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Reports Search, accessed [2/15/21](#)]

- **ABC 8 News: GEO Group Operated Virginia’s “Only Privately Run” Prison.** “Nine of the 11 Virginia state senators who voted against a bill that would have abolished for-profit prison management by 2024 received campaign contributions ahead of this year’s General Assembly session from the company operating the state’s only privately run facility, according to campaign finance reports [...] On Jan. 15, the Virginia Senate Rehabilitation and Social Services Committee debated SB 1179, proposed by Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-Alexandria), that sought to end the for-profit prison management system in the commonwealth by stripping the authority of the director of Virginia’s Department of Corrections to enter into contracts with private prison operators [...] All of the senators who received donations from GEO Group rejected the measure from Ebbin” [ABC 8 News, [1/25/21](#)]

**Kiggans Was One Of 9 Senators On The Rehabilitation And Social Services Committee To Accept Campaign Contributions From GEO Group And Vote Against Abolishing For-Profit Prison Management.**

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**Kiggans Voted In Committee Against Ending Virginia’s For-Profit Prison Management System By Stripping Authority To Enter Into Contracts With Private Prison Operators.**

In January of 2021, Kiggans voted against SB 1179, which “Removes the authority of the Director of the Department of Corrections, pursuant to the Corrections Private Management Act (the Act), to enter into contracts with prison contractors for the operation of prison facilities, including management, custody of inmates, and provision of security. The bill does not affect the Director’s authority pursuant to the Act, renamed by the bill as the Corrections Private Services Act, to enter into private contracts for other correctional services, including those related to food service, medical care, transportation, sanitation, information systems, education and training programs, recreational or religious activities, financing, construction, or maintenance.” The bill failed in Rehabilitation and Social Services Committee 11-3. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 1179](#), [1/15/21](#)]

**Kiggans Voted Against Cracking Down On Predatory Lending Practices That Especially Hurt Military Families**

**Kiggans Voted Against Cracking Down On Predatory Lending Practices...**

**Kiggans Voted Against Virginia Fairness In Lending Act.** In April of 2020, Kiggans voted against SB 421, which “Replaces references to payday loans with the term ‘short-term loans.’ The measure caps the interest and fees that may be charged under a short-term loan at an annual rate of 36 percent, plus a maintenance fee; increases the maximum amount of such loans from \$500 to \$2,500; and sets the duration of such loans at a minimum of four months, subject to exceptions, and a maximum of 24 months. Short-term loan licensees are required to make a reasonable attempt to verify a borrower's income and may not collect fees and charges that exceed 50 percent of the original loan amount if such amount is equal to or less than \$1,500 and 60 percent of the original loan amount if such amount is greater than \$1,500 [...] A violation of these provisions is made a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. The measure amends provisions of the Consumer Finance Act to, among other things, allow licensed lenders to use the services of access partners and establish requirements that loans be between \$300 and \$35,000; be repayable in substantially equal installment payments; have a term of no fewer than six and no more than 120 months; charge not more than 36 percent annual interest and a loan processing fee; and require licensees to post a bond. The measure prohibits credit service businesses from advertising, offering, or performing other services in connection with an extension of credit that has an annual interest rate exceeding 36 percent, is for less than \$5,000, has a term of less than one year, or is provided under an open-end credit plan.” The bill passed 22-18 and became law on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 421, 4/22/20](#)]

- **Fairness In Lending Act Fought Predatory Lending In Short-Term Loans, Car Titles, And Other Lines Of Credit.** “In an effort to fight predatory lending, loans with unfavorable terms to the borrower, the House of Delegates and Senate each voted recently to pass bills that will alter laws related to consumer lending. That includes payday loans, which would be renamed short-term loans, car title loans and open-end credit, such as credit cards and other lines of credit.” [WHSV 3, [2/11/20](#)]
- **Fairness In Lending Act Fixed Patchwork Of Laws That Allowed Financial Harm, Repeated Borrowing, And Car Repossessions.** “The law rationalizes what had been a disparate regulatory structure, governed by a patchwork of laws that allowed payday and auto title loans with unaffordable payments and unnecessarily high costs, and exposed borrowers to financial harm, including repeated borrowing and high rates of vehicle repossession.” [Pew Trusts, [10/22/20](#)]
- **Fairness In Lending Act Improved Consumer Outcomes With An Estimated Total Consumer Savings Exceeding \$100 Million Annually.** “Virginia lawmakers balanced concerns about the availability of small-dollar credit with the urgency of stopping harmful lending practices, a challenge that officials in other states also have struggled with. Virginia’s evidence-based approach builds on successful reforms previously enacted in Colorado and Ohio that maintained widespread access to credit and measurably improved consumer outcomes by closing loopholes, modernizing outdated statutes, and prohibiting balloon payments [...] Pew’s analysis of the act confirmed that, under the legislation, lenders can profitably offer affordable installment loans with structural safeguards, saving the typical borrower hundreds of dollars in fees and interest with estimated total consumer savings exceeding \$100 million annually.” [Pew Trusts, [10/22/20](#)]

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### **...That Especially Hurt Military Families**

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**HEADLINE: “Some VA Lenders Are Still Exploiting Troops And Veterans, Report Alleges.”** [Military Times, [8/4/21](#)]

**Troops And Veterans Were Being “Grossly” Overcharged For VA Home Loans.** “Troops and veterans in some cases are being “grossly” overcharged for VA home loans, and federal regulators need to suspend or ban alleged bad actors and strengthen their oversight over lenders, according to a new report from the office of Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif.” [Military Times, [8/4/21](#)]

**The Report Found That “Grossly Overpriced Cash-Out Refinancings Continue To Scam Veterans.”** “The report alleges that NewDay USA and The Federal Savings Bank ‘continue to aggressively market cash-out refinancings with fees and interest rates that could cost borrowers tens of thousands of dollars more over the life of the loan compared to other lenders.’ ‘This report finds that grossly overpriced cash-out refinancings continue to scam veterans,’ Porter stated in an introduction to the report released Aug. 3.” [Military Times, [8/4/21](#)]

**Payday Loans Can Be A Debt-Trap For Military Service Members.** “Payday loans can be a debt-trap for military service members, with many predatory lenders located near military bases. Federal regulations have tried to curtail the practice with mixed success. All military personnel should know their rights and be able to spot predatory lending practices to avoid being made a victim.” [Military.com, How To Protect Yourself From Predatory Lenders, Accessed [7/20/22](#)]

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**GOPAC Was A Republican PAC Dedicated To “Educating And Electing A New Generation Of Republican Leaders.”** “GOPAC is under the current leadership of David Avella and is the Republican Party’s premier center for educating and electing a new generation of Republican leaders. It’s a force in American politics as it ensures a healthy roster of prepared and tested state leaders are ready to lead in their legislatures and/or run for higher office.” [GOPAC, History, accessed [2/29/22](#)]

**GOPAC Inc. Was Organized As A Tax-Exempt “527 Organization” Under IRS Code.** “But GOPAC Inc., the source of money for the group’s political contributions, is organized as a so-called ‘527 organization’ and as such must report all of its contributions and expenses to the IRS. Gilbert said because GOPAC Inc. and GOPAC Education Fund share the same goals and philosophy, ‘it is absolutely possible that there’s extreme overlap in the donors to the two entities. But you can’t prove that’ because GOPAC Education fund donors are not disclosed.” [Courier Journal, [7/13/18](#)]

**Kiggans Received \$15,000 From GOPAC On October 30<sup>th</sup> of 2019, Days Before The General Election.**

GOPAC Election Fund 1201 Wilson Blvd Suite 2100 Arlington, VA 22209;	Republican Leadership Committee Arlington, Virginia	10/30/2019	\$ 15000.00	\$ 17500.00
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[Virginia State Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Reports Search, accessed [2/15/21](#)]

**Kiggans Received \$2,500 From GOPAC In June 2019.**

GOPAC Election Fund 1201 Wilson Blvd Suite 2100 Arlington, VA 22209;	Republican Leadership Committee Arlington, Virginia	06/30/2019	\$ 2500.00	\$ 2500.00
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[Virginia State Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Reports Search, accessed [2/15/21](#)]

**... Funded By The Payday Loan Industry**

**According To IRS Reports, Payday Lenders Provided “Substantial Financial Backing” To GOPAC.** “The group, GOPAC Inc., also gets substantial financial backing from casino interests and payday lenders, according to reports the organization has filed with the Internal Revenue Service.” [Courier Journal, [7/13/18](#)]

**In December 2021, Amscot Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Tampa Florida, Donated \$25,000 To GOPAC.**

<b>Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code</b> Amscot Financial 600 N Westshore Blvd Suite 1200 Tampa, FL 33609	<b>Name of contributor's employer</b> N/A <b>Contributor's occupation</b> N/A <b>Aggregate contributions year-to-date</b> \$ 25000	<b>Amount of contribution</b> \$ 25000 <b>Date of contribution</b> 12/03/2021
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 12/31/21, EIN: 52-1237780, IRS.gov, filed [1/31/22](#)]

## In April 2021, Cash Into Cash, A Payday Lender Based In Cleveland Tennessee, Donated \$25,000 To GOPAC.

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Check into Cash, Inc. 201 Keith Street SW Suite 80 Cleveland, TN 37311	N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 25000	\$ 25000 Date of contribution 04/16/2021

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 6/30/21, EIN: 52-1237780, IRS.gov, filed [8/2/21](#)]

## September 2019: Advance America, A Payday Lender Based In Spartanburg South Carolina, Donated \$50,000 to GOPAC.

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Advance America 135 N. Church Street Spartanburg, SC 29306	N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 50000	\$ 50000 Date of contribution 09/05/2019

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 12/31/19, EIN: 52-1237780 IRS.gov, filed [1/31/20](#)]

## Elaine Luria (VA-02) Is Fighting For Coastal Virginia

### Protecting A Woman's Right To Choose.

**Elaine Luria Voted For The Women's Health Protection Act To Establish The Statutory Right For Patients To Receive And For Providers To Provide Abortions And To Prohibit Certain State Restrictions On Abortion.** In July 2022 Luria voted for: "Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient's life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers' ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient's health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single out abortion services, providers or facilities. It would specify factors that courts may consider to determine whether a requirement or limitation impedes access to abortion services, including whether it interferes with providers' ability to provide services; poses a risk to patients' health; is likely to delay or deter patients in accessing services or necessitate in-person visits that would not otherwise be required; is likely to result in a decreased availability of services in a state or region; is likely to result in increased costs of providing or obtaining services; or imposes penalties that are not imposed on other health care providers for comparable conduct. It would require a party defending a requirement or limitation to establish that it significantly advances the safety of abortion services or patient health and that such goals cannot be advanced by a less restrictive alternative measure. It would authorize the Justice Department, health care providers and private individuals and entities to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for injunctive relief against any state or government official charged with implementing or enforcing a requirement or limitation challenged as a violation of rights established by the bill. It would authorize district courts to award appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, and to award costs of litigation to a prevailing plaintiff. It would require courts to 'liberally construe' provisions of the bill to effectuate its purposes. The bill is substantively identical to HR 3755, which the House passed in September 2021, but adds findings related to the June 2022 Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*." The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 8296, [Vote #360](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

- ***The Women’s Health Protection Act “Enshrine[d] The Protections Of Roe V. Wade Into Law.”*** *“The House on Friday passed legislation that would protect access to reproductive health care, including the ability to travel across state lines for an abortion, as part of Democrats’ efforts to minimize the consequences of the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade last month. One bill, the Women’s Health Protection Act, would enshrine the protections of Roe v. Wade into law. The House already passed the bill last year, but it did not advance in a Senate vote in May. The House passed the bill, 219-210, prompting applause from Democrats in the chamber.”* [Washington Post, [7/15/22](#)]

**The Women’s Health Protection Act Prevented States From Prohibiting Abortions Before Fetal Viability Or After Fetal Viability When The Patient’s Life Or Health Is At Risk.** *“The bill would prevent state governments from limiting a health care provider’s ability to prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services via telemedicine, or immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient’s health, according to CRS. It also prevents states from requiring patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits before receiving abortion services or forcing women to disclose their reasons for obtaining abortions and related services. WHPA would ban states from prohibiting abortion services before or after fetal viability when a provider determines the pregnancy risks the patient’s life or health.”* [ABC News, [3/7/22](#)]

## Fighting For Veterans

**HEADLINE: “Luria Leads Effort Reducing Prescription Costs For Military Families, Retirees During COVID-19”** [WAVY, [4/13/22](#)]

- *Elaine Luria Led The Effort To Ensure That TRICARE Beneficiaries Would Not Have To Pay A Co-Pay Even When Not At A Military Treatment Facility Pharmacy.* *“Congresswoman Elaine Luria spearheaded a bipartisan effort on Sunday hoping to temporarily eliminate copays on prescription drugs for TRICARE insurance users during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the pandemic, some installation commanders have suspended base access for retirees and survivors to lessen the chances of mission-critical personnel being exposed to the virus. This means many TRICARE beneficiaries can no longer access military treatment facility pharmacies, forcing them to transfer prescriptions to mail order from retail pharmacies. While prescriptions are copay-free at military treatment facilities, they may have \$10 to \$29 copays at regular retail pharmacies.”* [WAVY, [4/13/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Luria Looks To Help Military With Lower Prescription Costs.”** [13 News Now, [4/30/20](#)]

- *Elaine Luria Authored Legislation To Reduce Perscription Co-Pays For Military Families And Retirees.* *“Congresswoman Elaine Luria (D-Va. 02) has authored the ‘Help our Heroes Access Medicine Act.’ The bill would reduce prescription drug co-pays during the coronavirus outbreak. Right now under Tricare, it's cheaper to get medication in person at a military pharmacy than it is to get it sent to your home by mail. This legislation would temporarily waive Tricare copays.”* [13 News Now, [4/30/20](#)]

**Elaine Luria Led An Effort Calling On Congressional Leadership To Eliminate Copays On Mail Order Prescriptions For Military Families And Retirees.** *“Congresswoman and Navy veteran Elaine Luria is leading an effort calling on Congressional leadership to temporarily eliminate copays on mail-order prescriptions for military families and retirees with Tricare during the coronavirus pandemic. Now that many retirees and military families are barred from installation pharmacies and have to turn to mail-order services to fill their prescriptions, that means they'll have to pay copays for their medication. Luria, a Democrat representing Virginia in the House, is calling on leaders in Congress to prevent that in the next COVID-19 relief package.”* [Audacy, [4/14/20](#)]

## Repealing The Unfair Tax On Gold Star Families

**Elaine Luria Introduced The Gold Star Families Tax Relief Act, Legislation To Stop An Unfair Tax On Gold Star Families.** “Virginia 2nd District Congresswoman Elaine Luria said bipartisan momentum is building behind legislation she introduced that will repeal a tax increase on Gold Star families. The tax hike was part of the tax law overhaul passed by Congress in 2017, and it has families paying taxes on survivor benefits. Spouses of the fallen sometimes sign over earned benefits to their children to ensure the family receives all the benefits. Since the new tax law brought changes to how children's assets are taxed, the families who were formerly obligated to pay 12 to 15 percent in taxes on the income saw a rate jump to 37 percent. Luria's bill, the Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act (H.R. 2481), would classify such survivor benefits as earned income, significantly reducing the tax burden.” [13 News Now, [5/16/19](#)]

**Gold Star Families Received Relief From Unfair Taxes After Language To Correct The Tax Was Included In The Federal Budget.** “Gold Star families hit by unexpected, large tax bills earlier this year will see that debt erased under language included in the massive federal budget deal passed by Congress this week. Advocates have said the so-called military ‘kiddie tax’ cost some families as much as \$10,000 last spring, and could have meant even bigger bills next spring for thousands of families. Now, under the fix included in the \$1.4 trillion budget deal headed to the White House, that burden will be erased and families will be able to apply for refunds for last year’s taxes.” [Military Times, [12/19/19](#)]

- **Elaine Luria Was The Sponsor Of The Language To Fix The Tax Burden On Gold Star Families.** “In a statement, Rep. Elaine Luria, D-Va. and the sponsor of the tax fix language, called the measure an urgent priority to help “America’s most heroic families” recover from a congressional mistake. The fix itself had been non-controversial, with members from both parties expressing support for the idea over the last few months. But the legislation was stalled amid other budget fights until the final days of this year’s session. President Donald Trump is expected to sign the measure into law before midnight on Friday. If he opts not to finalize the budget bills, it would trigger a partial government shutdown.” [Military Times, [12/19/19](#)]

**Elaine Luria Was One Of The Leaders In Congress On The Effort To Correct The Tax Burden On Gold Star Families.** “The changes to the kiddie tax in the 2017 law were made in an effort to simplify it, but they had the unintended consequence of raising taxes on survivor benefits received by the children of deceased military members. Luria was one of the leaders in Congress on the effort to undo the kiddie tax changes.”

**With Honor Action Thanked Elaine Luria For Her Work To Ease The Tax Burden On Gold Star Families.** “With Honor Action is launching a digital and print buy today thanking Congresswoman Elaine Luria for her hard work to help Gold Star families – families who have lost a loved one in military service. Congresswoman Luria’s leadership on the Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act significantly eases the tax burden on Gold Star families, some of whom faced thousands of additional dollars in taxes on their survivor benefits.” [With Honor Action, Press Release, [1/30/20](#)]

## Growing Our Navy To Stand Up To Chinese Aggression

**HEADLINE: “Elaine Luria Wants To Fight For A Stronger Navy — But First She Has To Get Reelected.** [Defense News, [7/13/22](#)]

**Luria Led A Bipartisan Effort To Boost Defense Spending And Often Grilled Officials About The Size And Readiness Of The Navy To Face China.** “To Democrats, Luria is a pivotal player in their quest to maintain a majority in the House — even as she finds herself at odds with fellow members of her party. To shipbuilders and sea power supporters, she’s an ally; to the Navy, she’s both a supporter and a skeptic. Last month, she led a bipartisan coalition to boost defense spending, and she often uses her military experience to grill officials on both the size and readiness of the Navy’s fleet, and whether those factors are sufficient enough to win a war against China.” [Defense News, [7/13/22](#)]

**Virginia’s 2<sup>nd</sup> District Is Home To A High Concentration Of Shipyard Workers.** “It’s a focus Luria’s betting will resonate in Virginia’s 2nd District, home to a high concentration of shipyard workers, service members,

veterans and their families. The district is adjacent to the Hampton Roads area, whose local economy is tied to Naval Station Norfolk, home of the most U.S. Navy personnel, and to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, which services nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines on the East Coast.” [Defense News, [7/13/22](#)]

**Elaine Luria Announced That The House Armed Services Committee Would Advance Several Of Her Priorities For Growing The U.S. Navy’s Fleet.** “Today, House Armed Services Committee (HASC) Vice Chair Rep. Elaine Luria (D-VA), announced that the committee will advance several of her priorities for growing the U.S. Navy’s fleet, expanding shipbuilding and repair capacity, and addressing childcare needs for military families in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023.” [Office of Congresswoman Elaine Luria, Press Release, [2/8/22](#)]

## **Working With Police And Getting Millions Of Dollars For An Upgraded 9-1-1 System On The Eastern Shore**

**HEADLINE: Rep. Luria Delivers Federal Funding For Local Projects.** [Eastern Shore Post, [4/21/22](#)]

**Elaine Luria Announced More Than \$11.2 Million In Federal Grants To Eastern Shore.** “Rep. Elaine Luria was on the Eastern Shore Monday for a daylong series of events celebrating more than \$11.2 million in federal grants awarded for three Eastern Shore projects. In March, Luria announced more than \$18.5 million in awards for seven community projects across the congressional district.” [Eastern Shore Post, [4/21/22](#)]

**Eastern Shore Received \$8.2 Million To Pay For Upgrades To The Public Safety Radio Communication System** “Luria’s first stop Monday was at the Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Center in Accomac. Federal community project funding of \$8.2 million will help pay for critically needed upgrades to the public safety radio communication system on the Shore. ‘This is the place where all the 911 calls, whether it’s a voice call or a text call — they all come here and then we take care of it from there,’ transferring the calls to the appropriate agencies for response, said Jeff Flournoy, Eastern Shore of Virginia 911 director, who kicked off the event in Accomac.” [Eastern Shore Post, [4/21/22](#)]

**Congresswoman Luria “Stepped Up To The Plate” To Deliver The Grant In The “Bottom Of The Ninth.”** “‘We’ve been working on this project at the 911 Commission since 2019. We’ve worked hard to try to prepare to get this ready and as we were kind of getting into the last hour, I had a conversation with Mike Mason, the county administrator from Accomack County. We heard about this grant funding, and I said, ‘Mike, this might be a great opportunity for us.’ ‘...This was like the bottom of the ninth and we needed a walk-off home run. So we contacted Congresswoman Luria’s office and we pitched the idea of trying to get money for this grant — and lo and behold, we called in a pinch hitter, Congresswoman Luria; she stepped up to the plate. It was a pitch that was right down the center. She swung for the fence and it was a home run. It was a game winning home run, \$8.2 million for a regional project.’” [Eastern Shore Post, [4/21/22](#)]