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- **Kiggans Voted For Authorizing The Defense Budget For Fiscal Year 2024.** In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$874.2 billion in national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$168.6 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.2 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.3 billion for shipbuilding; \$13.2 billion for Air Force procurement of 83 new F-35 series tactical force aircraft; \$17.4 billion for 92 Navy aircraft; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; and approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, including \$434 million for a hypersonic missile defense system, \$498 million for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$160 million for Israeli missile defense systems and \$2.6 billion for a Space Force defendable missile warning satellite system. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$23.9 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.2 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$17.5 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$9.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$4 billion to bolster U.S. and allied forces in Europe against Russian aggression, including \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$336 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel; and \$210 million for the Baltic Security Initiative. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase and authorize the Defense Department to issue bonuses to junior enlisted servicemembers to counteract inflation. It would authorize \$1.1 billion for the Defense Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. It would eliminate the position of chief diversity officer within the Defense Department and include various provisions to restrict DOD programs that involve diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory. The bill would establish a special inspector general for Ukraine assistance and require the Defense Department to make plans to increase the energy resiliency of each main operating base in the U.S. European Command zone. It would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services; eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices; and prevent the Defense Department from purchasing data of U.S. individuals that would otherwise require a warrant, court order or subpoena.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #328](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

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Kiggans Agreed With Senator Tuberville’s Stance On Federal Funds Being Used For Abortions, Despite Him Purposely Holding Up Over 300 Military Promotions. “Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., has held up more than 300 military promotions for months over a Pentagon provision that allows funding for service members or people in their family to travel out of state for abortions if they are currently stationed in a state that has restricted or prohibited the procedure. Rep. Jen Kiggans, R-2nd, a former Navy helicopter pilot whose district, based in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, includes thousands of active-duty and reserve personnel, did not agree with Tuberville’s tactic but supported his stance on federal funds being used for abortions. Amid the ongoing stalemate on passing appropriations, a frustrated Kiggans has called on Congress to pass its defense spending bill.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/22/23](#)]

Jen Kiggans Called An Abortion Ban "Common-Sense"

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Virginia Attorney General, Jason Miyares, Was A Surrogate For Kiggans In An Interview With CNN Where He Indicated Kiggans Would Support A 15 Week Abortion Ban. “The Kiggans campaign declined to share information with CNN about any events with voters. She’s been communicating with voters via paid advertisements and videos on social media. Her campaign declined a request for an interview with the candidate but did suggest a surrogate – Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares – who blamed Democrats’ policies in Washington for Virginians’ economic woes. [...] Miyares said Kiggans has indicated she would support a 15-week ban. ‘Most of Europe has some levels of abortion limits after 12 weeks,’” [CNN, [10/2/23](#)]

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Kiggans Implied 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](#)]
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- **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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Kiggans Celebrated The Supreme Court Decision To Overturn Roe v. Wade

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](#)]

Since The Overturn Of Roe v. Wade Multiple States Have Banned Abortion, Some Without Exceptions

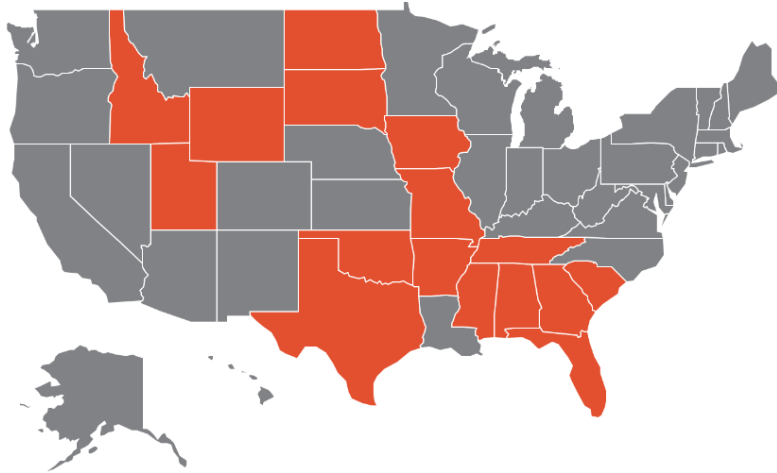
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PolitiFact: As Of May 2022, 16 States Had Passed Laws That Impose Jail Sentences On Doctors Who Violate Abortion Laws. “The list continues. Over a dozen states have ‘trigger’ laws that would take effect if the court overturns Roe v. Wade. Additional states have penalties in their current abortion laws. To the four Republican-controlled states listed above, we can add Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming. In each state, a doctor found guilty of breaking the law faces a possible, or in some cases, a mandatory prison sentence.”

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Sources: State laws, Kaiser Family Foundation, FindLaw

[PolitiFact, [5/5/22](#)]

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June 2021: Texas Abortion Trigger Law Went Into Effect 30 Days After Supreme Court Overturned *Roe V Wade*. “Texas' so-called trigger ban was signed into law in June 2021 and would make abortions illegal unless the pregnant person's life is threatened or they are at risk of serious injury. The law would go into effect 30 days after the Supreme Court issues a judgment overruling *Roe*.” [CNN, [5/3/22](#)]

Texas' Human Life Protection Act Signed Into Law In 2021 Prohibited Any Abortion Except To Save The Life Of The Woman Or Prevent “Substantial Impairment Of A Major Bodily Function.” “On June 16, 2021, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed the Human Life Protection Act. It prohibits any abortion, except to save the life of the mother or prevent the ‘substantial impairment of a major bodily function.’ Under the new law, a person performing an abortion faces a minimum penalty of five years in prison. The maximum penalty is life.” [PolitiFact, [5/7/22](#)]

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- **The Human Life Protection Act Was A “Trigger” Ban Designed To Ban All Abortions In Texas If *Roe v. Wade* Was Overturned.** “Less than one week after Gov. Greg Abbott signed a near-complete ban on abortion in the state, the Texas Senate gave final approval to a bill known as a ‘trigger’ ban, which would prohibit abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* [...] Texas Alliance for Life and other abortion opponents welcome the recent developments. That includes the Senate’s latest action on the trigger bill, known by abortion opponents as the ‘Human Life Protection Act,’ which is a ‘principal goal’ for Texas Alliance for

Life, according to the organization’s executive director, Joe Pojman.” [Dallas Morning News, [5/25/21](#)]

Human Life Protection Act Would Take Effect 30 Days After Final SCOTUS Issuance Of Judgment Overturning Roe V Wade; Due To Take Effect August 25, 2022. “Yesterday—July 26, 2022—the United States Supreme Court issued its final judgment in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. As previously stated in our June 24th Advisory, Texas’s Human Life Protection Act (“the Act”) takes effect on the 30th day after issuance of a judgment in a case overturning *Roe v. Wade*. See H.B. 1280, 87th Reg. Session 2021. Accordingly, we now know with certainty that the Act takes effect on August 25, 2022.” [Updated Advisory, Office of the Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, [7/27/22](#)]

Texas’ 2021 Six Week Abortion Ban Created A Bounty System Rewarding Private Citizens Who Sued Abortion Providers Or Those Who Helped People Obtain Abortions With A \$10,000 Reward Per Illegal Abortion

Texas’ 2021 Six-Week Abortion Ban Allowed Citizens To Sue Health Care Providers And Others Who Violated The Law By Helping People Obtain Abortions With A \$10,000 Reward Per Illegal Abortion For Successful Lawsuits. “People across the country may soon be able to sue abortion clinics, doctors and anyone helping a woman get an abortion in Texas, under a new state law that contains a legal innovation with broad implications for the American court system. The provision passed the State Legislature this spring as part of a bill that bans abortion after a doctor detects a fetal heartbeat, usually at about six weeks of pregnancy. Many states have passed such bans, but the law in Texas is different. Ordinarily, enforcement would be up to government officials, and if clinics wanted to challenge the law’s constitutionality, they would sue those officials in making their case. But the law in Texas prohibits officials from enforcing it. Instead, it takes the opposite approach, effectively deputizing ordinary citizens — including from outside Texas — to sue clinics and others who violate the law. It awards them at least \$10,000 per illegal abortion if they are successful.” [New York Times, [7/9/21](#)]

- **Texas Tribune: Texas Six Week Abortion Ban Allowed Anyone Who Assists With Or Performs An Abortion To Be Sued By “Almost Anyone.”** “Texas’ new abortion law — which bans abortions at about six weeks from the patient’s last menstrual period — rests on the actions of private citizens to enforce the law, rather than the government. While abortion patients themselves can’t be sued under the new law, anyone who performs or aids with the abortion can be sued — and by almost anyone. Legal experts interviewed by The Texas Tribune have said the law dramatically expands the concept of a civil lawsuit and is aimed at keeping providers from using the constitutional right to an abortion under *Roe v. Wade* as a legal defense.” [Texas Tribune, [9/10/21](#)]
- **Texas Six Week Abortion Ban Radically Expanded Legal Standing To Allow Private Citizens With No Relationship To The Case To Sue Family Members And Drivers Who Help Abortion Patients.** “Legal experts have said the law is a ‘radical expansion’ of standing, which is the legal concept that determines whether one person may sue another, usually in order to get compensation for some sort of injury or harm. The new abortion law requires no such relationship to the case in order to have standing. [...] The patient receiving such an abortion cannot be sued under the law, but everyone who helps that patient can be, including, for example, their doctor, driver or family member who helps pay for the procedure.” [Texas Tribune, [9/10/21](#)]
- **Most Women Do Not Know They Are Pregnant At Six Weeks, When Fetal Cardiac Activity, Which Anti-Choice Legislators Called A “Heartbeat,” Can Become Detectable.** “The term ‘fetal heartbeat,’ as used in the anti-abortion law in Texas, is misleading and not based on science, say physicians who specialize in reproductive health. What the ultrasound machine detects in an embryo at six weeks of pregnancy is actually just electrical activity from cells that aren’t yet a heart. [...] In reality, it would be really hard for a woman to know she’s pregnant before the point at which cardiac activity would be detectable by an ultrasound. She would have to be tracking her periods carefully, have regular periods, notice her period was late and then be able to quickly get an appointment with her doctor to confirm a pregnancy.” [NPR, [9/2/21](#)]
- **The Texas Six Week Abortion Ban Made No Exceptions For Cases Involving Rape Or Incest.** “The law

allows private citizens to sue abortion providers and anyone else who helps a woman obtain an abortion — including those who give a woman a ride to a clinic or provide financial assistance to obtain an abortion. Private citizens who bring these suits don't need to show any connection to those they are suing. The law makes no exceptions for cases involving rape or incest.” [NPR, [9/1/21](#)]

Under Texas’ Six-Week Abortion Ban, The Texas Heartbeat Act, Anyone Who “Aids And Abets” An Abortion After Roughly Six Weeks, Including Health Care Providers, Can Be Fined If Someone Else Brings Civil Action Against Them. “Under another new Texas abortion law, someone who "aids or abets" an abortion after cardiac activity can be detected — typically around six weeks — can be subject to at least a \$10,000 fine per occurrence. Anyone can bring that civil action, posing a quandary for physicians and other providers. How do they follow the latest guidelines when numerous other people — from other medical professionals to friends and family members — can question their intent: Are they helping care for a miscarriage or facilitating an abortion?” [NPR, [5/10/22](#)]

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Kiggans Has Aligned Herself With Anti-Abortion Extremists Who Want To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions

Kiggans Said That Her And Marjorie Taylor Greene “Want The Same Things”

Kiggans Said That Marjorie Taylor Greene Was “So Kind,” Her “Teammate” And That They “Want The Same Things.” “But - and Marjorie Taylor Greene, she is so kind. She has been very nice to me, I have, I have nothing bad or, you know, different to say about any of these people. They're on my team, right, they are my teammates. We all want the same things.” [Jen Kiggans, Speech at Tidewater Liberty Partners, [8/19/23](#)]

Greene Wanted To Ban Abortion Nationally And Said Extreme Rhetoric On Abortion

Greene Wanted To Ban Abortion Nationally. “In another notable moment, presented with her comments that America should have a ‘Christian government,’ that abortion should be banned nationally, that the FBI should shut down and that all immigration should stop for four years, Greene confirmed those was her views and expanded on her desire for a Christian government.” [ABC News, [4/3/23](#)]

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Greene Called The Overturn Of Roe V. Wade A “Miracle.” “After Roe V. Wade was overturned, Greene celebrated the Supreme Court's decision on social media, calling it a ‘miracle.’ In a video posted on X, formerly Twitter, the Georgia Republican said at the time, ‘I think it's a miracle. I'm so thrilled, like I've cried about this.’ Greene added: ‘Everybody here is celebrating that the Supreme Court had the courage, they had the bravery, overturning Roe v. Wade, giving it back to the states.’” [Newsweek, [11/8/23](#)]

Greene Claimed That The Ideas That Abortion Was Health Care Or A Right For Women Were “Evil Lies.” “On Wednesday morning, Greene posted about her thoughts on abortion and on the Democrats' ‘evil lies’ that abortion is both a right and healthcare for women. She wrote on X, ‘Healthcare saves lives. Abortion kills lives.’” [Newsweek, [11/8/23](#)]

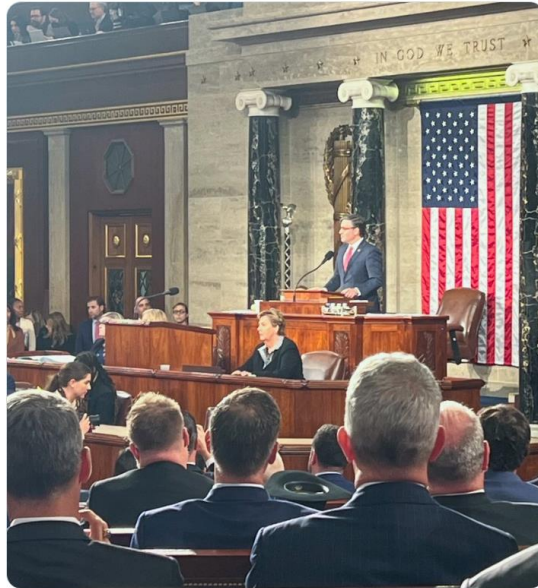
Kiggans Supported Mike Johnson In His Race To Become Speaker Of The House

Kiggans Supported Mike Johnson For Speaker Of The House, Calling Him An “Honest, Hardworking, And Principled Conservative.” “Today, Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02) released the following statement after Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04) was elected to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives. ‘Today, I voted to restore governance in Washington by supporting Congressman Mike Johnson as the next Speaker of the House. ‘During my conversations with Mr. Johnson, he presented himself as an honest, hardworking, and principled conservative. He listened to my concerns about the devastating impact a government shutdown would have on thousands of working families in Southeast Virginia and understands the need to prioritize our military. He also provided reassurance that our defense budget will be protected.’” [Rep. Jen Kiggans, Press Release, [10/25/23](#)]

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Kiggans Posted A Selfie With Mike Johnson And Congratulated Him Following His Election To Speaker Of The House. In a Twitter post on her campaign page, Kiggans said, “The House has a Speaker...! Congratulations to @MikeJohnson from on becoming the 56th Speaker of the U.S. House. I am eager to get back to work to pass our funding bills and support our ally Israel.” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

Mike Johnson Was An Anti-Abortion Extremist Who Wanted To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions

Johnson Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act. [H.R. 431, Cosponsors, [1/20/23](#)]

- **The Life At Conception Act Would Implement Equal Protection Of The Right To Life For “Each [...] Preborn Human Person.”** “To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person. [...] To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Congress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary and proper laws, and Congress’ power under section 5 of the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being.” [Congress.gov, [1/20/23](#)]
- **The Life At Conception Act Did Not List Exceptions, Including Life Of Mother, Rape, Or Incest.** [Congress.gov, [1/20/23](#)]

Johnson Cosponsored A Bill to Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Abortion Services. “This bill prohibits the Department of Defense (DOD) from providing certain funding related to abortion services. Specifically, the bill prohibits DOD from paying or reimbursing any fees or expenses for a health care professional (who provides health care at a military medical treatment facility) to gain a license in a state if the purpose of gaining the license is to provide abortion services. The bill also repeals the DOD memorandum titled Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Care (October 20, 2022). Such memo sets forth DOD policies and procedures in response to the Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Under the bill, DOD

may not obligate or expend funds to carry out the memo or any successor memo.” [H.R. 1297, Summary, [3/1/23](#); H.R. 1297, Cosponsors, [3/1/23](#)]

Johnson Voted Against The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act To Prohibit Individuals From Interfering With A Patient’s Ability To Cross State Lines To Obtain An Abortion In A State Where It Is Legal. In July 2022 Johnson voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit individuals from interfering with patients’ ability to access to abortion services in another state where the services are legal. Specifically, it would prohibit any person acting under color of state law from preventing, restricting or retaliating against health care providers’ ability to provide abortion services that are legal in the provider’s state to patients who do not reside in that state; a person’s ability to assist in providing such services; or a person’s ability to travel or assist another person traveling across state lines to obtain an abortion. It would also prohibit individuals from preventing, restricting or retaliating against the interstate movement of any drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the termination of a pregnancy. It would allow the U.S. attorney general or a harmed individual to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for declaratory and injunctive relief against an individual who violates the prohibitions.” The bill passed by a vote of 223-205. [H.R. 8297, [Vote #362](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act Protected People Who Assist Others In Receiving Out Of State Abortions And Shielded Transportation Of Abortion Drugs Between States. “The legislation protects women who travel to another state to receive an abortion if their home state prohibits the medical procedure. And in states where abortion is lawful, the bill seeks to make it illegal for facilities to limit access to the medical procedure for individuals who arrived from out of state. Additionally, the measure includes a provision to protect people who assist others in receiving an abortion in a state where they do not reside. It also shields the state-to-state transportation of abortion drugs that have received approval from the Food and Drug Administration.” [The Hill, [7/15/22](#)]

Johnson Voted Against The Right To Contraception Act To Establish A Statutory Right For Individuals To Obtain And Health Care Providers To Provide Contraceptives. In July 2022 Johnson voted against “Passage of the bill that would establish that individuals have a statutory right to obtain contraceptives and health care providers have a right to provide contraceptives, contraception and related information. It would prohibit any limitation or infringement of these rights that impedes access to or singles out the provision or providers of contraceptives, contraception or related information. It would supersede any federal and state law that conflicts with its provisions. It would allow the U.S. attorney general or a harmed individual to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for equitable relief against an individual who violates these provisions. It would allow health care providers to bring action on behalf of themselves, their staff or their patients.” The bill passed by a vote of 228-195. [H.R. 8373, [Vote #385](#), 7/21/22; CQ, [7/21/22](#)]

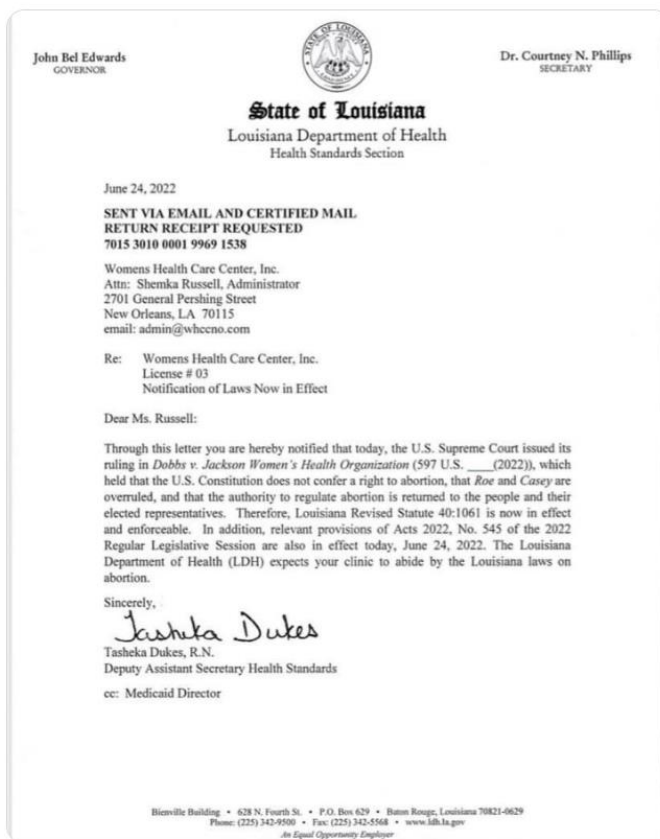
Johnson Voted For The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act. In January 2023 Johnson voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care practitioners to provide the same care to a child that is ‘born alive’ after an abortion or attempted abortion as they would for a child born at the same gestational age and to ensure the child is immediately transported and admitted to a hospital; require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care; and impose criminal fines and penalties for failures to meet these requirements. It would state that a child born alive under these conditions is a legal person under U.S. law, entitled to the protections of U.S. law, and it would specifically make any act that kills or attempts to kill such a child punishable as murder or attempted murder. The bill would also prohibit the prosecution of the mother of a child born alive after an abortion or attempted abortion and permit such mothers to seek relief through civil action against any person who violates the bill’s requirements, including monetary and punitive damages.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-210. [H.R. 26, [Vote #29](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

- **The Born Alive Bill Would Punish Doctors For Providing Care To Patients.** “The offensively named ‘born-alive’ legislation is another cruel and misguided attempt to interfere with evidence-based medical decision making between patients and their physicians...Laws that ban or criminalize evidence-based care and rely on medically unsupported theories and misinformation are dangerous to families and their clinicians. This

bill negatively affects all obstetric and gynecologic care.” [The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [6/26/23](#)]

Johnson Cosponsored A Bill Banning Telehealth Appointments To Prescribe Medication Abortion. “This bill restricts the use of telehealth for chemical abortions (also known as medication abortions). Specifically, it requires a provider who dispenses or prescribes medication for a chemical abortion to physically examine the patient, be physically present at the location of the chemical abortion, and schedule a follow-up visit for the patient. The bill provides an exception for a chemical abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, injury, or condition. The bill establishes criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to two years, or both—for a provider who does not comply with the requirements. A patient who undergoes a chemical abortion may not be prosecuted.” [H.R. 421, Summary, [1/20/23](#); Cosponsors, [1/20/23](#)]

Johnson Tweeted In Support Of Imprisoning Doctors Who Performed Abortions. “BREAKING: Late yesterday, the La. Department of Health informed abortion facilities in our state that the right to life has now been RESTORED! Perform an abortion and get imprisoned at hard labor for 1-10 yrs & fined \$10K-\$100K” [Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [6/25/22](#)]



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[Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [6/25/22](#)]

Rep. Mike Johnson Called The Overturning Of Roe “A Joyous Day.” “Nearly a half century ago, an activist Supreme Court invented the ‘right to abortion’. On this joyous day, a new majority of Justices faithful to the Constitution finally corrected that devastating error. Thanks be to God!” [Rep. Mike Johnson ,Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

Johnson Accosted An OBGYN And Director Of The Alabama Women’s Rights Center In A House Judiciary Hearing. NARRATOR: “During a House Judiciary hearing on Wednesday, Johnson had a controversial exchange with Doctor Yashica Robinson. Doctor Robinson is an OBGYN and director of the Alabama Women’s Wellness Center in Huntsville.” REP MIKE JOHNSON: “Okay let me ask you, let me ask you—do you support the right of a woman who is seconds away from birthing a healthy child to have an abortion?” DR. ROBINSON: “I think that the question that you’re asking does not realistically reflect abortion care in the United States—” REP JOHNSON: “In that scenario, do you support her right to abort that child?” DR. ROBINSON: “I won’t entertain theoreticals.” REP JOHNSON: “It’s not a theoretical ma’am. You’re a medical doctor.” DR ROBINSON: “I am a medical doctor and that has never happened—” REP JOHNSON: “Never happened in your practice, ma’am, but it happened.” NARRATOR: “The administrator for the Hope Medical Group in Shreveport says Johnson’s comments were quote ‘meant to agitate. No physician would commit homicide as he is suggesting.’” [KTAL News, YouTube, [5/20/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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Johnson And His Wife Received “Champions Of The Faith Award” From The Southern Baptist Convention For Their Anti-Abortion Work. “Kelly and her husband, U.S. Congressman Mike Johnson (R-La.), have been called to serve in ministry together on the ‘front lines’ of some of America’s most pivotal cultural battles. For their work in promoting the sanctity of human life, marriage and traditional family values, they have been the recipients of many honors, including ‘Champions of the Faith’ award by the Southern Baptist Convention.” [Pro-Life Louisiana, Accessed [10/25/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Speaker Mike Johnson Once Referred To Abortion As ‘A Holocaust’” [CBS News, [10/26/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Before Mike Johnson Was Speaker, He Was Blaming Abortion For School Shootings.” [New York Magazine, [10/26/23](#)]

Mike Johnson Claimed That Abortion Could Be Blamed For School Shooting In A 2015 Interview. “In an interview with New York Magazine in 2015, Johnson claimed abortion could be blamed for school shootings, suggesting: ‘When you break up the nuclear family, when you tell a generation of people that life has no value, no meaning, that it’s expendable, then you do wind up with school shooters.’” [Forbes, [11/6/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Speaker Mike Johnson Has Long Opposed Abortion And LGBTQ+ Rights” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Before He Was Elected To Public Office, Mike Johnson Was The Senior Spokesperson For The Alliance Defending Freedom. “Before the newly elected U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson was in public office, the Louisiana Republican’s restrictive stances on gender identity, abortion and sexuality were honed at the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, where he served as a senior spokesperson and attorney.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

- **The Alliance Defending Freedom Was The Legal Force Behind Many Of The Most Restrictive Abortion Laws In The Country.** “Alliance Defending Freedom, or ADF, is the legal force behind dozens of the most restrictive abortion laws and pieces of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in the country. It provided the model abortion

ban enacted by Mississippi that led to the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade. ADF attorneys are challenging the FDA’s approval of medication abortion.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]



[Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

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Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America Is An Extreme Anti-Abortion Group Whose Mission Is To End Abortion, Supported Criminal Penalties For Doctors Who Provide Abortion, Opposed Contraception And Argues That It “Alters Human Behavior” And Had A President Who Said Exceptions For Rape And Incest Are “Just Wrong

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“DANNENFELSER: Regrettably, there is a rape and incest exception. It was the only way it was going to be allowed onto the floor by the leadership. I mean, I say regrettable. I really mean, any child at any stage should be protected from conception -- and certainly at 20 weeks. Excepting anyone -- It's just wrong.” [Caffeinated Thoughts Radio Podcast, 4:55, [5/16/15](#)]

SBA’s President Called Rape Exemptions For Abortions “Abominable.” “Susan B. Anthony List president Marjorie Dannenfelser, who moderated the press conference and whose organization has been a prominent backer of the 20-week ban in its current form, said that she believes that rape exceptions are ‘abominable.’ ‘I agree. I agree that the rape exception is abominable,’ she told LifeSiteNews. ‘I also know that with it, we were able to move forward, and we have the potential of saving 15,000 to 18,000 children a year. No one should give up or give over a rape exception unless there is simply no chance of saving those other children. I really believe that.’ [Right Wing Watch, People for the American Way, [6/12/15](#)]

When Asked About A Federal Abortion Ban, Dannenfelser Said “It Is Our Job To Be As Ambitious As We Can.” “MS. CALDWELL: Do you think that Congress should pass a federal ban on abortion or a federal six-week or twelve-week– MS. DANNENFELSER: My answer– MS. CALDWELL: –or whatever it is? MS. DANNENFELSER: Yeah. My answer is the same. It is our job to be as ambitious as we can be in building consensus in every legislature. The Congress is a legislature also.” [Washington Post, [6/27/22](#)]

When Asked If Outlawing Abortion Was The Ultimate Goal, Dannenfelser Said “Now The Door Is Open, So Of Course We Will Walk Through It.” “HOST: You attribute part of your success to compromise — promoting 20-week limits — but surely your ultimate goal isn’t compromise? It’s to outlaw abortion across the United States? You’ve spoken privately with possible Republican presidential contenders, including Trump, about a federal ban. DANNENFELSER: Now the door is open, so of course we will walk through it. After nearly 50 years, this is an opportunity to allow the people to speak through their laws through their elected representatives. And so every legislature in the country, including Congress, is now entrusted with this really heavy moral weight to get it right. And so we will be as ambitious for life and for mothers in every single state as consensus will allow.” [LA Times, [6/24/22](#)]

Head Of Susan B Anthony List Expressed Excitement Over Supreme Court Mississippi Abortion Case Calling It “The Best Opportunity To Overturn Roe V. Wade” In Decades And Said Her Group Was “Hoping That There's A Complete Overturn” Of The Law.” HOST: So, Marjorie, I will begin with you. Is this the moment that anti-abortion activists have been waiting half-a-century for? What's the best outcome for you here? MARJORIE DANNENFELSER, President, Susan B. Anthony List: Yes. After 50 years of not being able to allow the will of the people to make its way into law in the states, this seems like the best opportunity to overturn Roe v. Wade. The effect of that will be to return to the states their ability to do just that, to enact laws that reflect the will of the people in each state. So, yes, we are very hopeful. We're hoping that there's a complete overturn, at a minimum, a partial overturn. When that happens, it will put us in line — better in line with the rest of the world; 47 out of 50 European countries limit abortion before 15 weeks. We don't limit it at any point during gestation. [PBS, [11/30/21](#)]

2021: SBA List Praised Supreme Court Decision To Hear Mississippi Abortion Ban Case Calling It A “Landmark Opportunity For The Supreme Court To Recognize The Right Of States To Protect Unborn Children.” “Today the U.S. Supreme Court announced that it will review Mississippi’s pro-life law limiting abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, passed by overwhelming majorities in the state legislature and signed by then-Governor Phil Bryant. [...] In response to the news, the national pro-life group Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) issued the following statement: ‘This is a landmark opportunity for the Supreme Court to recognize the right of states to protect unborn children from the horrors of painful late-term abortions,’ said SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser.” [SBA List, Press Release, [5/17/21](#)]

Dec. 2021: Susan B Anthony List Launched \$10 Million Ad Campaign On Mississippi Abortion Ban Case. “In the run-up to the Supreme Court hearing the Mississippi case, Susan B. Anthony List, an organization that works to elect politicians who oppose abortion, rolled out a \$10 million television and digital ad campaign in the District of Columbia and battleground states to educate people about the legal fight. The organization also has a canvassing operation active in six states.” [CBS News, [12/6/21](#)]

SBA Celebrated Supreme Court Decision Against Blocking Texas Abortion Ban. “The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday left in place a ban on most abortions in Texas but allowed a legal challenge to proceed, with the fate of the Republican-backed measure that allows private citizens to enforce it still hanging in the balance. [...] ‘We celebrate that the Texas Heartbeat Act will remain in effect, saving the lives of unborn children and protecting mothers while litigation continues in lower courts,’ added Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, a group opposing abortion.” [Reuters, [12/10/21](#)]

SBA’s President Said Doctors Who Provide Abortion In States With Trigger Bans Should Be Prosecuted Because They Are “Knowingly Circumventing The Law.” “ANCHOR: Let me ask you about the trigger laws that would effectively, in about half the states across the country, would go into effect almost immediately if Roe were to be overturned. We're looking at a map right now. Are you concerned about what will become a patchwork? And I guess the follow up question to that is, what do you think the punishment should be for someone who performs an abortion or who has an abortion in these states? DANNENFELSER: A doctor a doctor who performs an abortion or a person who mails chemical abortions through the mail is knowingly circumventing the law.” [MSNBC, [5/3/22](#)] (VIDEO)

SBA’s President Suggested Contraception “Alters Human Behavior.” “DANNENFELSER: There are deeper causes than just the funding. The causes are [contraception’s] effect on human behavior and with increased levels of contraception, increased availability. The argument has been you cut Planned Parenthood, you increase the abortion rate when in reality you increase all that exponentially and human behavior starts to change...There are a lot of underlying reasons why there is that relationship. The

bottom line is that to lose the connection between sex and having children leads to problems.”

[Dannenfelser Remarks via Faith In Public Life, [6/8/11](#)]

(VA-02) Message #3 Backup

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Cotter Smasal: “We Deserve A Coastal Virginia Where We Can Afford To Live, Drive, And Educate Our Children.” “We deserve a Coastal Virginia where we can afford to live, drive, and educate our children.” [Missy Cotter Smasal for Congress, Issues, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

Cotter Smasal Said That Coastal Virginians Deserved Lower Prescription Drug Prices, Affordable Housing And Child Care. “Instead of constant Washington infighting and favors for donors, Coastal Virginians deserve lower prescription drug prices, affordable housing, and child care.” [Missy Cotter Smasal for Congress, Issues, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

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(VA-02) Message #4 Backup

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Kiggans Puts Corporate Profits Ahead Of People, Co-Sponsoring A Bill To Make The 2017 Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent

Kiggans Was A Co-Sponsor Of TCJA Permanency Act, A Bill That Would Make Provisions Enacted In 2017 By The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. According to Congress.gov, Kiggans was a co-sponsor of TCJA Permanency Act, a bill that would make provisions enacted in 2017 by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. [H.R. 976, Co-sponsored [4/19/23](#)]

- **TCJA Permanency Act Would Make Provisions Enacted In 2017 By The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent.** “This bill makes permanent provisions affecting individual and business taxpayers that were enacted in 2017 by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and are scheduled to expire at the end of 2025. The bill makes permanent reductions in individual and capital gain tax rates. The bill increases the standard tax deduction for individual taxpayers. It also increases and modifies the child tax credit and raises the contribution base for the tax deduction for charitable contributions. The bill allows additional contributions to ABLE accounts (tax-exempt accounts designed to enable individuals with disabilities to save and pay for disability-related expenses). It exempts from taxation combat zone benefits of members of the Armed Forces serving in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt and limits the deduction for moving expenses to active duty members of the Armed Forces. Additionally, the bill expands the types of elementary and secondary school expenses eligible for payment from qualified tuition programs (529 programs); lowers to \$750,000 the amount of mortgage debt eligible for an interest expense tax deduction; reinstates after 2024 the exclusion of income from the gross income of student loan borrowers for loan debt discharged due to death or total and permanent disability; makes permanent the limitation on the tax deduction for state and local taxes and denies a deduction for foreign real property taxes; makes permanent the tax deduction of the income of certain pass-through business entities; repeals the tax deduction for personal tax exemptions and the exclusion of employer-provided bicycle commuter fringe benefits; terminates certain miscellaneous itemized tax deductions; doubles the estate and gift tax exemption amount; and makes permanent the increase of the alternative minimum tax exemption amount for individual taxpayers.” [H.R. 976, CQ, last action: [2/10/23](#)]

Extending The Trump Tax Cuts Would Cause A “\$2.7 Trillion Debt Increase That Would Give The Top 0.1% (With Incomes Over \$4 Million Per Year) A \$175,000 Annual Tax Cut.” “House Republican leaders have also committed to extend the expiring Trump tax cuts, a \$2.7 trillion debt increase that would give the top 0.1% (with incomes over \$4 million per year) a \$175,000 annual tax cut, over 2.5 times a typical family’s annual income.” [White House, Fact Sheet, [2/15/23](#)]

Kiggans Said She Would Fight To “Make Permanent Critical Tax Provisions In The Historic Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.” “Jen also knows how important it is to keep taxes low for businesses and working families, which is why she will fight to make permanent critical tax provisions in the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Provisions such as keeping the corporate tax rate low to encourage investments in the U.S., increasing the Child Tax Credit, and lowering individual income tax rates.” [Jen for Congress via Internet Archive, Issues, archived [3/4/24](#)]

Kiggans' Votes Made Life Harder For Working Families Trying To Make Ends Meet, Voting For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government, Which Would Have Specifically Harmed Small Businesses, Rural Families, Underserved Families, Women, Infants, Children And Seniors

2023: Kiggans Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

According To House Committee On Appropriations Ranking Member DeLauro, The Republican CR Eliminated Healthcare Services For Rural And Underserved Families. “Eliminating health care services for rural and underserved families. More than 2 million vulnerable individuals and families, including rural and underserved populations, would lose access to health care services through Community Health Centers.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, [9/29/23](#)]

According To House Committee On Appropriations Ranking Member DeLauro, The Republican CR Cut Funding For Title I, IDEA, And Head Start. “Furthering their goal of eliminating public education by cutting funding for Title I, IDEA, and Head Start. Cuts to Title I and IDEA would be the equivalent of removing nearly 150,000 teachers and service providers from classrooms serving low-income students and students with disabilities. And approximately 275,000 children would lose access to Head Start, undermining early education for children in low-income communities and parents’ ability to go to work.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, [9/29/23](#)]

According To House Committee On Appropriations Ranking Member DeLauro, The Republican CR Cut Women, Infants, And Children (WIC) By 30%. “Taking food out of the mouths of children, families, and seniors. With the sharp increase in caseload, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) has barely half of the resources it needs to keep feeding people. The program needs a 32 percent increase. Instead, House Republicans are cutting it by 30 percent. Other nutrition services, such as Meals on Wheels, would also be cut for more than 1 million seniors.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, [9/29/23](#)]

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According To House Committee On Appropriations Ranking Member DeLauro, The Republican CR Cut The Small Business Administration By 30%. “Turning their backs on America’s small businesses. The Small Business Administration (SBA), Entrepreneurial Development Programs would be cut by 30 percent. This means approximately 400,000 fewer small businesses would be assisted. This would have a significant impact on underserved communities such as Veterans, Women, and Native American entrepreneurs.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, [9/29/23](#)]

According To House Committee On Appropriations Ranking Member DeLauro, The Republican CR Would Close Social Security Administration Field Offices. “Closing Social Security Administration Field Offices. The Social Security Administration would be forced to close field offices and reduce access to in-person services, and people applying for disability benefits would wait additional months for processing of claims.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, [9/29/23](#)]

According To House Committee On Appropriations Ranking Member DeLauro, The Republican CR Cut Loans And Grants For Farmers And Rural Communities. “Cutting loans and grants for farmers and rural communities. House Republicans are making it harder for farmers to access loans and grants making farm ownership more difficult. They are also cutting Rural Housing Service and Rural Utility Service programs that support single family home loans, rental assistance, water and waste programs, electric resources, and access to broadband.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, [9/29/23](#)]

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Kiggans Voted Against Paying A Fair Wage To Worker On Public Works Contracts And Transportation Infrastructure Projects. In April of 2021, Kiggans voted against H.B. 2327, which “clarifies, for purposes of the requirement under certain circumstances to pay the prevailing wage rate for work performed on public works contracts, that public works includes transportation infrastructure projects.” The bill passed the State Senate 21 to 19. [Virginia General Assembly, [HB 2327](#), [4/7/21](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Giving Essential Home Health Workers Paid Sick Leave Even Though It Would Have Minimized Potential Spread Of Virus

February 2021: Kiggans Voted Against Requiring Paid Sick Leave For Essential Home Health Care Workers And Prohibiting Employers From Taking Retaliatory Actions Against Employees Related To Leave. In February of 2021, Kiggans voted against HB2137, which “Requires employers to provide paid sick leave to home health workers who provide personal care, respite, or companion services to an individual who receives consumer-directed services under the state plan for medical assistance services [...]The bill provides that earned paid sick leave may be used for (i) an employee's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; an employee's need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or an employee's need for preventive medical care or (ii) care of a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; care of a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or care of a family member who needs preventive medical care. The bill prohibits employers from taking certain retaliatory actions against employees related to leave.” The bill passed the State Senate 21 to 18 and became law on March 30 of 2021. [Virginia State Senate, [HB2137](#), [2/25/21](#)]

- **Virginians Strongly Supported Requiring Employers To Provide Sick Days.** “A recent report by the Wason Center for Civil Leadership at Christopher Newport University found that 88% of surveyed Virginians strongly support requiring employers to provide at least five paid sick days per year.” [HHSV, [2/4/21](#)]
- **HB2137 Applied 25,000 To Home Health Aides Who Care For Older Virginians.** “The Virginia Senate narrowly passed a bill mandating paid sick leave for home health care workers who care for Medicaid recipients [...] The rule would apply to at least 25,000 home health aides who have cared for older Virginians with disabilities who rely on them to live.” [Richmond Times Dispatch, [2/25/21](#)]
- **HB2137 Would Have Minimized Exposure And Potential Spread Of COVID-19.** “Currently, about 1.2 million essential workers in Virginia wouldn’t be able to quarantine without sacrificing wages if they got infected. Public health officials including Dr. Danny Avula, the state’s vaccine coordinator, have championed a long-debated expansion of paid sick leave to hourly wage workers for a chance at beating the virus. In Jan. 5 news conference led by Virginians for Paid Sick Days, Avula said the policy would have ‘drastic reductions in the exposure and the potential for spread.’” [Richmond Times Dispatch, [2/25/21](#)]

Kiggans Wants To Eliminate The Affordable Care Act And Strip Healthcare From Thousands

Kiggans Wanted To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Which Would Put 968,000 Virginians’ Health Insurance At Risk And Potentially Harm 1.3 Million Virginians With Pre-Existing Health Conditions

Kiggans: “A Couple Of Areas Where I Would Like To See Federal Spending Cut. Number One, I’d Like To Eliminate Obamacare.” “A couple of areas where I would like to see federal spending cut. Number one, I’d like to eliminate Obamacare. Obamacare when it was enacted took money away from Medicare, it took \$716 billion away from Medicare which provides care for our greatest generation or my patient population are older adults live on a fixed income, they can’t afford medical care, dental care again, hospital hospital just stays medications. So, I would like to eliminate Obamacare and put that money back reinvested back into Medicare. That money was taken away from hospice and from skilled nursing services. You need to get back to the people who we need to take care of the most.” [Kiggans, Candidate Forum, 1:06:17, 6/7/22] (AUDIO)

If The Affordable Care Act Were Repealed 968,000 Virginians Health Insurance Coverage Would Be At Risk. “968,000 people’s health insurance coverage would be at risk. Over 346,000 Virginians have signed up for ACA marketplace coverage for 2023 and over 622,000 Virginians are enrolled in Medicaid expansion coverage available due to the ACA. The total number of people with some form of ACA coverage has risen significantly since 2017, when the Congressional Budget Office estimated the House-passed repeal bill would grow the ranks of the uninsured by 23 million nationwide.” [White House, Fact Sheet Virginia, accessed [9/20/24](#)]

If The Affordable Care Act Were Repealed At Least 1.3 Million Virginians With Pre-Existing Health Conditions Could Lose Critical Protections. “At least 1.3 million people in Virginia with pre-existing health conditions could lose critical protections. Before the ACA, at least 1.3 million Virginians with pre-existing health conditions could have been denied coverage or charged more if they tried to buy individual market health insurance. Republican repeal proposals either eliminate these protections outright or find other ways to gut them.” [White House, Fact Sheet Virginia, accessed [9/20/24](#)]

Kiggans Voted To Cut Veterans Benefits

Kiggans Voted For H.R. 2811, The Republican Led Debt Ceiling Plan That The VA Said Would Lead To Cuts In Services And Staff

Kiggans Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on

federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

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Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Meant 31 Million Fewer Veteran Outpatient Visits And 81,000 Layoffs Across The Veterans Health Administration, Leaving Vets Vulnerable. “Cutting funding by 22 percent would mean 30 million fewer veteran outpatient visits, and 81,000 jobs lost across the Veterans Health Administration— leaving veterans unable to get appointments for care including wellness visits, cancer screenings, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment.” [White House, [4/20/23](#)]

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According To Veterans Affairs, H.R. 2811 “Would Impair VA’s Ability To Expand Video-To-Home Telehealth Services.” “Access to remote care through telehealth is essential for Veterans, particularly in rural

areas. By reducing funding for necessary IT infrastructure and support, the proposal would impair VA’s ability to expand video-to-home telehealth services and limit the availability of medical equipment that can be provided to Veterans so they can attend important telehealth appointments from home.” [VA, Press Release, [4/21/23](#)]

According To Veterans Affairs, H.R. 2811 “Would Mean Deep Cuts To Department Of Health And Human Services Community Mental Health Centers, Mental Health And Substance Use Prevention Grants, And Other Public Health Programs.” “Deprive Veterans of mental health, substance use, and other health services. This proposal would mean deep cuts to Department of Health and Human Services community mental health centers, mental health and substance use prevention grants, and other public health programs. Supporting Veterans and their families in the community, especially those not enrolled in VA health care, has been a priority for HHS and these cuts could reduce access to timely care and services.” [VA, Press Release, [4/21/23](#)]

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According To Veterans Affairs, H.R. 2811 Would Cut Housing For Veterans. “These proposed cuts would negatively impact Veterans who access critical services across the federal government. Specifically, these proposed cuts would: Cut Housing for Veterans. Every Veteran deserves a good, safe home in this country they fought to defend. The proposal would eliminate funding for Housing Choice Vouchers for as many as 50,000 Veterans, putting them at greater risk of homelessness.” [VA, Press Release, [4/21/23](#)]

According To Veterans Affairs, H.R. 2811 Would Cut SNAP Benefits For Veterans. “About 1.3 million Veterans rely on SNAP. This proposal would take food assistance away from Veterans who are older by adding burdensome, bureaucratic requirements, and it would limit states’ flexibility to protect especially vulnerable people currently subject to work requirements. That would increase the likelihood that Veterans and their families go hungry.” [VA, Press Release, [4/21/23](#)]

According To Veterans Affairs, H.R. 2811 Would Eliminate Support for Homeless Veterans. “Eliminate Job Training and Other Supports to Homeless Veterans. The proposal would mean that 4,200 fewer Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness would receive job training, counseling, and job readiness services provided through the Department of Labor’s Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program.” [VA, Press Release, [4/21/23](#)]

(VA-02) Message #5 Backup

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Kiggans Introduced A Bill Banning “Inherently Divisive Concepts” In Schools. In January of 2022, Kiggans introduced a bill which “Requires each public elementary or secondary school principal to ensure that no curriculum utilized or instruction delivered in the school includes inherently divisive concepts, as that term is defined in the bill, regardless of whether such curriculum or instruction is provided by a school board employee or any other individual or entity.” The bill was killed in committee. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 570](#), [2/3/22](#)]

- **Kiggans’ Bill Required Principals To Ensure Their Schools Were Not Teaching “Inherently Divisive Concepts.”** “Youngkin on Friday also threw his weight behind legislation requiring principals to make sure their schools are not teaching ‘inherently divisive concepts.’ The definition of inherently divisive includes teaching that one race is ‘inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or subconsciously,’ and that ‘meritocracy or traits, such as a hard work ethic, are racist or sexist or were created by a particular race to oppress another race.’ The bill was introduced by Del. A.C. Cordoza and Sen. Jen Kiggans, both Republicans from Virginia Beach.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [1/22/22](#)]

Kiggans Said She Was Motivated By Virginia Governor Youngkin’s Success In Focusing On Parental Rights As A Campaign Issue

Kiggans Said She Was Motivated By The “Resonance And Success” Glenn Youngkin’s Focus On “Parental Rights” During His Campaign. “In an interview with The Washington Post, Kiggans said the resonance and success of Youngkin’s focus on ‘parental rights’ in education during his campaign is largely what motivated her to agree to carry the ‘divisive concepts’ bill, which seeks to codify Youngkin’s day-one executive order. And it would certainly continue to be a focus in her congressional campaign as well, she said. ‘I’m a parent to four children who have been through school, and I think we really saw the outcome of the election where parents wanted that voice — parents matter. That was a huge theme of the election, and we won,’ she said.” [Washington Post, [1/31/22](#)]

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Virginia ACLU Said That Kiggans’ Bill’s “Vague And Overbroad” Language Would Restrict Teachers’ Ability To Teach About Slavery, Racism, And LGBTQ Issues. “Breanna Diaz of the ACLU of Virginia charged that the bill targeting transgender athletes ‘strips trans athletes of their identity and dignity,’ and warned that the ‘vague and overbroad’ language in Kiggans’s ‘divisive concepts’ bill would restrict teachers’ ability to teach about slavery, racism and LGBTQ issues if those topics were to be interpreted as “divisive.” [Washington Post, [1/31/22](#)]

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warrior could reassure conservatives. Maybe that's what Kiggans meant in describing herself as a 'normal Republican' in her kickoff video." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, Jeff Schapiro, [2/2/22](#)]

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HEADLINE: "Open Letter from CRM Veterans To Teachers: We've Seen This Before And We Stand With You." [Zinn Education Project, [1/6/23](#)]

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Americans during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s stand now to fight against the new wave of voting-rights suppression and voter nullification laws that are being promulgated across the land. And we who marched for equality and endured jail for Freedom rise now to fight against this new wave of teacher-intimidation and thought-suppression laws being enacted in Republican-controlled states to distort and deny the violent realities of racism and white-supremacy in American life and history.” [Zinn Education Project, [1/6/23](#)]

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(VA-02) Message #7 Backup

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Cotter Smasal Will Protect The VA And Improve Veterans’ Health Care. “I understand the challenges military families face and will be a champion for veterans and military families in Congress. That means always protecting the VA and improving veterans’ healthcare, making life more affordable for military families, and ending veteran homelessness.” [Missy Cotter Smasal for Congress, Issues, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

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Cotter Smasal: “Kiggans Has Even Tried To Force Her Extreme Anti-Choice Agenda Onto Military Servicewomen, By Voting Twice To Restrict Abortion Access For Active Duty Service Members In The NDAA.” VIRGINIAN-PILOT: “Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has said the court should reconsider

several of its past rulings, including one that protected the right to contraception. Would you support legislation in Congress to codify the right to birth control into law?” SMASAL: “As the only pro-choice candidate in this race, not only would I support legislation to protect birth control, but I also support legislation to protect abortion rights nationwide – a key difference between myself and Jen Kiggans. The MAGA extremists in Congress with whom Jen Kiggans has aligned herself want to restrict access to birth control and pass a national abortion ban. Kiggans has even tried to force her extreme anti-choice agenda onto military servicewomen, by voting twice to restrict abortion access for active duty service members in the NDAA. I will unapologetically defend reproductive rights, which include protecting birth control and abortion rights. Kiggans has proven she cannot be trusted on either.” [Virginian-Pilot, [9/17/24](#)]

(VA-02) Message #8 Backup

Virginia is the last southern state that doesn't have an abortion ban in place after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Missy Cotter Smasal will fight MAGA plans to overturn Virginia law and she will protect our freedoms by opposing a national abortion ban. Jen Kiggans has voted multiple times to restrict abortion access, including voting for a bill that would punish doctors for providing reproductive care, and has called a national abortion ban 'common sense'.

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A National Abortion Ban Would Supersede State Laws. “If the federal government comes in and says ‘no abortions after 15 weeks,’ and that is upheld, then there’s no abortions after 15 weeks,’ said Jessica Levinson, a professor at Loyola Law School and Constitutional law expert. ‘It doesn’t matter what state you live in.’” [Politico, California Playbook, [9/14/22](#)]

She Will Protect Our Freedoms By Opposing A National Abortion Ban

Cotter Smasal Opposed A National Abortion Ban. “Cotter Smasal is determined to take her commitment to reproductive freedom to the halls of Congress and ensure that Republican extremists will never be able to pass a national abortion ban.” [Emily’s List, Missy Cotter Smasal, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act To Require Health Care Practitioners To Provide Medical Care To Children “Born Alive” After An Abortion Or Attempted Abortion. In January 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care practitioners to provide the same care to a child that is ‘born alive’ after an abortion or attempted abortion as they would for a child born at the same gestational age and to ensure the child is immediately transported and admitted to a hospital; require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care; and impose criminal fines and penalties for failures to meet these requirements. It would state that a child born alive under these conditions is a legal person under U.S. law, entitled to the protections of U.S. law, and it would specifically make any act that kills or attempts to kill such a child punishable as murder or attempted murder. The bill would also prohibit the prosecution of the mother of a child born alive after an abortion or attempted abortion and permit such mothers to seek relief through civil action against any person who violates the bill’s requirements, including monetary and punitive damages.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-210. [H.R. 26, [Vote #29](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

- **The Bill Would Establish Criminal Penalties For Doctors Who Did Not Follow Existing Federal Law Requiring Medical Care Be Given To Infants In The Very Unlikely Event Of A Failed Abortion.** “Live births during an abortion procedure are exceedingly rare, experts said, and federal law already requires that a baby who survives an attempted abortion receive emergency medical care. The new bill would clarify the standard of care to which doctors are held and lay out penalties for violators. Policy organizations supporting abortion rights said the measure was an effort to discourage women from seeking abortions and doctors from performing them.” [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]
- **The So-Called “Born-Alive” Bill Would Penalize Doctors Who Violated It With A Fine And/Or Up To Five Years In Prison.** “(b) Penalties.— (1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever violates subsection (a) shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.” [Congress.gov, HR 26, Text, introduced [1/9/23](#)]
- **HuffPost: The Bill Could Deprive Parents Of Holding Infants Who May Not Live Much Longer Or Limit Their Options For Medical Interventions.** “This legislation could take away a pregnant person’s power to decide what medical interventions they want to receive during an already-emotional time, possibly forcing physicians to prolong an infant’s life for a short period of time before it dies. In certain cases, this could take away parents’ opportunities to hold their infants.” [HuffPost, [1/11/23](#)]
- **The Majority Of Abortions Performed Later In Pregnancy “Are Due To Medical Necessity, Not Elective, As The Bill Suggested.** “But similar to other anti-choice legislation, the bill is chock-full of misinformation and creates more barriers to care. Reproductive rights advocates and physicians critical of the bill argue that it’s nearly impossible for infants to be born alive during abortions later in pregnancy. Bills like this are also redundant: Murder is already illegal in the U.S. If that’s not enough, the rights of an infant or newborn are already protected by a 2002 law that codified that infants have the same rights as any other human. These bills promote inaccurate ideas about why people get abortions later in pregnancy. The majority of abortions performed later in pregnancy are medically necessary to save the life of the pregnant person or necessary because of a fatal fetal abnormality; they’re not elective.” [HuffPost, [1/11/23](#)]
- **The Born Alive Bill Would Punish Doctors For Providing Care To Patients.** “The offensively named ‘born-alive’ legislation is another cruel and misguided attempt to interfere with evidence-based medical decision making between patients and their physicians...Laws that ban or criminalize evidence-based care and

rely on medically unsupported theories and misinformation are dangerous to families and their clinicians. This bill negatively affects all obstetric and gynecologic care.” [The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [6/26/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill That Could Subject Some Abortion Doctors to Prosecution.”** [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Prohibit Abortions At VA Medical Centers. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill that would, [...] also prohibit the use of the bill’s funds to provide abortions, to implement a September 2022 VA rule that allows abortion counseling and establishes exceptions for the prohibition on abortions in the medical benefits package for veterans and civilian beneficiaries, to provide surgical procedures or hormone therapies for gender-affirming care, and to fly or display a flag over a VA facility or national cemetery that is not the U.S. flag, military-related or another government jurisdiction. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of the bill’s funds to interfere with a veteran’s participation in a legal state medical cannabis program, to enforce COVID-19 mask mandates, and to implement the COVID-19 vaccination program for VA health care personnel.” The Bill was passed by a vote of 219-211. [H.R 4366, [Vote #380](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/27/23](#)]

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Kiggans Claimed That Common Sense Abortion Restrictions Included Protecting Babies From 15 Weeks On. “Kiggans, who is trying to upend Luria in a redrawn 2nd District that no longer includes the Democratic stronghold of Norfolk, has tried to emphasize inflation and other parts of Biden’s legacy that are unpopular with conservatives. Graham’s abortion proposal undercut her position that states, not Congress, should decide restrictions on the procedure. ‘The vast majority of Virginians — and Americans — support common-sense restrictions on abortion such as protecting babies from 15 weeks on,’ Kiggans said in a statement that was first reported by Virginia Scope.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/16/22](#)]

(VA-02) Message #9 Backup

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Cotter Smasal: “We Deserve A Coastal Virginia Where We Can Afford To Live, Drive, And Educate Our Children.” “We deserve a Coastal Virginia where we can afford to live, drive, and educate our children.” [Missy Cotter Smasal for Congress, Issues, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

Cotter Smasal Said That Coastal Virginians Deserved Lower Prescription Drug Prices, Affordable Housing And Child Care. “Instead of constant Washington infighting and favors for donors, Coastal Virginians deserve lower prescription drug prices, affordable housing, and child care.” [Missy Cotter Smasal for Congress, Issues, accessed [9/24/24](#)]