

Jen Kiggans (VA-02) Research Report

Significant Findings

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- ✓ Kiggans said she would not support a budget that included Medicaid cuts, and stressed the need to protect Medicaid and hospitals.
- ✓ Kiggans signed a letter saying she “cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations.”
- ✓ Kiggans ultimately “folded” and voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill, the largest cut to Medicaid in history, which would kick more than 21,000 people in VA-02 off their health insurance.
- ✓ Kiggans cast the deciding vote to pass the One Big Beautiful Bill.

Kiggans Voted To Cut Nearly \$800 Million From Virginia Hospitals’ Annual Revenue, Including More Than \$44 Million A Year From Hospitals In Her District

- ✓ Kiggans’ vote for the One Big Beautiful Bill cut nearly \$800 million in expected annual revenue from Virginia hospitals, including more than \$44 million from hospitals in VA-02.
- ✓ Three health clinics in Western Virginia were closed due to Kiggans backing The One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ Kiggans signed a letter to Republican leadership that stressed the “critical need” to protect Medicaid and hospitals.
- ✓ October 2025: Kiggans visited one of Bon Secours’ medical facilities touting “investments” for rural hospitals after voting to cut their Medicaid revenue, leaving one of Bon Secours’ other facilities in her district “at risk” of closing.
- ✓ Southampton Memorial Hospital in Kiggans’ district was expected to see more than \$1.3 million in revenue cuts following the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill, and the hospital was flagged as being “at risk” of closure.
- ✓ Kiggans’ vote for the One Big Beautiful Bill cut nearly \$3 billion in health care funding for Virginia, but she still touted the Rural Health Transformation Program, which only provided the state about \$189 million.

Kiggans Opposed The Affordable Care Act, Voted Against Expanding ACA Tax Credits, And Had A History Of Opposing Affordable Health Care While In The Virginia State Senate

- ✓ Kiggans voted multiple times to not extend Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credits, leaving more than 30,000 people in VA-02 to face skyrocketing monthly premiums.
- ✓ Kiggans was not among four Republicans who signed a discharge petition to force the vote on ACA tax credit extension.
- ✓ Failure to extend the ACA tax credits would increase health care premiums for certain groups of VA-02 beneficiaries by nearly \$1,000 a month.
- ✓ Kiggans admitted she would not fight her party on extending the ACA tax credits.

- ✓ Kiggans opposed several bills that would expand affordable health care while in the Virginia State Senate.
- ✓ Kiggans' largest donors in 2019 were either closely connected with big pharma companies or acted in their interests.

Kiggans' Vote For The One Big Beautiful Bill Slashed SNAP Benefits For Working Families To Give The Richest 1% Of Americans Hundreds Of Billions Of Dollars In Tax Cuts

- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest SNAP cut in the program's history, threatening to take away food assistance for more than 22,000 households in VA-02.
- ✓ Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy: The One Big Beautiful Bill would give the richest 1% of Americans \$117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill's biggest tax cuts benefited the wealthiest, giving them tax cuts three times greater than for working Americans.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill was expected to make poor Americans even poorer while padding the wallets of the highest earners.

Kiggans Warned The One Big Beautiful Bill's Slashing Clean Energy Tax Credits Would Raise Energy Prices And Threaten Thousands Of Jobs In Her District, Then Cast The Deciding Vote To Pass The Bill Anyway

- ✓ Kiggans wrote a letter "voicing [her] support" for the clean energy tax credits and warned cutting them would raise energy costs.
- ✓ Kiggans represented a district which had "an offshore wind project, [and] that has some solar panel projects."
- ✓ Kiggans said the tax credits had led to an increase in clean energy production and domestic manufacturing in her district.
- ✓ Kiggans warned that cutting clean energy tax credits could lead to higher energy bills for Virginians.
- ✓ Kiggans said clean energy investments would bring \$37 billion to Virginia by 2035.
- ✓ Despite warning that cutting the credits would increase energy prices and threatened billions in clean energy investments in her district and across Virginia, Kiggans voted to cut them anyway.
- ✓ After she was the deciding vote to pass the house reconciliation bill gutting clean energy tax credits, Kiggans led a letter to the Senate asking them to "mitigate" the bill's impacts on clean energy investments.

Kiggans Agreed With A Right-Wing Radio Host's Racist Statement Saying Hakeem Jeffries, The Highest-Ranking Black Democrat In House History, Should Keep His "Cotton-Picking Hands" Out Of Virginia

- ✓ Kiggans said "That's right. Ditto. Yes. Yes to that" in response to a radio host saying Hakeem Jeffries should keep his "cotton picking-hands" out of Virginia.
- ✓ Kiggans did not apologize for agreeing with the radio host's racist remarks about Jeffries and denied any wrongdoing.
 - ✓ Kiggans did not apologize for agreeing with the host's remarks, saying Democrats were using the controversy to distract from their loss in court.

- ✓ Kiggans reacted defensively and attacked Democrats instead of taking accountability for agreeing with the radio host's racist language.
- ✓ Kiggans claimed she was agreeing that Hakeem Jeffries should stay out of Virginia, and not with the host's racist remarks, saying "This is precisely what's wrong with Democrats."
- ✓ Later in the day, a journalist asked Kiggans whether she wished she had confronted the radio host in the moment for using the racist language, and Kiggans stuttered, said yes, but qualified her answer.
- ✓ Mike Johnson and the NRCC defended Kiggans, claiming she misspoke and calling the situation a "nothing-burger."
- ✓ Kiggans declined to comment and quickly walked away when asked by a reporter about her agreement with the radio host's racist comment about Hakeem Jeffries.
- ✓ Jeffries' spokesperson said Kiggans doubled down on her refusal to disavow the racist comments from the radio host, and Elaine Luria called Kiggans' remarks "disgusting and beneath any elected official."
- ✓ The podcast segment where Herrera interviewed Kiggans was removed from the radio show's page on Apple Podcasts.

Kiggans Said She "Couldn't Be A Stauncher Supporter" Of The War In Iran, Even As She Acknowledged It Raised Gas Prices And Sent Thousands Of Virginia-Based Military Personnel Into Hostilities

- ✓ April 2026: Kiggans continued to cheerlead the war in Iran, saying she "couldn't be a stauncher supporter" of the war.
- ✓ Kiggans: "I couldn't be a stauncher supporter of the action that we're taking against Iran."
- ✓ Kiggans: "I look forward to just continuing to support... the actions of the administration."
- ✓ Even as Kiggans continued to cheerlead the war in Iran, she acknowledged it was raising gas prices on Virginians.
- ✓ Kiggans: "I need gas prices to come back down. I too am tired of paying high prices at the pump... I know that the Iran conflict has a little bit to do with it... we need that to come down before the midterms."
- ✓ The Iran War drove up gas prices for Virginians significantly, with some blaming Kiggans' support for the war.
- ✓ May 2026: Average gas prices in Norfolk-Virginia Beach were up significantly, from under \$3 a year prior to close to \$4.50.
- ✓ May 2026: The Iran War drove gas prices up for Virginians, with some unable to fill their tanks all the way due to the price.
- ✓ One community advocate said of Kiggans and her support for the war, "She's literally making the cost of things unaffordable for not only the people we interact with, but for people all across Hampton Roads."
- ✓ Thousands of military personnel from installations in Kiggans' district were deployed to support the war effort.

- ✓ August 2025: Kiggans supported Trump's previous actions in Iran and namechecked the large military installations in her district.

Kiggans Backed Trump's Tariffs, Voting To Protect And Extend Them Eight Times, And Dismissed Virginians' Concerns As They Faced Higher Prices For Groceries, Medicine, Utilities, And A Range Of Consumer Goods

- ✓ Kiggans backed Trump's tariffs and dismissed people's concerns about rising costs as "fear mongering."
 - ✓ Kiggans on tariffs: "I know that there's a lot of, you know, concern, anxiety. I almost want to say fear mongering."
- ✓ 2025-2026: Kiggans voted eight times to protect Trump's tariffs, including casting the deciding vote to prevent the House from exercising any control over reckless tariffs.
- ✓ Tariffs were projected to raise prices for Virginians, including drug costs, energy prices, and consumer goods.
- ✓ Tariffs were a tax on American consumers and resulted in price increases across the country.

Kiggans Refused To Join A Discharge Petition Restoring Federal Workers' Bargaining Rights Revoked By The Trump Administration, Despite Representing Nearly 35,000 Federal Workers

- ✓ Kiggans represented nearly 35,000 federal workers living in Virginia's 2nd Congressional District.
- ✓ Kiggans claimed to fight for Virginia workers, especially federal workers.
 - ✓ March 2025: Kiggans said she had "communicated with the administration advocating for federal workers."
- ✓ March-August 2025: Trump signed two executive orders to strip collective bargaining rights for nearly half a million federal workers across agencies in a move a nurses' union called "union busting, plain and simple."
- ✓ Kiggans voted against a bipartisan bill to nullify Trump's executive order and refused to join a discharge petition that got the bill to the floor.
- ✓ Kiggans sided with union busters over the nearly 35,000 federal workers living in her district.

Kiggans Voted For Nearly \$10 Billion In DOGE Cuts That Wreaked Havoc On Virginia's Economy, And Patronized The Tens Of Thousands Of Federal Workers She Represented, Telling Them To "Take A Breath" And To "Go Out And Get" New Jobs

- ✓ Kiggans supported DOGE and called it "so necessary."
- ✓ February 2025: Kiggans patronized federal workers in her district, telling them "to take a deep breath" regarding DOGE cuts.
- ✓ September 2025: Kiggans told federal workers who were experiencing joblessness due to DOGE cuts that there were jobs, and they just needed "to go out and get them."
- ✓ June 2025: Kiggans voted for \$9.4 billion in DOGE cuts.
- ✓ Workers in Kiggans' district, and across the state of Virginia, were adversely impacted by DOGE cuts.
- ✓ DOGE terminated more than \$8.3 million in projects in Kiggans' district and more than \$301 million in Virginia statewide programs.

- ✓ Virginia’s economy was negatively affected by DOGE cuts leading to rising unemployment rates in the Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News area and statewide.
- ✓ Virginia was one of the states most affected by job losses from Trump’s DOGE cuts including a DOGE-canceled flood zone project in Hampton Roads.
- ✓ Reuters: “DOGE impact” was the leading reason for job cuts in 2025.
- ✓ DOGE cuts to the Department of Veterans Affairs were expected to negatively impact care for veterans – who made up a sizable portion of Kiggans’ district.

Kiggans Compared Abortion To “Infanticide,” Supported Allowing States To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions, And Voted Several Times To Restrict Abortion Access

- ✓ Kiggans made numerous extreme comments about abortion, including comparing it to “infanticide.”
 - ✓ 2021: Kiggans said she opposed abortion “at all stages from conception to natural death.”
 - ✓ 2020: Kiggans said the expansion of abortion access was “harmful” and “not in the best interest of women nor women’s health.”
 - ✓ Kiggans said she had a patient who committed suicide over the guilt of having had an abortion 20 years earlier.
 - ✓ Kiggans compared abortion to “infanticide” on multiple occasions, and even appeared to scrub the “infanticide” language from her state senate campaign website.
- ✓ Kiggans supported allowing states to ban abortion with no exceptions.
 - ✓ 2022: Kiggans said she “applauds the decision to overturn Roe.”
 - ✓ The overturning of Roe V. Wade allowed states to ban abortion, even for survivors of rape and incest, or even to save the life of the woman.
- ✓ Kiggans expressed support for a national 15-week abortion ban.
- ✓ Kiggans voted multiple times to restrict abortion access since being in Congress.
- ✓ Kiggans voted multiple times against abortion access in the Virginia State Senate.
 - ✓ 2020: Kiggans voted for TRAP restrictions on abortion clinics, like ultrasound requirements, and 24-hour waiting periods.
- ✓ Kiggans agreed with Senator Tommy Tuberville’s stance that federal funds should not be used for abortions, despite him purposely holding up more than 300 military promotions in protest.
- ✓ Kiggans supported Mike Johnson, an anti-abortion extremist, in his race to become Speaker of the House.
- ✓ Kiggans endorsed Winsome Earle-Sears for governor of Virginia, an anti-abortion extremist who said abortion was “wicked,” “genocide,” and blamed school shootings on abortion.
- ✓ Kiggans said that she and Marjorie Taylor Greene, an anti-abortion extremist, “want the same things.”
- ✓ Kiggans said she was “honored” to be endorsed by Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, an extreme anti-abortion group whose mission was to end abortion with no exceptions.

Kiggans Voted For Republican Bills That Would Cut Services For Veterans, And Blamed Her Failure To Secure Funding To Fix Military Housing On Her Lack Of Experience In Congress

- ✓ Kiggans voted for the Republican led debt ceiling plan that the VA said would lead to cuts in services and staff.
- ✓ Kiggans was a co-sponsor of restore Veterans Affairs (VA) Accountability Act of 2023 which could “jeopardize the quality of care provided to our nation’s heroes and undermine the rights and job security of dedicated VA workers.”
- ✓ Kiggans complained about the conditions of military housing but voted to cut military construction and said she missed opportunities to get money to fix local military housing.

Kiggans Said Military Issues Were Not Partisan To Her, But Used A Republican-Backed Veterans Center To Recruit Veterans To Help Elect Her, And Voted For Partisan Amendments That Politicized Military Appropriations Bills In 2022-2023

- ✓ Kiggans said “military issues were not partisan to her” and called using veterans, the military, and troops as pawns wrong...
- ✓ ...But in 2022 the RNC set up a veterans center with few veterans’ services to help get Kiggans elected to Congress.
- ✓ Kiggans voted for “a deeply partisan defense bill” that harmed abortion rights, LGBTQ rights, inclusion, and banned books.
- ✓ Kiggans voted for controversial social issue amendments that politicized the military construction-VA appropriations bill, usually considered one of the least controversial pieces of annual spending.

As A State Senator, Kiggans Voted Against A Bill To Fight Predatory Lending, Which Disproportionately Targeted Veterans And Military Families, And Accepted Thousands Of Dollars From A PAC With “Substantial Financial Backing” From Payday Lenders

- ✓ April 2020: As a State Senator, Kiggans voted against the Virginia Fairness In Lending Act, which fought predatory lending.
- ✓ Kiggans said she never took money from payday lenders, but she accepted thousands of dollars from a PAC funded by the payday loan industry during her state senate and congressional races.
- ✓ Predatory lending, including payday lending practices, disproportionately hurt military families.
- ✓ Months prior to voting against the Virginia Fairness In Lending Act, Kiggans accepted a gift from PRA Group, a debt collection lobbying group that was fined millions by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

As A State Senator, Kiggans Voted Against Raising Virginia’s Minimum Wage Gradually To \$15 An Hour, And Voted Against Setting A Fair Minimum Wage For Domestic Workers And Public Project Workers

- ✓ Kiggans voted against raising Virginia’s minimum wage gradually over six years to \$15/hour.
- ✓ Kiggans called for halting laws raising Virginia’s minimum wage and implementing labor protections during the COVID pandemic.
- ✓ Kiggans said voting on issues, including increasing the minimum wage, made her feel like she was legislating in Democratic-run states like California and New York.
- ✓ Kiggans was one of only four Republican state senators to vote against eliminating domestic workers’ exclusion in Virginia’s Minimum Wage Act.

- ✓ Kiggans voted against paying a fair wage to workers on public works contracts and transportation projects.
- ✓ Kiggans said Virginia's increase in minimum wage made it harder for high school students, like her son, to find summer jobs.

Kiggans Said She Supported Law Enforcement, But Voted Against Law Enforcement Pay Raises And Training While In The Virginia Senate And Continued To Vote To Defund Law Enforcement While In Congress

- ✓ Kiggans supported Elon Musk's DOGE program, calling it "very necessary," even as it haphazardly cut \$811 million in federal funds and left local law enforcement scrambling to replace funds they depended on to keep people safe.
 - ✓ A DOGE staffer made \$811 million in haphazard cuts to DOJ funds that helped local police and supported crime victims.
 - ✓ The funds that were cut had supported local violence reduction, juvenile justice and child protection, drug and mental health treatment, and state and local public safety.
 - ✓ DOJ cuts to public safety grants left police and local law enforcement agencies scrambling to replace dollars and threatened layoffs for people who fight crime at the local level.
- ✓ Kiggans said she worked tirelessly to make sure law enforcement was "fully" funded and well trained and would continue to support law enforcement in Congress...
- ✓ ... But in the Virginia Senate, Kiggans repeatedly voted against raises or bonuses for law enforcement officers and voted against a bill that gave law enforcement more training in de-escalation and guidelines for use of deadly force.
- ✓ In Congress, Kiggans voted to defund the FBI and other law enforcement agencies in a Republican-led continuing resolution, and Kiggans voted for an amendment by Matt Gaetz to defund the FBI headquarters.

Kiggans Was A Divisive "Culture Warrior" Who Voted Against Banning Harmful Conversion Therapy For Minors And Pushed Laws To Restrict How Teachers Could Teach

- ✓ In the Virginia State Senate, Kiggans voted against banning conversion therapy for minors.
- ✓ 2022: Kiggans introduced a bill in the Virginia General Assembly banning "inherently divisive concepts" in schools which was criticized by the ACLU for having "vague" language and restricting teachers' ability to teach about LGBTQ issues and Black history.
- ✓ Kiggans said she "believes in equality" and "nondiscrimination" and would make mindful decisions about discrimination including for the LGBTQ community...
- ✓ ... But Kiggans voted for the Parents Bill of Rights Act that contained multiple amendments harmful to LGBTQ+ students that a Republican colleague said could put "vulnerable children at greater risk."
- ✓ Kiggans voted for partisan amendments to the FY2024 NDAA that harmed LGBTQ+ rights.

Kiggans Was A Self-Proclaimed "Big Supporter" Of Trump And Voted With Trump 100% Of The Time

- ✓ 2025-2026: Kiggans voted with Trump 100% of the time, and voted with Republicans more than 94% of the time.
- ✓ 2024: Kiggans endorsed Trump for president.

- ✓ 2022: Kiggans said, the country was in a better place under Trump and “if Trump's in there, i'm happy to support him.”
- ✓ 2019: Kiggans Said she was a “big supporter” of Trump and called him a “genius.”

Kiggans Refused To Say That Trump Lost The 2020 Election, And Even Voted To Waste \$70 Million In Taxpayer Dollars On A “Forensic Audit” Of The Election That Reaffirmed Biden’s Victory

- ✓ 2022: Kiggans would not directly answer when asked if she believed Biden won the 2020 election and repeatedly ran away from reporters when asked.
- ✓ 2021: The New York Times said Kiggans was among the Republicans “trying to deflect the question of Mr. Biden’s legitimacy.”
- ✓ February 2022: Kiggans was one of four Republicans in the Virginia State Senate who voted for a \$70 million “full forensic audit” of the 2020 presidential election led by “wackadoodle” State Sen. Amanda Chase.
- ✓ Kiggans said restoring voter confidence and election integrity was a priority of hers.

Kiggans Claimed She Was Pro-Environment, But Broke Her Promise To Prohibit Offshore Drilling And Repeatedly Voted Against Bills To Protect Virginia’s Environment

- ✓ Kiggans said she opposed offshore drilling, but then voted against an offshore drilling ban in the Virginia State Senate and deleted any mention of her opposition to drilling from her website.
- ✓ Kiggans claimed she was a conservative who was “mindful of our environment” and said she backed sustainable and renewable energy...
- ✓ ... But during her time in the State Senate she voted against removing barriers to homeowners and businesses generating solar power, and voted against the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA).
- ✓ In Congress, Kiggans voted against amendments to prevent offshore drilling off the coast of Virginia.
- ✓ Kiggans said she supported offshore wind energy development...
- ✓ ... But voted to repeal climate-focused tax credits, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects.
- ✓ Kiggans voted for prohibiting funds for use on climate change and promoting clean energy and voted for Republican amendments that harmed the environment.
- ✓ Kiggans voted for a bill to roll back Biden Administration climate efforts, doubled the cost of energy efficiency upgrades, eliminated the methane emissions reduction.

Kiggans Took Nearly \$12,000 In NRA Money, Had An “A” Rating From The NRA, And Voted Against Background Checks And Other Gun Safety Measures In The Virginia Senate

- ✓ Kiggans regularly accepted campaign donations from the NRA and touted an “A” rating from the organization.
- ✓ Kiggans received a “very pro-gun” survey grade from pro-gun PAC Virginia Citizens Defense League, Inc., accepted a \$3,500 campaign contribution from the same group, and voted in line with their values as a state senator.
- ✓ Within weeks of joinin the Virginia State Senate, Kiggans admitted she was abandoning her campaign promise to reach across the aisle in order to vote against gun control legislation.
- ✓ Kiggans said addressing mental health with more health care providers was her preferred solution to gun violence, but voted against funding for anti-violence initiatives and mental health intervention from health professionals in the Virginia State Senate.

Kiggans Plagiarized An Op-Ed That Former Rep. Luria Published On Chinese National Security Threats In A Fundraising Email Attacking Luria

- ✓ Kiggans plagiarized former Rep. Luria’s arguments on national security threats posed by China in a fundraising email that attempted to attack Luria with “almost verbatim” quotes from her op-ed.
- ✓ Kiggans’ effort to misrepresent Luria’s position on China while lifting key phrases from her op-ed placed her in “an entirely different universe of hypocrisy.”
- ✓ Kiggans’ primary opponent, Jarome Bell, said there was nothing original about Kiggans and likened her to a knock-off Elaine Luria for plagiarizing her China talking points.

As Of June 2026, Kiggans Failed To Pass A Single Bill During Her Time In Congress

- ✓ 2024-2026: Kiggans failed to pass a single bill into law during her time in Congress.

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Kiggans Said That She Would Not Support A Budget Bill That Included Cuts To Medicaid. “Rep. Rob Wittman, R-1st, and Rep. Jen Kiggans, R-2nd, say they will not support the budget bill that House Republicans are preparing to carry out President Donald Trump’s political agenda if it cuts health care coverage that vulnerable Virginians receive under Medicaid. Wittman and Kiggans, whom Democrats have targeted in congressional midterm elections next year, joined 10 other Republican representatives in a letter to House GOP leadership this week that declares their opposition to potentially deep cuts in the federal-state program that provides health care to elderly, disabled and poor Virginians.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [4/17/25](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch Headline: “Feeling Heat’: Wittman, Kiggans Oppose Cuts To Medicaid.”
[Richmond Times-Dispatch, [4/17/25](#)]

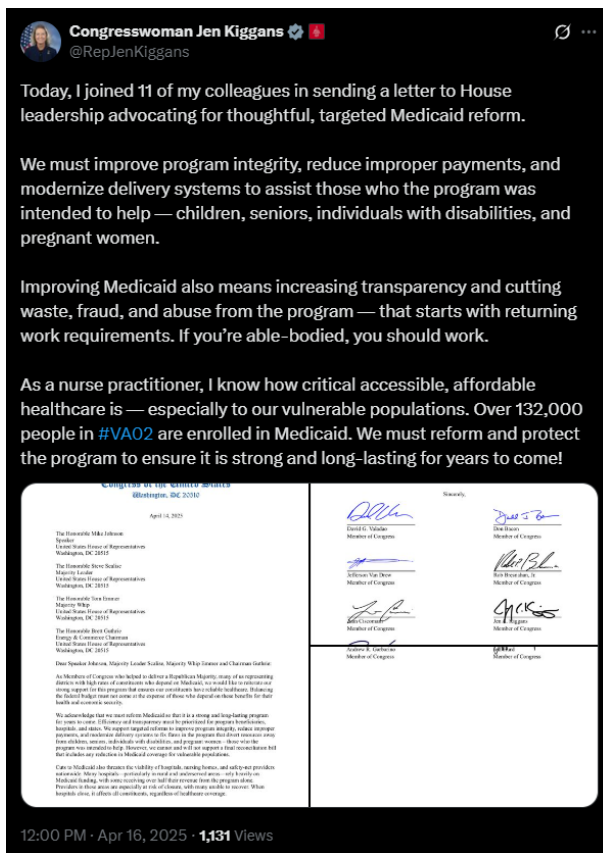
Kiggans Was A Signatory On Two Letters Sent To Republican Leadership That Stressed The “Critical Need” To Protect Medicaid And Hospitals

April 2025: Kiggans Urged House Leadership In A Letter To Preserve Medicaid Saying She “Cannot And Will Not Support A Final Reconciliation Bill That Includes Any Reduction In Medicaid Coverage For Vulnerable Populations.” “Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) and Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02) have joined others in signing a letter to House Republican leadership, urging them to preserve Medicaid. The letter, dated Monday, April 14, argues that the balancing of the federal budget should not come at the cost of those individuals who rely on Medicaid for their health and economic safety. ‘We support targeted reforms to improve program integrity, reduce improper payments, and modernize delivery systems to fix flaws in the program that divert resources away from children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and pregnant women – those who the program was intended to help,’ the letter reads in part. ‘However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations.’ [ABC 8 News, [4/16/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “2 Virginia [Republicans] Join Others Urging US House GOP Leadership Not To Cut**

Medicaid.” [ABC 8 News, [4/16/25](#)]

- **Kiggans Said “As A Nurse Practitioner” She Knew “How Critical Accessible, Affordable Healthcare” Was Especially For “Vulnerable Populations.”** “Today, I joined 11 of my colleagues in sending a letter to House leadership advocating for thoughtful, targeted Medicaid reform. We must improve program integrity, reduce improper payments, and modernize delivery systems to assist those who the program was intended to help — children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and pregnant women. Improving Medicaid also means increasing transparency and cutting waste, fraud, and abuse from the program — that starts with returning work requirements. If you’re able-bodied, you should work. As a nurse practitioner, I know how critical accessible, affordable healthcare is — especially to our vulnerable populations. Over 132,000 people in #VA02 are enrolled in Medicaid. We must reform and protect the program to ensure it is strong and long-lasting for years to come!” [Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, X, [4/16/25](#)]



HEADLINE: “Virginia Lawmakers Have Flagged Medicaid Cuts As A Problem In Trump’s Tax Cut Bill.” [The Virginian-Pilot, [7/3/25](#)]

HEADLINE: “Group Of 16 House Republicans Warn Senate Changes To Medicaid Jeopardizes Their Support For Trump's Bill.” [Spectrum News, [6/24/25](#)]

Virginian-Pilot: Kiggans Voted For The Big Beautiful Bill Despite Having Expressed Reservations About The “Substantial” Cuts To Medicaid. “As Republican leaders in the House worked Wednesday to drum up the votes to pass President Donald Trump’s sweeping domestic policy bill, which comes with substantial cuts to programs like Medicaid, two Virginians could be poised to play a pivotal role. Reps. Rob Wittman, R-Westmoreland, and Jen Kiggans, R-Virginia Beach, voted for the House bill in May, despite expressing reservations over some of the initial provisions. They joined a group of 16 Republican House members who wrote June 24 to party leadership in the House and Senate expressing concerns about the then-pending Senate version. They said cuts to Medicaid went beyond what was included in the House version.” [The Virginian-Pilot, [7/3/25](#)]

- **Virginian-Pilot: Kiggans Was Concerned Over How Much Further The Senate Version Of The Reconciliation Bill Went In Cutting Medicaid But It Was Unclear If She Would Holdout.** “Reps. Jen Kiggans and Rob Wittman are concerned over how much further the Senate version of the reconciliation bill goes in cutting Medicaid. It’s unclear if they could be holdouts.” [The Virginian-Pilot, [7/3/25](#)]

June 2025: Kiggans And Cohort Of House Republicans Signed A Letter To Speaker Mike Johnson And Senate Majority Leader John Thune Where They Stressed The “Critical Need” To Protect Medicaid And Hospitals. “In a letter sent to the GOP leaders of both chambers, Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader John Thune, on Tuesday, the cohort of 16 House Republicans stressed what they called the ‘critical need’ to protect Medicaid and hospitals. They emphasized the importance of ensuring cuts to government spending do not put their most ‘vulnerable constituents’ at risk. [...] The House Republicans who signed on include Reps. David Valadao of California, Juan Ciscomani of Arizona, Chuck Edwards of North Carolina, Andrew Garbarino of New York, Jen Kiggans of Virginia, Rob Bresnahan of Pennsylvania, Young Kim of California, Mike Lawler of New York, Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey, Dan Newhouse of Washington, Robert Wittman of Virginia, Don Bacon of Nebraska, Zach Nunn of Iowa, Nicole Malliotakis of New York, Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Iowa and Jeff [Hurd] of Colorado.” [Spectrum News, [6/24/25](#)]

- **Kiggans And 15 House Republicans Suggested To Senate Majority Leader John Thune And Speaker Mike Johnson Via A Letter They Would Oppose The Senate Reconciliation Bill If It Cut The Medicaid Provider Tax.** “A group of 16 House Republicans — led by more moderate Rep. David Valadao — sent a letter to [Senate Majority Leader John] Thune and Speaker Mike Johnson on Tuesday suggesting they are prepared to vote against the legislation that comes out of the Senate if it includes a cut to the Medicaid provider tax. [...] Included on the letter are some of the most vulnerable Republicans in the House, including Valadao, Rob Bresnahan, Young Kim, Mike Lawler, Juan Ciscomani, Chuck Edwards, Andrew Garbarino, Jen Kiggans, Jeff Van Drew, Dan Newhouse, Rob Wittman, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Don Bacon, Zach Nunn, Nicole Malliotakis and Jeff Hurd.” [NOTUS, [6/24/25](#)]

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Kiggans “Folded” And Voted To Cut Medicaid Despite Her Pledge Not To

Richmond Times-Dispatch Headline: “Wittman, Kiggans Back Trump Bill, Despite Medicaid Cuts.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [7/5/25](#)]

The Virginian-Pilot Headline: “Column: Despite Medicaid Pledges, Wittman And Kiggans Folded.” [The Virginian-Pilot, [6/14/25](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch: Kiggans Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which “Crossed The Line [She] Drew For Protecting Virginia’s Medicaid Program.” “Rep. Rob Wittman, R-1st, and Rep. Jen Kiggans, R-2nd, may have crossed the line they drew for protecting Virginia’s Medicaid program, voting on Thursday to pass the budget package that would make deeper cuts to the health care safety net than the bill that the House of Representatives had approved in late May.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [7/5/25](#)]

Jim Spencer Opinion: Kiggans Voted On May 22 For The Reconciliation Bill That Could Leave 16 Million People Without Health Insurance Over The Next Decade. “On May 22, Wittman and Kiggans voted for a House budget reconciliation bill that the Congressional Budget Office says could leave 16 million people without health insurance over the next decade. Millions of those people will lose coverage because of \$803 billion in cuts to Medicaid, which pays for health care for low-income individuals and households.” [The Virginian-Pilot, Opinion, [6/14/25](#)]

- **Jim Spencer Opinion: Kiggans Said In An April 14th Letter To House Speaker Mike Johnson “We**

Cannot And Will Not Support A Final Reconciliation Bill That Includes Any Reduction In Medicaid Coverage For Vulnerable Populations.” “We cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations.’ That is what U.S. Reps. Rob Wittman and Jen Kiggans, along with 10 other Republican House members, wrote in a letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson on April 14.” [The Virginian-Pilot, Opinion, [6/14/25](#)]

Kiggans Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, And Was The Deciding Vote For Initial Passage

July 2025: Kiggans Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In July 2025, Kiggans voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [HR 1, [Vote #190](#), 7/3/25; CQ, [7/3/25](#)]

- **May 2025: Kiggans Was The Deciding Vote To Pass H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act.** In May 2025, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately \$3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and \$321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by \$4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by \$625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate “such sums as necessary” for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who’ve purchased “silver” plans on the 2010 health care law’s exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #145](#), 5/22/25; CQ, [5/22/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Contained The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In History

The Hill: The Republican Tax And Spending Bill Contained The Largest Cuts To Medicaid Since The Program Began. “Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). It still needs to pass the House again, where some moderate Republicans have expressed concerns about the cuts.” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

- **NPR: Trump Dubbed His Tax And Policy Bill The “One Big Beautiful Bill.”** “President Trump muscled a 900-page package through a closely divided Congress — and that might have been the easy part. The tax and

policy bill, which Trump dubbed the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill,’ encompasses much of his second-term agenda.” [NPR, [7/11/25](#)]

More Than 21,000 People In VA-02 Would Be Kicked Off Their Health Insurance As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill According To Estimates From The Joint Economic Committee

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 21,000 People In Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans’ Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. “According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO)’s most recent analysis, President Trump and Congressional Republicans’ cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in 16 million people losing their health insurance by 2034. Using CBO’s analysis released June 4 and other research, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority calculated new estimates of the number of people who would lose health insurance.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

VA-02: Health Insurance Losses From Cuts To Medicaid And The Affordable Care Act Under The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Est. Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage	Est. Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage	Est. Total Number of People Losing Insurance
6,600	14,741	21,341

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

The Kaiser Family Foundation Estimated The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Increase The Number Of Americans Without Health Insurance By About 17 Million

Kaiser Family Foundation: The Number Of People Without Health Insurance Was Expected To Increase By About 17 Million As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill And Other Policy Changes. “The reconciliation package currently making its way through Congress would make significant cuts to federal funding for Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), an additional 11.8 million people could be uninsured in 2034 if the version introduced by the Senate is passed. (This is a fast-moving piece of legislation and additional changes could be made, though the reconciliation bill is likely to be put up for a vote before another CBO score can be completed). [...] In total, due to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and other policy changes, the number of people without health insurance is expected to increase by about 17 million. If all of this comes to pass, it would represent the biggest roll back of health insurance coverage ever due to federal policy changes.” [KFF, [7/1/25](#)]

Kiggans Voted To Cut Nearly \$800 Million From Virginia Hospitals’ Annual Revenue, Including More Than \$44 Million A Year From Hospitals In Her District

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Three Health Clinics In Western Virginia Were Closed Due To Kiggans Backing The One Big Beautiful Bill

Kiggans Signed A Letter To Republican Leadership That Stressed The “Critical Need” To Protect Medicaid And Hospitals

Kiggans Urged House Leadership In A Letter To Preserve Medicaid Saying She “Cannot And Will Not Support A Final Reconciliation Bill That Includes Any Reduction In Medicaid Coverage For Vulnerable Populations.” “Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) and Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02) have joined others in signing a letter to House Republican leadership, urging them to preserve Medicaid. The letter, dated Monday, April 14, argues that the balancing of the federal budget should not come at the cost of those individuals who rely on Medicaid for their health and economic safety. ‘We support targeted reforms to improve program integrity, reduce improper payments, and modernize delivery systems to fix flaws in the program that divert resources away from children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and pregnant women – those who the program was intended to help,’ the letter reads in part. ‘However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations.’ [ABC 8 News, [4/16/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Contributed To The Closure Of At Least Three Virginia Health Clinics

CNN Headline: “Rural Health Clinics Are Closing After Trump’s ‘One Big Beautiful Bill,’ Raising The Legislation’s Political Risks.” [CNN, [9/22/25](#)]

Virginia Mercury Headline: “Augusta Health Closes Three Clinics, Citing One Big Beautiful Bill Act.” [Virginia Mercury, [9/8/25](#)]

Virginia Independent Headline: “Three Virginia Rural Health Clinics Closing Due To Trump’s Budget Law.” [Virginia Independent, [9/8/25](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch Headline: “Three Va. Health Clinics Close As Trump Tax Law Squeezes System.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/15/25](#)]

Three Health Clinics In Western Virginia Were Closed Due To Big Beautiful Bill. “When President Donald Trump signed the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ into law July 4 in the White House Rose Garden, he sealed the fate of three health care clinics in the rural Shenandoah Valley. Augusta Medical Group already was considering whether to consolidate its primary and urgent care network in rural areas of the valley, but the massive tax-cut package — partly paid for with cuts to Medicaid and its reimbursements to health care providers — ‘made our decision very clear,’ said Mary Mannix, president and CEO of Augusta Health and a member of the physician organization’s board of directors.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [9/15/25](#)]

- **Augusta Medical Group Closed An Urgent Care Clinic And Two Primary Clinics In Virginia Because Of The One Big Beautiful Bill.** “Augusta Medical Group is closing an urgent care clinic and two primary care clinics in response to the massive reconciliation bill Congress passed this summer. The move will force Shenandoah Valley residents to travel further for their primary and emergency health care needs. Dubbed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the federal legislation entails forthcoming changes to Medicaid that’s projected to lead to enrollment drop offs and big tweaks to hospital funding mechanisms. First reported by WHSV3, and according to a press release from Augusta Medical Group, Augusta Medical Group’s decision is part of the ‘ongoing response’ to the OBBA and ‘the resulting realities for healthcare delivery. Affected facilities are Buena Vista Primary Care, Churchville Primary Care and Weyers Cave Urgent Care.” [Virginia Mercury, [9/8/25](#)]
- **CNN: Virginia Health Care Company, Augusta Medical Group, Announced They Were Closing Three Rural Clinics Because Of The One Big Beautiful Bill.** “Exactly two months after President Donald Trump signed his policy megabill in a July 4 celebration at the White House, a Virginia health care company blamed

the law for the closure of three rural clinics serving communities along the Blue Ridge Mountains. The closures, Augusta Medical Group said in its statement, were part of the company's 'ongoing response to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and the resulting realities for healthcare delivery.'" [CNN, [9/22/25](#)]

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- **Augusta Medical Group Press Release: “The Consolidation Is Also Part Of Augusta Health’s Ongoing Response To The One Big Beautiful Bill Act And The Resulting Realities For Healthcare Delivery.”** “Augusta Medical Group has announced the consolidation of three practice locations as part of its ongoing commitment to delivering consistent, high-quality care while adapting to the evolving needs of the community. After thorough consideration, Augusta Medical Group has decided to consolidate Weyers Cave Urgent Care, Buena Vista Primary Care, and Churchville Primary Care. Patients from these locations will be transitioned to nearby practices, ensuring improved access to regular care. [...] The consolidation is also part of Augusta Health’s ongoing response to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and the resulting realities for healthcare delivery. Augusta Health continues to evaluate services and locations to ensure long-term sustainability while providing the best care for patients, providers, team members, and the community.” [Augusta Health, Press Release, [9/4/25](#)]

October 2025: Kiggans Visited One Of Bon Secours’ Medical Facilities Touting “Investments” For Rural Hospitals After Voting To Cut Their Medicaid Revenue, Leaving One Of Bon Secours’ Other Facilities In Her District “At Risk” Of Closing

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Third Way: Hospitals And Revenue Cuts For VA-02			
Hospital Name	Congressional District	Location	Projected Cut to Hospital Revenue
Southampton Memorial Hospital	VA-02 Kiggans	Franklin, VA	\$1,307,598
TOTAL			\$1,307,598

[Third Way, Virginia Hospital Revenue Cuts, [7/8/25](#)]

- Southampton Medical Center Was A Bon Secours Medical Center.** “Southampton Medical Center offers a range of imaging services to provide patients with diagnostic and therapeutic services. Our imaging and radiology services teams work with doctors, nurses and other clinicians to deliver comprehensive care. Our digital imaging technology allows doctors to access test results immediately, so treatment can begin more quickly. All our radiologists are board certified by the American College of Radiology and are licensed in the state of Virginia.” [Bon Secours Southampton Medical Center, Location, accessed [12/10/25](#)]

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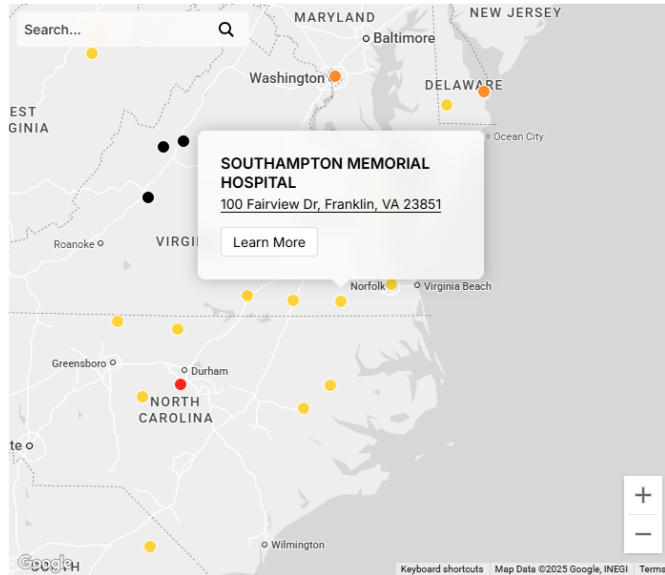
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Facility Status ● At Risk ● Cuts Announced ● Closure Announced ● Ward Closed ● Facility Closed



We identify providers at risk of closure using rigorous academic analyses from institutions such as the Sheps Center at UNC-Chapel Hill and Brown University, media reports, and statements hospitals have made to press. We monitor media daily for reports and announcements of providers at risk, service cuts, ward closures, clinic closures, nursing home closures, and hospital closures. Links to the sources for each pin on the map can be found by clicking on them.

Hospital Crisis Watch tracks the harm Trump and the GOP's Big, Ugly Bill is doing to hospitals and care facilities around the country.

Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans passed the largest health care cuts in history, slashing Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and big corporations. Cash-strapped medical centers, clinics, hospital wards, and long-term care facilities are losing critical sources of support and revenue because of these massive Republican cuts. As hospitals and nursing homes cut services or shut down, people will lose jobs, local and state economies will suffer, and entire communities will be left without access to care.

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Kiggans' Vote For The One Big Beautiful Bill Cut Nearly \$3 Billion In Health Care Funding For Virginia, But She Still Touted The Rural Health Transformation Program, Which Only Provided The State About \$189 Million

Kiggans Applauded The Rural Health Transformation Program For Awarding Virginia More Than \$189 Million

January 2026: Kiggans Said She Was “Grateful” For The More Than \$189 Million Award To Virginia Via The Rural Health Transformation Program Virginia . “I’m grateful to @CMSGov for investing more than \$189 million in Virginia’s Rural Health programs—made possible by the Working Families Tax Cut, which I was proud to support. This funding means we can modernize infrastructure and achieve better outcomes for our constituents. Quality care should always be within reach....!” [Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [1/6/26](#)]



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Rural Health Transformation Program Compared To One Big Beautiful Bill Health Care Cuts		
State	Rural Health Transformation Program FY2026 Award	One Big Beautiful Bill Health Care Cuts Per Year
Virginia	\$189,544,888	\$2,900,000,000

[Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services, Press Release, [12/29/25](#); KFF, [7/23/25](#)]

NOTE: The Medicaid cuts per year were calculated by taking KFF's 10-year decrease in federal spending divided by 10.

Kiggans Opposed The Affordable Care Act, Voted Against Expanding ACA Tax Credits, And Had A History Of Opposing Affordable Health Care While In The Virginia State Senate

Kiggans Voted Multiple Times To Not Extend Affordable Care Act Enhanced Premium Tax Credits, Leaving More Than 30,000 People In VA-02 To Face Skyrocketing Monthly Premiums

January 2026: Kiggans Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill Extending The Affordable Care Act Enhanced Tax Credits Through The End Of 2028

January 8, 2026: Kiggans Voted Against Extending The Affordable Care Act Enhanced Tax Credits Through The End Of 2028. In January 2026, Kiggans voted against: “Passage of the the bill, as amended, that would extend for three years, through the end of calendar year 2028, the enhanced tax credits to subsidize premiums for health insurance purchased on the Affordable Health Care Act health insurance markets. It would

allow taxpayers whose household income exceeds 400 percent of the federal poverty line to receive tax credits for three more years. The measure would retroactively take effect Jan. 1, 2026.” The bill passed by a vote of 230-196. [H.R. 1834, [Vote #11](#), 1/8/26; CQ, [1/8/26](#)]

- **Kiggans Voted Against The Motion To Discharge The ACA Tax Credit Extension Vehicle.** In January 2026, Kiggans voted against: “Jeffries, D-N.Y., motion to discharge from the House Rules Committee the rule (H Res 780) providing for consideration of the anticipated ACA tax credit extension vehicle (HR 1834).” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-205. [H.R. 780, [Vote #4](#), 1/7/26; CQ, [1/7/26](#)]

January 2026: Kiggans Was Not Among Four Republicans Who Signed A Discharge Petition To Force The Vote On ACA Tax Credit Extension

January 2026: Kiggans Was Not Among The Four Republican Representatives Who Signed A Discharge Petition To Force The Vote On The Extension Of ACA Enhanced Subsidies. “The House passed a bill on Thursday to extend the Affordable Care Act enhanced subsidies for three years by a vote of 230-196 with 17 Republicans voting with Democrats and defying GOP leaders. Ahead of the vote, Democrats boasted that several Republicans were expected to defy their leadership team. [...] After Speaker Mike Johnson resisted pressure to allow a vote on the subsidies late last year, a quartet of House Republicans -- Fitzpatrick, Lawler, Bresnahan and Mackenzie -- banded together before the holiday break and signed on to a Democratic discharge petition to force a vote on an ACA extension, much to the chagrin of GOP leaders.” [ABC, [1/8/26](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend Affordable Care Act (ACA) Advanced Premium Tax Credits, Which Covered “The Vast Majority” Of The 30,361 People In VA-02 On Marketplace Plans

North Carolina Health News: “Republicans In Congress Chose Not To Extend Tax Credits That Have Lowered Monthly Health Insurance Payments For The Vast Majority Of People Buying Coverage From The Affordable Care Act Marketplace.” “North Carolinians who rely on the Affordable Care Act marketplace to buy their health insurance might want to start socking away extra savings for steep rate hikes expected in the coming year. In the nearly month and a half since President Donald Trump signed the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act,’ some of its impacts on monthly household expenses are becoming clearer. When writing the bill, Republicans in Congress chose not to extend tax credits that have lowered monthly health insurance payments for the vast majority of people buying coverage from the Affordable Care Act Marketplace since 2021.” [North Carolina Health News, [8/15/25](#)]

KFF: More Than 30,000 People In VA-02 Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, [2/3/25](#)]

VA-02: Share Of Population Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans	
Marketplace Enrollees	Share of Pop. Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans
30,361	4%

[Kaiser Family Foundation, [2/3/25](#)]

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NOTE: According to KFF, Virginia did not make public how many of the 30,000 VA-02 residents on ACA Marketplace Plans benefited from Advanced Premium Tax Credits, though NC Health News reported that the “vast majority” of people on marketplace plans paid lower premiums using the tax credits.

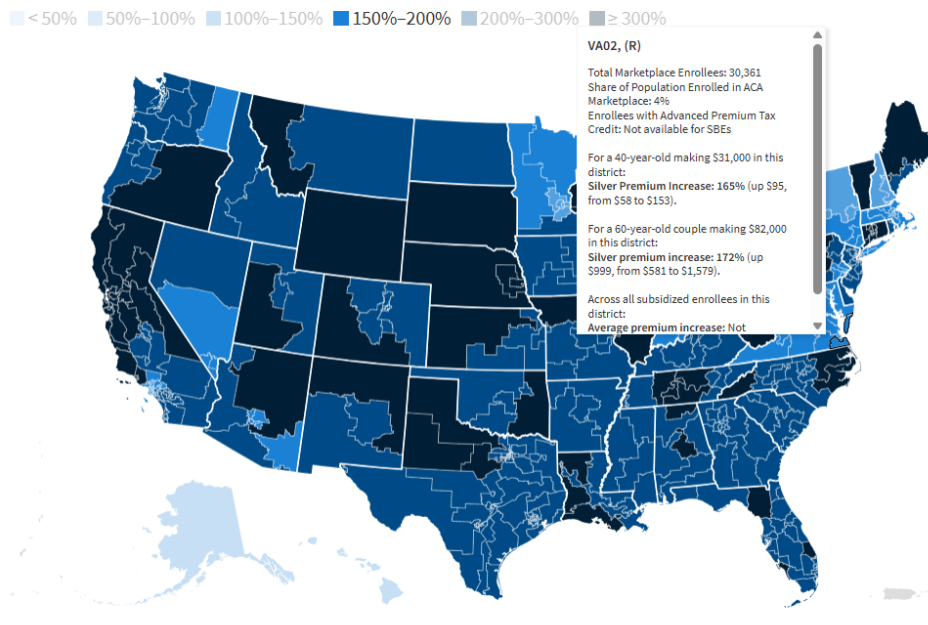
Failure To Extend Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits Would Increase Health Care Premiums For Certain Groups Of VA-02 Beneficiaries By Nearly \$1,000 A Month

KFF: Without Affordable Care Act Advanced Premium Tax Credits, A 60-Year Old Couple Making \$82,000 In VA-02 Would See Their Premiums Rise By 172% A Month, Or \$999. [KFF, [10/9/25](#)]

Premium Payments for Subsidized Enrollees Will Increase Nationwide if Enhanced ACA Subsidies Expire

Percent Increase in Average Monthly Premium Payments for Benchmark Silver Plan Without Enhanced Subsidies, 60-Year Old Couple Making \$82,000, 2025

Average **60-Year Old Couple, \$82,000** 40-Year-Old, \$31,000



[KFF, [10/9/25](#)]

Kiggans Sought Credit For Leading Legislation That Would “Punt” An Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credits Extension Until After The 2026 Midterms

POLITICO: “House Republicans Launch Bill To Extend Health Subsidies Past Midterms.” [POLITICO, [9/4/25](#)]

In September 2025, Kiggans Sponsored Legislation That Would Extend Enhanced Tax Credits For Affordable Care Act Coverage. “Ten House Republicans are leading new legislation that would extend enhanced tax credits for coverage under the Democrats’ 2010 health law. While it’s unlikely to be enacted as a standalone proposition, it could offer the GOP a path forward on the issue, and sends an important signal that the party is increasingly seeing real political risk in letting these subsidies expire at the end of the year. ‘In Congress, I have made it my priority to protect Virginians — particularly seniors, small business owners, and middle-class families — from the burden of rising costs,’ said Republican Rep. Jen Kiggans, the bill’s lead sponsor, in a statement. ‘Although it is time to end all COVID-related incentives, we must be mindful of the impact this will have on families covered by the Affordable Care Act.’ [POLITICO, [9/4/25](#)]

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- **Politico: The Legislation Would “Punt” The Issue Of The Subsidies For One Year Past The 2026 Midterms.** “Ten House Republicans are leading new legislation that would extend enhanced tax credits for coverage under the Democrats’ 2010 health law. While it’s unlikely to be enacted as a standalone proposition, it could offer the GOP a path forward on the issue, and sends an important signal that the party is increasingly seeing real political risk in letting these subsidies expire at the end of the year. [...] The legislation would extend the subsidies for one year, punting the issue past the 2026 midterms. The current roster of Republican co-sponsors is composed of some of the most vulnerable incumbents of this election cycle: Along with Kiggans, they are Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick and Rob Bresnahan of Pennsylvania, Young Kim and David Valadao of California, Jeff Hurd of Colorado, Carlos Gimenez of Florida, Tom Kean of New Jersey, Juan Ciscomani of Arizona and Mike Lawler of New York.” [POLITICO, [9/4/25](#)]
- **Kiggans: “Congress Needs To Develop A Responsible, Sustainable Plan Before These COVID Credits Expire.”** “In Congress, I have made it my priority to protect Virginians — particularly seniors, small business owners, and middle-class families — from the burden of rising costs,’ said Republican Rep. Jen Kiggans, the bill’s lead sponsor, in a statement. ‘Although it is time to end all COVID-related incentives, we must be mindful of the impact this will have on families covered by the Affordable Care Act.’ ‘Congress needs to develop a responsible, sustainable plan before these COVID credits expire,’ she continued. ‘Raising costs for families with little notice, and potentially stripping them of access to care, is simply unacceptable.’ [POLITICO, [9/4/25](#)]

Kiggans Acknowledged “More Than 33,000” Of Her Constituents And A Record 24.2 Million Americans Took Advantage Of The Tax Credits “To Make Their Monthly Health Insurance Premiums More Affordable”

Kiggans: “More Than 33,000 Constituents In Virginia’s Second District Relied On This Tax Credit To Make Their Monthly Health Insurance Premiums More Affordable.” “Under current law, the enhanced Premium Tax Credit—established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), expanded during COVID under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and later extended through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)—is set to expire at the end of this year. The COVID pandemic is over and these tax credits should end, but there must be a reasonable approach so hardworking families can continue to afford healthcare. ‘In 2024 alone, more than 33,000 constituents in Virginia’s Second District relied on this tax credit to make their monthly health insurance premiums more affordable. If Congress fails to act, those same Virginians will soon face shocking cost increases that could put essential health care coverage out of reach,’ Rep. Kiggans continued.” [Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, Press Release, [9/4/25](#)]

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Kiggans Admitted She Would Not Fight Her Party On Extending The ACA Tax Credits

The New York Times Headline: "How An Obamacare Deadline Is Colliding With Shutdown Negotiations."
[The New York Times, [9/11/25](#)]

Kiggans Said That She Was Not Interested In Shutting Down The Government If GOP Leaders Did Not Agree To Extend The Expiring Enhanced ACA Premium Tax Credits. "Rep. Jen Kiggans told Benjamin Thursday that she's not interested in shutting down the government if GOP leaders don't agree to extend expiring enhanced tax credits for Affordable Care Act insurance premiums. [...] [Kiggans] is the lead sponsor of bipartisan legislation that would extend the subsidies for one year, putting her at odds with a large faction of fiscal hawks who strongly oppose the policy. Johnson has been noncommittal on an extension, even as Kiggans and others warn there would be major political risk in not taking action." [POLITICO, Inside Congress, [9/12/25](#)]

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Kiggans Said “We Don’t Need These” When Talking About The ACA Premium Tax Credits

Kiggans Said “We Don’t Need These Same Incentives That We’ve Given People” In Response To Extending The ACA Premium Tax Credits. “Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-Va.) is leading the bill along with GOP Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.), Rob Bresnahan (Pa.), Carlos Gimenez (Fla.), David Valadao (Calif.), Young Kim (Calif.), Jeff Hurd (Colo.), Tom Kean (N.J.) and Juan Ciscomani (Ariz.). Democratic Reps. Tom Suozzi (N.Y.) and Jared Golden (Maine) have signed on, too. Kiggans told us she supports an effort to ‘reasonably phase out’ the boosted subsidies but Congress is ‘out of time’ and needs a one-year patch to avert premium hikes. She spoke with Johnson about it on Wednesday during a Republican Governance Group lunch. ‘Covid is over, we don’t need these same incentives that we’ve given people,’ Kiggans told us. ‘But we can’t do it tomorrow. It can’t be just cold turkey.’ [Punchbowl News, [9/4/25](#)]

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Kiggans Opposed Several Bills That Would Expand Affordable Health Care While In The Virginia State Senate

2020: Kiggans Voted Against Bills Strengthening Health Care Protections For Virginians

Kiggans Voted Against Requiring Catastrophic And Association Health Plans To Cover Preventive Care As An Essential Health Benefit. In March 2020, Kiggans voted against S.B. 95, which ‘Requires a health carrier offering or providing a health benefit plan, including (i) catastrophic health insurance policies and policies that pay on a cost-incurred basis; (ii) association health plans; and (iii) plans provided by a multiple-employer welfare arrangement, to provide, as an essential health benefit, coverage that includes preventive care. The bill defines essential health benefits as those general categories and those items and services within such categories that are covered in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in effect as of January 1, 2019.’ The bill passed, 20-20. [Virginia State Assembly, [SB 95](#), [3/2/20](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Limiting The Use Of Short-Term Junk Insurance Plans For Long-Term Health Care Coverage. In March 2020, Kiggans voted against S.B. 404, which ‘Prohibits carriers from issuing in the Commonwealth, on or after July 1, 2021, any short-term limited-duration medical plan with a duration that exceeds three months or that can be renewed or extended beyond six months, or if the plan’s issuance would result in a covered person being covered by a short-term limited-duration medical plan for more than six months in any 12-month period. The bill prohibits a carrier from issuing a short-term limited-duration medical plan during an annual open enrollment period.’ The bill passed, 21-19. [Virginia State Assembly, [SB 404](#), [3/7/20](#)]

2020: Kiggans Voted Against Creating The Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Which Enrolled Uninsured And Underinsured Residents, And Gave The State More Control Over The Virginia Health Benefit Exchange

Kiggans Voted Against Creating Virginia Health Benefit Exchange. In February of 2020, Kiggans voted against S.B. 732, which ‘creates the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange, which will be established and operated by a new division within the State Corporation Commission (SCC). The Exchange shall facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health plans and qualified dental plans to qualified individuals and qualified employers. The Exchange shall make qualified plans available to qualified individuals and qualified employers by July 1, 2023, unless the SCC postpones this date. The measure authorizes the SCC to review and approve accident and sickness insurance premium rates applicable to health benefit plans in the individual and small group markets and health benefit plans providing health insurance coverage in the individual market through certain non-employer group plans. The Exchange will be funded by an assessment on health insurers, which is limited to three percent of total monthly premiums, except the SCC may, after a public hearing, adjust the rate as necessary to ensure the Exchange is fully funded. A health plan will not be required to cover any state-mandated health benefit if federal law does not require it to be covered as part of the essential benefits package. The essential health benefits are items and services included in the benchmark health insurance plan, which is the largest plan in the largest product in the Commonwealth's small group market as supplemented in order to provide coverage for the items and services within the statutory essential health benefits categories.’ The bill passed state Senate 23-17 and became law April 9th, 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 732](#), [2/26/20](#)]

- **Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Focused On Enrolling Uninsured And Underinsured Residents.** ‘Both the House and Senate bills would establish a state-run health insurance marketplace through a new division within the Virginia State Corporation Commission. The state exchange, like the federal version, would focus mostly on enrolling uninsured or underinsured residents who aren’t covered by an employer-provided health plan.’ [Virginia Mercury, [2/17/20](#)]
- **Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Allowed State To Collect Fees Usually Handed Off To Federal Government.** ‘Proponents of a state exchange say it would allow Virginia to collect fees that currently go to the federal government. Under the current structure, insurance companies in Virginia pay the federal government a 3% fee in exchange for running the health care marketplace. Those fees are passed on to Virginia consumers with few benefits for the state, said Del. Mark Sickles, D-Fairfax, who sponsored the bill in the House.’ [Virginia Mercury, [2/17/20](#)]
- **Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Offered More Control Over Health Care Marketplace And Boosted Enrollment.** ‘Proponents of the legislation hope a state exchange will offer more control over the marketplace and better tools to boost enrollment. States with independent markets can extend the annual enrollment period, fund outreach efforts and collect more information on consumers. Both the House and Senate bills would establish an opt-in box on state tax forms, allowing residents to indicate whether they were uninsured at the time of filing and share their tax information to determine eligibility for medical assistance.’ [Virginia Mercury, [2/17/20](#)]

Kiggans’ Largest Donors In 2019 Were Either Closely Connected With Big Pharma Companies Or Acted In Their Interests

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2019. [Virginia Public Access Project, Jen Kiggans – Top Donors, Republican State Leadership Committee, accessed [4/9/21](#)]

- **The Republican State Leadership Committee Was The Largest Donor To Kiggans’ State Campaign.** [Virginia Public Access Project, accessed [4/9/21](#)]

2018: The Republican State Leadership Committee Received Over \$800,000 From PhRMA

During The 2018 Election Cycle, The Republican State Leadership Committee Received Over \$800,000 From Pharmaceutical Researchers And Manufacturers Of America (PhRMA). According to Open Secrets, the Republican State Leadership Committee received \$827,819 from the Pharmaceutical Researchers And Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) during the 2018 election cycle. [Open Secrets, Republican State Leadership Committee Donors, accessed [4/9/21](#)]

December 2019: Kiggans Accepted \$750 In Campaign Contributions From Pfizer

December 2019: Kiggans’ Campaign Received \$750 From Pfizer A Month After Winning Her Senate Election.

Pfizer, Inc. 949 Shady Grove Road Memphis, TN 38120;	Pharmaceuticals Memphis, Tennessee	12/17/2019	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
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Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America 950 F Street NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20004;	Pharmaceuticals Washington, DC	01/08/2021	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
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Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America 950 F Street NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20004;	Pharmaceuticals Washington, DC	08/13/2021	\$ 500.00	\$ 1000.00
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Kiggans Touted Her Health Care Background In Her Run For State Senate In 2019 And Again In 2022 In Her Run For Congress

2022: Kiggans Highlighted Her Background As A Health Care Provider In Her Candidate Bio. “Jen Kiggans is a state senator, geriatric nurse practitioner, U.S. Navy veteran, mother, Navy wife, and Republican candidate for Congress in Virginia’s 2nd District. Before beginning her service in the Navy in 1995, Kiggans earned a degree in international relations from Boston University and taught English in public high schools in Matsuyama, Japan. Kiggans then served for 10 years in the Navy, completing two deployments to the Persian Gulf as an H-46 and H-3 helicopter pilot. Using her GI bill, Kiggans returned to school after the Navy to become a board-certified Adult-Geriatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. She is a graduate of Old Dominion University’s Nursing School and Vanderbilt University’s Nurse Practitioner program. Kiggans currently serves as a primary care provider for a small private practice in Virginia Beach and has worked in several long-term care and nursing facilities in Virginia Beach and Norfolk. In addition to geriatrics, Kiggans is a passionate advocate for accessibility and affordability of mental health care and mental health screening. She is a voice for our aging population and their families and has the expertise to make an impactful difference in standards of care.” [WAVY, Jen Kiggans Candidate Profile, [9/23/22](#)]

2019: Kiggans Highlighted Her Background As A Health Care Provider In Her Candidate Bio. “Jen Kiggans is running for Virginia’s 7th Senate District to fight for a smaller and more efficient government, affordable healthcare for all Virginians, revitalization of the job market, and respect for the sanctity of human life. In short, Jen is a mom with a cause who believes Virginians deserve better than what they have been getting from their elected officials. As a veteran, a healthcare provider, a mother and a wife, Jen understands the value of service [...] Jen graduated from Old Dominion University’s Nursing School and Vanderbilt University’s nurse practitioner program. Today, she is a board-certified adult-geriatric primary care nurse practitioner. Jen currently practices at Eastern Virginia Medical School and is also a primary care provider for a small private practice. As a healthcare provider, Jen is committed to keeping healthcare costs down and increasing public access to mental health resources.” [WAVY, Jen Kiggans Candidate Profile, [9/30/19](#)]

2019: Kiggans: ‘I Am Tired Of Watching Non-Healthcare People Try To Fix Our Broken Healthcare System. “I am in this race because I am frustrated with the status quo and how we have been doing politics in Richmond. I am tired of watching non-healthcare people try to fix our broken healthcare system and know that we need providers who understand patient populations and their challenges to improve healthcare for all Virginians.” [WAVY, Jen Kiggans Candidate Profile, [9/30/19](#)]

2019: Kiggans: “The Biggest Issue Facing My District Is A Broken Healthcare System.” “The biggest issue facing my district is a broken healthcare system. People are paying too much for monthly insurance bills, too much for prescription medications, and face healthcare costs that are astronomical. There is much room for improvement from cost transparency, better access to telehealth, and maximum utilization of non-physician providers for primary care.” [WAVY, Jen Kiggans Candidate Profile, [9/30/19](#)]

Kiggans’ Vote For The One Big Beautiful Bill Slashed SNAP Benefits For Working Families To Give The Richest 1% Of Americans Hundreds Of Billions Of Dollars In Tax Cuts

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cut In The Program’s History, Threatening To Take Away Food Assistance For More Than 22,000 Households In VA-02

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Made The Largest SNAP Cut In History, Threatening Benefits For More Than 22,000 Households In VA-02

Center For American Progress: “The Senate Has Released Its Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Which Would Enact The Largest Cut To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In The Program’s History According To Center For American Progress Estimates.” “The Senate has released its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which would enact the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program’s history according to Center for American Progress estimates. Despite the proposal cutting less than the House-passed version’s nearly \$300 billion in cuts, it is even more extreme than the House version in some key aspects. Moreover, this legislation comes at a time when food insecurity is rising across all 50 states, reaching levels not seen since 2014.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

- **CBPP Headline: “House Reconciliation Bill Proposes Deepest SNAP Cut In History, Would Take Food Assistance Away From Millions of Low-Income Families.”** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/28/25](#)]
- **The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Cut SNAP By Around \$186 Billion.** President Trump's massive tax and spending bill, which is advancing through the House after surviving its Republican push through the Senate, would slash food benefits for thousands. The big picture: It would mark a historic cut to the social safety net that Republicans claim weeds out waste, fraud and abuse — but experts say the restructuring of assistance programs could leave more people hungry and uninsured. [...] By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034. [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 22,132 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In VA-02. [USDA, accessed [5/6/26](#)]

Who Receives SNAP?

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of low-income families so they can purchase healthy food.

In VA District 2, SNAP serves...

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Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The House-Passed Reconciliation Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026. “The House of Representatives today narrowly passed

a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump's desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill's tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. [...] The richest 1 percent of Americans would receive a total of \$117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026. The middle 20 percent of taxpayers on the income scale, a group that has 20 times the number of taxpayers as the richest 1 percent, would receive less than half that much, \$53 billion in net tax cuts that year." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill's Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest, Giving Them Tax Cuts Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans

The One Big Beautiful Bill's Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest. "The One Big Beautiful Bill includes the largest tax cuts in U.S. history. Whether it's actually 'beautiful' is in the eye of the beholder. At every income level taxes should subside. That's a big selling point from President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans who pushed the law through Congress with no Democratic support. It will benefit everyone. But the biggest cuts go to the wealthiest taxpayers – the ones who pay the lion's share of taxes. For most families the savings will be miniscule in comparison, in raw dollars and as a share of income. And millions will lose subsidized health insurance and other benefits. Critics see a plan that widens income inequality and, worse, offsets tax cuts for the wealthy with draconian spending cuts that hit lower-income households." [Cronkite News, [7/16/25](#)]

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Extended The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Which Skewed In Favor Of The Wealthy By Providing Them Tax Cuts That Were Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans. "The tax provisions of the House Republican reconciliation bill double down on the failures of the 2017 tax law, which was skewed in favor of the richest people in the country, further eroded the nation's revenue base, and didn't produce the promised economic gains for working people.[1] Instead of changing course and prioritizing people with low and moderate incomes as House Republicans' rhetoric about supporting hard-pressed working families would suggest, the House Republican tax bill only offers more of the same. The bill is heavily skewed to the wealthy: Under the bill, the top 1 percent of people would receive tax cuts three times the size of those for people with incomes in the bottom 60 percent, measured as a share of after-tax income. (See Figure 1.) The top 0.6 percent of people — the 1.2 million people with annual incomes above \$1 million — would receive more total tax cuts than the 127 million people with incomes below \$100,000. [...] The bill extends and expands the 2017 tax law's increase in the estate tax exemption, boosting the cut in estate taxes for the 1 in 1,000 wealthiest estates to \$6.3 million.[3] Next year a couple could pass on an estate worth up to \$30 million tax free, \$1.7 million more than under a simple extension of the 2017 law." [CBPP, [5/22/25](#)]

CBS: "Researchers Have Said The Republican Bill Is Likely To Benefit Wealthy Americans At The Expense Of People Lower Down The Ladder." "Like Penn Wharton, other researchers have said the Republican bill is likely to benefit wealthy Americans at the expense of people lower down the ladder. The measure would likely reduce the financial resources available to the lowest-earning 10% of U.S. households by \$1,600 per year, or almost 4% of their annual income, according to a report published earlier this month by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. White House officials have previously questioned the CBO's scoring of the bill. But the highest-earning 10% of households would see a gain of \$12,000 per year in resources, while middle-income households would see a gain of \$500 to \$1,000, the CBO projected. Its analysis is based on the bill's tax breaks, as well as reductions for federal programs and reductions in state funds for safety net programs such as Medicaid and food stamps. In considering the impact of higher U.S. debt on future generations, the cost would come in the form of lower wages and higher costs, such as more expensive mortgages, Smetters said." [CBS News, [6/26/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Expected To Make Poor Americans Even Poorer While Padding The Wallets Of The Highest Earners

The Hill: "The Republicans' 'Big, Beautiful Bill' Will Make The Poorest Americans Even Poorer, While Padding The Wallets Of The Highest Earners The Most, According To An Analysis Released Monday By Congress's Budget Arm." "The Republicans' 'big, beautiful bill' will make the poorest Americans even poorer, while padding the wallets of the highest earners the most, according to an analysis released Monday by Congress's

budget arm. The assessment, conducted by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) at the request of top Democrats, found that the top 10 percent of earners in the country will see an average boost of \$13,600 per year over the next decade as a direct result of provisions in the law, while the bottom 10 percent will see an average annual decrease of \$1,200. The report challenges the arguments made by President Trump and other Republicans that the massive domestic policy package would benefit workers at all levels of wealth and income. And it's given fuel to the attacks from Democrats that the legislation was, all along, designed to help the wealthiest people at the expense of the working poor." [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

- **The Hill Headline: "Budget Office Says GOP's 'Big, Beautiful Bill' Will Make Rich Richer, Poor Poorer."** [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

Kiggans Warned The One Big Beautiful Bill's Slashing Clean Energy Tax Credits Would Raise Energy Prices And Threaten Thousands Of Jobs In Her District, Then Cast The Deciding Vote To Pass The Bill Anyway

Kiggans Wrote A Letter "Voicing [Her] Support" For The Clean Energy Tax Credits And Warned Cutting Them Would Raise Energy Costs

Politico Headline: "Moment Of Truth Nears On Green Credits, Climate Cuts." [E&E News by POLITICO, [5/9/25](#)]

Reuters Headline: "Republican US Lawmakers Voice Support For IRA Energy Tax Credits." [Reuters, [5/8/25](#)]

May 2025: Kiggans Led A Letter To The House Ways And Means Committee From Republican Lawmakers "Voicing Their Support" For The Clean Energy Tax Credits Boosted By The Inflation Reduction Act. "Republican U.S. lawmakers sent a letter to the head of the House Ways and Means Committee on Thursday voicing their support for tax credits boosted in former President Joe Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, legislation for which no Republicans voted. [...] The letter, signed by Representatives Mariannette Miller-Meeke of Iowa, Jen Kiggans, of Virginia, and Jeff Hurd of Colorado among others, emphasized that the credits help projects as the United States faces power demand levels not seen in 40 years." [Reuters, [5/8/25](#)]

- **The Republican Letter Cited The Importance Of Investment In Big Clean Energy Projects.** "The letter from a dozen Republican U.S. Representatives shows the importance of the incentives, known as investment tax credits, or ITC, and production tax credits, or PTC, for Republican states with big clean electricity projects, such as wind, solar and nuclear power, and battery storage." [Reuters, [5/8/25](#)]

Kiggans Represented A District Which Had "An Offshore Wind Project, [And] That Has Some Solar Panel Projects"

Kiggans Represented A District Which Had Solar Panel Projects And "An Offshore Wind Project" In The Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project. "Rep. Jen Kiggans, whose seat is a top target for Democrats, has long championed the 176-turbine Dominion Energy-operated offshore wind project, dubbed Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind. It is more than halfway complete and on track to power 660,000 homes. The company says it stands to reap hundreds of millions of dollars in tax credits in the coming years. 'I'm protective of what I have going on here,' Kiggans said at an April event that brought together a host of officials and energy industry executives. 'I am who I am as the representative of a district who has an offshore wind project, that has some solar panel projects that is in a Commonwealth where we believe in 'all of the above.'" [E&E News by POLITICO, [5/20/25](#)]

- **Dominion Energy's \$9.8 Billion Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project Right Off Virginia Beach Was Expected To Power Over 666,000 Homes.** "Dominion Energy's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project is under construction 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. The \$9.8 billion project will generate energy to

power up to 660,000 homes, according to Dominion, and is expected to be completed at the end of 2026.” [The Virginian-Pilot, [4/24/25](#)]

- **Dominion Energy’s Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project Generated 2,000 Jobs For The Local Economy.** “Dominion Energy resumed turbine installation at sunrise on Thursday last week, after the end of a federally mandated seasonal hiatus to protect migrating whales. The renewed construction marked the start of the second installation phase for a project that company executives said is 55% complete. Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW), a 2.6-gigawatt project, has already installed 78 foundations for its 176 turbines and is generating 2,000 direct and indirect jobs for the local economy. Dominion has so far spent \$6 billion on the monumental effort, which is 12 years in the making. The state-regulated utility in 2013 purchased the lease for the site about 30 miles offshore of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and overcame anti-wind opponents that sought to thwart the project.” [Canary Media, [5/5/25](#)]

Kiggans Said The Tax Credits Had Led To An Increase In Clean Energy Production And Domestic Manufacturing In Her District

Rep. Jen Kiggans Op-Ed: “The Energy Tax Credits Included In The Bill Have Led To A Significant Increase In Domestic Manufacturing And Energy Production Across The Country, Including In My District.” “Last week, the House Ways and Means Committee marked up its portion of the larger House reconciliation bill, which includes significant changes to the existing clean energy tax credit regime established in the Inflation Reduction Act. While the act contained several harmful provisions that led to House Republicans wholly opposing its passage, the energy tax credits included in the bill have led to a significant increase in domestic manufacturing and energy production across the country, including in my district.” [Washington Examiner, Rep. Jen Kiggans Op-Ed, [5/19/25](#)]

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Kiggans: Clean Energy Tax Credits Would Help Add \$37 Billion To Virginia’s Economy By 2035. “Republican Congresswoman Jen Kiggans defended local investments that have grown around the massive Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind, or CVOW, project off the coast of her Virginia Beach district. ‘The combination of federal programs, clean energy tax credits, and clean energy investment will add \$37 billion to the Commonwealth’s economy by 2035,’ Kiggans told Congress.” [Radio IQ, [2/6/25](#)]

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Bloomberg: “Kiggans Cast Herself As The Leading Republican Champion Of Renewables. Yet In The End, She Cast The Deciding Vote In Favor Of The Bill Despite Its Blow To Wind And Solar.” “In the weeks before the House of Representative’s vote to gut clean energy tax credits in President Donald Trump’s sweeping tax and spending bill, Virginia Congresswoman Jen Kiggans cast herself as the leading Republican champion of renewables. Yet in the end, she cast the deciding vote in favor of the bill despite its blow to wind and solar. Now the swift elimination of those subsidies, a rollback that also remains in the Senate version of the legislation, put Kiggans at odds with many in her district — already among the most competitive in the nation — as Democrats seize any opening to take Republicans’ House narrow majority next year. [...] ‘This provides ammo for Democrats, and obviously Kiggans is one of their top targets this cycle,’ said Erin Covey, House Editor at Cook Political Report. “She has to walk this fine line between both appeasing the more middle of her district and also appeasing Trump.” [Bloomberg, [6/18/25](#)]

Bloomberg Headline: “Republican Who Flip-Flopped On Energy Credits Risks Voters’ Ire.” [Bloomberg, [6/18/25](#)]

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Associated Press Headline: “Tax Bill Passed By House Republicans Would Gut Biden-Era Clean Energy Tax Credits.” [Associated Press, [5/22/25](#)]

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- **Associated Press: The Republicans' Reconciliation Bill Would Gut Clean Energy Tax Credits In Favor Of More Traditional Energy Production Methods Such As Mining And Drilling.** "The multitrillion-dollar tax breaks package passed by House Republicans early Thursday would gut clean energy tax credits that Democrats approved three years ago while supporting increased mining, drilling and other traditional energy production." [Associated Press, [5/22/25](#)]
- **The Bill Effectively Rendered Moot Much Of The IRA's Incentives Which Were Considered Monumental For The Clean Energy Transition.** "The bill, which now heads to the Senate, repeals or phases out more quickly clean energy tax credits passed in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act during former President Joe Biden's term. Biden's climate law has been considered monumental for the clean energy transition, but the House bill effectively renders moot much of the law's incentives for renewable energy such as wind and solar power." [Associated Press, [5/22/25](#)]

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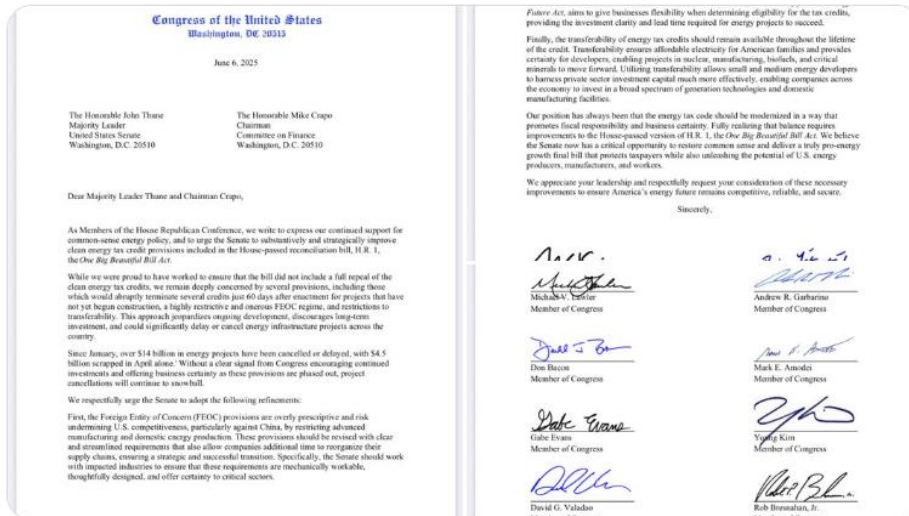
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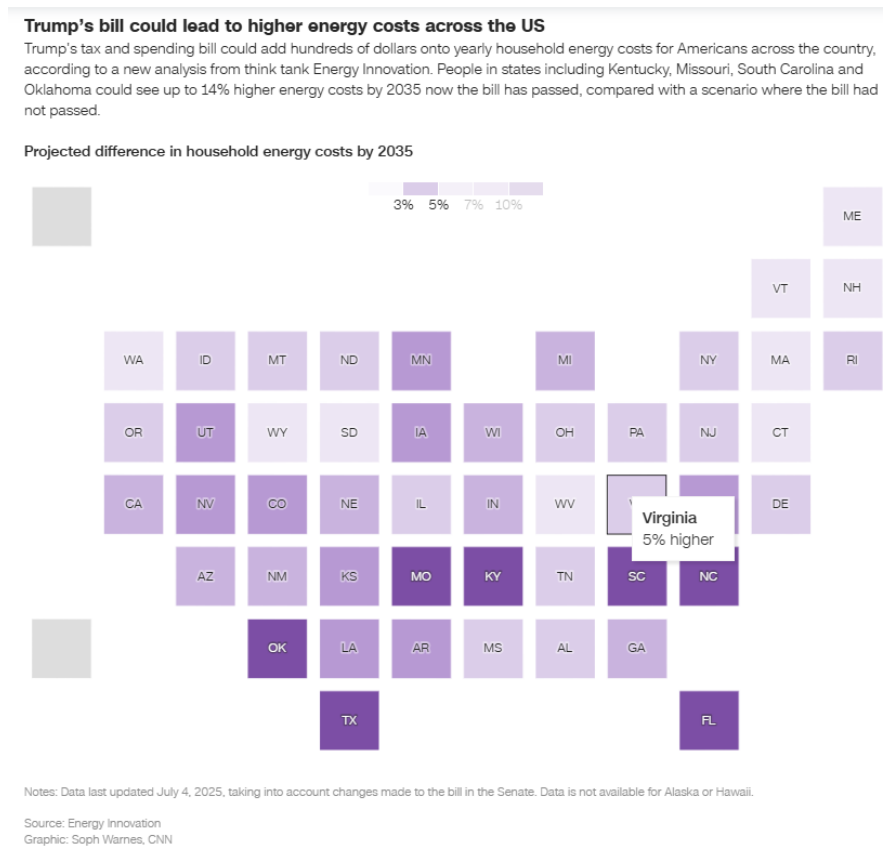
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Virginia Could Face A 5% Energy Cost Hike Due To The Big Beautiful Bill. “Trump's tax and spending bill could add hundreds of dollars onto yearly household energy costs for Americans across the country, according to a new analysis from think tank Energy Innovation. People in states including Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina and Oklahoma could see up to 14% higher energy costs by 2035 now the bill has passed, compared with a scenario where the bill had not passed.” [CNN, [7/4/25](#)]



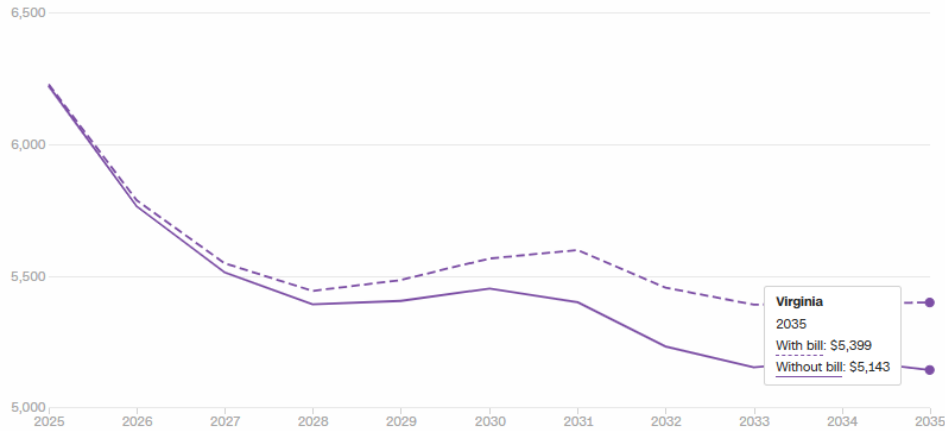
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- **Hampton Roads Organizations Had Lost About \$50 Million Due To Trump’s Environment Grant Cancellations.** “The Solar for All termination adds to a long list of environmental grants Trump has canceled since taking office. Hampton Roads organizations have lost about \$50 million that would have funded projects such as dam improvements in Portsmouth, resilience upgrades at Historic Jamestown and neighborhood flood mitigation in Hampton.” [NPR, [8/13/25](#)]
- **Virginia Energy Said The Economic Impact To The Local Solar Industry Would Have Added About 1,000 Jobs.** “About half of Virginia households were expected to qualify for Solar For All, which sought to reduce energy bills by making solar power more affordable for low to moderate-income families. That included helping more than 15,000 households install rooftop panels or buy into community shared solar projects. In a press release announcing the award last year, Virginia Energy touted the economic impact, expecting the local solar industry would add about 1,000 jobs.” [NPR, [8/13/25](#)]

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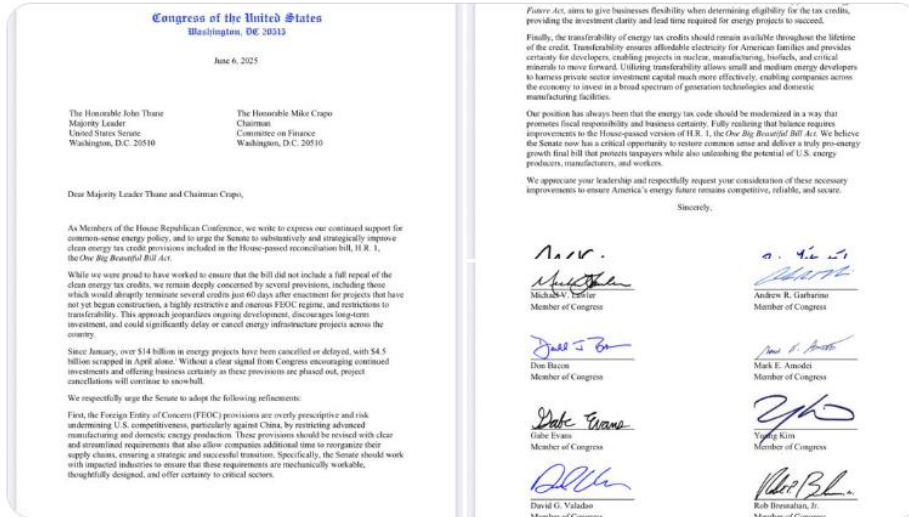
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CD 5	Southside, Charlottesville, Lynchburg	John McGuire, R-Goochland County	\$2,998,779,598	\$1,053,888,666
CD 4	Richmond, Eastern Southside	Jennifer McClellan, D-Richmond	\$1,743,993,816	\$491,785,719
CD 9	Southwest Virginia	Morgan Griffith, R-Salem	\$1,413,221,327	\$343,534,706

CD 6	Roanoke Valley, Shenandoah Valley	Ben Cline, R- Botetourt County	\$835,406,919	\$375,433,245
CD 1	Richmond Suburbs, Eastern Virginia	Rob Wittman, R- Westmoreland County	\$239,257,978	\$453,738,439
CD 10	Northern Virginia	Suhas Subramanyam, D- Loudoun County	\$187,200,467	\$33,459,379
CD 7	Northern Piedmont, Part Of Prince William County	Eugene Vindman, D-Prince William County	\$132,383,543	\$91,243,904
CD 3	Hampton Roads	Bobby Scott, D- Newport News	\$0	\$0
CD 8	Northern Virginia	Don Beyer, D- Alexandria	\$0	\$0
CD 11	Northern Virginia	Vacant, Previously Gerry Connolly, D- Fairfax County	\$0	\$0

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April 2025: Kiggans Said She Was “Protective” Of Local Clean Energy Investments Like Dominion Energy’s \$9.8 Billion Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project Which Generated 2,000 Jobs

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business representatives to discuss how ‘clean’ energy investments are growing the local workforce and bringing long-term economic growth to the region. During a Wednesday roundtable event, hosted by Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions, she also discussed efforts to drum up more support for clean energy among Republicans.” [The Virginian-Pilot, [4/24/25](#)]

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- **Dominion Energy's \$9.8 Billion Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project Right Off Virginia Beach Was Expected To Power Over 666,000 Homes.** “Dominion Energy’s Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project is under construction 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. The \$9.8 billion project will generate energy to power up to 660,000 homes, according to Dominion, and is expected to be completed at the end of 2026.” [The Virginian-Pilot, [4/24/25](#)]
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New York Times Headline: “A Racist Remark About Jeffries Sets Off Democratic Anger In Virginia” [New York Times, [5/12/26](#)]

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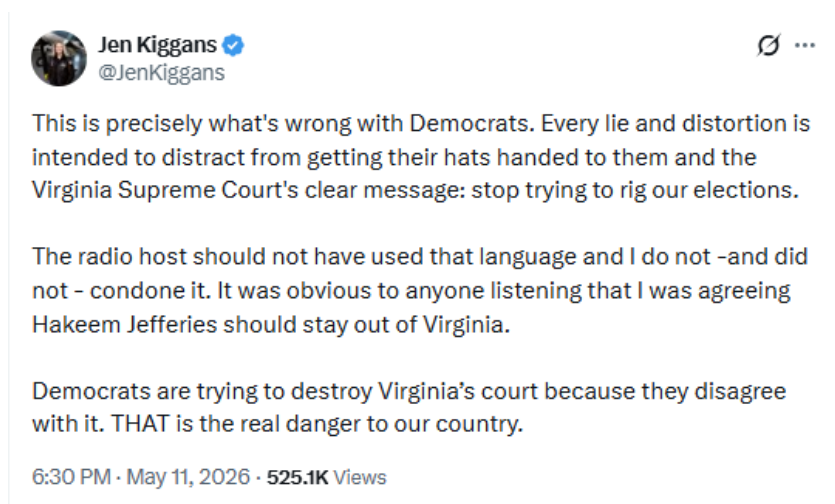
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Congress is to make sure our warfighters have the resources to make sure we're taking care of the quality of life issues here for their families.” [Jen Kiggans, John Fredericks Show, 2:23:59, [4/20/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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5/7/26: AAA: Gas Prices In Norfolk-Virginia Beach Were Up Significantly And Raising Week Over Week, And About \$1.50 More Expensive Than They Were A Year Prior. [AAA, Virginia Gas Prices Averages, Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, accessed [5/7/26](#)]

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	Regular	Mid	Premium	Diesel
5/7/26 Average	\$4.335	\$4.735	\$5.137	\$5.646
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4/30/26 Average	\$4.172	\$4.582	\$4.979	\$5.674
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Virginian-Pilot Headline: “Virginia National Guard Units, Norfolk-Based Sailors, Pilots From Virginia Beach, Langley Supporting Iran War” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/20/26](#)]

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13 News Now Headline: “Hampton Roads Braces For The Impact Of Iran Attacks To Reach Home” [13 News Now, [3/1/26](#)]

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WHRO: Many Of The Troops In The Middle East Supporting The War On Iran Had Ties To Hampton Roads And Virginia. “Many of the troops in the region have ties to Hampton Roads and Virginia. Since last year, the Virginia National Guard 229th Military Police Company has taken command of a customs inspection mission, based at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The unit has 150 members currently mobilized, according to Mike Vrabel, spokesman for the Virginia National Guard. The Virginia Air National Guard works closely with the 1st Fighter Wing at Joint Base Langley-Fort Eustis. There are 11 F-22 fighters from the airwing working out of Ovda Airbase, Israel. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Dan Caine said the Virginia Air National Guard was one of several guard units operating in the region. Vrabel said Virginia would not provide further details on how many were deployed.” [WHRO, [3/2/26](#)]

Norfolk-Based Carrier USS Gerald R. Ford Was Joined By Four Norfolk-Based Destroyers, The USS Bainbridge, USS Mahan, USS McFaul, And USS Mitscher. “USS Ford Carrier Strike Group is off the coast of southern Israel, near the port of Haifa. USS Ford left Norfolk in June. It was at the center of the U.S. operation in the Caribbean that included the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicholas Maduro. According to families of sailors on the carrier, they were scheduled to come home in March, before being abruptly shifted from the Caribbean back to the eastern Mediterranean. The carrier has had problems with the sewage system. Along with the carrier, there are four Norfolk-based destroyers in the region, which took part in the strikes — USS Bainbridge, USS Mahan, USS McFaul and USS Mitscher. Trump said Monday that the strikes could go on for four to five weeks and that more U.S. forces are headed to the region. He has predicted the United States will see more deaths as the bombing campaign continues in Iran.” [WHRO, [3/2/26](#)]

WHRO Headline: “Families Of Airmen, Sailors Brace For Long Deployments After Pentagon Reports Six Troops Died In Operation Against Iran” [WHRO, [3/2/26](#)]

March 2026: Virginia Sen. Mark Warner Met In Norfolk And Virginia Beach With Families Who Had Sailors In The Middle East, Including On The USS Gerald R. Ford. “Sen. Mark Warner stopped in Norfolk and Virginia Beach over the weekend, where he heard behind closed doors from families who have sailors in the Middle East, including on USS Gerald R. Ford, as the U.S. continues operations against Iran. President Donald Trump has not provided a clear rationale for striking Iran, Warner said. ‘He says he respects our military if he doesn't make that explanation clear,’ he said. ‘And you think of all the families here in Hampton Roads who are worried about their loved ones, this is not an option. He has to do that.’ Democratic lawmakers in the House and Senate plan to press for a vote on a war powers resolution this week. U.S. Central Command said six U.S. troops were killed in the region over the weekend. The Pentagon has not released details, including who was killed and where the strike happened. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth said that a fortified tactical operations center was struck. ‘In moments like that, as we remember them, and we take care of them and take care of their families, only stiffen our resolve to ensure that we do this properly,’ Hegseth said.” [WHRO, [3/2/26](#)]

Kiggans Supported Trump’s Previous Actions In Iran And Namechecked The Large Military Installations In Her District

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Warfare. “Last week, I visited @NavalNorfolk to observe the Navy’s premier global war fighting command and control event. As the representative for thousands of servicemembers in Hampton Roads, I’m proud to see our region playing such a central role in shaping the future of naval warfare. I will continue doing everything I can in Congress to ensure our Sailors have the training, tools, and resources they need to succeed....!” [Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [8/9/25](#)]



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- **AUDIO: Kiggans: “I Think The Direction Of The Country Is A Good One. It's The End Goals Are Good. The Economy Is Going To Be Stronger. You Know, Our Military Will Be Better Prepared, Our Families Will Be Safer.”** According to a tele-town hall hosted by Rep. Jen Kiggans, “KIGGANS: And it's always just, you know, I stop and just really just relish the fact that I have this opportunity and this privilege of representing the people of Virginia and Hampton Roads. But you just need to know that. I mean, it's I think the direction of the country is a good one. It's, the end goals are good. The economy is going to be stronger. You know, our military will be better prepared, our families will be safer. All of these things will happen. And it's going to be a team effort up here, but privileged to be in the fight. And I just, I appreciate that comment. So thank you so much.” [Rep. Jen Kiggans Tele-Town Hall, [4/2/25](#)] (AUDIO)

2025-2026: Kiggans Voted Eight Times To Protect Trump’s Tariffs, Including Casting The Deciding Vote To Prevent The House From Exercising Any Control Over Reckless Tariffs

February 2026: Kiggans Voted Against Terminating Trump’s Tariffs, After Voting Repeatedly To Delay A Vote On The Issue

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

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

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

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

Kiggans Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, And The Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act. In February 2026, Kiggans voted for: “Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 1042) providing

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

September 2025: Kiggans Voted To Block Congress From Challenging Trump’s Tariffs Through March 2026

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

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

HEADLINE: “House Again Votes To Surrender Tariff Powers To Trump” [Politico, [9/16/25](#)]

April 2025: Kiggans Was The Deciding Vote To Block Congress From Challenging Trump’s Tariffs Through September 2025

HEADLINE: “House GOP Leaders Move To Quash Vote On Trump’s Global Tariffs” [Politico, [4/9/25](#)]

April 2025: Kiggans Voted For H Res 313, Which Blocked Congress From Challenging Trump’s April 2, 2025, Emergency Declaration Through September 2025. In April 2025, Kiggans voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 313) that would provide for floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the measure. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump’s tariff actions under the April 2 executive order by providing that each day during the period from April 9, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2025, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-215. [H. Res. 313, [Vote #94](#), 4/9/25; CQ, [4/9/25](#)]

- **House Republicans Pushed A Procedural Rule That Would Curb Congress’s Power To Override Trump’s Tariffs.** “Republicans are quietly pushing a procedural rule that would curb the power of the US Congress to override Donald Trump’s chaotic tariff policy. The House of Representatives’ rules committee on Wednesday approved a measure that would forbid the House from voting on legislation to overturn the president’s recently imposed taxes on foreign imports.” [The Guardian, [4/9/25](#)]
- **The Bill Passed By One Vote.** In April 2025, Kiggans voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 313) that would provide for floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the

measure. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump's tariff actions under the April 2 executive order by providing that each day during the period from April 9, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2025, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-215. [H. Res. 313, [Vote #94](#), 4/9/25; CQ, [4/9/25](#)]

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

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

March 2025: Kiggans Voted To Block Congress From Challenging Trump's Tariffs For The Rest Of The Year

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

- **New York Times: "House Republican Leaders On Tuesday Quietly Moved To Shield Their Members From Having To Vote On Whether To End President Trump's Tariffs."** "House Republican leaders on Tuesday quietly moved to shield their members from having to vote on whether to end President Trump's tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, tucking language into a procedural measure that effectively removed their chamber's ability to undo the levies. [New York Times, [3/11/25](#)]
- **Politico: "GOP Leadership Slipped Language Into A House Rule On Their Stopgap Funding Bill That Would Prevent Any Member Of Congress From Bringing Up A Resolution Terminating Trump's Declaration Of A National Emergency."** "GOP leadership slipped language into a House rule on their stopgap funding bill that would prevent any member of Congress from bringing up a resolution terminating Trump's declaration of a national emergency over fentanyl and undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. The president has used that emergency declaration to justify his tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China." [Politico, [3/11/25](#)]

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

Tariffs Were Projected To Raise Prices For Virginians, Including Drug Costs, Energy Prices, And Toys

Tariffs Were Projected To Increase Prescription Drug Prices For Virginians

HEADLINE: “Tariffs On Prescription Drugs Could Soon Impact Virginia Patients, Pharmacists Warn.” [WTKR News 3, [10/2/25](#)]

Tariffs Could Soon Increase The Price Of Drugs For Virginians Who Manage Chronic Health Conditions. “For many Virginians managing chronic health conditions, staying on top of prescriptions is already a challenge. Now, a new round of federal tariffs could make that burden even heavier, financially. The latest trade policy from President Donald Trump includes increased tariffs on prescription drugs imported from foreign manufacturers. The president is hoping to move pharmaceutical production from overseas to the United States. That includes generic medications from countries like India and China, which supply the majority of the U.S. market.” [WTKR News 3, [10/2/25](#)]

10/2/25: Virginia Pharmacies Were Bracing For Higher Wholesale Costs. “Bhutta says local pharmacies are bracing for higher wholesale costs, which could soon be passed along to patients — especially seniors and retirees who rely on fixed incomes and Medicare. Insurance premiums and copays could also rise. ‘It’s going to affect a lot of our retirement community. Medicare patients could see changes to what’s covered, or higher out-of-pocket costs,’ Bhutta said.” [WTKR News 3, [10/2/25](#)]

Tariffs Were Projected To Increase Energy Costs In Virginia

HEADLINE: “Tariffs Raise Cost Of Virginia Offshore Wind Project By At Least \$506M.” [Bay Journal, [8/26/25](#)]

Dominion Energy Announced That Virginia’s Offshore Wind Project’s Cost Would Increase By \$506 Million Due To Tariffs. “Virginia’s offshore wind project has avoided obstacles posed by President Trump’s order to cancel some offshore wind leases, but it has not ducked the impact of new tariffs. Dominion Energy’s CEO Bob Blue told investors on Aug. 1 that the administration’s tariffs would increase the cost of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project by \$506 million.” [Bay Journal, [8/26/25](#)]

At Least Some Of The Increased Cost From The Tariffs Will Be Passed Onto Ratepayers. “Stonepeak, an investment firm, has agreed to pay 25% of the project’s cost between \$10.3 billion and \$11.3 billion. Dominion Energy shareholders will also share 25% of those costs. Ratepayers will pay for 50% of the project cost between \$10.3 billion and \$11.3 billion as part of an agreement with the State Corporation Commission. Ratepayers can expect an average increase of three cents per month on their bills over the life of the project from the tariffs. Overall, customers are currently paying \$8.63 a month on average for the project.” [Bay Journal, [8/26/25](#)]

Tariffs Increased The Prices Virginians Had To Pay For Consumer Goods Like Toys

HEADLINE: “Virginia Toy Prices Are Going up Due To Trump’s Tariffs.” [Virginia Independent News, [7/14/25](#)]

Virginia Toy Store Owners Face Increased Prices Due To Tariffs, Up To A 30% Increase. “President Donald Trump’s taxes on imported goods are driving up the cost of kids’ toys. Small businesses in Virginia say they are

feeling the pinch. ‘We get hit with the tariffs,’ Barrie Shapiro, co-owner of The Toy Shoppe in Richmond, told the Virginia Independent. Founded in 1975, the store sells high-quality dolls and plush toys from vendors like Steiff in Giengen, Germany, and Merrythought in Ironbridge, England. ‘We bring in things from around the world, different dolls and bears. So we do get hit with tariffs. So far, unless I’m wrong, it’s about 10%.’ ‘About 82% of toys sold in the U.S. are either made in or have components from China,’ Thea Brown, owner of World of Mirth in Richmond, said in an email. ‘We have been dealing with price increases and extra tariffs of up to 30% added to our invoices for months now. This is directly due to this administration’s implementation and/or threats of tariffs on incoming goods.’” [Virginia Independent News, [7/14/25](#)]

Tariffs Were A Tax On American Consumers And Resulted In Price Increases Across The Country

Tariffs Were Taxes On American Consumers

PolitiFact: Trump’s Tariff Tax Hike Is The Largest Since At Least 1982, And Possibly Since 1951. “When measuring how much revenue the U.S. expects to collect, economists rank Trump’s ‘tax hike’ higher than any tax policy since 1982, and many estimates show it could be the largest increase since 1951. [...] Measuring by how much the average tariff rate has increased, Trump’s tariff hike ranks as the biggest in almost a century. Measuring by how much tax revenue the tariffs will bring in, estimates vary. [...] Experts say it is fair to call tariffs a tax.” [PolitiFact, [4/7/25](#)]

Tax Foundation: Tariffs Are Taxes. “Tariffs are taxes imposed by one country on goods imported from another country. Tariffs are trade barriers that raise prices, reduce available quantities of goods and services for US businesses and consumers, and create an economic burden on foreign exporters.” [Tax Foundation, Glossary, Tariff, accessed [8/12/25](#)]

U.S. Chamber Of Commerce: “Tariffs Bring Massive New Taxes On Food, Apparel, Back-To-School Items.” [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [8/8/25](#)]

HEADLINE: “New Tariffs Snap Into Effect, Raising Import Taxes To Highest Level Since Great Depression.” [NBC News, [8/7/25](#)]

Sen Mullin: “Tariffs Is A Tax And It Will Be Passed On To Consumers.” [CNN, [3/13/25](#)]

Trump’s Tariffs, The Highest Tariffs In Nearly A Century, Will Cost American Families Thousands Of Dollars

HEADLINE: “Trump’s Latest Tariffs Will Cost U.S. Households \$2,400 This Year, Analysis Says.” [Axios, [8/1/25](#)]

Trump’s Proposed Tariff Rates Were The Highest In Nearly A Century And Will Cost The Average Family \$2,400 A Year. “The new tariff rates President Trump announced late Thursday are the highest in nearly a century and will cost the average family about \$2,400 this year, the Yale Budget Lab said.” [Axios, [8/1/25](#)]

U.S. Consumers Were Expected To Absorb More Than \$500 Billion In Tariff Costs. “On Thursday, a study from S&P Global revealed that companies were expected to pay at least \$1.2tn more in 2025 expenses than was previously anticipated. But the burden, according to the researchers, is now shifting to US consumers. They calculated that two-thirds of the ‘expense shock’, more than \$900bn, will be absorbed by Americans. Last month, the Yale Budget Lab estimated tariffs would cost households almost \$2,400 more a year.” [The Guardian, [10/19/25](#)]

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HEADLINE: “After A Lag, Consumers Begin To Feel The Pinch Of Tariffs.” [New York Times, [8/2/25](#)]

August 2025: Companies Began To Shift More Tariff Related Costs Onto Consumers. “Companies are starting to shift more tariff-related costs onto consumers. Many businesses chose to absorb the additional tax during the early days of President Trump’s trade war. But evidence is emerging that they are running out of options to keep prices stable in the face of deteriorating profit margins, suggesting that the tariffs could have a more pronounced effect on prices in the months ahead. Government data, including from the Commerce Department this week, show that prices rose in June on items heavily exposed to tariffs, such as home furnishings, toys and appliances.” [New York Times, [8/2/25](#)]

HEADLINE: “‘Everything Is About To Get Really Expensive’: Small-Business Owners Say Trump Tariffs Could Force Them To Raise Prices.” [CNBC, [8/4/25](#)]

Many Ceos Of Small And Medium-Sized Businesses Warned That Tariffs Would Force Them To Raise Prices. “‘Everything is about to get really f---ing expensive,’ says Melanie Abrantes, an Oakland, California-based business owner who sells home décor. Abrantes is one of many CEOs of small and medium-sized consumer product businesses in the U.S. who say President Donald Trump’s tariffs could force them to raise prices before the end of the year.” [CNBC, [8/4/25](#)]

August 2025: U.S. Businesses That Stocked Up On Inventory Before The Tariffs Hit Were Starting To Run Out Of Supply. “Last week, Trump updated tariff rates for dozens of countries, ranging from 10% to 41% duties that go into effect starting Aug. 7. Goods that are considered to have been transshipped, or shipped through an intermediate country to disguise where they were originally made to avoid applicable duties, will be hit with an additional 40% rate. U.S. businesses that stocked up on inventory earlier this year are now starting to run out, they say. When they reorder from their overseas manufacturers, they’ll need to pay steep import costs.” [CNBC, [8/4/25](#)]

Tariffs Led To Price Increases On A Myriad Of Essential Products, Including Cleaning Supplies And Food Costs

HEADLINE: “Here’s What Could Get More Expensive Under Trump’s Tariffs” [New York Times, [8/7/25](#)]

HEADLINE: “‘Empty Shelves, Higher Prices’: Americans Tell Of Cost Of Trump’s Tariffs.” [The Guardian, [10/19/25](#)]

August 2025: Tariffs Were Driving Up Prices On Everyday Goods. “The tariffs are driving up prices on everyday goods as businesses warn they can no longer absorb costs, leaving consumers to foot the bill.” [New York Times, [8/7/25](#)]

Companies Such As Proctor & Gamble, Nike, Walmart, Best Buy, Ford, And Subaru Said They Would Raise Prices In Response To Tariffs. “P&G joins a long list of well-known companies that are increasing prices because of Trump’s often erratic stance on tariffs. Nike, Walmart, Best Buy as well as car companies Ford and Subaru have all said they are raising prices.” [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Maker Of Tide And Charmin Said It Will Raise Prices In Part Because Of Tariffs.” [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

Proctor & Gamble, Maker Of Household Staples Including Detergent And Toilet Paper Raised Prices Because Of Donald Trump’s Tariffs. “Procter & Gamble, the maker of several household staples including Tide

detergent and Charmin toilet paper, is hiking prices because of President Donald Trump's tariffs." [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

Proctor & Gamble Said It Would Increase Prices On 25% Of Its Products. "The company revealed in Tuesday's earnings call that its profits will take a \$1 billion hit because of tariffs, a larger cost the company originally projected in June. As a result, P&G will increase prices on about 25% of its products, going into effect next month." [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

Proctor & Gamble Warned In April 2025 That It Was Going To Raise Prices Due To Tariffs. "P&G previously warned in April that it was going to increase prices due to tariffs. CEO Jon Moeller said Tuesday a number of factors deflated consumer spending on its products, including 'tariffs, inflation, interest rates, political and social divisiveness.'" [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

HEADLINE: "Beef Prices Are Soaring: Here's Why." [The Hill, [7/23/25](#)]

Beef Prices Increased 8% Between January And July 2025. "Beef prices are soaring across the country and it is unlikely it will drop anytime soon. Since the start of the year, the price of beef increased over eight percent and is currently selling for \$9.26 per pound, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the average price of ground beef, a staple in American households, increased to \$6.10 last month. In June 2024, the average price was \$5.36." [The Hill, [7/23/25](#)]

Tariffs Could Drive Beef Prices Even Higher As The United States Imports More Than 4 Billion Pounds Of Beef A Year. "President Donald Trump's tariffs have yet to have a major impact on beef prices but they could be another factor that drives prices higher because the U.S. imports more than 4 billion pounds of beef every year. Much of what is imported is lean beef trimmings that meatpackers mix with fattier beef produced in the U.S. to produce the varieties of ground beef that domestic consumers want. Much of that lean beef comes from Australia and New Zealand that have only seen a 10% tariff, but some of it comes from Brazil where Trump has threatened tariffs as high as 50%." [AP, [7/21/25](#)]

Some American Households Were Forgoing Meat Like Steaks As Prices Rose Due To Tariffs. "As a mother of two, Paige Harris has noticed a change in the way she shops for her family. 'Items that I have bought regularly have gone up in price steadily,' she said. 'From hair dye to baby formula, our grocery list has gotten smaller while our budget has had to increase. Meats like steak are a no-go for our household.' Harris, 38, lives and works as a teacher's assistant in Stella, North Carolina, and is one of almost 40 people who spoke to the Guardian about how they have been coping with the price of goods in the six months since Donald Trump announced his sweeping tariffs." [The Guardian, [10/19/25](#)]

Trump's Tariffs Translated To A \$1.9 Billion Food Tax In The Months Of May And June. "In May and June, the effective tariff on food products jumped to an average of 7% compared with 2% in the same months last year. These higher tariff rates translated into a massive \$1.9 billion food tax – and that is just what was collected in two months." [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [8/8/25](#)]

According To The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce New Tariff Food Taxes Were Levied On A Large Variety Of Food Products. [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [8/8/25](#)]

Commodity Category	New 2025 Tariff Food Tax [▲]
Flours, Malts	\$14,839,559
Cereals	\$19,160,881
Oil, Grain Seeds & Plants	\$24,505,915
Dairy, Eggs, Honey	\$31,847,355
Vegetables	\$36,706,297
Sugar & Confectionary	\$46,747,928
Preparations of Meat & Fish	\$71,453,971
Preparation of Cereal, Flour, or Milk	\$94,038,948
Animal & Vegetable Oils	\$104,541,539
Preparation of Vegetables, Fruits, or Nuts	\$107,578,937
Cocoa and Cocoa Products	\$138,446,540
Miscellaneous Edible Preparations	\$141,775,554
Fruits, Nuts, & Citrus	\$149,093,476
Beverages & Spirits	\$216,604,957
Fish	\$226,510,792
Coffe & Tea	\$245,539,168
Meat	\$266,164,190
≡ Average / Total	\$1,935,556,008

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [8/8/25](#)]

Tariffs On Mexican Agricultural Imports Contributed To Spiking Prices On Raw Agricultural Products Including Dry And Fresh Vegetables. “On the goods side, higher food prices were the biggest culprit behind a 0.7% monthly increase. Raw agricultural products leapt 12.8% highest from June; and within that, fresh and dry vegetables saw a 38.9% monthly price surge, which is the largest since March 2022. ‘That clearly tells me that the tariffs that were slapped on Mexican agricultural imports are coming home to roost,’ Brusuelas said.” [CNN, [7/29/25](#)]

Some Restaurants Were Increasing Prices By As Much As 15% To Account For Increased Expenses From Tariffs And Inflation. “Julia and Paul Pike expected menu adjustments and supply costs when they opened their food truck, Master BBQ, early last year. A few pennies here, a few pennies there — incremental price increases were the cost of doing business. However, the Pikes said the significant increase in some ingredients and products essential to making authentic Filipino barbecue and signature dishes has resulted in raising prices for customers by as much as 15% or \$3 for some dishes to account for uncontrollable expenses, attributed to inflation and tariffs.” [Citizen Times, [8/14/25](#)]

In The Past Year, Tariff Rates On Typical Back-To-School Items Jumped From 5% To 18% “In the Past Year, Tariff Rates on Typical Back-to-School Items Jumped from 5% to 18% Backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, folders, and paper are on many Americans’ back-to-school shopping list. All have been hit with higher tariffs, with the average tariff rate on these types of products in May and June of this year jumping to an average of 18% from an average of 5% in the same months last year. In just May and June of this year, these higher tariffs resulted in an estimated \$73 million tax increase on back to school items.” [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [8/8/25](#)]

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Shoe And Apparel Costs Were Expected To Rise By Over 35% In Response To Tariffs. "Some of the biggest price increases are expected in everyday categories such as clothing, food and cars, according to projections from the Budget Lab. In the short term, shoe prices are forecast to soar by 40 percent, while apparel costs could rise by 38 percent." [New York Times, [8/7/25](#)]

Budget Lab: Average Price Of A New Car Could Jump By Almost \$6,000 In Response To Tariffs. "Some of the biggest price increases are expected in everyday categories such as clothing, food and cars, according to projections from the Budget Lab. In the short term, shoe prices are forecast to soar by 40 percent, while apparel costs could rise by 38 percent. Fresh produce prices are expected to increase 7 percent. The average price of a new car could jump by \$5,800 in the short run. These price increases could add pressure to household budgets already straining to keep up with inflation." [New York Times, [8/7/25](#)]

Rising Prices On Industrial Goods From Tariffs Spilled Over Into Price Increases In The Service Sector. "More than three-quarters of the larger-than-expected monthly increase came from services, notably a sharp 4.5% upswing in purchased capital equipment prices. 'The targeted area of tariffs, which has been industrial goods, the pricing pressures are now spilling over to the service sector,' Joe Brusuelas, chief economist at RSM US, said in a phone interview. '[Services increases] all imply pipeline pressures for inflation.'" [CNN, [8/14/25](#)]

Kiggans Refused To Join A Discharge Petition Restoring Federal Workers' Bargaining Rights Revoked By The Trump Administration, Despite Representing Nearly 35,000 Federal Workers

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Kiggans Claimed To Fight For Virginia Workers, Especially Federal Workers

Kiggans Claimed She Was Standing Up To The Trump Administration On Behalf Of Virginia's Federal Workers

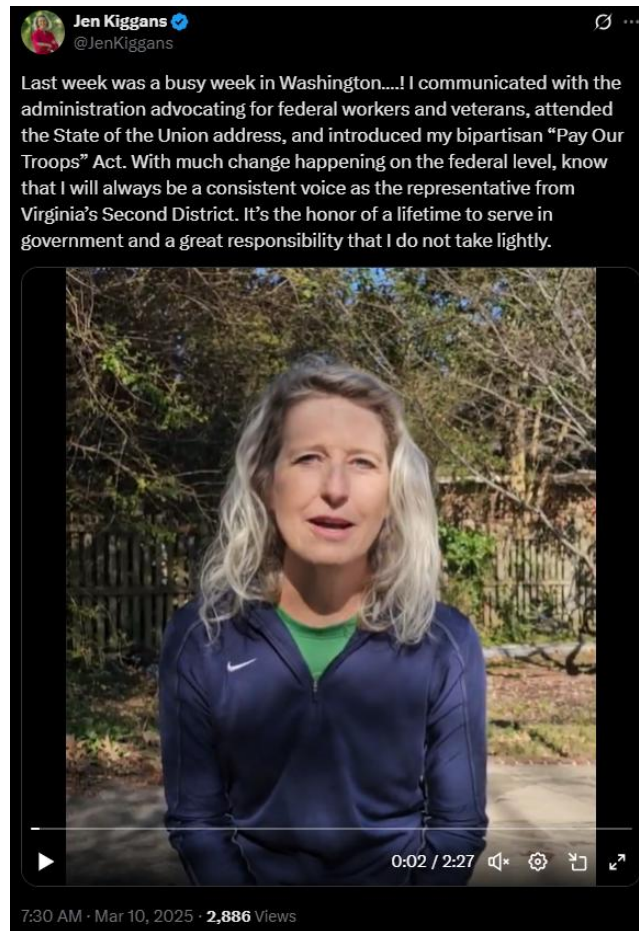
March 2025: Kiggans Said She Advocated "For Veterans Who Are Federal Workers At Risk Of Losing Their Jobs." "This week I sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Hegseth advocating for veterans who are federal workers at risk of losing their jobs. I firmly believe we can reduce the size of the federal government responsibly

while ensuring national security is prioritized and veterans who work for the DoD are protected. With increasing global threats from nations like China and Russia, maintaining a strong and capable defense force is more critical than ever, and veterans play a vital role in that mission.” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [3/7/25](#)]



- **Kiggans Called On Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth To Prevent Workforce Reductions Within The Department Of Defense As Part Of The President’s Initiative To Reform The Federal Workforce.** “Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02) has issued an urgent call to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth to prevent workforce reductions within the Department of Defense (DoD) from causing undue harm to veterans and compromising America's national security. In a letter sent Monday, Kiggans emphasized the potential impacts of reducing the DoD's probationary workforce by 5-8%, a move announced on February 21, 2025, as part of the President’s initiative to reform the Federal workforce.” [WTKR, [3/3/25](#)]

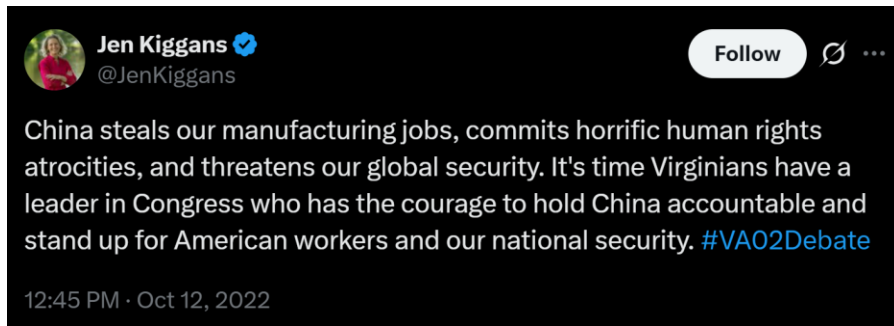
March 2025: Kiggans Said She Had “Communicated With The Administration Advocating For Federal Workers.” “Last week was a busy week in Washington....! I communicated with the administration advocating for federal workers and veterans, attended the State of the Union address, and introduced my bipartisan ‘Pay Our Troops’ Act. With much change happening on the federal level, know that I will always be a consistent voice as the representative from Virginia’s Second District. It’s the honor of a lifetime to serve in government and a great responsibility that I do not take lightly.” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [3/10/25](#)] (VIDEO)



Kiggans Campaigned To Be A Leader In Congress Who “[Stood] Up For American Workers”

Kiggans Campaign Website: Kiggans Supported “Pro-Growth Policies That Empower Small Businesses To Do What They Do Best: Create Jobs And Grow Our Economy.” “Jen focuses on pro-growth policies that empower small businesses to do what they do best: create jobs and grow our economy. She fights to help industries critical to Virginia’s economic success hire new workers, reduce Washington’s regulatory burden, and keep government out of businesses’ day-to-day operations. Jen also knows how important it is to keep taxes low for working families, which is why she fought to expand the Child Tax Credit. In Washington, she’s worked hard to pass legislation that reverses the damages of wasteful government spending while fully funding and protecting important priorities like veterans’ benefits, the U.S. military, and Social Security & Medicare.” [Jen For Congress, Issues: Growing Jobs and the Economy, accessed [9/4/25](#)]

2022: Kiggans Said Virginians Needed A Leader In Congress Who Would “Stand Up For American Workers.” “China steals our manufacturing jobs, commits horrific human rights atrocities, and threatens our global security. It's time Virginians have a leader in Congress who has the courage to hold China accountable and stand up for American workers and our national security. #VA02Debate” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]



March-August 2025: Trump Signed Two Executive Orders To Strip Collective Bargaining Rights For Nearly Half A Million Federal Workers Across Agencies In A Move A Nurses' Union Called "Union Busting, Plain And Simple"

March 2025: Trump Signed An Executive Order To Strip Collective Bargaining Rights From Federal Employees, Which A Nurses Union Called "Union Busting, Plain And Simple"

March 2025: Trump Signed An Executive Order To Strip Collective Bargaining Rights For More Than 1 Million Federal Employees Across Various Agencies. "President Trump has signed an executive order ending collective bargaining for wide swaths of federal employees, as part of his broader campaign to reshape the U.S. government's workforce. The largest federal employee union says the order affects over 1 million workers. In a fact sheet, the White House says the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (CSRA) gives him the authority to halt collective bargaining at agencies with national security missions. This provision has traditionally applied to certain employees at agencies such as the CIA, the FBI or the National Security Agency. But Trump's order, signed late Thursday, is more far-reaching, and includes employees whose jobs touch on national defense, border security, foreign relations, energy security, pandemic preparedness, the economy, public safety and cybersecurity." [NPR, [3/28/25](#)]

- **National Nurses United Spokesperson: Trump's Order "Is Union Busting, Plain And Simple."** "Unions are roundly condemning the move. 'This administration's latest executive order is union busting, pure and simple,' said Irma Westmoreland, a registered nurse at a veterans hospital in Augusta, Ga., who spoke in her capacity as chair of Veterans Affairs for National Nurses United. The union represents nurses caring for patients' physical and mental health at veterans facilities around the country. 'We need to feel free as unionized nurses to speak up about patient safety issues,' said Westmoreland. 'Veterans deserve nurses who are free to advocate for their care without fear of discipline or losing our jobs.'" [NPR, [3/28/25](#)]

August 2025: Trump Signed A Second Executive Order, Bringing The Total Of Federal Workers Stripped Of Their Unionization Rights To 445,000

August 2025: New York Times Headline: "Trump Moves To Strip More Federal Workers Of Union Protections" [New York Times, [8/29/25](#)]

August 2025: Trump Signed A Second Executive Order To Strip Employees Of Six Government Agencies Of Their Rights To Unionize. "President Trump expanded his wide-reaching effort to strip union protections from federal employees on Thursday, signing an executive order that commanded roughly half a dozen government agencies to end their collective bargaining agreements with unions representing their employees. [...] If the agencies comply with the order, union employees will lose the rights and protections provided by the collective bargaining agreements. Those rights typically include the right to have work disputes resolved by a neutral arbitrator and to have union stewards and leaders be granted official time on the job to work on cases and participate in collective contract negotiations. As he has previously, Mr. Trump framed his expanded order stripping federal workers of labor protections as critical for protecting national security. [...] Earlier this month, a federal appeals court panel allowed Mr. Trump to move ahead with the original executive order, which covered more than a million workers across a broad swath of the government, including some agencies with no obvious

national security portfolio like the Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Trump administration then moved forward with the order, even though it had said in court that it would not do so until the legal battle over Mr. Trump's plan had concluded. Some agencies moved to end collective bargaining agreements almost immediately. The Department of Veterans Affairs stripped more than 400,000 of its workers of union protections, and the E.P.A. followed soon after. Other agencies have not yet begun that process." [New York Times, [8/29/25](#)]

September 2025: New York Times Headline: "Trump Orders Have Stripped Nearly Half A Million Federal Workers Of Union Rights" [New York Times, [9/1/25](#)]

September 2025: New York Times Estimated More Than 445,000 Federal Employees Lost Their Union Protections Under Trump's Executive Orders. "More than 445,000 federal employees saw their union protections disappear in August, as agencies moved to comply with an executive order President Trump signed earlier this year that called for ignoring collective bargaining contracts with nearly one million workers. The termination of protections followed an Aug. 1 appeals court ruling on legal challenges to Mr. Trump's directive. The order, signed in late March, directed 22 agencies to ignore contracts for employees in specific unions. Last Thursday, Mr. Trump signed a second executive order stripping union rights from thousands of other employees at six additional agencies." [New York Times, [9/1/25](#)]

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December 2025: Kiggans Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill That Passed The House With 20 Republican Votes To Restore Federal Workers' Unionization Rights

December 2025: Kiggans Voted Against A Bill To Nullify President Trump's Executive Order Eliminating Collective Bargaining Rights For Federal Employees. In December 2025, Kiggans voted against: "Passage of the bill that would nullify a March 27, 2025, presidential executive order titled 'Exclusions from Federal Labor-Management Relations Programs,' which eliminated collective bargaining rights for the employees of dozens of federal departments and agencies. It also would provide that any collective bargaining agreement in effect as of March 26 'shall have full force and effect through the stated term' of the agreement, thereby restoring any terminated agreements." The bill passed by a vote of 231-195. [H.R. 2550, [Vote #332](#), 12/11/25; CQ, [12/11/25](#)]

- **December 2025: Kiggans Voted Against Adoption Of The Rule Providing Consideration For Nullifying President Trump's Executive Order Eliminating Collective Bargaining Rights For Federal Employees.** In December 2025, Kiggans voted against: "Adoption of the rule providing for consideration of the Protect America's Workforce Act (HR 2550). The resolution would specify that immediately upon its adoption, the House would take up the bill. The resolution would waive all points of order against consideration of and provisions in the bill and would provide for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee or their respective designees. It would provide for one motion to recommit. It would also limit the authority of the speaker to postpone further proceedings on the bill and would require the clerk to transmit the bill to the Senate within one week of its passage." The bill was adopted by a vote of 234-194. [H.R. X, [Vote #331](#), 12/11/25; CQ, [12/11/25](#)]
- **December 2025: 20 House Republicans Joined All Democrats To Pass A Bill Reversing Trump's Executive Orders And Restoring Collective Bargaining Rights For Federal Workers.** "The House on Thursday voted 231-195 to pass a bill that would restore collective bargaining rights for federal workers, a first step toward reversing the sweeping changes President Donald Trump enacted earlier this year. Twenty Republicans joined all Democrats to advance the Protect America's Workforce Act. The legislation still needs to clear the Senate, where it will likely face an uphill battle garnering the necessary votes." [Politico, [12/11/25](#)]

November 2025: Kiggans Was Not Among Five Republicans To Sign A Discharge Petition To Bring The Bill To The Floor

November 2025: Kiggans Was Not Among Five House Republicans To Sign Dem. Rep. Jared Golden’s Discharge Petition To Bring The Bill Nullifying Trump’s Executive Order To The Floor. “A bipartisan bill by Congressman Jared Golden (ME-02) to repeal an executive order that stripped federal workers’ union rights is on track for a vote in the House after months of delay by Speaker Mike Johnson. The Protect America’s Workforce Act of 2025, which has enough cosponsors to indicate it would easily pass a floor vote, has languished since Golden introduced it with Republican Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) in April. In June, Golden launched a discharge petition for the bill, which allows a majority of the House to force a vote on a piece of legislation if a majority of Congress signs it. Today, GOP Congressmen Nick LaLota (NY-01) and Mike Lawler (NY-17) signed the petition, bringing the total number of signatures to 218 — the number required to force House action. [...] The bill would nullify President Trump’s March 27th Executive Order ending collective bargaining rights for roughly 1 million unionized federal employees across several agencies. Since Golden introduced the bipartisan bill in April, it has garnered bipartisan support from 222 members of Congress, including seven Republicans. Five of those Republicans — Reps. Fitzpatrick, LaLota, Lawler, Don Bacon (NE-02) and Robert Bresnahan (PA-08) — crossed the aisle to join House Democrats in signing the discharge petition.” [Rep. Jared Golden, Press Release, [11/17/25](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For Nearly \$10 Billion In DOGE Cuts That Wreaked Havoc On Virginia’s Economy, And Patronized The Tens Of Thousands Of Federal Workers She Represented, Telling Them To “Take A Breath” And To “Go Out And Get” New Jobs

Kiggans Supported DOGE And Called It “So Necessary”

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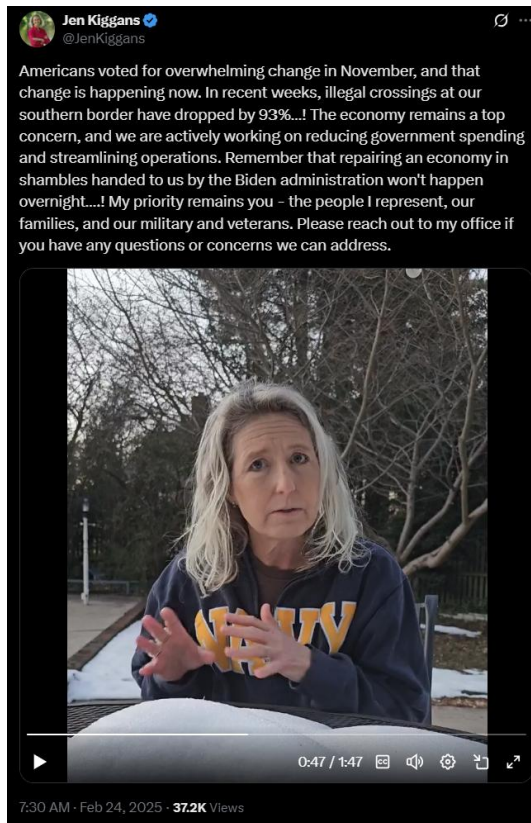
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February 2025: Kiggans Called DOGE Cuts The “Change” Americans Voted For And Said Those Changes Were “So Necessary”

Kiggans Called DOGE Cuts The “Change” Americans Voted For. “Americans voted for overwhelming change in November, and that change is happening now. In recent weeks, illegal crossings at our southern border have dropped by 93%...! The economy remains a top concern, and we are actively working on reducing government spending and streamlining operations. Remember that repairing an economy in shambles handed to us by the Biden administration won't happen overnight....! My priority remains you - the people I represent, our families, and our military and veterans. Please reach out to my office if you have any questions or concerns we can address.” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [2/24/25](#)]



Kiggans Said That The DOGE Cuts Were Changes But Those Changes Were “So Necessary.” “#VA02 Jen Kiggans defends DOGE's reckless cuts which has caused Virginians to lose their jobs and says it's ‘necessary.’ ‘Now, I know it's a lot of change, but this change is so necessary.’ [American Bridge 21st Century, X, [2/27/25](#)]



February 2025: Kiggans Patronized Federal Workers In Her District, Telling Them “To Take A Deep Breath” Regarding DOGE Cuts

Kiggans Told The Over 30,000 Federal Workers In Her District “To Take A Deep Breath” And Be Patient In Regard To DOGE Cuts. “GOP Rep. Jen Kiggans, who has over 30,000 civilian federal workers in her Virginia district, told CNN that she hasn’t seen the deferred resignation offers but is urging her constituents to be patient. ‘I think everybody needs to take a deep breath. I know there’s a lot of change right now. This is the change that Americans voted for in November. So, we’re in a time of transition and if people are having specific questions, please reach out to us,’ Kiggans said.” [CNN, [2/11/25](#)]

CNN Headline: “Inside The GOP’s Careful Pushback To Musk’s DOGE Effort.” [CNN, [2/11/25](#)]

September 2025: Kiggans Told Federal Workers Who Were Experiencing Joblessness Due To DOGE Cuts That There Were Jobs, And They Just Needed “To Go Out And Get Them”

When Asked What Her Message Was To Federal Workers Who Had Been Laid Off “Under The Reduction In Government Effort By The Trump Administration,” Kiggans Said “Jobs Are Here And I Encourage People To Go Out And Get Them.” HOST: “What is your message to federal workers that have been laid off some in your district under the reduction in government effort by the Trump administration?” KIGGANS: “Jobs are here. We saw the Biden administration expand the size of government, and we can't have that. It's not [...] our \$37 trillion debt is certainly not sustainable. So there’s been some reduction in the size of the federal government, which is supported by the American people, but the jobs are there and I encourage people to go out and get them.” [John Fredericks Show, YouTube, [9/16/25](#)]

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February 2025: According To Estimates From The Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, VA-02 Had The Most Civilian Federal Workers As A Percentage Of The Total Civilian Workforce In All Republican-Represented House Districts.

Republican districts with the largest share of federal workers in their overall workforce

These 10 GOP districts have the most civilian federal workers as a percentage of the total civilian workforce in all Republican-represented House districts, according to estimates from the Census Bureau's American Community survey.

District	Representative	Fed workers as percentage of total workforce
VA-02	Jennifer A. Kiggans	8.62%
AL-05	Dale W. Strong	7.57%
OK-04	Tom Cole	7.14%
AK-AL	Nicholas Begich, Jr.	6.51%
MD-01	Andy Harris	6.46%
NC-03	Gregory F. Murphy	5.93%
UT-01	Blake D. Moore	5.82%
TX-23	Tony Gonzales	5.82%
CO-05	Jeff Crank	5.79%
GA-08	Austin Scott	5.48%

Note: The American Community Survey estimates federal workers by self-identification of workers in the state they reside, not where they work. Total workforce includes employed civilian population over 16 years old. Alaska's at large district covers the entire state.

Source: Census Bureau American Community Survey
Table: Alex Leeds Matthews, CNN

[CNN, [2/11/25](#)]

The State Of Virginia Had The Highest Percentage Of Federal Workers In The Country Besides Maryland And Hawaii. “The federal government accounted for more than 144,000 jobs in Virginia last year, according to the Congressional Research Service. That is a larger percentage of the workforce than any state except Maryland and Hawaii. And that doesn’t include Virginians who work for federal contractors, or commute to federal jobs elsewhere in the D.C. metro area. Include all of those, and the number approaches 300,000.” [CNBC, [7/10/25](#)]

June 2025: Kiggans Voted For \$9.4 Billion In DOGE Cuts

Kiggans Voted For A “Rescissions” Package To Cut Funding For National Public Radio, The Public Broadcasting Service, And Foreign Aid. In June 2025, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill (HR 4) that would rescind a total of \$9.4 billion in previously appropriated funding — including \$8.3 billion in foreign aid and \$1.1 billion provided for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which funds National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting Service. The bill would cancel \$900 million in foreign aid appropriated for programs related to child and maternal health, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases; \$800 million from migration and refugee assistance accounts; \$361 million from international peacekeeping operations; \$2.5 billion from a general development assistance account; as well as \$169 million in rescissions to funding for various international organizations, including the United Nations and the World Health Organization.” The bill passed 214-212. [H.R. 4, [Vote #168](#), 6/12/25; CQ, [6/12/25](#)]

- **NBC News: “House Republicans Vote To Claw Back \$9.4 Billion In Funding For Foreign Aid, NPR And PBS.”** [NBC News, [6/12/25](#)]
- **NBC News: The “Rescissions” Package Was “Part Of An Effort By The White House To Codify Cuts Proposed By” DOGE.** “The ‘rescissions’ package would claw back \$8.3 billion for foreign aid and \$1.1 billion for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which provides funding to NPR and PBS. It is part of an effort by the White House to codify cuts proposed by the Department of Government Efficiency, which was helmed by tech billionaire Elon Musk.” [NBC News, [6/12/25](#)]

- **The “Rescissions” Package Cut \$1.1 Billion For The Corporation For Public Broadcasting Which Funded NPR And PBS.** “The ‘rescissions’ package would claw back \$8.3 billion for foreign aid and \$1.1 billion for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which provides funding to NPR and PBS. It is part of an effort by the White House to codify cuts proposed by the Department of Government Efficiency, which was helmed by tech billionaire Elon Musk.” [NBC News, [6/12/25](#)]
- **The “Rescissions” Package Cut \$8.3 Billion For USAID, Among Other International Assistance Programs.** “The package would cancel \$9.4 billion appropriated by Congress, looking to make permanent some of the Department of Government Efficiency’s spending cuts. Its primary focus is slashing foreign aid, from peacekeeping efforts to refugee assistance and climate projects, but it would also essentially cut off federal funding for NPR and PBS. [...] The package would cut \$8.3 billion for the United States Agency for International Development, or USAID, among other international assistance programs, after the foreign aid agency became an early target of the administration. Johnson said the resolution would make cuts in what he called the ‘USAID abuses area.’” [CBS News, [6/12/25](#)]

DOGE Terminated More Than \$8.3 Million In Projects In Kiggans’ District And More Than \$301 Million In Virginia Statewide Programs

DOGE Cut More Than \$8.3 Million In Funding From Grants And Leases In Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District

Center For American Progress: DOGE Cut Three Grants And Leases In Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District For A Total Of \$8,339,130 In Cut Funding. [Center for American Progress, “DOGE Cuts by City, State, and Congressional District,” [4/9/25](#)]

DOGE Grant and Lease Termination – Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District					
Location	Federal Program/ Agency	Virginia Program/ Agency	Title	Grant Amount	DOGE “Claimed” Savings
Smithfield, VA	Dept of Education	Isle of Wight County Schools	Teacher Quality Partnership Grants	\$8,510,029	\$8,143,074
Virginia Beach, VA	FEMA	City of Virginia Beach	Bric: Building Resilient Infrastructure And Communities	\$67,184	\$67,184
Williamsburg, VA	AmeriCorps	College of William And Mary Supporting Flourishing In Pre-K And Middle School Stud.	AmeriCorps State And National	N/A	\$128,872
Total DOGE “Claimed” Savings					\$8,339,130

[Center for American Progress, “DOGE Cuts by City, State, and Congressional District,” [4/9/25](#)]

DOGE Cut Over \$301 Million From Grants And Leases Marked For Statewide Programs in Virginia

Center For American Progress: DOGE Cut Sixteen Grants And Leases Statewide In Virginia For A Total Of \$301,254,493 In Cut Funding. [Center for American Progress, “DOGE Cuts by City, State, and Congressional District,” [4/9/25](#)]

DOGE Grant and Lease Termination – Virginia Statewide					
Location	Federal Program/ Agency	Virginia Program/ Agency	Title	Grant Amount	DOGE “Claimed” Savings
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Behavioral Health And Developmental Services		\$33,982,454	\$16,394,489
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Behavioral Health And Developmental Services		\$1,245,502	\$897,189
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Behavioral Health And Developmental Services		\$35,786,432	\$17,872,204
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Behavioral Health And Developmental Services		\$1,231,543	\$943,548
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$102,577,173	\$42,755,741
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$43,961,646	\$11,230,713
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$491,290,671	\$145,127,130
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$213,081,523	\$45,794,724
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$9,138,620	\$2,951,428
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$27,344,292	\$2,790,937
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$7,712,569	\$1,873,650
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$3,749,726	\$1,126,091
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$3,762,691	\$657,248
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$3,350,369	\$632,520
Statewide	HHS	VA Dept of Health		\$1,593,604	\$464,212
Statewide	Dept of Education	VA State Board of Education	School Safety National Activities	\$9,742,669	\$9,742,669
Total DOGE “Claimed” Savings					\$301,254,493

[Center for American Progress, “DOGE Cuts by City, State, and Congressional District,” [4/9/25](#)]

Virginia’s Economy Was Negatively Affected By DOGE Cuts Leading To Rising Unemployment Rates In The Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Area And Statewide

Virginia’s Economy, Which Was Affected By DOGE Cuts, Was A Contributing Reason Why Virginia Dropped In CNBC’s Annual Competitiveness Ranking For America’s Top States For Business

CNBC Headline: “Virginia Drops In America’s Top States For Business Rankings. Federal Job Cuts Are A Big Reason.” [CNBC, [7/10/25](#)]

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No. 1 spot to North Carolina. A major reason is a drop in the state's Economy ranking, to No. 14 in 2025 from No. 11 last year. Economy is the heaviest weighted category in the study under this year's methodology as more states pitch themselves as safe havens in a potential downturn." [CNBC, [7/10/25](#)]

In August 2025, Experts Forecasted The Outlook For Virginia's Economy In "2026 Is Now Increasingly Unfavorable" And "Employment Is Expected To Decline"

The University Of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center For Public Service: The Outlook For Virginia's Economy In "2026 Is Now Increasingly Unfavorable." "Key findings for the remainder of FY2025 1. Despite the labor market strain, Virginia's GDP will remain in positive territory, but growth will slow, and the outlook for 2026 is now increasingly unfavorable." [The University Of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center For Public Service, Economic Forecast for Virginia Quarterly Report, [August 2025](#)]

The University Of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center For Public Service: "Virginia's Labor Market Performed Better Than Expected, But A Contraction Is Expected Later This Year— Employment Is Expected To Decline." "Key findings for the remainder of FY2025 [...] 2. Virginia's labor market performed better than expected, but a contraction is expected later this year— employment is expected to decline by 11,700 in 2025, a 0.3% decline in comparison with December 2024." [The University Of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center For Public Service, Economic Forecast for Virginia Quarterly Report, [August 2025](#)]

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In July 2025, It Was Reported That Virginia Was One Of Only Three States Whose Unemployment Rate Rose From The Prior Month

CNBC: Virginia Was One Of Only Three States Whose Unemployment Rate Rose From The Prior Month. "In May, Virginia was one of only three states whose unemployment rate rose from the prior month, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The state is still adding jobs each month, albeit at a slower pace than last year, and Virginia's 3.4% unemployment rate in May was still below the national average." [CNBC, [7/10/25](#)]

August 2025: Experts Forecasted That "The Unemployment Rate In Virginia Will Rise As Job Losses Accumulate"

The University Of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center For Public Service: "The Unemployment Rate In Virginia Will Rise As Job Losses Accumulate And Will Reach 4.2% In 2025 And 4.6% In 2026, The Highest Rate Since 2021." "Key findings for the remainder of FY2025 [...] 3. The unemployment rate in Virginia will rise as job losses accumulate and will reach 4.2% in 2025 and 4.6% in 2026, the highest rate since 2021." [The University Of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center For Public Service, Economic Forecast for Virginia Quarterly

Virginia Was One Of The States Most Affected By Job Losses From Trump's DOGE Cuts Including A DOGE-Canceled Flood Zone Project In Hampton Roads

Virginia Was Among The States Most Affected By Job Losses From Trump's Cuts

Headline: "Va. Among States Most Affected By Job Losses From Trump's Cuts, Housing And Spending Slowdowns." [Virginia Mercury, [9/1/25](#)]

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In Virginia, Job Losses Were Due To DOGE-Canceled Federal Projects In North Virginia And DOGE-Canceled Flooding Control Contracts On Virginia's Coast. "A Stateline analysis of the data shows how several states, especially Virginia and New Jersey, shed jobs in the second quarter of this year, which includes May and June. In Virginia, there were job losses blamed on canceled federal contracts in Northern Virginia as part of cuts made by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, known as DOGE. Meanwhile, a slow housing market shuttered a plywood factory in the southern part of the state, and DOGE efforts canceled flooding control contracts on the coast." [Virginia Mercury, [9/1/25](#)]

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Virginia Policy Manager: Cuts From DOGE Caused A Spike In Unemployment Claims

In June 2025, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Virginia Policy Manager Jay Ford Told A State Legislative Committee That \$50 Million In Contracts Were Slashed In The Hampton Roads Area, Causing A Spike In Unemployment Claims. "In Virginia, there were job losses blamed on canceled federal contracts in Northern Virginia as part of cuts made by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, known as DOGE. Meanwhile, a slow housing market shuttered a plywood factory in the southern part of the state, and DOGE efforts canceled flooding control contracts on the coast. [...] Jay Ford, Virginia policy manager at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, told a state legislative committee in June that \$50 million in contracts were slashed in the Hampton Roads area near the coast, causing a spike in unemployment claims. That included \$20 million to address flooding in Hampton, where almost a quarter of homes are in flood zones, and \$24 million to repair a Portsmouth dam that could fail in a major storm, he said. 'This is work that you desperately needed,' Ford said at the committee hearing. 'There was a real focus on certain buzzwords like 'climate' or 'resilience,' and I think people conflated some of these projects as somehow unnecessary.'" [Virginia Mercury, [9/1/25](#)]

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Reuters Headline: “US Layoffs For October Surge To Two-Decade High, Challenger Data Shows.” [Reuters, [11/6/25](#)]

DOGE Cuts To The Department of Veterans Affairs Were Expected To Negatively Impact Care For Veterans – Who Made Up A Sizable Portion Of Kiggans’ District

Kiggans’ District Had A Population That Was Composed Of 13.5% Veterans, Which Was About 1.5 Times The Statewide Rate And More Than Double The National Rate

Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District Had A Population That Was 13.5 Percent Composed Of Veterans, Which Was About 1.5 Times Higher Than The Rate In Virginia And More Than Double The Rate In The United States. [Census Reporter, accessed [10/21/25](#)]

† Margin of error is at least 10 percent of the total value. Take care with this statistic.

Veteran status

13.5%

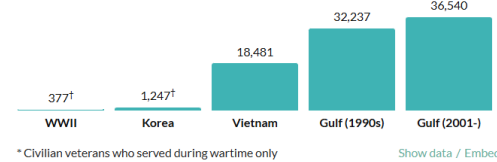
Population with veteran status

about 1.5 times the rate in Virginia:

9.1%

more than double the rate in United States: 6.1%

Veterans by wartime service



* Civilian veterans who served during wartime only

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78,960 Total veterans
64,011 Male
14,949 Female

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Reuters: “Between January And June, The [Department Of Veterans Affairs] Shed Nearly 17,000 Employees” And Expected “Nearly 12,000 Additional VA Employees To Exit” By September 30. “The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will make two-thirds fewer employee cuts this fiscal year than it first targeted, reducing staff by about 30,000 people rather than 80,000, the agency said on Monday. [...] Between January and June, the agency shed nearly 17,000 employees and expects ‘nearly 12,000 additional VA employees to exit’ by September 30, the VA said.” [Reuters, [7/8/25](#)]

In March 2025, The VA’s Planned Cuts Had “Raised Concerns In Virginia, Which Had One Of The Largest Veteran Populations And A Significant Federal Workforce”

Center Square: “Planned Cuts” At The Department Of Veterans Affairs Employees Had “Raised Concerns In Virginia, Which Has One Of The Largest Veteran Populations And A Significant Federal Workforce.” “Planned cuts to more than 80,000 Department of Veterans Affairs employees under the Trump administration have raised concerns in Virginia, which has one of the largest veteran populations and a significant federal workforce. Veterans Affairs Secretary Doug Collins acknowledged the difficulty of the decision but emphasized the government's role in serving people rather than providing employment. He assured that the department would continue to hire for more than 300,000 mission-critical positions to ensure that the health care and benefits of VA beneficiaries are not impacted.” [Center Square, [3/6/25](#)]

- **March 2025: Department of Veterans Affairs Chief Of Staff Christopher Syrek Sent Out A Memo Calling For An 80,000 Employee Reduction In Force At The VA To Comply With Trump's February DOGE Executive Order.** “The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to fire more than 80,000 employees under a sweeping reorganization effort being planned to comply with President Donald Trump's orders to slash the federal government, according to an internal VA memo obtained by Military.com. In the memo, VA Chief of Staff Christopher Syrek said the department's ‘initial objective’ is to return to 2019 staffing levels of 399,957 employees or about 83,000 fewer employees than the VA has right now [...] The ‘reduction in force,’ as the layoffs are formally called, is being planned as part of Trump's February executive order requiring agencies to work with Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, and subsequent guidance from the White House offices in charge of budgets and personnel directing agencies to prepare for large-scale layoffs.” [Military.com, [3/5/25](#)]
- **April 2025: The VA Secretary Directed A 15% Reduction Of VA Staff Nationwide In Compliance With Trump’s Push To Cut Spending.** “And even as veterans lose their jobs at higher rates, President Donald

Trump's cost-cutting push is squeezing the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is likely to impact access to medical care, disability payments, higher education and housing. The Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center in central Phoenix has already lost workers under a directive from Veterans Affairs Secretary Doug Collins to reduce staff nationwide by 15%." [Cronkite News, [4/7/25](#)]

Cuts To The VA Made Providing Care And Services To The Millions Of Veterans In The Country Harder

Cuts To The VA Would Affect Medical Care For Veterans In Virginia And Across The Country, Including 400,000 Newly Enrolled Veterans

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DOGE Cuts Took Effect While VA Hospitals Suffered Severe Shortages With Veterans Potentially Losing Access To Life-Saving Cancer Trials, Treatment For Kidney Diseases, And Treatments For Traumatic Brain Injuries

In August 2025, The VA Reported That They Were Experiencing “Severe” Shortages Of Health Care Personnel At Nearly All Its Hospitals

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Kiggans Made Numerous Extreme Comments Opposing Abortion, Including Comparing It To “Infanticide”

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reimburse travel expenses for military members who travel out of their area for abortions. The policy does not reimburse for the cost of the abortion itself. It was adopted by the Pentagon last fall in the wake of the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade. [...] Representative Jen Kiggans (R-VA-02), a veteran Navy helicopter pilot and member of the House Armed Services Committee, said she disagrees with Tuberville's tactic. [...] But Kiggans agrees with Tuberville's opposition to the policy. 'Taxpayers should not be funding elective procedures,' Kiggans said. 'If I wanted to get a Hollywood nose job in California, I do not expect the Navy to pay for my travel expenses to get there.'" [WAVY, [7/13/23](#)]

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Kiggans Spoke Of A Patient Of Hers That Committed Suicide Over Guilt Of Getting An Abortion 20 Years Earlier. “This is the year 2020, and I feel like we’ve come a long way. Although I don’t have names of patients, patient privacy issue to list the stories and the people that I’ve treated, for again the mental health crisis and the depression. I too had a patient that committed suicide over guilt of having an abortion 20 years prior, so I think the suicide issue and the mental health issue goes for both sides.” [Twitter, Jen Kiggans, [1/30/20](#)] (VIDEO) [00:00:13]

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2019: Kiggans Equated Abortion With “Infanticide,” Saying The “Infanticide Issue” Was A “Turning Point” For Her When Deciding To Run For Office

Kiggans Said Abortion And Infanticide Was Her “Motivation For Running”. According to her interview with the John Fredericks Show, “Just watching the recent news with our top leadership, I watched in January and I think that was a turning point for me, watching the Kathy Tran video when Delegate Tran stood up and talked about the abortion issue. [...] It became an infanticide issue, and I had to watch that video twice and I couldn’t believe that this was the same person who one year prior had been breastfeeding on the General Assembly floor. She said that, and then a couple days later we had Governor Northam defending infanticide on talk radio.” [John Fredericks Show, [4/15/19](#)] (AUDIO)

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- **Delegate Kathy Tran Misspoke In A Legislative Hearing That Covered Abortion, Saying That A Bill Expanding Abortion Access Would “Allow For An Abortion To Occur When A Woman Is In Labor And About To Give Birth.”** According to the Washington Post, Delegate Kathy Tran misspoke in a legislative hearing that covered abortion, saying that a bill expanding abortion access would ‘allow for an abortion to occur when a woman is in labor and about to give birth.’ Delegate Tran later remarked that she wished she had said ‘clearly no, because infanticide is not allowed in Virginia.’” [The Washington Post, [1/31/19](#)]

2019: Kiggans Appeared To Scrub Anti-Abortion “Infanticide” Language From Her State Senate Campaign Website

Kiggans Claimed Pro-Choice Democrats “Want To Promote Infanticide”...

During Her Primary, Kiggans Accused Pro-Choice Virginia Democrats Of Wanting To “Promote Infanticide.” “And while Kiggans ran as a staunch foe of abortion in her Republican primary this past spring—telling a right-wing talk radio host that ‘In Virginia...we are fighting a group of Democrats and leftist-liberals who want to promote infanticide’—she moderated her stance during the general election, pitching herself as a nurse practitioner who would help women find alternatives to abortion. She even removed a reference to ‘infanticide’ on her website.” [The Nation, [12/3/19](#)]

Kiggans’ Campaign Website: “Jen Will Protect Our Young By Fighting Infanticide Legislation And Introducing Bills To Increase The Rights Of Newborns.” According to her campaign website, Kiggans “will protect our young by fighting infanticide legislation and introducing bills to increase the rights of newborns. Infanticide is not a choice, it is murder.” [Jen Kiggans for State Senate, accessed [5/31/19](#)]

Kiggans Prominently Listed The Term “Infanticide” On The Issues Page Of Her Campaign Website.

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THE ISSUES

LIFE

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★ **Opioid Epidemic**
As a nurse practitioner trained in chronic pain management, Jen will fight the opioid epidemic by providing alternative pain treatments, responsible prescribing, education & informed health care reform.

★ **Flooding**
When elected to Senate, Jen will work with local engineers and officials to reduce flooding risk and its devastating affect on too many citizens, homes, & pets.

LIBERTY

★ **Lower Taxes**
Jen is committed to lowering taxes and will introduce reform that benefits families, small business, and the growth of our economy. She also seeks to eliminate the car tax.

★ **2nd Amendment**
Jen believes that Americans have the right to bear arms and will lower the incidence of school shootings by improving availability of mental health care and firearm safety education.

★ **Defense**
As a veteran, Jen is committed to keeping our military strong, improving health care services for veterans, & bringing new defense-related jobs to Virginia.

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

★ **Education**
Jen will finally take action in our school system by improving school safety, decreasing the achievement gap, enriching curriculum & keeping higher education affordable.

★ **Workforce**
Jen will build bridges between high schools and community colleges to prepare students for high-paying technical careers in nursing, health care, ship building, mechatronics, & more.

★ **Mental illness**
Knowing patients and fellow veterans who suffer from PTSD and depression, Jen intends to improve our quality of life by increasing access to mental health services and treatment.

[Blue Virginia (blog), [7/17/19](#)]


...But Kiggans Removed “Infanticide” Mentions From Her Website After Winning Her Primary In An Apparent Attempt To Moderate Her Position

Kiggans Removed An “Infanticide” Section From The Issues Page Of Her Website In The First Month After The Republican Primary In 2019. “Well now it’s mid July, a month after the Republican primary, and guess what? Yep, Kiggans’ language, at least related to abortion, has changed significantly (see ‘before’ and ‘after’ screen shots, below). Now, post-primary Kiggans appears to have removed all mention of ‘infanticide’ from her issues page. In place of the ‘Infanticide’ section, Kiggans’ website instead now outlines her plan to provide women alternatives to abortion. Moderate (sounding)! [...] Anyway, back to Jen Kiggans, whose issues page now looks quite moderate, including the section that used to be headed ‘LIFE’ and ‘Infanticide,’ but is now called ‘FAMILIES.’” [Blue Virginia (blog), [7/17/19](#)]

Kiggans’ “Infanticide” Section Was Replaced With A More Moderate “Families” Section In Which She Pledged To Help Women With Unplanned Pregnancies Find Alternatives To Abortion.

FAMILIES

- Jen will work to provide options other than abortion for women who have unplanned pregnancies. She believes in affordable and quality women’s healthcare including mental healthcare for women. Jen respects life at all ages and is an advocate for not only the unborn, but also for her geriatric patient population, people who live with Alzheimer’s Disease and dementia and improved support for their caregivers.



[Blue Virginia (blog), [7/17/19](#)]

Kiggans Supported Allowing States To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions

2022: Kiggans: “I Applaud The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn Roe V. Wade”

Kiggans: “I Applaud The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn Roe V. Wade.” In a tweet, Kiggans said, “My statement on today's Dobbs decision by the Supreme Court...” Followed by a picture of her statement, “Jen Kiggans Statement on the Supreme Court's Ruling to Overturn Roe v. Wade ‘I applaud the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and give Virginians and our elected representatives the opportunity to defend life in our Commonwealth. As a mother and nurse practitioner, I believe all life is precious and must be protected. 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. ‘This is our chance to take a stand against the extremist Democrat policies that call for abortions up until the moment of birth, keeping babies who survive abortion 'comfortable' without lifesaving measures, and mandating taxpayer funded abortions. While today's decision is historic, I know there is more work to be done to uphold the sanctity of life. My fight for the unborn and the most vulnerable Americans will continue in Congress.’” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]



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- **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](#)]

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The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade Allowed States To Ban Abortion, Even For Survivors Of Rape And Incest Or Even To Save To The Life Of The Woman. “The Supreme Court on Friday overturned the fundamental right to abortion established nearly 50 years ago in Roe v. Wade, a stunning ruling that could alter the nation’s political landscape and leaves states free to drastically reduce or even outlaw a procedure that abortion rights groups said is key to women’s equality and independence. [...] The dissenters also said the majority opinion did not answer important questions, such as whether prohibitions must contain an exception for rape, incest or to save the life of the woman. Under some state laws recently passed in anticipation of Roe being overturned, ‘a woman will have to bear her rapist’s child or a young girl her father’s — no matter if doing so will destroy her life. So too, after today’s ruling, some States may compel women to carry to term a fetus with severe physical anomalies,’ they wrote. The majority opinion said Mississippi included a health exception, and Kavanaugh, in a concurring opinion, tried to blunt some of those criticisms. He noted that ‘abortion statutes traditionally and currently provide for an exception when an abortion is necessary to protect the life of the mother.’” [Washington Post, [6/24/22](#)]

Kiggans Expressed Support For A National 15-Week Abortion Ban

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Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares, A Surrogate For Kiggans, Indicated In An Interview With CNN Kiggans Would Support A 15 Week Abortion Ban

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](#)]

Kiggans Voted Multiple Times To Restrict Abortion Access Since Being In Congress

Kiggans Voted For H.R. 26, A Bill That Would Have Punished Doctors For Providing Abortion Care

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

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](#)]

Kiggans Voted For The State-Foreign Operations Appropriations That Would Further Restrict Abortion By Prohibiting “Federal Funding For International Non-Governmental Organizations That Provide Abortion Services”

Kiggans Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations That Would Further Restrict Abortion By Prohibiting “Federal Funding For International Non-Governmental Organizations That Provide Abortion Services.” In September 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$53.3 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2024. The bill includes a \$12.9 billion offset, including \$11.1 billion from a rescission of funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund from the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169). The bill would provide \$4.4 billion to counter the Chinese Communist Party’s influence and prohibit the use of funds to repay loans to the Chinese government or to support forced labor, crimes against humanity or genocide in China. The bill would provide \$3.1 billion for Israel, \$1.5 billion for Egypt and \$1.7 billion for Jordan. The bill would also require the executive branch, within 60 days of enactment, to report to Congress on a strategy to prioritize U.S. national security interests in responding to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and create new monitoring and oversight mechanisms. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$10 billion for global health programs, strike funding for the Green Climate Fund, and reimpose the prohibition on federal funding for international non-governmental organizations that provide abortion services. As amended, the bill would reduce the salary of Secretary of State Antony Blinken to \$1, prohibit the use of funds for the Office of Palestinian Affairs, and add language to expand eligibility for security upgrades to soft targets to include places of worship for U.S. embassy staff and their dependents.” The bill passed by a vote of 216-212. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #500](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted To Restrict Abortion Access For Military Personnel In The 2022 National Defense Authorization Act

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“Representative Jen Kiggans, a minivan-driving mom and Navy veteran, narrowly won election last year in her suburban Virginia swing district after a fiercely competitive race that focused on her opposition to abortion rights. The issue remains a top priority for voters in her district, and appearing too extreme on it could make her vulnerable again when she faces re-election in 2024. But Ms. Kiggans was one of dozens of Republicans from competitive districts who voted this week to support adding a bevy of deeply partisan restrictions to the annual defense policy bill, including one that would reverse a Pentagon policy aimed at preserving access to abortion services for military personnel, no matter where they are stationed.” [New York Times, [7/14/23](#)]

- **Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services.** In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that 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.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **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](#)]

Kiggans Voted Multiple Times Against Abortion Access In The Virginia State Senate

2020: Kiggans Voted Against Allowing Nurse Practitioners To Perform Abortions And Repealing Virginia’s Ultrasound Requirement And TRAP Restriction On Abortion Clinics

2020: Kiggans Voted Against Allowing Nurse Practitioners To Perform Abortions And Repealing Virginia’s Ultrasound Requirement And TRAP Restriction On Abortion Clinics. In March 2020, Kiggans voted against SB 733 which “Expands who can perform first trimester abortions to include any person jointly licensed by the Board of Medicine and Nursing as a nurse practitioner acting within such person's scope of practice. The bill eliminates all of the procedures and processes, including the performance of an ultrasound, required to effect a pregnant woman's informed written consent to the performance of an abortion; however, the bill does not change the requirement that a pregnant woman's informed written consent first be obtained. The bill removes language classifying facilities that perform five or more first trimester abortions per month as hospitals for the purpose of complying with regulations establishing minimum standards for hospitals.” The bill passed 20-20 with a tiebreaker. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB733](#), [3/2/20](#)]

Kiggans Said The Ultrasound Requirement And 24-Hour Waiting Period Prior To Abortion Educational Components To Advocate For The Fetus They Carry And Did Not Take Away Quality Health Care

Kiggans Said TRAP Restrictions And Ultrasound Requirements Prior To Abortion Did Not Take Away Women’s Quality Health Care. “This is not about shaming women, it’s not about taking away their quality health care. It’s a time when we need to be supporting women with the crisis that they’re in.” [Twitter, Jen Kiggans (Timestamp 0:13), [1/30/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Kiggans Said The 24-Hour Waiting Period Before Women Could Obtain Abortion Care Was Time To “Arm Them With The Facts” Of Other Options. “There’s other options out there. I don’t think we’ve even discussed them today. There’s adoption, there’s better birth control, better access to birth control, there’s prevention. There’s lots of other things we really need to be focusing on. We need to allow women that are in these crises that the 24-hour waiting period is sometimes the only thing we can give them. Let’s arm them with the facts.” [Twitter, Jen Kiggans (Timestamp 0:13), [1/30/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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week was SB 733 which removes the requirement for an ultrasound prior to an abortion, removes the 24-hour waiting period prior to an abortion, allows nurse practitioners to perform first trimester abortions, & repeals the requirement for medical professionals to provide certain information prior to an abortion [...] I feel we are removing key educational components to women and not advocating for what is best for women nor the innocent life they carry.” [Jen for VA, Fact From The Floor, [2/3/20](#)]

- **Kiggans Spoke Of A Patient Of Hers That Committed Suicide Over Guilt Of Getting An Abortion To Prove Abortion And Mental Health Went Both Ways.** “This is the year 2020, and I feel like we’ve come a long way. Although I don’t have names of patients, patient privacy issue to list the stories and the people that I’ve treated, for again the mental health crisis and the depression. I too had a patient that committed suicide over guilt of having an abortion 20 years prior, so I think the suicide issue and the mental health issue goes for both sides.” [Twitter, Jen Kiggans, [1/30/20](#)] (VIDEO) [00:00:13]
- **Kiggans Called Her Stance Against The Bill A Fight For “People Who Can’t Speak For Themselves.”** “Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax broke a 20-20 tie as the chamber approved Senate Bill 733 from Sen. Jennifer McClellan, D-Richmond, which would remove the mandatory 24-hour waiting period and the required ultrasound women must get before proceeding with an abortion. The bill also would remove the requirement that printed material be given to a woman before she could have an abortion. In addition, it would allow nurse practitioners to perform abortions. [...] ‘This is our fight for life,’ said Sen. Jen Kiggans, R-Virginia Beach, a nurse practitioner. ‘We’re fighting for people who can’t speak for themselves.’” [Richmond Times Dispatch, [1/30/20](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Including Abortion In Virginia Insurance Plans Offered Through The Health Benefits Exchange

2021: Kiggans Voted Against Repealing The Abortion Ban In Virginia’s Exchange Health Insurance Plans. In January 2021, Kiggans voted against SB 1276, which “Removes the prohibition on the provision of coverage for abortions in any qualified health insurance plan that is sold or offered for sale through a health benefits exchange established or operating in Virginia.” The bill passed 20-17. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB1276](#), [1/22/21](#)]

Kiggans Wanted To Vote For A Budget Amendment That Would Have Prohibited State Medicaid From Covering Abortions In Cases Of Incapacitating Physical Or Mental Fetal Deformities

One Of The Government Recommended Budget Amendments Was To Restrict Government Funds For Abortion Services. According to the Virginia Legislative Information System, Youngkin recommended an amendment for, “MEDICAL SERVICES: No expenditures from general or nongeneral fund sources may be made out of any appropriation by the General Assembly for providing abortion services, except otherwise as required by federal law or state statute.” [Virginia Legislative Information System, Governor Amendments, accessed [11/2/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted Not To Pass By The Amendment For The Day. According to the Virginia Legislative Information System, Kiggans was one of 19 Republican Senators who voted not to pass by the amendment for the day. All 20 Democrats, who were in attendance, voted to pass by the amendment for the day. [Virginia Legislative Information System, HB 30: Amendment 30, Passed by for the day (20-Y 19-N), [6/17/22](#)]

HB 30 Budget Bill.[log in](#) | [tally sheet](#)**floor: 06/17/22 Senate: Governor's Amendment #30 Passed by for the day (20-Y 19-N)**

YEAS--Barker, Bell, Boysko, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hashmi, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike, Morrissey, Petersen, Saslaw, Spruill--20.

NAYS--Chase, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Hackworth, Hanger, Kiggans, McDougle, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Pillion, Reeves, Ruff, Stanley, Stuart, Suetterlein, Vogel--19.

RULE 36--0.

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[Virginia General Assembly, HB 30: Amendment 30, Passed by for the day (20-Y 19-N), [6/17/22](#)]

NOTE: According to the Virginia Legislative Information System, Passing by for the day is a way to get around voting on the amendment and effectively does not bring it up for a vote again. Kiggans voted to not pass it by for the day to vote on it for the budget.

Virginia Mercury: “In A Closely Watched Vote, The Virginia Senate Narrowly Defeated An Amendment That Would Have Prohibited State Medicaid From Covering Abortions In Cases Of “Incapacitating” Physical Or Mental Fetal Deformities.” “In a closely watched vote, the Virginia Senate narrowly defeated an amendment that would have prohibited state Medicaid from covering abortions in cases of “incapacitating” physical or mental fetal deformities. The measure, which passed the Republican-controlled House on a 51-45 party-line vote, was a late-stage effort to further limit public funding for certain abortion services. Like the federal government, Virginia restricts Medicaid funding for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or pregnancies that threaten the life of the mother. But the state also allows public funding to pay for the service in narrowly defined cases where the infant is almost certain to die during — or shortly after — childbirth. [...] Democrats, though, said the amendment would interfere with vital medical care and force a small number of low-income Virginians to carry traumatic pregnancies to term.” [Virginia Mercury, [6/16/22](#)]

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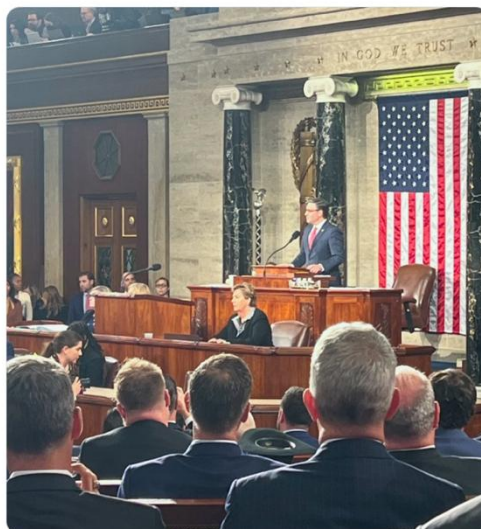
Kiggans Agreed With Senator Tuberville’s Stance On Federal Funds Being Used For Abortions, But Said She Did Not Agree With His Tactic Of Purposely Holding Up Over 300 Military Promotions. “Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., has held up more than 300 military promotions for months over a Pentagon provision 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](#)]

Kiggans Supported Mike Johnson, An Anti-Abortion Extremist, In His Race To Become Speaker Of The House

Kiggans Supported Mike Johnson’s Bid 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](#)]

Kiggans Congratulated Speaker Mike Johnson On His Election To Speaker Of The House. In a Twitter post Kiggans said, “Congratulations to the newly elected Speaker of the House @RepMikeJohnson! It’s time to resume the important work of funding our government, supporting our ally Israel, securing our southern border, bolstering our national defense, and getting our economy back on track!” [Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



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

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](#)]



[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](#)]

The image shows a screenshot of a tweet from Speaker Mike Johnson (@SpeakerJohnson) and a scanned letter from the Louisiana Department of Health. The tweet, dated June 25, 2022, contains the text: "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." The letter, dated June 24, 2022, is addressed to Shemka Russell, Administrator of Womens Health Care Center, Inc. in New Orleans, LA. The letter is signed by Tasheka Dukes, Deputy Assistant Secretary Health Standards, and contains the following text: "Through this letter you are hereby notified that today, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (597 U.S. ____ (2022)), which held that the U.S. Constitution does not confer a right to abortion, that *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled, and that the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives. Therefore, Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1061 is now in effect and enforceable. In addition, relevant provisions of Acts 2022, No. 545 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session are also in effect today, June 24, 2022. The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) expects your clinic to abide by the Louisiana laws on abortion." The letter also includes contact information for the Louisiana Department of Health and its Equal Opportunity Employer status.

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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)

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](#)]

Kiggans Endorsed Winsome Earle-Sears For Governor Of Virginia, An Anti-Abortion Extremist Who Said Abortion Was “Wicked,” “Genocide,” And Blamed School Shootings On Abortion

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to: Grow our economy Give parents a voice in their children’s education Enhance community safety and reduce crime Improve the lives of ALL Virginians #EndorsementAlert #CommonsenseLeadership #VA02” [Jen Kiggans for Congress, Facebook, [11/19/24](#)]



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May 2022: Days After The Uvalde Elementary School Shooting, Earle-Sears Blamed School Shootings On Abortion During A Keynote Speech At The National Rifle Association’s Women’s Luncheon

May 2022: Earle-Sears Blamed School Shootings On “Ills” That Were “Plaguing The Nation,” Such As Abortion Practices, Taking “Prayer Out Of Schools,” And Sexual Liberation. According to the Washington Post, “Earle-Sears, who has operated a prison ministry and often speaks in the tones of a preacher, warned that ‘America is running headlong into a dangerous abyss.’ She claimed that demonstrators are disrupting church services and babies are being aborted up until the moment of birth. Even language has deteriorated, she said, ‘such that F-bombs and even the startling MF bombs are spoken across our airways.’ These and other ills are plaguing the nation, she said, ‘Because we took prayer out of schools. We have so liberated our sexuality, that we are now informed that men can have abortions.’” [Washington Post, [5/27/22](#)]

- **May 2022: Earle-Sears Was Slated To Be The Keynote Speaker At A National Rifle Association Women’s Luncheon In Houston Mere Days After A Gunman Killed 19 Children And Two Adults At Robb Elementary In Uvalde, Texas.** According to Virginia Mercury, “Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears is scheduled to be the keynote speaker on Friday for a women’s luncheon at the National Rifle Association’s annual conference in Houston, just days after a deadly mass shooting at a Texas elementary school and another at a Buffalo grocery store pushed guns to the forefront of American politics. Tickets to the event with Earle-Sears, who famously posed with a military-style rifle during her 2021 campaign, range from \$250 to \$2,500, according to the NRA’s website. ‘Be part of this unforgettable gathering of like-minded

women as we celebrate the sisterhood we share, hear from impactful speakers, participate in live and silent auctions, and raise funds essential to strengthening the NRA's fight to protect our freedom,' the NRA's Women's Leadership Forum says on a website promoting the event. On Wednesday, the Democratic Party of Virginia called on Earle-Sears to withdraw from the event in light of the shooting at Uvalde's Robb Elementary School that left at least 19 children and two adults dead." [Virginia Mercury, [5/25/22](#)]

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Kiggans Said That She And Marjorie Taylor Greene, An Anti-Abortion Extremist, "Want The Same Things"

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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

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](#)]

Greene Said “Reproductive Freedom Is Baby Murder, Not A Right,” And Called The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade A “Miracle”

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[Marjorie Taylor Greene, Twitter, [11/8/23](#)]

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](#)]

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Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) B. SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST ACTION PAC			Date of Receipt MM / DD / YYYY 06 / 21 / 2022	
Mailing Address 2776 S. ARLINGTON MILL DR. PO BOX 803			Transaction ID : SA11C.18493	
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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](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Republican Bills That Would Cut Services For Veterans, And Blamed Her Failure To Secure Funding To Fix Military Housing On Her Lack Of Experience In Congress

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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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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](#)]

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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](#)]

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The Restore Accountability Act Of 2023 Would Give Veterans Affairs The Authority It Needs To Quickly Remove, Demote, And Suspend Employees Who Are A Diservice To Veterans. “The Restore Accountability Act of 2023 would (a) plug holes that courts have punctured in the 2017 Accountability Act by restoring

Congresses intent to give VA the authority it needs to quickly remove, demote, and suspend employees who are a disservice to veterans; and (b) strengthen the authorities VA has to discipline unsatisfactory VA middle managers: aligning its middle manager disciplinary process with the process currently in place for members of the Senior Executive Service. The Restore Accountability Act of 2023 will ultimately help VA remove the small percentage of employees who are hurting veterans in weeks or months, rather than years.” [House Committee on Veteran Affairs, One Pager, accessed [11/2/23](#)]

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Virginian Pilot: Opinion: Kiggans Was A Cosponsor Of Restore Veterans Affairs (VA) Accountability Act Of 2023 Which Could, “Jeopardize The Quality Of Care Provided To Our Nation’s Heroes And Undermine The Rights And Job Security Of Dedicated VA Workers.” “Veterans all over the nation are at risk of seeing a significant decline in the quality of care they receive at VA hospitals due to a group of conservative politicians attempting to revive the failed 2017 Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act in the United States Congress. The latest version, the Restore Veterans Affairs (VA) Accountability Act of 2023, claims to address the original’s flaws, which was signed into law in June 2017. However, a closer look reveals that it actually aims to jeopardize the quality of care provided to our nation’s heroes and undermine the rights and job security of dedicated VA workers such as myself. [...] Like its predecessor, the 2023 VA Accountability Act threatens civil servants at the VA who have tirelessly served those who have sacrificed for our country. Regrettably, U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans of

Virginia's 2nd District has chosen to lend her support as a co-sponsor to this disastrous legislation. Every one of us should be outraged." [The Virginian Pilot, Opinion, [7/29/23](#)]

Kiggans Complained About The Conditions Of Military Housing But Voted To Cut Military Construction And Said She Missed Opportunities To Get Money To Fix Local Military Housing

Kiggans Complained About Military Barracks And Said She Wanted To Fix Housing Conditions

Kiggans Complained About Military Barracks Calling Them “Embarrassing” And A Problem For Recruitment And Retention Of Soldiers. “After evaluating, GAO made a list of 31 recommendations for the DOD. The agency says the recommendations will help the DOD, including the military departments, address the issues they claim to have found with the barracks. [...] ‘DOD doesn't have reliable information about barracks conditions, or how these conditions affect troop morale. And while DOD spends billions of dollars annually on its facilities, it's unable to identify how much funding goes toward barracks,’ said GAO. Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, Virginia District 2, is on the U.S. Armed Services Committee and spoke at the hearing. Later, she told News 3, ‘It's embarrassing. And we're competing with the rest of society, right? It's an all-volunteer force. I want young men and women to sign up to serve our great country and to join our great military, and you know, we have to think of what we're offering them.’” [WTKR, [9/27/23](#)]

Kiggans Wanted To See Real Change Within The Barracks And Fixing Housing Conditions. “According to the report, service members told the GAO that the poor barrack conditions affected their ‘quality of life and readiness.’ Kiggans wants to see real change. ‘It's an issue we put a lot of band-aids on for many many years,’ she said. A lot of the issues are attributed to funding. The report describes one Navy base that requested funding 10 years in a row because there wasn't enough bed space. That installation never received funding, forcing the command to put 500 service members on aircraft carriers or berthing barges. [...] She hopes her position within the Armed Services Committee's Recruitment, Retention and Quality of Life Task Force will allow her to get that necessary funding where the military needs it most, including fixing housing conditions.” [WAVY, [10/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted To Cut Military Construction By \$1.5 Billion, And Admitted She Missed Opportunities To Get Any Money To Fix Oceana's Housing Issue In The Military Construction-VA Appropriations As She Tried To Understand Congress

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Kiggans Voted For The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$317.4 billion in mandatory and discretionary funding for the VA, including \$121 billion for VA medical care programs, \$166 billion for veteran disability compensation and other benefits, \$151.4 billion for veteran pensions, \$17.5 billion for military construction projects and \$2 billion for military personnel housing. It would also provide \$293 million for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program, intended to counter Russian and Chinese military activities. Among other provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to close or realign Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and provide \$189 million for Arlington National Cemetery, including funding for its southern expansion. The bill would allow the use of funding for the Veterans Affairs Department Medical Services to reimburse veterans and their spouses for assisted reproductive technology treatments or adoption expenses. It 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](#)]

- **The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill Cut Military Construction By \$1.5 Billion.** “This bill, as amended: Worsens the quality of life for servicemembers and their families and hurts military readiness by cutting military construction by over \$1.5 billion compared to the current level and does not include dedicated funding for PFAS remediation and cleanup or military installation climate change and resilience projects. [...] The bill provides \$17.5 billion for Military Construction, which is \$1.5 billion below the 2023 level and \$200 million below the level marked up in subcommittee.” [House Committee of Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, accessed [11/7/23](#)]
- **Roll Call: “Democrats Marched In Lockstep Against The Bill, Saying It Was Chock-Full Of Extremist Policy Riders And Would Cut Military Housing Money.”** “The House passed its first fiscal 2024 spending bill Thursday, funding veterans benefits and military construction projects, by a razor-thin margin along party lines that signaled a troubled road ahead for the appropriations process. The \$317.4 billion Military Construction-VA bill, usually considered the least controversial of the 12 annual spending measures, passed on a 219-211 vote. Democrats marched in lockstep against the bill, saying it was chock-full of extremist policy riders and would cut military housing money needed by troops and their families.” [Roll Call, [7/27/23](#)]

Kiggans Said She Was Trying To Understand The “Process Of Congress, How To Get Things Done” And Missed A Chance To Ensure There Was Funding To Fix Oceana Base

Fixes To The Oceana Base Were Left Out Of The Mil-Con VA Appropriations Bill. “The fixes she wants to see to Oceana would have had to have been in the military construction appropriations bill, but like many things, it was left out of the bill as a way to cut spending to appease the hard-line conservative members of the conference. ‘I was kicking and screaming and pretty much yelling at people like, ‘Is there anything we can do? Is there an amendment? Is there a floor amendment?’ I'm trying to understand the process of Congress, how to get things done, and we had missed that,’ Kiggans said. They don’t even have the money in the budget to demolish the buildings, she said, so they just sit there in an unlivable condition.” [Washington Examiner, [8/30/23](#)]

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Kiggans Requested \$10,636,000 In Earmarks For Naval Air Station Oceana In The Military Construction-VA Appropriations, And Received \$0 Of \$10,636,000 In The Republican Lead Bill

Kiggans Requested \$10,636,000 To Repair An HVAC System At Naval Air Station Oceana. “I am requesting funding for DEVGRU OPS B355 REPAIR HVAC (RM 14-1408) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is NAS Oceana, located at 1750 Tomcat Blvd, Building #230, Virginia Beach, VA, 23460. The funding would be used for provides for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical, fire protection, and select interior/exterior repairs to Building 355 located at Naval Air Station Oceana, Dam Neck Annex (NASO DNA) in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This SOF facility supports mission essential operations that are utilized throughout the SPECWAR community. The faulty system (rated "Inadequate") adversely affects both the personnel operating within the facility as well as sensitive computer systems and equipment. The high heat and humidity create significant mission readiness issues. Inadequate temperature control will continue to have a negative effect on the quality of the workplace resulting in lower productivity for the over 150 personnel which inhabit the building. The equipment will continue to degrade while operating at well below design efficiencies. The possibility of total failure exists which could result in the loss of mission capability of this facility.” [Jen Kiggans, FY24 Community Project Funding Financial Disclosures, Request date: [3/31/23](#)]

Kiggans Received \$0 Of \$10,636,000 In The Republican Lead Military Construction-VA Appropriations. According to House Appropriations, Kiggans did not receive any funding out of the \$10,636,000 she requested for

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Kiggans: “**Using Our Veterans As Political Pawns Just To Get An Agenda Passed Is Wrong.**” “Republican Rep. Jen Kiggans (Va.-02) said these administration claims have no basis. ‘Absolutely none of these things are written in the bill,’ Kiggans said in a Wednesday morning interview. ‘If you go back and read it, not a single one. And using our veterans as political pawns just to get an agenda passed is wrong.’” [WAVY, [5/3/23](#)]

Kiggans: “**When You're Playing Politics, With Our Military, And Using The Military As Political Pawns, That's Not Right.**” “Kiggans said she ‘hates’ that the military is caught in the middle. She criticized both parties. ‘When you're playing politics, with our military, and using the military as political pawns, that's not right,’ she said.” [13 News Now, [9/22/23](#)]

Kiggans: “**To Use Our Troops As Pawns To Leverage Other, Unrelated Agendas Is Shameful.**” “There’s no place for political theater when it comes to our men and women in uniform. Any delay in funding our nation’s military puts our national security – and those sworn to protect it – at great risk. As a former Navy helicopter pilot who is married to a veteran and mother to children who serve, it’s hard to find the words to express how frustrated and disappointed I am. To use our troops as pawns to leverage other, unrelated agendas is shameful.” [Jen Kiggans, Press Release, [9/14/23](#)]

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2023: 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 by 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](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Narrowly Passes Divisive Pentagon Policy Bill.”** [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]
- **New York Times: NDAA Was “A Deeply Partisan Defense Bill.”** “Republicans on Friday rammed through the House a deeply partisan defense bill that would limit abortion access, transgender care and diversity training for military personnel, setting up a showdown in the Senate that could imperil the crucial annual measure to provide a pay raise for troops, set defense policy to counter U.S. adversaries and sustain Pentagon programs at a time of rising threats.” [New York Times, [7/14/23](#)]
- **Washington Post: “The Most Conservative National Defense Authorization Act In Decades.”** “Congress’s decades-long streak of bipartisan support for its annual defense policy and spending plan collapsed Friday, after House Republicans rammed through the most conservative National Defense Authorization Act in decades — restricting military personnel’s access to reproductive care and diversity protections, and imperiling lawmakers’ broader effort to set major national security priorities.” [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Implementing Biden Climate Change Executive Orders. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 64 to HR 2670 that would prohibit the Defense Department from implementing several Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change and environmental policy.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #326](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Military Service Academies To Use NDAA Funds Toward Race-Based Admissions Practices. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Banks, R-Ind., amendment no. 63 that would prohibit military service academies from using any funds authorized by the bill to discriminate or use quotas in admissions on the basis of race or ethnicity.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #325](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit DOD From Hiring Additional For DEI Positions And Repeal The Creation Of A DOD Inspector General. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Burlison, R-Mo., amendment no. 62 that would prohibit the Defense Department from establishing any new positions or filling any vacancies in positions with responsibilities involving diversity, equity and inclusion. It would also repeal the creation of a DOD inspector general focused on diversity and inclusion oversight and preventing supremacist, extremist and criminal gang activity by servicemembers.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #324](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Federal Funds For DEI Training. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 52 that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized by the bill for training on diversity, equity and inclusion.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-221. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #321](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Department Of Defense School Libraries From Having “Pornographic And Radical Gender Ideology Books.” In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 35 that would prohibit Defense Department Education Activity schools from using funds to purchase and maintain pornographic and radical gender ideology books in school libraries.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-209. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #314](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 34 that would establish a list of flags the Defense Department is allowed to display in any DOD work place, common access area or public area, including the American flag, a military service flag, and the POW/MIA flag.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #313](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate DEI Offices From The Armed Forces And Department Of Defense (Revote). In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 33 that would eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #312](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Department Of Defense From Requiring Training On Race-Based Concepts For Its Employees. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 32 that would prohibit the Defense Department from making participation in training or support for certain politically-based concepts, including concepts related to race, color, sex or nationality, a requirement for hiring, promotion or retention of individuals. It also would stipulate that DOD employees and servicemembers cannot be compelled to declare belief in or participate in training that promotes such concepts as a condition of favorable personnel actions.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #310](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Race-Related Teaching In DOD Education. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 31 that would prohibit the use of federal funds for the Department of Defense Education Activity to promote race-related theories or teachings. It would stipulate that nothing in the amendment would be construed to restrict a teacher, student or other individual’s free speech.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 227-201. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #309](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Establishment Of DEI Officers In The Defense Department. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 30 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to establish, within the Defense Department, any positions similar to chief diversity officers or senior advisors for diversity and inclusion.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-212. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #308](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Gender Transition Coverage For Military Family Minors. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would prohibit gender transition procedures through the Exceptional Family Member Program for military minor family members, including surgery or medication.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #302](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries And Gender Hormone Treatments. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering and the Defense Department from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-211. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #301](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that 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.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

2023: Kiggans Voted For Controversial Social Issue Amendments That Politicized The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill, Usually Considered One Of The Least Controversial Pieces Of Annual Spending

Kiggans Voted For The Military Construction-VA Appropriations, That Was “Chock-Full Of Extremist Policy Riders” And Was Usually The Least Controversial Of The Annual Spending Measures

Kiggans Voted For A Bill That Would Provide Appropriations Funding For Veterans Affairs And Military Construction, But Prohibits Use Of Funds For Abortion And Gender-Affirming Care. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$317.4 billion in mandatory and discretionary funding for the VA, including \$121 billion for VA medical care programs, \$166 billion for veteran disability compensation and other benefits, \$151.4 billion for veteran pensions, \$17.5 billion for military construction projects and \$2 billion for military personnel housing. It would also provide \$293 million for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program, intended to counter Russian and Chinese military activities. Among other provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to close or realign Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and provide \$189 million for Arlington National Cemetery, including funding for its southern expansion. The bill would allow the use of funding for the Veterans Affairs Department Medical Services to reimburse veterans and their spouses for assisted reproductive technology treatments or adoption expenses. It 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 passed by a vote of 219-211. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #380](#), 7/27/23; CQ, [7/27/23](#)]

- **Roll Call: “Military Construction-VA Bill, Usually Considered The Least Controversial Of The 12 Annual Spending Measures, Passed On A 219-211 Vote.”** “The House passed its first fiscal 2024 spending bill Thursday, funding veterans benefits and military construction projects, by a razor-thin margin along party lines that signaled a troubled road ahead for the appropriations process. The \$317.4 billion Military Construction-VA bill, usually considered the least controversial of the 12 annual spending measures, passed on a 219-211 vote. Democrats marched in lockstep against the bill, saying it was chock-full of extremist policy riders and would cut military housing money needed by troops and their families.” [Roll Call, [7/27/23](#)]
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- **According To The White House The House Republicans Were Looking To Cut “Climate Change And Clean Energy Programs, Essential Nutrition Services, Law Enforcement, Consumer Safety, Education, And Healthcare” From The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill.** “The White House on Monday threatened to veto a proposed spending bill for military construction and veterans’ affairs, arguing that House Republicans are pursuing a partisan spending proposal that deviates from an agreement struck during debt ceiling talks. ‘House Republicans had an opportunity to engage in a productive, bipartisan appropriations process, but instead, with just over two months before the end of the fiscal year, are wasting time with partisan bills that cut domestic spending to levels well below the (Fiscal Responsibility Act) agreement and endanger critical services for the American people,’ the White House said in a statement of administration policy. ‘These levels would result in deep cuts to climate change and clean energy programs, essential nutrition services, law enforcement, consumer safety, education, and healthcare,’ the statement added.” [The Hill, [7/24/23](#)]
- **House Republicans Added More Controversial Social Issues Into The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill After President Biden’s Threat Of A Veto.** “House Republicans responded to President Joe Biden’s veto threat on their Veterans Affairs appropriations bill by adding even more controversial social issues into the measure, further complicating negotiations on how to fund veterans programs into next year. [...] The cost of the spending plan matches what White House officials requested earlier this year and has not been a sticking point in negotiations. Rather, Democrats objected to amendments included in the bill which would bar VA officials from providing any abortion services, severely limit health care options for transgender veterans, and bar department facilities from displaying the LGBT pride flag at any time.” [Military Times, [7/27/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Many Controversial Social Issue Amendments In The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used For COVID Mask Mandates. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 37 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223-211. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #374](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used For COVID Vaccination Programs For VA Health Care Employees. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 38 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to carry out the COVID-19 vaccination program for Veterans Health Administration health care personnel.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 224-210. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #375](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Implement Biden Executive Orders Related To Climate Change. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 40 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement seven Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-214. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #377](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Zinke, R-Mont., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement the December 2021 Biden administration executive order regarding the promotion of clean energy industries and jobs.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #378](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against A Motion To Recommit A Bill Addressing Appropriations For Military Construction, Veterans Affairs And Related Agencies, But Prohibits Use Of Funds For Abortion And Gender-Affirming Care. In July 2023 Kiggans voted against: “Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., motion to recommit

the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 206-219. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #379](#), 7/27/23; CQ, [7/27/23](#)]

As A State Senator, Kiggans Voted Against A Bill To Fight Predatory Lending, Which Disproportionately Targeted Veterans And Military Families, And Accepted Thousands Of Dollars From A PAC With “Substantial Financial Backing” From Payday Lenders

April 2020: As A State Senator, Kiggans Voted Against The Virginia Fairness In Lending Act, Which Fought Predatory Lending

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 4th, 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](#)]

Kiggans Refused To Answer A Local Reporter’s Questions About Why She Voted Against Cracking Down On Payday Lenders And Got Up While Still Attached To Her Mic And Walked Away

WAVY: “Try As We Did In Our Allotted Five Minutes To Talk To Her, Kiggans Refused To Answer 10 On Your Side’s Inquiry And To Explain Why She Voted For Senate Bill 421.” “VoteVets then slams State Senator Jen Kiggans on a vote she made in April 2020. ‘Kiggans voted against cracking down on predatory lenders and their unfair practices that especially hurt military families.’ That is TRUE. Kiggans did vote against Senate Bill 421 that among other measures would cap the annual interest rate for predatory or short-term loans at 36%. Try as we did in our allotted five minutes to talk to her, Kiggans refused to answer 10 On Your Side’s inquiry and to explain why she voted for Senate Bill 421. [...] And then we heard the five-minute timer go off, at which point Senator Kiggans gets up and walks away, dragging the microphone still strapped to her dress. She never answered the question about SB 421.” [WAVY, [10/25/22](#)]

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Kiggans Was Asked Multiple Times By A Reporter Why She Voted Against Senate Bill 421, Which Would Have Cracked Down On Payday Lenders, She Refused To Answer And Walked Off While Still Attached To Her Mic. HOST: “But back to Senate Bill 421, why did you vote against the Virginia Fairness and Lending Act which you did?” KIGGANS: “that bill is not even referenced in the ad.” HOST: “why did you vote against SB421?” KIGGANS: “I would never vote for anything that I thought would be considered to be hurtful or harmful to veterans.” HOST: “I need you to answer why you voted, the reasons, against SB 421?” KIGGANS: “Yea, I say 1 out of 6 of our enlisted sailors cannot pay their bills right now. [...] I never took money for my campaign from these organizations, from those payday lenders.” HOST: “Senator, again, can you please answer that question? Why did you vote against it? Why did you vote against SB 421?” KIGGANS: “I would not do anything to harm our veteran population.” HOST: “SB 421 Senator?” KIGGANS: “Yea again insinuating that I would take any votes that are harmful to my veteran population, I will not do that.” HOST: “Senator why did you vote against it? Why did you vote against it?” KIGGANS: “I wouldn’t do anything that would harm our veteran population, thank you though.” (Kiggans walks away while the mic is still attached to her dress) [WAVY, 2:15, [10/25/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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Recipient	Contributor	Amount	Date
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TOTAL		\$10,000	

[Federal Election Commission, Campaign Finance Data, accessed [11/15/23](#)]

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GOPAC Announced That It Would Pump \$4.5 Million Into Support For GOP Congressional Candidates This Cycle. “A super PAC focused on electing pragmatic conservatives with proven successes at the state level laid out a multimillion-dollar investment in key congressional races. GOPAC plans to raise \$4.5 million to support GOP congressional candidates this cycle, according to a new memo obtained by the Washington Examiner. The money would go ‘directly in our endorsed candidates through a mix of contributions and independent expenditures, including polling, research and mixed media campaigns of television, digital, mail, etc., to key primary voter universes.’” [Washington Examiner, [11/12/23](#)]

GOPAC Helped Kiggans During The 2022 Cycle. “Last cycle, GOPAC helped members like Reps. Jen Kiggans (R-VA) and Erin Houchin (R-IN) get elected, and in past cycles, they have helped others, including Reps. Stephanie Bice (R-OK) and Mark Green (R-TN). ‘GOPAC has a long history of educating and electing Republican leaders. The support I received was instrumental in helping me get to Congress,’ Bice was quoted as saying in the memo. ‘I urge anyone who wants to assist Republican leaders to look at the programs.’” [Washington Examiner, [11/12/23](#)]

Kiggans Praised GOPAC As A “Powerhouse In American Politics” And Described Herself As An “Alumni” Of GOPAC. “GOPAC is a powerhouse in American politics and vital to electing commonsense candidates to our state legislatures. The state leaders in the GOPAC network running for Congress bring experience and knowledge on how to legislate and work in bipartisan settings. These skills are critical to being effective and productive in Washington. As an alumni of GOPAC, I support their Mission Majority program to elect more state legislators to Congress and am excited to welcome these experienced leaders to Washington, DC!” [GOPAC Election Fund, 2024 Mission: Majority Memo, accessed [11/12/23](#)]

July 2021: Kiggans Accepted A Gift Worth \$200 From GOPAC’s Emerging Leaders’ Summit, An Event Designed To Coach State Legislatures To Be Effective Leaders

Kiggans Disclosed She Received A Gift Worth \$200 For Attending GOPAC’s Emerging Leaders Summit. According To Kiggans’ Statement Of Economic Interests, she received \$200 for attending GOPAC’s Emerging Leaders Summit in Alexandria, VA from July 5th to July 6th of 2021. [Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council, Jen Kiggans Statement Of Economic Interests, filed [1/31/21](#)]

- **Emerging Leaders Summit Was A Program To Coach State Legislatures To Be Effective Leaders.** “The Emerging Leaders Summit is the cornerstone of a yearlong program to coach, develop, and promote promising state legislators on how to be effective legislative and political leaders. Members of our Legislative Leaders Advisory Board nominate participating legislators for their potential and ability to have an impact in their state.” [GOPAC, Events, accessed [3/1/22](#)]

2019: Kiggans Received \$17,500 In Contributions From GOPAC

Kiggans Received \$15,000 From GOPAC On October 30th 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](#)]

GOPAC Was A Tax-Exempt Republican Led PAC Dedicated To “Educating And Electing A New Generation Of Republican Leaders” That Received “Substantial Financial Backing” From Payday Lenders

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](#)]

Courier Journal: 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](#)]

2019-2023: GOPAC Received Payday Lending Contributions Totaling \$317,500

GOPAC – Payday Lending Interests		
Contribution Date	Name Of Organizations	Amount
5/12/23	Community Choice Financial	\$15,000
3/06/23	Community Choice Financial	\$20,000
1/03/23	Community Choice Financial	\$10,000
11/02/22	TitleMax	\$15,000
10/24/22	Community Choice Financial	\$15,000
8/9/22	Community Choice Financial	\$5,000
9/27/22	Community Choice Financial	\$5,000
8/18/22	Community Choice Financial	\$15,000
4/22/22	Community Choice Financial	\$10,000
2/9/22	Community Choice Financial	\$2,500
12/03/21	Amscot Financial	\$25,000
9/28/21	Community Choice Financial	\$2,500

4/16/21	Cash Into Cash	\$25,000
11/03/21	Community Choice Financial	\$10,000
9/29/20	Cash Into Cash	\$25,000
10/7/20	Cash Into Cash	\$10,000
1/27/20	Cash Into Cash	\$5,000
9/28/20	Amscot Financial	\$50,000
9/5/19	Cash Into Cash	\$2,500
9/5/19	Advance America	\$50,000
		\$317,500

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures; Ending 6/30/23, IRS.gov, filed [7/31/23](#), Ending 11/28/22, IRS.gov, filed [12/8/22](#), Ending 9/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [10/17/22](#), Ending 6/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [7/11/22](#), Ending 3/31/22, IRS.gov, filed [4/18/22](#), Ending 12/31/21, IRS.gov, filed [1/31/22](#); Ending 6/30/21, IRS.gov, filed [8/2/21](#); Ending 11/23/20, IRS.gov, filed [12/03/20](#); Ending 9/30/20, IRS.gov, filed [10/15/20](#); Ending 11/23/20, IRS.gov, filed [12/03/20](#); Ending 3/31/20, IRS.gov, filed [4/15/20](#); Ending 9/30/20, IRS.gov, filed [10/15/20](#); Ending 12/31/19, IRS.gov, filed [1/31/20](#)]

2023: GOPAC Received \$45,500 From Payday Loaning Companies

In May 2023, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, May 12, 2023, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/23, IRS.gov, filed [7/31/23](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Community Choice Financial 424 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219	N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 45000	\$ 15000 Date of contribution 05/12/2023

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/23, IRS.gov, filed [7/31/23](#)]

In March 2023, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$20,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, March 6, 2023, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$20,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/23, IRS.gov, filed [7/31/23](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Community Choice Financial 424 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219	N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 45000	\$ 20000 Date of contribution 03/06/2023

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/23, IRS.gov, filed [7/31/23](#)]

In January 2023, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$10,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, January 3, 2023, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$10,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/23, IRS.gov, filed [7/31/23](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code	Name of contributor's employer	Amount of contribution
Community Choice Financial 424 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219	N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 45000	\$ 10000 Date of contribution 01/03/2023

[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/23, IRS.gov, filed [7/31/23](#)]

2022: GOPAC Received \$67,500 From Payday Lending Companies

In November 2022, TitleMax, A Payday Lender Based In Savannah Georgia, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, November 2, 2022, TitleMax, A Payday Lender Based In Savannah Georgia, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 11/28/22, IRS.gov, filed [12/8/22](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code TitleMax 15 Bull Street Suite 200 Savannah, GA 31401	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 15000	Amount of contribution \$ 15000 Date of contribution 11/02/2022
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 11/28/22, IRS.gov, filed [12/8/22](#)]

In October 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, October 24, 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 11/28/22, IRS.gov, filed [12/8/22](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Community Choice Financial 424 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 52500	Amount of contribution \$ 15000 Date of contribution 10/24/2022
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 11/28/22, IRS.gov, filed [12/8/22](#)]

In September 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$5,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, September 27, 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$5,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 9/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [10/17/22](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code COMMUNITY CHOICE FINANCIAL 424 CHURCH STREET NASHVILLE, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 37500	Amount of contribution \$ 5000 Date of contribution 09/27/2022
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 9/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [10/17/22](#)]

In August 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, August 18, 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$15,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 9/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [10/17/22](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code COMMUNITY CHOICE FINANCIAL 424 CHURCH STREET NASHVILLE, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 37500	Amount of contribution \$ 15000 Date of contribution 08/18/2022
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 9/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [10/17/22](#)]

In August 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$5,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, August 9, 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$5,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 9/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [10/17/22](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code COMMUNITY CHOICE FINANCIAL 424 CHURCH STREET NASHVILLE, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 37500	Amount of contribution \$ 5000 Date of contribution 08/09/2022
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 9/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [10/17/22](#)]

In April 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$10,000 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, April 22, 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$10,000 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [7/11/22](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code COMMUNITY CHOICE FINANCIAL 424 CHURCH STREET NASHVILLE, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 12500	Amount of contribution \$ 10000 Date of contribution 04/22/2022
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 6/30/22, IRS.gov, filed [7/11/22](#)]

In February 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$2,500 To GOPAC. According to the IRS Report of Contributions and Expenditures, February 9, 2022, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$2,500 To GOPAC. [GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 3/31/22, IRS.gov, filed [4/18/22](#)]

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Community Choice Financial 424 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 2500	Amount of contribution \$ 2500 Date of contribution 02/09/2022
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures, Ending 3/31/22, IRS.gov, filed [4/18/22](#)]

2021: GOPAC Received \$62,500 From Payday Lending Companies

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

In September 2021, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Nashville Tennessee, Donated \$2,500 To GOPAC.

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Community Choice Financial 424 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 2500	Amount of contribution \$ 2500 Date of contribution 09/28/2021
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 12/31/21, 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 Check into Cash, Inc. 201 Keith Street SW Suite 80 Cleveland, TN 37311	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 25000	Amount of contribution \$ 25000 Date of contribution 04/16/2021
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 6/30/21, IRS.gov, filed [8/2/21](#)]

2020: GOPAC Received From \$100,000 From Payday Lending Companies

In November 2021, Community Choice Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Cleveland Tennessee, Donated \$10,000 To GOPAC.

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Community Choice Financial 424 Church Street Nashville, TN 37219	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 10000	Amount of contribution \$ 10000 Date of contribution 11/03/2020
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 11/23/20, IRS.gov, filed [12/03/20](#)]

September 2020: Cash Into Cash, A Payday Lender Based In Cleveland Tennessee, Donated \$25,000 To GOPAC.

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Check into Cash, Inc. 201 Keith Street SW Suite 80 Cleveland, TN 37311	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 43260	Amount of contribution \$ 25000 Date of contribution 09/29/2020
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 9/30/20, IRS.gov, filed [10/15/20](#)]

October 2020: Cash Into Cash, A Payday Lender Based In Cleveland Tennessee, Donated \$10,000 To GOPAC.

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Check into Cash, Inc. 201 Keith Street SW Suite 80 Cleveland, TN 37311	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 43260	Amount of contribution \$ 10000 Date of contribution 10/07/2020
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 11/23/20, IRS.gov, filed [12/03/20](#)]

January 2020: Cash Into Cash, A Payday Lender Based In Cleveland Tennessee, Donated \$5,000 To GOPAC.

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Check into Cash, Inc. 201 Keith Street SW Suite 80 Cleveland, TN 37311	Name of contributor's employer N/A Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 8260	Amount of contribution \$ 5000 Date of contribution 01/27/2020
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[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 3/31/20, IRS.gov, filed [4/15/20](#)]

September 2020: Amscot Financial, A Payday Lender Based In Tampa Florida, Donated \$50,00 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 Contributor's occupation N/A Aggregate contributions year-to-date \$ 50000	\$ 50000 Date of contribution 09/28/2020

Contributor's name, mailing address and ZIP code Name of contributor's employer
[GOPAC INC Report of Contributions and Expenditures Ending 9/30/20, IRS.gov, filed [10/15/20](#)]

2019: GOPAC Received \$52,5000 From Payday Lending Companies

September 2019: Cash Into Cash, A Payday Lender Based In Cleveland Tennessee, Donated \$2,500 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 \$ 27500	\$ 2500 Date of contribution 09/05/2019

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

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, IRS.gov, filed [1/31/20](#)]

Predatory Lending, Including Payday Lending Practices, Disproportionately Hurt Military Families

Predatory Lenders Will “Pop Up” Around Military Bases To “Prey On Young Military Members”

Predatory Lenders Will “Pop Up” Around Military Bases To “Prey On Young Military Members.” “After serving overseas, military service members return home to face a new economic reality that often includes, unfortunately, lenders looking to take advantage of their vulnerability. These so-called predatory lenders, which pop up around military bases, try to entice or deceive young soldiers into taking out loans that impose abusive or unfair terms. ‘Predatory lenders like to prey on young military members because they’re often inexperienced with money, have little to no credit and are usually very excited to spend that first paycheck,’ said certified financial planner Tara Falcone, founder of the financial education company ReisUP. She is also a former hedge fund analyst and is married to an officer in the U.S. Navy. The end result is a loan that carries a hefty price tag, with sky-high interest rates and hidden fees. For example, if a soldier is convinced to take out a payday loan, which requires a check dated for the next payday, he could ultimately wind up with an interest rate near 400%. Unscrupulous auto lenders and credit card companies have also been known to target members of the military.” [CNBC, [7/3/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Why Military Families Need Protection From Predatory Lenders” [Military Families Magazine, [1/7/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Predatory Lenders Prey On Military Members. Here’s How To Avoid Being Victimized” [CNBC, [7/3/19](#)]

According To A Javelin Strategy & Research Study, 44% Of Active Duty Military Used Payday Loans In 2017. “For many military families, payday loans and other predatory borrowing options become a source for quick cash. An estimated 44 percent of active duty military used payday loans in 2017, while 68 percent tapped tax

refund anticipation loans, according to research by Javelin Strategy & Research.” [Military Families Magazine, [1/7/19](#)]

Payday Loans Taken By Servicemembers Can End Up With Interest Rates At Nearly 400% “For example, if a soldier is convinced to take out a payday loan, which requires a check dated for the next payday, he could ultimately wind up with an interest rate near 400%. Unscrupulous auto lenders and credit card companies have also been known to target members of the military.” [CNBC, [7/3/19](#)]

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 [8/25/23](#)]

Many Lenders Have Exploited Loopholes To Trap Military Family Members Into High Interest Loans. “Congress passed the Military Lending Act (MLA), in 2007, to protect servicemembers and their families. Active-duty personnel, active National Guard and Reserves, and their dependents were supposed to be shielded from predatory lending practices. However, the new law did not go far enough and many lenders exploited loopholes to continue trapping military family members into paying high interest on loans. ‘We have to revisit this,’ said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., chairman of the defense appropriations subcommittee. ‘If we’re serious about protecting military families from exploitation, this law has to be a lot tighter.’” [Military.com, How To Protect Yourself From Predatory Lenders, Accessed [8/25/23](#)]

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](#)]

Months Prior To Voting Against The Virginia Fairness In Lending Act, Kiggans Accepted A Gift From PRA Group, A Debt Collection Lobbying Group That Was Fined Millions By The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

April 2020: Kiggans Voted Against Virginia Fairness In Lending Act

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 4th, 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 421](#), [4/22/20](#)]

January 2020: Kiggans Accepted A Gift From PRA Group, A Debt Collection Company Fined Millions By The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

January 2020: Kiggans Filed A Required Disclosure Of Gifts From Lobbyists, Lobbyists’ Principals, Or Contractors With Business Or Seeking Business With The State Government. [Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council, Jen Kiggans Session Gift Report, filed [5/6/20](#)]

January 2020: Kiggans’ Gift Disclosure Included A Gift Worth \$93.35 From PRA Group. On January 14, 2020, Kiggans accepted a gift of bookbinders valued at \$93.35, donated by PRA Group. [Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council, Jen Kiggans Session Gift Report, filed [5/6/20](#)]

- **PRA Group Was A Debt Collection Firm – “A Global Leader In Acquiring And Collecting Nonperforming Loans Through Our Local Subsidiaries.”** “PRA Group (Nasdaq: PRAA) began in 1996 as Portfolio Recovery Associates, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia. As a global leader in acquiring and collecting nonperforming loans through our local subsidiaries, we return capital to banks and other creditors to help expand financial services for consumers in the Americas and Europe.” [PRA Group, accessed [4/9/21](#)]
- **PRA Group Subsidiary Was Penalized By The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau For Deceptive Practices; Penalties Totaled \$30 Million In Fines, Refunds And Halted Collections.** “The two largest debt collectors in the country are refunding millions of dollars to customers over allegations they used deceptive practices to collect bad debts. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau charged that Encore Capital Group and Portfolio Recovery Associates bought potentially inaccurate debt, attempted to collect unverified debts and used illegal litigation practices to collect debts [...] Portfolio Recovery Associates, which is a subsidiary of PRA Group, has to pay \$19 million in refunds, stop collecting on \$3 million in debt and pay \$8 million to the fund.” [CNN Money, [9/9/15](#)]

2022-2026: Kiggans Accepted \$8,900 From PRA Group Inc. PAC For Her Congressional Campaigns

2022-2026: PRA Group Inc., Donations to Jen Kiggans for Congress			
Date	Spender	Recipient	Amount
10/10/24	PRA Group Inc. PAC	Kiggans for Congress	\$1,000
12/18/23	PRA Group Inc. PAC	Kiggans for Congress	\$2,500
9/28/22	PRA Group Inc. PAC	Kiggans for Congress	\$2,900
6/20/22	PRA Group Inc. PAC	Kiggans for Congress	\$2,500
TOTAL:			\$8,900

[Federal Election Commission, accessed [6/2/26](#)]

As A State Senator, Kiggans Voted Against Raising Virginia’s Minimum Wage Gradually To \$15 An Hour, And Voted Against Setting A Fair Minimum Wage For Domestic Workers And Public Project Workers

Kiggans Voted Against Raising Virginia’s Minimum Wage Gradually Over Six Years To \$15/Hour

Kiggans Voted Against Gradually Raising The Minimum Wage To \$15/Hour By 2026. In April 2020, Kiggans voted against H.B. 395 “Increases the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to

\$9.50 per hour effective May 1, 2021; to \$11.00 per hour effective January 1, 2022; to \$12.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023; to \$13.50 per hour effective January 1, 2025; and to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2026.” The bill passed 20-20 and a tiebreaker. [Virginia General Assembly, HB 395, [4/22/20](#)]

Kiggans Called For Halting Laws Raising Virginia’s Minimum Wage And Implementing Labor Protections During The COVID Pandemic

Kiggans Called For Delaying The Enactment Of The State’s Minimum Wage Increase, The Implementation Of Collective Bargaining, And The Allowance Of Project Labor Agreements During The COVID-19 Pandemic. “Delaying the enactment of the minimum wage increase, the implementation of collective bargaining, and the allowance of Project Labor Agreements would allow for fragile businesses to get back on their feet and provide economic stability and security as Virginians recover,” Sen. Jen Kiggans (R-Virginia Beach) wrote in a letter to the governor.” [CBS - 3 WTKR, [4/10/20](#)]

Kiggans Said Voting On Issues, Including Increasing The Minimum Wage, Made Her Feel Like She Was Legislating In Democratic-Run States Like California And New York

Kiggans Said Voting On Increasing Minimum Wage Made Her Feel Like She Was In New York Or California’s General Assembly. “As the Senate completes its work on legislation filed by its members, you may have noticed that we are debating so much legislation that emulates measures already enacted in California and New York. Whether issuing driver’s licenses to illegal immigrants, doubling the minimum wage, forcing non-union members to pay union dues, or imposing strict new gun control measures, I sometimes feel like I am in a General Assembly session in Sacramento or Albany rather than Richmond! Now that the Democrats are in the majority, that party’s most liberal members are driving their legislative agenda.” [Jen for VA Senate via Wayback Machine, Facts From The Floor, [2/11/20](#)]

Kiggans Was One Of Only Four Republican State Senators To Vote Against Eliminating Domestic Workers’ Exclusion In Virginia’s Minimum Wage Act

Kiggans Voted Against Setting A Fair Minimum Wage For Domestic Workers And Providing Remedies For Work Related Injuries, Workplace Harassment, And Discrimination. In February of 2020, Kiggans Voted Against S.B. 804, which eliminated “the exclusion in the Virginia Minimum Wage Act for persons employed in domestic service. The bill requires the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to convene a work group consisting of representatives from the Department of Labor and Industry, the Virginia Employment Commission, the Workers' Compensation Commission, organizations representing domestic workers, and such other stakeholders as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade deems appropriate to make recommendations, including any necessary statutory and regulatory changes, with regard to protecting domestic service employees from workplace harassment and discrimination, providing remedies for such employees for the nonpayment of wages, ensuring the safety and health of such employees in the workplace, and protecting such employees from loss of income as a result of unemployment or employment-related injury by including coverage of such employees in the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act and the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act.” The bill passed the state Senate 34-4 and became law in April of 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB804](#), [2/28/20](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Paying A Fair Wage To Workers On Public Works Contracts And Transportation Projects

Kiggans Voted Against Paying A Fair Wage To Worker On Publics 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 Said Virginia's Increase In Minimum Wage Made It Harder For High School Students, Like Her Son, To Find Summer Jobs

Kiggans Said Increases In Minimum Wage Made It Harder For Her Son And Other High School Students To Get Summer Jobs. “Virginia Democrats are charging ahead to give Virginia the nation’s highest minimum wage [...] I’m sad because my son’s summer landscaping and yardwork job at our church has gone away already as I know the church cannot afford to pay these high school students minimum wage any longer. As a parent, I know that it will be harder for high school students to find summer jobs. How will we keep them all busy, out of trouble, and away from too many video games?!” [Jen for VA Senate via Wayback Machine, Facts From The Floor, [3/5/20](#)]

Kiggans Said She Supported Law Enforcement, But Voted Against Law Enforcement Pay Raises And Training While In The Virginia Senate And Continued To Vote To Defund Law Enforcement While In Congress

Kiggans Supported Elon Musk’s DOGE Program, Calling It “Very Necessary,” Even As It Haphazardly Cut \$811 Million In Federal Funds And Left Local Law Enforcement Scrambling To Replace Funds They Depended On To Keep People Safe

Kiggans Supported DOGE And Called It “So Necessary”

December 2024: Kiggans Described A GOP Conference With DOGE Leaders Elon Musk And Vivek Ramaswamy As “Productive” And Was Excited “To Make Government Accountable”

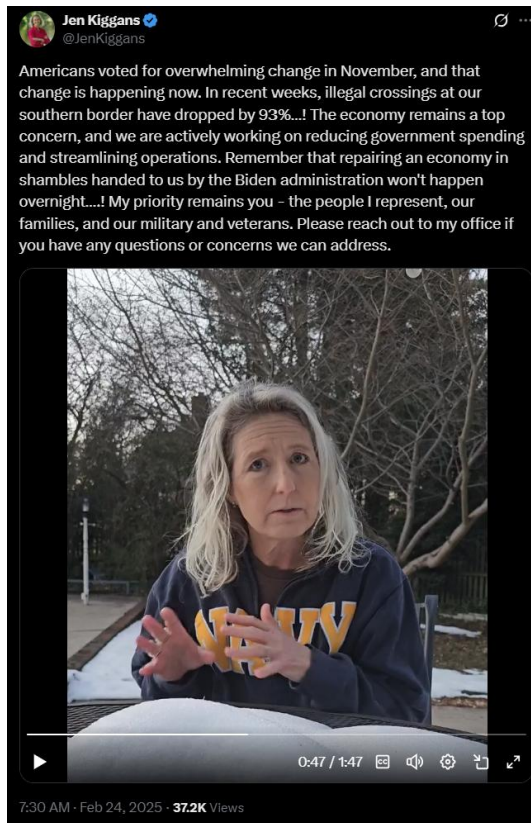
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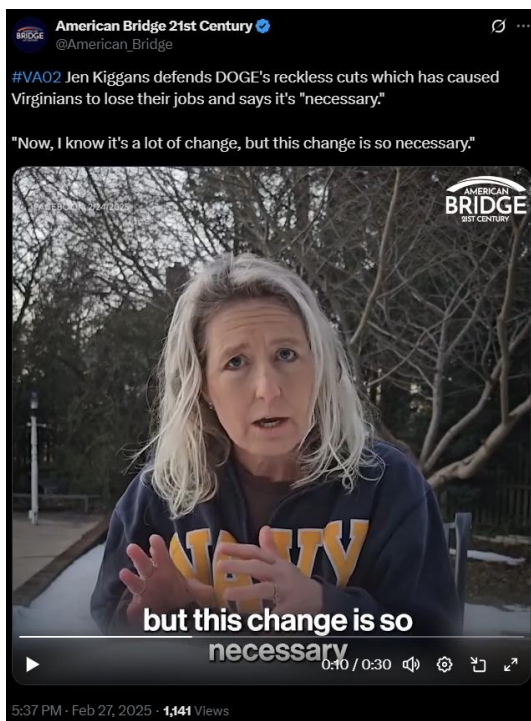


February 2025: Kiggans Called DOGE Cuts The “Change” Americans Voted For And Said Those Changes Were “So Necessary”

Kiggans Called DOGE Cuts The “Change” Americans Voted For. “Americans voted for overwhelming change in November, and that change is happening now. In recent weeks, illegal crossings at our southern border have dropped by 93%...! The economy remains a top concern, and we are actively working on reducing government spending and streamlining operations. Remember that repairing an economy in shambles handed to us by the Biden administration won't happen overnight....! My priority remains you - the people I represent, our families, and our military and veterans. Please reach out to my office if you have any questions or concerns we can address.” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [2/24/25](#)]



Kiggans Said That The DOGE Cuts Were Changes But Those Changes Were “So Necessary.” “#VA02 Jen Kiggans defends DOGE's reckless cuts which has caused Virginians to lose their jobs and says it's ‘necessary.’ ‘Now, I know it's a lot of change, but this change is so necessary.’ [American Bridge 21st Century, X, [2/27/25](#)]



A DOGE Staffer Made \$811 Million In Haphazard Cuts To DOJ Funds That Helped Local Police And Supported Crime Victims

Reuters Headline: “DOGE Staffer Advised On Cuts To Justice Dept Grants, Document And Source Say”
[Reuters, [4/29/25](#)]

A DOGE Staffer Helped Terminate \$811 Million In DOJ Grants That Had Supported Local Crime Victims And Police. “A member of Elon Musk's U.S. Department of Government Efficiency helped steer the Justice Department's April termination of more than \$811 million in grants, including funding for Trump administration priorities such as aid to crime victims and police, according to a document and a person familiar with the matter. Tarak Makecha, a former employee of Musk's Tesla (TSLA.O), is listed as the author of a DOJ spreadsheet that detailed the 365 targeted grants, according to a copy of the document viewed by Reuters.” [Reuters, [4/29/25](#)]

- **Reuters: Many Of DOGE’s Haphazard Cuts To DOJ Public Safety Funds Were Restored After Reuters Reported On Them.** “A White House official told Reuters that all of Makecha's actions were approved by DOJ leadership. A Justice Department spokesperson declined to comment and Makecha did not respond to requests for comment. Attorney General Pam Bondi has said she authorized cuts to programs that did not align with President Donald Trump's priorities to assist law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect children and support victims of violence and sexual assault. But many of the terminated grants appeared to align with those priorities, and some cuts were quickly reversed after Reuters reported on them. Tapped by Trump to carry out a massive campaign of government cuts, Musk's DOGE has moved at great speed, in some cases causing chaos within the government, and in others firing then rehiring the same workers. The Intercept previously reported that Makecha started doing work on the grant programs in late March.” [Reuters, [4/29/25](#)]

The Funds That Were Cut Had Supported Local Violence Reduction, Juvenile Justice And Child Protection, Drug And Mental Health Treatment, And State And Local Public Safety

Council On Criminal Justice: “The Terminated Grants Provided Federal Support For Violence Reduction, Policing And Prosecution, Victims’ Services, Juvenile Justice And Child Protection, Substance Use And Mental Health Treatment, Corrections And Reentry, Justice System Enhancements, Research And Evaluation, And Other State- And Local-Level Public Safety Functions.” “The terminated grants provided federal support for violence reduction, policing and prosecution, victims’ services, juvenile justice and child protection, substance use and mental health treatment, corrections and reentry, justice system enhancements, research and evaluation, and other state- and local-level public safety functions. The terminated funding was largely appropriated or authorized by Congress for specific programs or purpose areas. OJP administers these funds in alignment with the needs of the field and, to the extent possible, evidence-based and promising practices. The cuts affected grantees from organizations in 37 states across the country, in red and blue states and urban, suburban, and rural areas alike. Grants to nonprofit organizations made up the vast majority of the terminations, while grants to state and local government agencies accounted for a smaller portion. Grants to public and private universities appear to have been left intact. The deepest cuts were to organizations that provide training and technical assistance to OJP grantees and the field at large, including reductions to programs that paired expert support with pass-through funding for community-based organizations and government agencies. About 60% of terminated grants did not include references to diversity, equity, race, gender, or related terms in their project descriptions, according to a CCJ analysis.” [Council on Criminal Justice, [May 2025](#)]

DOJ Cuts To Public Safety Grants Left Police And Local Law Enforcement Agencies Scrambling To Replace Dollars And Threatened Layoffs For People Who Fight Crime At The Local Level

NPR Headline: “Justice Department Cuts To Public Safety Grants Leave Police And Nonprofits Scrambling” [NPR, [5/24/25](#)]

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- **NPR: Sweeping DOJ Cuts Could Leave Local Agencies To Have To Lay Off Officers And Others Who Help Fight Crime.** “Instead, that grant was one of the ones cancelled. Most of the money had already been spent, but she worries that the cancellation means Union County won’t be able to get this kind of federal funding again in the future. ‘Federal grants allow agencies to really do things that they wouldn’t ordinarily otherwise be able to do,’ says Jim Burch, president of the National Policing Institute, which helped distribute many of the grants to rural law enforcement. He says the sudden cuts, many of them mid-stream, ‘could result in layoffs of things like crime analysts and IT professionals. And it could mean that the agency has fewer staff for patrol services.’ Many grant recipients suspect there wasn’t much research behind the cuts. ‘They don’t know what they’re doing. They’re just pulling things apart,’ says Aqeela Sherrills, co-founder and executive director of the Community Based Public Safety Collective, which provides training and assistance to community violence intervention groups — the ‘violence interrupter’ model that started in the 1990s.” [NPR, [5/24/25](#)]

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Kiggans Said She Fought Tirelessly In Senate To Make Sure Law Enforcement Was “Fully Funded” And Well Trained. “Jen knows our courageous first responders who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe deserve our respect and support. In the State Senate, Jen fought tirelessly for police officers, firefighters, emergency responders, and correctional officers to ensure they are fully funded, well-trained, and equipped with the best possible technology and tools necessary to stop crime, provide care, and keep Virginia Beach safe.” [Jen For Congress, Issues, accessed [6/2/26](#)]

Kiggans Said She Would Continue To Support Law Enforcement In Congress

Kiggans Said She Would Continue To Support Law Enforcement In Congress Against Democrats’ Efforts To Weaken It. “Jen will continue to fight Democrats’ efforts to defund or abolish police departments. She will never support legislation that weakens law enforcement in Virginia or makes it harder for our police officers to do their job.” [Jen For Congress, Issues, accessed [6/2/26](#)]

... But In The Virginia Senate, Kiggans Repeatedly Voted Against Raises Or Bonuses For Law Enforcement Officers And Voted Against A Bill That Gave Law Enforcement More Training In De-Escalation And Guidelines For Use Of Deadly Force

August 2021: Kiggans Voted Against Bonuses For Law Enforcement Officers By Voting Against Virginia's COVID Relief Package

Kiggans Voted Against Virginia's COVID Relief Package Budget Bill. In August of 2021, Kiggans voted against HB 7001, which "Amends Chapter 1289 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020, as amended by Chapter 56 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020, Special Session 1, and Chapter 552 of the Acts of Assembly of 2021, Special Session" The bill passed the State Senate 23-16 and became law on August 10th, 2021. [Virginia General Assembly, [HB 7001](#), [8/8/21](#)]

- **Virginia's COVID Relief Package Included Bonuses Up To \$5,000 For Law Enforcement.** "Virginia lawmakers gave final approval Monday to a spending plan for most of the state's \$4.3 billion in federal coronavirus relief money [...] The budget approved by the Senate and the House of Delegates preserves most of a plan crafted by Gov. Ralph Northam and fellow Democrats, but also includes several amendments proposed by Republicans in the Senate, including raising bonuses for law enforcement officers. Under a compromise worked out by a conference committee, state-supported sheriffs' deputies and corrections officers will receive bonuses of \$3,000, while state police will receive \$5,000." [Associated Press, [8/9/21](#)]

March 2020: Kiggans Voted Against State Budget That Gave 2% Pay Increase For State Police

Kiggans Voted Against H.B. 30, The State Budget Bill. In March 2020, Kiggans voted against the conference report of H.B. 30, which "Provides for all appropriations of the Budget submitted by the Governor of Virginia in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-1509, Code of Virginia, and provides a portion of revenues for the two years ending respectively on the thirtieth day of June 2021, and the thirtieth day of June 2022." The conference report was agreed to by the Senate 27-11 and became law on May 21st, 2020. [Virginia State Assembly, [HB 30](#), [3/12/20](#)]

- **State Budget Passed In March 2020 Included A 2% Raise For State Police In Its First Year And A 3% Raise In Its Second Year.** "The House and Senate both passed the budget Thursday with bipartisan — but not unanimous — approval. Clashes between the two chambers had prevented the General Assembly from adjourning as scheduled Saturday. The plan sent to Northam (D) reflects the liberal priorities that powered Democrats through the session, but retains some of the fiscally conservative traditions of recent Republican leadership. State employees would get a 3 percent bonus the first year of the budget and a 3 percent salary hike in the second — unless the state misses revenue projections. State police would see a 2 percent pay raise the first year and a 3 percent raise the second." [Washington Post, [3/12/20](#)]

October 2020: Kiggans Voted Against A Bill That Gave Virginia Law Enforcement More Training In De-Escalation And Guidelines For Use Of Deadly Force

Kiggans Voted Against Requiring De-Escalation And Lawful Use Of Force To Be Part Of Training Standards And Providing Guidelines For When Law-Enforcement Could Use Deadly Force. In October of 2020, Kiggans Voted against S.B. 5030 which, "adds requirements for training in de-escalation techniques and the lawful use of force to the compulsory training standards developed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services for basic training and recertification of law-enforcement officers. The bill provides that a law-enforcement officer shall not use deadly force against a person unless (a) the law-enforcement officer reasonably believes that deadly force is immediately necessary to protect the law-enforcement officer or another person, other than the subject of the use of deadly force, from the threat of serious bodily injury or death; (b) the law-enforcement officer has provided a warning before using such deadly force; (c) the law-enforcement officer's actions are reasonable, given the totality of the circumstances; and (d) all other options have been exhausted or do not reasonably lend themselves to the circumstances. The bill also prohibits the use of neck restraints by law-enforcement officers

unless the use of a neck restraint is immediately necessary to protect the law-enforcement officer or another person. The bill bans law-enforcement officers from willfully discharging a firearm into or at a moving vehicle.” The bill passed state Senate 21-17 and became law on October 28th, 2020. [Virginia State Assembly, [SB 5030](#), [10/14/20](#)]

- **S.B. 5030 Also Revised Training In Cultural Diversity And Awareness Of Racially Biased Policing.** “The bill also revises the basic training and recertification requirement for training in sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for biased policing to include (1) awareness of racism and the potential for racially biased policing and (2) recognizing implicit biases in interacting with persons who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or developmental or cognitive disability.” [Virginia State Assembly, [SB 5030](#)]
- **S.B. 5030 Also Required Law Enforcement To Provide Commonwealth Attorneys With All Data Relating To Wrongful Arrests And Use Of Force Complaints.** “The bill also requires every chief law-enforcement officer, defined in the bill, to provide the attorney for the Commonwealth access to all records relating to wrongful arrest or use of force complaints, or other complaints that a person has been deprived of the rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the laws of the United States and the Commonwealth made against a law-enforcement officer that is employed by the chief law-enforcement officer's agency when such law-enforcement officer has a matter before the court.” [Virginia State Assembly, [SB 5030](#)]

In Congress, Kiggans Voted To Defund The FBI And Other Law Enforcement Agencies In A Republican-Led Continuing Resolution, And Kiggans Voted For An Amendment By Matt Gaetz To Defund The FBI Headquarters

September 2023: Kiggans Voted For A Continuing Resolution That Would “Reduce The Numbers Of FBI And Drug Enforcement Administration Agents” And “Eliminate Hundreds Of State And Local Law Enforcement Officer Positions Across The Country”

September 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 The House Committee On Appropriations Ranking Member DeLauro, The September 2023 Continuing Resolution Would Defund Law Enforcement By Reducing FBI Agents And Eliminating Law Enforcement Officer Positions Across The Country.** “Defunding law enforcement. This extreme Republican funding bill would effectively reduce the numbers of FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration

agents and other Federal law enforcement officers, and it would also eliminate hundreds of state and local law enforcement officer positions across the country. This will make our communities less safe, as fewer law enforcement officers will be apprehending violent fugitives, fighting fentanyl and other opioid trafficking, countering cybersecurity threats, and fighting domestic and international terrorism.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, Fact Sheet, [9/29/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment By Matt Gaetz To Defund The FBI Headquarters

2023: Kiggans Voted For An Amendment By Matt Gaetz To Prohibit Funds In The Financial Services And General Government Appropriation From Being Used To Build A New FBI Headquarters. Kiggans voted for “An amendment numbered 54 printed in Part B of House Report 118-269 to prohibit funds from being used for the acquisition of property for a new Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters.” The amendment failed 145-273. [H.R. 4664, Amendment 637, [Vote #634](#), 11/9/23; CQ, [11/9/23](#)]

Kiggans Said Democrats Weaponized The FBI “To Settle Old Political Scores And Silence Their Political Opponents - It’s Corrupt And It’s Flat Out Unacceptable”

August 2022: NPR: “Trump Says FBI Agents Searched His Mar-A-Lago Home In Florida.” “Former President Donald Trump said on Monday that FBI agents had searched his Mar-a-Lago club and residence in Palm Beach, Fla., and opened his safe. The FBI and Department of Justice declined to comment, although Eric Trump said Monday night that he was told the search was related to the possible mishandling of government secrets the Justice Department is known to be investigating after the National Archives retrieved White House records from Mar-a-Lago. [...] In a statement put out by his political action committee, Trump said Mar-a-Lago was ‘under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents.’ [...] Trump went on to blame Democrats who don't want him to run for president in 2024 for the incident, and said the same people also want to stop Republicans from winning in the midterm elections.” [NPR, [8/9/22](#)]

August 2022: Kiggans Said “The Dangerous Precedent The Democrats Set Yesterday By Weaponizing The FBI Should Anger And Frighten Every American. All To Settle Old Political Scores And Silence Their Political Opponents - It’s Corrupt And It’s Flat Out Unacceptable.” In a post on her campaign Twitter, Kiggans said, “The dangerous precedent the Democrats set yesterday by weaponizing the FBI should anger and frighten every American. All to settle old political scores and silence their political opponents - it’s corrupt and it’s flat out unacceptable.” [Jen Kiggans, Twitter, [8/9/22](#)]



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- **HEADLINE: “Editorial: Youngkin, Kiggans Were Reckless To Join GOP Outrage Over Mar-a-Lago Search Before Facts Emerge”** [The Virginia-Pilot, [8/10/22](#)]
- **Editorial: Kiggans Went Off “Half-Cocked” With Her Comments On The FBI.** “Virginia Sen. Jen Kiggans, who similarly aspires to higher office, also joined those ranks. On Tuesday, she tweeted that

‘Democrats ... weaponiz[ed] the FBI ... to settle old political scores and silence their political opponents — it’s corrupt and it’s flat out unacceptable.’ In going off half-cocked, Youngkin and Kiggans have some distasteful company.” [The Virginia-Pilot, [8/10/22](#)]

Kiggans Was A Divisive “Culture Warrior” Who Voted Against Banning Harmful Conversion Therapy For Minors And Pushed Laws To Restrict How Teachers Could Teach

In The Virginia State Senate, Kiggans Voted Against Banning Conversion Therapy For Minors

Kiggans Voted Against A Bill Banning Conversion Therapy For Minors

February 2020: Kiggans Voted Against H.B. 386, Which Banned Conversion Therapy For Minors. In February 2020, Kiggans voted against H.B. 386, which “Prohibits any health care provider or person who performs counseling as part of his training for any profession licensed by a regulatory board of the Department of Health Professions from engaging in conversion therapy, as defined in the bill, with any person under 18 years of age and provides that such counseling constitutes unprofessional conduct and is grounds for disciplinary action. The bill provides that no state funds shall be expended for the purpose of conducting conversion therapy with a person under 18 years of age, referring a person under 18 years of age for conversion therapy, or extending health benefits coverage for conversion therapy with a person under 18 years of age. This bill is identical to SB 245.” The bill passed, 22-18. [Virginia General Assembly, HB 386, [2/17/20](#)]

Conversion Therapy Was Condemned By Major National Health Associations And Connected To Increases In Suicidal Thoughts, Drug Abuse, And Depression Amongst LGBTQ Youth

Conversion Therapy Was Condemned By Nearly Every Major National Health Association. “Conversion therapy, sometimes called ‘ex-gay therapy’ or ‘reparative therapy,’ has been condemned by nearly every major health association, including the American Psychological Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association, which in November backed a nationwide ban.” [NBC News, [3/3/20](#)]

Conversion Therapy Was Associated With An Increase Of Suicidal Thoughts, Drug Abuse, And Depression Amongst LGBTQ Youth. “A 2018 report from the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law found that nearly 700,000 LGBTQ adults in the U.S. had received conversion therapy at some point in their lives, with about 350,000 of them having undergone the treatment as adolescents. Conversion therapy, which typically takes the form of talk therapy, is associated with an increase in suicidal thoughts, drug abuse and depression among teens.” [NBC News, [3/3/20](#)]

2022: Kiggans Introduced A Bill In The Virginia General Assembly Banning “Inherently Divisive Concepts” In Schools Which Was Criticized By The ACLU For Having “Vague” Language And Restricting Teachers’ Ability To Teach About LGBTQ Issues And Black History

Kiggans Introduced A Bill Banning “Inherently Divisive Concepts” In Schools

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 Claimed The Intention Of Her Bill To Ban “Inherently Divisive Concepts” In Schools Was To “Unify”

Kiggans Said Intent Of Her “Inherently Divisive Concepts” In Schools Bill Was To “Unify”. “‘The intent behind the bill is to unify,’ Kiggans said of her bill that would ban the teaching of ‘inherently divisive concepts’ in school, which the administration of Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) asked her to lead [...] Regardless of the bills’ fates, Kiggans’s decision to carry the mantle on these two GOP priorities will probably lay the foundation for the record she’ll run on as she seeks the Republican nomination to challenge Rep. Elaine Luria (D) in one of the most closely watched congressional races in the nation.” [Washington Post, [1/31/22](#)]

- **Kiggans Said That Curriculum Should Not Include “Anything That’s Dividing.”** “Pressed for a clear explanation of what would be banned, Kiggans said that she believed all history, the good and the bad, should be taught, but that curriculums should not include “anything that’s dividing, that’s making one group think they’re superior to the other.’ She offered one example, an exercise of ‘privilege Bingo’ played by a class in Fairfax County, in which military kids were considered privileged.” [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](#)]

Jeff Schapiro Op-Ed: Kiggans’ Bill Was Criticized For Banning Teaching Black History. “More insidious, if only because it’s being considered concurrent with the annual month-long reflection on Black history: Republican bills that ban teaching Black history. Not all of it, Republicans argue, only parts deemed by the thought police, be they noisy parents or nosy politicians, to be ‘inherently divisive’ — whatever that means. Senate Democrats have already consigned the bill to the ash heap of legislative history. That loss, nonetheless, could be a win for its Senate sponsor, Republican Jen Kiggans of Virginia Beach. She’s running for Congress in Hampton Roads’ 2nd District, angling to challenge Democratic incumbent Elaine Luria. Kiggans has to get through the primary. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, Jeff Schapiro, [2/2/22](#)]

Kiggans Was Criticized For Becoming A “Culture Warrior” To Reassure Conservatives By Sponsoring This Bill

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Kiggans Said She “Believes In Equality” And “Nondiscrimination” And Would Make Mindful Decisions About Discrimination Including For The LGBTQ Community. KIGGANS: “I’ve always been a candidate who believes in equality who believes in nondiscrimination. [...] I was supposed to be a representative of my district, the people that sent me here, so I read each piece of legislation. Every time it comes across my desk, I ensure our religious freedoms are protected. That’s very important to me. As a practicing Catholic. So, I ensure those things are taken care of. However, I also want people to not be discriminated against. I want people to be able to have jobs, to be able to have housing. So, when things like bills come across that, that ensure that people can’t be discriminated against people like the LGBTQ community, people like veterans, people like disabled people, nursing mothers, pregnant women. There’s a lot of protected classes out there that I will vote in favor of those classes because again, I want to ensure these people have jobs. These people have homes, that they’re contributing tax members taxpaying members of our society. So those things really make a mindful decision and again, based on based on what I consider to be a commonsense decision for my constituents.” [WRVA, Richmond’s Morning News with John Reid, [4/7/22](#)]

... But Kiggans Voted For The Parents Bill Of Rights Act That Contained Multiple Amendments Harmful To LGBTQ+ Students That A Republican Colleague Said Could Put “Vulnerable Children At Greater Risk”

Kiggans Voted For The Parents Bill Of Rights Act That Contained Multiple Harmful Amendments

Kiggans Voted For The Parents Bill Of Rights Act To Establish Requirements For Schools To Provide Parents With Certain Information On Their Child’s Education. In March 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish various requirements for public elementary and secondary schools to provide parents with information and certain rights regarding their children’s education. It would generally require schools that receive federal funding to obtain parental consent before providing a non-emergency medical screening or examination or before changing a child’s gender markers or sex-based accommodations. It would require schools to allow parents to inspect and provide feedback on all instructional and reading materials used in evaluations or available to students through school libraries, as well as professional development materials for teachers. It would prohibit schools from acting as agents of parents to consent to the use of online technology or the administration of vaccinations, and from selling student information for commercial gain. To increase transparency at Title I schools, the bill would generally require school districts to publicly disseminate curricula for each grade, as well as notices of any changes to the state’s academic standards; include detailed budget information for each school in their annual report cards; and allow parents to meet with teachers at least twice a year, address the school board and review professional development materials. It would require local educational agencies to ensure that Title I schools provide and inform parents of their rights to receive information regarding their child’s education, including if a school changes their child’s gender markers or sex-based accommodations, the number of school counselors in their child’s school, if their child receives mental health treatment or brings a weapon to school, all enrollment and transfer options, planned outside speakers at school events, violent activity on school grounds, elimination of gifted and talented programs, and notification if a student is not grade-level proficient in reading at the end of third grade. Among other provisions, the bill would specify that it does not authorize federal involvement in curriculum or school personnel decisions and does not authorize parents to prohibit students who are not their children from accessing books or reading materials available in a school’s library. It would express the sense of Congress that public school students should have access to broadband and opportunities to learn the history of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism, and that parents have a constitutional right to ‘direct the education of their children.’” The bill passed by a vote of 213-208. [H.R. 5, [Vote #161](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]

- **A Boebert Amendment In H.R. 5 Said, “Parent’s Right To Know If Their Child’s School Allows A Person Whose Biological Sex Is Male To Use Restrooms Or Changing Rooms Designated For Women Or Girls.”** Lauren Boebert sponsored House amendment 113: “Description: An amendment numbered 4 printed in House Report 118-12 to amend Section 104 to include Parent’s Right to Know if their child’s school allows a

person whose biological sex is male to use restrooms or changing rooms designated for women or girls. Sponsor: Boebert, Lauren [Rep.-R-CO-3]" [H Amdt 114 to HR 5, Agreed to by voice vote, [3/23/23](#)]

- **A Boebert Amendment To Be Added To H.R. 5 That Included “Parent's Right To Know If Their Child's School Operates, Sponsors, Or Facilitates Athletic Programs Or Activities To Permit A Person Whose Biological Sex Is Male To Participate In An Athletic Program Or Activity That Is Designated For Women And Girls.”** Lauren Boebert sponsored House amendment 112: “Description: An amendment numbered 3 printed in House Report 118-12 to amend Section 104 to include Parent's Right to Know if their child's school operates, sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or activities to permit a person whose biological sex is male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women and girls. Sponsor: Boebert, Lauren [Rep.-R-CO-3]" [H Amdt 114 to HR 5, Agreed to by voice vote, [3/23/23](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For Partisan Amendments To The FY2024 NDAA That Harmed LGBTQ+ Rights

2023: Kiggans Voted For On 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](#)]

- **Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags.** In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 34 that would establish a list of flags the Defense Department is allowed to display in any DOD work place, common access area or public area, including the American flag, a military service flag, and the POW/MIA flag.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #313](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Gender Transition Coverage For Military Family Minors.** In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would prohibit gender transition procedures through the Exceptional Family Member Program for military minor family members, including surgery or medication.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #302](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries And Gender Hormone Treatments.** In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering and the Defense Department from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-211. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #301](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Kiggans Was A Self-Proclaimed “Big Supporter” Of Trump And Voted With Trump 100% Of The Time

2025-2026: Kiggans Voted With Trump 100% Of The Time, And Voted With Republicans More Than 94% Of The Time

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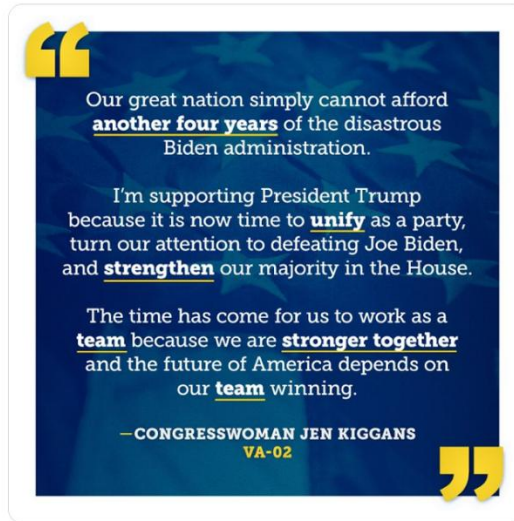
Jen Kiggans: Votes With Trump, 1/20/25-9/18/25					
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[CAP Action, [9/18/25](#)]

June 2026: Kiggans Voted With Republicans 94.44% Of The Time. [CQ VoteWatch, accessed 6/24/26]

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2019: Kiggans Said She Was A "Big Supporter" Of Trump And Called Him A "Genius"

Kiggans: "I'm A Big Supporter Of President Trump, I Think He's A Genius." An American Bridge digital ad attacking Kiggans included an audio recording of Kiggans stating: "I'm a big supporter of President Trump, I think he's a genius." [Facebook, American Bridge 21st Century, [10/17/19](#)] (AUDIO)

Kiggans Refused To Say That Trump Lost The 2020 Election, And Even Voted To Waste \$70 Million In Taxpayer Dollars On A "Forensic Audit" Of The Election That Reaffirmed Biden's Victory

2022: Kiggans Would Not Directly Answer When Asked If She Believed Biden Won The 2020 Election And Repeatedly Ran Away From Reporters When Asked

After Her First Debate In 2022, Kiggans Walked Away From Reporters After Being Asked About The 2020 Election And If She Believed President Biden Was Fairly Elected

October 2022: Kiggans Walked Away From Reporters After Her First Debate With Luria, After Being Asked About The 2020 Election And If She Believed President Biden Was Fairly Elected. "After the debate, Kiggans was asked about the 2020 election by reporters and if she believes President Biden was fairly elected. Her answer —there are a lot of extreme words used in this campaign. That's why I ran for this. I hate that stuff.' But 10 On Your Side asked her again whether Joe Biden fairly won the election. Kiggans laughed and gave another answer to another question before walking away." [WAVY, 1:40, [10/11/22](#)] (VIDEO)

During Her Second Debate In 2022, Kiggans Refused To Answer If She "Felt That Biden Won A Fair And Free Election" And Left Through The Back Door Without Talking To Local Media After The Debate

October 2022: In Her Second Debate With Luria, Kiggans Refused To Answer If She "Felt That Biden Won A Fair And Free Election." "Many questions centered around President Joe Biden. The moderator asked each candidate if they felt that Biden won a fair and free election. 'She's an election denier and she will not admit that Joe Biden won the 2020 election,' said Luria pointing toward Kiggans. Kiggans didn't say yes or no but did say this after being asked more than once. 'Joe Biden is the president and he's destroying the country,' said Kiggans." [13 News Now, [10/18/22](#)]

According To A 13 News Now Reporter, Kiggans Left Through The Back Door Without Talking To Local Media After The Second Debate And Her Campaign Refused To Answer If Biden Was Fairly Elected. REPORTER: "Now after tonight's debate Our crew saw Senator Kiggans quickly leave through a back door without talking to local media. In the last hour I spoke to her campaign by phone and asked repeatedly if Kiggans believed Joe Biden was fairly elected yes or no. They would not answer that question." [Twitter, Elaine Luria, [10/18/22](#)]

During Her Third Debate In 2022, Kiggans Walked Away From Reporters And Still Did Not Answer When Asked If Biden Fairly Won The 2020 Election

October 2022: During The Third Debate Kiggans Still Did Not Answer If Biden Fairly Won The 2020 Election And Said, "We've Got To Restore Strength And Confidence In The Way We Conduct Elections." "Following a question about election integrity, Luria accused her opponent of jumping on the 'election denier train' and said real dangers arose from perpetuating lies about voter fraud. The congresswoman slammed Kiggans for being one of four state senators who voted for a \$70 million budget amendment to conduct an audit of the 2020

presidential election results in Virginia. The measure did not pass. ‘I haven’t heard her have any concerns about the 2021 election because, of course, she was pleased with that outcome,’ Luria said, presumably referencing Glenn Youngkin’s victory in Virginia’s gubernatorial election. Kiggans — who has repeatedly dodged questions about whether she acknowledges President Joe Biden was fairly elected — said election integrity is one of her top priorities. ‘We’ve got to restore strength and confidence in the way we conduct elections,’ she said.” [Virginian Pilot, [10/26/22](#)]

Kiggans Was Seen Leaving The Third Debate And Walking Away From Reporters Without Answering Any Questions. According to a Twitter video, Kiggans is seen leaving the third debate and walking away from reporters without answering any questions. [Twitter, Jayce Genco, 0:00, [10/25/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Throughout Her 2022 Campaign, Kiggans Never Answered If Biden Won The 2020 Election

July 2022: Jen Kiggans Declined To Answer Reporters When Asked If Joe Biden Had Won The 2020 Election. “Luria said her service on the investigative panel marks a ‘clear contrast’ with Kiggans, who was not definitive when recently asked by reporters whether Biden won in 2020. ‘I’ll say this,’ Kiggans told Virginia’s WTKR News, ‘Joe Biden lives in the White House, and I wish that he didn’t.’” [Defense News, [7/13/22](#)]

June 2022: Kiggans “Would Not Say That Mr. Biden Was The Lawfully Elected President.” “It says much about the looming June 21 Republican primary that Ms. Kiggans would not say that Mr. Biden was the lawfully elected president. ‘Joe Biden is in the White House — living in the White House, and I wish he was not,’ she said twice, offering what has become an increasingly standard answer from Republicans who will not repeat Mr. Trump’s lie that the election was stolen but are unwilling to cross their supporters by saying truthfully that it was not.” [New York Times, [6/7/22](#)]

March 2022: Kiggans “Would Not Say Whether She Herself Believed There Was Fraud In The 2020 Election In Virginia Necessitating An Audit.” “Kiggans has acknowledged Biden was legitimately elected, but when questioned she would not say whether she herself believed there was fraud in the 2020 election in Virginia necessitating an audit.” [Washington Post, [3/30/22](#)]

July 2021: Kiggans Did Not Directly Answer When Asked If She Believed Trump Won The 2020 Election. FREDERICKS: “Jen, do you believe that Trump won the 2020 election like I do?” KIGGANS: “So, we have acknowledged Biden is the president. However, I will be the first to say that the issue with voter confidence and restoring election integrity is something that is a huge priority of mine.” [Facebook, John Fredericks Show, [7/28/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:08:14

Kiggans Supported Auditing The 2020 Presidential Election Results When Deflecting The Question Of Whether Trump Won

July 2021: When Pressed On Whether Trump Won The 2020 Election, Kiggans Said She Would Support An Audit. FREDERICKS: “Well, you’re not gonna get those in Virginia anytime soon, but really the question is, did Trump win? And for people like me looking at what went down in Georgia and Arizona, you know, it’s tough, it’s just tough to think that Biden got 85 million votes. Alright, I want to get to—” KIGGANS: “Look, I would support an audit, I mean, if that was something that would come up, you know, I think, what do you have to hide? I’ll say that.” [Facebook, John Fredericks Show, [7/28/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:09:57

2021: The New York Times Said Kiggans Was Among The Republicans “Trying To Deflect The Question Of Mr. Biden’s Legitimacy”

New York Times: Kiggans Was Among The Republicans “Trying To Deflect The Question Of Mr. Biden’s Legitimacy With Pledges To Crack Down On Voter Fraud, Rebuild ‘Election Integrity’ And Support More Voting Restrictions.” “Many Republicans are simply trying to deflect the question of Mr. Biden’s legitimacy with pledges to crack down on voter fraud, rebuild ‘election integrity’ and support more voting restrictions. In

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February 2022: Kiggans Was One Of Four Republicans In The Virginia State Senate Who Voted For A \$70 Million “Full Forensic Audit” Of The 2020 Presidential Election Led By “Wackadoodle” State Sen. Amanda Chase

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The bill requires that the audit be open to the public and states that the auditing process may include participation by residents. The results of the audit are to be presented to a jury of local residents who have to [sic] power to declare the election valid or invalid. The bill also gives the State Inspector General the power and duty to conduct an audit of the 2020 general election and requires him to produce a report of his finding.” [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 605](#)]

- **Forensic Audit Could Be Requested Be Requested By Officials Or A Petition Of Residents In Any County Or City.** “Provides for the conduct of a forensic audit of an election in a county or city upon the request of certain officials or upon the petition of a group of residents of the locality in question. The purpose of an audit is to determine the accuracy and legality of the election in question.” [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 605](#)]
- **Full Forensic Audit Required Review Of “All Materials, Equipment, And Procedures” Used In Any Part Of Election.** “The bill provides that an audit includes a review of all materials, equipment, and procedures used during any part of the election, including ballots, pollbooks, voting machines, and routers.” [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 605](#)]

Virginia’s Statewide Audit Of 2020 Elections Verified Biden Victory With No Evidence Of Voter Fraud. “A statewide audit of Virginia’s 2020 election results verified President Joe Biden’s victory in the state, finding only a 0.00000065117 percent chance the state’s voting system could have produced an inaccurate outcome [...] The state report said the audit is further evidence of ‘the integrity and validity’ of the presidential election, which many Republicans continue to question despite no evidence of widespread voter fraud. The Republican Party of Virginia and GOP General Assembly leaders had questioned the methodology of the audit, arguing it was insufficient to produce a clear ruling on the soundness of the election.” [Virginia Mercury, [3/31/21](#)]

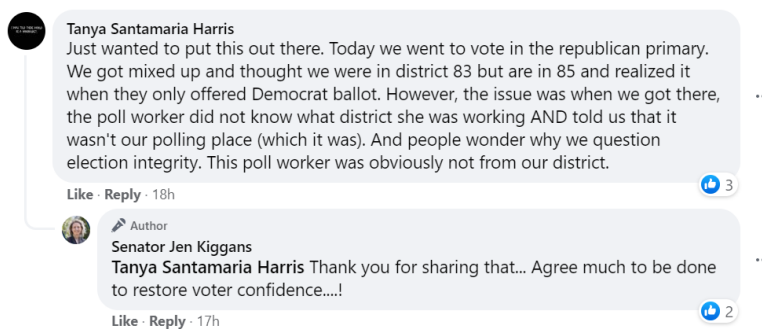
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[Facebook, Senator Jen Kiggans, [6/8/21](#)]

Kiggans Claimed She Was Pro-Environment, But Broke Her Promise To Prohibit Offshore Drilling And Repeatedly Voted Against Bills To Protect Virginia's Environment

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February 2020: Kiggans Voted Against A Bill Prohibiting Offshore Drilling In Virginia's Coastal Waters. In February 2020, Kiggans voted against S.B. 795, which “Prohibits the granting of a lease, easement, or permit on the beds of the coastal waters of the Commonwealth that would allow any infrastructure for conveying to shore oil or gas produced from offshore drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf Planning Area and removes any oil or gas lease granted on such beds from the mandate that such lease include a royalty payment requirement. The bill removes policy statements supporting federal efforts to permit oil and gas development 50 miles or more off the Atlantic shoreline.” The bill passed, 22-18. [Virginia General Assembly, SB 795, [2/26/20](#)]

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Kiggans Claimed She Would Support Clean Energy Projects And Supported Virginia's Economy And Environment. "We are proud to stand in support of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind pilot and commercial projects, as well as future clean energy projects that support Virginia's economy and environment. Offshore wind is a win-win for all Virginians, including those living along Route 58 and throughout the state." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, Jen Kiggans And Terry Kilgore, [10/2/21](#)]

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Kiggans Voted Against A Bill Removing Barriers To Residents And Businesses Generating Their Own Solar Energy. In March 2020, Kiggans voted against S.B. 710, which "Promotes the establishment of distributed renewable solar and other renewable energy. The measure (i) requires the State Corporation Commission to establish by regulation a shared solar program that allows multifamily customers of investor-owned utilities, other than American Electric Power, to purchase electric power through a subscription in a shared solar facility; (ii) raises the cap on the total amount of renewable energy that can be net metered in a utility's service territory from one percent to six percent, five percent of which is available to all customers and one percent of which is available only to low-income utility customers; (iii) raises the cap for net-metered nonresidential generation facilities from one megawatt to three megawatts; (iv) allows certain localities to install solar or wind facilities of up to five megawatts on government-owned property and use the electricity for government-owned buildings; (v) increases the cap on the capacity of generation from facilities from the customer's expected annual energy consumption to 150 percent of such amount for customers in Dominion Energy Virginia's service territory; (vi) prohibits standby charges for any residential customer-generator or agricultural customer-generator of an investor-owned utility other than Dominion Energy Virginia; and (vii) increases the cap on third party power purchase agreements to 500 megawatts for jurisdictional customers and 500 megawatts for nonjurisdictional customers of Dominion Energy Virginia and to 40 megawatts for customers of American Electric Power." The bill passed, 27-12. [Virginia General Assembly, Senate Bill 710, [3/8/20](#)]

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Kiggans Voted Against Establishing Environmental Goals Defined In Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA). In March of 2020, Kiggans voted against H.B. 1526, or the Virginia Clean Economy Act, which "establishes a schedule by which Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power are required to retire electric generating units located in the Commonwealth that emit carbon as a by-product of combusting fuel to generate electricity and by which they are required to construct, acquire, or enter into agreements to purchase generating capacity located in the Commonwealth using energy derived from sunlight or onshore wind." The bill passed 29-11 and became law on April 4th of 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [HB 1526](#), [3/4/20](#)]

2021: Kiggans Boasted An Offshore Wind Project Would Help Meet Emissions Goals Set By VCEA, Which She Did Not Vote For

Kiggans Boasted About An Offshore Wind Project Designed To Meet Environmental Goals Included In The Virginia Clean Economy Act, Saying The Project Would Create 1,100 Jobs. "The CVOW project is being built 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach and has established Virginia as the nationwide offshore wind development leader. As the project continues, Virginia will become a new supply chain hub for the East Coast, bringing with it

hundreds of clean energy jobs and additional economic benefits [...] According to a study released by the Hampton Roads Alliance and conducted by Magnum Economics, upon completion in 2026, the CVOW project will support more than 1,100 direct and indirect jobs, \$82 million in pay and benefits, \$210 million in economic output, and \$11 million in state and local tax revenue. These benefits will have ripple effects across the commonwealth, from one corner of the state to another. The CVOW project is well worth the investment, and the State Corporation Commission has overseen and will continue to oversee Dominion Energy to ensure the project remains in the best interest of ratepayers. It also will help us meet Virginia's emission goal, per the Clean Economy Act, of net-zero by 2050." [Richmond Times-Dispatch, Jen Kiggans And Terry Kilgore, [10/2/21](#)]

In Congress, Kiggans Voted Against Amendments To Prevent Offshore Drilling Off The Coast Of Virginia

Kiggans Voted For The Strategic Production Response Act And Voted Against Amendments To Prevent Offshore Drilling Off The Coast Of Virginia While In Congress

Kiggans Voted For The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Oil Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve Until The Department Of Energy Develops A Plan To Expand Energy Leasing For Oil Equal To The Amount Drawn From The Reserve. In January 2023, Kiggans voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Department of Energy, after the bill's enactment, from executing a first drawdown of petroleum products from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve for sale, exchange or loan until the DOE first develops a plan — in consultation with the Agriculture, Interior and Defense departments — to increase the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production by an amount equal to the percentage of petroleum in the Reserve that would be drawn down, up to a maximum of 15 percent. The bill would provide an exception to the planning requirement if the president determines a drawdown is required due to a severe energy supply interruption, defined as an emergency situation reducing the supply of petroleum products and resulting in price increases that would have a major adverse impact on the national economy. Prior to passage, the House adopted 12 amendments to the bill. As amended, the bill would also apply the oil and gas leasing plan requirement retroactively to drawdowns initiated on Jan. 21, 2021, and afterward; require DOE to ensure that such plans would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia; and require DOE to submit such plans to Congress, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 221-205. [H.R. 21, [Vote #93](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against An Amendment No. 70 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The Mid-Atlantic Planning Area. In January 2023, Kiggans voted against: "Ross, D-N.C., amendment no. 70 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing in the Mid-Atlantic Planning Area." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 212-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #72](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against An Amendment No. 29 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Off The Coast Of Virginia. In January 2023, Kiggans voted against: "Spanberger, D-Va., amendment no. 29 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract located off the coast of Virginia." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #45](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Which, “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.” 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](#)]

- **The Debt Limit Bill Repealed Tax Incentives For Renewable Energy And Toughened Work Requirements For Antipoverty Programs, Including Medicaid.** “The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday narrowly passed a bill to raise the government's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling that includes sweeping spending cuts over the next decade. [...] The House bill would increase Washington's borrowing authority by \$1.5 trillion or until March 31, whichever comes first, raising the specter of another round of negotiations during the 2024 presidential campaign. The bill would pare spending to 2022 levels and then cap growth at 1% a year, repeal some tax incentives for renewable energy and stiffen work requirements for some antipoverty programs. [...] The overnight changes removed a provision that would have ended a tax credit for biofuels that was part of Biden's climate change initiatives in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. Bending to the far-right wing

of the party, Republicans also accelerated some new, tougher work requirements for receiving Medicaid healthcare benefits for the poor, angering Democrats.” [Reuters, [4/27/23](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For Passing FY 2024 Interior And Environment Appropriations With Republican Riders. In November 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$37.7 billion in discretionary spending, including \$25.4 billion subject to the measure's discretionary cap and \$9.4 billion offset by rescissions. It would provide \$14.6 billion for the Interior Department, including \$3 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.5 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$1.3 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey; and \$1.3 billion for the Bureau of Land Management. It would provide approximately \$11.2 billion for Native American programs in fiscal 2024, including \$2.6 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$1.4 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education and \$7.1 billion for the Health and Human Services Department’s Indian Health Service (an IHS total that includes \$5.1 billion in advance appropriations enacted in the fiscal 2023 spending measure). The bill would provide an additional \$5.9 billion in fiscal 2025 advance appropriations for IHS. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion for the EPA, which includes \$2.4 billion for environmental programs and management and \$561 million for science and technology. It would provide \$8 billion for the Forest Service, including \$4.4 billion for wildfire management and response. Between the Forest Service and Interior Department, it would provide \$619 million for wildfire preparedness and \$1.4 billion for fire suppression activities. The bill would also provide \$960 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$178 million for the National Gallery of Art; and \$373 million combined for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among its policy provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds to promote “critical race theory”; block a January 2023 EPA and Army Corps of Engineers rule on the definition of “Waters of the United States”; prohibit the EPA from issuing a waiver to allow California to issue its own emissions standards for small off-road vehicle engines; require the Interior Department to conduct quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales; and prohibit the use of funds to implement certain regulations under the Endangered Species Act, including protections for the lesser prairie-chicken and the northern long-eared bat. It would rescind \$9.4 billion in funding for the EPA, Interior Department and Council on Environmental Quality provided under the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169), including \$7.8 billion for renewable energy projects and \$1.4 billion for environmental and climate justice projects. As amended, the bill would bar the use of funds provided by the bill for the American Climate Corps; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates; bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out any plastic straw prohibitions; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the cancellation or suspension of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to reduce the number of oil and gas leases issued by the Interior Department, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 213-203. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #597](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Prohibiting Funds For Use On Climate Change And Promoting Clean Energy

Kiggans Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Executive Orders On Climate Change. In November 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 127 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill to implement a series of Biden administration executive orders (Executive Order nos. 13990, 14008, 14013, 14030, 14057, 14082 and 14096) related to climate concerns.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 208-207. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #595](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Defunding Executive Orders Promoting The Use Of Clean Energy And Environmental Justice. In November 2023, Kiggans voted for: “McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 102 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement Executive Order 14037, related to strengthening American leadership in clean cars and trucks; EO 14057, related to catalyzing clean energy industries and jobs through federal sustainability; and EO 14096, relating to revitalizing U.S. commitment to environmental justice for all.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #585](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For An Executive Order To Tackle Climate Change. In November 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Fulcher, R-Idaho, amendment no. 89 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out a section of Executive Order 14008 related to tackling climate change domestically and internationally.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 212-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #581](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For An EPA Rule For Air Quality Standards

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Kiggans Voted To Not Enforce Rules To Protect Endangered Wildlife, Plants, And Threatened Habitats

Kiggans Voted For Barring Funds To Enforce Rules To Protect Endangered Wildlife, Plants, And Threatened Habitats. In November 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 74 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill from being used to finalize, implement, administer or enforce the following proposed 2023 rules: --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Regulations for Interagency Cooperation" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. -- "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat" by FWS and NOAA. --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants” by FWS.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-212. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #575](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For Considering Striking \$1 Billion In Funding For Renewable Energy From Energy And Water Development Appropriations

Kiggans Voted For Considering Striking \$1 Billion In Funding For Renewable Energy From Energy And Water Development Appropriations And Barring Any Raises For Members From Legislative Branch Appropriations. In October 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 756) that would that would provide for floor consideration of the Fiscal 2024 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (HR 4394) and the Fiscal 2024 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (HR 4364). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order 60 amendments to HR 4394. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Fleischmann, R-Tenn., manager's amendment to HR 4394. The amendment would strike \$1 billion in funding from Energy Department (DOE) energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Amodei, R-Nev., manager's amendment to HR 4364 would be considered as adopted. The amendment would bar any cost-of-living adjustments for members of Congress during fiscal 2024. It also would provide that H Res 699 would be automatically laid on the table. The resolution would provide for floor consideration of a short-term funding bill (HR 5525), a measure concerning natural gas export-import (HR 1130) and a resolution (H Res 684) condemning actions taken by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-208. [H.Res. 756, [Vote #517](#), 10/3/23; CQ, [10/3/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds To Implement Biden Executive Orders Related To Climate Change And Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Implement Biden Executive Orders Related To Climate Change. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 40 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to

implement seven Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-214. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #377](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs. In July 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Zinke, R-Mont., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement the December 2021 Biden administration executive order regarding the promotion of clean energy industries and jobs.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #378](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Defense Department Land From Being Designated As A “Critical Habitat” Under The Endangered Species Act

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Kiggans Voted For FY 2024 Appropriations For The Energy Department That Included Provisions To Roll Back Climate Efforts

Kiggans Voted For FY 2024 Appropriations For The Energy Department, Including Republican Riders. In October 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$60 billion in fiscal 2024 funding for the Energy Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and independent federal agencies. It would provide \$49 billion for the Energy Department, \$24 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, and \$2.8 billion for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Within NNSA funding, it would provide \$19.1 billion appropriated for weapons activities, \$1.9 billion for naval reactors and \$2.4 billion for defense nuclear nonproliferation. The bill would provide \$2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office. It would redirect \$3.6 billion in unobligated funds previously appropriated by the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law for advanced nuclear reactor demonstration programs, including \$2.4 billion for advanced nuclear fuel and \$1.2 billion for small modular reactor research and development. The funding for each would be evenly distributed over the next three fiscal years. It would provide \$470 million for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, \$281 million for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and \$858 million for the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. The bill would provide \$9.6 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For programs within the Interior Department, the bill would provide \$1.9 billion, including \$1.7 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation and \$23 million for the Central Utah Project. It would also prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to finalize an Energy Department rule proposed in February 2023, on energy conservation standards for gas ranges and ovens, or any rule that would directly or indirectly limit consumer access to gas kitchen ranges or ovens.” The bill passed by a vote of 210-199. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #558](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Using Funds To Implement Various Biden Administration Executive Orders Relating To Climate Change

Kiggans Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Using Funds To Implement Various Biden Administration Executive Orders Relating To Climate Change. In October 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., for Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 60 that would prohibit the use of funds to implement various Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-222. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #556](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

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Kiggans Voted For A Bill To Roll Back Biden Administration Climate Efforts, Doubled The Cost Of Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Eliminated The Methane Emissions Reduction

Kiggans Voted For The Lower Energy Costs Act. In March 2023, Kiggans voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and critical minerals, accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, and reverse or repeal certain recent policies related to energy and climate change. Among provisions to boost oil and gas leasing and production, the bill would require the Interior Department to resume quarterly oil and gas lease sales on federal lands; complete certain proposed sales on the Outer Continental Shelf; and implement at least two lease sales per year in each of the Gulf of Mexico and the Alaska regions of the Shelf. It would roll back increased fees and royalties for onshore and offshore oil and gas development and production established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package (PL 117-69). It would adjust revenue sharing requirements for onshore and offshore production to generally decrease federal shares and increase state shares, particularly for coastal states. It would also require annual geothermal lease sales; terminate a moratorium on new coal leasing; and provide for final approval of previously authorized coal leases. It would prohibit the president from declaring a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing and from taking any action that would delay new leases, sales and drill permits for oil and gas, coal or mineral exploration. It would remove restrictions on the import and export of liquified natural gas and prohibit the Chinese Communist Party or a person acting on its behalf from acquiring any interest with respect to lands leased for oil or gas. Among provisions to streamline the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act, the bill would set deadlines for the completion of NEPA environmental reviews and adjust thresholds for levels of review; limit the scope of reviews to ‘reasonably foreseeable’ effects and codify 2020 regulations removing requirements to consider climate change impacts in the review process; and direct agencies to use previously completed reviews to satisfy NEPA requirements for substantially similar proposed actions. For oil and gas projects, it would limit the scope of environmental reviews to areas within or immediately adjacent to affected plots and prohibit the consideration of downstream, indirect effects of oil and gas consumption. To expedite certain energy production and infrastructure projects, it would establish procedures and a 120-day expedited deadline for federal agencies to review applications for cross-border oil and natural gas pipelines; and expand the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s role as the lead agency for natural gas pipeline permitting. To address critical mineral supply, the bill would require the Energy Department to conduct ongoing assessments of and develop strategies to strengthen domestic supply chains for critical energy resources, including through increased mining and processing and permit the EPA to temporarily waive certain pollution regulation requirements for processing and refining projects at critical energy resource facilities to address supply chain concerns. It would make coal and critical mineral mining projects eligible for certain expedited infrastructure permitting processes; provide for appointment of a lead agency to coordinate the permitting process for mineral exploration; and limit the withdrawal of federal lands and waters from mineral leasing. The bill would also repeal certain climate-related programs established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package, including the \$27 billion ‘Greenhouse Gas Reduction’ fund to support low- and zero-carbon projects, a program imposing fees on methane emissions from oil

and gas drilling sites on federal lands, and energy rebate programs to incentivize energy-efficient homes and buildings.” The bill passed by a vote of 225-204, with 221 Republicans and 4 Democrats voting for the bill, 1 Republican and 203 Democrats voting against the bill, and six Democrats not voting. [H.R. 1, [Vote #182](#), 3/20/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Republicans Pass Energy Bill To Roll Back Regulation Of Fossil Fuel Production.”** [PBS, [3/30/23](#)]
- **White House: H.R.1 Doubled The Cost Of Energy Efficiency Upgrades.** “This Administration is making unprecedented progress in protecting America’s energy security and reducing energy costs for Americans – in their homes and at the pump. H.R. 1 would do just the opposite, replacing pro-consumer policies with a thinly veiled license to pollute. It would raise costs for American families by repealing household energy rebates and rolling back historic investments to increase access to cost-lowering clean energy technologies. Instead of protecting American consumers, it would pad oil and gas company profits – already at record levels – and undercut our public health and environment. The Administration strongly opposes this bill. H.R. 1 would double the cost of energy efficiency upgrades that families need to reduce household bills and would repeal the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that will cut energy costs and boost economic development in rural and urban communities across the country.” [White House, Statement of Administration Policy, [3/27/23](#)]
- **Joseph Minott Op-Ed: H.R. 1 Eliminated The Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) And The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Which Helped Families Reduce Energy Consumption And Therefore Their Energy Bills.** “In addition to a series of handouts to fossil fuel corporations and the removal of vital environmental protections, H.R. 1 truly takes money away from the communities that need it most by eliminating both the Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, both passed within the Inflation Reduction Act last August. [...] EPA is proposing to allow third-party air monitoring experts to help communities identify and resolve pollution incidents, but the SERP needs MERP to fund that air monitoring. Without it, it is unclear how air monitoring experts will work with local communities. In addition, MERP funds can be used to update ventilation systems and improve insulation in homes, businesses and public spaces impacted by the gas industry, truly reducing energy consumption and utility expenses. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund could also be used to upgrade ventilation and improve overall energy efficiency in low-income communities across the country, in addition to supporting clean energy like rooftop solar and geothermal heating systems.” [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Op-Ed, [4/2/23](#)]
- **National Parks Conservation Association: The Lower Energy Costs Act Was Bad For Climate Change, Environmental Laws, And Air And Water Pollution.** “The Lower Energy Costs Act should be a nonstarter for anyone who wants to preserve our national parks and everything they protect. Here are five reasons why: 1. The act would worsen climate change [...] The Lower Energy Costs Act would deepen our nation’s dependency on fossil fuel energy, slowing the benefits from our efforts to transition to clean energy, such as wind and solar. If enacted, hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands and waters would be vulnerable to mining and oil and gas development, with little regard to the effects these activities would have on our national parks, communities and climate. [...] 2. The act would gut existing environmental laws Even worse, the Lower Energy Costs Act would undercut bedrock environmental laws that address the impacts of climate change on our environment and give people a voice in how their public lands are managed. 3. The act would pollute air and water The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 40 percent of the watersheds in the western United States are already contaminated by pollution from hard rock mines. For decades, mining and drilling activities across the country have wreaked havoc on our environment and communities, polluting the air we breathe and water we drink. The Lower Energy Costs Act would make matters worse, opening up swaths of public lands for unabated mining and oil and gas drilling.” [National Parks Conservation Association, Blog, [3/27/23](#)]

Kiggans Took Nearly \$12,000 In NRA Money, Had An “A” Rating From The NRA, And Voted Against Background Checks And Other Gun Safety Measures In The Virginia Senate

Kiggans Regularly Accepted Campaign Donations From The NRA And Touted An “A” Rating From The Organization

2022-2025: Kiggans Accepted \$11,900 In Campaign Contributions From The NRA

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June 2026: Donations From National Rifle Association to Jen Kiggans for Congress			
Date	Spender	Recipient	Amount
9/8/25	National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund	Kiggans for Congress	\$1,000
5/28/24	National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund	Kiggans for Congress	\$3,950
6/21/23	National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund	Kiggans for Congress	\$1,000
7/26/22	National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund	Kiggans for Congress	\$4,950
5/19/22	National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund	Kiggans for Congress	\$1,000
TOTAL:			\$11,900

[Federal Election Commission, viewed [6/2/26](#)]

2022: Kiggans Had An “A” Rating From The NRA, And The Organization Endorsed Her

2022: NRA Gave Kiggans An “A” Rating And Urged Voters To Support Her. “Dear Virginia NRA Member: Please vote Jen Kiggans for the U.S. House of Representatives on or before Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in the General Election in Virginia. Your personal safety and your right to self-defense are on the ballot this November. Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi’s soft-on-crime polices have resulted in a spike of violent crime across the country. Early voting is currently underway in Virginia. For more information on voting, please call 800-552-9745 or visit <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/> The NRA Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) has endorsed Jen Kiggans for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Tuesday, November 8, 2022, General Election in Virginia. Jen has a proven pro-Second Amendment record and she will stand strong against Joe Biden, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi’s radical gun control agenda. For the following reasons, Jen has received our endorsement:” [NRA-PVF, Email, [2022](#)]

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A

NRA-PVF Rating

Solidly pro-gun candidate
with a record of support on
Second Amendment issues.

2019: Kiggans Touted Her A Rating From The NRA

May 2019: Kiggans Touted Her A Rating From The NRA In A Facebook Post.



[Facebook, Jen Kiggans, [5/29/19](#)]

Kiggans Received A “Very Pro-Gun” Survey Grade From Pro-Gun PAC Virginia Citizens Defense League, Inc., Accepted A \$3,500 Campaign Contribution From VCDL, And Voted In Line With Their Values As A State Senator

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8	D	Missy Cotter Smasal	missy@missyforsenate.com	

[Virginia Citizens Defense League, Inc., 2019 General Assembly Survey Grades, accessed [2/15/22](#)]

- **“Very Pro-Gun” Was Highest Available Grade For Survey.** “The ‘grade’ shown next to a candidate's name is HOW THEY ANSWERED THE SURVEY. Their survey response was graded and the grade (Very Pro-Gun, ProGun, So-So, Anti-Gun, Very Anti-Gun) was displayed, as we have been doing for the last 10+ years. If no grade appears next to a candidate's name, then they did not return the survey or they sent a letter or email declining to answer the survey.” [Virginia Citizens Defense League, Inc., 2019 General Assembly Survey Grades, accessed [2/15/22](#)]

Virginia Citizens Defense League Claimed It Was “Non-Partisan” And Claimed To Have Stopped Hundreds Of Gun Control Bills. “VCDL was founded in 1994 as a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization aimed at advancing and protecting the Second Amendment rights of Virginia residents as it is stated in the United States Constitution and Article I Section 13 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In recent years, the VCDL has stopped hundreds of gun-control bills, held gun safety campaigns, and states that they are the only organization to get pro-gun bills introduced in every legislative session since 1997.” [WUSA 9, [1/20/20](#)]

Kiggans Received \$3,500 Campaign Contribution From Virginia Citizens Defense League Weeks Prior To Her General Election

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Virginia Beach, VA 23455, Va Citizens Defense League P.O. Box 513 Newington, VA 22122;	Virginia Beach, VA Gun Rights Stafford, VA	11/18/2019	\$ 3500.00
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[Virginia Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Reports Search, accessed [2/15/21](#)]

January 2020: Kiggans Attended A Lobby Day Organized By Virginia Citizens Defense League To Protest Three Proposed Gun Safety Bills, Including

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[Twitter, Jen Kiggans, [1/20/20](#)]

Virginia Citizens Defense League Spearheaded Virginia's Lobby Day Rally At Virginia Capitol In Retaliation To Three Proposed Gun Safety Bills. "Thousands of demonstrators from across the nation joined forces to rally at the Virginia Capitol area on Lobby Day to fight for the protection of their Second Amendment rights. The organized rally was spearheaded by the Virginia Citizens Defense League in retaliation to three proposed gun safety bills (Senate Bill 35, Senate Bill 70, and Senate Bill 69) that will now go to the house for consideration [...] The VCDL called Virginia's Lobby Day its 'biggest and most important event of the year.' The organization has been in the works for this rally since the beginning of the month. The plan was to pack up the General Assembly building with members wearing their 'Guns Save Lives' gear and gather at the Capitol steps." [WUSA 9, [1/20/20](#)]

Within Weeks Of Joining The Virginia State Senate, Kiggans Admitted She Was Abandoning Her Campaign Promise To Reach Across The Aisle In Order To Vote Against Gun Control Legislation

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Kiggans Admitted She Was Abandoning Her Campaign Promise To Reach Across The Aisle By Voting Against Three Gun Control Bills That Eventually Passed. "As I said many times on the campaign trail, we must find ways to reach across the aisle and find compromise. However, listening to the debate that happened later in the week concerning three 'gun bills' reminded me that there are major party differences, especially concerning interpretation of the Constitution [...] I voted 'no' to all three above bills after listening to both sides arguments and agreeing that these three bills were in violation of the Second Amendment of the US Constitution, would have hurt law-abiding gun owners, and most importantly would not have prevented the shootings in Virginia Beach nor

elsewhere. All three passed due to the Democratic majority.” [Jen for VA via Wayback Machine, Facts From The Floor, [1/20/20](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Requiring Universal Background Checks In Firearm Transfers, Including At Gun Shows

Kiggans Voted Against Requiring Background Checks In Firearm Transfers From Licensed Firearm Dealers, Including At Gun Shows. In February of 2020, Kiggans voted against S.B. 70, which “Requires a background check for any firearm sale and directs the Department of State Police (the Department) to establish a process for transferors to obtain such a background check from licensed firearms dealers. A person who sells a firearm to another person without obtaining the required background check is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides that a purchaser who receives a firearm from another person without obtaining the required background check is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill removes the provision that makes background checks of prospective purchasers or transferees at firearms shows voluntary. The bill also provides that the Department shall have three business days to complete a background check before a firearm may be transferred.” The bill passed state Senate 23-17 and became law on April 10th, 2020 [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 70](#), [3/7/20](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Giving Local Virginia Governments Ability To Regulate Carrying Guns Or Ammunition In Government Buildings And Public Places

Kiggans Voted Against Giving Local Virginia Governments Ability To Regulate Carrying Guns In Government Buildings And Public Places. In April of 2020, Kiggans voted against SB 35, which “Authorizes any locality by ordinance to prohibit the possession or carrying of firearms, ammunition, or components or any combination thereof in (i) any building, or part thereof, owned or used by such locality for governmental purposes; (ii) any public park owned or operated by the locality; (iii) any recreation or community center facility; or (iv) any public street, road, alley, sidewalk or public right-of-way or any other place of whatever nature that is open to the public and is being used by or is adjacent to a permitted event or an event that would otherwise require a permit. Provisions limiting the authority of localities and state governmental entities to bring lawsuits against certain firearms manufacturers and others are also repealed. The bill also provides that any firearm received by the locality pursuant to a gun buy-back program shall be destroyed by the locality unless the person surrendering such firearm requests in writing that such surrendered firearm be sold.” The bill passed the Senate 21-18 and became law on April 22th of 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 35](#), [4/22/20](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Limiting Purchase Of Handguns To One Per Month

Kiggans Voted Against Limiting Purchase Of Handguns To One Per Month With Exemptions For Law Enforcement, Private Sales, Licensed Concealed Carriers, And Other Exemptions. In April of 2020, Kiggans voted against S.B. 69, which “Prohibits any person who is not a licensed firearms dealer from purchasing more than one handgun in a 30-day period and establishes such an offense as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill exempts from this provision (i) persons who have been issued a certificate by the Department of State Police under certain circumstances and with an enhanced background check, (ii) law-enforcement agencies and officers, (iii) state and local correctional facilities, (iv) licensed private security companies, (v) persons who hold a valid Virginia concealed handgun permit, (vi) persons whose handgun has been stolen or irretrievably lost or who are trading in a handgun, (vii) purchases of handguns in a private sale, and (viii) purchases of antique firearms.” The bill passed state Senate 21-19 and became law on April 9th, 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [SB 69](#), [3/7/20](#)]

<p>Kiggans Said Addressing Mental Health With More Health Care Providers Was Her Preferred Solution To Gun Violence, But Voted Against Funding For Anti-Violence Initiatives And Mental Health Intervention From Health Professionals In The Virginia State Senate</p>

Kiggans’ Preferred Solution To Gun Violence Was Addressing Mental Health And Bringing In More Health Care Providers

Kiggans Wanted To Address Gun Violence By “Taking A Better Look” At Mental Health And Using A “Multidisciplinary Approach” To Bring In More Health Care Providers. “Kiggans also provided a statement. She said she wanted to work across party lines to prevent such tragedies, and wants to get input from teachers, healthcare providers, parents, churches and law enforcement to take a ‘multidisciplinary approach’ to gun safety. She said she wants to address gun violence by ‘taking a better look’ at mental health diagnosing and treatment to prevent people with mental health problems from killing themselves and others in mass shootings.” [Virginian – Pilot, [6/9/19](#)]

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Kiggans: “As A Healthcare Provider, I Believe That Guns Don’t Kill People But People Kill People.” ““As a healthcare provider, I believe that guns don't kill people but people kill people,’ Kiggans said.” [Virginian – Pilot, [6/9/19](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Virginia’s Gun Violence Intervention And Prevention Fund Which Sought To Fund Hospital-Based Violence Intervention

Kiggans Voted Against Virginia’s Gun Violence Intervention And Prevention Fund Which Sought To Fund Hospital Based Gun Intervention. Kiggans voted against HB 1499, which “Establishes the Virginia Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund to be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of supporting gun violence intervention and prevention programs, including street outreach, hospital-based violence intervention, and group violence intervention programs.” The bill passed the Senate 22-18 and became law on April 10th of 2020. [Virginia General Assembly, [HB 1499](#), [3/7/20](#)]

Kiggans Voted Against Pandemic Relief Spending Package That Included Mental Health Intervention From Health Professionals

Kiggans Voted Against Virginia’s Pandemic Relief Spending Package. In August of 2021, Kiggans voted against HB 7001, which “which distributes \$4.3 billion in federal assistance from the American Rescue Plan [...] HB 7001 allocates approximately \$3.5 billion of the \$4.3 billion in funding provided by the American Rescue Plan. The remaining \$761 million remains available for programming in light of the evolving pandemic, and will be considered by the General Assembly when they convene next January.” The budget bill passed the Senate 23-16 and became law on August 10th, 2021. [Virginia General Assembly, [HB 7001](#), [8/9/21](#), [WINA News Radio](#)]

- **Virginia Pandemic Relief Spending Package Gave \$10 Million To Crisis Centers.** “\$10,000,000 to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (720) for the continued expansion of community-based crisis services, which may include mobile crisis services and crisis receiving facilities.” [Virginia General Assembly, HB 7001, [8/10/21](#)]
- **Virginia Pandemic Relief Spending Package Gave \$1.6 Million For Crisis Intervention And Mental Health Awareness.** “1,000,000 to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (140) to provide resources for crisis intervention team training to law-enforcement officers and dispatchers, and one position to provide technical assistance in support of the mental health awareness response and community understanding services (Marcus) alert system.” [Virginia General Assembly, HB 7001, [8/10/21](#)]

Kiggans Plagiarized An Op-Ed That Former Rep. Luria Published On Chinese National Security Threats In A Fundraising Email Attacking Luria

Kiggans Plagiarized Former Rep. Luria's Arguments On National Security Threats Posed By China In A Fundraising Email That Attempted To Attack Luria With "Almost Verbatim" Quotes From Her Op-Ed

Kiggans Sent A Fundraising Email Attacking Luria On China That Appeared To Steal Language Directly From An Op-Ed Luria Published Four Days Earlier. "Jen Kiggans, the top Republican candidate in a pivotal House race next year, recently sent out a fundraising email dinging her opponent as part of a Democratic coalition that doesn't 'put America first' and will 'cower to China.' That email, however, would likely receive a failing grade in a classroom; it lifts key phrases from her Democratic opponent. Kiggans, in the attempt to pillory her political rival—two-term incumbent Rep. Elaine Luria (D-VA)—actually agrees with her, and appears to have stolen language directly from a Wall Street Journal op-ed Luria published four days prior to the email blast." [Daily Beast, [7/16/21](#)]

Washington Post: Kiggans "Appeared To Parrot Luria's Argument About National Security Threats Posed By China In A Fundraising Email — Almost Verbatim In Some Places." "Case in point: As the Daily Beast first reported this month, a top contender for the Republican nomination, state Sen. Jen A. Kiggans (R-Virginia Beach), appeared to parrot Luria's argument about national security threats posed by China in a fundraising email — almost verbatim in some places." [Washington Post, [7/23/21](#)]

Kiggans "Lifted Some Words" From Luria's Own Talking Points To Use Against Her. "According to The Daily Beast, Jen Kiggans' recent fundraising email has become a topic of scrutiny due to a number of the quotes included in it. The publication reports that the words were gravely similar to what was written in her Democratic opponent, Rep. Elaine Luria's (D-Va.) latest op-ed. [...] Marty Steffen, chair of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers (SABEW) at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, weighed in with a critical assessment of Kiggans' email. While Steffen admitted that Kiggan did lift some words, he insists there may be 'cause and effect' for her doing so as he noted that the email appears to be a response to the op-ed. 'She lifted some words, and I'm absolutely sure there's a cause and effect here. The email is clearly a response to the op-ed, and tries to use those talking points against her.'" [Salon, [7/18/21](#)]

HEADLINE: "GOP Candidate Busted For Ripping Off Democratic Opponent's Recent Op-Ed" [AlterNet, [7/17/21](#)]

HEADLINE: "It Sure Looks Like This GOP Congressional Candidate Plagiarized Her Democratic Opponent" [Salon, [7/18/21](#)]

Kiggans' Plagiarized Email Text Directly Compared To Original Op-Ed Written By Rep. Elaine Luria

Plagiarized Text From Kiggans' Fundraising Email On China:

- Silencing freedom in Hong Kong

Meanwhile, China has been steadily growing militarily...they have more ships in their fleet than the US (by more than 60), they have the third largest air force in the world, and they have built extensive ground-based conventional missile forces

[Kiggans Fundraising Email, 7/11/21]

Note: Highlighted the similarities (color coded based on each copied point)

Compared To Original Text From Op-Ed On Chinese Security Written By Rep. Elaine Luria.

The Navy wants to retire 15 ships, including seven guided-missile cruisers and four littoral combat ships, while procuring only two surface combatant ships and two submarines. (Congress' budget draft would buy another destroyer and limit the retirements.) Naval aviation procurement dropped 15.6% over 2021 even as the Navy speeds up F/A-18 retirements. The USS Ronald Reagan, based in Japan to counter a threat from China, is overseeing the Afghanistan withdrawal in the Middle East because no other aircraft carrier is available. **Meanwhile, China is building warships at an astonishing rate. In 2010 the U.S. Navy had 68 more ships than the Chinese navy. Today, it has 63 fewer, a swing of 131 ships in 10 years.**

The Air Force is also following the Pentagon's "divest to invest" lead. Combat aircraft procurement is down 22% from 2021. The force wants to retire 137 aircraft, more than double the number it plans to buy. After the retirement of 17 B-1s last year, the Air Force's bomber inventory is at a level top officers have called the bare minimum. Ammunition procurement is down more than 40%. **China in recent years has focused on procuring advanced aircraft and has the world's third-largest air force. In addition, China has an extensive ground-based conventional missile force, including the DF-26, known as the "carrier killer" which is capable of striking Guam.**

[Wall Street Journal, Elaine Luria, Op-Ed, [7/7/21](#)]

Note: Highlighted the similarities (color coded based on each copied point)

Kiggans' Campaign Refused To Answer Questions About Plagiarizing Luria

Kiggans' Campaign Did Not Answer Repeated Questions About The Similarities Between Her Email And Luria's Op-Ed And Whether Kiggans Wrote The Email Herself. "Kiggans' campaign spokesperson Bryan Piligra did not answer The Daily Beast's repeated questions about the coinciding verbiage and whether the candidate wrote the email herself. He instead provided a statement highlighting Kiggans' foreign policy credentials. 'As a Navy veteran, Jen Kiggans knows the threat of the Chinese Communist Party to the United States both economically and militarily. Not only does Jen hold a degree in International Relations with a concentration in East Asia from Boston University, but she also taught English in Japan so is extremely aware of the threat the CCP poses to the region and the world,' the statement said. 'She didn't start taking China seriously because Elaine Luria suddenly decided to pen an oped.'" [Daily Beast, [7/16/21](#)]

Language Experts Noted It Was Infinitesimally Unlikely That Kiggans' Word Choice Was Accidental And Not Plagiarized

Linguistic Analysis Expert Mark Algee-Hewitt Estimated 1 In 10,000,000,000,000,000 Chance That Kiggans' Word Choice Was Accidental And Not Plagiarized. "English experts have offered different perspectives on the email. While some have defended Kiggans' writing, others have admitted that there is a slim chance the email was written coincidentally. Mark Algee-Hewitt, director of the Literary Lab at Stanford University a statistical linguistic analysis expert, described the email as 'really bizarre.' The publication also noted that Algee-Hewitt's software 'analysis pegged the probability that one of the phrases in question was accidental at one in 10,000,000,000,000,000.'" [Salon, [7/18/21](#)]

- **Algee-Hewitt Said Kiggans' Odds Of Accidental Word Choice Were Less Likely Than Being Elected President And Winning Powerball In Same Year.** "Speaking to The Daily Beast, he also noted: 'For comparison's sake, that is less likely than you being elected president of the USA and winning the Powerball lottery in the same year.'" [Salon, [7/18/21](#)]

Kiggans' Effort To Misrepresent Luria's Position On China While Lifting Key Phrases From Her Op-Ed Placed Her In "An Entirely Different Universe Of Hypocrisy"

Daily Beast: Kiggans Was In "An Entirely Different Universe Of Hypocrisy" By Misrepresenting Luria's Position On China And Lifting Key Phrases From Luria's Op-Ed. "It is, by all measurements, one thing to knock your political opponent on a policy you disagree with. It's another to criticize them even when you agree. But it may be an entirely different universe of hypocrisy to misrepresent your opponent's position and attack them using their own arguments and words—not as in throwing their words back at them and refuting their arguments, but as in actually taking their words and presenting them as your own. Jen Kiggans, the top Republican

candidate in a pivotal House race next year, recently sent out a fundraising email dinging her opponent as part of a Democratic coalition that doesn't 'put America first' and will 'cower to China.' That email, however, would likely receive a failing grade in a classroom; it lifts key phrases from her Democratic opponent. Kiggans, in the attempt to pillory her political rival—two-term incumbent Rep. Elaine Luria (D-VA)—actually agrees with her, and appears to have stolen language directly from a Wall Street Journal op-ed Luria published four days prior to the email blast.” [Daily Beast, [7/16/21](#)]

Kiggans' Primary Opponent, Jarome Bell, Said There Was Nothing Original About Kiggans And Likened Her To A Knock-Off Elaine Luria For Plagiarizing Her China Talking Points

Bell Said Kiggans Was A Knock-Off Of Luria For Using Plagiarized China Talking Points. “When reached for comment by National File, Kiggans' 2022 Republican Primary race opponent, Jarome Bell blasted her, highlighting her ties to the Republican establishment and labeling her campaign a knock-off of both Democrat Luria and her GOP establishment-backed predecessor, ex-Congressman Scott Taylor. ‘Nothing about Kiggans is original,’ Bell told National File. ‘She says she’s using Scott Taylor’s playbook, she has the same PACS as the establishment RINOs, and now she’s even using Democrat talking points on China. Why would any constituent want to be represented by a person without their own mind?’” [National File, [7/17/21](#)]

As Of June 2026, Kiggans Failed To Pass A Single Bill During Her Time In Congress

2024-2026: Kiggans Failed To Pass A Single Bill Into Law During Her Time In Congress

2025-2026: Kiggans Failed To Pass A Single Bill, Despite Sponsoring 43 Bills. According to C-SPAN, Kiggans introduced 43 bills during the 119th Congress (2025-2026) but failed to pass a single bill into law as of May 6, 2026. [C-SPAN, accessed [5/6/26](#)]

COMMITTEES

House Armed Services

Videos: **9**
[See all videos >](#)

Military Personnel

Seapower and Projection Forces

Videos: **1**
[See all videos >](#)

House Natural Resources

Videos: **1**
[See all videos >](#)

Energy and Mineral Resources

Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries

House Veterans' Affairs

Videos: **2**
[See all videos >](#)

Oversight and Investigations

Chair

Videos: **1**
[See all videos >](#)

BILLS

Bills Sponsored: **43**
[See Bills >](#)

Bills Passed: 0

Bills Failed: 0

Commonly Sponsored Bill Policy

Areas:

- [Armed forces and national security](#)
- [Public lands and natural resources](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Taxation](#)

Commonly Sponsored Bill Legislative

Topics:

- [Long-term, rehabilitative, and terminal care](#)
- [Advisory bodies](#)
- [Medical tests and diagnostic methods](#)
- [Aging](#)
- [Retail and wholesale trades](#)

Amendments: **0**

Bills Co-Sponsored: **148**
[See Co-Sponsored Bills >](#)

[C-SPAN, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

2024-2025: Kiggans Failed To Pass A Single Bill, Despite Sponsoring 22 Bills, Which All Failed. According to C-SPAN, Kiggans introduced 22 bills during the 118th Congress (2024-2025) but failed to pass a single bill into law. [C-SPAN, accessed [5/6/26](#)]

COMMITTEES

House Armed Services

Videos: **3**
[See all videos >](#)

Cyber, Information Technologies and Innovation

House Natural Resources

Videos: **1**
[See all videos >](#)

Federal Lands

House Veterans' Affairs

Videos: **3**
[See all videos >](#)

Oversight and Investigations

Videos: **3**
[See all videos >](#)

VOTES

Voting Record: **97.6%**
[Recorded Votes \(1,211\) >](#)
[Missed Votes \(30\) >](#)

BILLS

Bills Sponsored: **22**
[See Bills >](#)

Bills Passed: **0**

Bills Failed: **22**
[See Failed Bills >](#)

Commonly Sponsored Bill Policy
Areas:

- [Armed forces and national security](#)
- [Environmental protection](#)
- [Commerce](#)
- [Public lands and natural resources](#)
- [Government operations and politics](#)

Commonly Sponsored Bill Legislative
Topics:

- [Health technology, devices, supplies](#)
- [Veterans' education, employment, rehabilitation](#)
- [Medical tests and diagnostic methods](#)
- [Prescription drugs](#)
- [Retail and wholesale trades](#)

Amendments: **0**

[C-SPAN, accessed [6/24/26](#)]