

Esther Joy King (IL-17) Research Report

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Esther Joy King

Republican Candidate in
Illinois' 17th Congressional District

Research Book – 2021

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Key Findings

King Was A Fake Entrepreneur Running On A Nonexistent Business Record

Esther Joy King's resume isn't just paper thin – its also stuffed with overstated claims like founding or directing businesses with no record of existence. King claimed to have founded, directed, or worked at several businesses that had no record of existing, including Flashbulb Media, 364 Social, Summerset Group Communications, and King and Associates. In 2019, King listed herself as a partner at GRP21, a firm that was involuntarily dissolved in 2015. In 2021, King claimed to be a board member at a charity called Simone's Kids that funded a school in Uganda, but she was not listed as a board member on the non-profit's tax filings. King formed an Ohio nonprofit in 2016 but the entity has not filed any 990 forms with the IRS since its formation, raising questions about the legitimacy of the supposed charity. A Politico investigation found several of the companies appear "to be non-existent."

On required financial disclosure forms, King only claims one source of income above \$5,000 – from a company with a history of OSHA and wage theft violations. King received at least \$5,000 in compensation from East Moline Glass, which had faced several OSHA complaints for safety violations in previous years and sued local unions in an effort to repudiate a collective bargaining agreement. East Moline Glass Co. violated Illinois's Prevailing Wage Law in 2017 and was found to owe workers in Rock Island County nearly \$20,000. Raising further questions about her finances, King only reported income of \$50,000 in 2020, and reported negative net worth with between \$115,002 and \$300,000 due to outstanding loans, but managed to lend \$10,150 to her own campaign. It's no wonder King refused to make a required disclosure about her personal finances at all in 2020, and filed her required 2021 disclosure nearly half a year after the deadline.

King Was An Overpaid, Underqualified Lackey For The Anti-Worker Rauner Administration... Until She Was Abruptly Fired

The only thing more embarrassing than King's embellished resume is the way she was unceremoniously terminated from the job she touts the most on the campaign trail. King used her experience at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to bolster her business credentials and said her job there was "exactly what I'm excited to be doing as representative." King's position as Confidential Assistant to the Director of the DCEO required "four years professional experience in the administration of a major component of a public sector or private sector business" and "four years professional experience administering economic development programs in a public sector environment." King's resume did not meet either of these requirements. What's more, King was one of dozens of DCEO employees with an annual salary of \$100,000 or more under Gov. Bruce Rauner, who faced "scrutiny" for "paying top staff considerably more" than former Gov. Pat Quinn. After less than a year in the role, King was abruptly fired, with her official termination notice stating she was a "poor cultural fit."

In the less than one year she was in the role, King oversaw the loss of thousands of jobs and helped implement the governor's union-busting agenda. In 2015, while King was wasting taxpayers' dollars as an overpaid, underqualified political hire at the DCEO, Illinois was the only state in the Great Lakes region to lose jobs and the state unemployment rate increased compared to the previous year. King was a confidential assistant to Illinois DCEO Director Jim Schultz, a "longtime Bruce Rauner loyalist" who listed decreasing union power as one of his priorities to make the state more attractive to businesses. In her role at DCEO, King served as foot-soldier in Rauner's efforts to crush unions, included the filing of a lawsuit seeking to declare non-member union fees unconstitutional.

King Was A Carpetbagger Handpicked by Republican Elites To Push An Extreme Partisan Agenda That Would Hurt Illinois

King was handpicked by Republican elites to move from Chicago to the district so she could carry out their orders. After admitting she had planned to run for office since she was a child and lamenting the political difficulties for Republicans in Chicago, King ran to represent IL-17, a district she had just moved to for the first time, in 2020. King had not voted for Congress in IL-17 before running for office in the district herself, and she voted there for the first time in 2019. In both the 2020 and 2022 election cycles, King was named to the NRCC's "Young Guns" program, receiving support from House Republican leadership and others in the Washington Republican establishment. In 2021, King accepted \$63,200 from Republican leadership PACs.

King even received support from Larry Anderson, a local businessman and Republican donor who stole nearly \$20,000 from workers. Anderson has been King's primary patron for years, helping her launch both her professional and political careers. Anderson spent years opposing King's 2020 opponent Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos and contributing over \$25,000 to federal and local Republican candidates. King has received both compensation from Anderson's businesses, as well as assistance in holding campaign events at businesses he owns. Anderson's company, East Moline Glass Co., violated Illinois's prevailing wage law in 2017 and was found to owe workers in Rock Island County nearly \$20,000.

If elected, King will help her right-wing benefactors enact a partisan agenda that would devastate Illinois families. King refused to name an instance when she disagreed with the Republican Party on an "issue of major import," responding that the question was "not applicable" during her first run for elected office. On abortion rights, King has called for "eventually" reversing *Roe v. Wade*. King criticized the Affordable Care Act for creating "burdensome regulations" and said it should be dismantled and replaced. King has hinted at dangerous views on the retirement programs our seniors rely on, saying that "we will have tough choices to make" on reforming Social Security and Medicare for future generations, and that "we are living longer, and we should adjust policy to reflect that." King supported a Trump administration move offering oil refineries waivers that would cut costs for oil companies but would hurt corn farmers, which "caused an uproar" in farm states due to its impact on the ethanol industry. And despite its numerous benefits to working families in Illinois, King opposed the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, calling it "wasteful" and saying that "We have to fight this with all we've got!"

Thematics

King Was A Fake Entrepreneur Running On A Nonexistent Business Record

Significant Findings

King's Professional History Was Largely Unverified Or Overstated, Including Claiming To Have Founded Or Directed Several Businesses That Had No Record Of Existing, And Listing Herself As A Partner At A Firm That Was Dissolved Four Years Earlier

- ✓ King claimed to have founded, directed, or worked at several businesses that had no record of existing, including Flashbulb Media, 364 Social, Summerset Group Communications, and King and Associates.
- ✓ 2019: King listed herself as a partner at GRP21, a firm that was involuntarily dissolved in 2015.
- ✓ 2021: King claimed to be a board member at a charity called Simone's Kids that funded a school in Uganda, but she was not listed as a board member on the non-profit's tax filings.
- ✓ King practiced real estate law at King & Clark LLC in East Moline, but her law partner Clark Miljush appeared to have his own separate law firm.
- ✓ In 2016, King was an incorporator of Launch Ohio, Inc., a nonprofit in Athens, OH, but the entity has not filed any 990 forms with the IRS since its formation.

Three Of King's Businesses – King & Clark LLC, GRP21, And Uprise Enterprise – Were Not In Good Standing Or Void, Meaning The Companies Failed To File Reports Or Pay Required Taxes Or Fees

- ✓ 2019: King listed herself as a partner at GRP21, a firm that was involuntarily dissolved in 2015.
 - ✓ A company is involuntarily dissolved in Illinois when it fails to file necessary reports and pay required fees to the state.
- ✓ 2021: King & Clark LLC was not in good standing with the state of Illinois, meaning the company had not filed the required reports or paid its fees.
- ✓ In her personal financial disclosure for 2020, King listed herself as a majority owner of Uprise Enterprise, LLC, a company registered in Delaware.
 - ✓ As of 2021, Uprise Enterprise's status in Delaware was "void" and it owed \$1,812.07 in taxes.

King Listed Only One Source Of Compensation Greater Than \$5,000 On Her Personal Financial Disclosures For 2019 And 2020, From A Company With A History Of OSHA And Wage Theft Violations

- ✓ King received at least \$5,000 in compensation from East Moline Glass, which had faced several OSHA complaints for safety violations in previous years and sued local unions in an effort to repudiate a collective bargaining agreement.
- ✓ East Moline Glass Co. violated Illinois's Prevailing Wage Law in 2017 and was found to owe workers in

Rock Island County nearly \$20,000.

- ✓ King was listed on a deed of transfer for company president Larry Anderson as the attorney handling the transaction when Anderson purchased property at 2821 10th Street, East Moline, IL.
 - ✓ 2821 10th Street, East Moline, IL was the registered address of King's 2020 campaign and her legal business was registered there with a local chamber of commerce.
- ✓ Anderson gave more than \$25,000 to Republican candidates in northwestern Illinois, including \$12,800 to King and other candidates opposing Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos from 2010 to 2020.
- ✓ King refused to make a required disclosure about her personal finances at all in 2020, and filed her required 2021 disclosure nearly half a year after the deadline.

King Disclosed \$50,000 In Income For 2020 And Up To \$300,000 In Debt, But Loaned Her Congressional Campaign \$10,150 Between 2019 and 2020

- ✓ King only reported income of \$50,000 in 2020, and reported negative net worth with between \$115,002 and \$300,000 due to outstanding loans, but managed to lend \$10,150 to her own campaign.
- ✓ 2020: King reported only making \$50,000 in income from her law practice King & Clark LLC.
- ✓ 2019-2020: King reported having between \$100,001 and \$250,000 in student loans, and having between \$15,001 and \$50,000 in "career loans" from USAA.

King's Professional History Was Largely Unverified Or Overstated

King Glossed Over The Periods Of Her Life When She Lived And Worked In Texas And Illinois

In 2020, King Was "Glossing Over Some Parts Of Her Own Resume," Such As When She Worked As An Associate Lawyer At A Big Chicago Law Firm. "Republican Esther Joy King's campaign takes a jab at Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos' work in Washington while glossing over some parts of her own resume. King, who's challenging Bustos for the 17th Congressional District, is quick to tell voters about growing up with Christian missionary parents. The 34-year-old says she also earned degrees from Oral Roberts University and Northwestern Law School, worked in Afghanistan to support women's rights, joined the U.S. Army JAG Corps. She has also worked as an associate lawyer at a big Chicago law firm and for the state's Department of Commerce under the Rauner administration. She doesn't really mention living in Texas and Chicago before moving to the district, which lines the state's northwest border with Iowa, a point Bustos seizes on in her latest ad: 'Who is the real Esther Joy King? She just moved from Chicago to run for Congress.'" [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

King Claimed To Work At Companies That Appeared To Be "Non-Existent," Declined To Offer Information Verifying Her Employment, And Complained About Being Criticized For Lacking Professional Experience

King Claimed To Work At Companies That Appeared To Be "Non-Existent" And Declined To Offer Information About Them. "Before running for office, King headed a social media marketing company called 364.Social, a company we couldn't find online. King says that's because it was folded into another marketing firm that she helped start: GRP21, which also has next-to-no presence online. A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent. King doesn't mention those companies on her LinkedIn page — she said she just chose not to — and didn't supply any information about them.

She told Playbook she ‘no longer has any ownership interest’ in Flashbulb or GRP21. King says she’s now a partner at King & Clark LLC, a real estate law firm.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

- **King “Billed Herself As Founder Of Flashbulb Media — Another Company That Appears To Be Non-Existent.”** “A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent. King doesn’t mention those companies on her LinkedIn page — she said she just chose not to — and didn’t supply any information about them. She told Playbook she ‘no longer has any ownership interest’ in Flashbulb or GRP21. King says she’s now a partner at King & Clark LLC, a real estate law firm.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

King Complained About Bustos Criticizing Her Lack Of Work Experience. “Some reports have also raised questions about King's claims about starting various social media and media-focused companies, which have little presence online. King, in response, has blasted Bustos for the scrutiny, claiming she is attempting to distract from her record representing the district. ‘This is what Washington politicians like Cheri Bustos do when voters have had enough of them - they attack and distort their opponent's record as a distraction from the fact that Bustos is helping create jobs in China, not here Illinois,’ King said.” [The Hill, [10/24/20](#)]

December 2019: King Listed Herself As A Partner At GRP21 LLC, A Marketing Firm That Was Involuntarily Dissolved More Than Four Years Earlier

December 2019: King Listed Herself As A Partner At GRP21, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

King Claimed She Helped Start GRP21 After Obtaining Her Law Degree. “Esther Joy King began her legal career as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago and later had the opportunity to serve the State of Illinois in the office of entrepreneurship, innovation, and technology. Her entrepreneurial spirit also led her to start a marketing firm after obtaining her law degree, GRP21, where she learned firsthand about creating jobs and opportunities.” [Chicago Council, [7/29/21](#)]

- **King Earned Her Law Degree In 2013.** [Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]
- **GRP21 Was Formed In 2014.** [Illinois Secretary of State Business Entity Search, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]

GRP21, LLC Was A Domestic Corporation In Illinois That Was Involuntarily Dissolved In July 2015.

Corporation/LLC Search/Certificate of Good Standing

LLC File Detail Report

File Number	04630971
Entity Name	GRP21, LLC
Status	INVOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION on Friday, 10 July 2015

[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

- **To Receive A Certificate Of Good Standing, A Business Must Pay \$25 And Meet Necessary**

Requirements. “From the File Detail Report of a corporation or limited liability company, you may purchase a Certificate of Good Standing if the entity has satisfied all necessary requirements. You should immediately print the certificate from the link on the receipt page or from the link on the returned email. There is a \$25 fee for a corporation or a LLC good standing and \$5 fee for a Not-for-Profit corporation certificate. Payment must be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. A payment processor fee will be assessed to all transactions.” [Illinois Secretary of State, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]

- **Not In Good Standing Meant To A Corporation In The State Of Illinois Failed To Comply With The State's Requirements For Reporting And Paying Fees.** “Illinois corporation not in good standing refers to a corporation in the state of Illinois that has failed to comply with the state's requirements for reporting and paying fees. Corporate Status When business owners elect to create an LLP, corporation, or LLC, they need to file the correct formation papers with their state. If a business owner wants to do business in a state other than their home state, they will also need to file the formation papers with these states. The state will then grant the corporation the right to conduct business. The corporation will become a statutory business entity and will enjoy all of the advantages that this entails. In order to maintain this right to conduct business, the business will become subject to a number of business laws and requirements. Some examples of these business rights and requirements include the following: Appointing a registered agent Paying franchise taxes and fees Filing required forms in a timely manner A business is considered to be in good standing for the records of the state as long as the business is in compliance with these requirements. Being in good standing allows the business to keep their rights and privileges as a business that is considered a statutory entity.” [Up Counsel, [10/28/20](#)]

October 2020: King Said She “No Longer Has Any Ownership Interest” In GRP21. “A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent. King doesn’t mention those companies on her LinkedIn page — she said she just chose not to — and didn’t supply any information about them. She told Playbook she ‘no longer has any ownership interest’ in Flashbulb or GRP21.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

January 2017: King Claimed To Be CEO Of 364 Social, A Company Journalists “Couldn’t Find Online”

January 2017: King Hosted A Fireside Chat At Northwestern School Of Law Where She Billed Herself As The CEO Of 364 Social.

2016-17 Alumni Fireside Chat Speakers

March 2017

Paul Gaynor (JD '90)

Managing Member

G&R Public Law and Strategies, LLC

February 2017

Kendrick Washington (JD '10)

Civil Rights Attorney

U.S. Department of Education

January 2017

Esther Joy King (JD LLM '13)

CEO

364 Social

[Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

King Said She Ran 364 Social, A Company That Developed Social Media Video Content For Its Clients. “I’m going to back up a bit and tell you about my path and how I arrived at being an entrepreneur. So, I’m a lawyer. I went into law and decided it wasn’t what I wanted to do with my life. However, entrepreneurship is such a thrilling life to live. The company that I’m running right now is called 364 Social. We’re a social media content

development company. We make one to two minute videos for our clients, 364 days a year so that they can tell their story on social media.” [Medium, The Tulle Project, [8/25/17](#)]

King Claimed To Be CEO Of 364 Social, A Company Journalists “Couldn’t Find Online.” “Before running for office, King headed a social media marketing company called 364.Social, a company we couldn’t find online. King says that’s because it was folded into another marketing firm that she helped start: GRP21, which also has next-to-no presence online. A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

October 2021: The Illinois Secretary Of State Did Not Have Records Of 364 Social Being A Registered Entity.



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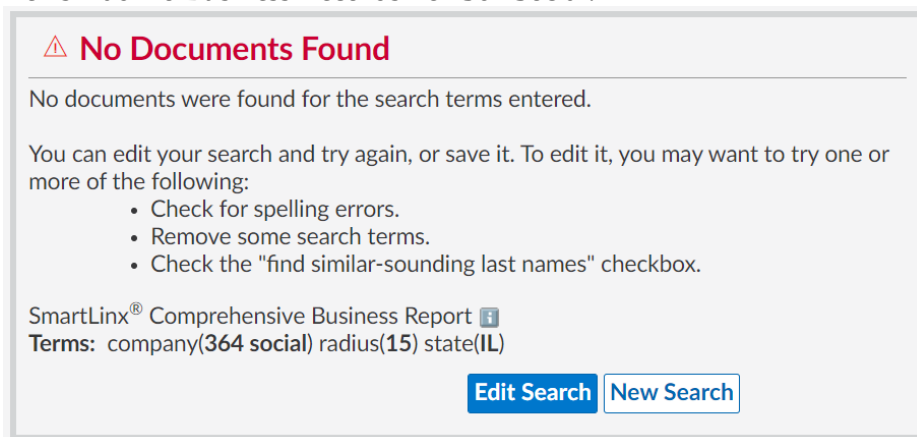
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[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

Nexis Had No Business Records For 364 Social.



[Nexis Comprehensive Business Report Search, Accessed 10/21/21]

September 2016: On An Event Page, King Was Listed As A Founder Of Flashbulb Media, Which Appeared “To Be Non-Existent”

King Claimed She Was A Cofounder Of Flashbulb Media, Which “Appears To Be Non-Existent.” “A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent. King doesn’t mention those companies on her LinkedIn page — she said she just chose not to — and didn’t supply any information about them. She told Playbook she ‘no longer has any ownership interest’ in Flashbulb or GRP21.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

2016: An Event Page For The Venture For Women & Diversity Summit Listed King As A Founder Of Flashbulb Media.



Esther Joy King
Founder
Flashbulb Media

[Intelligent Event, Venture for Women & Diversity Summit, [9/23/16](#)]

October 2021: The Illinois Secretary Of State Did Not Have Records Of Flashbulb Media Being A Registered Entity.



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[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

Nexis Had No Business Records For A Company Named Flashbulb Media. [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report Search, Accessed 10/17/21]

May 2016: King Said She Worked For Summerset Group Communications, A Republican Consulting Firm With No Documented History

King Handled Marketing And Communication At Summerset Group Communications, A Republican Consulting Firm. “Now she’s handling marketing and communication at Summerset Group Communications, a GOP focused political consulting firm.” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [5/16/16](#)]

October 2021: The Illinois Secretary Of State Did Not Have Records Of Summerset Group Communications Being A Registered Entity.



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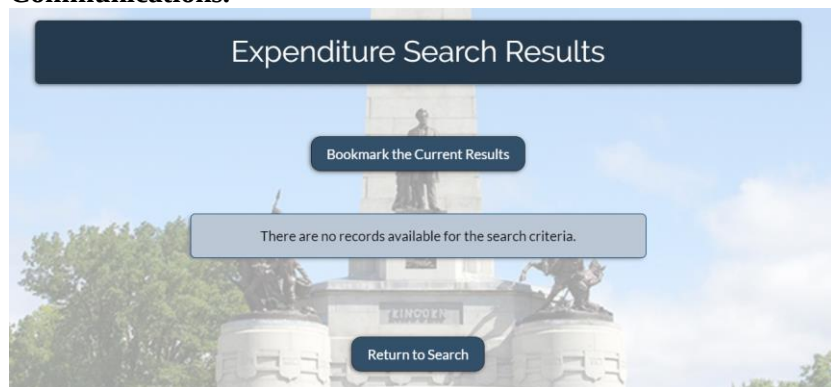
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[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

The FEC Had No Record Of Disbursements Made To Summerset Group Communications. [FEC, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

The Illinois State Board Of Elections Had No Record Of Expenditures Made To Summerset Group Communications.



[Illinois State Board Of Elections, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Nexis Had No Business Records For Summerset Group Communications.

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- Remove some search terms.
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Terms: company(summerset group communications) radius(15) state(IL)

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[Nexis Comprehensive Business Report Search, Accessed 10/18/21]

December 2007-August 2010: King Claimed To Work At The Consulting Company King And Associates In Dallas, Texas

December 2007-August 2010: King Claimed To Work At King And Associates In Dallas, Texas On Her Application To Work At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.

Past Employer King and Associates

Street Address 4514 Cole Ave

City Dallas

State TX

Position Title Administrative Director/Creative Consultant

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 60

Current/Last Salary \$ 70,000

Salary Period Annually

Dates of Employment Month 12 Year 2007

To Month 8 Year 2010

Total Years 2 Months 8

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative 8

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Cofounded and directed a creativity consulting and training company.
- Executive editor and publisher of four training curricula on problem solving and creativity.
- Managed long term growth strategy and cash flow of business.
- Recruited and supervised staff, independent contractors and interns.

Reason for Leaving: Attended Law school

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 57, Accessed 10/16/21]

Texas Comptroller Records Listed Four Businesses Named King And Associates, But None Were Registered At 4514 Cole Ave Or Any Other Address In Dallas, TX.

KING & ASSOCIATES, PLLC	
Texas Taxpayer Number	32040174966
Mailing Address	6420 WELLINGTON PL BEAUMONT, TX 77706-3206

KING & ASSOCIATES, INC.	
Texas Taxpayer Number	30007038273
Mailing Address	29100 CEDARWOOD DR SPRING, TX 77381-1011
KING & ASSOCIATES INC	
Texas Taxpayer Number	30003463681
Mailing Address	518 LEAFLET LN %STEPHEN F KING SPRING, TX 77388-5959
KING & ASSOCIATES INC	
Texas Taxpayer Number	30002253976
Mailing Address	6222 WIGTON DR %CARL KING HOUSTON, TX 77096-4624

[Texas Secretary of State, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

A Business Named King And Associates Was Established At 4514 Cole Ave In Dallas, TX In 2003.


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Business Summary

Name	Address	Phone
KING & ASSOCIATES  (No recent public filings on file)	4514 Cole Ave Dallas, TX 75205-5412 Dallas County	214-559-7125 04/03/2000 - 02/10/2019  Phone De-Listed in Electronic Directory Assistance
LexID® Business	Established	TIN
Legal Entity: 0014-8287-5138	2003	

[Lexis Comprehensive Business Report, Accessed 10/19/21]

- King Said She Lived On The Border With Her Family Until She Left To Attend College.** “Her parents were missionaries on the US-Mexico border. When she was 8 years old she spoke to crowds of 8,000 about God. She helped build schools for poor children. From the age of 3 until she left for college at age 18, Esther was an American growing up in the border towns of El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico.” [National Federation of Republican Women, [7/15/20](#)]
- 2004-2008: King Attended Oral Roberts University In Tulsa, OK.**

14. EDUCATION REPORT: List your education accurately and completely. A copy of college transcripts/degrees may be required. The number of credit hours you have earned may be needed to meet the minimum requirements for some titles. This information is also useful for career counseling purposes.

Name and Address of Colleges/Universities Attended and Indicate Undergraduate(U)/Graduate(G)	Hours Earned		Major	Minor	Dates Attended		Level and Date of Degree Earned	
	SEM	QTR	Do Not Abbreviate	Do Not Abbreviate	From MM/YYYY	To MM/YYYY	Level	MM/YYYY
(U) Oral Roberts University, 7777 S Lewis Ave. Tulsa OK	130.5		Mass Media Communication		09/2004	05/2008	BA	05/2008
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	79.5		Juris Doctorate		08/2010	05/2013	MA	05/2013
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	24		Masters of Laws in Taxation		08/2012	05/2013		05/2013

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 33, Accessed 10/26/21]

King Claimed To Be Involved In With Two Charities That She Had No Recorded Ties To Or That Had Not Filed Any Documentation In Years

2019-Present: King Claimed To Be Involved In A Charity Called Simone's Kids That Funded A School In Uganda, But She Was Not Listed As A Board Member At Any Point From 2016-2021

2019: King Listed Herself As A Board Member Of Simone's Kids. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

Simone's Kids Funded A School In Uganda. "When our founder and president, Simone Puccinelli, was a sophomore in college, she received a God-appointed email. The email detailed the serious financial issues faced by a school in Nakaseke, Uganda. If the school could not raise \$500 for rent on their school +building, the students would be sent away without an education. Simone decided that she could try to raise the money, and through the help of family and friends was able to do so. She also had a desire to visit Uganda to see where the money was being sent. When she got to Uganda and met the man behind the email, Godfrey, and all of the students, she realized that this was a divine connection—something that she couldn't just leave. Her life was going to be devoted to helping those children and the heart of Simone's Kids was born. Simone's Kids exists so that the children in Nakaseke can strive for a successful future through quality education in a nurturing environment" [Simone's Kids, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

Simone's Kids, Inc., Was A Nonprofit Based In Georgia.

BUSINESS SEARCH

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: SIMONE'S KIDS, INC.	Control Number: 10021080
Business Type: Domestic Nonprofit Corporation	Business Status: Active/Compliance
Business Purpose: NONE	
Principal Office Address: 200 W Main ST, Cartersville, GA, 30120, USA	Date of Formation / Registration Date: 3/19/2010
State of Formation: Georgia	Last Annual Registration Year: 2021

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name: **Puccinelli, Simone**
Physical Address: **200 W Main St, Cartersville, GA, 30120, USA**
County: **Bartow**

[Georgia Secretary Of State, Corporations Division, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

As Of October 2021, King Was Not Listed As A Board Member On The Website Of Simone's Kids.

[Simone’s Kids, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

2019: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2019](#)]

2018: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2018](#)]

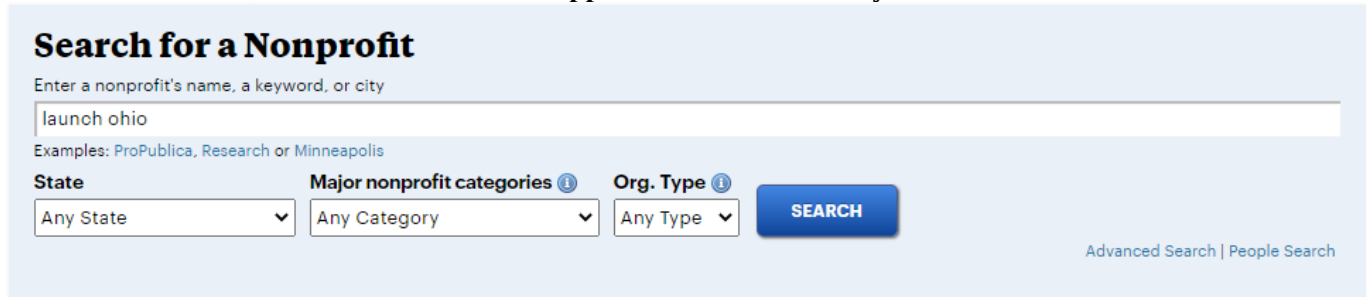
2017: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2017](#)]

2016: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2016](#)]

2016: King Was Listed As An Incorporator Of Launch Ohio, A Nonprofit That Never Filed 990 Forms With The IRS As Of October 2021

November 2016: King Was Listed As An Incorporator Of Nonprofit Launch Ohio, Inc. “The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Focused on progressing technology for the 21st century good by redesigning the great state of Ohio, through the lens of AR-VR, digital experiences, conferences, and thought leadership.” [Ohio Secretary of State, [11/22/16](#)]

As Of October 2021, Launch Ohio Did Not Appear To Have Filed Any 990 Forms With The IRS.



Search for a Nonprofit

Enter a nonprofit's name, a keyword, or city

launch ohio

Examples: ProPublica, Research or Minneapolis

State: Any State Major nonprofit categories: Any Category Org. Type: Any Type

SEARCH

Advanced Search | People Search

0 organization results for *launch ohio*. Results are ordered by relevance.

No results found. Tip: Try spelling out abbreviations.

Results include only organizations that filed a tax return — for any fiscal year — from calendar year 2014 forward.

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

King Said She Was A Real Estate Attorney At King & Clark LLC In East Moline, IL, But Her Law Partner Had His Own Practice

August 2019-Present: King Said She Was A Real Estate Attorney At King & Clark LLC In East Moline, Illinois

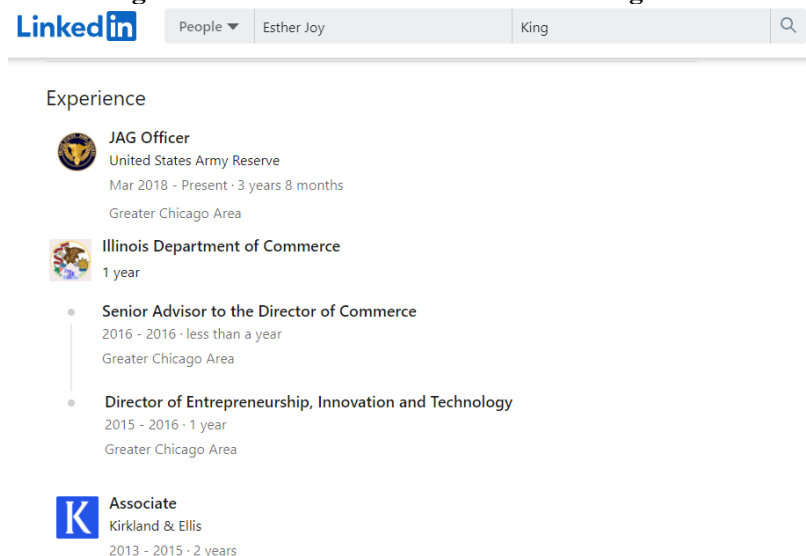
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The screenshot shows the top of a LinkedIn profile for Esther Joy King. The header includes the LinkedIn logo, a search bar with 'People' selected, and the name 'Esther Joy King'. Below the header, the 'Experience' section is visible, listing three roles:

- JAG Officer** at United States Army Reserve (Mar 2018 - Present · 3 years 8 months, Greater Chicago Area)
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[Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [10/13/21](#)]

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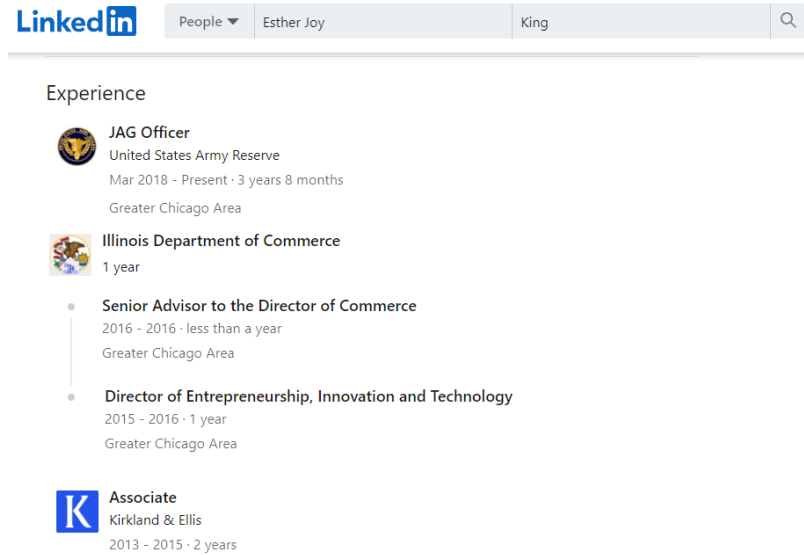
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As Of 2020, King Owned Two Thirds Of Uprise Enterprise, A Holding Company Incorporated In Delaware

King Listed Herself As An "Owner" Of Uprise Enterprise, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

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Uprise Enterprise, Inc., Was A Domestic Corporation Incorporated In Delaware In 2016.

Entity Details

THIS IS NOT A STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING

<u>File Number:</u>	6070340	<u>Incorporation Date / Formation Date:</u>	6/16/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy)
<u>Entity Name:</u>	UPRISE ENTERPRISE, INC.		
<u>Entity Kind:</u>	Corporation	<u>Entity Type:</u>	General
<u>Residency:</u>	Domestic	<u>State:</u>	DELAWARE

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

<u>Name:</u>	UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC.		
<u>Address:</u>	221 N BROAD ST, SUITE 3A		
<u>City:</u>	MIDDLETOWN	<u>County:</u>	New Castle
<u>State:</u>	DE	<u>Postal Code:</u>	19709
<u>Phone:</u>	302-777-0538		

[Delaware Department of State: Division Of Corporations, File Number 6070340, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

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TAX INFORMATION

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[Delaware Division of Corporations, Uprise Enterprise Company Report, Accessed 10/28/21]

- **Delaware Voided Businesses That Failed To Pay Their Annual Franchise Tax For A Year Or Did Not File Annual Reports Within A Two Year Period.** "Void - A corporation that failed to pay its annual franchise tax for a period of 1 year or a Foreign Corporation that has not filed their annual reports within a 2 year period." [Delaware Division of Corporations, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]

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**NOTE: King lists the company name as "Uprise Enterprise, LLC" but the state of Delaware lists the company as "Uprise Enterprise, Inc."*

King Disclosed Negative Net Worth And Up To \$300,000 In Debt, But Loaned Her Congressional Campaign \$10,150 Between 2019 and 2020

King Only Reported Income Of \$50,000 In 2020, And Reported Negative Net Worth With Between \$115,002 And \$300,000 In Outstanding Loans

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2020: King Reported Having Between \$100,001 And \$250,000 In Student Loans. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$15,001 And \$50,000 In Career Loans From USAA. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King's Reported Net Worth Was Between -\$297,996 And -\$83,002. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

... But She Managed To Loan \$10,150 To Her Own Campaign

According To The Federal Election Commission, King Loaned Her Campaign \$10,150 From 2019-2020.

Committee: **ESTHER FOR CONGRESS**

Loan Source	Address	Description	Date incurred	Date due	Interest Rate	Secured Loan?	Line #	Original Amount of Loan	Amount Paid To Date	Loan Balance	Memo
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		09/01/2019	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	
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Total Loans This Period = 10150.00											

[FEC, [12/31/20](#)]

King Was An Overpaid, Underqualified Lackey For The Anti-Worker Rauner Administration... Until She Was Abruptly Fired

Significant Findings

On The Campaign Trail, King Touted Her Work At The Illinois Department Of Commerce...

- ✓ King used her experience at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to bolster her business credentials and said her job there was “exactly what I’m excited to be doing as representative.”

... But She Was Underqualified And Overpaid For Both Her Positions At The Department...

- ✓ From March 2015-February 2016, King worked at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for Jim Schultz, a former private equity executive and “Rauner loyalist” who sought to turn DCEO “into a semiprivatized group.”
 - ✓ King’s position as Confidential Assistant to the Director of the DCEO required “four years professional experience in the administration of a major component of a public sector or private sector business” and “four years professional experience administering economic development programs in a public sector environment.” King’s resume did not meet either of these requirements.
 - ✓ King was one of dozens of DCEO employees with an annual salary of \$100,000 or more under Gov. Bruce Rauner, who faced “scrutiny” for “paying top staff considerably more” than former Gov. Pat Quinn.

...And Oversaw The Loss Of Thousands Of Jobs And Helped Implement The Governor’s Union-Busting Agenda...

- ✓ King complained that Illinois had “consistently seen jobs flee our state” in 2020, but oversaw job losses while working at DCEO.
 - ✓ Illinois was the only state in the Great Lakes region to lose jobs in 2015.
 - ✓ In 2015, Illinois’ state unemployment rate increased and the state lost 1,600 non-farm jobs compared to the previous year.
 - ✓ From March 2015 to March 2016, Illinois lost 6,000 manufacturing jobs, 1,500 mining jobs, and 2,300 information jobs.
 - ✓ Illinois’ unemployment rate increased from 6 percent in March 2015 to 6.5 percent in March 2016.
- ✓ Economic development grants disbursed by DCEO decreased by \$16.8 million, or 18.42 percent, during King’s tenure from FY 2015 to FY 2016.
- ✓ King was a confidential assistant to Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jim Schultz, a “longtime Bruce Rauner loyalist” who listed decreasing union power as one of his priorities to make the state more attractive to businesses.

- ✓ Schultz helped Rauner implement his economic agenda and served on Rauner’s gubernatorial transition team.
- ✓ Rauner’s economic agenda sought to decrease union power in Illinois and included filing a lawsuit seeking to declare non-member union fees unconstitutional.
 - ✓ The case, Janus v. AFSCME, went to the Supreme Court, where the fees were declared unconstitutional in a “blow to organized labor” that was a “victory” for Rauner.
 - ✓ One study estimated that the Janus decision could reduce the union membership of state and local government employees by more than 8 percentage points, or 726,000 union members.
- ✓ Schultz’s efforts to turn the DCEO into a semi-privatized corporation met with union pushback and criticism from AFSCME, who said they had “many concerns” with the privatization plan, including “possible loss of union jobs.”

... Until She Was Abruptly Fired From Her Job At The Illinois Department Of Commerce For Being A “Poor Cultural Fit” After Less Than A Year

- ✓ When asked why she left her state job, King said she “split ways” with the administration due to disagreements over “methodology” and “values.”
- ✓ Personnel records showed King was fired from the Illinois Department of Commerce for being a “poor cultural fit” after working there from March 2015 to February 2016.

King Publicly Misrepresented Her Experience At The Department As A Candidate

- ✓ King repeatedly overstated the position she held in the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology.
- ✓ King publicly claimed that she was the Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology, but her personnel file indicated she was only the Deputy Director.

On The Campaign Trail, King Touted Her Work At The DCEO

King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity From 2015-2016

2015-2016: King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.

CASE NUMBER: 1820851420		CASE TYPE: 64	ITEM NUMBER: 006	ITEM TYPE: EMPL-05
FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)				
KING, ESTHER JOY				
OTHER NAMES USED				
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		POSITION REQUIRING INVESTIGATION	
			MILITARY	
PLACE OF BIRTH				
TULSA TULSA , OK				
CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT				
FROM	TO	POSITION	NAME OF SUPERVISOR	
03/2015	02/2016	SENIOR ADVISER TO THE DIR	JIM SCHULTZ	
ACTUAL JOB LOCATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE ADDRESS)				

6 IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED BELOW, YOU MUST FILL IN THIS MARK
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THIS PERSON'S SUITABILITY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT OR A SECURITY CLEARANCE. THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR DEROGATORY AS WELL AS POSITIVE INFORMATION, A CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST, AND/OR A COPY OF CONSENT REQUEST.

Employment End Date 3-15-16
 Place of birth - no record to verify
 Employment Ended - Terminated Non-Certified 3-15-16

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 3/15/16]

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King Was Underqualified For Both Her Positions At The Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity...

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King's Position As Confidential Assistant To The Director Of The DCEO Required "Four Years Professional Experience In The Administration Of A Major Component Of A Public Sector Or Private Sector Business."

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requires knowledge and experience equivalent to completion of four years of college with courses in business, administration or marketing; requires four years professional experience in the administration of a major component of a public sector or private sector business, with an emphasis in economic and/or community development.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

King Became Confidential Assistant To The Director In December 2015.

Dear Ms. King:

This is to inform you that you have received an Exempt Appointment to fill the position of Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1 in the Director's Office/Confidential Assistant Division for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity effective on December 1, 2015. Your salary is \$8,334.00 per month. A copy of your position description and CMS-2 is attached.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

King Had Only Been Working At The DCEO Since March 2015.

Current (or last) Employer Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Street Address 100 W. Randolph City Chicago State IL

Position Title SPSA

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 37.5 Current/Last Salary \$ 8,334 Salary Period Monthly

Dates of Employment Month 3 Year 2015 To Month Year Total Years Months

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

Deputy Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology

Reason for Leaving: Transfer to new position

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

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King Did Not Report Having The Required Economic Development Experience On Her Work History.

Current (or last) Employer Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Street Address 300 N. LaSalle Street City Chicago State IL

Position Title Real Estate Associate

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 100 Current/Last Salary \$ 190,000 Salary Period Annually

Dates of Employment Month 10 Year 2013 To Month 3 Year 2015 Total Years 1 Months 5

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional 3 Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative 14

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Coordinated key legal aspects of a \$233 million purchase and financing of fifteen hotels.
- Secured a \$36.5 million deal from private equity client branching into senior living facilities.
- Spearheaded the real estate logistics of a \$277.5 million purchase and merger of two companies.
- Acquired new pro bono client, Blue1647, a start-up incubator, which led to strong ties throughout Chicago's entrepreneurial community for firm.

Reason for Leaving: Job offer at the State of Illinois.

Past Employer City of RefugeStreet Address 9030 Lake Meadows Way City Columbia State MOPosition Title CoFounder and Board MemberAverage Number of Hours Worked Per Week _____ Current/Last Salary \$ 0 Salary Period _____Dates of Employment Month 2 Year 2010 To Month _____ Year _____ Total Years _____ Months _____

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Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Served as Executive Vice President of the non-profit organization for one year.
- Created companies to employ international refugees and provided additional settlement services.
- Established employee training program, business practice methods, and customer relationship building strategies.

Reason for Leaving: Volunteering - ongoingPast Employer King and AssociatesStreet Address 4514 Cole Ave City Dallas State TXPosition Title Administrative Director/Creative ConsultantAverage Number of Hours Worked Per Week 60 Current/Last Salary \$ 70,000 Salary Period AnnuallyDates of Employment Month 12 Year 2007 To Month 8 Year 2010 Total Years 2 Months 8

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades _____ Professional _____ Technical/Para-Professional _____ Clerical _____ Administrative 8

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- Cofounded and directed a creativity consulting and training company.
- Executive editor and publisher of four training curricula on problem solving and creativity.
- Managed long term growth strategy and cash flow of business.
- Recruited and supervised staff, independent contractors and interns.

Reason for Leaving: Attended Law schoolPast Employer United Nations Project: Afghan Information Management SystemsStreet Address Kabul, Afghanistan City _____ State _____Position Title Program DirectorAverage Number of Hours Worked Per Week 50 Current/Last Salary \$ 50,000 Salary Period AnnuallyDates of Employment Month 5 Year 2008 To Month 7 Year 2008 Total Years _____ Months 2

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Manual/Trades _____ Professional _____ Technical/Para-Professional _____ Clerical _____ Administrative 12

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Designed and implemented professional skills development program for women.
- Created five week training course executing pilot program.
- Solicited \$1.2 million in funding by drafting a successful grant proposal for continuation of program.

Reason for Leaving: 3 month project completed

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

...But King Was One Of Dozens Of DCEO Employees With A Salary Of More Than \$100,000**King Made \$8,334 Per Month As A Confidential Assistant At The DCEO, Or \$100,008 Per Year.**

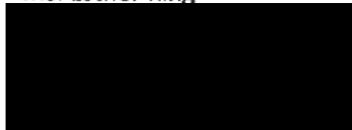


Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Bruce Rauner, Governor

December 1, 2015

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Rauner Cited A “Lack Of Funds” As A Reason To Fire State Employees, Including Union Members, At The DCEO And Other State Agencies. “On Aug. 3, AFSCME received notice from the Rauner Administration of 94 layoffs in state government. The threatened job losses are in the Department of Natural Resources (54 layoffs associated with the Governor's plan to close the Illinois State Museum sites and the Sparta World Shooting Complex), the Illinois Commerce Commission (24), the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (9) and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (7). The notices all cited a lack of funds as the rationale for the layoffs, which have an effective date of September 30. ‘Most of these layoffs stem from Governor Rauner's rush to shutter the Illinois State Museum sites, destroying a vital resource for learning and the preservation of cultural heritage and putting professional museum curators, librarians and support staff in the unemployment lines,’ AFSCME Council 31 executive director Roberta Lynch said.” [AFSCME 31, [10/5/15](#)]

... King Oversaw The Loss Of Thousands Of Jobs In The State

King Complained That Illinois Had “Consistently Seen Jobs Flee Our State” In 2020 And Touted Her Experience In The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology...

2020: King Said Illinois Needed Jobs Because “We Have Consistently Seen Jobs Flee Our State.” “Q: What are your highest priorities for Illinois and the nation? A: Above all, Illinois, and our country, needs jobs. We have consistently seen jobs flee our state, and move to economic growth areas in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Indiana. We need the government to remove burdensome regulations that prevent innovation. We need to pass trade practices and

financial policies that allow and promote growth in our economy. The 17th Congressional District of Illinois deserves representation that will work closely with those at the Federal and State levels to provide our workers and employers with the tools and resources they need to succeed.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

King: “I Believe I Can Play A Critical Role In Bringing Jobs Here To This Part Of Our State.” Q: “Let's switch gears here a little bit. Your district is strangely shaped, right. You've looked at it. You go all the way over to Rockford and then you're back over to Galena and down to Savannah and Rock Island. So what is your plan to not only create new jobs for your district, but also to retain the ones that are currently there with Iowa being so close across the river? KING: “Earlene, it takes teamwork to not just bring jobs here, but also, like you mentioned, to retain the companies that are here. So it's, first of all, I think there's a huge opportunity right now, particularly following the pandemic. [...] I believe I can play a critical role in bringing jobs here to this part of our state. And on top of that, it is partnering with state level officials, and making sure that we promote a business-friendly environment because we are struggling as a state.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 15:24)

King Touted Her Experience In The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology During Her 2020 Campaign. MAXWELL: “All right. Also this: I think this is your first time running for public office. Correct me if I'm wrong, a political newcomer, but not your first time in government. I noticed on your resume, you worked for Governor Rauner for a short stint. That was back in his early days, but didn't last too long. What happened there? Why'd you leave? How'd you like it?” KING: “Yeah. Well, what I loved, Mark, about working for the state of Illinois as Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology is I got to be around business owners. I got to be around entrepreneurs and it was my job to help grow and promote the business community of Illinois, which is actually exactly what I'm excited to be doing as Representative. Our business owners need help right now, Mark. We absolutely need support during this time of pandemic. For example, there's a section of the Illinois 17th that has been rolled back, and business owners are like, ‘We can't shut down again, Esther. We're not going to make it through. And so getting them support is actually really critical, Mark, and what we've seen from Congress, whose job it is to help pass a stimulus package... I mean, talk about some political game playing. What Nancy Pelosi is doing right now in her left hand lieutenant Cheri Bustos, my opponent, she is preventing support coming directly to these businesses that are desperate that need help right now. And that's what's important. And that's what this is about, is bringing better representation to the Illinois 17th Congressional District.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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King Said She Would Use Her “Business Background And My Entrepreneurial Spirit” As A Member Of Congress. KING: “So what I want to do and what I'm excited about being part of the system of government is to make it more customer-friendly, bring it better constituency services for people so when people do need to have the government's help that the government is actually there and they don't get hung up on and they don't get a form letter in response to their concerns but they have someone who is customer service focused, kind of treating it like a business and helping them deal with their issues with government and interacting with government. That's one thing I am really excited to bring with my business background and my entrepreneurial spirit, I'm really excited about that aspect of representing the Il-17 congressional district.” [WMBD, [2/5/20](#)]

... But While She Was Working At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity, Illinois Bled Thousands Of Jobs While Neighboring States Grew

King Worked For DCEO Director Jim Schultz, A Bruce Rauner “Loyalist” And Private Equity Executive Who Sought To Turn DCEO Into A “Semiprivatized Group”

King Worked For DCEO Director Jim Schultz. “DCEO Administrative Personnel Director’s Office Director Jim Schultz [...] Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology Esther King.” [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Archived [5/8/15](#)]

Schultz Ran A Private Equity Group Prior To Working In State Government. “Gov. Bruce Rauner personally recruited Schultz from the private sector. The 55-year-old Effingham native started with one of his father John’s soybean seed businesses in the late 1970s, and by the early ’80s, started investing in farmland. In 1997 he founded Open Prairie, a private equity firm that manages investors’ money. Schultz was mainly involved in venture capital, where he provided funding for startup companies in the agricultural, technology, software, energy and manufacturing industries. Prairie President Pat Morand said Schultz took a ‘significant pay cut’ to join the department at \$142,339 a year.” [Peoria Journal Star, [3/30/15](#)]

Schultz Was A “Longtime Bruce Rauner Loyalist” Who Was “Absolutely Committed To Turning The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Into A Semiprivatized Group.” “Jim Schultz is a St. Louis Cardinals fan – hey, no one’s perfect – a longtime Bruce Rauner loyalist and, like the governor, a private-equity veteran who has a big wide smile. One other thing: He says he’s absolutely committed to turning the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity into a semiprivatized group like those in many other states, as well as achieving the entirety of Rauner’s controversial agenda to turn around the state’s lagging economy. In an interview yesterday, Schultz, who has kept a low media profile since being named to head DCEO in February, strongly defended Rauner’s proposal to turn day-to-day control of key DCEO functions over to a new private group similar to World Business Chicago and run by a board mostly filled with corporate execs.” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [5/12/15](#)]

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Illinois Was The Only State In The Great Lakes Region To Lose Jobs In 2015. “Illinois was the only state of all bordering and Great Lakes states to lose jobs in 2015, according to new data released Jan. 26 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Illinois’ net loss of 3,000 jobs in 2015 compares with tens of thousands of net jobs gained on the year in every surrounding state. Illinois ended 2015 with a net loss of 16,300 payroll jobs in December, putting the Land of Lincoln in the red for overall jobs in 2015, according to December jobs data from the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Neighboring Kentucky had the best jobs growth rate of surrounding states with 2.1 percent growth in 2015, while Michigan and Indiana led all states in the Midwest region with 1.9 percent jobs growth on the year.” [Illinois Policy, [1/26/16](#)]

2015: Illinois Jobs Decreased And Unemployment Rates Increased. “Illinois jobs decreased in six metropolitan areas and unemployment rates increased in eleven regions, according to data released today by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The unemployment rate remained the same in three areas and one metro area saw no change in non farm jobs. The not seasonally adjusted data compares over-the-year change from December 2015 with December 2014. Illinois businesses lost jobs in areas including the Quad Cities (-2.4 percent, -4,500), Decatur (-1.8 percent, -900), Carbondale-Marion (-1.3 percent, -700), and Lake-Kenosha (-1.3 percent, -5,100). Illinois businesses added jobs in seven metros including Elgin (+1.6 percent, +4,100), Champaign-Urbana (+0.8 percent, +900), Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division (+0.7 percent or +26,800), and Danville (+0.7 percent, +200).” [Illinois Department of Employment Security, [1/28/16](#)]

2015: Illinois' State Unemployment Rate Increased.

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	December 2015	December 2014	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.4%	4.8%	0.6
Carbondale-Marion	6.5%	6.0%	0.5
Champaign-Urbana	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.6%	5.6%	0.0
Danville	7.4%	7.0%	0.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.9%	5.9%	0.0
Decatur	7.4%	7.0%	0.4
Elgin	6.2%	6.0%	0.2
Kankakee	7.0%	6.8%	0.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.8%	5.7%	0.1
Peoria	7.0%	6.2%	0.8
Rockford	7.2%	6.9%	0.3
Springfield	5.4%	5.3%	0.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	6.1%	6.1%	0.0
Illinois Statewide	5.9%	5.8%	0.1
* Data subject to revision.			

[Illinois Department of Employment Security, [1/28/16](#)]

2015: Illinois Lost 1,600 Non-Farm Jobs Compared To Previous Year.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – December 2015

Metropolitan Area	December 2015*	December 2014**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	95,100	95,000	100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	54,500	55,200	-700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	110,600	109,700	900
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,658,100	3,631,300	26,800
Danville MSA	29,700	29,500	200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,500	184,000	-4,500
Decatur MSA	50,300	51,200	-900
Elgin Metro Division	255,700	251,600	4,100
Kankakee MSA	45,700	45,700	0
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	396,400	401,500	-5,100
Peoria MSA	178,700	178,400	300
Rockford MSA	152,000	152,300	-300
Springfield MSA	112,900	112,400	500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	230,500	231,400	-900
Illinois Statewide	5,949,700	5,951,300	-1,600
*Preliminary **Revised			

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[Illinois Department of Employment Security, [1/28/16](#)]

From March 2015 To March 2016, Illinois Lost 1,500 Mining Jobs, 6,000 Manufacturing Jobs, And 2,300 Information Jobs

March 2015-March 2016: Illinois Lost 6,000 Manufacturing Jobs. [Illinois Department of Employment Security, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

- **Illinois Lost Manufacturing Jobs In 10 Of The 12 Months Of 2015.** “Illinois saw a small net gain of 500 manufacturing jobs in December, but ended up losing a total of 14,000 net factory jobs on the year. Illinois lost manufacturing jobs in 10 of the 12 months of 2015. Once again, manufacturing job losses plagued only Illinois of the Great Lakes manufacturing states in 2015. Every other Great Lakes manufacturing state gained factory jobs on net in 2015; Michigan experienced an especially banner year.” [Illinois Policy, [1/26/16](#)]
- **From March 2015 To March 2016, Manufacturing Jobs In Illinois Decreased 1.3 Percent.**

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment							
Total Nonfarm (3)		5,993.1	5,982.5	5,974.2	5,975.7	5,994.3	(P) 6,009.0
12-month % change		1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	(P) 1.3
Mining and Logging (3)		9.3	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.3	(P) 9.2
12-month % change		-7.0	-7.0	-9.8	-6.0	-6.1	(P) -6.1
Construction (3)		215.9	212.5	217.8	218.0	215.4	(P) 219.5
12-month % change		4.7	2.6	4.3	4.4	2.6	(P) 4.3
Manufacturing (3)		578.5	577.8	576.4	577.1	578.3	(P) 575.2
12-month % change		-0.5	-0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-0.9	(P) -1.3

[Bureau of Labor Statistics via Wayback Machine, Archived [5/10/16](#)]

March 2015-March 2016: Illinois Lost 2,300 Information Jobs. [Illinois Department of Employment Security, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

March 2015-March 2016: Illinois Lost 1,500 Mining Jobs. [Illinois Department of Employment Security, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

From March 2015 To March 2016, Illinois' Unemployment Rate Increased From 6 Percent To 6.5 Percent

March 2015: Illinois Had An Unemployment Rate Of 6 Percent.

Illinois

Data Series	Back Data	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015
Labor Force Data							
Civilian Labor Force (1)		6,513.5	6,502.9	6,495.3	6,497.9	6,491.0	(P) 6,489.2
Employment (1)		6,122.4	6,111.6	6,104.6	6,105.8	6,108.6	(P) 6,115.5
Unemployment (1)		391.1	391.2	390.8	392.1	382.5	(P) 373.6
Unemployment Rate (2)		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	(P) 5.8
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment							

[Bureau of Labor Statistics via Wayback Machine, Archived [9/6/15](#)]

March 2016: Illinois Had An Unemployment Rate Of 6.5 Percent.

Illinois

Data Series	Back Data	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
Labor Force Data							
Civilian Labor Force (1)		(4) 6,524.5	(4) 6,533.7	(4) 6,542.9	6,575.7	6,607.4	(P) 6,645.1
Employment (1)		(4) 6,137.1	(4) 6,139.8	(4) 6,142.2	6,163.2	6,187.4	(P) 6,215.5
Unemployment (1)		(4) 387.3	(4) 393.8	(4) 400.7	412.5	420.0	(P) 429.6
Unemployment Rate (2)		(4) 5.9	(4) 6.0	(4) 6.1	6.3	6.4	(P) 6.5

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King Was A Confidential Assistant To DCEO Director Jim Schultz, A “Longtime Bruce Rauner Loyalist” Who Helped Implement Rauner’s Union-Busting Agenda

King Was A “Confidential Assistant” Or “Senior Advisor” To Jim Schultz, Director Of DCEO

2015-2016: King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.



People ▼
Esther Joy
King




Illinois Department of Commerce
1 year

- Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology
2015 - 2016 · 1 year
Greater Chicago Area

[LinkedIn, Esther Joy King, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

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Last Name	King
First Name	Esther
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Monthly Salary	\$8,334.00
Effective Date	12/1/2015
SSN	
Bureau / Division / Office	Director's Office/Confidential Assistant
Section / Immediate Supervisor	Jim Schultz

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/3/15]

King's Job Included Advising Schultz And Directing And Conducting Studies On Implementing The Department's Economic Development Policy.

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[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/1/15]

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Schultz Said Decreasing Union Power In Illinois Was One Of His Priorities. "Another potential problem is that the DCEO plan is part of Rauner's wider agenda to reform tort law, cut back on workers' compensation insurance and aid to the unemployed, allow local communities to ban union shops, and reduce the power of public-sector unions. Asked what ranks highest on that list, Schultz replied: 'All of it. There's no rank order.' Pushed a bit, he

seemed to suggest that the privatization idea is his personal priority, but termed the other items ‘all the same.’ More than 1,100 companies ‘blacklist’ Illinois because it has no right-to-work law, Schultz said, declining to name any of the 1,100.” [Chicago Crain’s Business, [5/12/15](#)]

Schultz Supported Rauner’s Economic Agenda, Which Sought To Decrease Union Power In Illinois By Privatizing DCEO Itself

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AFSCME Had “Many Concerns” With Rauner’s Privatization Plan, Including “Possible Loss Of Union Jobs.” “The Business and Economic Development Corp., Schultz said, would have 70 to 100 employees, including a mix of new hires and DCEO employees moved from unionized state jobs to nonunion positions with the not-for-profit. He said about 350 jobs would remain at DCEO, though employment numbers and budgets have not been finalized. Approximately 400 DCEO workers are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. AFSCME spokesman Anders Lindall said the union has many concerns with the plan, including possible loss of union jobs and the experience of other states that have privatized economic development.” [State Journal-Register, [5/16/15](#)]

February 2016: Rauner Has Used Executive Powers To Create A Private Non-Profit Economic Development Corporation With Schultz As CEO. “The privately run and funded economic development corporation that Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner created to attract new businesses to Illinois has a new name. The Illinois Business and Economic Development Corporation announced Monday that it will now be known as Intersect Illinois. Rauner used his executive powers in February to establish the nonprofit. Democrats raised questions about transparency and a few weeks later formed a bipartisan committee to review the corporation. The state's commerce agency still has oversight and must approve any incentives the corporation offers. The corporation's CEO, Jim Schultz, said Monday that the group knew its original name ‘didn't exactly roll off the tongue or do much to sell Illinois.’” [WCBU, [7/25/16](#)]

- **Rauner Privatized The DCEO By Executive Order After He Was “Stymied” By The State Legislature Over His “Business-Friendly, Union-Weakening Legislative Agenda.”** “Stymied at the statehouse by ruling Democrats, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner is spending year two trying to shift government functions to the private sector. Since January, he’s formed a private not-for-profit corporation to handle the state’s business recruitment efforts; announced a plan to allow private companies to build and manage new toll lanes along a congested stretch of the Stevenson Expressway; and called for private donors to step in to help the financially struggling state museums and fairgrounds. And the first-term chief executive continues to insist the state should be allowed to expand its ability to outsource work to private contractors, one of the key stumbling blocks that has stalled negotiations on a new contract for unionized state workers. The privatization push comes as state government remains stuck in a historic budget impasse centered on a fight between Rauner and Democratic leaders over his business-friendly, union-weakening legislative agenda.” [Chicago Tribune, [4/30/16](#)]

After He “All But Privatized” The DCEO, Rauner Was “Trying To Remove The Modest Protections Against Bad Privatization Deals From The State’s Contract With Its Largest Employee Union.” “Yet Rauner is doubling down on privatization’s bad bet. As the Chicago Tribune recently put it, ‘Stymied at the statehouse by ruling Democrats, [he’s] spending year two trying to shift government functions to the private sector.’ He’s pushing to sell off assets, like the Thompson Center. Despite the massive failure of the Illinois Lottery privatization, he continues to search for another private vendor. He recently all but privatized the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity by forcing it to work with a not-for-profit corporation he formed to recruit businesses. And he’s even trying to remove the modest protections against bad privatization deals from the state’s contract with its largest employee union.” [State Journal-Register, Cohen op-ed, [6/5/16](#)]

Schultz Backed Rauner’s Plan To Create “Right-To-Work Zones,” Which One Study Found Would Decrease Union Membership And Negatively Affect Wages

Schultz Agreed With Rauner’s Plan To Create Right-To-Work Zones. “He said it will be hard, given Rauner’s proposed \$586 million budget cut to his office. He said he doesn’t know how he’ll reorganize the 370-worker outfit, but he agrees with the austere appropriation to get Illinois’ fiscal house in order. He also agrees with one of Rauner’s more controversial proposals: right-to-work zones. However, Schultz said it was not necessarily at the top of his list for ways to build an overall business-friendly environment in the state.” [Peoria Journal Star, [3/30/15](#)]

- **2015: Rauner Said He Planned To Prioritize The Creation Of Right-To-Work Zones To Attract Businesses.** “Gov. Bruce Rauner said Tuesday he wants to prioritize creating ‘right-to-work zones’ in economically depressed areas where local officials could decide whether union fees would be voluntary for local workers. The new Republican governor insisted he wasn’t pushing for a statewide law like GOP-backed statutes fiercely opposed by Democrats in other states. But he said some communities in union-friendly Illinois could benefit from the flexibility to attract businesses. [...] Rauner has said that ‘right-to-work zones’ could include designating areas where businesses face fewer tax and regulatory burdens.” [CBS Chicago, [1/28/15](#)]
- **Rauner’s Right-To-Work Zones Would Block Unions From Requiring Workers To Pay Union Dues.** “Governor Bruce Rauner first outlined his plan for what he called worker empowerment zones in late January, during a visit to Decatur. He said he was not in favor of making Illinois a right-to-work state. ‘But I do advocate local governments, local voters, being able to decide for themselves whether to be right to work areas, right-to-work zones.’ If a city or county voted to become a right-to-work zone, unions could no longer require workers to pay union dues. It’s rare for local governments to enact right-to-work laws.” [WSIU, [2/25/15](#)]
- **Right-To-Work Policies Allowed Individual Workers To Choose Not To Join A Union While Still Getting The Benefits Of Union Membership.** “‘Right to work’ refers to a policy that allows individual workers to choose not to join a labor union but still have benefits and protections of union membership. Lincolnshire officials responded to Rauner’s call in 2015 to form its own right to work zone.” [ABC 20, [10/24/17](#)]

- **Rauner Vetoed Legislation That Banned Localities From Creating Right-To-Zones In 2017; Unions Called Right-To-Work Zones “An Attack On Working People.”** “Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday narrowly escaped having one of his vetoes overridden. The legislation would have banned cities and counties from setting up ‘right-to-work zones.’ That’s where employees could opt out of paying union fees, even if they get union-negotiated pay and benefits. Unions say it’s an attack on working people.” [WGLT, [11/7/17](#)]
- **Rauner Argued Right-To-Work Zones Would Promote Business But A Study Found Right-To-Work Laws Decreased Union Membership And Negatively Affected Wages.** “In calling for right-to-work zones, Rauner urges residents of municipalities or counties to vote on whether workers should be required to join a union and pay dues within selected borders. Such districts will ‘empower’ employers, giving them an incentive to open businesses or expand existing enterprises in economically depressed areas, Rauner contends. Organized labor has the opposite viewpoint, describing Rauner’s plan as ‘right-to-work-for-less zones’ and blatantly anti-union. Moreover, they argue the zones are unconstitutional and will run into significant legal barriers in Illinois, as they have in Kentucky, the one state where the zones have been tried. [...] Unions say that in right-to-work areas, wages, benefits and protections decrease as a result of lower union representation. An August 2014 study by researchers at the University of Illinois and the Illinois Economic Policy Institute found that after controlling for other variables, right-to-work laws reduced workers’ wages and salaries by 3.2 percent on average. They also found that right-to-work laws reduced the portion of workers with pension plans and health insurance by 3 and 3.5 percent, and reduced union membership by almost 10 percent.” [Better Government Association, [3/4/15](#)]

Rauner Backed An Anti-Union Lawsuit, Janus v. AFSCME, That Went To The Supreme Court, Where The Fees Were Declared Unconstitutional In A “Blow To Organized Labor” That Was A “Victory” For Rauner

2015: Rauner Filed A Federal Lawsuit To Validate His Executive Order Allowing State Workers Who Did Not Want To Join A Union To Avoid Paying Fees Supporting Collective Bargaining. “Moving beyond rhetoric, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner on Monday issued an executive order that aims at absolving state workers who don’t want to join a union from paying fees that support collective bargaining. The new governor’s decree effectively attempts to impose right-to-work rules on public employees, an idea Rauner and his pro-business allies also are pursuing for private-sector unions. Anticipating a strong pushback from organized labor, Rauner filed a pre-emptive federal lawsuit in Chicago seeking to have his decision declared legal. But the move likely will spark additional court battles as unions quickly decried the effort as an illegal abuse of power. It’s also possible Democratic lawmakers could vote to overturn Rauner’s executive order. Under state law, employees can decline to join a union but are still on the hook for ‘fair share’ fees related to collective bargaining and contract negotiations. The idea is that if all employees are getting the benefits from a new contract, everyone should contribute to the cost.” [Chicago Tribune, [2/10/15](#)]

- **Rauner’s Executive Order And The Janus V. AFSCME Lawsuit Were Part Of Rauner’s Efforts To Reduce Union Power In Illinois, Including Right-To-Work Zones.** “Rauner’s executive order follows his call last week for banning campaign contributions by unions and a push for what he’s dubbed ‘empowerment zones,’ areas across the state where voters could decide if workers in their communities should be forced to join a union or pay related dues. It’s a tweak on what is more commonly called right to work — rules put in place at a statewide level to prevent unions from receiving those fees. But that proposal only applied to private sector unions, and Rauner’s action Monday indicated he’s also willing to challenge the power of government unions that backed his Democratic predecessor during the fall campaign. Rauner’s move is a nod to similar action by one of his political idols, former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, who in 2005 used his executive power to eliminate collective bargaining rights for state workers. Daniels was able to act unilaterally because those rights had never been written into state law. While collective bargaining is guaranteed by the Illinois Constitution, Rauner’s executive order could serve as a warning shot to AFSCME as negotiations begin ahead of expiration of the union’s contract on July 1.” [Chicago Tribune, [2/10/15](#)]

2018: Janus V. AFSCME Went To The Supreme Court, Where The Fees Were Declared Unconstitutional In A “Blow To Organized Labor” That Was A “Victory” For Rauner. “The Supreme Court — delivering a victory to GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner and a blow to organized labor in the landmark Illinois case Janus v. AFSCME Council 31 — ruled Wednesday that non-union member government employees’ First Amendment rights shield them from having to pay fees to a union to cover costs to represent them. Rauner, who flew to Washington on Sunday to await the Supreme Court decision, was in the chamber on Wednesday. Rauner, in a tough re-election campaign against Democrat J.B. Pritzker, has crusaded against the Democratic-allied Illinois government employee unions since taking office. The 5-4 decision overturning current law was written by Justice Samuel Alito who said in the 83-page ruling — with national impact — that ‘States and public-sector unions may no longer extract agency fees from nonconsenting employees.’” [Chicago Sun-Times, [7/1/18](#)]

Janus V. AFSCME Was “A High Point Of The Rauner Crusade To Eradicate Public Sector Unions.” “GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democratic Attorney General Lisa Madigan were both inside the Supreme Court on Monday for Janus v AFSCME Council 31 oral arguments — a big Illinois case and a high point of the Rauner crusade to eradicate public sector unions. After the court session, both Rauner and Madigan talked to reporters on the steps of the Supreme Court about what could be a landmark ruling. Rauner, Madigan: They are on opposing sides of this Illinois case that could destroy public sector unions by allowing workers to stop paying fees to cover the costs of a union representing them — even if they do not belong to the union. That the public sector unions tilt Democratic and are active in politics is part of the usually unspoken — but obvious — part of this story. A decision from the justices is not due until June, but the case has real-time political ramifications for Rauner in his upcoming March 20 Republican primary and the November general election as he seeks a second term. Mark Janus works at the State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services as a child support specialist. AFSCME Council 31 represents State of Illinois workers.” [Chicago Sun-Times, [6/28/18](#)]

One Study Estimated That The Janus Decision Could Reduce The Union Membership Of State And Local Government Employees By More Than 8 Percentage Points, Or 726,000 Union Members. “A study by Frank Manzo, the policy director of the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, and Robert Bruno, a labor professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, found that a decision in favor of Janus could reduce the union membership of state and local government employees by 8.2 percentage points, or 726,000 union members. This will lead to a loss of revenues for the unions, and with less money, unions will hire fewer representatives, take fewer cases to arbitration, and organize fewer members than they once did, Bruno told me. This will likely mean lower pay and benefits for public-sector employees: Manzo and Bruno estimate the wages of state and local government employees would drop by an average of 3.6 percent, and the salaries of public-school teachers would drop by an average of 5.4 percent. The decision could also mean that unions will have less political impact than they once did. The decline of unions has already had implications for national politics: Some analyses argue that Hillary Clinton would have been elected president had union membership been higher.” [The Atlantic, [6/27/18](#)]

King Was Fired From Her Job At The Illinois Department Of Commerce For Being A “Poor Cultural Fit,” And Publicly Misrepresented Her Experience At The Department

2016: King Was Fired From Her Job At The Illinois Department Of Commerce

King Said She Disagreed With The Rauner Administration On “The Methodology And Some Of The Values That Were Being Placed” During Her Time In The Administration, So “We Split Ways.” MAXWELL: “You were there in that job with the state for in just a little over a year. Why’d you leave?” KING: “It was a decision that was, came from the, the administration. We did not agree on the methodology and some of the values that were being placed and we split ways.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

- **King Said Her Firing Was A Decision That “Came From The ... Administration.”** MAXWELL: “You were there in that job with the state for in just a little over a year. Why’d you leave?” KING: “It was a decision that was, came from the, the administration. We did not agree on the methodology and some of the values that were being placed and we split ways.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

February 2016: King Was Fired From The Illinois Department Of Commerce. “Ms. King, be advised that effective February 24, 2016, your services are no longer required by the Agency. Your pay and benefits will continue through March 15, 2016.”

February 24, 2016

Esther King, Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1

RE: Termination

Ms. King, be advised that effective February 24, 2016, your services are no longer required by the Agency. Your pay and benefits will continue through March 15, 2016.

[Redacted]

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Cc: Emily Monk, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Human Resources
Personnel File

[Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 2/24/16]

King Was Fired For Being A “Poor Cultural Fit.”

CASE NUMBER: 1820851420	CASE TYPE: 64	ITEM NUMBER: 010	ITEM TYPE: EMPL-05
FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) KING, ESTHER JOY			
OTHER NAMES USED			
[Redacted]			
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	POSITION REQUIRING INVESTIGATION	
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	MILITARY	
PLACE OF BIRTH TULSA TULSA, OK			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORD SEARCH DATE: 02/2016 FIRED FROM JOB			
REASON: POOR CULTURAL FIT.			

[U.S. Office Of Personnel Management, INV Form 40: Esther Joy King, Case Number 1820851420, 2/24/16]

King Publicly Claimed That She Was The Director Of The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology But Her Personnel File Indicated She Was Only The Deputy Director

In 2015 Her Application To Be Senior Advisor To The Director Of Commerce, King Indicated She Was “Deputy Director Of The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology.”

15. WORK HISTORY: Complete this section in detail. All fields MUST be completed to be considered for grading. Begin with most recent position title and work backward. If you have an extensive work history with one employer, list each change in position title separately including duties and dates associated with each. If additional space is needed, click the "Add Another Employment Record" button or attach a separate sheet following the same format as below. Resumes submitted must be in same format as the application. Attach additional sheets/resumes to the application.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- College internships/practicums successfully completed
- Military experience including dates, listing each change in rank and title
- Related volunteer experience including dates and hours worked

Current (or last) Employer Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Street Address 100 W. Randolph City Chicago State IL

Position Title SPSA

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 37.5 Current/Last Salary \$ 8,334 Salary Period Monthly

Dates of Employment Month 3 Year 2015 To Month Year Total Years Months

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

Deputy Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology

Reason for Leaving: Transfer to new position

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 35, Accessed 10/1/21]

On Her LinkedIn Page, King Claimed To Have Been The “Director Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology.”



Illinois Department of Commerce

1 year

- **Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce**
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- **Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology**
2015 - 2016 · 1 year
Greater Chicago Area

[Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]

October 2020: King Said She Was “Director Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology” For The State Of Illinois. MAXWELL: “All right. Also this: I think this is your first time running for public office. Correct me if I’m wrong, a political newcomer, but not your first time in government. I noticed on your resume, you worked for Governor Rauner for a short stint. That was back in his early days, but didn’t last too long. What happened there? Why’d you leave? How’d you like it?” KING: “Yeah. Well, what I loved, Mark, about working for the state of Illinois as Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology is I got to be around business owners. I got to be around entrepreneurs and it was my job to help grow and promote the business community of Illinois, which is actually exactly what I’m excited to be doing as Representative.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

King Was A Carpetbagger Handpicked By Republican Elites To Push An Extreme Partisan Agenda That Would Hurt Illinois

Significant Findings

King's Campaign Denied That She Was A Carpetbagger In 2020 Despite King's Recent Move From Chicago To Run In The District.

- ✓ After admitting she had planned to run for office since she was a child and lamenting the political difficulties for Republicans in Chicago, King ran to represent IL-17, a district she had just moved to for the first time, in 2020.
- ✓ In 2016, King said she had known she wanted to run for political office since she was a child.
- ✓ In 2018, King moved from Chicago to the 17th District to run for Congress there.
- ✓ In 2019, King launched her campaign, saying she was recruited by local business leaders.
- ✓ King had not voted for Congress in IL-17 before running for office in the district herself, and she voted there for the first time in 2019.
- ✓ In 2020, King's campaign argued that she has "been in the district for nearly two years" after she came to the area for Army training.

King Was Handpicked By The Republican Establishment To Move From Chicago And Run For Congress In The 17th District.

- ✓ 2019-2020: King was named to the NRCC's "Young Guns" program and received support from House Republican leadership and others in the Washington Republican establishment.
- ✓ 2021: King was named to the NRCC's "Young Guns" program for a second time and said she was "honored" to be included.
- ✓ 2021: King accepted \$63,200 from Republican leadership PACs.

King Was Supported Professionally And Politically By Larry Anderson, A Local Businessman And Republican Donor Who Stole Nearly \$20,000 From Workers

- ✓ Larry Anderson, President of East Moline Glass, spent years opposing King's 2020 opponent Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos and contributing over \$25,000 to federal and local Republican candidates.
- ✓ Larry Anderson owned The Rust Belt, an arena in East Moline, where King held campaign events.
- ✓ In September 2020, King held a campaign event featuring Liz Cheney and Dan Crenshaw at The Rust Belt in East Moline, IL, but did not report it as an in-kind contribution or expenditure.

- ✓ In May 2021, King held her campaign kick-off at the Rust Belt, but did not record it as an in-kind contribution or expenditure.
- ✓ King provided legal services for Anderson both personally and for his company East Moline Glass Co.
- ✓ King received at least \$5,000 in compensation from East Moline Glass, which had faced several OSHA complaints for safety violations in previous years and sued local unions in an effort to repudiate a collective bargaining agreement.
- ✓ East Moline Glass Co. violated Illinois's Prevailing Wage Law in 2017 and was found to owe workers in Rock Island County nearly \$20,000.
- ✓ King was listed on a deed of transfer for company president Larry Anderson as the attorney handling the transaction when Anderson purchased property at 2821 10th Street, East Moline, IL.
- ✓ 2821 10th Street, East Moline, IL was the registered address of King's 2020 campaign and her legal business was registered there with a local chamber of commerce.

King Fully Supported The Republicans' Extreme Partisan Agenda Which Would Hurt Illinois

- ✓ King refused to name an instance when she disagreed with the Republican Party on an "issue of major import," responding that the question was "not applicable" during her first run for elected office.
- ✓ In January 2020, King said she supported "eventually" reversing Roe v. Wade.
 - ✓ In May 2020, King hosted a Facebook Live with Reverend Don Johnson, who called President Obama "a champion for abortion and the homosexual agenda" and said that "Planned Parenthood's genocide policy has targeted us for extinction by abortion."
- ✓ King criticized the Affordable Care Act for creating "burdensome regulations" and said it should be dismantled and replaced.
 - ✓ King said the Affordable Care Act was "not working for people," but the ACA lowered the rate of uninsured people in IL-17 and guaranteed protections for pre-existing conditions.
- ✓ King claimed expanded unemployment benefits extended through the American Rescue Plan encouraged employees to stay home and not return to work, causing a labor shortage.
- ✓ King opposed the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, calling it "wasteful" and saying that "We have to fight this with all we've got!"
 - ✓ The Infrastructure & Jobs Act will create jobs and update infrastructure nationwide, and "Illinois will benefit from that massive bill in multiple ways."
 - ✓ Illinois received \$100 million to invest in broadband infrastructure, \$1.7 billion to invest in waterway infrastructure, which would help agricultural goods travel to market, and \$149 million to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.
- ✓ King called Democrats' Build Back Better Act "a radically progressive agenda" and warned "every American will end up paying more if this disaster of a budget is passed."

- ✓ King said that “we will have tough choices to make” on reforming Social Security and Medicare for future generations, and that “we are living longer, and we should adjust policy to reflect that.”
- ✓ King said she supported Trump’s trade war with China, which hurt Illinois farmers and caused exports of corn and soybeans to drop.
 - ✓ Illinois agricultural exports to China dropped after China implemented retaliatory tariffs, with soybean exports to the country going from \$1.3 billion in 2017 to \$94 million in 2018 and corn exports dropping from \$8 million to \$5 million.
 - ✓ Illinois farmers criticized Trump’s trade policies as crop prices fell nearly 20 percent in two months.
- ✓ King said she supported offering oil refineries waivers that would cut costs for oil companies but would hurt corn farmers.
 - ✓ The move by the Trump administration “caused an uproar” in farm states, and led Sen. Chuck Grassley to claim that Trump had “screwed” the ethanol industry and farmers.

King’s Campaign Denied That She Was A Carpetbagger In 2020 Despite King’s Recent Move From Chicago To Run In The District

After Admitting She Had Planned To Run For Office Since She Was A Child And Lamenting The Political Difficulties For Chicago Republicans, King Ran To Represent A District She Had Just Moved To

2016: King Said She Had Known She Wanted To Run For Political Office Since She Was A Kid

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2018: King Moved From Chicago To The 17th District To Run For Congress

2018: King Moved To The 17th Congressional District From Chicago. “King went on to earn her law degree and a master’s of law in taxation from Northwestern University. She began her legal career as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago. She moved to the 17th Congressional District about two years ago to be near the Rock Island Arsenal, where she serves in the U.S. Army Reserves, and founded a real estate law firm in East Moline called King and Clark.” [Quad-City Times, [10/7/20](#)]

2019: King Declared Her Candidacy For Congress In Illinois' 17th Congressional District

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2020: King's Campaign Denied That She Was A “Carpetbagger” Despite King Living In The District For Less Than Two Years

2020: King's Campaign Denied That She Was A “Carpetbagger” Despite King Living In The District For Less Than Two Years. “King's campaign has also dismissed accusations of being a carpetbagger, noting she moved for military training and opted to remain in the area. ‘Esther has been in the district for nearly two years. She came here for Army training at the Rock Island Arsenal, and fell in love with the area, and the people who live here. Esther is involved in the community, and has made this her home,’ a King campaign spokesman said in a statement.” [Hill, [10/24/20](#)]

King Had Not Voted For Congress In IL-17 Before Running For Office In The District And Voted There For The First Time In 2019. MAXWELL: “You say she represents California and New York, but her campaign recently says you're just new to the district, that you've just moved there in recent years. I think the most recent record of you voting in that district was just last year, in 2019, not even the last congressional race. How do you think you know the district better than she does?” KING: “Mark, I have come to this part of Illinois through the Rock Island arsenal. So serving in the military brought me here. And really quickly, when you join this community, when you get to know people, you realize that we need better representation. And with everything happening in our country, I had to ask myself, if not me, then who? And I have values in common with this community that I am so proud to stand up for, and to represent.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

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King Declined To Answer Directly When Asked If She Would Use Her Run For Congress As A Political Stepping Stone. Q: “Do you have aspirations to go beyond that, to work in Washington, would that be a hope for you?” KING: “Um, that exact question is the downfall of people like my opponent, and so I am not thinking about anything beyond representing – it's – if I were to think or if I were to say, ‘Oh, this is a stepping stone to my next aspiration,’ I feel like I'd be making the exact same mistake that my opponent is making right now and I would deserve to be voted out of office.” [Culture Changers with Allison Hare Episode 89, [1/12/21](#)] (AUDIO, 19:43)

King Had “Short Roots” In IL-17 And Said She Was Recruited By Local “Business Leaders,” One Of Whom Funded And Facilitated Her Campaign And Her Law Practice

King Had “Short Roots” In IL-17 And Said Local Business Leaders Recruited Her To Run For Congress

King Had “Short Roots” In IL-17. “Republican King, an attorney with short roots in the district got 48.1% of the vote with Bustos winning with only 51.9% according to unofficial returns reported by the Associated Press.” [Chicago Sun-Times, [11/9/20](#)]

2020: King Said Local Business Leaders Recruited Her To Run For Congress. KING: “Just after undergrad, I moved to Afghanistan, and I worked doing women's rights work in Afghanistan. And that experience truly made

me very grateful to be an American, and for this country that we have, and I came back to the United States, became a lawyer and then ended up joining the United States Army Reserve as a JAG Officer, a lawyer in the army. And so I came here to the western part of Illinois, through the Rock Island Arsenal. I'm doing annual training there. And I've loved the community I've stayed. And now the next step, the next level of service to my country is running for Congress. So living here in Western Illinois speaking with business leaders and, and people here in in the area, I quickly learned that we do not have good representation right now. Cheri Bustos, our current Representative is doing a better job representing New York and California. She votes 100% of the time with with Nancy Pelosi. And she votes 94% of the time with Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, the progressive left representative from New York. So here in Western Illinois, that's not...those aren't our values. That's not what we believe in. And so people here when I started talking with with others, and particularly some business leaders, here in the Quad Cities area where I live. They said 'Esther, you know, with your background, we've been searching for somebody, anybody to run against Cheri Bustos, because she's not representing us or working for us. And we would love to see you jump in. If you jump in, you got to go all in -- 197%.' And I had to ask myself in that moment, if not me, then who? And the sense of duty has really come up." [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 0:31)

King Said Her “Business Relationships” Pushed Her To Run For Congress. Q: “How is she going to ‘rally the troops’ in the Quad Cities?” KING: “I have awesome business relationships. There are some key influencers in the Quad Cities’ community who are kind of the instigators, they said, ‘Hey, Esther, we’d love if you’d run.’ They’re rallying the entire community in the Quad Cities and I’ve been building great relationships just through church and community organizations and mayors—Rock Island, Moline, East Moline a little less, he’s a Democrat—but, they’ve been really supportive, opening doors for me, bringing people together, that kind of thing.” [Canton Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

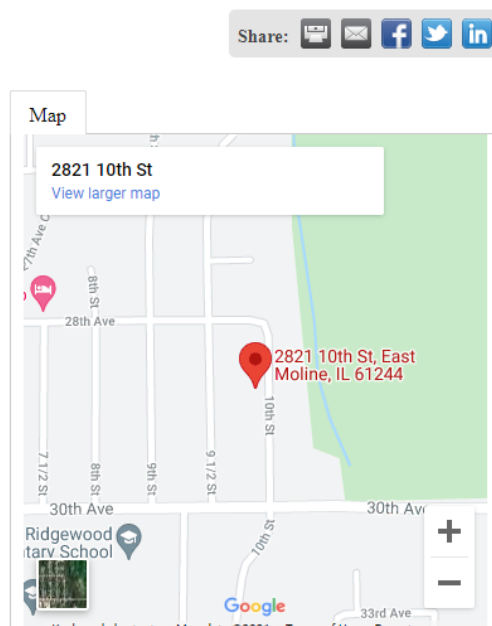
King Was Supported Professionally And Politically By Larry Anderson, A Local Businessman And Republican Donor Who Stole Nearly \$20,000 From Workers

King’s 2020 Campaign And Legal Practice Were Registered At A Home Owned By East Moline Glass President Larry Anderson, Who Contributed To King’s Campaign And Spent Years Opposing King’s 2020 Opponent Cheri Bustos

King Had A Legal Business At 2821 10th St In East Moline Registered With The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce.

ESTHER KING

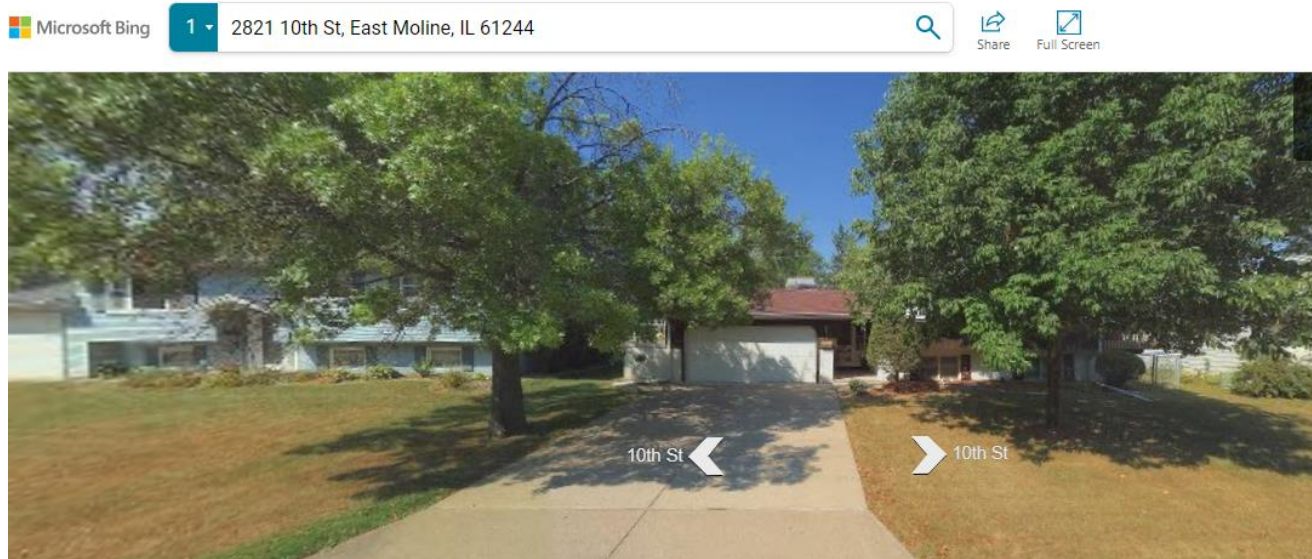
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N/A



[Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]

King's 2020 Campaign Was Headquartered At 2821 10th St, East Moline, IL. [FEC, [8/20/19](#)]

2821 10th St, East Moline, IL Was The Site Of A Residential Home.



[Bing Maps, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]

2821 10th St In East Moline Was Listed As An “Improved Residential Lot” Owned By Larry K Anderson Trust.

Property Information		
Pin Number 08-36-405-009	Site Address 2821 10 ST EAST MOLINE, IL 61244	Owner Name & Address ANDERSON LARRY K TRUST
Tax Year 2020 (Payable 2021) ▼		
Sale Status None		
Property Class 0040 - Improved Residential Lot	Tax Code 07003 -	Tax Status Taxable
Net Taxable Value 40,544	Tax Rate 10.854700	Total Tax \$4,400.96
Township SOUTH MOLINE	Acres 0.0000	Mailing Address EAST MOLINE GLASS 1033 7TH ST EAST MOLINE, IL, 61244-1460
Legal Description LOT 7 ROLLING MEADOWS 4TH ADD		

[Rock Island County Property Tax Search, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

East Moline Glass Was The Property Tax Mailing Address For The Property at 2821 10th St In East Moline.

Related Names			
	Name	Relationship	Status
+	EAST MOLINE GLASS	Mail to	CURRENT
+	ANDERSON LARRY K TRUST	Parcel Owner	CURRENT

[Rock Island County Property Tax Search, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

King Worked For Anderson Both Personally And For His Company East Moline Glass Co.

2019: King Reported Receiving At Least \$5,000 In Compensation From East Moline Glass For “Legal Services,” The Only Source Of Compensation Greater Than \$5,000 Listed. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

Larry Anderson Was The President Of East Moline Glass.

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[East Moline Glass, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

2019: King Handled A Deed Transfer For Larry Anderson When He Purchased Property At 2821 10th Street In East Moline, IL For \$104,500.

This document prepared by (and after)
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KELLY FISHER
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY RECORDER
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REC FEE: 55.00
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TRUSTEE DEED (Trust to Trust)

THE GRANTOR, Jean L. Anderson, not individually but solely as Trustee under the provisions of Jean L. Anderson Trust Agreement dated March 27, 2012 as Grantor, a Trust organized under the laws of the state of Illinois, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois for valuable consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, cash in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby CONVEYS AND WARRANTS to Larry Anderson not individually but solely as Trustee under the provisions of Larry K. Anderson Trust dated April 28, 2015, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, hereinafter "Grantee" all interests in the described real estate, hereinafter "Property":

Lot Number Seven (7) in Rolling Meadows 4th Addition to the City of East Moline, situated in the County of Rock Island and State of Illinois. ~~50836405009~~

Grantor hereby releases and waives all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

[Rock Island County Recorder, Deed of Transfer, 11/25/19; Ryan Hardy Real Estate Tax Calculator, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

King Said Her Clients Were "Very Understanding I Have A Big Purpose In Life" And Were "Patient With Me In My Legal Duties." "What's her current occupation? 'I have a law office. I'm practicing as a real estate attorney. I came to the Quad Cities through the Rock Island Arsenal; switched back to [Army] Reserve status and started a law firm. I have some great clients who are very understanding I have a big purpose in life and are patient with me in my legal duties.'" [Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

Larry Anderson Had Ties To King's Legal Partner Clark Miljush

August 27th, 2019: King & Clark LLC Registered With The Illinois Secretary Of State With Esther Joy King And Clark Miljush Listed As Managers. [Illinois Secretary of State Corporation Search, [8/27/19](#)]

Miljush Was A Partner In Midwest Ale Works, A Brewery And Pub Located In The Bend Development.

"Coming this summer will be the new Midwest Ale Works, 537 12th Ave., East Moline, next to The Rust Belt music venue. Co-owners Clark Miljush and Steve Sears will open as a bar (selling others' beer) in late June and a brewery in August. Miljush said Friday he started homebrewing seven years ago and got positive feedback. 'This is super cool. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone who gives it a try,' he said of QC Ale Trail. 'It helps promote everybody. For people in the Quad-Cities, it's an added benefit to do something they already love. It connects all the breweries; it's a huge achievement to pull this off.'" [Quad City Times, [10/22/19](#)]

Larry Anderson Purchased The Bend Development In 2017. "It's is also why Moeller thought the area needed another music venue – a big one – and brought up the idea, over a cup of coffee, to his business partner, East Moline Glass Co. owner Larry Anderson. That was in early 2017, when Anderson had recently bought the 40-acre industrial park off 7th Street in East Moline that 100 years ago was home to the Moline-Knight Automobile Company and Root and Van Dervoort Engineering. The deal included a warehouse that Anderson was ready to tear

down.” [Dispatch Argus, [2/14/19](#)]

East Moline Glass Co. Faced Complaints For Violating Workplace Safety Guidelines And Labor Laws, Including Stealing Nearly \$20,000 From Workers

2013-2015: East Moline Glass Co. Faced Three OSHA Complaints, Including A \$5,390 Penalty.

Inspection Information - Office: Peoria				Violation Summary						
Nr: 1066390.015	Report ID: 0524500	Open Date: 05/28/2015			Serious	Willful	Repeat	Other	Unclass	Total
East Moline Glass Co.					Initial Violations	1				1
221 Ne Glen Oak Avenull Peoria, IL 61636				Union Status: NonUnion	Current Violations	1				1
SIC:					Initial Penalty	\$5,390	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,390
NAICS: 238150/Glass and Glazing Contractors					Current Penalty	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,700
Mailing: 1333 13th Streetnull, East Moline, IL 61244					FTA Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection Type:	Complaint									
Scope:	Partial	Advanced Notice:	N							
Ownership:	Private									
Safety/Health:	Safety	Close Conference:	06/25/2015							
Emphasis:	L:Fall	Close Case:	07/28/2015							
Related Activity:	Type	ID	Safety	Health						
	Inspection	1068741	Yes							
	Complaint	987203	Yes							
	Inspection	1068730	Yes							

Violation Items										
#	ID	Type	Standard	Issuance	Abate	Curr\$	Init\$	Fta\$	Contest	LastEvent
1.	01001A	Serious	19260451 E06 I	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$3,700	\$5,390	\$0		I - Informal Settlement
2.	01001B	Serious	19260451 E06 II	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$0	\$0	\$0		I - Informal Settlement
3.	01001C	Serious	19260451 E06 IV	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$0	\$0	\$0		I - Informal Settlement
4.	01001D	Serious	19260451 E06 VI	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$0	\$0	\$0		I - Informal Settlement

Inspection Information - Office: Peoria			
Nr: 975291.015	Report ID: 0524500	Open Date: 05/02/2014	
East Moline Glass Co.			
809 E. Main St.Null			
Knoxville, IL 61448			
SIC:			
NAICS: 238150/Glass and Glazing Contractors			
Mailing: 1333 13th St.Null, East Moline, IL 61244			
Inspection Type:	Complaint		
Scope:	Partial	Advanced Notice:	N
Ownership:	Private		
Safety/Health:	Safety	Close Conference:	05/02/2014
Emphasis:	L:Piv	Close Case:	05/13/2014
Related Activity:	Type	ID	Safety
	Complaint	887945	Yes

Inspection Information - Office: Peoria			
Nr: 943284.015	Report ID: 0524500	Open Date: 10/08/2013	
East Moline Glass			
University St. & Wright St.Null			
Champaign, IL 61820			
SIC:			
NAICS: 238150/Glass and Glazing Contractors			
Mailing: University St. & Wright St.Null, Champaign, IL 61820			
Inspection Type:	Complaint		
Scope:	No Insp/Process Inactive	Advanced Notice:	N
Ownership:	Private		
Safety/Health:	Safety	Close Conference:	10/08/2013
Emphasis:	L:Fall	Close Case:	10/08/2013
Related Activity:	Type	ID	Safety
	Complaint	855351	Yes

[OSHA, [5/28/15](#); [5/2/14](#); [10/8/13](#)]

2017: East Moline Glass Co. Violated IL’s Prevailing Wage Law, Stealing \$19,730.32 From Workers. “Dear Larry Anderson, Todd Anderson, and Carrel Sagon: This letter is formal notice of the determination by the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) that East Moline Glass Co. and R.I. Glass Group, Inc. (doing business as C. R. Glass Company), (hereinafter referred to as ‘You’ or ‘Your’) violated the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.) (‘PWA’). This letter constitutes a NOTICE OF YOUR FIRST VIOLATION and is issued by IDOL pursuant to Section 11a of the PWA, and the Prevailing Wage Hearing Procedures, 56 Ill. Adm. Code 100 for the following reasons: You violated Section 3 of the PWA by failing to pay the prevailing rate of the wages as required by the PWA for Rock Island County to workers on the public works project. The Department’s investigation determined that the amount of wages due to the workers was \$19,730.32. This amount represents the difference between actual wages paid to the affected employee(s) and the amount the Department calculated was required under the PWA. You violated Section 5 of the PWA by failing to maintain accurate records as required under the Act, specifically certified transcripts of payroll listing all workers who engaged in construction labor on the project.” [Illinois Department of Labor, [9/28/17](#)]

2017: East Moline Glass Sued Carpenters Unions In Attempt To Repudiate Collective Bargaining Agreement Violations. “Parties 1. East Moline Glass Co. (‘EMG’) is an Illinois corporation, with a place of business located in East Moline, Illinois. 2. HEARTLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS & JOINERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL UNION NO. 4 (‘Local Union No. 4’) and HEARTLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS & JOINERS OF AMERICA LOCAL UNION NO. 166 (‘Local Union No. 166’) are labor unions with offices in Davenport, Iowa, and Milan, Illinois, respectively. 3. The Union is a signatory to a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement (‘CBA’) with EMG, which is governed by Section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 158(f). A copy of the CBA is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit A. [...] 12. Local Union No. 4’s attempt to settle the Grievance means the Union contends there is a valid and enforceable collective bargaining agreement between EMG and the Union. 13. Because EMG has not employed any members of the Union since 2007, and

there has been no one in the collective bargaining unit as described in the CBA since 2007, and because EMG has no intention of hiring a member of the Union and has no intention of hiring anyone into the collective bargaining unit as described in the CBA, on July 31, 2017, EMG sent letters, copies of which are attached as Exhibit E and Exhibit F, to Local Union No. 4 and Local Union No. 166, informing the Union that EMG was repudiating the CBA with the Union.” [*East Moline Glass Co. V. Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America, Local Union No. 4 And Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America Local Union No. 166*, United States District Court Central District Of Illinois Rock Island Division, Case No. 4:17-cv-04204-SLD-JEH, Complaint, 7/31/17]

- **December 2017: East Moline Glass Co. Filed A Motion For Summary Judgment.** “EMG moves for Summary Judgment as to the relief sought in its Amended Complaint. As shown by the pleadings, motions, and supporting documents filed by the parties, the material facts are not in dispute; rather this case can be decided based on the application of federal labor law. Based on *J.W. Peters, Inc. Bridge, Structural & Reinforcing Iron Workers, Local Unions 1*, 398 F. 3d 967 (7th Cir. 2005), it is plan EMG properly repudiated the collective bargaining agreement it had with the Union. Additionally, as a corollary, the Union is not entitled to pursue arbitration under the repudiated agreement, which is void.” [*East Moline Glass Co. V. Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America, Local Union No. 4 And Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America Local Union No. 166*, United States District Court Central District Of Illinois Rock Island Division, Case No. 4:17-cv-04204-SLD-JEH, Motion for Summary Judgment, 12/20/17]
- **March 2018: Both Parties Filed A Joint Motion For Dismissal With Prejudice And The Case Was Dismissed.** “TEXT ORDER entered by Judge Sara Darrow on March 9, 2018. The parties have filed a Joint Motion for Dismissal With Prejudice. Because the joint motion is signed by all parties who have appeared in the action, the Court construes it as a stipulation of dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The motion is MOOT. Pursuant to the stipulation, the case is dismissed. The Clerk is directed to close the case.(AK, ilcd) (Entered: 03/09/2018)” [*East Moline Glass Co. V. Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America, Local Union No. 4 And Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America Local Union No. 166*, United States District Court Central District Of Illinois Rock Island Division, Case No. 4:17-cv-04204-SLD-JEH, Docket Report, 3/9/18]

2018: East Moline Glass Was Fined \$12,870 By The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration For Safety-Related Offenses.

Violation Tracker Individual Record

Company: East Moline Glass

Penalty: \$12,870

Year: 2018

Date: May 25, 2018

Offense Group: safety-related offenses

Primary Offense: motor vehicle safety violation

Level of Government: federal

Action Type: agency action

Agency: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Civil or Criminal Case: civil

Case ID: IA-2018-1067-US1608

Facility State: Illinois

Facility City: East Moline

Source of Data:

<https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SafetyProgram/spRptEnforcement.aspx?rpt=CLOSE>

[Good Jobs First Violation Tracker, [5/25/18](#)]

Anderson Spent Years Opposing King's 2020 Opponent Cheri Bustos And Contributing More Than \$25,000 To Federal And Local Republican Candidates

Anderson Contributed \$15,700 To Federal Republican Candidates In Western Illinois, Including \$12,800 In Opposition To Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos, King's 2020 Opponent, Over Several Years.

Anderson Federal Contributions				
Year	Contributor Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Total Contributions
2020	Larry Anderson	Owner	Esther for Congress	\$2,800
2014	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$5,000
2012	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,500
2011	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,500
2010	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,400
1992	Larry Anderson	Owner	Schloemer for Congress	\$500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS				\$15,700

[FEC, Individual Contribution search, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Democrat Cheri Bustos Ran Against Republican Rep. Bobby Schilling And Unseated Him In 2012 And Successfully Ran Against Him Again In 2014. “It's represented by Democratic incumbent Cheri Bustos, who's

engaged in a contentious re-election battle against Republican challenger Bobby Schilling. Adding to the drama: Schilling served the 17th for one term from 2011-2013, losing his congressional seat to Bustos in 2012's general election. Bustos defeated Schilling 53-47 percent, thanks to a bump from redistricting that pulled in extra Democratic voters. Demographically, the newly altered district is primarily white, mostly urban and staunchly middle class.” [NBC Chicago, [11/4/14](#)]

King Ran And Lost Against Bustos In IL-17 In 2020. “Congresswoman Bustos declared victory after receiving 52% of votes with 99% of precincts reporting. Congresswoman Bustos has 151,867 votes while her challenger, Esther Joy King, has 140,600 votes. These numbers are as of 12:27 Wednesday morning.” [WREX, [11/4/20](#)]

Anderson Contributed \$12,000 To State And Local Republican Candidates In Western Illinois.

Anderson Federal Contributions				
Year	Contributor Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Total Contributions
2021	Larry Anderson	President	Friends of Stephanie Acri	\$6,000
2017	Larry Anderson	Executive	Friends of Stephanie Acri	\$2,500
2016	Larry Anderson	CEO	Anderson for Illinois	\$2,000
2014	Larry Anderson	President	Illinois Republican Party	\$1,000
2014	Larry Anderson	N/A	Wozniak for Illinois	\$250
2014	Larry Anderson	N/A	Kim Lazenby Campaign Committee	\$250
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS				\$12,000

[Illinois Board of Elections, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Anderson Was The Largest Financial Supporter Of His Girlfriend’s Mayoral Campaign. “With just a few days to go until the April 6 municipal election, Moline Mayor Stephanie Acri's campaign has been bringing in big donations and spending just as much to win reelection. According to Illinois State Board of Elections campaign finance data and [Illinoissunshine.org](#), Acri has received \$176,500 in contributions since Dec. 31, 2020, and currently has \$958 in available funds. First-quarter expenditures have not been reported yet. [...] Since January, more than \$78,000 in donations from entities related to the glass business have been given to Acri's campaign. Larry Anderson, owner of East Moline Glass, has been Acri's biggest financial supporter. His most recent individual donation of \$6,000 was recorded March 8, and thousands more have been given in the name of his business, East Moline Glass, showing \$12,000 in contributions. Records show CTL Property Management, LLC, registered at the same address as East Moline Glass, 1033 7th St., East Moline, gave \$12,000 to Acri's campaign, and CTL33 LLC gave another \$12,000. Other donations are \$12,000 from Glass Service Center and \$12,000 from Illini Glass Solution. Another \$12,000 came from Moline Glass Co., 519 14th St., Moline. Property records show the Moline Glass building is owned by Anderson. Anderson said he did not own the business but that he leased the building to the Moline Glass business owners. Anderson's son, Todd Anderson, has also given \$6,000.” [Quad City Times, [4/17/21](#)]

Anderson: “She’s My Girlfriend, So I Got Pressure From Her To Support Her.” “‘She’s my girlfriend, so I got pressure from her to support her,’ Larry Anderson said. ‘It’s as simple as that. Stephanie and I have been friends for a long time, and she’s my girlfriend for now and it’s really nothing more than that. ‘I just keep funding her and see what happens.’” [Quad City Times, [4/17/21](#)]

King Reported Loaning Her Congressional Campaign \$10,150 While Claiming Negative Net Worth And Up To \$300,000 In Debt

King Only Reported Income Of \$50,000 In 2020, And Reported Negative Net Worth With Between \$115,002 And \$300,000 In Outstanding Loans

2020: King Reported Receiving \$50,000 In Income From King & Clark, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2019: King Reported Receiving \$25,000 In Income From King & Clark, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/19/19](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$100,001 And \$250,000 In Student Loans. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$15,001 And \$50,000 In Career Loans From USAA. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King's Reported Net Worth Was Between -\$297,996 And -\$83,002. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

... But She Managed To Loan \$10,150 To Her Own Campaign

According To The Federal Election Commission, King Loaned Her Campaign \$10,150 From 2019-2020.

Committee: **ESTHER FOR CONGRESS**

Loan Source	Address	Description	Date incurred	Date due	Interest Rate	Secured Loan?	Line #	Original Amount of Loan	Amount Paid To Date	Loan Balance	Memo
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		09/01/2019	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	1650.00	0.00	1650.00	
Total Loans This Period = 10150.00											

[FEC, [12/31/20](#)]

King Refused To Make A Required Disclosure About Her Personal Finances At All In 2020, And Filed Her Required 2021 Disclosure Nearly Half A Year After The Deadline

King Did Not File Financial Disclosure Statements In May 2020 Or May 2021

King Did Not File Financial Disclosure Statements In May 2020 Or May 2021. [U.S. House of Representatives Clerk, Personal Financial Disclosure Search, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

According To House Ethics Committee Rules, King Should Have Filed Financial Disclosure Statements In May 2020 And May 2021

According To House Ethics Committee Rules, Individuals Were Required To File Financial Disclosure Once They Qualified As A Candidate By Raising Or Spending More Than \$5,000. “Individuals are required to file an FD Statement once they ‘qualify’ as a candidate by raising or spending more than \$5,000 in a campaign for election to the House of Representatives.” [House Ethics Committee, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

According To House Ethics Committee Rules, Candidates Who Qualified During A Non-Election Year Were Required To File A Financial Disclosure Statement Within 30 Days Of Becoming A Candidate Or May 15,

Whichever Is Later. “If you qualify during a non-election (odd-numbered) year, then you must file an FD Statement within 30 days of becoming a candidate or May 15 of that year, whichever is later. You are then required to file a second Statement on May 15 of the following year if you are still a candidate on that date.” [House Ethics Committee, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

According To House Ethics Committee Rules, Candidates Who Qualified During A Non-Election Year Were Required To File A Second Financial Disclosure Statement On May 15 Of The Following Year. “If you qualify during a non-election (odd-numbered) year, then you must file an FD Statement within 30 days of becoming a candidate or May 15 of that year, whichever is later. You are then required to file a second Statement on May 15 of the following year if you are still a candidate on that date.” [House Ethics Committee, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Q1 2021: King Qualified As A Candidate For The 2022 Election

December 8th, 2020: King Filed Her Statement Of Candidacy With The FEC For The 2022 Election. [FEC, Esther For Congress, [12/8/20](#)]

Q1 2021: King’s Campaign Reported \$163,541.89 In Total Receipts, Above The \$5,000 Candidate Qualifying Threshold For Personal Financial Disclosures. [FEC, Esther For Congress, [4/15/21](#)]

King Filed A New Personal Financial Disclosure In October 2021, Nearly Six Months Late

September 2021: King Was Late In Filing Her Personal Financial Disclosures. “FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: The Federal Election Commission has flagged Republican congressional candidate Esther Joy King for her campaign’s handling of financial contributions, according to documents obtained by Playbook. [...] King is also late in filing her personal financial disclosures.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [9/8/21](#)]

October 2021: King Filed A New Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. [Esther Joy King Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

King Was Handpicked By The Republican Establishment To Move From Chicago And Run For Congress In The 17th District

2019-2020: King Was Named To The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program And Received Support From House Republican Leadership And Others In The Washington Republican Establishment

2019-2020: King Was Part Of The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program And Said Kevin McCarthy Had Been “Awesome” In Supporting Her Campaign

November 2019: King Was Named To The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program. “The National Republican Congressional Committee named East Moline, Ill., lawyer Esther Joy King to its list of ‘young guns’ - first-time candidates running for U.S. House seats held by Democrats in 2020. King is running for the Republican nomination to face incumbent U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, a Democrat, to represent Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. ‘It’s rewarding to earn this support,’ said King in a press release. ‘My focus is firmly on learning what matters to people, and putting together a responsive campaign to reflect the needs of (the district).’” [Telegraph Herald, [11/3/19](#)]

May 2020: The NRCC Raised King To The “Contender” Level In Its “Young Guns” Program. “The Republican National Congressional Committee moved Illinois 17th Congressional District candidate Esther Joy King to the status of ‘contender’ on the organization’s national Young Guns list. King will face Democratic U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos in November. King was added to the first level of the Young Guns program last November. To make it to the second level, a campaign must meet ‘stringent program metrics,’ be ‘on the path to developing a

mature and competitive campaign operation’ and be in a district the committee has deemed favorable to go Republican, according to the RNCC.” [Telegraph Herald, 5/3/20]

King: Minority Leader McCarthy Had Been “Awesome In Supporting Me.” “According to King, the Republican National Committee has targeted this race as the number one race in the entire country, ‘That’s excellent and it means I have a lot of work to do to actually be able to make this a competitive race. It has to be a race that is won on the ground. It’s all about getting people excited. Having you guys go talk to others and starting that spark that will light the fire so there is enough people that will know that this is a competitive race and then the National Party (Republican) will be able to make a difference. The National Republican Congressional Committee stays neutral through the primary. That said, leader Kevin McCarthy [R-House Minority Leader] has been awesome in supporting me.” [Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

King’s 2020 Campaign Was Bankrolled By Leadership PACs, Including Steve Scalise’s Leadership PAC

2020 Election: King’s Campaign Took \$7,500 From Eye Of The Tiger PAC, Rep. Steve Scalise’s Leadership PAC. [FEC, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

- **King’s Campaign Took \$2,500 From Eye Of The Tiger PAC, Rep. Steve Scalise’s Leadership PAC, During The Republican Primary.** [FEC, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

2020 Election: King Took \$151,500 From Leadership PACs. [Center for Responsive Politics, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

- **May 2020: King’s Campaign Received \$5,000 From Elise Stefanik’s E-PAC.** [FEC, [5/18/20](#)]
- **June 2020: Stefanik’s E-PAC Endorsed King’s Campaign.** “Announced today: E-PAC's next round of endorsed Rising Star GOP women candidates. More Republican women are running for Congress than ever before, and we are in a STRONG position to take back the House with our endorsed candidates. The following endorsed candidates have met E-PAC’s tough metrics of success and have demonstrated a proven path to victory in November: [...] Esther Joy King (Esther For Congress) (IL-17): Esther is an Army Reservist, small businesswoman, and attorney. She learned the value of serving her community through her parents, who were missionaries along the US-Mexico border.” [Facebook, Elise Stefanik, [6/10/20](#)]
- **June-October 2020: Liz Cheney’s Cowboy PAC Contributed A Total Of \$5,000 To King’s Campaign.** [FEC, Accessed [10/28/21](#)]
 - **October 2020: Cheney Said King Would Be A “Fighter” In Congress.** “Esther Joy King will be a fighter for Illinois-17. Donate Today! Esther for Congress - Principles that matter. Policies that work.” [Twitter, @Liz_Cheney, [10/21/20](#)]

King Declared Her Candidacy For The 2022 Election An Hour After Her Former Opponent Announced She Would Not Seek Re-Election

2021: King Declared Her Candidacy For The 2022 Election An Hour After Her Former Opponent Rep. Cheri Bustos Announced She Would Not Seek Re-Election. “An hour after Illinois Representative Cheri Bustos announced that she would not be running for re-election in the 2022 General Election, previous opponent Esther Joy King announced her campaign for the seat. In a Facebook post made on Friday, April 30, King published a Facebook post announcing her campaign for the Representative of Illinois District 17. ‘I want to thank Cheri Bustos for her service and I wish her the best going forward. Cheri has always claimed she knew this district well — so she clearly saw what we’re seeing every day: IL-17 was going to make a change in 2022 and Cheri was destined to lose. The people of the IL-17 accomplished this. I’m proud to be part of a movement to bring better representation to the best people I know,’ King says. ‘And while we were planning to make this official in a couple weeks, I’m

announcing today that yes, I am running for Congress in 2022 because I know that the residents of this district deserve so much better than what the liberal elites have been serving them up in Washington,' King said. 'We need a battle-ready leader. We need a fighter who won't back down; someone who knows that the residents of the 17th District matter more than Washington, D.C., special interests.'" [WQAD 8, [4/30/21](#)]

After Rep. Cheri Bustos Announced She Would Not Run Again, The Open Seat “Attract[ed] A Lot Of Interest From Ambitious Pols” Like King. “A truly open seat election for Congress is relatively rare and tends to attract a lot of interest from ambitious pols. U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos' retirement creates a wide open field in the 17th Congressional District next year. After five terms in Congress, Bustos, D-Moline, surprised many political watchers with the announcement she won't run again next year. [...] Esther Joy King, the 2020 Republican candidate, declared her 2022 candidacy shortly after Bustos' retirement announcement. While she didn't respond to interview requests, King said in a statement announcing her own candidacy that the 17th Congressional District ‘deserves so much better than what the liberal elites have been serving them up in Washington.’” [WBCU, [5/7/21](#)]

2021: King Was Named To The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program For A Second Time

October 2021: King Was Named To The First Round Of The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program. “The National Republican Congressional Committee announced their first round of ‘On the Radar’ candidates as part of the Youngs Guns program. The program led in conjunction with Leader McCarthy helps equip Republican candidates across the country with the tools they need to run winning campaigns. ‘Our movement is more united, energized, and passionate than I’ve ever seen it,’ said Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy. ‘I’m proud to welcome these candidates to the Young Guns program and I look forward to working together to not only take the House — but to build a lasting Republican majority.’ The Young Guns program is divided into three levels containing benchmarks that a candidate must achieve to advance in the program. Candidates who achieve full Young Guns status have successfully collaborated with the NRCC and completed the requirements that establish a path to victory on Election Day. In 2020, 25 Young Guns were elected to Congress. Since its inception, the Young Guns program has helped elect over 150 members of Congress. You can view the Young Guns website by clicking [HERE](#). The list of ‘On the Radar’ candidates is as follows: [...] (IL-17) Esther Joy King” [McHenry County Blog, [10/12/21](#)]

King Said She Was “Honored” To Be Included In The “Young Guns” Program. “Honored to be included in the @NRCC's Young Guns program to take back the House in 2022! I'm battle-ready to fight for Illinois and take on the Democrats' radical left-wing agenda. Let's go! 🔥🔥🔥”



Esther Joy King
@esther4congress

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Let's go! 🔥🔥🔥



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.@NRCC posts list of candidates to watch, the first round of their "Young Guns" program.

Includes candidates running in two new seats from apportionment/redistricting (#TX38 & #MT02) & 3 candidates running in #GA06 & 4 in #NH01. Multiple 2020 GOP candidates on this list too.

AZ-01) Walt Blackman	) Tim Baxter
AZ-01) Eli Crane	) Matt Mowers
AZ-02) Juan Ciscomani	) Karoline Leavitt
CA-49) Christopher Rodriguez	) Gail Huff Brown
FL-07) Brady Duke	) Tom Kean Jr.
FL-07) Cory Mills	) Colin Schmitt
FL-13) Amanda Makki	) Marcus Molinaro
FL-13) Anna Paulina Luna	) Alek Skarlatos
GA-06) Jake Evans	) Lisa Scheller
GA-06) Harold Earls	) Monica De La Cruz Hernandez
GA-06) Meagan Hanson	) Wesley Hunt
GA-07) Rich McCormick	) Jen Kiggans
IA-03) Zach Nunn	) Jesse Jensen
IL-17) Esther Joy King	) Derrick Van Orden
KS-03) Amanda Adkins	
ME-02) Bruce Poliquin	
WI-03) Tyler Kistner	
WI-03) Ryan Zinke	

[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/21/21](#)]

King Was Included In The First Round Of The NRCC's "Young Guns" Program. "House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy on Monday unveiled the first round of 'Young Guns' – promising candidates running in the 2022 midterm elections - when the GOP aims to win back the chamber's majority from the Democrats. The list released by the longtime congressman from California, which was shared first with Fox News on Monday, includes eight candidates running in some of the nation's most competitive congressional districts in next year's elections. On the list are former Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine (ME-02), Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin (WI-03), Esther Joy King of Illinois (IL-17), Tom Kean Jr. of New Jersey (NJ-07), Amanda Adkins of Kansas (KS-03), Ryan Zinke of Montana (MT-01/02), and from two from Texas - Monica De La Cruz Hernandez (TX-15) and Wesley Hunt (TX-38)." [Fox News, [11/8/21](#)]

King Backed The Republican Party's Extreme Partisan Agenda, Which Would Hurt Illinois

King Refused To Name An Instance When She Disagreed With The Republican Party On An "Issue Of Major Import"

2020: King Refused To Name An Instance When She Disagreed With The Republican Party On An "Issue Of Major Import." "Q: When have you shown independence from your party on an issue of major import? A: Being my first time running for office, this question is not applicable. However, as Congresswoman, I will always be aware of what's important to the 17th Congressional District and try to act accordingly. There may be times however, where I need to act in the country's best interest, even if the majority of my district might be opposed to going in that direction." [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

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King Said She Supported "Eventually" Reversing Roe V. Wade And Hosted A Facebook Live With A Pastor Who Claimed That Planned Parenthood "Targeted" The Black Community For "Extinction By Abortion"

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King Said "Eventually" She Would Support Reversing Roe V. Wade To Make Abortion Illegal.

MODERATOR: "We'd really like to ask the last two questions that I have before closing statements but the only way we can do this is if the first question I ask, you just give me a yes or no answer then we'll have time to get to the second question and have time for closing statements.....Do you support reversing Roe versus Wade to make abortion illegal?" KING: "I believe it's a...eventually." [LWVGP Candidate Forum, 1/25/20] (VIDEO, 50:15)

May 2020: King Hosted A Facebook Live With Rev. Don Johnson To Celebrate National Day Of Prayer, Who Claimed Planned Parenthood "Targeted" The Black Community For "Extinction By Abortion"

King Hosted A Facebook Live Conversation With Reverend Don Johnson. "Join us today at 6:00 pm CT to talk with Reverend Don Johnson of Destiny Baptist Church of Christ about National Day of Prayer! We will discuss prayer, what role it has in politics, and what it means to be a leader of faith at this special time. #NationalDayofPrayer" [Facebook, Esther For Congress, [5/7/20](#)]

- **VIDEO: Facebook Live With Reverend Donald William Johnson** [Facebook, Esther For Congress, [5/7/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Rev. Johnson Called President Obama "A Champion For Abortion And The Homosexual Agenda." "Rev. Johnson also addressed homosexuality and the AIDs crisis in the black community, writing: 'Black America is being despoiled by abortion and decimated by the impact of homosexuality, especially HIV/AIDS. If we choose Mr. Obama because of color, we choose a champion for abortion and the homosexual agenda; we choose our own destruction.'" [Illinois Review, [4/29/14](#)]

Rev. Johnson Said "Unrestricted Abortion And The Homosexual Agenda" Would "Threaten The Survival Of The Black Community." "Published in 2008, Johnson's first book: 'Black, But Not My Brother,' is an argument why blacks should not vote for Obama. The Reverend writes: 'If elected America's first Black President, Barack Hussein Obama has promised that he would use the presidency as a 'bully pulpit' to promote unrestricted

abortion and the homosexual agenda – both of which threaten the survival of the Black community. Ours is more about survival than party loyalty and personal economic interest.” [Illinois Review, [4/29/14](#)]

Rev. Johnson Said President Obama “Champion[ed] Racial Suicide” Because “Planned Parenthood’s Genocide Policy Has Targeted Us For Extinction By Abortion.” “Published in 2008, Johnson’s first book: ‘Black, But Not My Brother,’ is an argument why blacks should not vote for Obama. The Reverend writes: [...] Since 1973, over 15,000,000 Black babies have been aborted, creating a 25 percent population reduction. 1,452 Black babies are aborted daily. Planned Parenthood’s genocide policy has targeted us for extinction by abortion; and it is working. Planned Parenthood’s candidate is our color. However, the real question we must face is ‘Can we afford a leader who champions racial suicide – even if he is Black?’” [Illinois Review, [4/29/14](#)]

King Criticized The Affordable Care Act For Creating “Burdensome Regulations” And Said It Should Be Dismantled And Replaced

King Said She Believed The Affordable Care Act Should Be Replaced. “Esther Joy King said she wants to keep certain provisions of the ACA like protecting coverage for people with pre-existing conditions and allowing people to remain on their parents’ coverage until age 26, but believes the law should be replaced.” [WGLT, [1/25/20](#)]

King Criticized The Affordable Care Act For Creating “Burdensome Regulations.” “Q: What do you view as the government’s obligation, if any, to help American workers secure health insurance? Do you support the creation or continuation of a program, such as Medicare for All or Obamacare? Do you have a different idea? If you support a government-related insurance plan, how would you pay for it? A: The cost of our healthcare system is far too high. This is one of the biggest issues facing our country. Obamacare didn’t solve this, and neither will Medicare for All. Obamacare prevented innovation, added burdensome regulations, and raised taxes. Protecting pre-existing conditions and allowing children to stay on their parents’ insurance were benefits to Obamacare. I do believe that we should replace Obamacare with a health insurance market place that will continue to find new and innovated solutions to our nation’s health issues.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

King Said She Would Not Leave The Affordable Care Act In Place. KING: “Tammy, first of all, I do support a new system. I don’t support the Affordable Health Care Act staying in place. However, there are elements of it that we do need to preserve. The analogy that I was reflecting on in a recent interview. Someone was asking me about all the different pieces of the Affordable Health Care Act. It’s like you have a birthday cake that was well put together, and you accidentally dropped it on the floor. And yes, you could take bites of that cake and they would still taste delicious. But we are at a point where it is to a better end to bake a new cake than it is to try and clean up the pieces of the Affordable Health Care Act and preserve those pieces. We need to preserve elements of the Affordable Health Care Act, like coverage for pre-existing conditions, like allowing children up to the age of 26 to stay on their parent’s coverage. There are elements that are excellent and did good things for health coverage for Americans that we can preserve. But ultimately, the Affordable Health Care Act has created a spike in cost for most families here in the Illinois 17th Congressional district. The amount of increase has been exponential.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 17:24)

King: “The Affordable Care Act Has Not Worked For So Many Families.” “If elected, King said her top priority will be health care and revising the Affordable Care Act by offering more marketplace choices, as the state of Maryland has done. ‘The Affordable Care Act has not worked for so many families,’ she said. ‘Their costs are going up and up. It’s time to take on health care, not as a political gain but to come to the table to lower health care costs. ‘I believe free-market competitiveness helps, not only by allowing states to create their own marketplaces but also allowing us to purchase health care insurance across state lines. If Iowa, for example, had a great (insurance) marketplace, residents of Illinois would also be able to purchase across the state line. I believe ultimately, competitiveness creates value for us.’” [Dispatch-Argus, [10/28/20](#)]

King: “The ACA Is Not Working For People, And We Have To Replace It With A Better Option.” “King: Yeah. We need competitiveness to be able to purchase health insurance across state lines. I think a good idea that is being talked about is having the federal government give grants to states so that states are able to implement

markets for people to buy health insurance. So competitiveness, transparency, making sure that we as consumers... there's nothing more personal than our healthcare choices. We need to be able to be empowered to make those choices between us and our doctor. That's something that we can absolutely improve on in the ideas, the plans that are coming, the new policies. So certainly competitiveness, transparency in pricing, making sure we're solving the surprise billing crisis that's upon us. My sister just recently had a health concern and she went to the hospital and then afterwards got a surprise \$12,000 bill and she called me and was like, Esther, I don't know what I'm going to do. So I know that is happening. And it's personal for each and every person that it happens to. The ACA is not working for people, and we have to replace it with a better option." [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

... But The ACA Lowered The Rate Of Uninsured People In In Illinois 17th Congressional District And Guaranteed Protection For Pre-Existing Conditions

The Uninsured Rate In IL-17 From 11.3 Percent To 5.3 Percent Once The ACA Was Implemented. "The district's uninsured rate has gone from 11.3% to 5.3% since the ACA was implemented. This 6.0 percentage point drop in the uninsured rate could be reversed if the ACA is entirely or partially repealed." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

After Passage Of The ACA, 330,700 Residents Had Health Insurance That Covered Preventive Services Like Cancer Screenings And Flu Shots Without Any Co-Pays, Coinsurance, Or Deductibles. "330,700 individuals in the district who now have health insurance that covers preventive services like cancer screenings and flu shots without any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles stand to lose this access if the Republican congress eliminates ACA provisions requiring health insurers to cover important preventive services without cost-sharing." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

361,500 Residents With Private Health Insurance Benefited From Consumer Protections Including Prohibition On Annual And Lifetime Limits And Coverage Of Pre-existing Health Conditions. "361,500 individuals in the district with employer-sponsored health insurance are at risk of losing important consumer protections like the prohibition on annual and lifetime limits, protection against unfair policy rescissions, and coverage of preexisting health conditions, if the ACA is entirely or partially repealed." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

16,300 Residents Who Purchased High Quality Marketplace Coverage Under The ACA Stood "To Lose Their Coverage If The Republican Congress Dismantle The Marketplaces." "16,300 individuals in the district who have purchased high quality Marketplace coverage now stand to lose their coverage if the Republican Congress dismantles the Marketplaces." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

14,000 Resident In IL-17 Who Got Financial Assistance To Buy Marketplace Coverage In 2016 Under The ACA Were At Risk Of Coverage Becoming Unaffordable If Republicans Eliminated Premium Tax Credits. "14,000 individuals in the district who received financial assistance to purchase Marketplace coverage in 2016 are now at risk of coverage becoming unaffordable if the Republican Congress eliminates the premium tax credits." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

7,300 Residents Receiving Cost-Sharing Reductions To Lower Out-Of-Pocket Costs Were "At Risk Of Health Care Becoming Unaffordable" If Republicans Eliminated Cost-Sharing Reductions. "7,300 individuals in the district who are receiving cost-sharing reductions to lower out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance, are now at risk of health care becoming unaffordable if the Republican Congress eliminates cost-sharing reductions." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

42,200 Residents Covered By The ACA's Medicaid Expansion Would Lose Coverage If Republicans Eliminated Medicaid Expansion. "42,200 individuals in the district who are covered by the ACA's Medicaid

expansion now stand to lose coverage if the Republican Congress eliminate Medicaid expansion.” [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Preexisting Condition. “In the old days, insurance companies had ways to avoid selling policies to people who were likely to cost more than insurers wanted to spend. They might deny them coverage outright, or exclude coverage for a known condition, or charge so much that insurance became unaffordable. The Affordable Care Act boxes out the old insurance practices with a package of legal moves. First, it says point-blank that carriers ‘may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion.’ It backs that up with another section that says they ‘may not establish rules for eligibility’ based on health status, medical condition, claims experience or medical history.” [Politifact, [10/17/18](#)]

5,394,500 Non-Elderly People In Illinois Had Pre-Existing Conditions. [Center for American Progress, [10/2/19](#)]

Center For American Progress: 277,200 Nonelderly People In IL-17 Had Pre-Existing Conditions, Or 51% Of The Nonelderly Population.

Number Of Nonelderly People With Preexisting Conditions In IL-17 By Age Group							
Ages 0 through 17	Ages 18 through 24	Ages 25 through 34	Ages 35 through 44	Ages 45 through 54	Ages 55 through 64	Total nonelderly population with preexisting conditions	Share of nonelderly population with preexisting conditions
36,900	22,300	37,900	45,600	61,500	73,000	277,200	51%

[Center For American Progress, Accessed 11/15/21]

736,000 People In Illinois Would Lose Coverage If The Affordable Care Act Were Repealed During The Pandemic. [Center for American Progress, [6/24/20](#)]

Center For American Progress: Repealing The ACA’S Individual Mandate And Undermining The Law Would Cause Annual Premiums To Increase By \$4,910 For A Family Of Four In IL-17. [Center for American Progress, [7/24/18](#)]

Center For American Progress: Repealing The ACA’S Individual Mandate And Undermining The Law Would Cause Annual Premiums To Increase By \$1,550 For A 40-Year-Old Individual In IL-17. [Center for American Progress, [7/24/18](#)]

Center For American Progress: Repealing The ACA’S Individual Mandate And Undermining The Law Would Cause Annual Premiums To Increase By \$5,010 For A 55-Year-Old Couple In IL-17. [Center for American Progress, [7/24/18](#)]

King Claimed Unemployment Insurance Expanded Through The American Rescue Plan Caused A Worker Shortage And Called It “Poor Washington, D.C. Policy”

May 2021: King Claimed Unemployment Insurance Expanded Through The American Rescue Plan Caused A Worker Shortage. “Just an hour later, Republican Esther Joy King — who again is running for Bustos’ seat — served scoops down the street at American Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor. A Moline native and military veteran, King narrowly lost to Bustos in 2020 in the race for the 17th Congressional District seat. King’s stop was part of a 14-county tour during which she said she has heard horror stories about the hiring environment. ‘What I’m hearing across the district is what Washington, D.C., is doing, the policies they are putting forth are hurting us as regular people, whether that’s the gas crisis or job crisis,’ she said. ‘Help wanted signs are up all over the district.’ John Brinkmeier, the owner of the ice cream parlor, said he, too, has struggled to hire employees. ‘This is the hardest

year we've had trying to find help,' he said. 'And we pay well.' King claimed the federal government's extended unemployment benefits through the American Rescue Plan Act were to blame for much of the hiring problem. But she acknowledged that northwest Illinois faced some hiring troubles even before the pandemic." [Telegraph Herald, [5/27/21](#)]

- **King Said She Did Not “Have The Whole Answer” To Address The Worker Shortage.** “She said one way to address that issue was to be a loud advocate for the area in Washington. ‘It’s a complex problem,’ King said. ‘I don’t have the whole answer, but by shining a light on how attractive it is to live here, how much value we place on community, things can improve.’” [Telegraph Herald, [5/27/21](#)]

May 2021: King Called Unemployment Insurance “Poor Washington, D.C. Policy.” KING: “I got to talk to a hospital executive recently and I asked him, ‘What keeps you up at night, what’s your greatest concern in running the hospital right now?’ And he’s like, ‘Esther, we can’t get anybody to work here right now.’ So, as a result of poor Washington DC policy paying people to stay home and not work, a hospital -- lives are being endangered -- because of this jobs crisis we have.” [Facebook. Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)] (VIDEO, 16:06)

When Asked How Much Money The Federal Government Should Give To State And Local Governments, King Said The Federal Government Should Not Be “Bailing The State Of Illinois Out”

When Asked How Much Money The Federal Government Should Give To State And Local Governments, King Said The Federal Government Should Not Be “Bailing The State Of Illinois Out.” JIM NIEDELMAN: “Governor J.B. Pritzker warns that state agencies could see budget cuts of 5 percent this year, 10 percent next year without federal help for state and local governments. How much should Congress help the state and local governments?” KING: “Jim, that’s a very good question and needs to be taken on a case by case basis because for example here in the state of Illinois we have gotten into our budgetary problems because of corruption and overspending and that’s not something, that’s not something the federal government should be bailing the state of Illinois out for. Fiscal responsibility is of utmost importance, particularly here in the state of Illinois.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 5:22)

King Said The Federal Government Should Not Be “Bailing Out” Illinois With COVID-19 Relief Money. REPORTER: “What about government that needs help? Local, all the way from the township government, all the way to state government, is that something you see as important at this stage?” KING: “I think helping people is more important at this stage, Jim, we need to be very careful and considerate of how we’re helping municipalities, particularly for example the state of Illinois. We know that we’re in the financial state that we’re in right now because of mismanagement and corruption at the state level and I do not believe that the federal government should be bailing out the poor choices of Illinois politicians.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:25)

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds. “President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] The American Rescue Plan provides \$1,400 direct payments to individuals making up to \$75,000 annually, \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments and \$14 billion for vaccine distribution. The bill also provides \$130 billion to elementary, middle and high schools to assist with safe reopening. [...] It includes an additional \$300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September and an expanded tax credit of up to \$3,600 per child, initially distributed in monthly installments. The child tax credit could raise 4 million children out of poverty, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than \$50 billion will be distributed to small businesses, including \$7 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The bill also provides \$25 billion for relief for small and mid-sized restaurants, which have suffered significantly during the pandemic.” [CBS News, [3/12/21](#)]

Illinois Received Billions In Federal Aid From The American Rescue Plan, Which Funded Schools Returning To In-Person Learning

March 2021: Illinois Received \$7.5 Billion In Federal Aid From COVID-19 Relief Package And Local Government In The State Got \$6 Billion. “The \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package passed by the U.S. House Wednesday will deliver a long-awaited boost to cash-strapped Illinois, with \$7.5 billion in direct aid to the state and \$6 billion for local governments — roughly a third of that going to Chicago. The aid package, which President Joe Biden is expected to sign into law later this week, is welcome news for a state that has borrowed \$3.2 billion from a special Federal Reserve program to help shore up its finances during the pandemic.” [Chicago Tribune, [3/10/21](#)]

Illinois Received \$5 Billion In Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Through The American Rescue Plan To Help Safely Reopen Schools. Illinois received \$5,058,601,934 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief through the American Rescue Plan: “This document outlines the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER provides a total of nearly \$122 billion to States and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation’s students. In addition to ARP ESSER, the ARP Act includes \$3 billion for special education, \$850 million for the Outlying Areas, \$2.75 billion to support non-public schools, and additional funding for homeless children and youth, Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives.” [ARP ESSER Methodology and Allocation Table Revised, [6/25/21](#); Department of Education, Fact Sheet, [3/17/21](#)]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Illinois Received \$8.12 Billion In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds As Part Of The American Rescue Plan To Help Governments Respond To The Pandemic And Bring Back Jobs. Illinois received \$8.12 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. [...] Recipients may use these funds to: support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector, replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet, within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. [Department of the Treasury, Allocation for States, Accessed [9/8/21](#); Department of the Treasury, Accessed [9/8/21](#)]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Law Enforcement

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels. “Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan’s \$350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. [...] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.” [White House, Press Release, [6/23/21](#)]

Department Of The Treasury: “There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [...] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence.” “Under

Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (‘Funds’) under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. [...] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels. [...] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers.” [Department of the Treasury, [7/19/21](#)]

Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, Which We Passed In The First 100 Days Of My Administration, Is Providing Much-Needed, Historic Relief To Bring Back Those Law Enforcement Jobs.” President Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, which we passed in the first 100 days of my administration, is providing much-needed, historic relief to bring back those law enforcement jobs and social service jobs. Much of this relief has already arrived. The rest is on its way. And we’re now providing more guidance on how they can use the \$350 billion nationally that the American Rescue Plan has available to help reduce crime and address the root causes. For example, cities experiencing an increase in gun violence were able to use the American Rescue Plan dollars to hire police officers needed for community policing and to pay their overtime. Mayors will also be able to buy crime-fighting technologies, like gunshot detection systems, to better see and stop gun violence in their communities. They can use the funding to scale up wraparound services for the residents as well, including substance abuse and mental health services that we know will make a difference in prevention of crime.” [White House, [6/23/21](#)]

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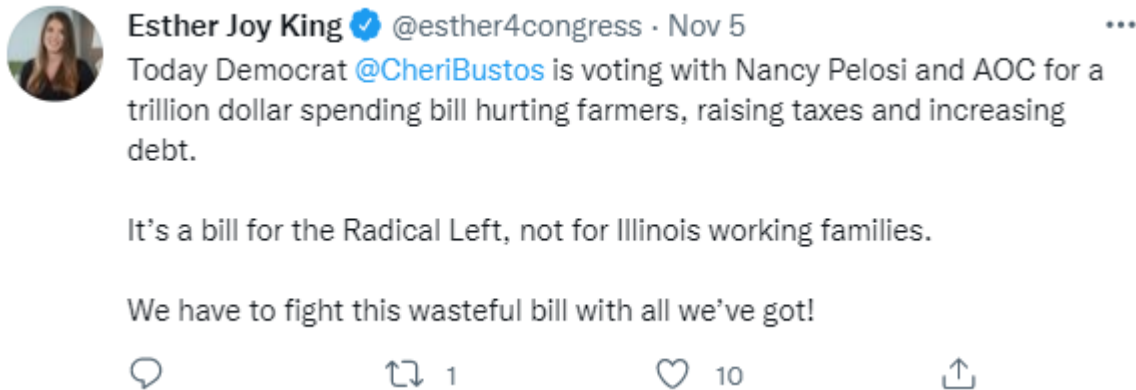
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King Said The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Was For The “Radical Left” And Said She Would “Fight This Wasteful Bill.” “Some of the National Republican Congressional Committee’s star recruits are starting to bash GOP lawmakers who supported the infrastructure package even as these candidates must run in seats held by Democrats where voters are likely to be more supportive of the legislation. [...] Another ‘Young Gun,’ Esther Joy King of Illinois, called the legislation something for the ‘Radical Left’ that is supported by Pelosi. ‘We have to fight this wasteful bill,’ she tweeted, ‘with all we’ve got!’” [Washington Post, [11/9/21](#)]

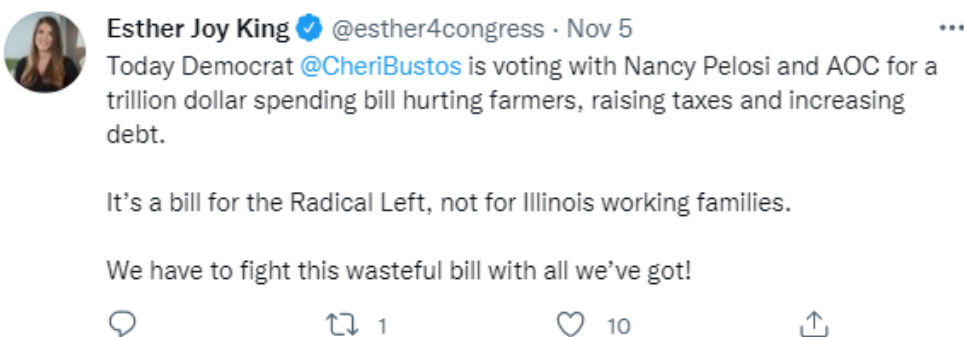
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- **Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Voted Against The Infrastructure Bill.** “The House on Friday voted 228-206 to pass a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill after hours of delays and debating among Democrats, sending the bipartisan measure to President Joe Biden's desk for his signature. But while Democratic leaders managed to unify House progressives and moderates to hold a vote on the Senate-passed bill, not all members of the party ultimately supported it. A number of progressives -- who have consistently called for both the infrastructure and the separate economic package, known as the Build Back Better Act, to move together -- voted ‘no’ on the legislation. Here are the six House Democrats who broke from their party to vote against the bill: Rep. Jamaal Bowman of New York Rep. Cori Bush of Missouri Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota Rep. Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan” [CNN, [11/5/21](#)]

King Said Voting For The Infrastructure & Jobs Act Would Result In “Hurting Farmers, Raising Taxes And Increasing Debt.” “Today Democrat @CheriBustos is voting with Nancy Pelosi and AOC for a trillion dollar spending bill hurting farmers, raising taxes and increasing debt. It’s a bill for the Radical Left, not for Illinois working families. We have to fight this wasteful bill with all we’ve got!”



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Infrastructure & Jobs Act Will Create Jobs And Update Infrastructure Nationwide, And “Illinois Will Benefit From That Massive Bill In Multiple Ways”

November 2021: House Of Representatives Passed The Infrastructure & Jobs Act. “The House passed a more than \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill late Friday, sending it to President Joe Biden’s desk in a critical step toward enacting sprawling Democratic economic plans. The Senate approved the revamp of transportation, utilities and broadband in August. The legislation’s passage is perhaps the unified Democratic government’s most concrete

achievement since it approved a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package in the spring. The measure passed in a 228-206 vote. Thirteen Republicans supported it, while six Democrats voted against it. Biden could sign the bill within days.” [CNBC, [11/5/21](#)]

White House: Infrastructure & Jobs Act Will Create Jobs And Update Infrastructure Nationwide. “Today, Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation’s infrastructure and competitiveness. [...] This Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will rebuild America’s roads, bridges and rails, expand access to clean drinking water, ensure every American has access to high-speed internet, tackle the climate crisis, advance environmental justice, and invest in communities that have too often been left behind. The legislation will help ease inflationary pressures and strengthen supply chains by making long overdue improvements for our nation’s ports, airports, rail, and roads. It will drive the creation of good-paying union jobs and grow the economy sustainably and equitably so that everyone gets ahead for decades to come. Combined with the President’s Build Back Framework, it will add on average 1.5 million jobs per year for the next 10 years.” [White House, [11/6/20](#)]

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Reconciliation Bill Would “Make Sizable Federal Investments In Healthcare, Immigration And Climate Change Programs.” “Democratic lawmakers appear close to finalizing a trillion-plus dollar economic plan that, if passed, would make sizable federal investments in healthcare, immigration and climate change programs. Unlike the infrastructure deal that passed the Senate with the support of 19 Republicans, this plan is almost certain to pass without any Republican support. That is despite the fact that Democrats have just 50 votes in the Senate, too small a majority to overcome the 60-vote threshold that has become all but required to advance legislation through the chamber. To overcome that hurdle, they plan to use an arcane process known as budget reconciliation. It allows them to skirt Republican opposition and approve a bill with a simple majority vote — with Vice President Harris there to break the tie.” [NPR, [9/14/21](#)]

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- **Military Retirement Modernization Commission Recommended Changes To The System To Reduce The Cost To The Government And Require Military Members To Contribute To Their Own Retirement.** “To modernize the military retirement system, the Military Retirement Modernization Commission recommended changes to the system which will reduce the cost to the government and require military members to contribute to their own retirement. Since 83% of servicemembers do not stay in the military for the full 20 years required to get the normal retirement benefit, the Commission proposed a new system which includes a defined benefit, a defined contribution to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), and Continuation Pay for members who have more than 12 years active duty. This will result in higher retirement income for most members, and allow people who don't complete the 20 years required for full retirement to save some money towards their retirement.” [Military.com, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

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Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s and parents	Spouses ^a	Children ^b	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s and parents	
Illinois	2,274,372	1,654,623	260,426	140,438	82,423	136,462	3,319,057	2,602,421	209,375	1,777,910
1	125,175	87,690	17,348	8,089	3,220	8,828	172,825	130,568	11,351	93,747
2	131,795	88,299	20,229	8,327	3,364	11,576	179,941	131,679	11,712	94,285
3	119,908	88,509	11,932	8,028	5,141	6,298	174,083	136,312	11,944	96,143
4	77,168	52,102	10,519	5,033	4,286	5,228	93,845	68,591	6,178	57,821
5	97,940	74,912	8,606	5,767	4,218	4,437	144,423	117,462	8,471	81,948
6	123,574	97,253	8,353	6,986	6,010	4,972	212,027	176,655	12,093	106,144
7	99,677	67,619	15,254	6,014	2,920	7,870	134,363	101,368	7,989	72,802
8	110,472	83,922	10,754	6,189	4,735	4,872	169,840	137,454	9,536	90,325
9	125,317	97,002	10,101	6,846	5,769	5,599	198,145	163,970	11,094	107,003
10	115,604	87,750	9,994	6,562	5,966	5,332	185,628	151,317	10,794	96,264
11	105,549	76,727	11,777	6,036	4,129	6,880	162,078	127,500	9,427	82,396
12	150,447	101,448	22,869	10,477	4,452	11,201	203,468	149,373	14,781	108,541
13	140,510	98,882	18,669	8,906	4,003	10,060	194,704	148,796	13,111	104,816
14	125,697	97,432	10,768	6,654	4,519	6,324	205,076	168,008	11,083	103,093
15	160,078	112,799	20,749	11,321	5,047	10,162	216,507	163,992	15,809	120,854
16	152,731	111,630	17,827	9,343	4,742	9,189	226,490	176,900	14,507	118,031
17	157,659	112,943	20,414	10,131	4,727	9,444	217,552	168,310	14,797	119,538
18	155,071	117,704	14,363	9,639	5,175	8,190	228,063	184,167	14,699	124,160
All areas ^c	64,850,867	46,329,595	8,151,016	3,938,577	2,428,044	4,003,635	92,197,039	71,539,916	5,523,900	49,826,655

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data; and U.S. Postal Service geographic data.

a. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.

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c. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 States, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

[Social Security Administration, [12/2020](#)]

- **Social Security Provided Monthly Benefits To Eligible Workers After The Worker Retires, Passes Away, Or Becomes Disables.** “Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. A worker’s lifetime covered earnings largely determine the amount of benefits received.” [Social Security Administration, [12/2020](#)]

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Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2020

Congressional district	Number of recipients							Total monthly payments (thousands of dollars)				Number of recipients with OASDI ^a
	Total	By type			By age			Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older					
Illinois	259,810	29,807	2,427	227,576	33,913	156,991	68,906	158,039	13,350	1,435	143,254	74,026
1	23,767	1,516	241	22,010	2,959	15,425	5,383	15,155	610	141	14,404	6,164
2	28,231	1,477	278	26,476	4,411	18,341	5,479	17,832	565	168	17,098	7,130
3	12,210	1,653	126	10,431	1,819	6,991	3,400	7,544	735	81	6,727	3,248
4	16,649	2,485	162	14,002	2,610	8,584	5,455	9,908	1,002	99	8,807	5,085
5	10,867	2,605	113	8,149	914	4,811	5,142	6,256	1,222	63	4,971	3,507
6	5,322	1,538	48	3,736	510	2,671	2,141	3,183	789	27	2,366	1,347
7	30,926	3,261	278	27,387	3,666	18,322	8,938	19,596	1,415	182	17,999	8,468
8	7,811	2,265	89	5,457	1,116	3,447	3,248	4,499	1,096	50	3,354	2,074
9	16,743	4,499	111	12,133	846	6,984	8,913	9,750	2,333	68	7,348	4,015
10	9,740	2,460	74	7,206	1,163	4,328	4,249	5,733	1,201	40	4,492	2,628
11	8,287	1,429	89	6,769	1,400	4,664	2,223	5,005	683	53	4,270	2,254
12	19,129	842	148	18,139	2,505	13,281	3,343	11,522	277	90	11,155	5,994
13	15,232	645	148	14,439	2,291	10,680	2,261	9,166	225	89	8,851	4,917
14	5,085	849	46	4,190	693	3,125	1,267	3,196	400	31	2,764	1,352
15	13,930	530	110	13,290	1,676	10,128	2,126	8,160	165	65	7,930	4,720
16	9,122	511	106	8,505	1,423	6,376	1,323	5,455	193	59	5,203	2,717
17	18,218	880	166	17,172	2,622	12,761	2,835	11,021	316	81	10,624	5,613
18	8,541	362	94	8,085	1,289	6,072	1,180	5,061	124	47	4,890	2,793
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- **Supplemental Security Income Was A Federal Cash Assistance Program Providing Monthly Payments To Low-Income Elderly, Blind, Or Disabled People.** “Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.” [Social Security Administration, [12/2020](#)]

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Illinois	13	135,998	2,252	39,796	42,048	30.9%	3,734	90,216
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Illinois	15	153,524	3,022	30,928	33,950	22.1%	2,177	117,397
Illinois	16	145,842	4,933	35,363	40,296	27.6%	275	105,271
Illinois	17	150,963	9,193	43,484	52,677	34.9%	4,089	94,197
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Illinois	3	119,397	56,456	29,383	3,396	4,510
Illinois	4	74,655	29,264	23,090	4,941	1,311
Illinois	5	103,885	50,705	23,227	3,339	2,900
Illinois	6	131,119	71,392	25,443	1,859	3,828
Illinois	7	101,943	44,973	27,868	6,352	1,962
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Illinois	10	120,293	65,652	20,525	3,239	2,962
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Illinois	16	145,780	75,431	35,363	243	7,607
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King Said The Trade War With China Was “Necessary.” “Republican East Moline Attorney, Esther King, is spending at least part of her holidays talking with voters. On Friday, the Congressional candidate in Illinois' 17th House District held a meet and greet at a bar and restaurant called City Limits in Rock Island. King says the trade war with China is necessary and that voters she's talked with agree.” [WVIK, [10/30/19](#)]

When Asked If She Disagreed With Trump’s Trade Policy That Was Hurting Farmers, King Said Farmers Were Supportive Of It Because It Would Hold China Accountable. REPORTER: “What about his trade policy that’s impacted farmers?” KING: “I do get to spend a lot of time talking with farmers about that very question, Jim, and what a lot of them are saying to me is ‘Esther, you know, it has tough, we have been directly impacted and we need to hold China accountable, so we understand what the end goal is, we want to get to that end goal and have a solid trading agreement in place with China that has provisions to be able to hold them accountable on an ongoing basis,’ because ultimately that is what is best for the farmers – to have open markets with dependable trading partners.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:29)

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China Was Illinois’s Biggest Agricultural Trade Partner. “This comes after China — Illinois' biggest agricultural trade partner — announced earlier this month \$34 billion worth of tariffs on U.S. imports in response to tariffs imposed by Trump. The tariffs dealt a pretty big blow to Illinois, which relied on the Chinese market to off-load more than \$3 billion worth of soybeans last year, more than it shipped to any other state.” [Champaign News-Gazette, [7/26/18](#)]

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Illinois Agricultural Exports To China Dropped After China Implemented Retaliatory Tariffs, “Dealing A Significant Blow To Illinois Farmers”

Bloomington Pantagraph: Farmers And Ag Business Were “Preparing For The Worst” With Trump’s Trade War. “The impact of the trade war is a moving target, so it’s hard to plan for the future. In the meantime, producers and ag leaders are preparing for the worst but hoping for the best. ‘We have lost track of how many times Washington has indicated the trade war is almost over,’ said Mark Albertson, director of strategic market development for the Illinois Soybean Association. ‘During the past 12 months, there have been some ups and downs, but mostly downs, unfortunately. Most of the soy that is grown in Illinois gets exported, about 60 percent, and half of that would typically go to China. When China retaliated against U.S. tariffs by putting on their own tariffs on U.S. soy, our exports to China practically stopped.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

US Chamber Of Commerce: \$3.8 Billion Worth Of Illinois Goods Were Threatened By Trump’s Trade War, Including \$1.3 Billion Worth Of Soybeans And \$88 Million Worth Of Herbicides. “Trade tensions are reaching a fever pitch between the United States and trading partners like China, Canada and the European Union. Now, financial experts say it could affect billions worth of Illinois exports and the jobs in those industries. It's also having an impact on major Chicago-based companies and even a massive order for new CTA equipment. The proposed tariffs could impact everything from soybeans to bread, dairy and pork to cars, machinery and equipment. According the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, \$3.8 billion worth of Illinois exports are threatened as of the latest round of tariffs. They include: \$1.3 billion worth of soybeans. In fact, one out of every three rows of soybeans planted in Illinois is exported to China. \$445 million worth of vehicles \$156 million worth of bread, pastries and cakes \$128 million worth of herbicides \$88 million worth of aluminum” [WTTW, [7/11/18](#)]

Champaign News-Gazette: Trump's Tariffs On China "Dealt A Pretty Big Blow To Illinois." "This comes after China — Illinois' biggest agricultural trade partner — announced earlier this month \$34 billion worth of tariffs on U.S. imports in response to tariffs imposed by Trump. The tariffs dealt a pretty big blow to Illinois, which relied on the Chinese market to off-load more than \$3 billion worth of soybeans last year, more than it shipped to any other state." [Champaign News-Gazette, [7/26/18](#)]

Pekin Times: "Illinois Farmers Have Been Especially Hurt By China's Retaliatory Tariffs In The Ongoing U.S.-China Trade War." "Illinois farmers have been especially hurt by China's retaliatory tariffs in the ongoing U.S.-China trade war, forcing the federal government to issue \$28 billion in aid nationwide." [Pekin Times, [1/20/20](#)]

2018: China Placed A 25 Percent Tariff On Soybean Imports, "Dealing A Significant Blow To Illinois Farmers" And "Farmers Are Declaring Bankruptcy At Levels The County Hasn't Witness For At Least A Decade." "Illinois produces the most soybeans per acre in the U.S. China, which in 2018 was the largest buyer of soybeans, placed a 25 percent tariff on imports of the crop last year dealing a significant blow to Illinois farmers. [...] The trade conflict with Beijing, which escalated in May when Trump raised tariffs to 25 percent on \$200 billion of imports from China and prompted the country to retaliate with its own tariffs, has provoked rare criticism from some Republican lawmakers. And farmers are declaring bankruptcy at levels the country hasn't witnessed for at least a decade, according to The Wall Street Journal." [Newsweek, [7/26/19](#)]

Bloomington Pantagraph: "Illinois Farmers Were Particularly Hurt By Soybean Tariffs Because The State Is The Largest Grower Of The Crop." "Illinois farmers were particularly hurt by soybean tariffs because the state is America's largest grower of the crop that is used in farm feed, cooking oil, tofu, soy sauce and dairy product substitutes." [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Soybean Exports To China Dropped From \$1.3 Billion in 2017 To \$94 Million In 2018 While Corn Exports Dropped From \$8 Million To \$5 Million. "Illinois exported \$1.3 billion in soybeans and \$8 million in corn to China in 2017. That fell to \$94 million in soybeans and \$5 million in corn in 2018. Sales of U.S. soybeans to China fell to their lowest level in about 15 years in the first half of 2019, according to Bloomberg News. 'When you cut \$2 billion out of Illinois agriculture exports in a year ... there's going to be dire financial consequences,' said [Adam Nielsen, director of national legislation and policy development for the Illinois Farm Bureau]." [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

American Soybean Exports To China Dropped 75% Between 2017 And 2018. "American soybean exports to China dropped 75% between 2017 and 2018, as China bought soybeans from other countries while exchanging tariffs with the U.S." [Pekin Times, [1/20/20](#)]

Illinois Farmers Criticized Trump's Policies As Crop Prices Fell

July 2018: Farmers Told IL Sen. Durbin Their Crop Value Fell 20 Percent In Recent Months Because Of Trump's Trade War. "In a statement. Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said Trump's 'scorched-earth trade war' has put a lot at stake for Illinois and the rural economy. Soybean farmers have told Durbin that they've seen their crop value drop by 20 percent in recent months, he said. 'Bailouts, tweets, and bragging won't save the lost crop value for our farmers and won't protect their reputations around the world as reliable sellers,' Durbin said in a statement, adding: 'Declaring a trade war on the world, instead of the truly bad actors, leaves a lot of collateral damage.'" [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

July 2018: Soybean Prices “Plunged” 18 Percent In Two Months. “What happened: The Trump administration is providing \$12 billion for American farmers affected by trade disputes with China and other countries. Why it's needed: Soybean prices have plunged 18 percent in the past two months. Even before the trade fights, the Agriculture Department had predicted that U.S. farm income would drop this year to \$60 billion, or half of what it was five years ago.” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Farm Bureau President Said Farmers “Bear The Brunt Of The Trade War.” “Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. said farmers bear the brunt of the trade war. ‘We are deeply concerned about the imposition of the retaliatory tariffs that could further impact agriculture,’ he said. ‘Tariffs historically have not been good for the farm economy. Farmers are on the front lines of this trade war and are sacrificing their livelihoods and it hasn’t gotten better. We are sitting on a huge inventory of grain while our export markets are diminishing. ... Corn and soybean prices are depressed, combined with a delayed 2019 planting season due to heavy rains, and farmers are facing their sixth straight year of declining net farm income.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

Newsweek: “Illinois Farmers Are Criticizing President Donald Trump's Trade Policies.” “Illinois farmers are criticizing President Donald Trump's trade policies after the administration announced it would provide farmers \$16 billion in bailouts to ameliorate the economic impact of the commander-in-chief's attempts to restructure global trade relations. The administration said on Thursday that the bailout payments to farmers, initially announced in May, would be made over the next six months. The payments can total a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for producers of specialty crops like fruits and vegetables. The statement by the agriculture department says that ‘no applicant can receive more than \$500,000.’ The plan offers specifics on how the administration will financially assist farmers, which were not apparent when the bailout was announced earlier this year. But those specifics did not fully appease agriculture workers in Illinois, who released a statement saying they wanted a long-term solution to address the damage to trade relations caused by the ongoing wars, including the long-running conflict with China.” [Newsweek, [7/26/19](#)]

Bloomington Pantagraph: “The Future Certainly Isn’t Bright For The State’s Soybean Farmers.” “The future certainly isn’t bright for the state’s soybean farmers. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates soybean exports at 1.7 billion bushels, down 434 million bushels from 2017-18. ‘The current state of Chinese tariffs on U.S. soybeans and the continuing spread of African swine fever does not bode well for U.S. soybean exports,’ University of Illinois agricultural economist Todd Hubbs said. ‘Chinese soybean purchases remain contingent on progress in negotiations. Based on previous negotiation outcomes, a decent probability exists that tariffs stay in place through the next marketing year.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

Trump’s Announcement That He Would Provide Subsidies To Farmers Hurt By Trade War Was “Setting Off A New Wave Of Anxiety.” “But the president’s sudden announcement this week that he’ll give out \$12 billion in subsidies to farmers is setting off a new wave of anxiety — a deep sense of apprehension over Trump’s unpredictability on trade and questions over whether the White House has any plan at all.” [Politico Illinois, [7/26/18](#)]

Illinois Farmers Said “They Would Rather See The President Reach Long-Term Solutions” On Trade Rather Than Bail Them Out. “While many Illinois farmers said Tuesday they appreciate the \$12 billion emergency aid package promised by President Donald Trump, they would rather see the president reach long-term trade solutions that allow them to sell their products. The plan Trump announced would tap existing Agriculture Department funding for temporary relief to farmers who were hurt by his administration's trade disputes with China and other countries. The president earlier this month enacted 25 percent tariffs on Chinese products worth \$34 billion, causing China to retaliate with the same tariff percentage on American goods worth \$34 billion, including soybeans and pork.” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Farm Bureau: Trump’s Relief Package To Farmers “Would Not Make Its Members Whole In The Face Of Continued Trade Tensions.” “But the state's Farm Bureau said Trump’s relief package would not make its members whole in the face of continued trade tensions, although they appreciated the support. Bureau President

Richard Guebert Jr. said in a statement that the damage would continue as long as the tariffs are in effect — if not longer. ‘That’s why we urge the president and the administration to continue to negotiate trade deals with our global partners, including Mexico, Canada, Japan and the European Union,’ Guebert said, ‘and get back to the table with China to work on resolving unfair trade practices that are the underlying issue.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Soybean Growers: Soybean Farmers Wanted “Trade, Not Aid.” “Soybean farmers want ‘trade, not aid,’ said Lynn Rohrscheib, chairwoman of the Illinois Soybean Growers group. ‘If trade is our problem, aid handouts are a poor solution,’ Rohrscheib said in a statement. ‘As producers, we would rather be able to sell our crop for a fair price and grow both agricultural export and market opportunities.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Vice President Of The Illinois Farm Bureau: “No Matter What The Payments Are Here, They Are Not Going To Make Up For The Generational Damage That’s Being Done.” “American farmers have been some of the hardest hit by China’s retaliatory tariffs, which were put on a range of commodities including soybeans, corn and wheat. The tariffs made those American agricultural products more expensive for Chinese importers, and private buyers nearly stopped purchasing US-grown soybeans — leaving a record amount sitting in storage at the end of 2018. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue first announced that there would be a second round of aid payments in May, after trade talks unraveled and President Donald Trump abruptly escalated tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods. Some farmers, who have long stood behind the President in his mission to get a better deal with Beijing, have started to grow impatient. [...] ‘I think the bottom-line takeaway is we are appreciative of this, but farmers have borne a significant price in this trade war,’ Brian Duncan, vice president of the Illinois Farm Bureau, told CNN. ‘No matter what the payments are here, they are not going to make up for the generational damage that’s being done. Once trade routes get changed, they don’t change back — that’s the real rub here,’ Duncan added.” [NBC Palm Springs, [7/25/19](#)]

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King Supported The EPA Offering Oil Refineries Waivers From Renewable Fuel Requirements, In A Move That Some Claimed Would Hurt Farmers. “King, an army veteran, said Bustos’ attention has been drawn to national political fights instead of specifically serving the district. Meanwhile, day-to-day issues like healthcare, immigration and the financial future of local farmers, are being ignored. ‘There are some ways we can do this, but it’s going to take a bipartisan approach,’ she said. She said she has supported the president’s efforts to offer waivers to oil refiners that would allow them to avoid meeting renewable fuel requirements, a move that some say could hurt farmers. But King said the recent Environmental Protection Agency to drop some of the proposed waivers was a sign that the effort was going as planned and that farmers ultimately would benefit. ‘I think there’s been a lot of confusion on that,’ she said. ‘The efforts (the Trump Administration) took benefits our ethanol industry here and helps farms.’” [Star-Courier, 10/6/20]

Farmers Criticized Trump’s Waivers For Oil Refineries That Didn’t Add Ethanol To Gasoline. “Iowa farmers are pushing back after President Trump reneged on a promise to review a national program that gives waivers to small refineries that don’t add ethanol to their gasoline. The president had promised corn farmers he would review the exemption program after a June trip to Iowa, but a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision to issue new waivers to fuel producers signaled an end to the administration’s study. Rep. Cindy Axne (D-Iowa) has requested an EPA Office of Inspector General investigation of the program and whether it violates renewable fuel laws, but at a press conference in Iowa on Wednesday, farmers directed their anger more at Trump than the EPA. Delayne D. Johnson, CEO of Quad County Corn Processors, said he was proud he voted for Trump after the president announced earlier this summer that he would allow ethanol to be added to gasoline year-round, ending a summertime ban designed to reduce smog. ‘I was equally shocked when I learned that there were 31 small refinery exemptions’ issued to plants owned by major companies, Johnson said. Trump’s call came just two months after a meeting with some of the very same farm groups. It was a decision directly from Trump to go

ahead and issue the waiver on Aug. 9. [...] But the decision creates tension between two groups Trump views as supporters and may threaten the patience of farmers who have already been hit hard by the tariffs of Trump's trade war." [The Hill, [8/21/19](#)]

Critics Argued Trump's Oil Refinery Waivers Were A Display Of Favoritism For Big Oil. "While Iowa farmer Miller saw Trump's brinkmanship with China as a necessary gamble to help American workers, the ethanol waivers smacked to him of favoritism for a wealthy and powerful industry — Big Oil. [...] The 31 new waivers issued this month came on top of 54 granted since early 2018, according to the association. While the waivers are intended to reduce hardships on small oil refiners, some beneficiaries include smaller refineries owned by big oil companies." [Mercury News, [8/28/19](#)]

Waivers Allowed Refineries To Disregard Renewable Fuel Standards Set In Place To Address Climate Change. "The rules at issue are called small refinery exemptions, which the Trump administration has expanded at the behest of oil companies and to the consternation of ethanol interests. The exemptions let so-called small gasoline refineries — including some owned by oil giants Exxon Mobil and Chevron — out of their obligations to produce ethanol under the renewable fuel standards rules approved by Congress in 2005 and 2007 to address climate change." [CNBC, [9/23/19](#)]

Ethanol Production Fell As The Number Of Waivers Issued By The EPA Increased. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency each year allocates each refinery's quota for ethanol production in a rule implementing the statute. After that, however, the agency has been granting retroactive waivers to excuse refineries from their legal duty. The so-called SRE exemptions, which have been granted retroactively, reduce the market for ethanol to between 13 billion and 14 billion gallons annually, Cooper said. Under the Obama administration, officials granted about eight SRE exemptions each year. The Trump administration announced 31 in a single round in August, bringing its total to nearly 80. U.S. ethanol producers made 14.4 billion gallons last year, down from 14.5 in 2017 for the first year-to-year decline since the 1990s, U.S. Department of Energy figures show." [CNBC, [9/23/19](#)]

Trump's Oil Refinery Waivers "Caused An Uproar" In Farm States. "The Trump administration is considering ramping up biofuel blending quotas in the coming years to assuage anger in the Farm Belt over its recent broad use of waivers for small refineries, but is not planning to rescind any of the exemptions it has granted so far, four people familiar with the matter said. The approach would mark a mixed result for the agriculture industry and its backers who had been pushing the administration to revoke some of the exemptions, which they argue hurt demand for corn-based ethanol by freeing refiners from their obligation to blend biofuels into their products. The proposals emerged a day after President Trump on Thursday summoned Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler to the White House to discuss ways to boost biofuel demand. The meeting was set after Trump's decision this month to allow the EPA to grant 31 biofuel waivers to oil refiners caused an uproar in farm states key to the Republican president's reelection bid in 2020." [Washington Post, [8/23/19](#)]

Sen. Grassley: Trump And The EPA "Screwed" The Ethanol Industry And Farmers. "Earlier this month, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted 31 small refinery biofuel waivers for 2018, an action relating to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) that has caused concern among farmers and some Midwestern lawmakers that demand for ethanol and other biofuels could be curtailed. [...] Also on Friday, Reuters writer Humeyra Pamuk reported that, 'Iowa's Republican Senator Chuck Grassley said the Trump administration's Environmental Protection Agency has "screwed" the U.S. ethanol industry and farmers by granting waivers to 31 small petroleum refineries, effectively exempting them from an obligation to use more ethanol in their products.'" [Farm Policy News, [8/18/19](#)]

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VIDEO: King Said She Was “Fighting For The Unborn” And “Stopping Abortion.” KING: “Less government, stopping abortion, we are fighting for so much [...] It is personal for each and every one of us. We’re fighting for the America First agenda. Clap for it. That includes the 2nd Amendment, that includes fighting for the unborn.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)] (VIDEO, 21:24)

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AUDIO: King Accused Democrats Of Using Relief Packages To “Put So Many Liberal Priorities Into Economic Stimulus.” KING: “Congress has done a certain amount to respond. However, if anyone's been paying attention to the different -- the CARE Act and other packages that were in response -- we saw so much political game playing. It was inappropriate, especially on the House side under Nancy Pelosi and my opponent, Cheri Bustos. If you're -- even now, if you're tracking what -- if anyone is tracking what they're working on now, they're trying to put so many liberal priorities stuffed into economic stimulus for, in response to COVID. And it's halting the help that communities need, it is preventing getting our economy back up and running the way that they're playing politics in the House of Representatives right now. So one thing I'm really looking forward to is being, being a representative that doesn't play political games but does what's best for the people of our district.” [WGIL, [7/20/20](#)] (AUDIO, 2:47)

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talking about making sure we cap it at what the people's wages would be so that if people continue to be unemployed, they would receive their, their wages, but they wouldn't get above and beyond, because if we're giving people above and beyond, we're incentivizing them not to go back and work. And small businesses need employees. We need to get small businesses back up and running. So making sure we're giving people a reason to work, I think is a key factor in getting our economy back up and running." [WGIL, [7/20/20](#)] (AUDIO, 5:17)

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and in law school, you meet a lot of liberals and I was in Chicago so just the world that I walked in and the world that I was in during my time in Chicago was very liberal so I had, as far as my Facebook exposure I had like 50/50, Republican/Democrat. And what I noticed was that particularly on the liberal there was a lot of attacks against the other person. It wasn't idea vs. idea. It was, if you remember Hillary Clinton used the phrase the deplorables, it was the deplorables, that was just part of common parlance. People were referring to conservative Republicans as deplorables, and I was like this is not OK, the way that we're dehumanizing [...] So I said, you know, I can't argue on Facebook, that's not gonna do anything to make a difference, so really the only way I have a voice is to walk into a voting booth and vote for Trump, like that is the only voice I have in this situation because I'm not gonna start a Facebook fight." [Culture Changers with Allison Hare Episode 89, [1/12/21](#)] (AUDIO, 26:43)

AUDIO: King Said She Voted For Trump In 2016 Because She Was Too Afraid To Start Fights On Facebook. KING: "I personally think for example President Trump is a projection screen to this country more than anything. Yes, he does triggering events but we respond to him as a country, whether we love him or hate him, we respond to him in a way that is viable to our belief system. It's not – it's a whole lot less about him and a whole lot more about us, and I think personally we have to ask ourselves, again whether we love or hate the president, we have to ask ourselves like, what was my responsibility in creating this. I shared with you I have responsibility in creating President Trump because I voted for him but also because I chose not to have that hard conversation with my liberal friends on Facebook. Like what I said earlier about the only way that I have a voice is by going to the voting booth, if I go a layer deeper and express the truth below that is I'm scared to start a hard conversation with someone that's being so vitriolic against people that I love and not just people that I love, like parts of myself, like ways I see myself, so someone is being vitriolic towards a piece of myself and I'm scared to start a hard conversation with them, therefore I am going to choose to express my feelings in the voting booth rather than actually starting a hard conversation." [Culture Changers with Allison Hare Episode 89, [1/12/21](#)] (AUDIO, 34:43)

Images

King With Sen. Marco Rubio



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [10/29/19](#)]

King With Sen. Joni Ernst



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [9/29/20](#)]

King With Rep. Liz Cheney



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [9/14/20](#)]

King With Rep. Dan Crenshaw



[Defending Democracy Together Institute, Political Email Archive, [1/29/20](#)]

Headlines

HEADLINE: Esther Joy King Announces Run For Congress An Hour After Bustos Bows Out

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Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on King's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Rock Island County, media outlets including the Quad-City Times and Peoria Journal Star, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

King Was Born In Tulsa, OK.

FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		
KING, ESTHER JOY		
OTHER NAMES USED		
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	POSITION REQUIRING INVESTIGATION
		MILITARY
PLACE OF BIRTH		
TULSA TULSA , OK		

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 4, Accessed 10/26/21]

King Was Born In July 1985.

REGISTRATION LOOKUP RESULTS

Your Search Criteria: esther, king, 801, BEND BLVD BLVD, 61244, 07/02/1985

Name:
Esther Joy King

Age:
35

Registration Status:
Esther King **IS REGISTERED TO VOTE** in the State of Illinois.

If you have any questions, please contact [the Rock Island local Election Authority](#)

[Early Voting/Grace Period Registration Locations](#)

[Illinois State Board of Elections, Accessed 10/28/21]

Full Name	Address	County	Phone
KING, ESTHER JOY	801 BEND BLVD EAST MOLINE, IL 61244-1212	ROCK ISLAND	None Listed

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION				
SSN	DOB	Gender	LexID(sm)	Email
	7/1985 (Age:36)		013011056859	ESTHER.KING@HOTMAIL.COM CHOPKINS757@YAHOO.COM ESTHERW7@KINGMINISTRIES.COM

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Accessed 10/28/21]

King Claimed To Be One Year Younger The She Is On Her Twitter Page.



[Twitter, @esther4congress, Accessed 10/28/21]

Education

2004-2008: King Attended Oral Roberts University In Tulsa, OK And Graduated With A Degree In Mass Media Communication.

14. EDUCATION REPORT: List your education accurately and completely. A copy of college transcripts/degrees may be required. The number of credit hours you have earned may be needed to meet the minimum requirements for some titles. This information is also useful for career counseling purposes.

Name and Address of Colleges/Universities Attended and Indicate Undergraduate(U)/Graduate(G)	Hours Earned		Major	Minor	Dates Attended		Level and Date of Degree Earned	
	SEM	QTR	Do Not Abbreviate	Do Not Abbreviate	From MM/YYYY	To MM/YYYY	Level	MM/YYYY
(U) Oral Roberts University, 7777 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa OK	130.5		Mass Media Communication		09/2004	05/2008	BA	05/2008
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	79.5		Juris Doctorate		08/2010	05/2013	MA	05/2013
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	24		Masters of Laws in Taxation		08/2012	05/2013		05/2013

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 33, Accessed 10/26/21]

- **Oral Roberts, Founder Of Oral Roberts University, Was Known As A “Swindler.”** “Roberts was a prominent — and controversial — televangelist known for generating wild, fantastical stories to bolster his ministry's fundraising efforts. Most famously, Roberts alleged that God spoke with him and promised to take the preacher's life if he did not collect \$8 million in donations from his followers within a single calendar year. The Christian leader's extreme approach to fundraising garnered significant notoriety and caused Roberts to develop a reputation as a swindler in the mainstream. But among his many acolytes, Roberts was considered nothing less than a visionary.” [Business Insider, 3/23/21]
- **Oral Roberts Had A “Troubling History And Long Record Of Homophobia.”** “But along with all of the fanfare that comes with a ‘Cinderella’ story, the Golden Eagles' miraculous March Madness run has been accompanied by some far less heartening public relations; the team's success has shined a spotlight on Oral Roberts' troubling history and long record of homophobia that stretches to the present day. Oral Roberts University, a private evangelical university with just 4,000 students, was founded by its namesake in 1963. [...] Roberts was vehemently homophobic, and he was far from quiet about his anti-gay sentiment. In his sermons, the preacher said homosexuality ‘is not only wild, it is insane,’ and likened same-sex attraction to perversion.” [Business Insider, 3/23/21]

2010-2013: King Attended Northwestern Law School And Graduated With A J.D. And A Masters Of Laws In Taxation.

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Religion

2020: King Attended A Christian Prayer Breakfast Run By David Pautsch, Who Called For Hanging President Obama And Defended Rep. Steve King For Asking Why Being A White Supremacist Was Offensive

September 2020: King Gave A “Big Thanks” To David Pautsch For “Welcoming” Her To The Quad Cities Prayer Breakfast.



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, 9/29/20]

Pautsch Claimed Obama Was Not A U.S. Citizen And Should Be Hung For Treason. “Last Thursday, David Pautsch, the executive director and founder of Thy Kingdom Come Ministries in Davenport, Iowa, appeared on the local ABC affiliate WQAD to make a big announcement: Former Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker had agreed to headline Pautsch’s annual prayer breakfast on Sept. 28. [...] A favorite topic of Pautsch’s is the untrue claim that the former President was not born in the United States: Pautsch asserts that Obama was not only not born in this country but ‘ought to be hung for treason’” [Urban Milwaukee, [9/24/19](#)]

Pautsch Claimed Obama Was A “Muslim” And Because Of Him The Oval Office Was “Demon Infested.” “Pautsch also wrote that Obama was ‘a Muslim’ and that with Obama in the Oval Office, it was ‘demon infested’ When pressed by a commenter if he was being Christian when he called Obama a demon and for his hanging, Pautsch replied, ‘My “demon-infested” comment wasn’t a play on speech. I’m talking about the real deal. The wickedness Obama has tried to foist on the US and Israel is so twisted it deserves the gallows.’ Pautsch at one point explained why Obama is a demon—because his ‘heart has been’ with Islam and the Islamic God Allah is a ‘devil’ and practicing Islam ‘brings about demonic infestation.’ Pautsch also says, ‘anyone who worships anything or anyone besides the Most High God (Jesus Christ) is worshiping devils’” [Urban Milwaukee, [9/24/19](#)]

Pautsch Said Non-Christian Nations Were “Stuck In A Degraded State.” “‘This is not about skin color, not about politics,’ Pautsch said. ‘This is a matter of who has embraced Jesus Christ. ‘It is a simple fact that the cultures that have embraced Christ have flourished — and those that haven’t are stuck in a degraded state. We are talking about a huge cultural development issue. The cultures that embrace Jesus Christ are the ones that last and are successful. Just read history. And it’s a biblically established fact of history.’” [Muscatine Journal, [9/24/19](#)]

Pautsch Defended Congressman Steve King For Asking Why Being A White Supremacist Was Offensive. “Pautsch also recently offered social media support for Congressman Steve King of Iowa, after King told The New York Times: ‘White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization — how did that language become offensive?’ ‘I thought it was an important question to ask — why are those offensive words?’ Pautsch said. ‘I’m talking about the original ideas — of culture, Western culture.’” [Muscatine Journal, [9/24/19](#)]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of King’s professional career:

Political

- **2019-2020:** Republican candidate for Congress in IL-17
- **2021-Present:** Republican candidate for Congress in IL-17

Professional

- **2008:** Program director, United Nations Project Afghan Information Management Systems
- **2007-2010:** Claimed to be administrative director of King and Associates
- **2011-2013:** Co-founder and board member of nonprofit City of Refuge
- **2013-2015:** Real estate associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- **2015-2016:** Senior Public Service Administrator, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- **2016:** Claimed to be founder of Summerset Group Communications
- **2016:** Incorporator and director of nonprofit Launch Ohio
- **2016-2020:** Claimed to be the founder of Flashbulb Media
- **2017:** Claimed to be CEO of 364.Social
- **2018-Present:** JAG Officer, U.S. Army Reserve
- **2019-2020:** Claimed to be a partner at GRP21, LLC
- **2019-Present:** Owner, Uprise Enterprise, LLC
- **2019-Present:** Claimed to be a board member at nonprofit Simone’s Kids
- **2019-Present:** Real estate lawyer, King & Clark LLC

**NOTE: Several of King's businesses were never incorporated with a Secretary of State and in multiple instances, her role with an organization could not be substantiated outside of her claims, so this timeline is tentative.*

Associated Entities

The following provides a brief overview of King's associated entities:

Business(es)

- King and Associates
- Summerset Group Communications
- 364.Social
- Flashbulb Media
- GRP21, LLC
- Uprise Enterprise, LLC
- King & Clark, LLC

Non-Profit(s)

- Simone's Kids
- City of Refuge, AKA Safi Sana
- Launch Ohio

Key Individuals/Partners

- Clark Miljush
- Larry Anderson

Criminal Record

As Of October 2021, King Had One Speeding Traffic Violation In Missouri.

Missouri Court Report

Offender Information	
Name:	KING, ESTHER J
Address:	2300 N COMMONWEALTH AVE CHICAGO, IL 60614-3447 COOK COUNTY
Case Number:	702715331
Case Filing Date:	05/08/2018
Case Type:	MISDEMEANOR CLASS C
DOB:	1986
SSN:	440-96-XXXX
Offenses	
Case Filing Date:	05/08/2018
Offense Date:	05/02/2018
Court Description:	FINE COLLECTION CENTER
Court Case Number:	702715331
Court Offense:	EXCEEDED POSTED SPEED LIMIT (EXCEEDED BY 11 - 15 MPH)
Court Disposition:	GUILTY PLEA
Court Disposition Date:	06/04/2018
Court Fine:	\$55.5
Court Level/Degree:	MISDEMEANOR CLASS C
Court Activity	
[NONE FOUND]	



[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Accessed 10/28/21]

Bankruptcy, Judgments, Or Liens

As Of October 2021, King Was Not Associated With Any Bankruptcies, Judgments, Or Liens.

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- Check for spelling errors.
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Bankruptcy, Judgments & Liens ⓘ

Terms: LexID(013011056859) first-name(esther) last-name(king) middle-name(joy) state(IL)

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Voter Registration & History

Despite Turning 18 In 2003, Public Records Showed No Record Of King Voting Before November 2012.

[VoteBuilder, Accessed 10/28/21]

King Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2020	Voted	Voted						
2019				Did Not Vote	Did Not Vote			
2018	Voted	Did Not Vote						
2017								
2016	Voted	Voted						
2015				Did Not Vote	Did Not Vote			
2014	Voted	Voted						
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[VoteBuilder, Accessed 10/28/21]

Personal Finance

In 2020, King had an estimated net worth of between -\$297,996 and -\$83,002.

According to King's federal personal financial disclosures, her 2020 annual unearned income was between \$1,202 and \$3,500. King also served as JAG Officer, but House disclosure rules exempt salary earned from the U.S. Military. King also earned \$50,000 in salary from the law firm King & Clark LLC. King's reported assets totaled between \$2,004 and \$32,000. King had between \$115,002 and \$300,000 in liabilities.

King's Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

King's PFD Toplines							
Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Liabilities	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
2020	\$50,000	\$2,004	\$32,000	\$1,202	\$3,500	\$115,002	\$300,000
2019	\$25,000	\$2,004	\$32,000	\$1,202	\$3,500	\$115,002	\$300,000

[Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#); Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

King Only Reported Making A Salary Of \$50,000 In 2020, Reported A Maximum Of \$32,000 In Assets And Had Between \$100,001 And \$250,00 In Student Loans, But Managed To Loan \$10,150 To Her Own Campaign

2020: King Reported Receiving \$50,000 In Income From King & Clark, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$2,004 And \$32,000 In Assets. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$100,001 And \$250,000 In Student Loans. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$15,001 And \$50,000 In Career Loans From USAA. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King's Reported Net Worth Was Between -\$297,996 And -\$83,002. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

According To The Federal Election Commission, King Loaned Her Campaign \$10,150 From 2019-2020.

Committee: **ESTHER FOR CONGRESS**

Loan Source	Address	Description	Date incurred	Date due	Interest Rate	Secured Loan?	Line #	Original Amount of Loan	Amount Paid To Date	Loan Balance	Memo
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		09/01/2019	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	1650.00	0.00	1650.00	
Total Loans This Period = 10150.00											

[FEC, [12/31/20](#)]

Taxpayer Funded Salaries

2015-2016: King Earned \$128,829.72 In Salary During Her Tenure In The Rauner Administration; Was Not Eligible For A Pension

Over Her Less Than One Year Working For The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Under Gov. Bruce Rauner, King Had Earned A Total Of \$128,829.72 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary.

Year	DCEO Salary
2015	\$99,660.72
2016	\$29,169.00
TOTAL	\$128,829.72

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Esther Joy King Earnings Detail, Accessed 10/25/21]

King Received Pay From The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity For Less Than One Year, From March 2015 To March 2016.

EMPLOYEE: Esther J. King
Separated: 3-15-2016

Pay Period EARNINGS:

			GROSS	Total Gross	NET	Total Net
24	42-001	3/1-15/2016	\$4,167.00	\$4,167.00	\$2,712.30	\$2,712.30
23	42-001	2/16-28/2016	\$4,167.00	\$8,334.00	\$2,712.30	\$5,424.60
22	42-001	2/1-15/2016	\$4,167.00	\$12,501.00	\$2,712.30	\$8,136.90
21	42-001	1/16-31/2016	\$4,167.00	\$16,668.00	\$2,712.30	\$10,849.20
20	42-001	1/1-15/2016	\$4,167.00	\$20,835.00	\$2,712.30	\$13,561.50
19	42-001	12/16-31/2015	\$4,167.00	\$25,002.00	\$2,712.62	\$16,274.12
18	42-001	12/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$29,169.00	\$2,711.33	\$18,985.45
17	42-075	11/16-30/2015	\$4,167.00	\$33,336.00	\$2,711.33	\$21,696.78
16	42-075	11/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$37,503.00	\$2,711.33	\$24,408.11
15	42-075	10/16-31/2015	\$4,167.00	\$41,670.00	\$2,711.33	\$27,119.44
14	42-075	10/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$45,837.00	\$2,711.33	\$29,830.77
13	42-075	9/16-30/2015	\$4,167.00	\$50,004.00	\$2,711.33	\$32,542.10
12	42-075	9/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$54,171.00	\$2,711.33	\$35,253.43
11	42-075	8/16-31/2015	\$4,167.00	\$58,338.00	\$2,711.33	\$37,964.76
10	42-075	8/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$62,505.00	\$2,711.33	\$40,676.09
9	42-075	7/16-31/2015	\$4,167.00	\$66,672.00	\$2,711.33	\$43,387.42
8	42-075	7/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$70,839.00	\$2,711.33	\$46,098.75
7	42-075	6/16-30/2015	\$4,167.00	\$75,006.00	\$2,711.33	\$48,810.08
6	42-075	6/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$79,173.00	\$2,711.33	\$51,521.41
5	42-075	5/16-31/2015	\$4,167.00	\$83,340.00	\$2,711.33	\$54,232.74
4	42-075	5/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$87,507.00	\$2,711.33	\$56,944.07
3	42-075	4/16-30/2015	\$4,167.00	\$91,674.00	\$2,711.33	\$59,655.40
2	42-075	4/1-15/2015	\$4,167.00	\$95,841.00	\$2,711.33	\$62,366.73
1	42-075	3/16-31/2015	\$3,819.72	\$99,660.72	\$2,564.77	\$64,931.50

Appointment: 3-17-2015

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Esther Joy King Earnings Detail, Accessed 10/25/21]

King Was Designated As A Tier 2 Employee With The State Employees' Retirement System Of Illinois.

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**STATE
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• State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois
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• Judges' Retirement System of Illinois

Internet: <http://www.state.il.us/srs> E-Mail: sers@srs.illinois.gov

2101 South Veterans Parkway, P.O. Box 19253, Springfield, IL 62794-9255

NEW HIRE TIER DETERMINATION

On April 14, 2010, Governor Quinn signed Senate Bill 1946 into law (P.A. 96-0889) creating a second tier of benefits and retirement rules aimed at new employees covered by SERS, effective January 1, 2011. SERS has designated these two groups of employees as: a) Tier 1- those employees who have been a member of SERS, or any other reciprocal retirement system, prior to January 1, 2011; and b) Tier 2 - those employees hired on or after January 1, 2011, and who have never been a member of SERS or any other reciprocal retirement system. Current members of SERS (Tier 1) are not affected by this legislation.

☒ Please check this box if you have never been a member of any of the retirement systems listed below.

If you have ever been a member of the following retirement systems within the State of Illinois prior to January 1, 2011, please check the appropriate box(es) and provide the dates of membership on the lines below:

Earliest Membership Date

- ☐ Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund - (312) 641-4464 _____
- ☐ County Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County - (312) 603-1200 _____
- ☐ Forest Preserve District Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County - (708) 693-1288 _____
- ☐ General Assembly Retirement System (GARS) - (217) 782-8500 _____
- ☐ Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) - (800) 275-4673 _____
- ☐ Judges Retirement System (JRS) - (217) 782-8500 _____
- ☐ Laborers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago - (312) 236-2065 _____
- ☐ Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund - (312) 751-3222 _____
- ☐ Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago - (312) 236-4700 _____
- ☐ Park Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago - (312) 553-9265 _____
- ☐ State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois (SERS) - (217) 785-7190 _____
- ☐ State Universities Retirement System (SURS) - (800) 275-7877 _____
- ☐ Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS) - (800) 877-7896 _____

Tier 1 or (2)

Initials _____

Date _____

Name: Esther Joy King Social Security Number: _____
(Please print)
Signature: _____ Telephone: _____
To be: _____
This form must be returned to SERS within 5 business days from the employees' initial start date. Questions regarding this form should be directed to the Accounting Division at (217) 785-7190. This form can be faxed to (217) 785-7019.
Agency Name: DCEO Telephone #: 4-0657
Agency Address: _____ Fax #: 4-0189
Retirement Contributions with: _____ Agency Code: 42-075
Authorized Agency Representative: _____ Date: 3-23-2015
(Please print) (Signature)

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, pg. 64, Accessed 10/25/21]

Tier 2 System Covered All Employees Hired After 2010. “The Tier 2 system dates further back; it covers all employees hired after 2010. The precise details of the Tier 2 benefit program differ for each of the 5 state retirement systems (for teachers, state employees, university employees, judges, and legislators), and variations exist for the retirement programs for City of Chicago employees, and other public employees in Illinois, but there were three key changes in the Tier 2 benefits: Retirement age and minimum vesting service were increased; The Cost-of-Living adjustment was reduced from a fixed 3% per year to half the rate of inflation, and is additive rather than compounded (that is, if CPI is 3% for four years, your original benefit is increased by 4 times 1.5% rather than $1.03 \times 1.03 \times 1.03 \times 1.03$); and Pensionable pay is capped at a level that sits at \$113,645 in 2018, but increase at a rate of half the rate of inflation.” [Forbes, [6/7/19](#)]

Employees Must Have At Least 10 Years Of Service To Receive A Pension Benefit Under SERS. “To receive a pension benefit, you must have a minimum of 10 years of credited service with SERS. You may retire at: Age 67, with 10 years of credited service. Between ages 62-67 with 10 years of credited service (reduced 1/2 of 1% for each

month under age 67). Your pension will start on the first day of the month following withdrawal from service.”
[SERS, Accessed [10/25/21](#)]

2015-2016: King Worked For The Illinois Department Of Commerce

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Current (or last) Employer Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Street Address 100 W. Randolph City Chicago State IL

Position Title SPSA

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 37.5 Current/Last Salary \$ 8,334 Salary Period Monthly

Dates of Employment Month 3 Year 2015 To Month Year Total Years Months

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

Deputy Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology

Reason for Leaving: Transfer to new position

[Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 10/26/21]

King’s Salary Was \$100,008 Per Year As Deputy Director In The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology, With Monthly Pay Of \$8,334.



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity
Bruce Rauner, Governor

February 18, 2015

Dear Ms. King:

This is to confirm the Agency's offer of employment to an Exempt Appointment to fill the position of Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1, Deputy Director in the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The annual salary for this position will be \$100,008. The monthly salary for this position will be \$8,334.

As an Exempt Appointment, you are exempt from Jurisdiction B of the Personnel Code. All other provisions of the Personnel Code and Personnel Rules govern your rights and benefits as an exempt employee. You are also subject to the administrative regulations of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Also, as an exempt employee, your employment is "at will" and can be terminated at the discretion of the Director. Your employment status during your appointment will remain exempt, and you will not attain certified status in this appointment.

Andrea Winters
Acting Assistant Director

[Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 2/18/15]

December 2015: King Became Senior Advisor To The Director Of Commerce

According To Her Personnel File, King's Transition To Senior Advisor To The Director Of Commerce Was Announced In Nov. 2015 And Took Effect On Dec. 1, 2015.

From: Brown-McCreery, Heidi
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 2:13 PM
To: CEO.Outlook.Users
Subject: Staffing Announcements

Esther King will transition to a role as Senior Advisor to the Director, and will be focusing on building effective processes for managing my schedule, public presentations, and key relationships. I'm grateful that Esther has agreed to take on this new role, and firmly believe that her help and advice will allow me to better lead the Department and manage the critical relationships that we need to succeed as a team. Esther will remain based in Chicago.

Please join me in congratulating our team members on their new roles and welcoming our new leaders to the Department!

Thanks - HBM

Heidi Brown-McCreery
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[Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]

King's Monthly Salary Was \$8,334 As A Senior Public Service Administrator.



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[Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 2/18/15]

February 2016: King Was Fired From Her Job At The Illinois Department Of Commerce For Being A "Poor Cultural Fit," And Publicly Misrepresented Her Experience, According to Personnel Records

February 2016: King Was Fired From The Illinois Department Of Commerce. "Ms. King, be advised that effective February 24, 2016, your services are no longer required by the Agency. Your pay and benefits will continue through March 15, 2016."

February 24, 2016

Esther King, Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1

RE: Termination

Ms. King, be advised that effective February 24, 2016, your services are no longer required by the Agency. Your pay and benefits will continue through March 15, 2016.

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Cc: Emily Monk, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Human Resources
Personnel File

[Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 2/24/16]

King Was Fired For Being A "Poor Cultural Fit."

CASE NUMBER: 1820851420		CASE TYPE: 64	ITEM NUMBER: 010	ITEM TYPE: EMPL-05
FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) KING, ESTHER JOY				
OTHER NAMES USED				
DATE OF BIRTH		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		POSITION REQUIRING INVESTIGATION
				MILITARY
PLACE OF BIRTH TULSA TULSA, OK				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORD SEARCH DATE: 02/2016 FIRED FROM JOB				
REASON: POOR CULTURAL FIT.				

[U.S. Office Of Personnel Management, INV Form 40: Esther Joy King, Case Number 1820851420, 2/24/16]

Professional Career

Significant Findings

King's Professional History Was Largely Unverified Or Overstated, Including Claiming To Have Founded Or Directed Several Businesses That Had No Record Of Existing, And Listing Herself As A Partner At A Firm That Was Dissolved Four Years Earlier

- ✓ King claimed to have founded, directed, or worked at several businesses that had no record of existing, including Flashbulb Media, 364 Social, Summerset Group Communications, and King and Associates.
- ✓ 2019: King listed herself as a partner at GRP21, a firm that was involuntarily dissolved in 2015.
- ✓ 2021: King claimed to be a board member at a charity called Simone's Kids that funded a school in Uganda, but she was not listed as a board member on the non-profit's tax filings.
- ✓ King practiced real estate law at King & Clark LLC in East Moline, but her law partner Clark Miljush appeared to have his own separate law firm.
- ✓ In 2016, King was an incorporator of Launch Ohio, Inc., a nonprofit in Athens, OH, but the entity has not filed any 990 forms with the IRS since its formation.

Three Of King's Businesses – King & Clark LLC, GRP21, And Uprise Enterprise – Were Not In Good Standing Or Void, Meaning The Companies Failed To File Reports Or Pay Required Taxes Or Fees

- ✓ 2019: King listed herself as a partner at GRP21, a firm that was involuntarily dissolved in 2015.
 - ✓ A company is involuntarily dissolved in Illinois when it fails to file necessary reports and pay required fees to the state.
- ✓ 2021: King & Clark LLC was not in good standing with the state of Illinois, meaning the company had not filed the required reports or paid its fees.
- ✓ In her personal financial disclosure for 2020, King listed herself as a majority owner of Uprise Enterprise, LLC, a company registered in Delaware.
 - ✓ As of 2021, Uprise Enterprise's status in Delaware was "void" and it owed \$1,812.07 in taxes.

King Listed Only One Source Of Compensation Greater Than \$5,000 On Her Personal Financial Disclosures For 2019 And 2020, From A Company With A History Of OSHA And Wage Theft Violations

- ✓ King received at least \$5,000 in compensation from East Moline Glass, which had faced several OSHA complaints for safety violations in previous years and sued local unions in an effort to repudiate a collective bargaining agreement.
- ✓ East Moline Glass Co. violated Illinois's Prevailing Wage Law in 2017 and was found to owe workers in

Rock Island County nearly \$20,000.

- ✓ King was listed on a deed of transfer for company president Larry Anderson as the attorney handling the transaction when Anderson purchased property at 2821 10th Street, East Moline, IL.
 - ✓ 2821 10th Street, East Moline, IL was the registered address of King's 2020 campaign and her legal business was registered there with a local chamber of commerce.
- ✓ Anderson gave more than \$25,000 to Republican candidates in northwestern Illinois, including \$12,800 to King and other candidates opposing Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos from 2010 to 2020.

King Disclosed \$50,000 In Income For 2020 And Up To \$300,000 In Debt, But Loaned Her Congressional Campaign \$10,150 Between 2019 and 2020

- ✓ King only reported income of \$50,000 in 2020, and reported negative net worth with between \$115,002 and \$300,000 in outstanding loans, but managed to loan \$10,150 to her own campaign.
- ✓ 2020: King reported only making \$50,000 in income from her law practice King & Clark LLC.
- ✓ 2019-2020: King reported having between \$100,001 and \$250,000 in student loans, and having between \$15,001 and \$50,000 in "career loans" from USAA.

On The Campaign Trail, King Touted Her Work At The Illinois Department Of Commerce...

- ✓ King used her experience at the Illinois Department of Commerce to bolster her business credentials and said her job there was "exactly what I'm excited to be doing as representative."

... But King Was Fired From Her Job At The Illinois Department Of Commerce For Being A "Poor Cultural Fit," And Publicly Misrepresented Her Experience At The Department

- ✓ When asked why she left her state job, King said she "split ways" with the administration due to disagreements over "methodology" and "values."
- ✓ Personnel records showed King was fired from the Illinois Department of Commerce for being a "poor cultural fit."
- ✓ King repeatedly overstated the position she held in the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology.
 - ✓ King publicly claimed that she was the Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology, but her personnel file indicated she was only the Deputy Director.

King's Professional History Was Largely Unverified Or Overstated

King Glossed Over The Periods Of Her Life When She Lived And Worked In Texas And Illinois

In 2020, King Was "Glossing Over Some Parts Of Her Own Resume," Such As When She Worked As An Associate Lawyer At A Big Chicago Law Firm. "Republican Esther Joy King's campaign takes a jab at Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos' work in Washington while glossing over some parts of her own resume. King, who's challenging Bustos for the 17th Congressional District, is quick to tell voters about growing up with Christian missionary parents. The 34-year-old says she also earned degrees from Oral Roberts University and

Northwestern Law School, worked in Afghanistan to support women's rights, joined the U.S. Army JAG Corps. She has also worked as an associate lawyer at a big Chicago law firm and for the state's Department of Commerce under the Rauner administration. She doesn't really mention living in Texas and Chicago before moving to the district, which lines the state's northwest border with Iowa, a point Bustos seizes on in her latest ad: 'Who is the real Esther Joy King? She just moved from Chicago to run for Congress.'" [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

King Claimed To Work At Companies That Appeared To Be “Non-Existent,” Declined To Offer Information Verifying Her Employment, And Complained About Being Criticized For Lacking Professional Experience

King Claimed To Work At Companies That Appeared To Be “Non-Existent” And Declined To Offer Information About Them. “Before running for office, King headed a social media marketing company called 364.Social, a company we couldn't find online. King says that's because it was folded into another marketing firm that she helped start: GRP21, which also has next-to-no presence online. A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent. King doesn't mention those companies on her LinkedIn page — she said she just chose not to — and didn't supply any information about them. She told Playbook she 'no longer has any ownership interest' in Flashbulb or GRP21. King says she's now a partner at King & Clark LLC, a real estate law firm.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

King Complained About Bustos Criticizing Her Lack Of Work Experience. “Some reports have also raised questions about King's claims about starting various social media and media-focused companies, which have little presence online. King, in response, has blasted Bustos for the scrutiny, claiming she is attempting to distract from her record representing the district. ‘This is what Washington politicians like Cheri Bustos do when voters have had enough of them - they attack and distort their opponent's record as a distraction from the fact that Bustos is helping create jobs in China, not here Illinois,’ King said.” [The Hill, [10/24/20](#)]

King Only Reported Income Of \$50,000 In 2020, And Reported Negative Net Worth With Between \$115,002 And \$300,000 In Outstanding Loans, But Managed To Loan \$10,150 To Her Own Campaign

2020: King Reported Receiving \$50,000 In Income From King & Clark, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2019: King Reported Receiving \$25,000 In Income From King & Clark, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/19/19](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$100,001 And \$250,000 In Student Loans. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King Reported Having Between \$15,001 And \$50,000 In Career Loans From USAA. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

2020: King's Reported Net Worth Was Between -\$297,996 And -\$83,002. [Esther Joy King 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

According To The Federal Election Commission, King Loaned Her Campaign \$10,150 From 2019-2020.

Committee: ESTHER FOR CONGRESS

Loan Source	Address	Description	Date incurred	Date due	Interest Rate	Secured Loan?	Line #	Original Amount of Loan	Amount Paid To Date	Loan Balance	Memo
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		09/01/2019	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	
ESTHER JOY KING - [PERSONAL FUNDS]	2821 10TH ST EAST MOLINE, Illinois 612443236		12/31/2020	NONE	0.0000	NO	10	1650.00	0.00	1650.00	
Total Loans This Period = 10150.00											

[FEC, [12/31/20](#)]

Professional Career Timeline

April 2021: After King's Mother Susan King Died From Cancer, King Took Over Teaching Her Mother's Classes Remotely At An International School In Kabul

2021: After King's Mother Susan King Died After Being Diagnosed With Cancer, King Took Over Teaching Her Mother's Classes Remotely At An International School In Kabul. "When Esther moved to Kabul for her aid work, Susan, together with her husband Robert, took the opportunity to visit. The Kings decided to stay on to start a K-12, co-ed school in Kabul. Susan taught English there until her cancer diagnosis just this year in February; she passed away in April. When she died, Esther filled in and took over her mom's classes, teaching remotely until the end of the school term in May." [Substack, Common Sense with Bari Weiss, Accessed [10/28/21](#)]

August 2019-Present: King Said She Was A Real Estate Attorney At King & Clark LLC In East Moline, Illinois

King Said She Was "Practicing As A Real Estate Attorney" After She "Started A Law Firm." "What's her current occupation? 'I have a law office. I'm practicing as a real estate attorney. I came to the Quad Cities through the Rock Island Arsenal; switched back to [Army] Reserve status and started a law firm. I have some great clients who are very understanding I have a big purpose in life and are patient with me in my legal duties.'" [Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

August 27th, 2019: King & Clark LLC Registered With The Illinois Secretary Of State With Esther Joy King And Clark Miljush Listed As Managers. [Illinois Secretary of State Corporation Search, [8/27/19](#)]

For more information on Clark Miljush, click [here](#).

August 1st, 2021: King & Clark LLC Was Not In Good Standing With The State Of Illinois, Meaning The Company Had Not Filed The Required Reports Or Paid Its Fees

August 1st, 2021: King & Clark LLC Was Not In Good Standing With The State Of Illinois.

[Corporation/LLC Search/Certificate of Good Standing](#)

LLC File Detail Report

File Number	08067287
Entity Name	KING AND CLARK LLC
Status	NGS on Sunday, 1 August 2021

[Illinois Secretary of State Corporation Search, [8/1/21](#)]

- **To Receive A Certificate Of Good Standing, A Business Must Pay \$25 And Meet Necessary Requirements.** “From the File Detail Report of a corporation or limited liability company, you may purchase a Certificate of Good Standing if the entity has satisfied all necessary requirements. You should immediately print the certificate from the link on the receipt page or from the link on the returned email. There is a \$25 fee for a corporation or a LLC good standing and \$5 fee for a Not-for-Profit corporation certificate. Payment must be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. A payment processor fee will be assessed to all transactions.” [Illinois Secretary of State, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]
- **Not In Good Standing Meant To A Corporation In The State Of Illinois Failed To Comply With The State's Requirements For Reporting And Paying Fees.** “Illinois corporation not in good standing refers to a corporation in the state of Illinois that has failed to comply with the state's requirements for reporting and paying fees. Corporate Status When business owners elect to create an LLP, corporation, or LLC, they need to file the correct formation papers with their state. If a business owner wants to do business in a state other than their home state, they will also need to file the formation papers with these states. The state will then grant the corporation the right to conduct business. The corporation will become a statutory business entity and will enjoy all of the advantages that this entails. In order to maintain this right to conduct business, the business will become subject to a number of business laws and requirements. Some examples of these business rights and requirements include the following: Appointing a registered agent Paying franchise taxes and fees Filing required forms in a timely manner A business is considered to be in good standing for the records of the state as long as the business is in compliance with these requirements. Being in good standing allows the business to keep their rights and privileges as a business that is considered a statutory entity.” [Up Counsel, [10/28/20](#)]

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King Was An Active Attorney With The Illinois State Bar And Was Authorized To Practice Law As Of 2021, But Did Not Maintain Malpractice Insurance

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Full Licensed Name Esther Joy King

Full Former Name(s) None

Registered Address King & Clark LLC
801 Bend Blvd. APT 313
East Moline, Illinois 61244

Registered Phone (312) 813-0256

Date Admitted	October 31, 2013
Illinois Registration Status	Active and authorized to practice law – Last Registered Year: 2021
Malpractice Insurance	In annual registration, the attorney reported that the attorney, or the attorney's firm, does not maintain malpractice insurance. (Some attorneys, such as judges, government lawyers, and in-house corporate lawyers, may not carry coverage due to the nature of their practice setting.)

Public Record of Discipline and Pending Proceedings

None

[Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission, Accessed [10/13/21](#)]

- **Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice: Primarily Solo Practitioners Did Not Have To Have Malpractice Insurance.** “The rule change is based on data the ARDC compiled in research over several years on the demographics of Illinois attorneys who do not have professional liability insurance and a study of data from other states, as well. According to Chief Justice Karmeier, the data shows that a majority of those without malpractice insurance are solo practitioners.” [Illinois State Bar Association, [2/2017](#)]

2021: King & Clark LLC Was Not Listed On King’s LinkedIn Profile, But She Reported Making \$75,000 In Income From The Business From 2019-2020

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People ▾
Esther Joy
King

Experience



JAG Officer
United States Army Reserve
Mar 2018 - Present · 3 years 8 months
Greater Chicago Area



Illinois Department of Commerce
1 year

- **Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce**
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- **Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology**
2015 - 2016 · 1 year
Greater Chicago Area



Associate
Kirkland & Ellis
2013 - 2015 · 2 years

[Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [10/13/21](#)]

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King's Law Partner Clark Miljush Had His Own Law Practice And Was A Part-Time Public Defender

King's Law Partner Clark Miljush Had His Own Criminal Defense Practice Separate From King. "Bring Your Case to the Law Office of Clark Miljush The Quad Cities' trusted criminal defense law firm Being arrested can affect your future. You need an experienced criminal defense law firm by your side. The Law Office of Clark Miljush will represent you during court appearances and help you build your case in Quad Cities & Rock Island, Illinois. Attorney Miljush is the practicing attorney at our criminal defense law firm, working with clients every day to prove their innocence. He is also an estate planning attorney, helping individuals write their wills and create trusts for their loved ones." [Law Office of Clark Miljush, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

- **Miljush Also Practiced Real Estate Law At His Firm.** "Real estate law is complicated, so it's important to have legal representation during any disputes. Hiring a real estate attorney will help you move through the legal process. The Law Office of Clark Miljush works with clients to understand their rights as a home buyer, seller or property manager. Consult a real estate law firm if you're... Buying or selling property. Renting property for your business. Evicting a residential or commercial tenant. Do you need to evict a tenant? Go over their leasing agreement with a real estate attorney today." [Law Office of Clark Miljush, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

Miljush Was A Part-Time Public Defender In Henry County. "Attorneys Matt Paulson and Clark Miljush are part-time public defenders handling criminal felonies, conflict cases and juvenile matters. They also run private practices at the following locations and can be retained privately for civil, family and criminal matters." [Henry County Public Defender, accessed [10/17/21](#)]

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King Claimed She Helped Start GRP21 After Obtaining Her Law Degree. "Esther Joy King began her legal career as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago and later had the opportunity to serve the State of Illinois in the office of entrepreneurship, innovation, and technology. Her entrepreneurial spirit also led her to start a marketing firm after obtaining her law degree, GRP21, where she learned firsthand about creating jobs and opportunities." [Chicago Council, [7/29/21](#)]

- **King Earned Her Law Degree In 2013.** [Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]
- **GRP21 Was Formed In 2014.** [Illinois Secretary of State Business Entity Search, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]

GRP21, LLC Was A Domestic Corporation In Illinois That Was Involuntarily Dissolved In July 2015.

Corporation/LLC Search/Certificate of Good Standing

LLC File Detail Report

File Number	04630971
Entity Name	GRP21, LLC
Status	INVOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION on Friday, 10 July 2015

[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

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October 2020: King Said She “No Longer Has An Interest” In GRP21. “A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent. King doesn’t mention those companies on her LinkedIn page — she said she just chose not to — and didn’t supply any information about them. She told Playbook she ‘no longer has any ownership interest’ in Flashbulb or GRP21.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

March 2018: King Was A Judge Advocate General In The U.S. Army Reserve And Was Stationed At Rock Island Arsenal

March 2018-Present: King Was A JAG Officer In The U.S. Army Reserve.



People ▼

Esther Joy

King



Experience


JAG Officer

United States Army Reserve

Mar 2018 - Present · 3 years 8 months

Greater Chicago Area

[Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

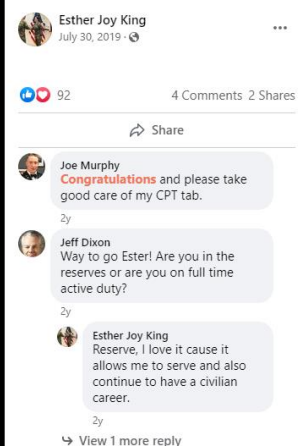
King Said She Handled National Security Law Cases, Administrative Cases, And Fiscal Law Cases As A JAG Officer. KING: “Yeah, so I I'm in the Army Reserve. I was on active duty for a time and then came to the Rock Island Arsenal for annual training. And that's how I came to this area of Illinois. And I've loved being part of the community here and now as an Army Reserve Captain. I'm a JAG Officer which means I'm a lawyer in the Army. I do one weekend a month, and two weeks a year of training of annual training. So I just did my annual training. One of my veterans supporters joked, I went to summer camp. I went to Army summer camp. But when I'm doing my training with Army, I do legal work so I got to work on a variety of cases at the Rock Island Arsenal, and just helping support their command and all types of. And when you're when you're an army lawyer, anything can come your way. So it could be an administrative case or a fiscal law case or a national security law case. There's all types of responses that you get involved in that you help advise the commander on, and I love it. I'm a little bit of a nerd, Vanessa. And it really shows up in my legal work with the Army.” [WKRAM 1330, 8/6/20] (AUDIO)

2019: King Was Promoted To A Captain Rank And Stationed At Rock Island Arsenal. “Three years ago I signed an oath to ‘support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.’ That oath is about loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. As a practicing attorney, I serve as a member of the Army JAG Corps. Last year I was promoted to captain and I’m assigned to the Army Reserve Rock Island Arsenal.” [Quad City Times, Esther Joy King Op-ed, [8/5/20](#)]

King Said She Was In The U.S. Army Reserve Because “It Allows Me To Serve And Continue To Have A Civilian Career.”



[Esther Joy King Facebook, [7/30/19](#)]



May 2016: King Said She Worked For Somerset Group Communications, A Republican Consulting Firm With No Documented History

King Handled Marketing And Communication At Summerset Group Communications, A Republican Consulting Firm. “Now she’s handling marketing and communication at Summerset Group Communications, a GOP focused political consulting firm.” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [5/16/16](#)]

October 2021: The Illinois Secretary Of State Did Not Have Records Of Summerset Group Communications Being A Registered Entity.



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Message

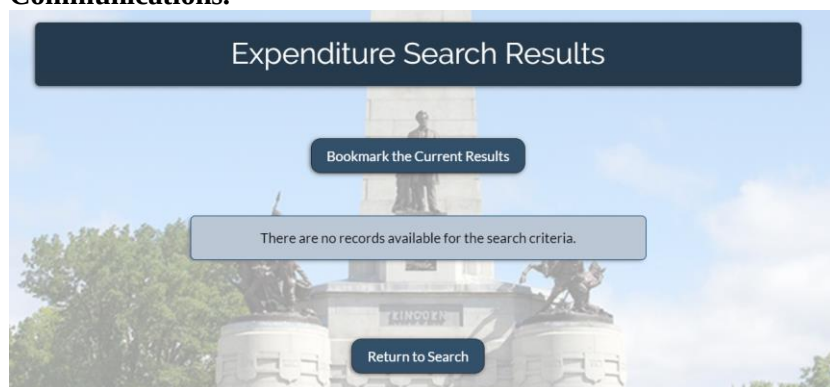
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[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

The FEC Had No Record Of Disbursements Made To Summerset Group Communications. [FEC, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

The Illinois State Board Of Elections Had No Record Of Expenditures Made To Summerset Group Communications.



[Illinois State Board Of Elections, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Nexis Had No Business Records For Summerset Group Communications.

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- Check for spelling errors.
- Remove some search terms.
- Check the "find similar-sounding last names" checkbox.

SmartLinx® Comprehensive Business Report 

Terms: company(summerset group communications) radius(15) state(IL)

[Edit Search](#)
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[Nexis Comprehensive Business Report Search, Accessed 10/18/21]

September 2016: On An Event Page, King Was Listed As A Founder Of Flashbulb Media, Which Appeared “To Be Non-Existent”

King Claimed She Was A Cofounder Of Flashbulb Media, Which “Appears To Be Non-Existent.” “A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent. King doesn’t mention those companies on her LinkedIn page — she said she just chose not to — and didn’t supply any information about them. She told Playbook she ‘no longer has any ownership interest’ in Flashbulb or GRP21.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

2016: An Event Page For The Venture For Women & Diversity Summit Listed King As A Founder Of Flashbulb Media.



Esther Joy King

Founder

[Flashbulb Media](#)

[Intelligent Event, Venture for Women & Diversity Summit, [9/23/16](#)]

October 2021: The Illinois Secretary Of State Did Not Have Records Of Flashbulb Media Being A Registered Entity.



Corporation/LLC Search/Certificate of Good Standing

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Your search for **flashbulb media**, did not match any records.

Please try again.

[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

Nexis Had No Business Records For A Company Named Flashbulb Media. [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report Search, Accessed 10/17/21]

January 2017: King Claimed To Be CEO Of 364 Social, A Company Journalists “Couldn’t Find Online”

January 2017: King Hosted A Fireside Chat At Northwestern School Of Law Where She Billed Herself As The CEO Of 364 Social.

2016-17 Alumni Fireside Chat Speakers

March 2017

Paul Gaynor (JD '90)

Managing Member

G&R Public Law and Strategies, LLC

February 2017

Kendrick Washington (JD '10)

Civil Rights Attorney

U.S. Department of Education

January 2017

Esther Joy King (JD LLM '13)

CEO

364 Social

[Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

King Said She Ran 364 Social, A Company That Developed Social Media Video Content For Its Clients. “I’m going to back up a bit and tell you about my path and how I arrived at being an entrepreneur. So, I’m a lawyer. I went into law and decided it wasn’t what I wanted to do with my life. However, entrepreneurship is such a thrilling life to live. The company that I’m running right now is called 364 Social. We’re a social media content development company. We make one to two minute videos for our clients, 364 days a year so that they can tell their story on social media.” [Medium, The Tulle Project, [8/25/17](#)]

King Claimed To Be CEO Of 364 Social, A Company Journalists “Couldn’t Find Online.” “Before running for office, King headed a social media marketing company called 364.Social, a company we couldn’t find online. King says that’s because it was folded into another marketing firm that she helped start: GRP21, which also has

next-to-no presence online. A few years ago, King also billed herself as founder of Flashbulb Media — another company that appears to be non-existent.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [10/19/20](#)]

October 2021: The Illinois Secretary Of State Did Not Have Records Of 364 Social Being A Registered Entity.



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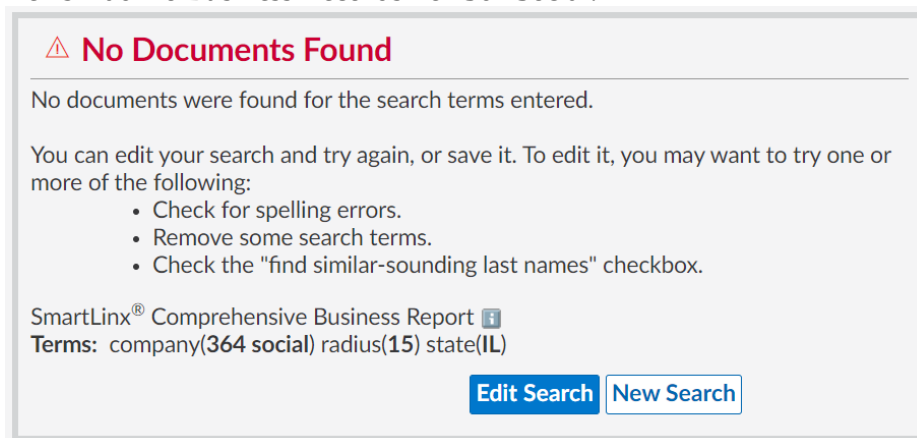
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[Illinois Secretary Of State, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

Nexis Had No Business Records For 364 Social.



[Nexis Comprehensive Business Report Search, Accessed 10/21/21]

2015-2016: King Worked For The Illinois Department Of Commerce Under Governor Bruce Rauner

2015-2016: King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.



Illinois Department of Commerce

1 year

- Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce**
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology**
2015 - 2016 · 1 year
Greater Chicago Area

[Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [9/27/21](#)]

- January 2015 – January 2019: Bruce Rauner Was Governor Of Illinois.**

[Back to former Illinois governors](#)



Illinois

Gov. Bruce Rauner

Terms

January 12, 2015 - January 14, 2019

Party

Republican

Born

February 18, 1957

Birth State

Illinois

School

Dartmouth College; Harvard Business School

Family

Married Diana Rauner; six children

Spouse

[Diana Rauner](#)

[National Governors Association, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]

March 2015-December 2015: King Was Deputy Director Of The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology

In 2015 Her Application To Be Senior Advisor To The Director Of Commerce, King Indicated That Her Most Recent Position Title Was “Deputy Director Of The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology.”

15. WORK HISTORY: Complete this section in detail. All fields **MUST** be completed to be considered for grading. Begin with most recent position title and work backward. If you have an extensive work history with one employer, list each change in position title separately including duties and dates associated with each. If additional space is needed, click the "Add Another Employment Record" button or attach a separate sheet following the same format as below. Resumes submitted must be in same format as the application. Attach additional sheets/resumes to the application.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- College internships/practicums successfully completed
- Military experience including dates, listing each change in rank and title
- Related volunteer experience including dates and hours worked

Current (or last) Employer Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Street Address 100 W. Randolph City Chicago State IL

Position Title SPSA

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 37.5 Current/Last Salary \$ 8,334 Salary Period Monthly

Dates of Employment Month 3 Year 2015 To Month Year Total Years Months

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

Deputy Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology

Reason for Leaving: Transfer to new position

[Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 35, Accessed 10/1/21]

King's Salary Was \$100,008 Per Year As Deputy Director In The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology, With Monthly Pay Of \$8,334.



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity
Bruce Rauner, Governor

February 18, 2015

Dear Ms. King:

This is to confirm the Agency's offer of employment to an Exempt Appointment to fill the position of Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1, Deputy Director in the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The annual salary for this position will be \$100,008. The monthly salary for this position will be \$8,334.

As an Exempt Appointment, you are exempt from Jurisdiction B of the Personnel Code. All other provisions of the Personnel Code and Personnel Rules govern your rights and benefits as an exempt employee. You are also subject to the administrative regulations of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Also, as an exempt employee, your employment is "at will" and can be terminated at the discretion of the Director. Your employment status during your appointment will remain exempt, and you will not attain certified status in this appointment.

Rhonda Winters
Acting Assistant Director

[Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 2/18/15]

King's Duties Included Courting Companies, Liaising With Other Government Agencies, And Supporting Growth In The State's Technology Sector. "After graduating, King worked as an associate with Kirkland & Ellis' commercial real estate practice before joining the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in 2015. King currently serves as director of entrepreneurship, innovation, and technology with the department, where she officially represents Illinois to the business community. Her portfolio of work includes

courting companies, liaising with other state government departments, and supporting the state's growing entrepreneurial technology landscape.” [Northwestern Law Reporter, Fall 2016, Volume V, Number 1, [2016](#)]

King Publicly Claimed That She Was The Director Of The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology But Her Personnel File Indicated She Was Only The Deputy Director

In 2015 Her Application To Be Senior Advisor To The Director Of Commerce, King Indicated She Was “Deputy Director Of The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology.”

15. WORK HISTORY: Complete this section in detail. All fields MUST be completed to be considered for grading. Begin with most recent position title and work backward. If you have an extensive work history with one employer, list each change in position title separately including duties and dates associated with each. If additional space is needed, click the "Add Another Employment Record" button or attach a separate sheet following the same format as below. Resumes submitted must be in same format as the application. Attach additional sheets/resumes to the application.

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Current (or last) Employer Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Street Address 100 W. Randolph

City Chicago

State IL

Position Title SPSA

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 37.5

Current/Last Salary \$ 8,334

Salary Period Monthly

Dates of Employment Month 3 Year 2015

To Month Year

Total Years Months

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades

Professional

Technical/Para-Professional

Clerical

Administrative

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

Deputy Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology

Reason for Leaving: Transfer to new position

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 35, Accessed 10/1/21]

On Her LinkedIn Page, King Claimed To Have Been The “Director Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology.”



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2016 - 2016 · less than a year

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[Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]

October 2020: King Said She Was “Director Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology” For The

State Of Illinois. MAXWELL: “All right. Also this: I think this is your first time running for public office. Correct me if I’m wrong, a political newcomer, but not your first time in government. I noticed on your resume, you worked for Governor Rauner for a short stint. That was back in his early days, but didn’t last too long. What happened there? Why’d you leave? How’d you like it?” KING: “Yeah. Well, what I loved, Mark, about working for the state of Illinois as Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology is I got to be around business owners. I got to be around entrepreneurs and it was my job to help grow and promote the business community of Illinois, which is actually exactly what I’m excited to be doing as Representative.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

December 2015: King Became Senior Advisor To The Director Of Commerce

According To Her Personnel File, King’s Transition To Senior Advisor To The Director Of Commerce Was Announced In Nov. 2015 And Took Effect On Dec. 1, 2015.

From: Brown-McCreery, Heidi
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 2:13 PM
To: CEO.Outlook.Users
Subject: Staffing Announcements

Esther King will transition to a role as Senior Advisor to the Director, and will be focusing on building effective processes for managing my schedule, public presentations, and key relationships. I’m grateful that Esther has agreed to take on this new role, and firmly believe that her help and advice will allow me to better lead the Department and manage the critical relationships that we need to succeed as a team. Esther will remain based in Chicago.

Please join me in congratulating our team members on their new roles and welcoming our new leaders to the Department!

Thanks - HBM

Heidi Brown-McCreery
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C: 217.725.8642
heidi.brown-mccreery@illinois.gov
www.illinois.gov/dceo

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]

King Was A “Confidential Assistant” To Jim Schultz.

Last Name	King
First Name	Esther
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Monthly Salary	\$8,334.00
Effective Date	12/1/2015
SSN	
Bureau / Division / Office	Director's Office/Confidential Assistant
Section / Immediate Supervisor	Jim Schultz

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/3/15]

King's Job Included Advising Schultz And Helping Conduct Studies On Implementing The Department's Economic Development Policy.

16. COMPLETE CURRENT AND ACCURATE STATEMENT OF POSITION ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (Continued)
Directs and conducts studies of a sensitive nature on particular topic for use in the development and implementation of the Department's economic development strategy; advises the Director on potentially sensitive and confidential issues having a direct effect on the operations of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/1/15]

Schultz Was A "Longtime Bruce Rauner Loyalist" Who Said Decreasing Union Power Was One Of His Priorities

Schultz Was A "Longtime Bruce Rauner Loyalist" Who Was "Absolutely Committed To Turning The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Into A Semiprivatized Group." "Jim Schultz is a St. Louis Cardinals fan – hey, no one's perfect – a longtime Bruce Rauner loyalist and, like the governor, a private-equity veteran who has a big wide smile. One other thing: He says he's absolutely committed to turning the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity into a semiprivatized group like those in many other states, as well as achieving the entirety of Rauner's controversial agenda to turn around the state's lagging economy. In an interview yesterday, Schultz, who has kept a low media profile since being named to head DCEO in February, strongly defended Rauner's proposal to turn day-to-day control of key DCEO functions over to a new private group similar to World Business Chicago and run by a board mostly filled with corporate execs." [Crain's Chicago Business, [5/12/15](#)]

Schultz Said Decreasing Union Power In Illinois Was One Of His Priorities. "Another potential problem is that the DCEO plan is part of Rauner's wider agenda to reform tort law, cut back on workers' compensation insurance and aid to the unemployed, allow local communities to ban union shops, and reduce the power of public-sector unions. Asked what ranks highest on that list, Schultz replied: 'All of it. There's no rank order.' Pushed a bit, he seemed to suggest that the privatization idea is his personal priority, but termed the other items 'all the same.' More than 1,100 companies 'blacklist' Illinois because it has no right-to-work law, Schultz said, declining to name any of the 1,100." [Chicago Crain's Business, [5/12/15](#)]

Schultz Agreed With Rauner's Plan To Create Right-To-Work Zones. "He said it will be hard, given Rauner's proposed \$586 million budget cut to his office. He said he doesn't know how he'll reorganize the 370-worker outfit, but he agrees with the austere appropriation to get Illinois' fiscal house in order. He also agrees with one of Rauner's more controversial proposals: right-to-work zones. However, Schultz said it was not necessarily at the top of his list for ways to build an overall business-friendly environment in the state." [Peoria Journal Star, [3/30/15](#)]

- **2015: Rauner Said He Planned To Prioritize The Creation Of Right-To-Work Zones To Attract Businesses.** "Gov. Bruce Rauner said Tuesday he wants to prioritize creating 'right-to-work zones' in economically depressed areas where local officials could decide whether union fees would be voluntary for local workers. The new Republican governor insisted he wasn't pushing for a statewide law like GOP-backed statutes fiercely opposed by Democrats in other states. But he said some communities in union-friendly Illinois could benefit from the flexibility to attract businesses. [...] Rauner has said that 'right-to-work zones' could include designating areas where businesses face fewer tax and regulatory burdens." [CBS Chicago, [1/28/15](#)]
- **Rauner's Right-To-Work Zones Would Block Unions From Requiring Workers To Pay Union Dues.** "Governor Bruce Rauner first outlined his plan for what he called worker empowerment zones in late January, during a visit to Decatur. He said he was not in favor of making Illinois a right-to-work state. 'But I do advocate local governments, local voters, being able to decide for themselves whether to be right to work areas, right-to-work zones.' If a city or county voted to become a right-to-work zone, unions could no longer require workers to pay union dues. It's rare for local governments to enact right-to-work laws." [WSIU, [2/25/15](#)]
- **Right-To-Work Policies Allowed Individual Workers To Choose Not To Join A Union While Still Getting The Benefits Of Union Membership.** "'Right to work' refers to a policy that allows individual workers to choose not to join a labor union but still have benefits and protections of union membership. Lincolnshire officials responded to Rauner's call in 2015 to form its own right to work zone." [ABC 20, [10/24/17](#)]
- **Rauner Vetoed Legislation That Banned Localities From Creating Right-To-Zones In 2017, Which Unions Called Right-To-Work Zones "An Attack On Working People."** "Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday narrowly escaped having one of his vetoes overridden. The legislation would have banned cities and counties from setting up 'right-to-work zones.' That's where employees could opt out of paying union fees, even if they get union-negotiated pay and benefits. Unions say it's an attack on working people." [WGLT, [11/7/17](#)]
- **Rauner Argued Right-To-Work Zones Would "Lure Back" Businesses But A Study Found Right-To-Work Laws "Not Only Weaken Union Bargaining Power But Also Negatively Affect Wages."** "Rauner began talking publicly about pushing city- and county-designated right-to-work zones at a Jan. 27 event in Decatur. A few days later he traveled to Champaign. There hundreds of people gathered to protest him and his proposal. Among them was Dan Gilbert, a professor at the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois. [...] The governor has argued that the zones will help lure back businesses that have relocated to right-to-work states and that the rising tax revenue will help plug Illinois' approximately \$9 billion budget deficit. But a study conducted by Gilbert's colleagues at the university found that right-to-work laws not only weaken union bargaining power but also negatively affect wages, thus reducing tax revenue. And any spikes in employment as a result of right-to-work are temporary, according to the study. 'A lot of folks see these policy proposals as real attacks on the labor movement, on working people, on a model of shared power in the workplace that has enabled communities like mine to sustain a middle class,' Gilbert said." [Al Jazeera, [2/22/15](#)]

AFSCME Had "Many Concerns" With Rauner's Privatization Plan, Including "Possible Loss Of Union Jobs." "The Business and Economic Development Corp., Schultz said, would have 70 to 100 employees, including a mix of new hires and DCEO employees moved from unionized state jobs to nonunion positions with the not-for-profit. He said about 350 jobs would remain at DCEO, though employment numbers and budgets have not been finalized. Approximately 400 DCEO workers are represented by the American Federation of State, County and

Municipal Employees. AFSCME spokesman Anders Lindall said the union has many concerns with the plan, including possible loss of union jobs and the experience of other states that have privatized economic development.” [State Journal-Register, [5/16/15](#)]

King Was Underqualified For Both Of Her Positions At The Illinois DCEO

King’s Position As Confidential Assistant To The Director Of The DCEO Required “Four Years Professional Experience In The Administration Of A Major Component Of A Public Sector Or Private Sector Business.”

SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK OF THIS POSITION. NOTE: SINCE THERE ARE NOW SEVERAL OPTIONS OF SKILLS AND ABILITIES AND LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION IDENTIFIED ON STANDARDS, THE PHRASE “SAME AS SPECIFICATION” CAN NO LONGER BE USED.

requires knowledge and experience equivalent to completion of four years of college with courses in business, administration or marketing; requires four years professional experience in the administration of a major component of a public sector or private sector business, with an emphasis in economic and/or community development.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

King Became Confidential Assistant To The Director In December 2015.

Dear Ms. King:

This is to inform you that you have received an Exempt Appointment to fill the position of Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1 in the Director’s Office/Confidential Assistant Division for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity effective on December 1, 2015. Your salary is \$8,334.00 per month. A copy of your position description and CMS-2 is attached.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

King Had Only Been Working At The DCEO Since March 2015.

Current (or last) Employer <u>Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity</u>					
Street Address <u>100 W. Randolph</u>		City <u>Chicago</u>		State <u>IL</u>	
Position Title <u>SPSA</u>					
Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week <u>37.5</u>		Current/Last Salary \$ <u>8,334</u>		Salary Period <u>Monthly</u>	
Dates of Employment Month <u>3</u> Year <u>2015</u>		To Month <u> </u> Year <u> </u>		Total Years <u> </u> Months <u> </u>	
Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below					
Manual/Trades <u> </u>		Professional <u> </u>		Technical/Para-Professional <u> </u>	
Clerical <u> </u>		Administrative <u> </u>			
Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)					
Deputy Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology					
Reason for Leaving: <u>Transfer to new position</u>					

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

King’s Position As Deputy Director At The DCEO Required “Four Years Professional Experience Administering Economic Development Programs In A Public Sector Environment.”

19. SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK OF THIS POSITION. NOTE: SINCE THERE ARE NOW SEVERAL OPTIONS OF SKILLS AND ABILITIES AND LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION IDENTIFIED ON STANDARDS, THE PHRASE "SAME AS SPECIFICATION" CAN NO LONGER BE USED.

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to completion of four years of college with courses in business, marketing, economics; requires four years professional experience administering economic development programs in a public sector environment.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

King Did Not Report Having The Required Economic Development Experience On Her Work History.

Current (or last) Employer Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Street Address 300 N. LaSalle Street City Chicago State IL

Position Title Real Estate Associate

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 100 Current/Last Salary \$ 190,000 Salary Period Annually

Dates of Employment Month 10 Year 2013 To Month 3 Year 2015 Total Years 1 Months 5

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional 3 Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative 14

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Coordinated key legal aspects of a \$233 million purchase and financing of fifteen hotels.
- Secured a \$36.5 million deal from private equity client branching into senior living facilities.
- Spearheaded the real estate logistics of a \$277.5 million purchase and merger of two companies.
- Acquired new pro bono client, Blue1647, a start-up incubator, which led to strong ties throughout Chicago's entrepreneurial community for firm.

Reason for Leaving: Job offer at the State of Illinois.

Past Employer City of Refuge

Street Address 9030 Lake Meadows Way City Columbia State MO

Position Title CoFounder and Board Member

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week Current/Last Salary \$ 0 Salary Period

Dates of Employment Month 2 Year 2010 To Month Year Total Years Months

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Served as Executive Vice President of the non-profit organization for one year.
- Created companies to employ international refugees and provided additional settlement services.
- Established employee training program, business practice methods, and customer relationship building strategies.

Reason for Leaving: Volunteering - ongoing

Past Employer King and Associates

Street Address 4514 Cole Ave City Dallas State TX

Position Title Administrative Director/Creative Consultant

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 60 Current/Last Salary \$ 70,000 Salary Period Annually

Dates of Employment Month 12 Year 2007 To Month 8 Year 2010 Total Years 2 Months 8

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative 8

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Cofounded and directed a creativity consulting and training company.
- Executive editor and publisher of four training curricula on problem solving and creativity.
- Managed long term growth strategy and cash flow of business.
- Recruited and supervised staff, independent contractors and interns.

Reason for Leaving: Attended Law school

Past Employer United Nations Project: Afghan Information Management Systems

Street Address Kabul, Afghanistan City State

Position Title Program Director

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 50 Current/Last Salary \$ 50,000 Salary Period Annually

Dates of Employment Month 5 Year 2008 To Month 7 Year 2008 Total Years Months 2

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative 12

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Designed and implemented professional skills development program for women.
- Created five week training course executing pilot program.
- Solicited \$1.2 million in funding by drafting a successful grant proposal for continuation of program.

Reason for Leaving: 3 month project completed

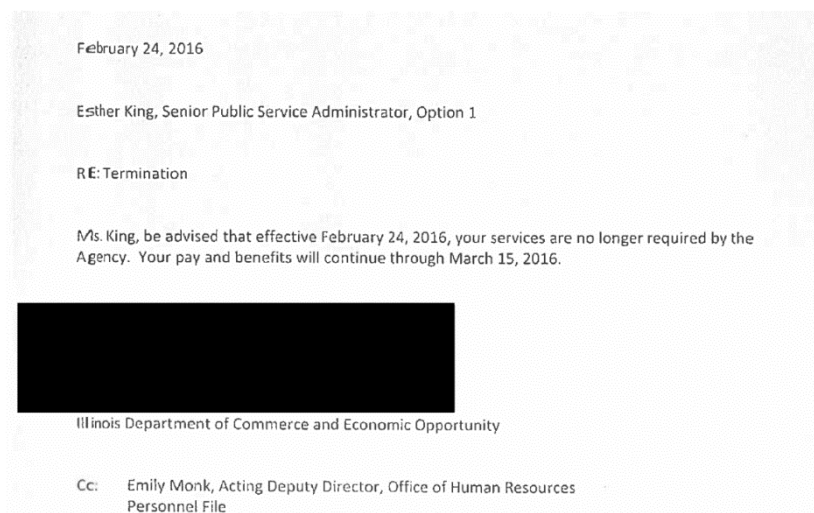
[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, Accessed 11/14/21]

February 2016: King Was Fired From Her Job At The Illinois Department Of Commerce, And Publicly Misrepresented Her Experience, According To Personnel Records

King Said She Disagreed With The Rauner Administration On “The Methodology And Some Of The Values That Were Being Placed” During Her Time In The Administration, So “We Split Ways.” MAXWELL: “You were there in that job with the state for in just a little over a year. Why’d you leave?” KING: “It was a decision that was, came from the, the administration. We did not agree on the methodology and some of the values that were being placed and we split ways.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

- **King Said Her Firing Was A Decision That “Came From The ... Administration.”** MAXWELL: “You were there in that job with the state for in just a little over a year. Why’d you leave?” KING: “It was a decision that was, came from the, the administration. We did not agree on the methodology and some of the values that were being placed and we split ways.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

February 2016: King Was Fired From The Illinois Department Of Commerce. “Ms. King, be advised that effective February 24, 2016, your services are no longer required by the Agency. Your pay and benefits will continue through March 15, 2016.”



[Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 2/24/16]

King Was Fired For Being A “Poor Cultural Fit.”

CASE NUMBER: 1820851420		CASE TYPE: 64	ITEM NUMBER: 010	ITEM TYPE: EMPL-05
FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) KING, ESTHER JOY				
OTHER NAMES USED				
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		POSITION REQUIRING INVESTIGATION	
			MILITARY	
PLACE OF BIRTH TULSA, OK				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORD SEARCH DATE: 02/2016 FIRED FROM JOB				
REASON: POOR CULTURAL FIT.				

[U.S. Office Of Personnel Management, INV Form 40: Esther Joy King, Case Number 1820851420, 2/24/16]

King Touted Her Experience In The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology During Her 2020 Campaign

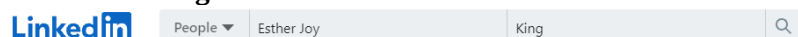
King Touted Her Experience In The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology During Her 2020 Campaign. MAXWELL: “All right. Also this: I think this is your first time running for public office. Correct me if I’m wrong, a political newcomer, but not your first time in government. I noticed on your resume, you worked for Governor Rauner for a short stint. That was back in his early days, but didn’t last too long. What happened there? Why’d you leave? How’d you like it?” KING: “Yeah. Well, what I loved, Mark, about working for the state of Illinois as Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology is I got to be around business owners. I got to be around entrepreneurs and it was my job to help grow and promote the business community of Illinois, which is actually exactly what I’m excited to be doing as Representative. Our business owners need help right now, Mark. We absolutely need support during this time of pandemic. For example, there’s a section of the Illinois 17th that has been rolled back, and business owners are like, ‘We can’t shut down again, Esther. We’re not going to make it through. And so getting them support is actually really critical, Mark, and what we’ve seen from Congress, whose job it is to help pass a stimulus package... I mean, talk about some political game playing. What Nancy Pelosi is doing right now in her left hand lieutenant Cheri Bustos, my opponent, she is preventing support coming directly to these businesses that are desperate that need help right now. And that’s what’s important. And that’s what this is about, is bringing better representation to the Illinois 17th Congressional District.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

King Said Her Job At The Office Of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, And Technology Was “Exactly What I’m Excited To Be Doing As Representative.” KING: “Yeah. Well, what I loved, Mark, about working for the state of Illinois as Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology is I got to be around business owners. I got to be around entrepreneurs and it was my job to help grow and promote the business community of Illinois, which is actually exactly what I’m excited to be doing as Representative. Our business owners need help right now, Mark. We absolutely need support during this time of pandemic.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)] (VIDEO)

King Said She Would Use Her “Business Background And My Entrepreneurial Spirit” As A Member Of Congress. KING: “So what I want to do and what I’m excited about being part of the system of government is to make it more customer-friendly, bring it better constituency services for people so when people do need to have the government’s help that the government is actually there and they don’t get hung up on and they don’t get a form letter in response to their concerns but they have someone who is customer service focused, kind of treating it like a business and helping them deal with their issues with government and interacting with government. That’s one thing I am really excited to bring with my business background and my entrepreneurial spirit, I’m really excited about that aspect of representing the Il-17 congressional district.” [WMBD, [2/5/20](#)]

2013-2015: King Was An Associate At Kirkland & Ellis LLP In Chicago, Where She Practiced Real Estate Law

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Experience



JAG Officer

United States Army Reserve

Mar 2018 - Present · 3 years 8 months

Greater Chicago Area



Illinois Department of Commerce

1 year

- **Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce**
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- **Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology**
2015 - 2016 · 1 year
Greater Chicago Area



Associate

Kirkland & Ellis

2013 - 2015 · 2 years

[Esther Joy King LinkedIn, Accessed [9/27/21](#)]

King Practiced Commercial Real Estate Law At Kirkland & Ellis LLP. “The 29-year-old Northwestern law grad went from a commercial real estate attorney at Kirkland & Ellis to Gov. Bruce Rauner’s liaison between the tech industry and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [5/16/16](#)]

King Said She Helped Implement Real Estate Deals While At Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Current (or last) Employer Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Street Address 300 N. LaSalle Street City Chicago State IL

Position Title Real Estate Associate

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 100 Current/Last Salary \$ 190,000 Salary Period Annually

Dates of Employment Month 10 Year 2013 To Month 3 Year 2015 Total Years 1 Months 5

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional 3 Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative 14

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Coordinated key legal aspects of a \$233 million purchase and financing of fifteen hotels.
- Secured a \$36.5 million deal from private equity client branching into senior living facilities.
- Spearheaded the real estate logistics of a \$277.5 million purchase and merger of two companies.
- Acquired new pro bono client, Blue1647, a start-up incubator, which led to strong ties throughout Chicago’s entrepreneurial community for firm.

Reason for Leaving: Job offer at the State of Illinois.

[Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]

- **King Claimed She “Coordinated Key Legal Aspects Of A \$233 Million Purchase And Financing Of Fifteen Hotels” While Working At Kirkland & Ellis.** [Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]
- **King Claimed She “Secured A \$36.5 Million Deal From Private Equity Client Branching Into Senior Living Facilities.”** [Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]
- **King Claimed She “Spearheaded The Real Estate Logistics Of A \$277.5 Million Purchase And Merger Of Two Companies.”** [Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]
- **King Claimed She “Acquired New Pro Bono Client, Blue 1647, A Start-Up Incubator, Which Led To Strong Ties Throughout Chicago’s Entrepreneurial Community For Firm.”** [Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]

King Had A Yearly Salary of \$190,000 As A Real Estate Associate At Kirkland & Ellis LLP And Worked 100 Hours Per Week.

Current (or last) Employer	Kirkland & Ellis LLP		
Street Address	300 N. LaSalle Street	City	Chicago
		State	IL
Position Title	Real Estate Associate		
Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week	100	Current/Last Salary \$	190,000
		Salary Period	Annually

[Illinois Department of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 11/17/15]

King Said She “Didn’t Sleep Much” While Working At Kirkland & Ellis. “After graduating from Northwestern University School of Law, I worked at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago, one the largest law firms in the world. It was hard work and I didn’t sleep much during the first two years. But it gave me an appreciation for how the country and society has been thrust forward by the success of people doing innovative and creative work. Working at Kirkland gave me an appreciation for the capacity of economic growth and what it means to people and their success, and the value of taking a risk. The work can be tedious, but you are translating an idea and mission to legally binding contracts to protect your client. The lawyer provides the oil and the grease to make an economic engine come to fruition. The paper documents come to life in the real world. You create jobs. You create economic growth.” [Quad City Times, King Op-ed, [8/5/20](#)]

December 2007-August 2010: King Claimed To Work At The Consulting Company King And Associates In Dallas, Texas

December 2007-August 2010: King Claimed To Work At King And Associates In Dallas, Texas.

Past Employer King and Associates

Street Address 4514 Cole Ave City Dallas State TX

Position Title Administrative Director/Creative Consultant

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week 60 Current/Last Salary \$ 70,000 Salary Period Annually

Dates of Employment Month 12 Year 2007 To Month 8 Year 2010 Total Years 2 Months 8

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative 8

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Cofounded and directed a creativity consulting and training company.
- Executive editor and publisher of four training curricula on problem solving and creativity.
- Managed long term growth strategy and cash flow of business.
- Recruited and supervised staff, independent contractors and interns.

Reason for Leaving: Attended Law school

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 57, Accessed 10/16/21]

Texas Comptroller Records Listed Four Businesses Named King And Associates, But None Were Registered At 4514 Cole Ave Or Any Other Address In Dallas, TX.

KING & ASSOCIATES, PLLC	
Texas Taxpayer Number	32040174966
Mailing Address	6420 WELLINGTON PL BEAUMONT, TX 77706-3206
KING & ASSOCIATES, INC.	
Texas Taxpayer Number	30007038273
Mailing Address	29100 CEDARWOOD DR SPRING, TX 77381-1011
KING & ASSOCIATES INC	
Texas Taxpayer Number	30003463681
Mailing Address	518 LEAFLET LN %STEPHEN F KING SPRING, TX 77388-5959
KING & ASSOCIATES INC	
Texas Taxpayer Number	30002253976
Mailing Address	6222 WIGTON DR %CARL KING HOUSTON, TX 77096-4624

[Texas Secretary of State, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

A Business Named King And Associates Was Established At 4514 Cole Ave In Dallas, TX In 2003.



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Business Summary

Name	Address	Phone
KING & ASSOCIATES  (No recent public filings on file)	4514 Cole Ave Dallas, TX 75205-5412 Dallas County	214-559-7125 04/03/2000 - 02/10/2019  Phone De-Listed in Electronic Directory Assistance
LexID® Business	Established	TIN
Legal Entity: 0014-8287-5138	2003	

[Lexis Comprehensive Business Report, Accessed 10/19/21]

- **King Said She Lived On The Border With Her Family Until She Left To Attend College.** “Her parents were missionaries on the US-Mexico border. When she was 8 years old she spoke to crowds of 8,000 about God. She helped build schools for poor children. From the age of 3 until she left for college at age 18, Esther was an American growing up in the border towns of El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico.” [National Federation of Republican Women, [7/15/20](#)]
- **2004-2008: King Attended Oral Roberts University In Tulsa, OK.**

14. EDUCATION REPORT: List your education accurately and completely. A copy of college transcripts/degrees may be required. The number of credit hours you have earned may be needed to meet the minimum requirements for some titles. This information is also useful for career counseling purposes.

Name and Address of Colleges/Universities Attended and Indicate Undergraduate(U)/Graduate(G)	Hours Earned		Major	Minor	Dates Attended		Level and Date of Degree Earned	
	SEM	QTR	Do Not Abbreviate	Do Not Abbreviate	From MM/YYYY	To MM/YYYY	Level	MM/YYYY
(U) Oral Roberts University, 7777 S Lewis Ave. Tulsa OK	130.5		Mass Media Communication		09/2004	05/2008	BA	05/2008
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	79.5		Juris Doctorate		08/2010	05/2013	MA	05/2013
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	24		Masters of Laws in Taxation		08/2012	05/2013		05/2013

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 33, Accessed 10/26/21]

May 2008: King Was An Aid Worker In Kabul

May 2008 – July 2008: King Was A Program Director For The United Nations Project Afghan Information Management Services.

Past Employer	United Nations Project: Afghan Information Management Systems				
Street Address	Kabul, Afghanistan	City		State	
Position Title	Program Director				
Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week	50	Current/Last Salary \$	50,000	Salary Period	Annually
Dates of Employment	Month 5 Year 2008	To	Month 7 Year 2008	Total Years	Months 2
Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below					
Manual/Trades	Professional	Technical/Para-Professional	Clerical	Administrative	12
Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)					
• Designed and implemented professional skills development program for women. • Created five week training course executing pilot program. • Solicited \$1.2 million in funding by drafting a successful grant proposal for continuation of program.					
Reason for Leaving: 3 month project completed					

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 57, Accessed 10/16/21]

**NOTE: King gives the wrong name for the project in her personnel file with the Illinois Department of Commerce – the project was known as the Afghanistan Information Management Services (AIMS) Project, not Afghanistan Information Management Systems.*

Afghanistan Information Management Services Was Administered By The UN And Sought To Promote “Effective Data Management.” “To achieve the goals of effective public administration, transparency and accountability, the Government of Afghanistan requires and depends heavily upon appropriate information management processes and tools, and a skilled national information management workforce. Within the context of GOA’s growth and Afghanistan’s national development, AIMS is seen as a reputable and reliable strategic partner with the core capabilities to deliver human capacity building and critical information management services to the Afghanistan government and the broader development community. Through its central Kabul office and five regional offices, AIMS has played a critical role in providing a range of information management products and customized services, which were previously unavailable. AIMS has also laid the foundation for effective data management in key line ministries and foresees expanding this foundation for planning, managing and monitoring reconstruction activities within Afghanistan. AIMS was established in 2001 by UNOCHA through the merger of the new Humanitarian Information Centre for Afghanistan (HIC) and the existing Projects Management Information System (ProMIS). In 2002 AIMS collaborated with UNAMA (United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan) and was administered by UNDP. Since 2003 AIMS has been a Directly Executed (DEX) project of UNDP, administered and managed by UNDP.” [AIMS Web Archive, [11/4/08](#)]

AIMS Was Completed In December 2008. “Project Start Date: April 2004 Project End Date: December 2008 Project Location: AIMS Office, Kabul, Afghanistan Status of the Project: Active Implementing partners: Direct Implementation (DIM).” [AIMS Web Archive, [11/4/08](#)]

King Said Being An Aid Worker Made Her Passionate About Human Rights. “After earning a marketing degree in college, Esther spent time in Kabul, Afghanistan serving as an aid worker. Because of her experiences there, she became passionate about democracy and human rights.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Business Interests

As Of 2020, King Owned Two Thirds Of Uprise Enterprise, A Holding Company Incorporated In Delaware

King Listed Herself As An “Owner” Of Uprise Enterprise, LLC. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

2019: King Reported A 66% Ownership Interest In Uprise Enterprise, LLC, A Holding Company Based In Delaware. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

2020: King Reported A 66% Ownership Interest In Uprise Enterprise, LLC, A Holding Company Based In Delaware. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

Uprise Enterprise, Inc., Was A Domestic Corporation Incorporated In Delaware In 2016.

Entity Details

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File Number:	6070340	Incorporation Date / Formation Date:	6/16/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy)
Entity Name:	UPRISE ENTERPRISE, INC.		
Entity Kind:	Corporation	Entity Type:	General
Residency:	Domestic	State:	DELAWARE

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Name:	UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC.		
Address:	221 N BROAD ST, SUITE 3A		
City:	MIDDLETOWN	County:	New Castle
State:	DE	Postal Code:	19709
Phone:	302-777-0538		

[Delaware Department of State: Division Of Corporations, File Number 6070340, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

As Of October 2021, Uprise Enterprise’s Status Was “Void” And It Owed \$1,812.07 In Taxes

As of October 2021, Uprise Enterprise’s Corporation Status Was “Void.”

Entity Details			
<u>File Number:</u>	6070340	<u>Incorporation Date / Formation Date:</u>	6/16/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy)
<u>Entity Name:</u>	UPRISE ENTERPRISE, INC.		
<u>Entity Kind:</u>	Corporation	<u>Entity Type:</u>	General
<u>Residency:</u>	Domestic	<u>State:</u>	State:
<u>Status:</u>	Void, AR's or Tax Delinquent	<u>Status Date:</u>	3/1/2020
<u>TAX INFORMATION</u>			
<u>Last Annual Report Filed:</u>	2018	<u>Tax Due:</u>	\$ 1812.07
<u>Annual Tax Assessment:</u>	\$ 1015	<u>Total Authorized Shares:</u>	100000

[Delaware Division of Corporations, Uprise Enterprise Company Report, Accessed 10/28/21]

- **Delaware Voided Businesses That Failed To Pay Their Annual Franchise Tax For A Year Or Did Not File Annual Reports Within A Two Year Period.** “Void - A corporation that failed to pay its annual franchise tax for a period of 1 year or a Foreign Corporation that has not filed their annual reports within a 2 year period.” [Delaware Division of Corporations, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]

As of October 2021, Uprise Enterprise Owed \$1,812.07 In Taxes To The State Of Delaware.

Entity Details			
<u>File Number:</u>	6070340	<u>Incorporation Date / Formation Date:</u>	6/16/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy)
<u>Entity Name:</u>	UPRISE ENTERPRISE, INC.		
<u>Entity Kind:</u>	Corporation	<u>Entity Type:</u>	General
<u>Residency:</u>	Domestic	<u>State:</u>	State:
<u>Status:</u>	Void, AR's or Tax Delinquent	<u>Status Date:</u>	3/1/2020
<u>TAX INFORMATION</u>			
<u>Last Annual Report Filed:</u>	2018	<u>Tax Due:</u>	\$ 1812.07
<u>Annual Tax Assessment:</u>	\$ 1015	<u>Total Authorized Shares:</u>	100000

[Delaware Division of Corporations, Uprise Enterprise Company Report, Accessed 10/28/21]

Uprise Enterprise Last Filed An Annual Report With The State Of Delaware In 2018.

Entity Details			
<u>File Number:</u>	6070340	<u>Incorporation Date / Formation Date:</u>	6/16/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy)
<u>Entity Name:</u>	UPRISE ENTERPRISE, INC.		
<u>Entity Kind:</u>	Corporation	<u>Entity Type:</u>	General
<u>Residency:</u>	Domestic	<u>State:</u>	State:
<u>Status:</u>	Void, AR's or Tax Delinquent	<u>Status Date:</u>	3/1/2020
TAX INFORMATION			
<u>Last Annual Report Filed:</u>	2018	<u>Tax Due:</u>	\$ 1812.07
<u>Annual Tax Assessment:</u>	\$ 1015	<u>Total Authorized Shares:</u>	100000

[Delaware Division of Corporations, Uprise Enterprise Company Report, Accessed 10/28/21]

**NOTE: King lists the company name as "Uprise Enterprise, LLC" but the state of Delaware lists the company as "Uprise Enterprise, Inc."*

Notable Connection: Larry Anderson

King Worked For Anderson Both Personally And For His Company East Moline Glass Co.

Larry Anderson Was The President Of East Moline Glass.

 HOME ABOUT US SERVICES PROJECTS NEWS			
Name	Position	Email Address	
Andrew Gibb	Project Manager	andrew.gibb@eastmolineglass.com	
Carrel Sagon	Comptroller	carrel.sagon@eastmolineglass.com	
Cindy Mire	Operations Director	cindy.mire@eastmolineglass.com	
Courtney Peiffer	Project Manager	courtney.peiffer@eastmolineglass.com	
David Bancroft	Estimator:	david.bancroft@eastmolineglass.com	
Debbie Carlson	Service Manager	debbie.carlson@eastmolineglass.com	
Dennis Keppy	Project Manager/ Estimator	dennis.keppy@eastmolineglass.com	
Don Bell	Project Manager	don.bell@eastmolineglass.com	
General Information		info@eastmolineglass.com	
Heather Kizer	Shop Manager	Heather.kizer@eastmolineglass.com	
Jennifer Nunes	Marketing Manager	Jennifer.Nunes@eastmolineglass.com	
Jill DeBlieck	Payroll Manager	jill.deblieck@eastmolineglass.com	
Kay Schlapkohl	Accounts Receivable	kay.schlap@eastmolineglass.com	
Ken Linder	Project Manager	ken.linder@eastmolineglass.com	
Larry Anderson	President	larry.anderson@eastmolineglass.com	

[East Moline Glass, Accessed 10/21/21]

2019: King Reported Receiving At Least \$5,000 In Compensation From East Moline Glass For "Legal Services," The Only Source Of Compensation Greater Than \$5,000 Listed. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 12/18/19]

2019: King Handled A Deed Transfer For Larry Anderson When He Purchased Property At 2821 10th Street In East Moline, IL For \$104,500.

This document prepared by (and after)
recording return to:)

Esther King)
Attorney at Law)
1033 7th Street)
East Moline, IL 61244)

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TRUSTEE DEED

(Trust to Trust)

THE GRANTOR, Jean L. Anderson, not individually but solely as Trustee under the provisions of Jean L. Anderson Trust Agreement dated March 27, 2012 as Grantor, a Trust organized under the laws of the state of Illinois, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois for valuable consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, cash in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby CONVEYS AND WARRANTS to Larry Anderson not individually but solely as Trustee under the provisions of Larry K. Anderson Trust dated April 28, 2015, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, hereinafter "Grantee" all interests in the described real estate, hereinafter "Property":

Lot Number Seven (7) in Rolling Meadows 4th Addition to the City of East Moline, situated in the County of Rock Island and State of Illinois. ~~20836405069~~

Grantor hereby releases and waives all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

[Rock Island County Recorder, Deed of Transfer, 11/25/19; Ryan Hardy Real Estate Tax Calculator, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

King's 2020 Campaign And Legal Practice Were Registered At A Home Owned By East Moline Glass President Larry Anderson, Who Contributed To King's Campaign And Spent Years Opposing King's 2020 Opponent Cheri Bustos

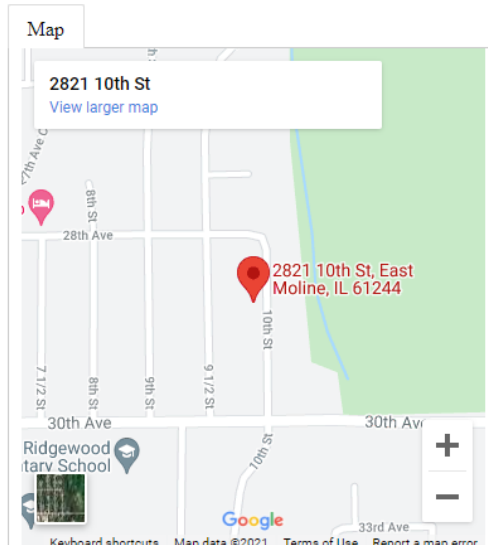
King Had A Legal Business At 2821 10th St In East Moline Registered With The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce.

ESTHER KING

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Legal

Esther King
2821 10th St
East Moline, Illinois 61244
N/A



[Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]

King's 2020 Campaign Was Headquartered At 2821 10th St, East Moline, IL. [FEC, [8/20/19](#)]

2821 10th St, East Moline, IL Was The Site Of A Residential Home.



[Bing Maps, Accessed [11/8/21](#)]

2821 10th St In East Moline Was Listed As An “Improved Residential Lot” Owned By Larry K Anderson Trust.

Property Information		
Pin Number 08-36-405-009	Site Address 2821 10 ST EAST MOLINE, IL 61244	Owner Name & Address ANDERSON LARRY K TRUST
Tax Year 2020 (Payable 2021) ▼		
Sale Status None		
Property Class 0040 - Improved Residential Lot	Tax Code 07003 -	Tax Status Taxable
Net Taxable Value 40,544	Tax Rate 10.854700	Total Tax \$4,400.96
Township SOUTH MOLINE	Acres 0.0000	Mailing Address EAST MOLINE GLASS 1033 7TH ST EAST MOLINE, IL, 61244-1460
Legal Description LOT 7 ROLLING MEADOWS 4TH ADD		

[Rock Island County Property Tax Search, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

East Moline Glass Was The Property Tax Mailing Address For The Property at 2821 10th St In East Moline.

Related Names			
	Name	Relationship	Status
+	EAST MOLINE GLASS	Mail to	CURRENT
+	ANDERSON LARRY K TRUST	Parcel Owner	CURRENT

[Rock Island County Property Tax Search, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

Larry Anderson Had Ties To King's Legal Partner Clark Miljush

August 27th, 2019: King & Clark LLC Registered With The Illinois Secretary Of State With Esther Joy King And Clark Miljush Listed As Managers. [Illinois Secretary of State Corporation Search, [8/27/19](#)]

Miljush Was A Partner In Midwest Ale Works, A Brewery And Pub Located In The Bend Development.

“Coming this summer will be the new Midwest Ale Works, 537 12th Ave., East Moline, next to The Rust Belt music venue. Co-owners Clark Miljush and Steve Sears will open as a bar (selling others' beer) in late June and a brewery in August. Miljush said Friday he started homebrewing seven years ago and got positive feedback. ‘This is super cool. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone who gives it a try,’ he said of QC Ale Trail. ‘It helps promote everybody. For people in the Quad-Cities, it's an added benefit to do something they already love. It connects all the breweries; it's a huge achievement to pull this off.’” [Quad City Times, [10/22/19](#)]

Larry Anderson Purchased The Bend Development In 2017. “It's is also why Moeller thought the area needed another music venue – a big one – and brought up the idea, over a cup of coffee, to his business partner, East Moline Glass Co. owner Larry Anderson. That was in early 2017, when Anderson had recently bought the 40-acre industrial park off 7th Street in East Moline that 100 years ago was home to the Moline-Knight Automobile Company and Root and Van Dervoort Engineering. The deal included a warehouse that Anderson was ready to tear down.” [Dispatch Argus, [2/14/19](#)]

East Moline Glass President Larry Anderson Spent Years Opposing King's 2020 Opponent Cheri Bustos And Contributing More Than \$25,000 To Federal And Local Republican Candidates

Anderson Contributed \$15,700 To Federal Republican Candidates In Western Illinois, Including \$12,800 In Opposition To Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos, King's 2020 Opponent, Over Several Years.

Anderson Federal Contributions				
Year	Contributor Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Total Contributions
2020	Larry Anderson	Owner	Esther for Congress	\$2,800
2014	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$5,000
2012	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,500
2011	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,500
2010	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,400
1992	Larry Anderson	Owner	Schloemer for Congress	\$500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS				\$15,700

[FEC, Individual Contribution search, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Democrat Cheri Bustos Ran Against Republican Rep. Bobby Schilling And Unseated Him In 2012 And Successfully Ran Against Him Again In 2014. “It's represented by Democratic incumbent Cheri Bustos, who's engaged in a contentious re-election battle against Republican challenger Bobby Schilling. Adding to the drama: Schilling served the 17th for one term from 2011-2013, losing his congressional seat to Bustos in 2012's general election. Bustos defeated Schilling 53-47 percent, thanks to a bump from redistricting that pulled in extra Democratic voters. Demographically, the newly altered district is primarily white, mostly urban and staunchly middle class.” [NBC Chicago, [11/4/14](#)]

King Ran And Lost Against Bustos In IL-17 In 2020. “Congresswoman Bustos declared victory after receiving 52% of votes with 99% of precincts reporting. Congresswoman Bustos has 151,867 votes while her challenger, Esther Joy King, has 140,600 votes. These numbers are as of 12:27 Wednesday morning.” [WREX, [11/4/20](#)]

Anderson Contributed \$12,000 To State And Local Republican Candidates In Western Illinois.

Anderson Federal Contributions				
Year	Contributor Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Total Contributions
2021	Larry Anderson	President	Friends of Stephanie Acri	\$6,000
2017	Larry Anderson	Executive	Friends of Stephanie Acri	\$2,500
2016	Larry Anderson	CEO	Anderson for Illinois	\$2,000
2014	Larry Anderson	President	Illinois Republican Party	\$1,000
2014	Larry Anderson	N/A	Wozniak for Illinois	\$250

2014	Larry Anderson	N/A	Kim Lazenby Campaign Committee	\$250
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS				\$12,000

[Illinois Board of Elections, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

East Moline Glass Co. Faced Complaints For Violating Labor Laws And Workplace Safety Guidelines

2013-2015: East Moline Glass Co. Faced Three OSHA Complaints, Including A \$5,390 Penalty.

Inspection Information - Office: Peoria					Violation Summary								
Nr: 1066390.015		Report ID: 0524500		Open Date: 05/28/2015			Serious	Willful	Repeat	Other	Unclass	Total	
East Moline Glass Co. 221 Ne Glen Oak Avenull Peoria, IL 61636 SIC: NAICS: 238150/Glass and Glazing Contractors Mailing: 1333 13th Streetnull, East Moline, IL 61244					Union Status: NonUnion		Initial Violations		1			1	
							Current Violations		1			1	
							Initial Penalty		\$5,390	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,390
							Current Penalty		\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,700
							FTAAmount		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection Type: Complaint Scope: Partial Ownership: Private Safety/Health: Safety Emphasis: L:Fall					Advanced Notice: N Close Conference: 06/25/2015 Close Case: 07/28/2015								
Related Activity: Type ID Safety Inspection 1068741 Yes Complaint 987203 Yes Inspection 1068730 Yes					Health								

Violation Items											
#	ID	Type	Standard	Issuance	Abate	Curr\$	Init\$	Fta\$	Contest	LastEvent	
1.	01001A	Serious	19260451 E06 I	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$3,700	\$5,390	\$0		I - Informal Settlement	
2.	01001B	Serious	19260451 E06 II	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$0	\$0	\$0		I - Informal Settlement	
3.	01001C	Serious	19260451 E06 IV	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$0	\$0	\$0		I - Informal Settlement	
4.	01001D	Serious	19260451 E06 VI	06/26/2015	07/02/2015	\$0	\$0	\$0		I - Informal Settlement	

Inspection Information - Office: Peoria					
Nr: 975291.015		Report ID: 0524500		Open Date: 05/02/2014	
East Moline Glass Co. 809 E. Main St.Null Knoxville, IL 61448 SIC: NAICS: 238150/Glass and Glazing Contractors Mailing: 1333 13th St.Null, East Moline, IL 61244					
Inspection Type: Complaint Scope: Partial Ownership: Private Safety/Health: Safety Emphasis: L:Piv		Advanced Notice: N Close Conference: 05/02/2014 Close Case: 05/13/2014			
Related Activity: Type ID Safety Complaint 887945 Yes		Health			

Inspection Information - Office: Peoria					
Nr: 943284.015		Report ID: 0524500		Open Date: 10/08/2013	
East Moline Glass University St. & Wright St.Null Champaign, IL 61820 SIC: NAICS: 238150/Glass and Glazing Contractors Mailing: University St. & Wright St.Null, Champaign, IL 61820					
Inspection Type: Complaint Scope: No Insp/Process Inactive Ownership: Private Safety/Health: Safety Emphasis: L:Fall		Advanced Notice: N Close Conference: 10/08/2013 Close Case: 10/08/2013			
Related Activity: Type ID Complaint 855351 Yes		Health			

[OSHA, [5/28/15](#); [5/2/14](#); [10/8/13](#)]

2017: East Moline Glass Co. Violated IL's Prevailing Wage Law, Stealing \$19,730.32 From Workers. “Dear Larry Anderson, Todd Anderson, and Carrel Sagon: This letter is formal notice of the determination by the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) that East Moline Glass Co. and R.I. Glass Group, Inc. (doing business as C. R. Glass Company), (hereinafter referred to as ‘You’ or ‘Your’) violated the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.) (‘PWA’). This letter constitutes a NOTICE OF YOUR FIRST VIOLATION and is issued by IDOL pursuant to Section 11a of the PWA, and the Prevailing Wage Hearing Procedures, 56 Ill. Adm. Code 100 for the following reasons: You violated Section 3 of the PWA by failing to pay the prevailing rate of the wages as required by the PWA for Rock Island County to workers on the public works project. The Department’s investigation determined that the amount of wages due to the workers was \$19,730.32. This amount represents the difference between actual wages paid to the affected employee(s) and the amount the Department calculated was required under the PWA. You violated Section 5 of the PWA by failing to maintain accurate records as required under the Act, specifically certified transcripts of payroll listing all workers who engaged in construction labor on the project.” [Illinois Department of Labor, [9/28/17](#)]

2017: East Moline Glass Sued Carpenters Unions In Attempt To Repudiate Collective Bargaining Agreement Violations. “Parties 1. East Moline Glass Co. (‘EMG’) is an Illinois corporation, with a place of business located in East Moline, Illinois. 2. HEARTLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS & JOINERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL UNION NO. 4 (‘Local Union No. 4’) and HEARTLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS & JOINERS OF AMERICA LOCAL UNION NO. 166 (‘Local Union No. 166’) are labor unions with offices in Davenport, Iowa, and Milan, Illinois, respectively. 3. The Union is a signatory to a pre-hire collective bargaining

agreement ('CBA') with EMG, which is governed by Section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 158(f). A copy of the CBA is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit A. [...] 12. Local Union No. 4's attempt to settle the Grievance means the Union contends there is a valid and enforceable collective bargaining agreement between EMG and the Union. 13. Because EMG has not employed any members of the Union since 2007, and there has been no one in the collective bargaining unit as described in the CBA since 2007, and because EMG has no intention of hiring a member of the Union and has no intention of hiring anyone into the collective bargaining unit as described in the CBA, on July 31, 2017, EMG sent letters, copies of which are attached as Exhibit E and Exhibit F, to Local Union No. 4 and Local Union No. 166, informing the Union that EMG was repudiating the CBA with the Union." [*East Moline Glass Co. V. Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America, Local Union No. 4 And Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America Local Union No. 166*, United States District Court Central District Of Illinois Rock Island Division, Case No. 4:17-cv-04204-SLD-JEH, Complaint, 7/31/17]

- **December 2017: East Moline Glass Co. Filed A Motion For Summary Judgment.** "EMG moves for Summary Judgment as to the relief sought in its Amended Complaint. As shown by the pleadings, motions, and supporting documents filed by the parties, the material facts are not in dispute; rather this case can be decided based on the application of federal labor law. Based on *J.W. Peters, Inc. Bridge, Structural & Reinforcing Iron Workers, Local Unions 1*, 398 F. 3d 967 (7th Cir. 2005), it is plan EMG properly repudiated the collective bargaining agreement it had with the Union. Additionally, as a corollary, the Union is not entitled to pursue arbitration under the repudiated agreement, which is void." [*East Moline Glass Co. V. Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America, Local Union No. 4 And Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America Local Union No. 166*, United States District Court Central District Of Illinois Rock Island Division, Case No. 4:17-cv-04204-SLD-JEH, Motion for Summary Judgment, 12/20/17]
- **March 2018: Both Parties Filed A Joint Motion For Dismissal With Prejudice And The Case Was Dismissed.** "TEXT ORDER entered by Judge Sara Darrow on March 9, 2018. The parties have filed a Joint Motion for Dismissal With Prejudice. Because the joint motion is signed by all parties who have appeared in the action, the Court construes it as a stipulation of dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The motion is MOOT. Pursuant to the stipulation, the case is dismissed. The Clerk is directed to close the case.(AK, ilcd) (Entered: 03/09/2018)" [*East Moline Glass Co. V. Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America, Local Union No. 4 And Heartland Regional Council Of Carpenters, United Brotherhood Of Carpenters & Joiners Of America Local Union No. 166*, United States District Court Central District Of Illinois Rock Island Division, Case No. 4:17-cv-04204-SLD-JEH, Docket Report, 3/9/18]

Non-Profits

2019: King Claimed To Be Involved In A Charity That Funded A School In Uganda, But She Was Not Listed As A Board Member At Any Point From 2016-2021

2019: King Listed Herself As A Board Member Of Simone's Kids. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

Simone's Kids Funded A School In Uganda. "When our founder and president, Simone Puccinelli, was a sophomore in college, she received a God-appointed email. The email detailed the serious financial issues faced by a school in Nakaseke, Uganda. If the school could not raise \$500 for rent on their school +building, the students would be sent away without an education. Simone decided that she could try to raise the money, and through the help of family and friends was able to do so. She also had a desire to visit Uganda to see where the money was being sent. When she got to Uganda and met the man behind the email, Godfrey, and all of the students, she realized that this was a divine connection—something that she couldn't just leave. Her life was going to be devoted

to helping those children and the heart of Simone’s Kids was born. Simone’s Kids exists so that the children in Nakaseke can strive for a successful future through quality education in a nurturing environment” [Simone’s Kids, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

Simone’s Kids, Inc., Was A Nonprofit Based In Georgia.

BUSINESS SEARCH	
BUSINESS INFORMATION	
Business Name: SIMONE’S KIDS, INC.	Control Number: 10021080
Business Type: Domestic Nonprofit Corporation	Business Status: Active/Compliance
Business Purpose: NONE	
Principal Office Address: 200 W Main ST, Cartersville, GA, 30120, USA	Date of Formation / Registration Date: 3/19/2010
State of Formation: Georgia	Last Annual Registration Year: 2021
REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION	
Registered Agent Name: Puccinelli, Simone	
Physical Address: 200 W Main St, Cartersville, GA, 30120, USA	
County: Bartow	

[Georgia Secretary Of State, Corporations Division, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

As Of October 2021, King Was Not Listed As A Board Member On The Website Of Simone’s Kids.

[Simone’s Kids, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

2019: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2019](#)]

2018: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2018](#)]

2017: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2017](#)]

2016: King Was Not Listed As A Board Member Of Simone’s Kids On Its Form 990. [Simone’s Kids, IRS Form 990, [2016](#)]

2016: King Was Listed As An Incorporator Of Launch Ohio, A Nonprofit That Never Filed 990 Forms With The IRS As Of October 2021

November 2016: King Was Listed As An Incorporator Of Nonprofit Launch Ohio, Inc. “The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Focused on progressing technology for the 21st century good by redesigning the great state of Ohio, through the lens of AR-VR, digital experiences, conferences, and thought leadership.” [Ohio Secretary of State, [11/22/16](#)]

As Of October 2021, Launch Ohio Did Not Appear To Have Filed Any 990 Forms With The IRS.

Search for a Nonprofit

Enter a nonprofit's name, a keyword, or city

Examples: ProPublica, Research or Minneapolis

State

Any State

Major nonprofit categories

Any Category

Org. Type

Any Type

SEARCH

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0 organization results for *launch ohio*. Results are ordered by relevance.

No results found. Tip: Try spelling out abbreviations.

Results include only organizations that filed a tax return — for any fiscal year — from calendar year 2014 forward.

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

2010: King Claimed To Be A Co-Founder Of The Nonprofit City Of Refuge, AKA Safi Sana

February 2010: King Claimed To Be A Cofounder And Board Member Of City Of Refuge.

Past Employer City of Refuge

Street Address 9030 Lake Meadows Way City Columbia State MO

Position Title CoFounder and Board Member

Average Number of Hours Worked Per Week Current/Last Salary \$ 0 Salary Period

Dates of Employment Month 2 Year 2010 To Month Year Total Years Months

Supervisory Responsibility: List the Number of Employees You Supervised in the Appropriate Fields Below

Manual/Trades Professional Technical/Para-Professional Clerical Administrative

Describe the Duties and Responsibilities for Each Title Separately: (Entry area expands to accommodate your response.)

- Served as Executive Vice President of the non-profit organization for one year.
- Created companies to employ international refugees and provided additional settlement services.
- Established employee training program, business practice methods, and customer relationship building strategies.

Reason for Leaving: Volunteering - ongoing

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 56, Accessed 10/16/21]

King Cleaned Homes For Safi Sana Before Going To Law School.



Safi Sana

March 18, 2020 · 🌐

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It's fun to hear happy news today! One of Safi Sana's former employees is continuing to do brave and important work in the world by standing up for what she believes in!



Jen Wheeler

March 18, 2020 · 🌐

10 years ago Esther King worked for me cleaning homes for [Safi Sana](#) because she needed a job to get her by before law school started. She cleaned for Linda Hutton who was always so nice to Esther and when she left told her she was going to do big things. I texted Linda this morning to tell her she was right. That Esther won the Republican nomination for Congress in the 17th District in Illinois. You never know who your cleaner could be some day.



[Facebook, Safi Sana, [3/18/20](#)]

King Claimed She Was The Executive VP Of Safi Sana For One Year.

Past Employer City of Refuge

Street Address 9030 Lake Meadows Way City Columbia State MO

Position Title CoFounder and Board Member

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Reason for Leaving: Volunteering - ongoing

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 56, Accessed 10/16/21]

City Of Refuge Started As A For-Profit Cleaning Company Called Safi Sana That Hired Refugees. “Started in September 2010, City of Refuge was organized in response to the generosity of others and success of a small cleaning service [Jen] Wheeler created called Safi-Sana LLC. The organization’s origins, however, date back to January 2009, when Wheeler and her husband, Adam Wheeler, a local pediatrician, were attending a Christian Fellowship Church service. About 50 East African immigrants often attended services, but Wheeler said she feared to approach them. ‘I used to be afraid to speak to people who didn’t speak English,’ she said. ‘I knew they were there. What would I say?’ The pastor encouraged his flock to make the refugees feel at home, so a group of refugees ages 15 to 25 attended dinner one night for Bible study. [...] The things American adults do each day to get by, Wheeler said, are new and unfamiliar to these people. She found herself assisting many with the simple

tasks of reading their mail, teaching them to operate cellphones and helping set up bank accounts. Refugees and their children also had transportation needs. ‘At the time, I had two kids. I said, “I’m not their mom.” Adam said, “Yes you are,”’ Wheeler explained. ‘I thought about it and embraced it.’ Recognizing a need for employment, Wheeler said she dreamed up the idea of starting a cleaning service. Safi-Sana, which means ‘very clean’ in Swahili, was born soon after.” [Columbia Tribune, [4/28/12](#)]

Refugees Working For Safi Sana Made About \$9 Per Hour. “On average, about 10 to 15 people work for the cleaning service, which has contracts with local hotels and businesses for work that pays about \$9 an hour. Turnover is high because some workers move on to higher-paying employment. Some don’t like the work because they have no experience in making beds and find little fulfillment. Profit derived from the business is used for employees’ basic needs, Wheeler said. When she realized the multitude of services she provided, it only made sense to create a not-for-profit such as City of Refuge and establish Safi-Sana as a division of the charity.” [Columbia Tribune, [4/28/12](#)]

2011: King Was Listed As A Board Member Of City Of Refuge. [City of Refuge, IRS Form 990, [2011](#)]

2012: King Was Listed As A Board Member Of City Of Refuge. [City of Refuge, IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

2013: King Was Listed As A Board Member Of City Of Refuge. [City of Refuge, IRS Form 990, [2013](#)]

2001-2008: King Worked For Her Parents’ Evangelical Non-Profit In Juarez, Mexico

King’s Parents Susan And Robert King Operated Abundant Life In Jesus, An Evangelical Non-Profit

King’s Parents Susan And Robert King Operated The Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus.

Part V List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated, see Specific Instructions on page 26)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Robert J. King, PO Box 370056 El Paso, TX 79937	President / Treasurer 50 hr/wk	26,042		
Susan Y. King, PO Box 370056 El Paso, TX 79937	V. Pres / Secretary 20 hr/wk	0		

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc Form 990, [2001](#)]

Abundant Life In Jesus Was An Evangelical Non-Profit Operating Primarily In Juarez, Mexico.

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PART III Program Services

1 Evangelism and Services in Juarez

Our major goal is evangelism in Juarez. We minister to children and help to train teachers to minister to children. We also reach out to adults in our crusades. We sponsored visiting evangelism groups. We hosted three visiting schools at spring break doing outreaches with each group, 26 services included 6,600 people. In June we hosted a mission group, 8 services included 3,000 people. We hosted the sixth grade group from Victory Christian School (Tulsa) in March, Faith Christian School (Seattle) in April and Anointed Word Christian School (Atlanta) in April. We hosted Tasch ministries in June. At Christmas we also had small groups from Dallas, San Antonio, Tulsa, Detroit, Minneapolis and Virginia.

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc Form 990, [2001](#)]

2001, 2002, 2003, And 2006: King's Parents' Evangelical Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus Gave Her A Total Of \$545 And Listed Her Among Its "Workers In Mexico"

2001: King's Parents' Evangelical Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus Gave Her \$100 And Listed Her Among Its "Workers In Mexico."

FORM 990	2001	PAGE 4
ABUNDANT LIFE IN JESUS, INC	85-0333208	
Part 11, Line 22	Grants and Allocations	
Schedule of Contributions to Others		
Donations to Churches and Workers in Mexico		
1 Pastor Ramon	\$550	Total for Line 22-
2 Pastor Gerardo	\$540	
3 Pastor Angel	\$260	Cash \$11,050 and
4 Pastor Tello	\$250	Noncash \$ 502
5 Pastor Otilio	\$250	\$11,552
6 Margarita	\$230	
7 Pastor Roberto	\$200	
8 Pastor Ezekiel	\$175	
9 Melody King	\$170	
10 Pastor Tony	\$150	Other Donations
11 Pastor Fernando	\$150	Plane Ticket \$174
12 Pastor Felix	\$150	Bible Tapes \$150
13 Pastor Chuy	\$100	Rug \$56 67
14 Pastor Walker	\$100	Noni Juice \$35
15 Pastor Juan	\$100	Christmas Gifts \$31 89
16 Pastor Arturo	\$100	Gifts (11/24) \$30
17 Orphanage	\$100	Meal (4/30) \$25 30
18 Daniel King	\$100	Total \$502 86
19 Stephen King	\$100	
20 Esther King	\$100	
21 David King	\$100	
22 Pastor Jose	\$ 75	

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc Form 990, [2001](#)]

2002: King's Parents' Evangelical Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus Gave Her \$145 And Listed Her Among Its "Workers In Mexico."

FORM 990	2002	PAGE 3
ABUNDANT LIFE IN JESUS, INC	85-0333208	
PART II, LINE 22	Grants and Allocations	
Schedule of Contributions to Others		
Donations to Churches and Workers in Mexico		
1 Pastor Chon	\$755	Total for Line 22-
2 Pastor Richey	\$710	Cash \$13,111
3 Pastor Angel	\$650	Non-Cash \$ 269
4 Pastor Tello	\$470	\$13,380
5 Pastor Gerardo	\$450	
6 Pastor Jose	\$370	Other Donations
7 Pastor Ramon	\$350	Puppets \$106 00
8 Pastor Vita	\$350	Gift 3-15 \$ 10 70
9 Pastor Otilio	\$341	Gift 4-9 \$ 10 00
10 Anapra Pastor	\$200	Gift 5-10 \$ 10 00
11 Teachers	\$200	Gift 7-8 \$ 5 40
12 Pastor Chuy	\$170	Gift 10-7 \$ 17 28
13 Esther King	\$145	Books \$ 64 75
14 Pastor Felix	\$110	Baby Gifts \$ 45 36
15 Pastor Roberto	\$100	Total \$ 269 49
16 Walker Orphanage	\$100	
17 Pastor Juan	\$100	
18 Pastor Antonio	\$100	
19 David King	\$100	
20 Other Workers	\$100	
21 Margarita Romero	\$ 65	
22 Pastor In El Salvador	\$ 50	
Total	\$5 986	
Total from Page 2	\$7,125	
Cash Total	\$13 111	

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc Form 990, [2002](#)]

2003: King's Parents' Evangelical Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus Gave Her \$200 And Listed Her Among Its "Workers In Mexico."

FORM 990 2003 PAGE 3
ABUNDANT LIFE IN JESUS, INC. 85-0333208

PART 11, LINE 22 Grants and Allocations

Schedule of Contributions to Others
Donations to Churches and Workers in Mexico

1. Pastor Gerardo	\$650	
2. Pastor Ramon	\$640	
3. Pastor Chon	\$470	
4. Pastor Roberto	\$450	
5. Pastor Vita	\$280	
6. Pastor Tello	\$250	
7. Pastor Angel	\$220	
8. Public School	\$200	
9. Other Pastors	\$200	
10. David King	\$200	
11. Esther King	\$200	
12. Melody King	\$150	
13. Pastor Otilio	\$100	
14. Pastor Ezekiel	\$100	
15. Pastor Jose	\$100	
16. Pastor Antonio	\$100	
17. Pastor Chuy	\$100	
18. Pastor Ritchey	\$ 60	
19. Pastor Rosalio	\$ 50	
20. Eight teachers	\$320	
20. Pastor Soto	\$ 35	
21. Umberto	\$ 5	
Total	\$4,880	

Total for Line 22-

Cash -	\$12,215
Non-Cash	\$ 2,347
Total	\$14,562
Other Donations:	
Healing Gift Books	\$500.00
Plane Ticket- India	\$455.97
Tents for Honduras	\$426.88
P Ruiz-gas/van rental	\$283.61
Trampoline & Tables	\$223.62
Tapes-AZ pastor	\$100.00
Gift Tables	\$ 77.08
Christmas Dishes	\$ 49.91
Tapes- Beveres	\$ 45.00
Christmas Gift-shirt	\$ 40.28
Tapes-ICBM	\$ 40.00
K Copeland Tapes	\$ 34.00
Christm Gift-Towels	\$ 30.25
J Meyers Tapes	\$ 25.00
Gasoline	\$ 15.00
Total	\$2,346.60

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc Form 990, [2003](#)]

2006: King's Parents' Evangelical Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus Gave Her \$100 And Listed Her Among Its "Workers In Mexico."

FORM 990 2006 PAGE 4
ABUNDANT LIFE IN JESUS, INC. 85-0333208

PART 11, LINE 22 Grants and Allocations

Schedule of Contributions to Others
Donations to Churches and Workers in Mexico

1. Pastor Ramon	\$318
2. Pastor Andy Paschall	\$200
3. David King	\$200
4. Cesar Marquez	\$200
5. Pastor Gerardo	\$200
6. Pastor Chon	\$150
7. Pastor Felix	\$100
8. Esther King	\$100
9. Roberto Chavez	\$ 80
10. Margarita Meza	\$ 70
11. Pastor Angel	\$ 50
12. Jacinta Meza	\$ 50
13. Pastor Roberto	\$ 50
14. Pastor Jose	\$ 40
15. Pastor Vita	\$ 40
16. Caleb Cremeans	\$ 20
17. Flood Family	\$ 20
18. Pastor Antonio	\$ 15
19. Several other workers	\$ 45
Total	\$1,948

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc 990 Form, [2006](#)]

2003: Esther Was Part Of A Team Putting On A "Massive Miracle Crusade" In Honduras With Her Brothers Daniel And Stephen.

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2. Honduras Crusade

Daniel and Stephen took a team of ten (including Esther) to Potrerillos, Honduras May 10-19 for a Massive Miracle Crusade. They worked with Mishael Argeñal (pastor of the largest church in Central America) and Rigo Galvez to reach 42,000 people in one week. The first night of the crusade 6,000 people came, the second night attendance doubled to 13,000 people, by the third night the crowd swelled to 15,000 people! They also hosted a Fire Conference to minister to pastors and a Fiesta de Niños for over 1,800 children. They ministered in 17 public schools to 4,000 kids. They had 4 TV appearances, 2 radio programs, and preached in 10 churches. They gave 10,000 *This New Life* books (by Billy Joe Daugherty). Over 14,300 people prayed the salvation prayer.

Total Expense	\$21,518
Grants and Allocations	\$ 3,027
Total for Honduras	\$24,545

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc Form 990, [2003](#)]

2003: King Ministered At Christ For The Nations In Dallas With Her Brother Daniel And Father Robert.

4. Preaching and Sharing Our Ministry in the U.S.

Robert and Susan traveled out west in July and in the eastern states in August. Daniel and Stephen ministered in Texas, Kansas, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky and Oklahoma during the summer. The family attended the Kabul Afghanistan Reunion in North Carolina. In August, we ministered at Anointed Word Church in Atlanta and then attended Word Explosion in Tulsa. In October, Daniel and Robert attended the annual minister's conference in Tulsa at Victory Christian Center. Close to Thanksgiving we put our tent up at Christ for the Nations in Dallas. Robert, Daniel and Esther ministered there. Daniel traveled and preached in Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico in the fall.

Total Expense	\$7,539

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc Form 990, [2003](#)]

2008: King Visited Afghanistan For 5 Weeks With Her Parents To Teach English Through Their Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus, Inc

2008: King Visited Afghanistan For 5 Weeks With Her Parents To Teach English Through Her Parents' Evangelical Non-Profit Abundant Life In Jesus, Inc.

Form 990-EZ (2008)

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>Evangelism</u>		
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.		
28	<u>Robert, Susan and Esther King visited Afghanistan for 5 weeks to teach English. In the U.S. we hosted the Kabul Afghanistan Reunion for a week in North Carolina.</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	\$16,932 28a
29	<u>Missiary work in Mexico. ① Help Christian schools. ② Help and preach at Mexican churches. ③ Help children's homes. ④ Food distribution. ⑤ Host groups. ⑥ Large Christmas outreach - 5,000 gifts.</u> (Grants \$ 2,900) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☒	\$9,790 29a
30	<u>Work in U.S. ① Pastor a weekly Spanish service. ② Travel to conferences. ③ Preach at U.S. churches.</u> (Grants \$ 940) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	\$6,229 30a
31	Other program services (attach schedule) <u>Monthly newsletter. (2,000 a year).</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	\$8,219 31a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	\$41,170 32

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Abundant Life in Jesus, Inc 990 Form, [2008](#)]

Political Career

This section provides an overview of King's political career, from 2019 to 2021.

Significant Findings

King's Campaign Denied That She Was A Carpetbagger In 2020 Despite King's Recent Move From Chicago To Run In The District.

- ✓ After admitting she had planned to run for office since she was a child and lamenting the political difficulties for Republicans in Chicago, King ran to represent IL-17, a district she had just moved to, for the first time in 2020.
- ✓ In 2016, King said she had known she wanted to run for political office since she was a child.
- ✓ In 2018, King moved from Chicago to the 17th District to run for Congress there.
- ✓ In 2019, King launched her campaign, saying she was recruited by local business leaders.
 - ✓ King had not voted for Congress in IL-17 before running for office in the district herself, and she voted there for the first time in 2019.
- ✓ In 2020, King's campaign argued that she has "been in the district for nearly two years" after she came to the area for Army training.

King Was Handpicked By The Republican Establishment To Move From Chicago And Run For Congress In The 17th District.

- ✓ 2019-2020: King was named to the NRCC's "Young Guns" program and received support from House Republican leadership and others in the Washington Republican establishment.
- ✓ 2021: King was named to the NRCC's "Young Guns" program for a second time and said she was "honored" to be included.
- ✓ 2021: King accepted \$63,200 from Republican leadership PACs.
- ✓ King refused to name an instance when she disagreed with the Republican Party on an "issue of major import," responding that the question was "not applicable" during her first run for elected office.

King Claimed She Had Raised Over \$1 Million For Her 2022 Congressional Campaign As Of October 2021.

- ✓ October 2021: King claimed she had raised more than \$1 million in her 2022 campaign and said "this time, the people of the Illinois 17th will NOT allow this race to be bought by political party leaders."

- ✓ King claimed in a press release that more than 63% of her contributions came from in-state, but as of September 30th, 2021, King's FEC reports showed only 39.2% of her itemized contributions came from Illinois.
- ✓ In September 2021, the FEC flagged King for accepting contributions exceeding federal limits.

2020-2021: King Held Campaign Events At A Venue Owned By A Local Businessman And Republican Donor, But Did Not Report In-Kind Contributions Or Campaign Expenditures Stemming From The Events.

- ✓ In September 2020, King held a campaign event featuring Liz Cheney and Dan Crenshaw at The Rust Belt in East Moline, IL, but did not report it as an in-kind contribution or expenditure.
- ✓ In May 2021, King held her campaign kick-off at the Rust Belt, but did not record it as an in-kind contribution or expenditure.
- ✓ Larry Anderson owned The Rust Belt, an arena in East Moline, with Aaron Tennant.
 - ✓ Anderson spent years opposing King's 2020 opponent Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos and contributing over \$25,000 to federal and local Republican candidates.
- ✓ King provided legal services for Anderson both personally and for his company East Moline Glass Co.

Political Career

After Admitting She Had Planned To Run For Office Since She Was A Child And Lamenting The Political Difficulties For Chicago Republicans, King Ran To Represent A District She Had Just Moved To

2016: King Said She Had Known She Wanted To Run For Political Office Since She Was A Kid

2016: King Said She Had Known She Wanted To Run For Political Office Since She Was A Kid. "I think the idea of 'I'm going to run for political office someday' has been in my head since I was a kid. I will be doing that at some point. When that point is, I have no idea." [Crain's Chicago Business, [5/16/16](#)]

2016: King Lamented The Lack Of Political Opportunity For Republicans In Chicago, And Hoped A Technological "Revolution" Would Help Spark Change For Republicans

2016: King Lamented The Lack Of Political Opportunity For Republicans In Chicago, And Hoped A Technological "Revolution" Would Help Spark Change For Republicans. "You live in Chicago. Is it hard to be a Republican here? There's no real opportunity to break out of 'This is blue, this is red, and that's it.' There should be. I don't know where the revolution is going to come from, but I think that we're getting closer, particularly from a technological standpoint." [Crain's Chicago Business, [5/16/16](#)]

2018: King Moved From Chicago To The 17th District To Run For Congress

2018: King Moved To The 17th Congressional District From Chicago. "King went on to earn her law degree and a master's of law in taxation from Northwestern University. She began her legal career as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago. She moved to the 17th Congressional District about two years ago to be near the Rock

Island Arsenal, where she serves in the U.S. Army Reserves, and founded a real estate law firm in East Moline called King and Clark.” [Quad-City Times, [10/7/20](#)]

2019: King Declared Her Candidacy For Congress In Illinois’ 17th Congressional District

2019: King Declared Her Candidacy For Congress In Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. “An East Moline real estate lawyer and small business owner has announced her candidacy for Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. The 33-year old that plans to challenge Congresswoman Cheri Bustos is Republican Esther Joy King. In a statement released Wednesday, August 21st King said: “I will promote a policy agenda aligned with the priorities and values of our congressional district.....Most of all, I will deliver more civility and truly bipartisan efforts to make government work better for the people of the Illinois 17th.” [WGIL, [8/22/19](#)]

2020: King’s Campaign Denied That She Was A “Carpetbagger” Despite King Living In The District For Less Than Two Years

2020: King’s Campaign Denied That She Was A “Carpetbagger” Despite King Living In The District For Less Than Two Years. “King’s campaign has also dismissed accusations of being a carpetbagger, noting she moved for military training and opted to remain in the area. ‘Esther has been in the district for nearly two years. She came here for Army training at the Rock Island Arsenal, and fell in love with the area, and the people who live here. Esther is involved in the community, and has made this her home,’ a King campaign spokesman said in a statement.” [Hill, [10/24/20](#)]

King Had Not Voted For Congress In IL-17 Before Running For Office In The District And Voted There For The First Time In 2019. MAXWELL: “You say she represents California and New York, but her campaign recently says you’re just new to the district, that you’ve just moved there in recent years. I think the most recent record of you voting in that district was just last year, in 2019, not even the last congressional race. How do you think you know the district better than she does?” KING: “Mark, I have come to this part of Illinois through the Rock Island arsenal. So serving in the military brought me here. And really quickly, when you join this community, when you get to know people, you realize that we need better representation. And with everything happening in our country, I had to ask myself, if not me, then who? And I have values in common with this community that I am so proud to stand up for, and to represent.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

King Had “Short Roots” In IL-17 And Said Local Business Leaders Recruited Her To Run For Congress

King Had “Short Roots” In IL-17. “Republican King, an attorney with short roots in the district got 48.1% of the vote with Bustos winning with only 51.9% according to unofficial returns reported by the Associated Press.” [Chicago Sun-Times, [11/9/20](#)]

2020: King Said Local Business Leaders Recruited Her To Run For Congress. KING: “Just after undergrad, I moved to Afghanistan, and I worked doing women’s rights work in Afghanistan. And that experience truly made me very grateful to be an American, and for this country that we have, and I came back to the United States, became a lawyer and then ended up joining the United States Army Reserve as a JAG Officer, a lawyer in the army. And so I came here to the western part of Illinois, through the Rock Island Arsenal. I’m doing annual training there. And I’ve loved the community I’ve stayed. And now the next step, the next level of service to my country is running for Congress. So living here in Western Illinois speaking with business leaders and, and people here in the area, I quickly learned that we do not have good representation right now. Cheri Bustos, our current Representative is doing a better job representing New York and California. She votes 100% of the time with with Nancy Pelosi. And she votes 94% of the time with Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, the progressive left representative from New York. So here in Western Illinois, that’s not...those aren’t our values. That’s not what we believe in. And so people here when I started talking with with others, and particularly some business leaders, here in the Quad Cities area where I live. They said ‘Esther, you know, with your background, we’ve been searching for somebody, anybody to run against Cheri Bustos, because she’s not representing us or working for us. And we would love to see you jump in. If you

jump in, you got to go all in -- 197%.' And I had to ask myself in that moment, if not me, then who? And the sense of duty has really come up." [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 0:31)

King Said Her "Business Relationships" Pushed Her To Run For Congress. Q: "How is she going to 'rally the troops' in the Quad Cities?" KING: "I have awesome business relationships. There are some key influencers in the Quad Cities' community who are kind of the instigators, they said, 'Hey, Esther, we'd love if you'd run.' They're rallying the entire community in the Quad Cities and I've been building great relationships just through church and community organizations and mayors—Rock Island, Moline, East Moline a little less, he's a Democrat—but, they've been really supportive, opening doors for me, bringing people together, that kind of thing." [Canton Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

King Declined To Answer Directly When Asked If She Would Use Her Run For Congress As A Political Stepping Stone

King Declined To Answer Directly When Asked If She Would Use Her Run For Congress As A Political Stepping Stone. Q: "Do you have aspirations to go beyond that, to work in Washington, would that be a hope for you?" KING: "Um, that exact question is the downfall of people like my opponent, and so I am not thinking about anything beyond representing – it's – if I were to think or if I were to say, 'Oh, this is a stepping stone to my next aspiration,' I feel like I'd be making the exact same mistake that my opponent is making right now and I would deserve to be voted out of office." [Culture Changers with Allison Hare Episode 89, [1/12/21](#)] (AUDIO, 19:43)

2019-2020: King Was Named To The NRCC's "Young Guns" Program And Received Support From House Republican Leadership And Others In The Washington Republican Establishment

2019-2020: King Was Part Of The NRCC's "Young Guns" Program And Said Kevin McCarthy Had Been "Awesome" In Supporting Her Campaign

November 2019: King Was Named To The NRCC's "Young Guns" Program. "The National Republican Congressional Committee named East Moline, Ill., lawyer Esther Joy King to its list of 'young guns' - first-time candidates running for U.S. House seats held by Democrats in 2020. King is running for the Republican nomination to face incumbent U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, a Democrat, to represent Illinois' 17th Congressional District. 'It's rewarding to earn this support,' said King in a press release. 'My focus is firmly on learning what matters to people, and putting together a responsive campaign to reflect the needs of (the district).'" [Telegraph Herald, [11/3/19](#)]

May 2020: The NRCC Raised King To The "Contender" Level In Its "Young Guns" Program. "The Republican National Congressional Committee moved Illinois 17th Congressional District candidate Esther Joy King to the status of 'contender' on the organization's national Young Guns list. King will face Democratic U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos in November. King was added to the first level of the Young Guns program last November. To make it to the second level, a campaign must meet 'stringent program metrics,' be 'on the path to developing a mature and competitive campaign operation' and be in a district the committee has deemed favorable to go Republican, according to the RNCC." [Telegraph Herald, 5/3/20]

King: Minority Leader McCarthy Had Been "Awesome In Supporting Me." "According to King, the Republican National Committee has targeted this race as the number one race in the entire country, 'That's excellent and it means I have a lot of work to do to actually be able to make this a competitive race. It has to be a race that is won on the ground. It's all about getting people excited. Having you guys go talk to others and starting that spark that will light the fire so there is enough people that will know that this is a competitive race and then the National Party (Republican) will be able to make a difference. The National Republican Congressional Committee stays neutral through the primary. That said, leader Kevin McCarthy [R-House Minority Leader] has been awesome in supporting me.'" [Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

King's 2020 Campaign Was Bankrolled By Leadership PACs, Including Steve Scalise's Leadership PAC

2020 Election: King's Campaign Took \$7,500 From Eye Of The Tiger PAC, Rep. Steve Scalise's Leadership PAC. [FEC, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

- **King's Campaign Took \$2,500 From Eye Of The Tiger PAC, Rep. Steve Scalise's Leadership PAC, During The Republican Primary.** [FEC, Accessed [10/15/21](#)]

2020 Election: King Took \$151,500 From Leadership PACs. [Center for Responsive Politics, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

- **May 2020: King's Campaign Received \$5,000 From Elise Stefanik's E-PAC.** [FEC, [5/18/20](#)]
- **June 2020: Stefanik's E-PAC Endorsed King's Campaign.** "Announced today: E-PAC's next round of endorsed Rising Star GOP women candidates. More Republican women are running for Congress than ever before, and we are in a STRONG position to take back the House with our endorsed candidates. The following endorsed candidates have met E-PAC's tough metrics of success and have demonstrated a proven path to victory in November: [...] Esther Joy King (Esther For Congress) (IL-17): Esther is an Army Reservist, small businesswoman, and attorney. She learned the value of serving her community through her parents, who were missionaries along the US-Mexico border." [Facebook, Elise Stefanik, [6/10/20](#)]
- **June-October 2020: Liz Cheney's Cowboy PAC Contributed A Total Of \$5,000 To King's Campaign.** [FEC, Accessed [10/28/21](#)]
 - **October 2020: Cheney Said King Would Be A "Fighter" In Congress.** "Esther Joy King will be a fighter for Illinois-17. Donate Today! Esther for Congress - Principles that matter. Policies that work." [Twitter, @Liz_Cheney, [10/21/20](#)]

King Refused To Name An Instance When She Disagreed With The Republican Party On An "Issue Of Major Import"

2020: King Refused To Name An Instance When She Disagreed With The Republican Party On An "Issue Of Major Import." "Q: When have you shown independence from your party on an issue of major import? A: Being my first time running for office, this question is not applicable. However, as Congresswoman, I will always be aware of what's important to the 17th Congressional District and try to act accordingly. There may be times however, where I need to act in the country's best interest, even if the majority of my district might be opposed to going in that direction." [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

- **King Said Because It Was Her First Time Running For Elected Office, The Question Of If There Were Any Issues On Which She Disagreed With The Republican Party Was "Not Applicable."** "Q: When have you shown independence from your party on an issue of major import? A: Being my first time running for office, this question is not applicable. However, as Congresswoman, I will always be aware of what's important to the 17th Congressional District and try to act accordingly. There may be times however, where I need to act in the country's best interest, even if the majority of my district might be opposed to going in that direction." [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]
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country's best interest, even if the majority of my district might be opposed to going in that direction.”
[Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

King Declared Her Candidacy For The 2022 Election An Hour After Her Former Opponent Announced She Would Not Seek Re-Election

2021: King Declared Her Candidacy For The 2022 Election An Hour After Her Former Opponent Rep. Cheri Bustos Announced She Would Not Seek Re-Election. “An hour after Illinois Representative Cheri Bustos announced that she would not be running for re-election in the 2022 General Election, previous opponent Esther Joy King announced her campaign for the seat. In a Facebook post made on Friday, April 30, King published a Facebook post announcing her campaign for the Representative of Illinois District 17. ‘I want to thank Cheri Bustos for her service and I wish her the best going forward. Cheri has always claimed she knew this district well — so she clearly saw what we’re seeing every day: IL-17 was going to make a change in 2022 and Cheri was destined to lose. The people of the IL-17 accomplished this. I’m proud to be part of a movement to bring better representation to the best people I know,’ King says. ‘And while we were planning to make this official in a couple weeks, I’m announcing today that yes, I am running for Congress in 2022 because I know that the residents of this district deserve so much better than what the liberal elites have been serving them up in Washington,’ King said. ‘We need a battle-ready leader. We need a fighter who won’t back down; someone who knows that the residents of the 17th District matter more than Washington, D.C., special interests.’” [WQAD 8, [4/30/21](#)]

After Rep. Cheri Bustos Announced She Would Not Run Again, The Open Seat “Attract[ed] A Lot Of Interest From Ambitious Pols” Like King. “A truly open seat election for Congress is relatively rare and tends to attract a lot of interest from ambitious pols. U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos' retirement creates a wide open field in the 17th Congressional District next year. After five terms in Congress, Bustos, D-Moline, surprised many political watchers with the announcement she won't run again next year. [...] Esther Joy King, the 2020 Republican candidate, declared her 2022 candidacy shortly after Bustos' retirement announcement. While she didn't respond to interview requests, King said in a statement announcing her own candidacy that the 17th Congressional District ‘deserves so much better than what the liberal elites have been serving them up in Washington.’” [WBCU, [5/7/21](#)]

2021: King Was Named To The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program For A Second Time

October 2021: King Was Named To The First Round Of The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program. “The National Republican Congressional Committee announced their first round of ‘On the Radar’ candidates as part of the Youngs Guns program. The program led in conjunction with Leader McCarthy helps equip Republican candidates across the country with the tools they need to run winning campaigns. ‘Our movement is more united, energized, and passionate than I’ve ever seen it,’ said Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy. ‘I’m proud to welcome these candidates to the Young Guns program and I look forward to working together to not only take the House — but to build a lasting Republican majority.’ The Young Guns program is divided into three levels containing benchmarks that a candidate must achieve to advance in the program. Candidates who achieve full Young Guns status have successfully collaborated with the NRCC and completed the requirements that establish a path to victory on Election Day. In 2020, 25 Young Guns were elected to Congress. Since its inception, the Young Guns program has helped elect over 150 members of Congress. You can view the Young Guns website by clicking [HERE](#). The list of ‘On the Radar’ candidates is as follows: [...] (IL-17) Esther Joy King” [McHenry County Blog, [10/12/21](#)]

King Said She Was “Honored” To Be Included In The “Young Guns” Program. “Honored to be included in the @NRCC's Young Guns program to take back the House in 2022! I'm battle-ready to fight for Illinois and take on the Democrats' radical left-wing agenda. Let's go! 🔥🔥🔥”



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 aaron navarro @aaronlarnavarrro · Oct 12
.@NRCC posts list of candidates to watch, the first round of their "Young Guns" program.

Includes candidates running in two new seats from apportionment/redistricting (#TX38 & #MT02) & 3 candidates running in #GA06 & 4 in #NH01. Multiple 2020 GOP candidates on this list too.

AZ-01) Walt Blackman	) Tim Baxter
AZ-01) Eli Crane	) Matt Mowers
AZ-02) Juan Ciscomani	) Karoline Leavitt
CA-49) Christopher Rodriguez	) Gail Huff Brown
FL-07) Brady Duke	) Tom Kean Jr.
FL-07) Cory Mills	) Colin Schmitt
FL-13) Amanda Makki	) Marcus Molinaro
FL-13) Anna Paulina Luna	) Alek Skarlatos
GA-06) Jake Evans	) Lisa Scheller
GA-06) Harold Earls	) Monica De La Cruz Hernandez
GA-06) Meagan Hanson	) Wesley Hunt
GA-07) Rich McCormick	) Jen Kiggans
IA-03) Zach Nunn	) Jesse Jensen
IL-17) Esther Joy King	) Derrick Van Orden
KS-03) Amanda Adkins	
ME-02) Bruce Poliquin	
WI-03) Tyler Kistner	
WI-02) Ryan Zinke	

[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/21/21](#)]

King Was Included In The First Round Of The NRCC's "Young Guns" Program. "House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy on Monday unveiled the first round of 'Young Guns' – promising candidates running in the 2022 midterm elections - when the GOP aims to win back the chamber's majority from the Democrats. The list released by the longtime congressman from California, which was shared first with Fox News on Monday, includes eight candidates running in some of the nation's most competitive congressional districts in next year's elections. On the list are former Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine (ME-02), Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin (WI-03), Esther Joy King of Illinois (IL-17), Tom Kean Jr. of New Jersey (NJ-07), Amanda Adkins of Kansas (KS-03), Ryan Zinke of Montana (MT-01/02), and from two from Texas - Monica De La Cruz Hernandez (TX-15) and Wesley Hunt (TX-38)." [Fox News, [11/8/21](#)]

Election History

Election Results

2020 Illinois 17th Congressional District General Election

2020 Illinois 17 th Congressional District General Election		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Cheri Bustos (D)	156,011	52.02%
Esther Joy King (R)	143,863	47.97%
General Parker (I)	21	<0.01%

[Illinois State Board Of Elections, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

2020 Illinois 17th Congressional District Republican Primary Election

2020 Illinois 17 th Congressional District Republican Primary		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Esther Joy King (R)	19,464	65.13%
William W. Fawell (R)	10,423	34.87%

[Illinois State Board Of Elections, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

King Faced A “Challenge” Attempting To Remove Her From The 2020 Republican Primary Ballot; Challenge Was Later Dropped. “The Illinois State Board of Elections voted Thursday to remove three central Illinois candidates from the March 17 primary ballot, according to data on its website. All three were axed for having insufficient signatures on their nominating petitions, according to documentation included in the board’s agenda packet. The move means there will be no GOP primary for the 91st District state House seat, where incumbent Republican Rep. Mike Unes is retiring. Both Sam Goddard and Corey Campbell of Pekin were taken off the ballot, meaning Pekin Mayor Mark Luft will be the sole candidate and will receive the Republican nomination. He’ll face the only Democrat on the ballot, Josh Grys, in the fall election, and the winner there will succeed Unes next January. [...] There had been challenges to two of those three Republicans, but one, against perennial candidate Bill Fawell, who alleged a conspiracy behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and has been disavowed by local Republican leaders, was dismissed by the election board last month. Another brought against Esther Joy King of East Moline, was dropped. The third candidate is Eugene Farrell of Roseville.” [Peoria Journal Star, [1/9/20](#)]

Campaign Finance

2020 Election

King Raised A Total Of \$2,058,085.15 And Spent A Total Of \$2,055,793.65 In Her Previous Run For Congress In 2020

According To The Federal Election Commission, King Raised \$2,058,085.15 And Spent A Total Of \$2,055,793.65 In Her Previous Run For Congress.

King Federal Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate	Raised	Spent
2020	Esther Joy King	\$2,058,085.15	\$2,055,793.65
	Total:	\$2,058,085.15	\$2,055,793.65

[FEC, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

2022 Election

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King Federal Campaign Finance History			
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2021	Esther Joy King	\$980,614.96	\$326,949.20

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October 2021: King Claimed She Raised Over \$1 Million. “Republican Congressional candidate Esther Joy King of East Moline announced Tuesday that she’s raised over \$1 million for the 2022 election for her campaign, to win the open Illinois 17th District seat. [...] With the endorsements of dozens of local political and community leaders and numerous high-profile conservative leaders from across the country, reaching this \$1-million milestone indicates support and momentum is quickly coalescing behind her.” [Our Quad Cities, [10/26/21](#)]

King Exaggerated The Share Of Her Contributions That Came From Illinois Donors

King Claimed More Than 63% Of Contributions Came From In-State. “More than 63% of donations have come from within Illinois and King has over 2,000 individual donors this election cycle, a Tuesday release said.” [Our Quad Cities, [10/26/21](#)]

- **As Of September 30th, 2021, King Reported A Total of \$373,851.41 In Itemized Contributions From IL, Which Was 39.2% Of Her \$954,531.73 In Total Contributions Through That Date.** [FEC, Form 3, [10/15/21](#); FEC, Esther for Congress, Accessed [10/29/21](#); FEC Individual Contribution Search, Accessed [10/28/21](#)]
 - **As Of September 30th, 2021, King Reported A Total Of \$86,137 In Unitemized Contributions, Which Was 9% Of Her \$954,531.73 In Total Contributions Through That Date.** FEC, Form 3, [10/15/21](#); FEC, Esther for Congress, Accessed [10/29/21](#)

King Insisted Her 2022 Race Would Not “Be Bought By Political Party Leaders,” But Accepted At Least \$63,200 From Campaign Committees And Leadership PACs In The First Nine Months Of 2021

King: “The People Of The Illinois 17th Will NOT Allow This Race To Be Bought By Political Party Leaders.” “‘The support our campaign has received humbles me,’ King, a 40-year-old lawyer, said in the release. ‘I’m so grateful for all our friends and supporters have done so far. Raising over \$1 million at this stage demonstrates our community in Central-Western-Northern Illinois is ready for a leader who will stand against Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden’s burdensome agenda. ‘We were outspent 3-1 in our campaign in 2020—this time, the people of the Illinois 17th will NOT allow this race to be bought by political party leaders,’ she said. ‘Our communities are energized to take this district back and send a Battle-ready leader to Congress to fight for our values.’” [Our Quad Cities, [10/26/21](#)]

2021: King Received \$63,200 from Campaigns And Leadership PACs.

Contributor	Amount
BergmanforCongress (Rep. Jack Bergman)	\$1,000.00
Byron Donalds for Congress (Rep. Byron Donalds)	\$1,000.00
Bigs Ideas Create Excellence – BICE PAC (Rep. Stephanie Bice)	\$2,000.00
CMR PAC (Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers)	\$1,000.00
Delivers PAC (Rep. Randy Feenstra)	\$500.00
Friends of Dan Swanson (State Rep. Dan Swanson)	\$1,000.00
Greg Steube for Congress (Rep. Greg Steube)	\$1,000.00
Go PAC Go (Rep. Mike Gallagher)	\$2,000.00
Guy for Congress (Rep. Guy Reschenthaler)	\$2,000.00
McPAC (Rep. Kevin McCarthy)	\$10,000.00

Ozinga for Illinois (State Rep. Tim Ozinga)	\$500.00
Raptor PAC (Rep. Austin Pfluger)	\$1,000.00
Republican Majority Fund (Sen. Tom Cotton)	\$2,500.00
Ron Estes for Congress (Rep. Ron Estes)	\$2,000.00
RVFPAC (Rep. Guy Reschenthaler)	\$2,900.00
Anderson for Illinois (State Sen. Neil Anderson)	\$1,000.00
City on a Hill PAC (Rep. Michael Cloud)	\$1,000.00
Cut the Bull PAC (Rep. Carol Miller)	\$2,000.00
Friends of James Kemper (Peoria City Council)	\$750.00
Friends of Sid Ruckriegel (Peoria City Council)	\$1,000.00
Star PAC (Rep. Jack Bergman)	\$1,000.00
Abraham Lincoln PAC (Rep. Darin LaHood)	\$5,000.00
America Reloaded (Rep. Dan Crenshaw)	\$5,000.00
Blaine for Congress (Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer)	\$4,000.00
Making America Prosperous PAC (Rep. Kevin Brady)	\$3,000.00
Jobs Opportunity and New Idea PAC (Sen. Joni Ernst)	\$2,500.00
Point Action PAC (Rep. Drew Ferguson)	\$2,000.00
SEAL PAC (Former Rep. Ryan Zinke)	\$1,500.00
Ranger PAC (Former Rep. Geoff Davis)	\$1,000.00
Carol for Congress (Rep. Carol Miller)	\$1,000.00
Jil Tracy for State Senate	\$1,000.00
Bradley A. Hix Campaign Committee (Galesburg City Council)	\$50.00
	\$63,200.00

[FEC, Form 3, [10/15/21](#); [7/15/21](#); [4/15/21](#)]

Personal Political Donations

Federal Political Donations

King Has Given \$12,595 To Federal Political Candidates, Almost Exclusively To Her Own Campaigns

According To The Federal Election Commission, King Has Given \$12,545 To Her Own Campaign.

King Federal Giving History			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
12/31/20	Esther for Congress (Loan)	R	\$3,500.00
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12/31/20	Esther for Congress (Loan)	R	\$1,650.00
9/15/20	Esther for Congress (Loan)	R	\$2,000.00
6/2/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Esther for Congress)	R	\$100.00
5/28/20	Esther For Congress	R	\$20.00
5/28/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Esther for Congress)	R	\$15.00
5/28/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Esther for Congress)	R	\$20.00

5/28/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Esther for Congress)	R	\$20.00
3/11/20	Esther For Congress	R	\$60.00
2/3/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Young for Iowa)	R	\$50.00
12/27/19	Esther For Congress	R	\$128.00
12/18/19	Esther For Congress	R	\$2.00
10/28/19	Esther For Congress	R	\$30.00
9/1/19	Esther For Congress	R	\$1,500.00
		Total	\$12,595.00

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

State-Level And Local Political Donations

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Contributed By	Amount	Amount Received Date	Report Received Date	Received By
King, Esther 801 Bend Blvd Apt 313 East Moline, IL 61244	\$300.00	5/9/2021	9/28/2021	Individual Contribution Sangamon County Republican Central Comm

[Illinois State Board of Elections, Contributor Search, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

King No Other Record Of Giving To State-Level Candidates Or Committees. According to the Missouri Ethics Commission, the Texas Ethics Commission, Oklahoma Ethics Commission, and Follow the Money, King has not given money to any state-level candidates or committees. [Texas Ethics Commission, Contributor Search, Accessed [10/27/21](#); Follow the Money, Accessed [10/27/21](#); Missouri Ethics Commission, Contribution Search, Accessed [10/27/21](#); Oklahoma Ethics Commission, Contribution Search, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

Ethics

Significant Findings

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- ✓ In September 2020, King held a campaign event featuring Liz Cheney and Dan Crenshaw at The Rust Belt in East Moline, IL, but did not record it as an in-kind contribution or expenditure.
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 - ✓ Anderson spent years opposing King's 2020 opponent Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos and contributing more than \$25,000 to federal and local Republican candidates.
 - ✓ King provided legal services for Anderson both personally and for his company East Moline Glass Co.
- ✓ King refused to make a required disclosure about her personal finances at all in 2020, and filed her required 2021 disclosure nearly half a year after the deadline.

Potential Campaign Finance Violations

2021: FEC Flagged King For Campaign Contributions Exceeding Federal Limits

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- **Politico Illinois Playbook On King’s Excessive Contributions: “This Isn’t King’s First Congressional Race, So It’s Unclear How The Mistakes Happened.”** “FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: The Federal Election Commission has flagged Republican congressional candidate Esther Joy King for her campaign’s handling of financial contributions, according to documents obtained by Playbook. In a letter sent to King’s campaign last month, the FEC says some donors have exceeded the \$2,900 total limit for donating to a primary or general election. This isn’t King’s first congressional race, so it’s unclear how the mistakes happened. King, who narrowly lost in 2020 to retiring 17th District Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos, has been actively campaigning for months even though congressional boundaries have yet to be decided.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [9/8/21](#)]

August 2021: King’s Campaign Received A Request For Additional Information From The FEC Regarding Its July Quarterly Report. [FEC, Esther For Congress, [8/22/21](#)]

- **The RFAI Noted That The Report Disclosed “One Or More Contributions That Appear To Exceed” Campaign Contribution Limits.** “Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). The Commission notes your additional explanation regarding the committee's corrective action taken for some of these contributions.” [FEC, Esther For Congress, [8/22/21](#)]

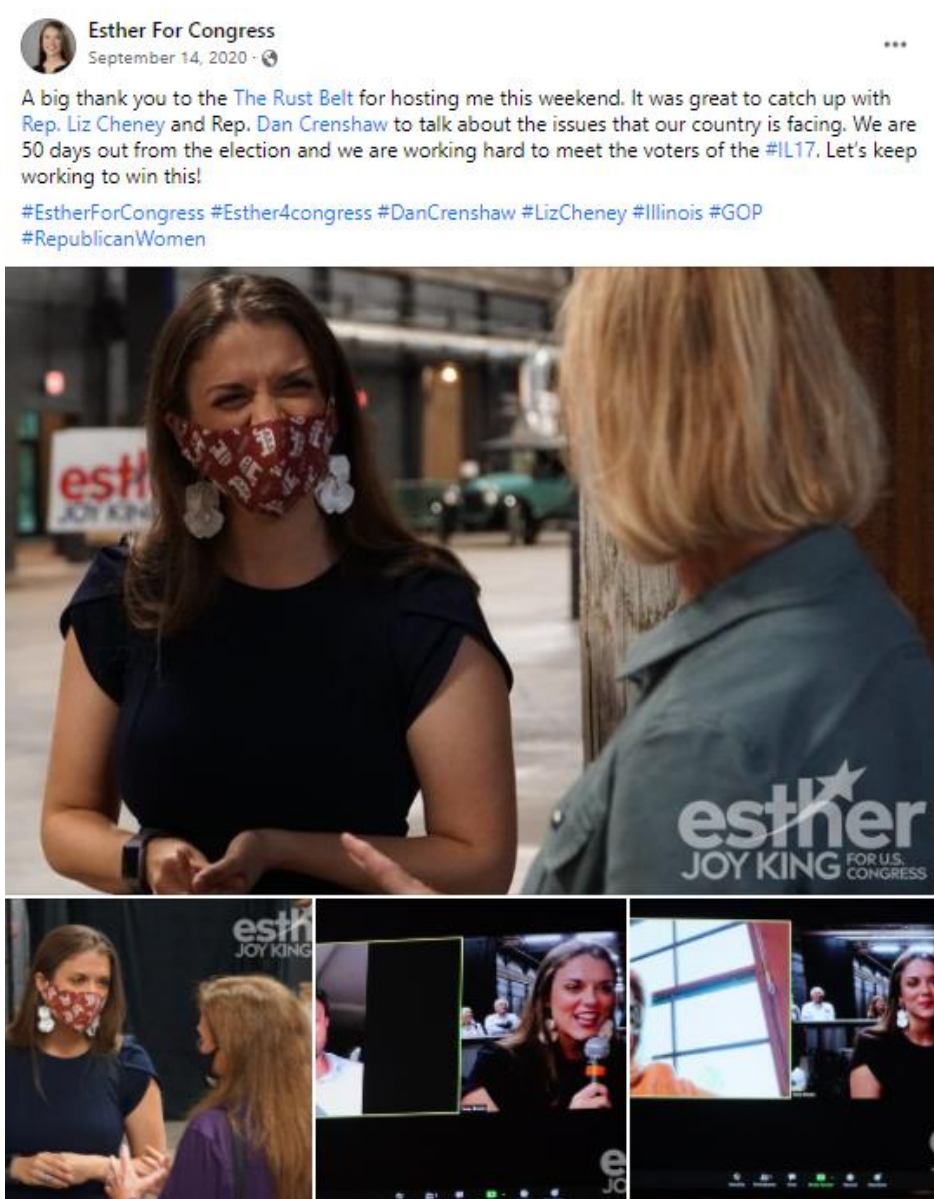
Apparent Excessive Contributions from Individuals

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Anseeuw, Jacquilyn Mrs.	3/25/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Anseeuw, Jacquilyn Mrs.	5/6/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Anseeuw, Jacquilyn Mrs.	6/5/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Anseeuw, Jackie	6/30/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Dee, Thomas	3/25/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Dee, Thomas	5/10/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Dee, Tommy	6/9/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Jay, Jeffrey R. Md	6/17/21	\$8,700.00	P2022
Lauter, Robert	6/20/21	\$5,000.00	G2022
Weber, George	2/17/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Weber, George	3/31/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Weber, George	6/7/21	\$2,900.00	P2022

[FEC, Esther For Congress, [8/22/21](#)]

2020-2021: King Held Campaign Events At A Venue Owned By A Local Businessman And Republican Donor But Did Not Record It As An In-Kind Contribution
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September 2020: King Held A Campaign Event Featuring Liz Cheney And Dan Crenshaw At The Rust Belt In East Moline, IL. “A big thank you to the The Rust Belt for hosting me this weekend. It was great to catch up with Rep. Liz Cheney and Rep. Dan Crenshaw to talk about the issues that our country is facing. We are 50 days out from the election and we are working hard to meet the voters of the #IL17. Let’s keep working to win this! #EstherForCongress #Esther4congress #DanCrenshaw #LizCheney #Illinois #GOP #RepublicanWomen”



[Facebook, Esther For Congress, [9/14/20](#)]

King Did Not Report Any In-Kind Contributions From The Rust Belt Or Its Owners Larry Anderson And Aaron Tennant In Her October Quarterly Filing With The FEC. [FEC, [10/15/20](#)]

King Did Not Report Any Disbursements To The Rust Belt Or Its Owners Larry Anderson And Aaron Tennant In Her October Quarterly Filing With The FEC. [FEC, [10/15/20](#)]

September 12th, 2020- September 14th, 2020: King Did Not Report Any Venue Rental Costs. [FEC, [10/15/20](#)]

May 2021: King Held Her Campaign Kick-Off At A Venue Owned By A Local Business And Republican Donor But Did Not Record It As An In-Kind Contribution

May 2021: King Held Her Campaign Kick-Off At The Rust Belt In East Moline, IL. “Republican congressional candidate Esther Joy King pushed on with her campaign Thursday night for the 17th District in Illinois. Several of her supporters showed up to watch her speak at the Rust Belt in East Moline.” [Our Quad Cities, [5/27/21](#)]

King Did Not Report Any In-Kind Contributions From The Rust Belt Or Its Owners Larry Anderson And Aaron Tennant In Her July Quarterly Filing With The FEC. [FEC, [7/15/21](#)]

King Did Not Report Any Disbursements To The Rust Belt Or Its Owners Larry Anderson And Aaron Tennant In Her July Quarterly Filing With The FEC. [FEC, [7/15/21](#)]

May 27th, 2021: King Reported Paying Rexroat Sound \$220 For “Equipment Rental,” Paying The Combine Restaurant \$1,383.25 For “Event Catering,” And Paying \$600 For Videography. [FEC, [7/15/21](#)]

King Did Not Report Any Venue Rental Costs On Or Around May 27th, 2021. [FEC, [7/15/21](#)]

Larry Anderson Owned The Rust Belt, An Arena In East Moline, With Aaron Tennant. “The Rust Belt, the name for the repurposed arena, remains dark, even as other businesses reopen, because of Illinois’ COVID-19 precautions. ‘Legally we can’t have anything there, so it’s been dark,’ Tennant, who co-owns the business with the building’s owner, Larry Anderson. “We shut the A/C down, turned out all the lights. It’s basically one big empty venue right now.” [Muscatine Journal, [8/20/20](#)]

Anderson Also Had A Business Interest In The Bend, An Apartment Complex In East Moline, IL. “In the meantime, the Rust Belt, may work with The Bend, where Tennant and Anderson are also business partners with some others, and have an outdoor concert.” Muscatine Journal, [8/20/20](#)]

King Worked For Anderson Both Personally And For His Company East Moline Glass Co.

2019: King Reported Receiving At Least \$5,000 In Compensation From East Moline Glass For “Legal Services,” The Only Source Of Compensation Greater Than \$5,000 Listed. [Esther Joy King 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [12/18/19](#)]

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King Handled A Deed Transfer For Larry Anderson When He Purchased 2821 10th Street In East Moline, IL.

This document prepared by (and after
recording return to):

Esther King
Attorney at Law
1033 7th Street
East Moline, IL 61244

2019-17465

KELLY FISHER
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY RECORDER
ROCK ISLAND, IL
11/25/2019 12:13PM
REC FEE: 55.00
RHSP FEE: 10.00
STATE STAMPS: 104.50
COUNTY STAMPS: 52.25
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TRUSTEE DEED
(Trust to Trust)

THE GRANTOR, Jean L. Anderson, not individually but solely as Trustee under the provisions of Jean L. Anderson Trust Agreement dated March 27, 2012 as Grantor, a Trust organized under the laws of the state of Illinois, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois for valuable consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, cash in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby CONVEYS AND WARRANTS to Larry Anderson not individually but solely as Trustee under the provisions of Larry K. Anderson Trust dated April 28, 2015, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, hereinafter "Grantee" all interests in the described real estate, hereinafter "Property":

Lot Number Seven (7) in Rolling Meadows 4th Addition to the City of East Moline, situated in the County of Rock Island and State of Illinois. ~~50836405069~~

Grantor hereby releases and waives all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

[Rock Island County Recorder, Deed of Transfer, 11/25/19]

Larry Anderson Was The President Of East Moline Glass.

 HOME ABOUT US SERVICES PROJECTS NEWS			
Name	Position	Email Address	
Andrew Gibb	Project Manager	andrew.gibb@eastmolineglass.com	
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Heather Kizer	Shop Manager	Heather.kizer@eastmolineglass.com	
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Jill DeBlieck	Payroll Manager	jill.debleeck@eastmolineglass.com	
Kay Schlapkohl	Accounts Receivable	kay.schlap@eastmolineglass.com	
Ken Linder	Project Manager	ken.linder@eastmolineglass.com	
Larry Anderson	President	larry.anderson@eastmolineglass.com	

[East Moline Glass, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

King's 2020 Campaign And Legal Practice Were Registered At Property Owned By East Moline Glass President Larry Anderson, Who Contributed To King's Campaign And Spent Years Opposing King's 2020 Opponent Cheri Bustos

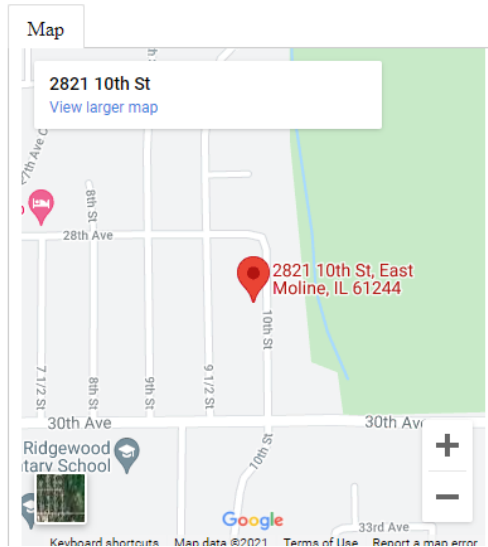
King Had A Legal Business At 2821 10th St In East Moline Registered With The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce.

ESTHER KING

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Legal

Esther King
2821 10th St
East Moline, Illinois 61244
N/A



[Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce, Accessed [10/17/21](#)]

King's Law Firm King & Clark LLC Was Previously Registered At 2821 10th St In East Moline.



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Business Summary

Name	Address	Phone
KING AND CLARK LLC  (No recent public filings on file)	2821 10th St East Moline, IL 61244-3236 Rock Island County	
LexID® Business	Established	TIN
Legal Entity: 1360-1885-5495	2019	

[Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, Accessed 10/20/21]

King's 2020 Campaign Was Headquartered At 2821 10th St, East Moline, IL. [FEC, [8/20/19](#)]

2821 10th St In East Moline Was Listed As An “Improved Residential Lot” Owned By Larry K Anderson Trust.

Property Information		
Pin Number 08-36-405-009	Site Address 2821 10 ST EAST MOLINE, IL 61244	Owner Name & Address ANDERSON LARRY K TRUST
Tax Year 2020 (Payable 2021) ▼		
Sale Status None		
Property Class 0040 - Improved Residential Lot	Tax Code 07003 -	Tax Status Taxable
Net Taxable Value 40,544	Tax Rate 10.854700	Total Tax \$4,400.96
Township SOUTH MOLINE	Acres 0.0000	Mailing Address EAST MOLINE GLASS 1033 7TH ST EAST MOLINE, IL, 61244-1460
Legal Description LOT 7 ROLLING MEADOWS 4TH ADD		

[Rock Island County Property Tax Search, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

East Moline Glass Was The Property Tax Mailing Address For The Property at 2821 10th St In East Moline.

Related Names			
	Name	Relationship	Status
+	EAST MOLINE GLASS	Mail to	CURRENT
+	ANDERSON LARRY K TRUST	Parcel Owner	CURRENT

[Rock Island County Property Tax Search, Accessed [10/18/21](#)]

2020-2021: King's Campaign Paid CTL Property Management LLC A Total of \$3,300 In Rent.

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date ▼	Amount —
ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	IL	RENT	05/10/2021	\$300.00
ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	IL	RENT	04/07/2021	\$300.00
ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	IL	RENT	03/11/2021	\$300.00
ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	IL	RENT	02/04/2021	\$600.00
ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	IL	RENT	12/01/2020	\$300.00
ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	IL	RENT	10/07/2020	\$600.00
ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	IL	RENT	08/18/2020	\$900.00

[FEC, Disbursement Search, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

Larry Anderson Was A Manager Of CTL Property Management LLC.

File Number	01152653	Managers	
Entity Name	CTL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC		
Status	ACTIVE		
Entity Information		Name	CARREL SAGON
Principal Office		Address	1033-7TH STREET, STE. 100 EAST MOLINE, IL 61244
Entity Type		Name	ANDERSON, TODD
Type of LLC		Address	1033-7TH STREET, STE. 100 EAST MOLINE, IL 61244
Principal Office		Name	ANDERSON, LARRY
Entity Type		Address	1033 - 7TH STREET, STE. 100 EAST MOLINE, IL 61244
Type of LLC			

[Illinois Secretary of State Entity Search, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

East Moline Glass President Larry Anderson Spent Years Opposing King's 2020 Opponent Cheri Bustos And Contributing More Than \$25,000 To Federal And Local Republican Candidates

Anderson Contributed \$15,700 To Federal Republican Candidates In Western Illinois, Including \$12,800 In Opposition Of Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos, King's 2020 Opponent, Over Several Years.

Anderson Federal Contributions				
Year	Contributor Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Total Contributions
2020	Larry Anderson	Owner	Esther for Congress	\$2,800
2014	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$5,000
2012	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,500
2011	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,500
2010	Larry Anderson	Owner	Bobby Schilling for Congress	\$2,400
1992	Larry Anderson	Owner	Schloemer for Congress	\$500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS				\$15,700

[FEC, Individual Contribution search, accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Democrat Cheri Bustos Ran Against Republican Rep. Bobby Schilling And Unseated Him In 2012, And Successfully Ran Against Him Again In 2014. “It's represented by Democratic incumbent Cheri Bustos, who's engaged in a contentious re-election battle against Republican challenger Bobby Schilling. Adding to the drama: Schilling served the 17th for one term from 2011-2013, losing his congressional seat to Bustos in 2012's general election. Bustos defeated Schilling 53-47 percent, thanks to a bump from redistricting that pulled in extra Democratic voters. Demographically, the newly altered district is primarily white, mostly urban and staunchly middle class.” [NBC Chicago, [11/4/14](#)]

King Ran And Lost Against Bustos In IL-17 In 2020. “Congresswoman Bustos declared victory after receiving 52% of votes with 99% of precincts reporting. Congresswoman Bustos has 151,867 votes while her challenger, Esther Joy King, has 140,600 votes. These numbers are as of 12:27 Wednesday morning.” [WREX, [11/4/20](#)]

Anderson Contributed \$12,000 To State And Local Republican Candidates In Western Illinois.

Anderson Federal Contributions				
Year	Contributor Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Total Contributions
2021	Larry Anderson	President	Friends of Stephanie Acri	\$6,000
2017	Larry Anderson	Executive	Friends of Stephanie Acri	\$2,500
2016	Larry Anderson	CEO	Anderson for Illinois	\$2,000
2014	Larry Anderson	President	Illinois Republican Party	\$1,000
2014	Larry Anderson	N/A	Wozniak for Illinois	\$250
2014	Larry Anderson	N/A	Kim Lazenby Campaign Committee	\$250
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS				\$12,000

[Illinois Board of Elections, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

Missed Personal Financial Disclosure Filing Deadlines

King Refused To Make A Required Disclosure About Her Personal Finances At All In 2020, And Filed Her Required 2021 Disclosure Nearly Half A Year After The Deadline

King Did Not File Financial Disclosure Statements In May 2020 Or May 2021

King Did Not File Financial Disclosure Statements In May 2020 Or May 2021. [U.S. House of Representatives Clerk, Personal Financial Disclosure Search, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

According To House Ethics Committee Rules, King Should Have Filed Financial Disclosure Statements In May 2020 And May 2021

According To House Ethics Committee Rules, Individuals Were Required To File Financial Disclosure Once They Qualified As A Candidate By Raising Or Spending More Than \$5,000. “Individuals are required to file an FD Statement once they ‘qualify’ as a candidate by raising or spending more than \$5,000 in a campaign for election to the House of Representatives.” [House Ethics Committee, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

According To House Ethics Committee Rules, Candidates Who Qualified During A Non-Election Year Were Required To File A Financial Disclosure Statement Within 30 Days Of Becoming A Candidate Or May 15, Whichever Is Later. “If you qualify during a non-election (odd-numbered) year, then you must file an FD Statement within 30 days of becoming a candidate or May 15 of that year, whichever is later. You are then required to file a second Statement on May 15 of the following year if you are still a candidate on that date.” [House Ethics Committee, Accessed [10/19/21](#)]

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Q1 2021: King Qualified As A Candidate For The 2022 Election

December 8th, 2020: King Filed Her Statement Of Candidacy With The FEC For The 2022 Election. [FEC, Esther For Congress, [12/8/20](#)]

Q1 2021: King's Campaign Reported \$163,541.89 In Total Receipts, Above The \$5,000 Candidate Qualifying Threshold For Personal Financial Disclosures. [FEC, Esther For Congress, [4/15/21](#)]

King Filed A New Personal Financial Disclosure In October 2021, Nearly Six Months Late

September 2021: King Was Late In Filing Her Personal Financial Disclosures. “FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: The Federal Election Commission has flagged Republican congressional candidate Esther Joy King for her campaign’s handling of financial contributions, according to documents obtained by Playbook. [...] King is also late in filing her personal financial disclosures.” [Politico Illinois Playbook, [9/8/21](#)]

October 2021: King Filed A New Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. [Esther Joy King Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed [10/20/21](#)]

Political Relationships

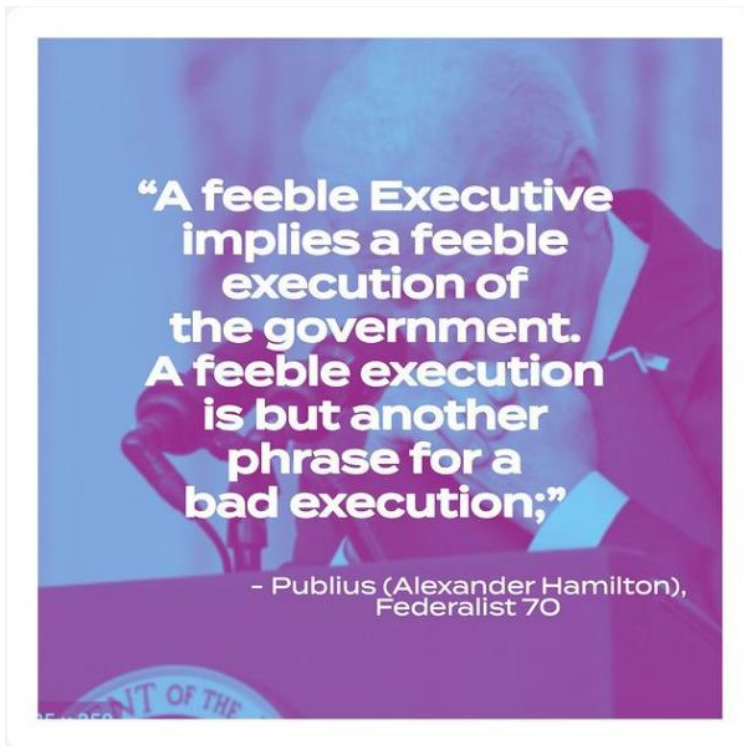
Significant Findings

- ✓ King criticized Joe Biden for lacking “energy in the executive” and said Alexander Hamilton predicted “the Biden problem” when he wrote the Federalist Papers.
- ✓ In 2020, King said Kevin McCarthy “has been awesome in supporting me,” and in 2021, after McCarthy endorsed her, King said she was “look[ing] forward to making him Speaker McCarthy in 2023.”
- ✓ In 2020, King thanked NRCC Chair Tom Emmer and Rep. Darin LaHood “for all their support of my candidacy.”
- ✓ King said a vote for her would not be the same as a vote for Donald Trump or Sen. Mitch McConnell, but King could not think of an instance when she disagreed with the Republican Party on an “issue of major import.”

Joe Biden

King Said Alexander Hamilton Predicted “The Biden Problem” When He Wrote About The Issue Of “Energy In The Executive”

King Said Alexander Hamilton Predicted “The Biden Problem” When He Wrote About The Issue Of “Energy In The Executive” In The Federalist Papers. “Alexander Hamilton foresaw the Biden problem when he wrote Federalist 70: ‘Energy in the Executive is a leading character in the definition of good government. It is essential to the protection of the community against foreign attacks; it is not less essential to the steady administration of the laws; to the protection of property against those irregular and high-handed combinations which sometimes interrupt the ordinary course of justice; to the security of liberty against the enterprises and assaults of ambition, of faction, and of anarchy.’”



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [8/29/21](#)]



Kevin McCarthy

King: McCarthy "Has Been Awesome In Supporting Me"

March 2020: King Said McCarthy "Has Been Awesome In Supporting Me." "What was the motivation to recruit King? 'They're just as unhappy as you and they want better representation.' According to King, the Republican National Committee has targeted this race as the number one race in the entire country, 'That's excellent and it means I have a lot of work to do to actually be able to make this a competitive race. It has to be a race that is won on the ground. It's all about getting people excited. Having you guys go talk to others and starting that spark that will light the fire so there is enough people that will know that this is a competitive race and then the National Party (Republican) will be able to make a difference. The National Republican Congressional Committee stays neutral through the primary. That said, leader Kevin McCarthy [R-House Minority Leader] has been awesome in supporting me. [Junior Republican-Arkansas], Senator Tom Cotton, he's really focused on getting veterans elected this cycle, he's endorsed me. [R-Texas] Representative Dan Crenshaw has jumped in to help fight the fight." [Canton Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

September 2021: After McCarthy Endorsed Her, King Said She Was "Look[ing] Forward To Making Him Speaker McCarthy In 2023." "The campaign for Esther Joy King released this week over 50 local endorsements from grassroots leaders in western-central Illinois along with a number of high profile conservative leaders from across the country who strongly believe King is the Battle-ready leader needed in Illinois and support her campaign to win the open IL-17 congressional seat. 'Illinois deserves a leader who will fight for our values and what's good for our communities and not just rubber stamp Nancy Pelosi's far-left progressive agenda. We have a from-the-ground-up movement of positive energy to make our state better, and I welcome support from so many leaders locally and nationally who want to fight for our values together. It is an honor to have Leader Kevin McCarthy's support, and I look forward to making him Speaker McCarthy in 2023. This campaign started with people across central-Western Illinois and has grown because of the dozens and dozens of elected leaders here in the District who joined us early and believed in this campaign. Now our campaign is taking on momentum and growing stronger each day because our roots run deep.'" [Illinois Review, [9/8/21](#)]

Tom Emmer

King Thanked NRCC Chair Tom Emmer And Rep. Darin LaHood “For All Their Support Of My Candidacy”

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[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [10/30/20](#)]

Dan Crenshaw

2020: King “Rack[ed] Up GOP Establishment Endorsements,” Including Crenshaw

HEADLINE: “IL-17 Update: King Racks Up GOP Establishment Endorsements” [WCBU, [2/20/20](#)]

In February 2020, King “Landed The Endorsements Of Two Rising Stars” In The Republican Party, Rep. Dan Crenshaw And Sen. Tom Cotton. “17th District Republican candidate Esther Joy King landed the endorsements of two prominent rising stars in the national party. Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas) and Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) both recently gave their nod in the contested GOP primary to King, an East Moline attorney and captain in the Army Reserves. Both say King is the candidate to take on incumbent Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-Moline), the head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. The 17th Congressional District narrowly opted for Republican Donald Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election after decades of voting blue in presidential years.” [WCBU, [2/20/20](#)]

King Met With Rep. Dan Crenshaw, Who She Called “America’s Favorite Former Navy SEAL”

January 2020: King Met With Rep. Dan Crenshaw, Who She Called “America’s Favorite Former Navy SEAL.”



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, 1/28/20]

August 2020: King Held A Fundraiser With Crenshaw For A Minimum Of \$150 Per Person To Attend.

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 11:00 AM-12:00 PM | VIP REGISTRATION
 11:30 AM | LUNCH REGISTRATION
 12:00 PM | LUNCH

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 60 State Street, Suite 201 | PEORIA IL
THE WAREHOUSE ON STATE (LUNCH)
 736 SW Washington Street | Peoria, Illinois

\$150 per person (includes lunch)	\$1,000 VIP Ticket (includes VIP Reception, Lunch, Autographed photo, book, & photo)	\$2,800 HOST Ticket (includes VIP Reception, Lunch, Autographed photo, book, photo & seat at the host table - limited seating)

Questions? Contact Suzy (815) 419-1111 / suzybrown@thenewberggroup.org

I am happy to join ESTHER & DAN for Lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 12th

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Credit Card Contribution
 (VISA, MasterCard, Amex, Discover)

Name on Card _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

Paid for by Esther for Congress.
 I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that the information provided is for the purpose of fundraising for Esther Joy King for Congress. I agree to provide this information to the appropriate authorities and to keep this information confidential. I understand that the information provided is for the purpose of fundraising for Esther Joy King for Congress. I agree to provide this information to the appropriate authorities and to keep this information confidential.

Mail Completed Form and check payable to:
Esther for Congress
 P.O. Box 177 East Moline, IL 61244

[Tazewell GOP, 8/5/20]

Marco Rubio

King Appeared At An Event For Rep. Darin LaHood With Sen. Marco Rubio

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Ashley Hinson

King Said She Was “Honored To Have The Support Of My Friend” Ashley Hinson, Who Endorsed Her In November 2021. “So honored to have the support of my friend, @hinsonashley, from across the river! QUOTE TWEET @hinsonashley.@esther4congress has served her community and her country, and we need strong conservative women like her in Congress now more than ever. Esther’s victory is critical to taking back the House, and I am excited to endorse her campaign! Support Esther:”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [11/2/21](#)]

Republican Party

King Said A Vote For Her Would Not Be The Same As A Vote For Donald Trump Or Sen. Mitch McConnell**King Said A Vote For Her Would Not Be The Same As A Vote For Donald Trump Or Sen. Mitch**

McConnell. REPORTER: “Is a vote for you the same as a vote for Donald Trump and Mitch McConnell?” KING: “It’s not. I plan to be bipartisan in the House of Representatives and I certainly believe that Donald Trump’s agenda and the policies that he’s putting forward are much better for our country than President – excuse me, Vice President Joe Biden’s policies. I mean, Joe Biden has said he wants to raise taxes on every single American, and especially coming off of a pandemic, Jim, that is not the right thing to do to get us restarted economically, to take people’s money, to reach into their pockets and take their money is not going to help us, so I absolutely support the economic policies that I believe a Trump administration would bring to the table. I think it’s the best thing for the Illinois 17th compared to the Biden Harris agenda. However, and you’ll see this through the story of my life, I am an independent thinker. I am someone who listens and says, ‘OK, why are we just following the status quo, why is this the pre-assumed result, what could we be doing better, how could we be bringing more people into the equation, into the conversation, that is the way I lead, that is the way I run my small business, that is the way I’ve worked with my campaign team and I will absolutely be that leader as a representative for this congressional district and all I have to say is watch out, Washington DC.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 10:15)

... But King Could Not Think Of An Instance When She Disagreed With The Republican Party On An “Issue Of Major Import”

King Could Not Think Of An Instance When She Disagreed With The Republican Party On An “Issue Of Major Import.” “Q: When have you shown independence from your party on an issue of major import? A: Being my first time running for office, this question is not applicable. However, as Congresswoman, I will always be aware of what’s important to the 17th Congressional District and try to act accordingly. There may be times however, where I need to act in the country’s best interest, even if the majority of my district might be opposed to going in that direction.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

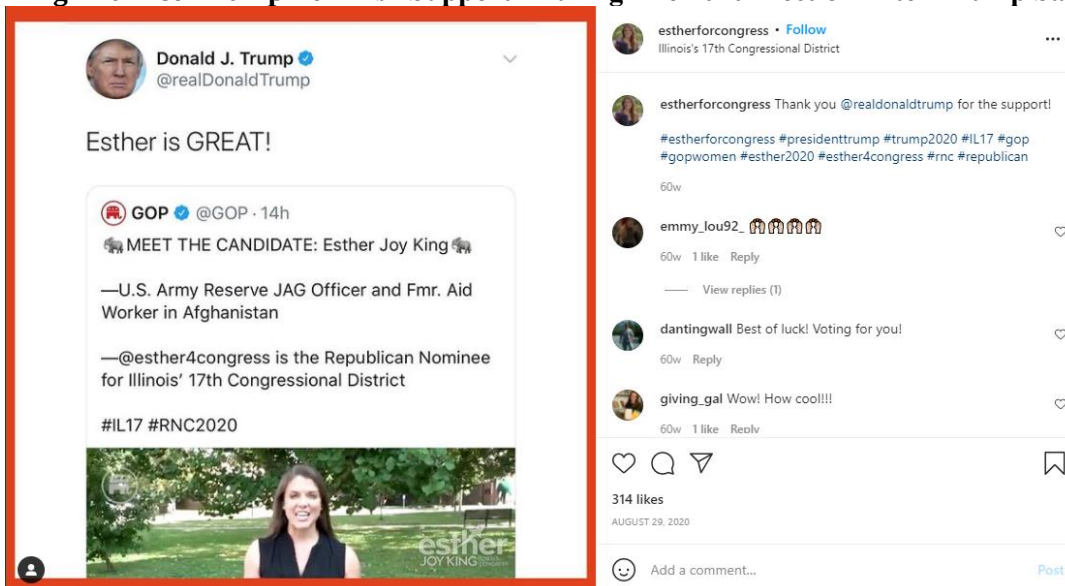
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- ✓ King thanked Trump for his “support” during the 2020 election after Trump said that “Esther is GREAT.”
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- ✓ When asked if she disagreed with Trump on anything, King said that “I think he’s promoting some great policies that work for our country and sometimes I wish he wouldn’t tweet as much.”
- ✓ King said the first impeachment of Trump was an example of dysfunction in Washington, D.C. and called it a “political circus act.”
- ✓ In November 2020, King spoke at a Trump rally in Dubuque, IA, which she called a “privilege.”

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King Thanked Trump For His “Support” During The 2020 Election After Trump Said “Esther Is GREAT.”



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November 2020: King Spoke At A Trump Rally In Dubuque, IA

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When Asked If She Disagreed With Trump On Anything, King Said “I Think He’s Promoting Some Great Policies That Work For Our Country And Sometimes I Wish He Wouldn’t Tweet As Much.” REPORTER: “What do you think about President Trump overall? Is there anything you don’t like about him or his policies that you disagree with?” KING: “Jim, President Trump is not just my president, he is also my commander in chief. I think he’s promoting some great policies that work for our country and sometimes I wish he wouldn’t tweet as much.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:29)

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King Said That “We Need More Leaders” Who Would “Work With” Trump

King: “We Need More Leaders, Like Congressman Darin LaHood, Who Work With President Donald J. Trump.” “We need more leaders, like Congressman Darin LaHood, who work with President Donald J. Trump to safely & responsibly reopen our economy and fight for agribusiness. Thank you for all that you do! #twill #ILGOP #estherforcongress #esther4congress #GOP #teamwork #PeopleOverPolitics” [Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/16/20](#)]

King Said She Considered Not Voting In 2016 Then Decided To Vote For Trump Because Of Posts She Saw On Facebook

King Said She Considered Not Voting In 2016 Then Decided To Vote For Trump Because Of Posts She Saw On Facebook. KING: “I know for myself Trump is a very controversial figure, like you mentioned, but in 2016 when I was considering who to vote for, I went through a whole process, and I first asked myself, I said, ‘Well, maybe I’m gonna investigate Hillary Clinton, I’ll see if I could possibly vote for her,’ and came to the conclusion that, no, that it was too far out of bounds of my values and I didn’t support anything that she supported, then I came to my vote is gonna be a protest vote and I’m just not gonna vote. That’s what I’m gonna do this election, and I was in that position for like three months leading up to the election, was like ‘I’m just not voting and that’s gonna be my position in the 2016 election,’ and what shifted me into the column of ‘Yes, I am gonna vote for Trump’ is Facebook, like you brought up earlier, and how politically divided social media can make us but I have a pretty diverse group of friends and Facebook connections because I’ve grown up conservative, my parents raised me as a conservative politically, and then a lot of the circles I ran in growing up as the daughter of Christian missionary parents, like you meet a lot of Republican conservatives in those circles, and then I went to law school and in law school, you meet a lot of liberals and I was in Chicago so just the world that I walked in and the world that I was in during my time in Chicago was very liberal so I had, as far as my Facebook exposure I had like 50/50, Republican/Democrat. And what I noticed was that particularly on the liberal there was a lot of attacks against the other person. It wasn’t idea vs. idea. It was, if you remember Hillary Clinton used the phrase the deplorables, it was the deplorables, that was just part of common parlance. People were referring to conservative Republicans as deplorables, and I was like this is not OK, the way that we’re dehumanizing [...] So I said, you know, I can’t argue on Facebook, that’s not gonna do anything to make a difference, so really the only way I have a voice is to walk into a voting booth and vote for Trump, like that is the only voice I have in this situation because I’m not gonna start a Facebook fight.” [Culture Changers with Allison Hare Episode 89, [1/12/21](#)] (AUDIO, 26:43)

King Said She Voted For Trump In 2016 Because She Was Too Afraid To Start Fights On Facebook. KING: “I personally think for example President Trump is a projection screen to this country more than anything. Yes, he does triggering events but we respond to him as a country, whether we love him or hate him, we respond to him in a way that is viable to our belief system. It’s not – it’s a whole lot less about him and a whole lot more about us, and I think personally we have to ask ourselves, again whether we love or hate the president, we have to ask ourselves like, what was my responsibility in creating this. I shared with you I have responsibility in creating President Trump because I voted for him but also because I chose not to have that hard conversation with my liberal friends on Facebook. Like what I said earlier about the only way that I have a voice is by going to the voting booth, if I go a layer deeper and express the truth below that is I’m scared to start a hard conversation with someone that’s being so vitriolic against people that I love and not just people that I love, like parts of myself, like ways I see myself, so someone is being vitriolic towards a piece of myself and I’m scared to start a hard conversation with them, therefore I am going to choose to express my feelings in the voting booth rather than actually starting a hard conversation.” [Culture Changers with Allison Hare Episode 89, [1/12/21](#)] (AUDIO, 34:43)

Impeachment

King Said Impeaching Trump Was An Example Of Dysfunction In Washington, D.C. And Called It A “Political Circus Act”

King Said Impeaching Trump Was An Example Of Dysfunction In Washington, D.C. Q: “Briefly, what are your thoughts on the impeachment of President Trump? I would like you, if possible, to focus on the Constitutional issues surrounding impeachment.” KING: “This is such an overarching piece of what we talk about in the news every day, right? The impeachment of the president is everywhere on all the TVs all the time and so is it easy to get tired of it and want to bury our heads. As an attorney, studying the Constitution is something that I am versed in and protecting the constitution is of utmost importance. It is the very foundation that we exist on as a country. And it's so easy to lose sight of that. What is happening with the impeachment is an example of the dysfunction of Washington, D.C. They are focused on the wrong issues. They are not being productive for each and every one of us as American citizens. Let's get something done and let's stop playing political game.” [League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, 1/25/20] (VIDEO, 52:34)

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King Called Impeachment A “Political Circus Act.” “They are hoping we are distracted by this political circus act. We need a change and someone who will get to work for you. #IL17 #TeamEsther” QUOTE TWEET @RepCheri “Today, I released the following statement announcing my position on articles of impeachment:”



Esther Joy King
@esther4congress

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Rep. Cheri Bustos @RepCheri · Dec 17, 2019

Today, I released the following statement announcing my position on articles of impeachment:

AS I cast this difficult vote – and as I have demonstrated since first being elected – my priorities are with the people of the Illinois 17th Congressional District. I remain committed to working with anyone from any party to continue to deliver for our region, state and country. In the last weeks, we have passed historic victories for Illinoisans, including legislation that will lower the costs of prescription drugs for struggling families and seniors. We have worked with both parties to

[Twitter, @esther4congress, [12/19/19](#)]

Issues

Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ In January 2020, King said she supported “eventually” reversing Roe v. Wade.
- ✓ After Amy Coney Barrett was nominated to the Supreme Court in September 2020, King said she was “unapologetically pro life” but refused to say how she would vote on legislation that would codify Roe v. Wade in federal law, calling it a “hypothetical” to which she did not “know the answer right now.”
- ✓ King believed opposing abortion made her pro-women’s rights, “especially the rights of female babies who are still in the womb.”
- ✓ In 2020, anti-abortion group Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund, a group “dedicated to ending abortion,” endorsed King.
- ✓ In 2021, King volunteered at Pregnancy Resources Partners, a pregnancy resource center in Moline, IL that offered “Biblically based medical resources” and opposed abortion.
 - ✓ King also attended Walk for Life in support of the center in 2020.
 - ✓ The website for Pregnancy Resources referred women to a hotline that proscribed “dangerous” and unverified treatment to reverse abortions.
 - ✓ Pregnancy Resources also warned that abortion could lead to death or result in “debilitating” emotional trauma.
 - ✓ Pregnancy resource centers “have been found to give misinformation about the risks of abortion” and were unethical, according to the American Medical Association Journal of Ethics.
- ✓ May 2020: King hosted a Facebook Live with Reverend Don Johnson to celebrate National Day of Prayer.
 - ✓ Rev. Johnson had a history of controversial statements, including claiming that “Planned Parenthood’s genocide policy has targeted us for extinction by abortion.”
 - ✓ 2014: Bruce Rauner backed out of attending a Lincoln Day dinner because Rev. Johnson was invited to attend and said Johnson’s remarks had “no place in our society.”
- ✓ King said she “cringed” at the word feminist and said she enjoyed the “play aspect of being a woman.”

Overturning Roe V. Wade

King Said She Supported “Eventually” Reversing Roe V. Wade

2020: King Said She Supported “Eventually” Reversing Roe V. Wade. “Where they stand on the issues: Roe v. Wade Bill Fawell said he supports reversing the 1973 Roe v. Wade and outlawing abortion. Eugene Farrell said he opposes reversing the Roe v. Wade decision. Esther Joy King said she supports ‘eventually’ reversing Roe v. Wade.” [Tri States Public Radio, [1/27/20](#)]

King Said “Eventually” She Would Support Reversing Roe V. Wade To Make Abortion Illegal.

MODERATOR: “We'd really like to ask the last two questions that I have before closing statements but the only way we can do this is if the first question I ask, you just give me a yes or no answer then we'll have time to get to the second question and have time for closing statements.....Do you support reversing Roe versus Wade to make abortion illegal?” KING: “I believe it's a...eventually.” [LWVGP Candidate Forum, 1/25/20] (VIDEO, 50:15)

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King Said She Did Not “Know The Answer Right Now” But Was “Unapologetically Pro Life” When Asked How She Would Vote On Legislation To Protect Abortion Access**October 2020: King Refused To Answer If She Would Vote To Enshrine Roe V. Wade In Federal Law.**

“Maxwell: You mentioned personal healthcare choices. President Trump promised to appoint judges to the Supreme Court who would overturn Roe vs. Wade. And when he was asked about that question recently, what might judge Amy Coney Barrett’s appointment to the Supreme Court mean for the future of Roe vs. Wade, he said that it could be possible. Maybe they get at it a different way. I’m paraphrasing the president here. But he said perhaps they leave it up to the states to allow individual states to decide. There are members of Congress who have said if that happens, they want to codify Roe versus Wade and make it the law of the land, passing that law through Congress. If that vote comes before you, as a member of Congress, to make Roe versus Wade the law of the land, how do you vote? King: That’s, that’s a complex issue, Mark, and I have a lot to learn on what the effects would be. I don’t actually believe that it’s going to be a question that comes before Congress, even with Amy Coney Barrett, who is not allowed to state anything about how she would vote. Maxwell: She signed her name in 2006 to a newspaper ad that called abortion barbaric. And even in cases that lead to in vitro fertilization, that that was something that she did not support in those cases. So she has made her views clear before. King: I understand.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

King Said She Did Not “Believe There Are The Votes For Roe V. Wade To Come Up” If She Became A Member Of Congress, Even With Amy Coney Barrett On The Supreme Court.

“Maxwell: She signed her name in 2006 to a newspaper ad that called abortion barbaric. And even in cases that lead to in vitro fertilization, that that was something that she did not support in those cases. So she has made her views clear before. King: I understand. Maxwell: And yet you don’t think that there’s any likelihood that a decision about abortion could come before the Congress. King: Potentially. However, I don’t believe that they’re, even with Amy Coney Barrett being on the Supreme Court as our new appointee, I don’t believe there are the votes for Roe v Wade to come up.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

- **September 2021: House Passed Legislation To Codify Roe V. Wade Amid Challenges To Abortion Rights.** “The House passed legislation Friday that would codify abortion rights protections amid threats to Roe v. Wade from a Texas law banning most abortions and a wave of restrictions in other states. The measure advanced along party lines in a 218-211 vote, with only one Democrat, Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas, voting against it. The legislation now faces a dead end in the evenly split Senate, where Democrats would need at least 10 Republicans to support the bill for it to advance to a final vote.” [NBC News, [9/24/21](#)]

When Asked How She Would Vote On Legislation To Make Roe V. Wade Law, King Said It Was A “Long, Confusing Topic That I Don’t Know The Answer To Right Now” But She Was “Unapologetically Pro-Life.”

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today, I can tell you I'm on unapologetically pro-life. And those values that are so important to me will guide me in that question." [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

King Said She Was “Proudly Pro-Life” But “Policies Need To Consider The Pain Of Many Who Dealing With Abortion.” “She said she is proudly pro-life but that policies need to consider the pain of many who are dealing with abortion.” [Telegraph Herald, [2/28/20](#)]

2020: King Campaigned On “Pro-Life Beliefs.” “The 33-year-old real estate lawyer and small business owner previously told WGIL that she would bridge the gap between Republicans and Democrats campaigned on providing federal support to farmers, market-based healthcare, and pro-life beliefs.” [WGIL, [3/18/20](#)]

2021: King Said She Was “Fighting For The Unborn” And “Stopping Abortion.” KING: “Less government, stopping abortion, we are fighting for so much [...] It is personal for each and every one of us. We're fighting for the America First agenda. Clap for it. That includes the 2nd Amendment, that includes fighting for the unborn.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)] (VIDEO, 21:24)

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King Said The Illinois State Senate Voting To Repeal A Law Requiring Parental Notification For Minors Getting Abortions Was “An Attack On Life” And Her “Heart Breaks” Because Of It

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[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/27/21](#)]

- Chicago Tribune: Illinois State Senate Voted To Repeal Decades-Old Law Requiring Parental Notification For Minors Getting Abortions.** “The Illinois Senate voted Tuesday to repeal a decades-old law that requires a parent to be notified when a minor seeks an abortion, an effort by supporters to cement the state’s position as a liberal leader on abortion rights as other states impose greater restrictions on the procedure. [...] The Democratic-controlled Senate voted 32-22 to repeal the parental notification requirement, with four members of the majority party joining Republicans in opposition. Five other Democrats did not vote. The proposal, which has the support of Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, now goes to the Democratic-controlled House, where its prospects remain uncertain. Parental consent is not required under current law, and minors can ask a court to waive the notification requirement if they fear for their safety. But Democrats who support abortion rights are eager to secure Illinois’ place as a safe haven for those seeking an abortion as other states restrict access and seek to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark Roe v. Wade decision.” [Chicago Tribune, [10/26/21](#)]

2020: Anti-Abortion Group Susan B. Anthony List Endorsed King

January 2020: Susan B. Anthony Candidate List Endorsed King. “Today the national pro-life group Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund (SBA List) announced a slate of endorsed pro-life women congressional candidates for 2020: [...] Esther Joy King (IL-17) has served as a missionary and aid worker in Mexico and Afghanistan. She earned her law degree from Northwestern, and went on to join the JAG Corps in the U.S. Army reserve. She is vocal about her belief that life begins at conception, and she is committed to challenging Cheri Bustos on her 100% pro-choice record.” [Susan B. Anthony List, [1/2/20](#)]

Anti-Abortion Group Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund Backed King Because She Would “Diligently Defend The Unborn.” “Jeanne Ives, Mary Miller, and Esther Joy King Will Diligently Defend the Unborn. Today Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund (SBA List) celebrates the primary victories of Jeanne Ives (IL-06), Mary Miller (IL-15), and Esther Joy King (IL-17) as they advance to their general elections. King was endorsed in SBA List’s first slate of 2020 candidates, while Ives was endorsed in September of last year. SBA List Candidate Fund endorsed Miller just last week. ‘We are encouraged by the victories of these three strong pro-life women in the state of Illinois,’ said SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser. ‘Unfortunately, Democratic state legislators in Illinois continue to promote the radical expansion of abortion on demand through birth, enacting some of the nation’s most extreme abortion laws and working to make Illinois the abortion capital of the Midwest. In contrast, these three women leaders understand the value of every human life and will fight to defend the innocent and vulnerable in Congress. As an organization with a special calling to help elect pro-life women, we are proud to stand behind Jeanne, Mary, and Esther, and look forward to working with them in Washington.’ [...] Esther Joy King is a former

missionary and aid worker. With a law degree from Northwestern, she went on to join the JAG Corps in the U.S. Army. She is vocal about her belief that life begins at conception and is committed to challenging Cheri Bustos on her 100% pro-abortion record.” [Susan B. Anthony List, [3/18/20](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Was “Dedicated To Ending Abortion.” “SBA List is a network of more than 837,000 pro-life Americans nationwide, dedicated to ending abortion by electing national leaders and advocating for laws that save lives, with a special calling to promote pro-life women leaders.” [Susan B. Anthony List, [1/2/20](#)]

King Thanked Susan B. Anthony List For Endorsing Her.



[Facebook, Esther Joy King, [11/1/20](#)]

King Said She Was “Honored” To Receive An Endorsement From Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund.



[Facebook, Esther Joy King, [9/17/20](#)]

Pregnancy Resource Centers

King Volunteered At A Pregnancy Resource Center In Moline, IL In 2021, An Organization That Referred Women To A Hotline Promoting “Dangerous” Treatment To Reverse Abortions

July 2021: King Volunteered At A Pregnancy Resource Center In Moline, IL And Said She “Can’t Wait To Fight For Life As A Member Of Congress.” “Education on what it means to be pro-life is critical. I learned so much this morning while volunteering at the Pregnancy Resource Center in Moline. Often when women are presented with true options, understand the baby growing inside of them is human, and receive the support they need; they choose life. I can’t wait to fight for life as a Member of Congress.”



[Facebook, Esther Joy King, [7/23/21](#)]

September 2020: King Attended The “Walk For Life” In Support Of Pregnancy Resources Partners, An Anti-Abortion Clinic. “I joined the Pregnancy Resources Partners in the #WalkForLife2020 to celebrate life and show my support. I am grateful for all their hard work throughout the Quad Cities. For more information on their mission visit: qcpregnancypartners.org #LoveQCPR #WalkForLife #TogetherForLife #LoveQCPR #WalkForLife #TogetherForLife #EstherForCongress #Esther4Congress #ProLife #IL17 #Illinois #GOP #RepublicanWomen”



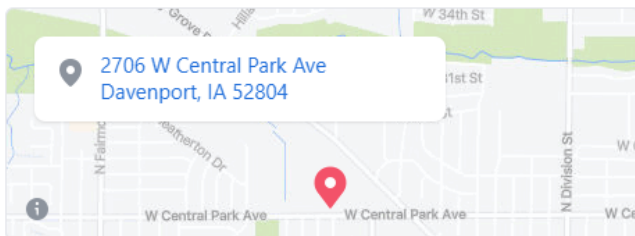
[Facebook, Esther Joy King, [9/16/20](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners Offered “Biblically Based Medical Resources” And Opposed Abortion

Pregnancy Resources Partners Offered “Biblically Based Medical Resources.” “Our vision- unplanned pregnancies & abortions will decrease as we reach the Quad Cities with our Biblically based medical resources, education, assistance and ongoing support.”



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[Facebook, Pregnancy Resources Partners, Accessed [10/20/20](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners Was A “Life-Affirming Christian Organization” With Locations In Moline, IL And Davenport, IA. “Pregnancy Resources has locations in Moline & Davenport and provides free services & accurate information in a compassionate and confidential atmosphere to help people make an informed decision regarding a pregnancy. We are a life-affirming Christian organization. Our services are always free.” [Facebook, Pregnancy Resources Partners, Accessed [10/20/20](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners Was A “Limited Scope” Medical Clinic That Provided Ultrasounds And Pregnancy Testing. “Pregnancy Resources provides free pregnancy testing. Pregnancy testing appointments include options counseling and in-house limited ultrasound care with a positive test. [...] Pregnancy Resources is a medical clinic, but in limited scope. We are not a full-service medical clinic. There is usually a nurse on duty to help with any questions. We offer referrals to those who are not already under the care of an OB physician.” [Pregnancy Resources, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners Was “Not A Substitute For In-Person Medical Care” And Did Not Offer Abortions Or Referrals. “This website is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for in-person medical care. We do not profit from any of your sexual health or reproductive decisions. We do not offer, recommend, or refer for abortions or abortifacients. Our medical services follow all applicable laws and relevant medical standards under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician.” [Pregnancy Resources, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners Promoted Sexual Abstinence Education.

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PROVIDE LIFE AFFIRMING BIBLICALLY BASED RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGE INFORMED DECISIONS REGARDING PREGNANCY AND SEXUAL ABSTINENCE.			
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[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, Pregnancy Resources Partners, Form 990, [2019](#)]

The Website For Pregnancy Resources Partners Referred Women To A Hotline That Proscribed “Dangerous” Treatment To Reverse Abortions

Pregnancy Resources Partners Shared The Phone Number For The Abortion Pill Rescue Network Hotline.

The Abortion Pill

A medical/ drug-induced abortion

Common Names: Mifepristone, Mifeprex, RU-486, Misoprostol, Cytotec

- The FDA approves the abortion pill for use in women up to the 70th day after their last menstrual period. (<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/postmarket-drug-safety-information-patients-and-providers/mifeprex-mifepristone-information>)
- **What to Expect:**
 - On the first visit, pills are given to cause death of the embryo. Two days later, if the abortion has not occurred, a second drug causes cramps to expel the embryo. However, there is a 1-4% failure rate, and a surgical abortion to terminate the pregnancy is needed.
 - **Important WARNING:** The abortion pill will not work in cases of ectopic pregnancy, which is a pregnancy outside of the uterus – usually in the fallopian tubes. An ectopic pregnancy is potentially life threatening. Unless diagnosed early, the tube can burst causing internal bleeding and, in some cases, death. **At Pregnancy Resources, you may have a free ultrasound to confirm that your pregnancy is intrauterine.**
- **Can the Abortion Pill be Reversed?**
 - If you have taken the first pill and regret that decision, please call the following:
 - Abortion Pill Rescue – (877)558-0333
 - www.abortionpillreversal.com

[Pregnancy Resources Partners, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

The Abortion Pill Rescue Network Was Backed By Anti-Abortion Group Heartbeat International. “While searching online, many find the website for the Abortion Pill Rescue Network, a nationwide group of clinicians who provide the treatment. The network is backed by Heartbeat International, an anti-abortion rights group, and, according to spokesperson Andrea Trudden, includes more than 500 clinicians willing to prescribe progesterone to patients who have initiated the medication abortion process.” [NPR, [3/22/19](#)]

Abortion Pill Rescue Network Included More Than 500 Clinicians Willing to Prescribe Progesterone To Reverse Abortions. “The network is backed by Heartbeat International, an anti-abortion rights group, and, according to spokesperson Andrea Trudden, includes more than 500 clinicians willing to prescribe progesterone to patients who have initiated the medication abortion process.” [NPR, [3/22/19](#)]

Vox: “Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are Offering An Unproven Treatment To Pregnant People.” “Crisis pregnancy centers are offering an unproven treatment to pregnant people. It’s not clear how many people are currently being prescribed abortion reversal in the United States. But [Ingrid Skop, the chairman-elect of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists] believes it is ‘very common’ and says that most ‘pregnancy resource centers’ — facilities that offer counseling with an anti-abortion bent, also called crisis pregnancy centers — offer the procedure. Obria, an anti-abortion group with facilities around the country that recently received a federal family planning grant from the Trump administration, advertises the procedure on its website. It’s also not clear how patients who do get progesterone treatment pay for the medication. Unproven treatments are typically not covered by insurance, [Daniel Grossman, an OB-GYN and the director of Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health] noted.” [Vox, [11/11/19](#)]

- **There Was Little Evidence Procedures Using Progesterone To Reverse Abortion Worked And Side Effects Were Unknown.** “Pioneered by an anti-abortion doctor in California, abortion ‘reversal’ involves taking the hormone progesterone after the first dose of abortion medication. However, reproductive health experts, including the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, say there’s no evidence the procedure actually works to stop an abortion from happening. And, they warn, no one knows what the side effects might be of taking progesterone in an effort to reverse abortion medication.” [Vox, [11/11/19](#)]

Washington Post Headline: “Some Lawmakers Push ‘Abortion Reversal’ Treatments. A Study Shows How Dangerous They Are.” [Washington Post, [12/24/19](#)]

- **Study Into Effects Of Progesterone In Reversing Abortion Had To Be Stopped Due To Safety Concerns.** “Several states now require women who seek medication abortions to be provided with dubious information

that the procedure could be stopped, allowing a pregnancy to continue. But when researchers attempted to carry out a legitimate study of whether these ‘abortion reversal’ treatments were effective and safe, they had to stop almost immediately — because some of the women who participated in the study experienced dangerous hemorrhaging that sent them to the hospital. The halted study illustrated the dangers of antiabortion laws that are pushing women toward disinformation and unproven treatments, said Mitchell D. Creinin, an OB/GYN at the University of California at Davis Health who conducted the research this year with his colleagues, Melissa J. Chen, Melody Y. Hou, Laura Dalton and Rachel Steward.” [Washington Post, [12/24/19](#)]

- **One Woman Who Took Part In The Study On Using Progesterone To Reverse An Abortion “Was So Scared She Called An Ambulance” Due To Heavy Bleeding.** “Because reliable research on these treatments are nonexistent, earlier this year, Creinin and his colleagues designed a legitimate double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized trial that aimed to observe 40 volunteers who had already elected to have a surgical abortion. Their goal was to see if giving progesterone to women who took the first pill in the prescribed regimen would effectively and safely halt an abortion. After the women took the first pill in the abortion protocol, mifepristone, rather than take the second pill, misoprostol, they were either given a placebo or a dose of progesterone. Researchers only enrolled 12 women before they had to stop the study. Bleeding is normal during a medication abortion. But three of the women who enrolled in the UC-Davis study experienced far more serious bleeding than anyone could have anticipated when the second pill was not administered. One woman ‘was so scared she called an ambulance,’ while another woman startled by the amount of blood ‘called 911 and crawled into her bathtub,’ Creinin said. A third woman who went to the emergency room needed a transfusion. One of the women had received a placebo, while two others had taken the progesterone. Creinin and his colleagues halted the study as soon as it became clear that they could not proceed safely. ‘I feel really horrible that I couldn’t finish the study. I feel really horrible that the women ... had to go through all this,’ Creinin said. Because the study ended prematurely, the researchers could not establish any evidence that progesterone was an effective way to stop a medication abortion.” [Washington Post, [12/24/19](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners Warned That Abortion Could Lead To Death Or Result In “Debilitating” Emotional Trauma

Pregnancy Resources Partners’ Website Warned Women That Abortion “Can Range From Several Hundred Dollars To Several Thousand Dollars” And “May Lead To Death.”

FAQ’s About Abortion

How much does an abortion cost?

The price of an abortion can range from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars – based on a number of factors.

- Beware of abortion providers who seek to collect nonrefundable fees before they offer counseling, or those who don’t give you an opportunity to ask questions and fully understand the risks involved.

Are there Medical Risks:

- **Heavy Bleeding** – Some bleeding after abortion is normal. However, if the cervix is torn or the uterus is punctured, there is a severe bleeding known as hemorrhaging. 1 in 100 women require surgery to stop the bleeding.
- **Infection** – Infection can develop from the insertion of medical instruments into the uterus, or from fetal parts that are mistakenly left inside (known as incomplete abortion).
- **Negative Effects from Anesthesia** – Complications from general anesthesia used during abortion surgery can occur.
- **Damage to the Cervix and Uterus Lining** – The cervix may be cut, torn, or damaged by abortion instruments. Curettes and other abortion instruments may cause permanent scarring of the uterine lining.
- **Perforation of the Uterus** – The uterus may be punctured or torn by abortion instruments.
- **Death** – In extreme cases, complications from abortion (excessive bleeding, infection, organ damage from a perforated uterus, and adverse reactions to anesthesia) may lead to death. This complication is rare.

Is there any long term impact?

- **Post Abortion Stress** – psychological, emotional stress responses with wide ranging symptoms.

[Pregnancy Resources Of The Quad Cities, Accessed [10/20/21](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners Claimed The “Emotional Trauma” Of Abortion “Can Be Debilitating.” “Post Abortion Stress is a woman’s or a man’s response to or difficulty in processing his/her emotions after the trauma of an induced abortion. It’s a response to his/her inability to grieve his/her loss and come to peace with himself/herself. Not everyone who has had an abortion experiences post abortion stress. But for those who do, the emotional trauma can be debilitating.” [Pregnancy Resources Of The Quad Cities, Accessed [10/20/21](#)]

Pregnancy Resources Partners: Abortion “May Be” A Woman’s Decision, “But Most Women Really Care” About What Men Think. “For Men [...] THINK SHE’S PREGNANT, NOW WHAT? Once she’s missed a period, everything can change... fast. What happens next may be her decision, but most women really care about what you are thinking. HERE ARE A FEW STEPS TO MAKING THE BEST CHOICE FOR BOTH OF YOU – TOGETHER. [...] Process what pregnancy means for you AND her. Contact us to talk with someone who understands.” [Pregnancy Resources, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

Pregnancy Resources’ Claims About The Danger Of Abortion Contradicted Scientific And Medical Consensus

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering And Medicine: Abortions In The US Are Safe With Few Complications. “Abortions in the United States are safe and have few complications, according to a landmark new study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. The report, called ‘The Safety and Quality of Abortion Care in the United States,’ examined the four major methods used for abortions — medication, aspiration, dilation and evacuation, and induction — and examined women’s care from before they had the procedure through their follow-up care. ‘I would say the main takeaway is that abortions that are provided in the United States are safe and effective,’ says Ned Calonge, the co-chair of the committee that wrote the study. He is an associate professor of family medicine and epidemiology at the University of Colorado and CEO of The Colorado Trust. Calonge says the researchers found that about 90 percent of all abortions happen in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. And complications for all abortions are ‘rare,’ the report says.” [NPR, [3/16/18](#)]

UCSF Bixby Center: Abortion Is “Incredibly Safe For Women,” With Fewer Complications Than Wisdom Tooth Removal Or A Tonsillectomy. “In the most comprehensive look yet at the safety of abortion, researchers at the UCSF Bixby Center found that the procedure is incredibly safe for women. In anew study published this week, Bixby Center researchers found that major complications from abortion are rare, occurring less than a quarter of one percent of procedures. This is: About the same frequency of complications as for colonoscopies. Less frequent than complications for wisdom tooth removal and tonsillectomy.” [UCSF Bixby Center, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

American Psychological Association: Abortion Did Not Increase Mental Illness Among Women. “Research has shown that having an abortion does not increase a woman’s risk for depression, anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder. A review of the scientific literature conducted by an APA task force and released in 2008 indicated that the relative risk of mental health problems following a single elective first-trimester abortion of is no greater risk to mental health than carrying an that pregnancy to term. Among women who do experience mental health issues, the APA report concluded that these issues may be related to co-occurring risk factors that predispose a woman to multiple unwanted pregnancies and mental health problems.” [American Psychological Association, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

APA: Women Who Are Denied Access To An Abortion Are More Likely To Suffer From Mental Health Problems. “Women who are denied an abortion are more likely to initially experience higher levels of anxiety, lower life satisfaction and lower self-esteem compared with women who received an abortion. [...] Experiencing unwanted pregnancies appears to be strongly associated with poor mental health effects for women later in life.” [American Psychological Association, Accessed [10/21/21](#)]

Pregnancy Resource Centers/Crisis Pregnancy Centers Acted Unethically And “Have Been Found To Give Misinformation About The Risks Of Abortion”

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“The inner workings of pregnancy resource centers don’t always get a lot of coverage in the media, and unless they’ve visited one, many people may not know much about the facilities. But they have been a subject of major concern among abortion-rights advocates in recent years, because such centers have been found to give misinformation about the risks of abortion. Some advocates feared that the centers ‘inappropriately interfered’ in patients’ decisions around their pregnancies, ‘preventing people from being able to choose or obtain an abortion,’ [Katrina Kimpfort, an associate professor at Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health] told Vox.” [Vox, [3/2/20](#)]

American Medical Association Journal Of Ethics: Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are Unethical. “Crisis pregnancy centers are organizations that seek to intercept women with unintended pregnancies who might be considering abortion. Their mission is to prevent abortions by persuading women that adoption or parenting is a better option. They strive to give the impression that they are clinical centers, offering legitimate medical services and advice, yet they are exempt from regulatory, licensure, and credentialing oversight that apply to health care facilities. Because the religious ideology of these centers’ owners and employees takes priority over the health and well-being of the women seeking care at these centers, women do not receive comprehensive, accurate, evidence-based clinical information about all available options. Although crisis pregnancy centers enjoy First Amendment rights protections, their propagation of misinformation should be regarded as an ethical violation that undermines women’s health.” [American Medical Association Journal of Ethics, [3/2018](#)]

Crisis Pregnancy Centers Sought To Prevent Abortions Through A “Lack Of Patient-Centered Care And Deceptive Practices.” “Drive down any highway in America, and you might see a sign: ‘Pregnant? Scared? Call 1-800-555-5555.’ Most often, these signs are advertisements for crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs). CPCs, sometimes known as ‘pregnancy resource centers,’ ‘pregnancy care centers,’ ‘pregnancy support centers,’ or simply ‘pregnancy centers,’ are organizations that seek to intercept women with unintended or ‘crisis’ pregnancies who might be considering abortion. Their mission is typically to prevent abortions by persuading women that adoption or parenting is a better option. One of the first CPCs opened in 1967 in Hawaii. [...] In this article, we will argue that both the lack of patient-centered care and deceptive practices make CPCs unethical. We will first highlight the discrepancy between the lack of standards for quality of care provided by CPCs and the innumerable restrictions on abortion clinics. We then show that CPCs violate principles of medical ethics, despite purporting to dispense medical advice. Finally, we will review legal challenges to CPCs, including an upcoming Supreme Court case, and regulatory challenges in an industry that seeks to be perceived as providing health care while simultaneously seeking to elude the need to be held to evidence-based standards of caring for women with unexpected pregnancies.” [American Medical Association Journal of Ethics, [3/2018](#)]

King Hosted A Facebook Live With A Pastor Who Claimed That Planned Parenthood “Targeted” The Black Community For “Extinction By Abortion”**May 2020: King Hosted A Facebook Live With Reverend Don Johnson To Celebrate National Day Of Prayer**

King Hosted A Facebook Live Conversation With Reverend Don Johnson. “Join us today at 6:00 pm CT to talk with Reverend Don Johnson of Destiny Baptist Church of Christ about National Day of Prayer! We will discuss prayer, what role it has in politics, and what it means to be a leader of faith at this special time. #NationalDayofPrayer” [Facebook, Esther For Congress, [5/7/20](#)]

- **VIDEO: Facebook Live With Reverend Donald William Johnson** [Facebook, Esther For Congress, [5/7/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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Rev. Johnson Said President Obama “Champion[ed] Racial Suicide” Because “Planned Parenthood’s Genocide Policy Has Targeted Us For Extinction By Abortion.” “Published in 2008, Johnson's first book: ‘Black, But Not My Brother,’ is an argument why blacks should not vote for Obama. The Reverend writes: [...] Since 1973, over 15,000,000 Black babies have been aborted, creating a 25 percent population reduction. 1,452 Black babies are aborted daily. Planned Parenthood’s genocide policy has targeted us for extinction by abortion; and it is working. Planned Parenthood’s candidate is our color. However, the real question we must face is ‘Can we afford a leader who champions racial suicide – even if he is Black?’” [Illinois Review, [4/29/14](#)]

A Letter To The Editor Criticized King For Hosting An Event With Johnson, A “Known Homophobe” Who Even Gov. Rauner Refused To Appear With

Letter To The Editor: King Hosted An Event With A “Known Homophobe” Who Even Gov. Rauner Refused To Appear With. “On the other hand, Esther Joy King, who is running against Rep. Bustos, remained silent. She said nothing to celebrate Pride. More concerning, King hosted a Facebook Live with Rev. Ronald William Johnson — a known homophobe. Rev. Johnson, who has made numerous disparaging comments about what he calls the ‘same sex lifestyle,’ is someone who even Governor Rauner avoided and called ‘inflammatory.’ If Governor Rauner refused to appear with this Reverend, why was King willing to do so? In Illinois we are lucky to have good leaders on both sides of the aisle that support LGBT+ rights. I worry about why King is holding back. I worry because I feel like the answer is that she doesn’t approve of the gains LGBT+ folks have made in the 17th District and around the country. If you cannot speak up for Pride, and cannot denounce a homophobic pastor, I cannot trust you to respect my rights in Congress.” [Quad City Times, Travis Swanson Letter to the Editor, [7/10/20](#)]

- **2014: Bruce Rauner Backed Out Of A Republican Lincoln Day Dinner Because Of Rev. Johnson’s “Inflammatory” Remarks That Had “No Place In Our Society.”** “Bruce Rauner's decision to back out of a Republican Lincoln Day Dinner in Rock Island last Thursday has stung a local pastor, who questions why the GOP gubernatorial candidate refused to stand at the podium with him. ‘I’m not a Jeremiah Wright. I’m not g***-damning America or anything like that,’ Rev. Donald Johnson told Illinois Review. ‘Those who heard my speech Thursday night - I don’t believe anyone could come away from there saying I was involved in hate speech.’ [...] Refusing to say exactly what it found offensive, the Rauner campaign condemned Rev. Johnson's

remarks, calling them ‘inflammatory’ and stating that ‘such language has no place in our society.’” [Illinois Review, [4/29/14](#)]

Women’s Issues

King Said She “Cringed” At The Word “Feminist”

King Said She “Cringed” At The Word “Feminist.” “SILVANA: That brings me to my next question, what does femininity mean to you? ESTHER: That’s something I struggle with. The word feminist is something I cringe at a bit.” [Medium, The Tulle Project, [8/25/17](#)]

King Wanted To Elect “Women Who Know That The ‘Feminism’ Of The Left Doesn’t Represent Them - It Represents The Progressive, Socialist Policies Of The Radical Left.” “We’re on track for a historic year for GOP women, and I know that with your support, we can make that happen. We can make positive change in Congress by supporting more conservative, pro-life, and pro-common sense Republican women. Women who know that the ‘feminism’ of the left doesn’t represent them - it represents the progressive, socialist policies of the Radical Left. Women, like me, who will get to work and actually represent our values.” [Esther For Congress, Campaign Email, 11/12/21]

King Said She Did Not Feel Disadvantaged As A Women In Politics Because She Used “Feminine Strengths” Like “Nurturing And Caring.” “People ask me all the time, ‘Do you feel disadvantaged being a female in politics?’ I say NO! I love being female and bringing feminine strengths, such as nurturing and caring, to the political world. Today is the International Day of the Girl. Girls and Women, you are worthy of celebration! Men, thanks to all you do to support and uplift your daughters, mothers, wives, sisters, co-workers. We know we’re in it together with you!”



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [10/11/20](#)]

King Said She Enjoyed The “Play Aspect” Of Being A Woman

King Said She Enjoyed The “Play Aspect” Of Being A Woman Because It Brought “Flare And Flavor To Everything” She Did. “Silvana: What do you like about being a woman? Esther: I like the play aspect of being a women. I think it’s really fun to get to bring personality into everything I do. I don’t have to always be buttoned up.

Sometimes I can wear tulle skirts! Being a women adds a flare and flavor to everything I do.” [Medium, The Tulle Project, [8/25/17](#)]

Agriculture & Food Access Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King said that if elected she would support workforce development for farmers, but while King worked at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity from 2015 to 2016, Illinois lost 11.7 percent of its farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural managers and workers employed in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations
- ✓ As of May 2015, Illinois had 7,580 workers employed in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations, but by May 2016, it had only 6,690 workers employed in those occupations, a nearly 12% decrease.
- ✓ King said she supported Trump's trade war with China, which hurt Illinois farmers and caused exports of corn and soybeans to drop.
 - ✓ Illinois exported more soybeans to China than any other country, and China was the state's biggest agricultural trade partner.
 - ✓ Illinois agricultural exports dropped after China implemented retaliatory tariffs, with soybean exports to China going from \$1.3 billion in 2017 to \$94 million in 2018 and corn exports dropping from \$8 million to \$5 million.
 - ✓ Illinois farmers criticized Trump's trade policies as crop prices fell nearly 20 percent in two months.
- ✓ King said she supported the Environmental Protection Agency offering oil refineries waivers that would cut costs for oil companies but would hurt corn farmers.
 - ✓ The move by the Trump administration "caused an uproar" in farm states, and led Sen. Chuck Grassley to claim that Trump had "screwed" the ethanol industry and farmers.
 - ✓ Since 2019, King has accepted \$23,575 from executives and employees of energy and power companies.
- ✓ King opposed "green" initiatives, arguing they would hurt farmers, and said farmers were better equipped to handle environmental policy for the agriculture industry than Washington, D.C.

Workforce Development For Farmers

King Said She Would Support Workforce Development For Farmers If Elected

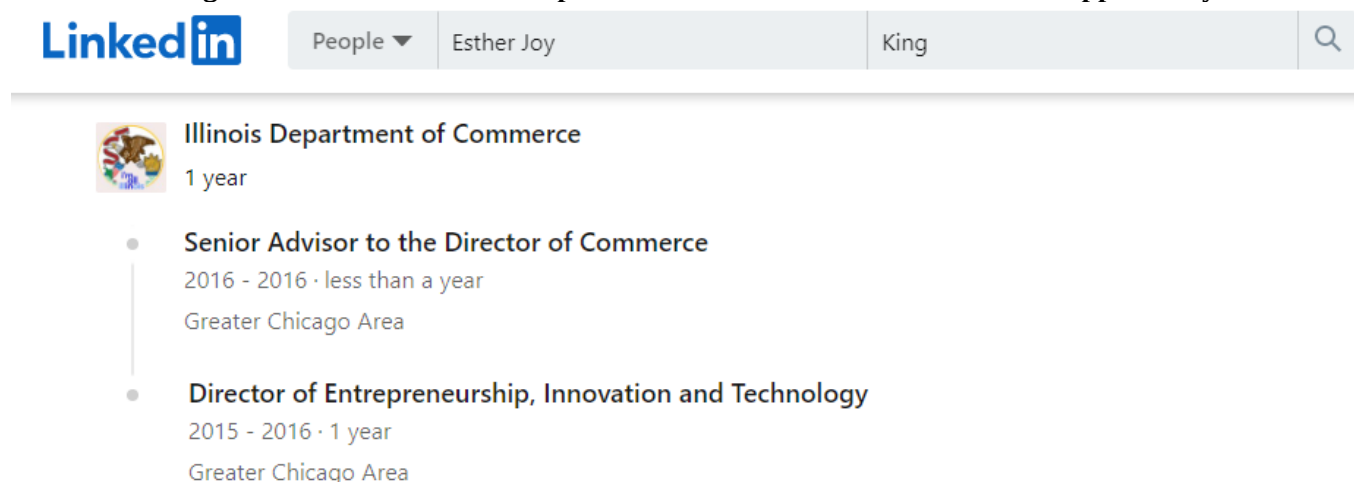
King Said If Elected She Would Support Workforce Development To Benefit The Agriculture Industry. Q: "How will you support farmers and agriculture in Illinois if you are elected?" KING: Thank you, Lisa. This is such an important issue for our economy in the Illinois 17th and it's not just an economic issue because when we talk about economics, we forget that means jobs. It means a farmer waking up every day, going out, and is working in the field. That is our economy here in the Illinois 17th and it's not just the farmer, it's the entire industry around the agriculture industry. Manufacturing, John Deere. All these pieces are such critical pieces to growing and supporting the agricultural industry here in IL-17. There's so many ways to make progress. I've recently had a long

conversation about workforce development. We need to fill our pipeline of people wanting to be in an agricultural industry and being a champion for growing the agricultural industry. Another piece is infrastructure. How are we supporting the infrastructure for growing the Ag industry. We have the rivers, the roads, the airport--all these pieces support our ag industry and shipping so that we can deliver our product to the entire world and seeing how connected we are and seeing how the Illinois 17th is the beginning of... everyone loves food, right? We are the heartland and we bring all of that to economies all across the world and I'm proud to be part of and representing the Illinois 17th congressional district.” [League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, 1/25/20] (VIDEO, 44:44)

Illinois Lost 11.7 Percent Of Its Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers And Workers Employed In Farming, Fishing, And Forestry Occupations During King’s Tenure At The DCEO

King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity From 2015-2016

2015-2016: King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.



The screenshot shows a LinkedIn profile for Esther Joy King. The header includes the LinkedIn logo, a search bar with "People" selected, and filters for "Esther Joy" and "King". The profile picture is the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity logo. The work history section lists two positions:

- Illinois Department of Commerce**
1 year
- Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce**
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology**
2015 - 2016 · 1 year
Greater Chicago Area

[LinkedIn, Esther Joy King, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

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**NOTE: BLS statistics estimating total employment rounded to the nearest 10 and exclude the self-employed.*

Trade War On Agricultural Goods

King Said She Supported Trump’s Trade War With China, Which Hurt Illinois Farmers

King Said She Supported Trump’s Trade War With China, Which “Ensnared American Farmers Through Tariffs On U.S. Commodities.” “King supports President Donald Trump’s crackdown on China, which has sparked an escalating trade war that has ensnared American farmers through tariffs on U.S. commodities. ‘However, this region - our agricultural industry - cannot just take it on the chin for the entire U.S. economy,’ King said. ‘We need to pursue ways to ensure that we have open trade for our products to markets that consume our products.’” [Telegraph Herald, [9/26/19](#)]

King Said She Supported Trump Because “We Need To Reelect A President Who Will Hold The Line On China, Promote #IL17 Agriculture.” “Thank you @realDonaldTrump for the TeleRally! We need to reelect a president who will hold the line on China, promote #IL17 agriculture, and focus on fixing our economy. #4MoreYears #Trump2020”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/23/20](#)]

When Asked If She Disagreed With Trump’s Trade Policy That Was Hurting Farmers, King Said Farmers Were Supportive Of It Because It Would Hold China Accountable. REPORTER: “What about his trade policy that’s impacted farmers?” KING: “I do get to spend a lot of time talking with farmers about that very question, Jim, and what a lot of them are saying to me is ‘Esther, you know, it has tough, we have been directly impacted and we need to hold China accountable, so we understand what the end goal is, we want to get to that end goal and have a solid trading agreement in place with China that has provisions to be able to hold them accountable on an ongoing basis,’ because ultimately that is what is best for the farmers – to have open markets with dependable trading partners.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:29)

King Said Farmers Did Not Need “Federal Interference” But Declined To Criticize Trump’s Trade War

King Refused To Criticize Trump’s Trade War With China Even Though It Hurt Farmers And Said That Farmers Were “Committed To What President Trump Is Doing.” REPORTER: “I know that we – the Republicans and the Trump administration have renegotiated trade agreements, a get tough policy with China, which automatically reacted by pretty much going after the American farmer. Bankruptcies on farms higher – four percent higher than last year. Are you worried about the farm policy in the United States right now?” KING: “Jim, I spend a lot of time talking with farmers. I just hear from them regularly – ‘Esther, we’re committed to what President Trump is doing. We know that China needs to be held accountable, but we can’t take it on the chin for the entire American economy,’ so I believe we need to have a voice at the table, a representative who is part of the conversations, part of standing up for agricultural industry, not attacking and criticizing but advising and being part of the representation as part of trade deals, as part of legislation that’s being passed. I think there’s a lot more productivity and positive results that we can achieve for our district by being part of the conversation.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 7:53)

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MAXWELL: “Okay. You said also on a separate issue, ‘Our farmers need federal support when appropriate, but not federal interference.’ That struck me. What does that look like? How has the federal government interfered with our farmers? Are you referring to the President’s tariffs? And if so, what would you do to stop them?” KING: “Mark, supporting our agricultural community, our farmers, is so critical for this congressional district. I get to sit down with farmers all the time and hear from them what their needs or concerns are. And yes, what they want is open markets to be able to do hard work, to harvest. Harvest is happening right now. And their, their harvest, their product needs to be able to get to the world. We are the congressional district right here in the Illinois 17th. We feed the world and it’s so critical that the federal government support that capacity without interfering with it.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

King Said It Was Important That “We Are Continuing To Be Able To Export And Promote Trade With Other Countries.”

Q: And let's talk about the most important thing I think in your district and that is agriculture and supporting that. It's like, shoot you have thousands of farms in District 17, right?” KING: “We do yes. Agricultural, farming, as well as the manufacturing--the agribusiness is a big piece of our economy here in Western Illinois, and it is been...it is a great opportunity during this COVID crisis to make sure we're taking care of our farmers. That's another piece. They are essential to the functioning, not only of our economy. It is a great opportunity during this COVID crisis to make sure we're taking care of our farmers. That's another piece. They are essential to the functioning, not only of our economy but of our very livelihood because we all love to eat, right? And making sure that we're protecting our supply chains and making sure farmers who are producing are able to get their products to market, and not only domestically within the United States but also internationally, making sure that we are continuing to be able to export and promote trade with other countries, so that our farmers have a continual market for their products. And we're able to sustain the agricultural industry and even build and flourish during this time.” [YourVoice Campaign Corner, 8/5/20] (VIDEO, 9:18)

King Said She Was Committed To “Finding New Ways For Small Farmers To Remain Competitive,” Including Promoting Trade.



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Illinois Farmers Had Deep Trade Ties With China And Suffered From The Trade War

Illinois Exported More Soybeans To China Than Any Other Country And Was A Major Agricultural Trade Partner With The Country

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Illinois Exported More Soybeans To China Than Any Other Country. "Illinois exports more soybeans to China than any other state. Fully one-quarter of Illinois' soybean crop goes to China. Nationwide, one of every three rows of soybeans is shipped to China. That's why farmers paid close attention when the Trump administration proposed a 25-percent tariff on \$150 billion dollars' worth of Chinese imports. The threat came after President Donald Trump continued to rail against the nearly \$300 billion trade deficit with China." [WTTW, [5/17/18](#)]

Illinois Agricultural Exports To China Dropped After China Implemented Retaliatory Tariffs, "Dealing A Significant Blow To Illinois Farmers"

Bloomington Pantagraph: Farmers And Ag Business Were "Preparing For The Worst" With Trump's Trade War. "The impact of the trade war is a moving target, so it's hard to plan for the future. In the meantime, producers and ag leaders are preparing for the worst but hoping for the best. 'We have lost track of how many times Washington has indicated the trade war is almost over,' said Mark Albertson, director of strategic market development for the Illinois Soybean Association. 'During the past 12 months, there have been some ups and downs, but mostly downs, unfortunately. Most of the soy that is grown in Illinois gets exported, about 60 percent, and half of that would typically go to China. When China retaliated against U.S. tariffs by putting on their own tariffs on U.S. soy, our exports to China practically stopped.'" [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

US Chamber Of Commerce: \$3.8 Billion Worth of Illinois Goods Were Threatened By Trump's Trade War, Including \$1.3 Billion Worth Of Soybeans And \$88 Million Worth Of Herbicides. "Trade tensions are reaching a fever pitch between the United States and trading partners like China, Canada and the European Union. Now, financial experts say it could affect billions worth of Illinois exports and the jobs in those industries. It's also having an impact on major Chicago-based companies and even a massive order for new CTA equipment. The proposed tariffs could impact everything from soybeans to bread, dairy and pork to cars, machinery and equipment. According the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, \$3.8 billion worth of Illinois exports are threatened as of the latest round of tariffs. They include: \$1.3 billion worth of soybeans. In fact, one out of every three rows of soybeans planted in Illinois is exported to China. \$445 million worth of vehicles \$156 million worth of bread, pastries and cakes \$128 million worth of herbicides \$88 million worth of aluminum" [WTTW, [7/11/18](#)]

Champaign News-Gazette: Trump's Tariffs On China "Dealt A Pretty Big Blow To Illinois." "This comes after China — Illinois' biggest agricultural trade partner — announced earlier this month \$34 billion worth of tariffs on U.S. imports in response to tariffs imposed by Trump. The tariffs dealt a pretty big blow to Illinois, which relied on the Chinese market to off-load more than \$3 billion worth of soybeans last year, more than it shipped to any other state." [Champaign News-Gazette, [7/26/18](#)]

Pekin Times: "Illinois Farmers Have Been Especially Hurt By China's Retaliatory Tariffs In The Ongoing U.S.-China Trade War." "Illinois farmers have been especially hurt by China's retaliatory tariffs in the ongoing U.S.-China trade war, forcing the federal government to issue \$28 billion in aid nationwide." [Pekin Times, [1/20/20](#)]

2018: China Placed A 25 Percent Tariff On Soybean Imports, "Dealing A Significant Blow To Illinois Farmers" And "Farmers Are Declaring Bankruptcy At Levels The County Hasn't Witness For At Least A Decade." "Illinois produces the most soybeans per acre in the U.S. China, which in 2018 was the largest buyer of

soybeans, placed a 25 percent tariff on imports of the crop last year dealing a significant blow to Illinois farmers. [...] The trade conflict with Beijing, which escalated in May when Trump raised tariffs to 25 percent on \$200 billion of imports from China and prompted the country to retaliate with its own tariffs, has provoked rare criticism from some Republican lawmakers. And farmers are declaring bankruptcy at levels the country hasn't witnessed for at least a decade, according to The Wall Street Journal.” [Newsweek, [7/26/19](#)]

Bloomington Pantagraph: “Illinois Farmers Were Particularly Hurt By Soybean Tariffs Because The State Is The Largest Grower Of The Crop.” “Illinois farmers were particularly hurt by soybean tariffs because the state is America’s largest grower of the crop that is used in farm feed, cooking oil, tofu, soy sauce and dairy product substitutes.” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Soybean Exports To China Dropped From \$1.3 Billion in 2017 To \$94 Million In 2018 While Corn Exports Dropped From \$8 Million To \$5 Million. “Illinois exported \$1.3 billion in soybeans and \$8 million in corn to China in 2017. That fell to \$94 million in soybeans and \$5 million in corn in 2018. Sales of U.S. soybeans to China fell to their lowest level in about 15 years in the first half of 2019, according to Bloomberg News. ‘When you cut \$2 billion out of Illinois agriculture exports in a year ... there's going to be dire financial consequences,’ said [Adam Nielsen, director of national legislation and policy development for the Illinois Farm Bureau].” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

American Soybean Exports To China Dropped 75% Between 2017 And 2018. “American soybean exports to China dropped 75% between 2017 and 2018, as China bought soybeans from other countries while exchanging tariffs with the U.S.” [Pekin Times, [1/20/20](#)]

Illinois Farmers Criticized Trump’s Policies As Crop Prices Fell

July 2018: Farmers Told IL Sen. Durbin Their Crop Value Fell 20 Percent In Recent Months Because Of Trump’s Trade War. “In a statement. Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said Trump’s ‘scorched-earth trade war’ has put a lot at stake for Illinois and the rural economy. Soybean farmers have told Durbin that they've seen their crop value drop by 20 percent in recent months, he said. ‘Bailouts, tweets, and bragging won’t save the lost crop value for our farmers and won’t protect their reputations around the world as reliable sellers,’ Durbin said in a statement, adding: ‘Declaring a trade war on the world, instead of the truly bad actors, leaves a lot of collateral damage.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

July 2018: Soybean Prices “Plunged” 18 Percent In Two Months. “What happened: The Trump administration is providing \$12 billion for American farmers affected by trade disputes with China and other countries. Why it's needed: Soybean prices have plunged 18 percent in the past two months. Even before the trade fights, the Agriculture Department had predicted that U.S. farm income would drop this year to \$60 billion, or half of what it was five years ago.” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Farm Bureau President Said Farmers “Bear The Brunt Of The Trade War.” “Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. said farmers bear the brunt of the trade war. ‘We are deeply concerned about the imposition of the retaliatory tariffs that could further impact agriculture,’ he said. ‘Tariffs historically have not been good for the farm economy. Farmers are on the front lines of this trade war and are sacrificing their livelihoods and it hasn’t gotten better. We are sitting on a huge inventory of grain while our export markets are diminishing. ... Corn and soybean prices are depressed, combined with a delayed 2019 planting season due to heavy rains, and farmers are facing their sixth straight year of declining net farm income.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

Newsweek: “Illinois Farmers Are Criticizing President Donald Trump's Trade Policies.” “Illinois farmers are criticizing President Donald Trump's trade policies after the administration announced it would provide farmers \$16 billion in bailouts to ameliorate the economic impact of the commander-in-chief's attempts to restructure global trade relations. The administration said on Thursday that the bailout payments to farmers, initially announced in May, would be made over the next six months. The payments can total a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog

producers and a combined \$250,000 for producers of specialty crops like fruits and vegetables. The statement by the agriculture department says that ‘no applicant can receive more than \$500,000.’ The plan offers specifics on how the administration will financially assist farmers, which were not apparent when the bailout was announced earlier this year. But those specifics did not fully appease agriculture workers in Illinois, who released a statement saying they wanted a long-term solution to address the damage to trade relations caused by the ongoing wars, including the long-running conflict with China.” [Newsweek, [7/26/19](#)]

Bloomington Pantagraph: “The Future Certainly Isn’t Bright For The State’s Soybean Farmers.” “The future certainly isn’t bright for the state’s soybean farmers. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates soybean exports at 1.7 billion bushels, down 434 million bushels from 2017-18. ‘The current state of Chinese tariffs on U.S. soybeans and the continuing spread of African swine fever does not bode well for U.S. soybean exports,’ University of Illinois agricultural economist Todd Hubbs said. ‘Chinese soybean purchases remain contingent on progress in negotiations. Based on previous negotiation outcomes, a decent probability exists that tariffs stay in place through the next marketing year.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

Trump’s Announcement That He Would Provide Subsidies To Farmers Hurt By Trade War Was “Setting Off A New Wave Of Anxiety.” “But the president’s sudden announcement this week that he’ll give out \$12 billion in subsidies to farmers is setting off a new wave of anxiety — a deep sense of apprehension over Trump’s unpredictability on trade and questions over whether the White House has any plan at all.” [Politico Illinois, [7/26/18](#)]

Illinois Farmers Said “They Would Rather See The President Reach Long-Term Solutions” On Trade Rather Than Bail Them Out. “While many Illinois farmers said Tuesday they appreciate the \$12 billion emergency aid package promised by President Donald Trump, they would rather see the president reach long-term trade solutions that allow them to sell their products. The plan Trump announced would tap existing Agriculture Department funding for temporary relief to farmers who were hurt by his administration’s trade disputes with China and other countries. The president earlier this month enacted 25 percent tariffs on Chinese products worth \$34 billion, causing China to retaliate with the same tariff percentage on American goods worth \$34 billion, including soybeans and pork.” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Farm Bureau: Trump’s Relief Package To Farmers “Would Not Make Its Members Whole In The Face Of Continued Trade Tensions.” “But the state’s Farm Bureau said Trump’s relief package would not make its members whole in the face of continued trade tensions, although they appreciated the support. Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. said in a statement that the damage would continue as long as the tariffs are in effect — if not longer. ‘That’s why we urge the president and the administration to continue to negotiate trade deals with our global partners, including Mexico, Canada, Japan and the European Union,’ Guebert said, ‘and get back to the table with China to work on resolving unfair trade practices that are the underlying issue.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Soybean Growers: Soybean Farmers Wanted “Trade, Not Aid.” “Soybean farmers want ‘trade, not aid,’ said Lynn Rohrscheib, chairwoman of the Illinois Soybean Growers group. ‘If trade is our problem, aid handouts are a poor solution,’ Rohrscheib said in a statement. ‘As producers, we would rather be able to sell our crop for a fair price and grow both agricultural export and market opportunities.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Vice President Of The Illinois Farm Bureau: “No Matter What The Payments Are Here, They Are Not Going To Make Up For The Generational Damage That’s Being Done.” “American farmers have been some of the hardest hit by China’s retaliatory tariffs, which were put on a range of commodities including soybeans, corn and wheat. The tariffs made those American agricultural products more expensive for Chinese importers, and private buyers nearly stopped purchasing US-grown soybeans — leaving a record amount sitting in storage at the end of 2018. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue first announced that there would be a second round of aid payments in May, after trade talks unraveled and President Donald Trump abruptly escalated tariffs on \$200 billion

of Chinese goods. Some farmers, who have long stood behind the President in his mission to get a better deal with Beijing, have started to grow impatient. [...] ‘I think the bottom-line takeaway is we are appreciative of this, but farmers have borne a significant price in this trade war,’ Brian Duncan, vice president of the Illinois Farm Bureau, told CNN. ‘No matter what the payments are here, they are not going to make up for the generational damage that’s being done. Once trade routes get changed, they don’t change back — that’s the real rub here,’ Duncan added.” [NBC Palm Springs, [7/25/19](#)]

Environmental Regulations For Farmers

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King Said She Opposed “Green” Initiatives Because They Would Hurt Farmers. “King is a critic of Bustos’ and other Democrats’ support of ‘green’ initiatives that they say will help the agriculture community and create jobs by introducing more environmentally friendly practices and partnerships. Presidential Candidate Joe Biden has made it part of his party’s platform. ‘This harms agriculture,’ she said. ‘It’s not good for us. I will be fighting against environmental policies that hurt our part of the state.’” [Star-Courier, 10/6/20]

King Said She Supported “Federal Support When Appropriate, Not Federal Interference” On Environmental Policy For Farmers

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King: “I Don’t Believe The Government In Washington, D.C., Is Going To Do A Better Job At Environmental Concerns For The Illinois 17th Than We Are.” “‘I do believe that climate change is something that we as people can have an effect on,’ King said. ‘Farmers are some of the most responsible environmentalists. ... I don’t believe the government in Washington, D.C., is going to do a better job at environmental concerns for the Illinois 17th than we are. Farmers should be able to make their own environmental decisions on how to operate their businesses and their farms on the ground on a day-to-day basis. I think there’s absolutely space for responsible environmentalism from the federal level.’” [Shaw Media, [9/30/20](#)]

- **King: “Farmers Should Be Able To Make Their Own Environmental Decisions On How To Operate Their Businesses.”** Q: “You mentioned farmers, we just recently had the derecho come through and do a lot of damage in that area, right long east of the Mississippi. With the wildfires in the West, the hurricanes, do you think there should be more government action on climate change? And if so, what would you do?” KING: “Earline, I do believe that climate change is something that we as people can have an effect on. I actually believe farmers are some of the most responsible environmentalists that are...if you think about it... their existence on a day to day basis is connected to the land, to the environment. I don’t believe, for example, in its effect on farming. I don’t believe the government in Washington, D.C. is going to do a better job at environmental concerns for the Illinois 17th than we are. Farmers should be able to make their own environmental decisions on how to operate their businesses and their farms on the ground on a day-to-day basis. I think there is absolutely space for responsible environmentalism from the federal level. Promoting clean energy without requiring artificial subsidies – art – I do think subsidies in some energy fields are great because it allows us to create innovation, and to further innovate and you invent technologies that will allow us to have cleaner energy down the road. But making sure that the government is not artificially choosing winners and losers on environmental concerns, I think is an important aspect of it as well.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 22:34)

King Said She Supported Crop Insurance Or Subsidies To Help Farms Deal With Climate Change. Q:

“Esther, you would agree that farmers and agriculture in general are very dependent on climate and its wide swings. So I guess that was the point of my question. With all these events happening across the US and in fact that in your local district, it was a derecho that you know, basically laid down fields after field of corn. That was my connection there. So how do you as a legislator or try to alleviate some of those swings with the climate? If possible, what would you do directly to help the farmer?” KING: “Right. Well, for example, in response to the derecho, I think having support on the back end from the federal government would be appropriate. So subsidies or support if necessary, which usually comes through crop insurance programs and that kind of thing. So making sure we're protecting and supporting the risk profile of farmers to make sure that they are able to sustain their operations year over year.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 24:31)

King Supported The EPA Offering Oil Refineries Waivers From Renewable Fuel Requirements, In A Move That Some Claimed Would Hurt Corn Farmers

King Supported The EPA Offering Oil Refineries Waivers From Renewable Fuel Requirements, In A Move That Some Claimed Would Hurt Farmers. “King, an army veteran, said Bustos’ attention has been drawn to national political fights instead of specifically serving the district. Meanwhile, day-to-day issues like healthcare, immigration and the financial future of local farmers, are being ignored. ‘There are some ways we can do this, but it’s going to take a bipartisan approach,’ she said. She said she has supported the president’s efforts to offer waivers to oil refiners that would allow them to avoid meeting renewable fuel requirements, a move that some say could hurt farmers. But King said the recent Environmental Protection Agency to drop some of the proposed waivers was a sign that the effort was going as planned and that farmers ultimately would benefit. ‘I think there’s been a lot of confusion on that,’ she said. ‘The efforts (the Trump Administration) took benefits our ethanol industry here and helps farms.’” [Star-Courier, 10/6/20]

Farmers Criticized Trump’s Waivers For Oil Refineries That Didn’t Add Ethanol To Gasoline. “Iowa farmers are pushing back after President Trump reneged on a promise to review a national program that gives waivers to small refineries that don’t add ethanol to their gasoline. The president had promised corn farmers he would review the exemption program after a June trip to Iowa, but a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision to issue new waivers to fuel producers signaled an end to the administration’s study. Rep. Cindy Axne (D-Iowa) has requested an EPA Office of Inspector General investigation of the program and whether it violates renewable fuel laws, but at a press conference in Iowa on Wednesday, farmers directed their anger more at Trump than the EPA. Delayne D. Johnson, CEO of Quad County Corn Processors, said he was proud he voted for Trump after the president announced earlier this summer that he would allow ethanol to be added to gasoline year-round, ending a summertime ban designed to reduce smog. ‘I was equally shocked when I learned that there were 31 small refinery exemptions’ issued to plants owned by major companies, Johnson said. Trump’s call came just two months after a meeting with some of the very same farm groups. It was a decision directly from Trump to go ahead and issue the waiver on Aug. 9. [...] But the decision creates tension between two groups Trump views as supporters and may threaten the patience of farmers who have already been hit hard by the tariffs of Trump’s trade war.” [The Hill, [8/21/19](#)]

Critics Argued Trump’s Oil Refinery Waivers Were A Display Of Favoritism For Big Oil. “While Iowa farmer Miller saw Trump’s brinkmanship with China as a necessary gamble to help American workers, the ethanol waivers smacked to him of favoritism for a wealthy and powerful industry — Big Oil. [...] The 31 new waivers issued this month came on top of 54 granted since early 2018, according to the association. While the waivers are intended to reduce hardships on small oil refiners, some beneficiaries include smaller refineries owned by big oil companies.” [Mercury News, [8/28/19](#)]

Waivers Allowed Refineries To Disregard Renewable Fuel Standards Set In Place To Address Climate Change. “The rules at issue are called small refinery exemptions, which the Trump administration has expanded at the behest of oil companies and to the consternation of ethanol interests. The exemptions let so-called small gasoline refineries — including some owned by oil giants Exxon Mobil and Chevron — out of their obligations to

produce ethanol under the renewable fuel standards rules approved by Congress in 2005 and 2007 to address climate change.” [CNBC, [9/23/19](#)]

Ethanol Production Fell As The Number Of Waivers Issued By The EPA Increased. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency each year allocates each refinery’s quota for ethanol production in a rule implementing the statute. After that, however, the agency has been granting retroactive waivers to excuse refineries from their legal duty. The so-called SRE exemptions, which have been granted retroactively, reduce the market for ethanol to between 13 billion and 14 billion gallons annually, Cooper said. Under the Obama administration, officials granted about eight SRE exemptions each year. The Trump administration announced 31 in a single round in August, bringing its total to nearly 80. U.S. ethanol producers made 14.4 billion gallons last year, down from 14.5 in 2017 for the first year-to-year decline since the 1990s, U.S. Department of Energy figures show.” [CNBC, [9/23/19](#)]

Trump’s Oil Refinery Waivers “Caused An Uproar” In Farm States. “The Trump administration is considering ramping up biofuel blending quotas in the coming years to assuage anger in the Farm Belt over its recent broad use of waivers for small refineries, but is not planning to rescind any of the exemptions it has granted so far, four people familiar with the matter said. The approach would mark a mixed result for the agriculture industry and its backers who had been pushing the administration to revoke some of the exemptions, which they argue hurt demand for corn-based ethanol by freeing refiners from their obligation to blend biofuels into their products. The proposals emerged a day after President Trump on Thursday summoned Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler to the White House to discuss ways to boost biofuel demand. The meeting was set after Trump’s decision this month to allow the EPA to grant 31 biofuel waivers to oil refiners caused an uproar in farm states key to the Republican president’s reelection bid in 2020.” [Washington Post, [8/23/19](#)]

Sen. Grassley: Trump And The EPA “Screwed” The Ethanol Industry And Farmers. “Earlier this month, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted 31 small refinery biofuel waivers for 2018, an action relating to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) that has caused concern among farmers and some Midwestern lawmakers that demand for ethanol and other biofuels could be curtailed. [...] Also on Friday, Reuters writer Humeysa Pamuk reported that, ‘Iowa’s Republican Senator Chuck Grassley said the Trump administration’s Environmental Protection Agency has “screwed” the U.S. ethanol industry and farmers by granting waivers to 31 small petroleum refineries, effectively exempting them from an obligation to use more ethanol in their products.’ [Farm Policy News, [8/18/19](#)]

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King Political Receipt History - Federal			
Date	Name	Employer	Amount
6/30/21	Stevens, Todd	Black Knight Energy LLC	-\$1,000.00
6/18/21	Stevens, Todd	Black Knight Energy LLC	\$1,000.00
6/16/21	Mcmillan, Douglas	McMillan Electric Company	\$500.00
6/14/21	Stevens, Todd	Black Knight Energy Llc	\$2,900.00
11/2/20	Myers, Thomas	Exelon Corp	\$25.00
10/31/20	Lamon, James	Depcom Power	\$1,000.00
10/31/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$25.00
10/21/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$50.00
10/21/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$25.00

10/17/20	Lamon, James	Depcom Power	\$1,000.00
10/16/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$25.00
10/11/20	Taul, Johnnie	Depcom Power	\$250.00
10/11/20	Lamon, James	Depcom Power	\$1,500.00
10/8/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$50.00
10/7/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$25.00
10/5/20	Kimmelman, Douglas W	Energy Capital Partners	\$2,800.00
9/23/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$25.00
9/15/20	Mangieri, Joe Mr.	Mangieri Electric	\$1,000.00
9/08/20	Dale, Thomas Mr.	Exelon	\$100.00
7/30/20	Wright, Karen	Ariel Corp.	\$2,800.00
7/30/20	Rastin, Thomas	Ariel Corporation	\$2,800.00
7/30/20	Aldridge, Kenneth	Aldridge Electric	-\$2,800.00
7/30/20	Aldridge, Kenneth	Aldridge Electric	\$5,600.00
7/13/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$25.00
5/20/20	Dale, Thomas Mr.	Exelon	\$50.00
4/20/20	Pusey, Donald	Pusey Electric	\$2,800.00
12/27/19	Aldridge, Kenneth W. Mr.	Aldridge Electric	\$1,000.00
		Total	\$23,575.00

[FEC, Disbursement Search, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

Farm Bill

King Was In Favor Of “Reasonable Long-Term Farm Bills”

King Was In Favor Of “Reasonable Long-Term Farm Bills.” “Her top four priorities listed on her campaign website issues at <https://www.estherforcongress.com> are as follows: agribusiness, bipartisan cooperation, creating American jobs and healthcare. King said she wants to access and create new markets for exports to help farmers. She is in favor of ‘reasonable long-term farm bills, ensuring access to reliable crop insurance, and promoting new technologies and opportunities.’ She said farmers need federal support but not interference and must be able to be lead when it comes to environmental and conservation issues.” [Beloit Daily News, [10/4/20](#)]

King: “By Passing Reasonable Long-Term Farm Bills, Ensuring Access To Reliable Crop Insurance, And Promoting New Technologies And Opportunities, We Can Ensure That Future Generations Are Excited About Their Prospects.” “We must make it possible for the next generation of farmers to be competitive by ensuring access to existing markets and creating new markets for our exports. By passing reasonable long-term farm bills, ensuring access to reliable crop insurance, and promoting new technologies and opportunities, we can ensure that future generations are excited about their prospects in the agribusiness economy.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

USMCA

King Said USMCA Had “Taken Too Long Due To Misaligned Political Priorities” And “It Highlights Why We Need Change In #IL17 For Our Farmers

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Big Lie & January 6th Insurrection

Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2020, King initially refused to concede her 2020 election loss because of “unexplained anomalies in election returns” and “absentee vote-by-mail ballots still unaccounted for.”
 - ✓ Responding to King’s criticism, the Rock Island County Clerk noted it was mathematically impossible for outstanding mail ballots to change the outcome of the election.
 - ✓ King waited nearly three weeks to concede her race to Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos.
- ✓ King said that “it’s heartbreaking to think that even one American thinks their vote doesn’t matter because of something that happened illegally or even just mistakes made in the election process”
- ✓ King supported restrictions on voting access, including voter ID laws and increased numbers of poll watchers.
- ✓ King thanked Sen. Ted Cruz for blocking the passage of the For The People Act in the Senate, a bill that would protect voting rights, end partisan gerrymandering, and limit the impact of money in politics.
 - ✓ King complained about proposed Congressional district lines drawn by the Illinois legislature, though the For the People Act would have mandated a nonpartisan commission.
- ✓ King’s congressional campaign accepted tens of thousands of dollars from congressional Republicans who voted to overturn the results of the 2020 election and then voted to block the creation of a commission to investigate it.

2020 Election Disinformation

King Initially Refused To Concede Her 2020 Election Loss Because Of “Unexplained Anomalies In Election Returns” And “Absentee Vote-By-Mail Ballots Still Unaccounted For”

Nov. 5, 2020: King Refused To Concede To Bustos Because Of “Unexplained Anomalies In Election Returns” And “Absentee Vote-By-Mail Ballots Still Unaccounted For.” “Esther Joy King, the Republican candidate for Illinois’ 17th Congressional District, is refusing to concede the race to U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline. Bustos, the Democratic incumbent, was elected to a fifth term Tuesday, beating King by 11,526 votes, capturing 52% of the vote to 48% for King, with 100% of precincts reporting. The Associated Press called the race for Bustos on Thursday. King’s campaign representatives issued a joint statement Thursday. ‘The Esther for Congress campaign has determined that, in consideration of absentee vote-by-mail ballots still unaccounted for and other unexplained anomalies in election returns, a concession at this point is premature,’ the release stated.” [Quad-City Times, [11/5/20](#)]

The Rock Island County Clerk Defended The Integrity Of The Election After Criticism From King’s Campaign

King’s Campaign Staff Complained About “Serious Procedural Questions About Ballot Security And Access To Data In A Number Of Jurisdictions” And Said “It’s No Wonder So Many People Simply Don’t Trust Politicians.” “In a press release, the campaign for Esther Joy King says they will wait for absentee vote-by-mail

ballots to be counted before they recognize Bustos has won the race. ‘Free and fair elections are the foundation of our country,’ said Eric Anderson, Esther for Congress campaign manager. ‘With vote-by-mail ballots still incomplete, there is no good reason to end this campaign. When it is appropriate – and that time is when all the votes are counted – Esther will respond accordingly. Until then, the election authorities must do their job, ensure voters are heard, and ensure that ballot security is a primary consideration.’ [...] The campaign said the race can still end with a King victory or a recount of the vote. ‘We are looking at the trends, comparing ratios, voter history, turnout, and timing,’ said Brady Smith, Esther for Congress data director. ‘There are also some serious procedural questions about ballot security and access to data in a number of jurisdictions. As an example, it was at least an hour after Rock Island announced that the votes were counted and kicked everyone out of the clerk’s office before they posted the results to their website, which created a ten thousand vote swing. That may just be an oversight, but it sure doesn’t look good to the typical voter. It’s no wonder so many people simply don’t trust politicians.’” [WMBD, [11/5/20](#)]

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“In a press release, Rock Island County Clerk Karen Kinney said she’s confident in the vote totals for voters taking advantage of vote-by-mail and early voting. She said more than 44,000 votes were cast before Election Day through early voting and vote-by-mail, and nearly 23,000 votes cast on Election Day. ‘The Rock Island County Clerk’s Office has earned a reputation of delivering the vote with honesty and integrity,’ said Kinney. ‘We don’t create the law, we follow the law, and we get legal advice from the State’s Attorney’s Office, and we reach out to the State Board of Elections for assistance and guidance.’ Both campaigns sent poll watchers to keep an eye on the process at all voting locations, including the County Clerk’s Office. She said two faulty memory cards delayed the complete vote count by an hour and a half, but they were able to maintain the integrity of the election despite the issue. According to unofficial counts, around 1,500 vote-by-mail ballots are currently unreturned, though hundreds of voters may have turned them in to vote in-person on Election Day. Illinois law states any vote-by-mail ballots received through Nov. 17 that are postmarked on or before Election Day can be included in the final count once verified they are verified. Kinney said election judges will verify the ballots and securely store them until the final count. ‘It is mathematically impossible for these ballots to affect the outcome of any county races as currently reported as unofficial results,’ Kinney said.” [WMBD, [11/5/20](#)]

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King’s Campaign Data Director Claimed There Were “Still Some Procedural Questions In A Number Of Jurisdictions.” “‘There are still some procedural questions in a number of jurisdictions we hope are addressed going forward,’ said Brady Smith, Esther for Congress data director in response to previous statements about election returns. ‘Elections rely on the public trust and anyone who lets partisan games into the process isn’t serving

the voters well. Opaque policies and vague answers may just be oversight, but the goal has to be complete transparency and doing the best possible job to ensure people trust election results.” [KWQC, [11/20/20](#)]

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Dave Rubin @RubinReport · Sep 13

Some crazy stuff happening with LA voting. At my polling place a staffer told one of my employees that the electronic machines don’t count votes, just register that you voted. The staff count themselves. Are there cameras? Any system to verify and match?



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/13/21](#)]

PolitiFact: Problems At Voting Site Were “An Insolated Incident.” “KTLA-TV in Los Angeles reported on Sept. 11 that several voters said they believed ‘something wonky was going on’ at the polling place at El Camino Real Charter High School, in the Los Angeles neighborhood Woodland Hills. When they went to cast a ballot, they

were told that computers showed they had already voted. The school was open for early voting in the election. One of the voters, Estelle Bender, appeared on camera. She said that when she told an election worker that she had not already voted in the recall, the worker told her: ‘This has been happening all morning.’ Bender, who said she is a Republican, said she cast a provisional ballot but was ‘really angry.’ Asked by a reporter if that made her suspicious, she said: ‘I would think so, and still I would like to know how I voted.’ A spokesperson for the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk told PolitiFact that the problems at that voting site and at a second site in Woodland Hills were ‘an isolated incident.’” [PolitiFact, [9/14/21](#)]

Voting Problems At El Camino Real Charter High School Potentially Impacted Any Voter, Not Just Republicans. “The office issued a statement in response to the TV report, saying voters were given provisional ballots, to ensure their votes would be counted. ‘Provisional ballots are regular ballots, and once the eligibility of the voter is verified, they are processed and counted.’ The statement also said that ‘the equipment at the locations was replaced and voting continued.’ The conservative Newsmax interviewed a man who said that when he was told he had already voted, an election worker told him that was happening to about 70% of the people who tried to vote that day. That man did not identify his polling location, but the report said it was in Woodland Hills on Sept. 11. [...] The evidence indicates not rigging, but an election error, which happened at two polling places and was remedied. It affected potentially any voter, not just Republicans. And people were allowed to vote by casting provisional ballots. Those ballots will be counted so long as the voter is eligible.” [PolitiFact, [9/14/21](#)]

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HEADLINE: “Ted Cruz Shuts Down Federal Voting Bill Before U.S. Senate Leaves For Recess, Dashing Texas Democrats’ Hopes” [Texas Tribune, [8/11/21](#)]

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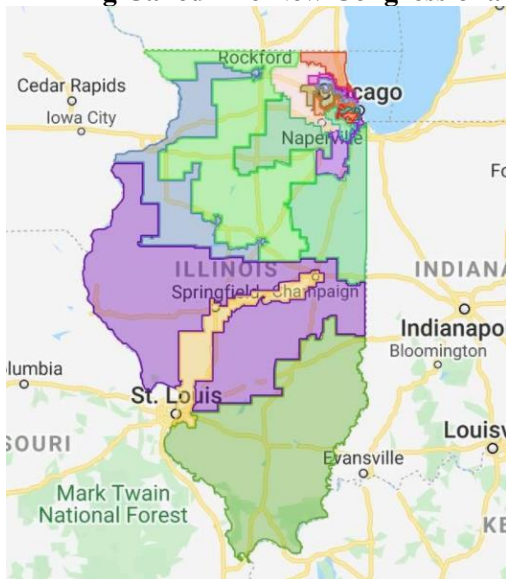
King Complained About The Illinois Legislature’s Proposed Congressional Maps, Though The For The People Act Would Have Given Map-Drawing Power To Independent, Non-Partisan Commissions

The For The People Act Would Provide The Authority To Draw Congressional Districts To Independent, Non-Partisan Commissions. “Many voters feel gerrymandering has deprived them of their rights, as Pacific Standard has reported; in response, states have begun introducing legislation to regulate or reform redistricting. H.R. 1 would take this even further, transferring the authority to draw congressional districts from state legislatures to independent, non-partisan commissions.” [Pacific Standard, [3/10/19](#)]

King Said She Was “Intentionally Targeted By [Democrats’] Dirty Gerrymandering In The Redistricting Process.” “You may have read something about the Democrats’ corrupt redrawing of the congressional maps here in Illinois. It’s bad. As a veteran woman running for Congress who has been intentionally targeted by their dirty gerrymandering in the redistricting process, let me share with you just how awful it is.” [Rock Island Dispatch-Argus, Esther Joy King, [11/10/21](#)]

King: “Illinois Democrats Pulled A Last Minute Stunt At Midnight To Redraw Their Maps AGAIN” And “Split Up Illinois Communities To Protect Democrats.” “Looks like the Illinois Democrats pulled a last minute stunt at midnight to redraw their maps AGAIN! These maps split up Illinois communities to protect Democrats - but I and the voters of the 17th District will NOT be intimidated.” [Twitter, [@esther4congress](#), [10/29/21](#)]

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[Instagram, [@estherforcongress](#), [10/29/21](#)]

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Since 2019, King Has Received \$48,400 From The Campaigns Or Leadership PACs Of Congressional Republicans Who Voted To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Election And Then Voted To Block A Commission To Investigate The Jan. 6 Insurrection

King Political Receipt History - Federal			
Date	Candidate or Committee	Affiliation	Amount
10/26/21	Raptor PAC	Pfluger	\$1,000.00
9/30/21	Carol for Congress	Miller	\$1,000.00
6/30/21	Greg Steube for Congress	Steube	\$1,000.00
6/28/21	BergmanforCongress	Bergman	\$1,000.00
6/7/21	RVFPAC	Reschenthaler	\$1,000.00
6/7/21	Guy for Congress	Reschenthaler	\$2,000.00
6/4/21	Majority Committee PAC, AKA McPAC	McCarthy	\$5,000.00
6/4/21	Majority Committee PAC, AKA McPAC	McCarthy	\$5,000.00
5/26/21	Raptor PAC	Pfluger	\$1,000.00
3/22/21	Star PAC	Bergman	\$1,000.00
3/18/21	RVFPAC	Reschenthaler	\$1,000.00
3/11/21	Cut The Bull PAC	Miller	\$2,000.00
10/30/20	Star PAC	Bergman	\$1,000.00
10/26/20	Victory And Freedom (VAF) PAC	Foxx	\$2,000.00
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7/29/20	Victory And Freedom (VAF) PAC	Foxx	\$1,000.00
6/22/20	Carol for Congress	Miller	\$1,000.00
6/8/20	RVFPAC	Reschenthaler	\$1,000.00
5/5/20	Elevate PAC, AKA E-PAC	Stefanik	\$5,000.00
3/19/20	Greg Steube for Congress	Steube	\$2,000.00
10/28/19	Greg Steube for Congress	Steube	\$2,000.00
10/22/19	Star PAC	Bergman	\$2,500.00
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**NOTE: These are just the contributions from the representatives listed in the list of 50 Republicans who endorsed King in September 2021 – other Republicans who voted to overturn the election and block the creation of the Jan. 6 Commission are not included.*

Budget Issues

Significant Findings

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2021 Budget Reconciliation

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without any Republican support. That is despite the fact that Democrats have just 50 votes in the Senate, too small a majority to overcome the 60-vote threshold that has become all but required to advance legislation through the chamber. To overcome that hurdle, they plan to use an arcane process known as budget reconciliation. It allows them to skirt Republican opposition and approve a bill with a simple majority vote — with Vice President Harris there to break the tie.” [NPR, [9/14/21](#)]

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Stephanie Bice  @stephaniebice · Aug 11

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- ✗ Higher cost of goods
- ✗ More liberal plans

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King On Reconciliation Bill: “Why Do They Need A Tax To Pay For It If It Costs \$0?” “Why do they need a tax to pay for it if it costs \$0? #bidenisbadatmath 🙄” QUOTE TWEET @thehill “.@SecYellen on the proposed tax which would pay for the Build Back Better act: ‘It's not a wealth tax, but a tax on unrealized capital gains of exceptionally wealthy individuals.’”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/25/21](#)]

King Said Democrats “Think We’re Too Dumb To Do Basic Math” And Accused Them Of Lying About The Reconciliation Bill. ““The reconciliation bill costs \$0’ is another lie from the Democrats. Taxes don’t cost \$0. And even with all their tax hikes, there’s still \$1.5 trillion in debt spending. They think we’re too dumb to do basic math!”



From RNC Research

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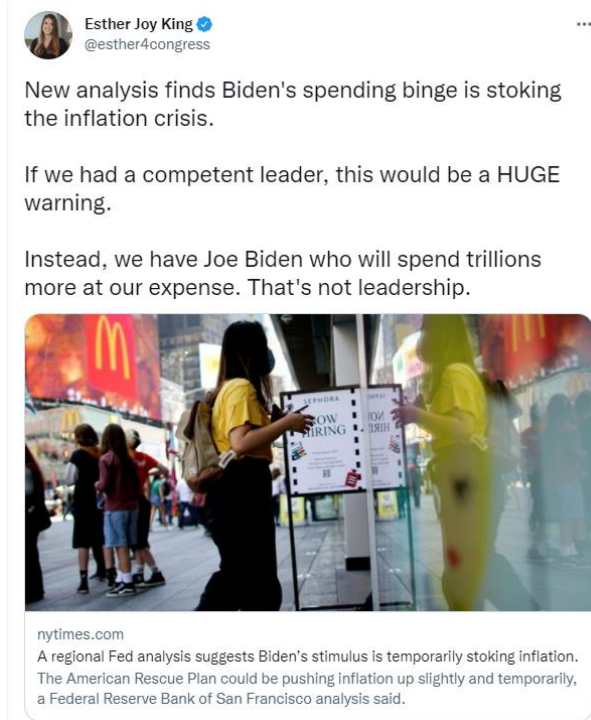
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King: “As Long As Democrats Tie Themselves To The \$3.5 Trillion Spending Bill And The Rest Of Joe Biden's Inflation-Causing Agenda They're Going To Lose.” “What failed DCCC chair and now retiring Bustos forgot to mention in her advice...as long as Democrats tie themselves to the \$3.5 trillion spending bill and the rest of Joe Biden's inflation-causing agenda they're going to lose.”



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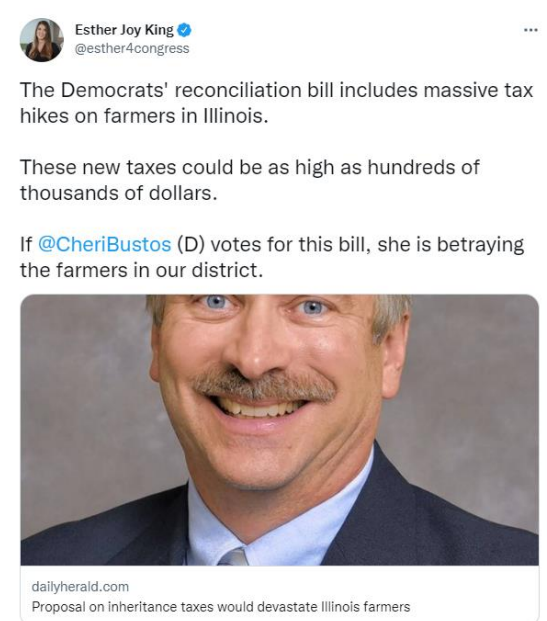
King: “Biden’s Spending Binge Is Stoking The Inflation Crisis.” “New analysis finds Biden's spending binge is stoking the inflation crisis. If we had a competent leader, this would be a HUGE warning. Instead, we have Joe Biden who will spend trillions more at our expense. That's not leadership.”



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Government Spending

King Said She “Will Fight To Control Spending To Address The National Debt” ...

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King: “As Your Congresswoman, I Will Fight To Control Spending To Address The National Debt.” “Just like households must do, the Federal Government needs to live within its means. Our national debt is \$19 trillion and growing, and we continue to have a government that taxes, borrows, and spends too much. As your Congresswoman, I will fight to control spending to address the national debt, ensuring that our children and grandchildren are not forced to pay for the mistakes of today’s generation.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/3/21](#)]

King Said Dealing With The National Debt Would Take Years. REPORTER: “\$3.1 trillion deficit this year alone. \$27 trillion that the United States is in debt. We’re talking about stimulus packages, we’re talking about the money that was needed to get us out of the Great Recession. We gotta start paying these bills. How do you see that happening?” KING: “Yeah, well just like we would at a personal level, it’s – we don’t shift from poor financial choices to financial responsibility overnight. It is a process. It is something that we have to commit to, financial responsibility at the federal level, I see it happening over a long period of time. Just again like we see the rewards of positive personal choices in our lives, if we say, you know, I’m gonna eat healthy and we do it day after day after day, that same way at the federal level, if we say we’re gonna be financially responsible and we commit to it year after year after year we can turn this ship around.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 3:00)

King Said The Country Needed New Representation To Deal With The National Debt. REPORTER: “Well, the nonpartisan Responsible Federal Budget Commission predicts trillion dollar deficits in the years to come, each year another \$1 trillion at least being added so it’s really no light at the end of the tunnel right now.” KING: “Well that’s why we need new representation. I am one representative but I have seen a wave of young people, of conservatives, standing up across the United States and I’m proud to be part of this team that’s saying, ‘No more, the way things are being done right now is not okay, we need more fiscal responsibility.’ We need representatives who are actually going to do the job, not just sign a big paycheck and let the government function as it always functions. Status quo isn’t working, that is something that’s very obvious right now and it is time for change and I’m just excited and again humbled to be part of bringing that here for the Illinois 17th.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 4:10)

King Said She Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Was Projected To Increase The National Debt By Nearly \$1.9 Trillion Over Ten Years

King Praised The 2017 Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. KING: “So the fewer dollars the government takes from us, the better. And I think we’ve seen since the tax cuts that were passed in 2017 that people’s lives are flourishing because we’ve put money back in people’s pockets -- as much as \$5,000 of economic increase for each American because of the tax cuts that President Trump passed, and we’re seeing economic growth, right? We’re hearing that we have the best economy that we’ve ever had right now, so I think a lot of things are going right.” [WMBD, [2/5/20](#)]

CBO: The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The National Debt By Nearly \$1.9 Trillion Over Ten Years. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461

billion. At 11 years, the report covers a slightly longer time period than the usual 10-year projections, but even accounting for just the first decade, the figure remains around \$1.9 trillion.” [Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

COVID-19 And Pandemic Relief

Significant Findings

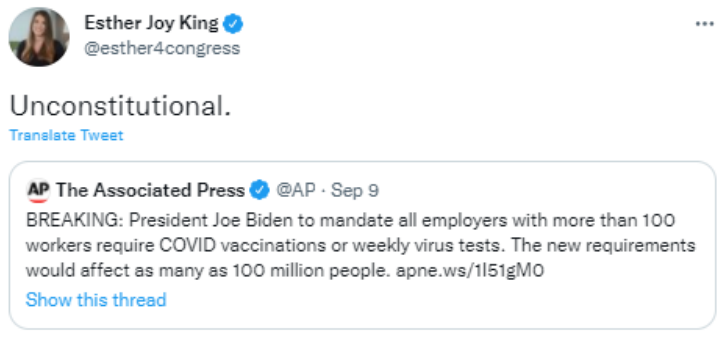
- ✓ King criticized lockdowns and mask requirements, saying she was “worried about [the] expansion of authoritarian government policies” during the pandemic.
- ✓ King said people felt like “the government is lying to us” by encouraging vaccines despite breakthrough cases.
- ✓ King criticized vaccine mandates and accused Democrats of “plotting” to end religious exemptions to mandates in October 2021.
- ✓ King hosted a Facebook Live interview with Harmeet Dhillon, an RNC Committeewoman and conservative lawyer who sued California to overturn COVID-19 restrictions on places of worship.
 - ✓ Dhillon sued a Maryland school district in September 2021 over a vaccine mandate, falsely claiming that vaccines used fetal cells in their development and production.
- ✓ King claimed there was “no settled science” regarding masks.
- ✓ King falsely claimed that “as many as HALF of COVID hospitalizations in 2021 were asymptomatic” and said it was “yet another reason to distrust the fear-mongering from our failed public health class.”
- ✓ King accused Dr. Fauci of lying to the American people and said he was “no more informed than anyone else on Covid-19.”
- ✓ King claimed “existing data does not support forcing children to wear masks all day in school,” despite experts recommending children should wear masks.
- ✓ King said Trump did a “great job” handling the COVID-19 pandemic, but health experts claimed Trump’s policies caused avoidable COVID deaths.
- ✓ King claimed expanded unemployment benefits extended through the American Rescue Plan encouraged employees to stay home and not return to work, causing a labor shortage.
 - ✓ In 2020, King called for extending unemployment benefits, then later said there should be a “careful balance” because she did “not support incentivizing people to stay on unemployment.”
 - ✓ In 2021, King criticized unemployment insurance in 2021 and claimed it caused a worker shortage.
- ✓ When asked how much money the federal government should give to state and local governments, King said the federal government should not be “bailing the state of Illinois out.”
- ✓ In April 2020, King supported a judge’s ruling to end Gov. Pritzker’s emergency stay-at-home orders.

King Said People Felt Like “The Government Is Lying To Us” By Encouraging COVID-19 Vaccination Despite Breakthrough Cases

King Said People Felt Like “The Government Is Lying To Us” By Encouraging COVID-19 Vaccination Despite Breakthrough Cases. KING: “Biden, he’s barely even liked, let alone respected, and people believe that he should resign. I’m hearing that from people a lot because of his poor handling of the Afghanistan situation and his poor handling of the COVID situation. People are not—they feel like the government is lying to us that, oh, get vaccinated, but there’s breakthrough cases with COVID and the vaccine. So, people are just frustrated, and they want to get back to living their lives and moving forward, having a great school year with their kids, and they feel like the federal government is really hampering that and not encouraging them to make safe choices or giving them the information that they need to make the best choices for their families.” [Illinois News Now, [9/7/21](#)] (AUDIO, 6:42)

King Criticized Vaccine Mandates And Called Them Unconstitutional

King: Biden’s Mandate For Large Employers To Require Either Vaccinations Or Weekly COVID Tests Was “Unconstitutional.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/9/21](#)]

King On Illinois’ COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate: “No One Should Be Forced To Choose Between Freedom Over Their Health Decisions Or Their Job.” “What a mess! Thousands of government employees in Illinois are about to be terminated because of the Democrats’ vaccine mandate deadline. No one should be forced to choose between freedom over their health decisions or their job.”



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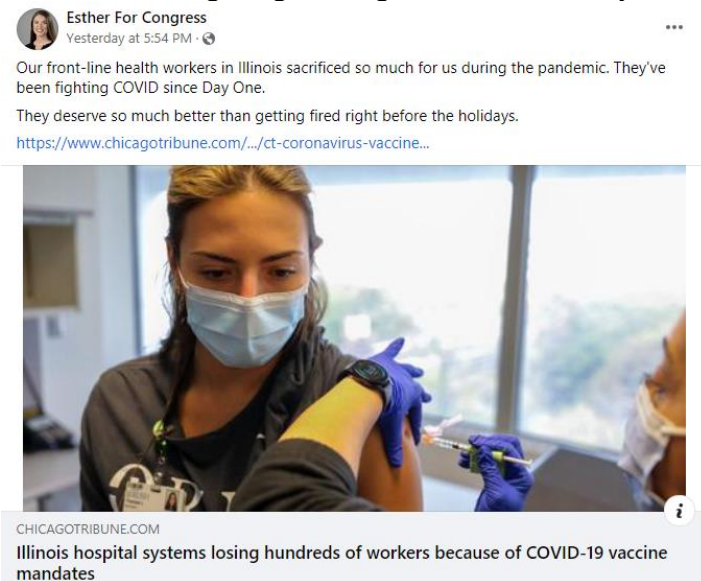
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King: “Stop Demonizing The Unvaccinated” And “Stop Mandating Vaccinated Americans Wear Masks.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/26/21](#)]

King Criticized Vaccine Mandates For Health Care Workers. “Our front-line health workers in Illinois sacrificed so much for us during the pandemic. They've been fighting COVID since Day One. They deserve so much better than getting fired right before the holidays.”



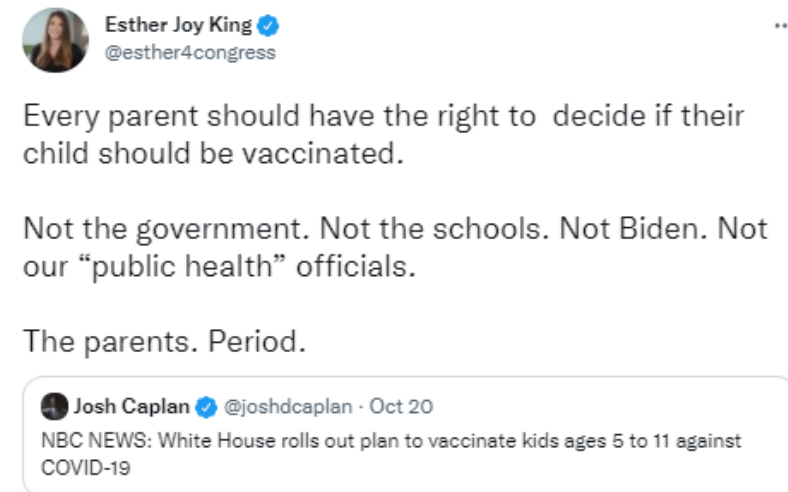
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King Praised Southwest Airlines For Dropping Plan To Place Unvaccinated Staff On Unpaid Leave, Said “No American Should Be Fired From Their Job Because Of Their Personal Medical Decision.”



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King Said Getting The Vaccine Should Be A Choice, Promoting A Video From Rep. Julia Letlow About Her Husband’s Death From COVID-19. “Congresswoman Julia Letlow shares her personal story about losing her husband to Covid. The vaccine should be a choice; and if you’re on the fence, listen to this story. Thanks for your personal vulnerability and professional compassion, @jbletlow”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/5/21](#)]

King Said The Government Should Not Be Able To Tell People They Were “Required” To Take The Vaccine. REPORTER: “But as you know I mean there’s people that will not wear a mask or there’s going to be people who will not get vaccinated if a vaccine comes. What about you? Will you do these things and what would you say to someone who says I wouldn’t get vaccinated no matter what?” KING: “Well I do believe that we need to have personal responsibility for our own bodies, so if someone has for example a health concern so they’re not able to take the vaccine they need to make that choice for themselves. For example, I met a young girl in 8th grade and she has Lyme disease and she’s not able to take vaccines. It will inflame the condition that she already has – I don’t think the government needs to tell that mother, that family, your daughter is required to take a vaccine. However, I will certainly be taking the vaccine. I believe it is if possible, if we can, it’s an ideal thing to help be a responsible citizen in our communities.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 6:53)

King Accused Democrats Of “Plotting” To End Religious Exemptions For Vaccine Mandates

October 2021: King Accused Democrats Of “Plotting” To Eliminate Religious Exemptions To Vaccine Mandates. “Illinois Democrats are plotting to end the vaccine mandate religious exemption. They want to force ‘fringe elements’ like members of the Fraternal Order of Police to get the vaccine. Hey Dems: our police are not ‘fringe.’ Respect their health decisions.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/13/21](#)]

King Praised Harmeet Dhillon, An RNC Committeewoman And Lawyer Who Sued To Overturn COVID Health Guidelines And Spread Misinformation About Vaccines

April 2020: King Interviewed Harmeet Dhillon And Praised Her For Protesting Pandemic Restrictions At The California State Capitol. DHILLON: “So we're seeking a temporary restraining order against the governor and seeking that a federal court order them to allow some form of protest, socially distanced. If people are allowed to go with unlimited numbers and unlimited duration to the Wal-Mart or Costco or grocery store, they ought to be allowed as adult citizens in California to protest legally and responsibly at the California capital.” KING: “That is such a fundamental right. Just to have that capacity, so I appreciate that you're defending that right for the citizens of California and vicariously, I'm sure it will flow over to help the citizens of Illinois.” DHILLON: “I hope so. I'm in touch, by the way, with people in your state who are seeking liberty themselves, and we may be filing a lawsuit as well.” KING: “Ok. That's good to know.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [4/27/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Dhillon Was A San Francisco Bay Area-Based Bundler For Trump And Became An RNC

Committeewoman. “She has emerged as a loyal Trump booster — and a big campaign bundler. In Trump's last visit to the Bay Area in September, she corralled many of the 400 deep-pocketed donors who attended a lavish fundraiser at the Portola Valley estate of Sun Microsystems’ founder Scott McNealy, which helped raised \$3 million for the president in one night. [...] Dhillon’s steely drive and activism in the embattled California Republican Party catapulted her to a post as the RNC’s California committeeperson in 2016.” [Politico, [5/29/20](#)]

- **Dhillon “Became A Party Champion” Among Republicans “In The Culture Wars,” Including Representing A Software Engineer Who Claimed There Was A Biological Reason For The Lack Of Women In Tech.** “Dhillon became a party champion in the culture wars in 2016 by representing Trump supporters who were the target of counter-protesters after a San Jose rally by the then-candidate. She went to bat for the University of California, Berkeley College Republicans who took the school to court after canceling a planned talk by conservative firebrand Ann Coulter. She then represented Google software engineer James Damore, who was fired after circulating a memo that suggested there was a biological basis for the lack of women in the tech industry.” [Politico, [5/29/20](#)]

Dhillon, Conservatives’ “Go-To Legal Warrior In The Culture Wars Of The COVID-19 Pandemic,” Sued California Over COVID-19 Restrictions On Behalf Of Churches And Gun Shop Owners. “Conservatives from Washington to the West Coast have anointed attorney Harmeet Dhillon as their go-to legal warrior in the culture wars of the Covid-19 pandemic. And they don’t even seem to mind that she’s from San Francisco. During the pandemic, Dhillon has emerged as a conservative thorn in the side of Gov. Gavin Newsom, suing on behalf of pastors, gun shop owners, protesters, cosmetologists and beachgoers. And now on behalf of her fellow Republicans, who last weekend challenged the Democratic governor for switching California to a mail-ballot election in November.” [Politico, [5/29/20](#)]

- **Dhillon Filed More Than A Dozen Lawsuits Over COVID-19 Guidelines.** “She has filed more than a dozen lawsuits through her own law firm or her nonprofit, the Virginia-based Center for American Liberty, that challenge Newsom's orders on constitutional grounds. She has questioned his criteria and ability to determine what activities and businesses are necessary. Some conservative states deemed gun stores and churches essential early on. But California forced them to close until Newsom on Monday allowed houses of worship to reopen. Dhillon’s nonprofit also filed suit to block Governor Newsom’s appropriation of \$75 million toward nonprofits that are providing \$500 payments to undocumented immigrants who don't qualify for unemployment insurance.” [Politico, [5/29/20](#)]
- **Dhillon’s Lawsuit Overturned CA Restrictions On Gatherings At Churches During The Pandemic.** “California churches fought Gov. Gavin Newsom in courtrooms all over the state over his COVID-19 lockdown orders, before finally beating him in a climactic case at the U.S. Supreme Court. Now the legal bills have come due, and it’s the state that’s paying them. California has paid out more than \$4 million to a series of

churches and other groups that challenged the governor's stay-at-home directives. Most of the money has been paid to the challengers' lawyers. Among those collecting attorney's fees is Harmeet Dhillon, a San Francisco lawyer and prominent California Republican Party official. Dhillon helped represent South Bay United Pentecostal Church in the San Diego area, which prevailed against Newsom at the Supreme Court in February. [...] The payouts include \$1.6 million to South Bay United's legal team, which included Dhillon and a conservative nonprofit legal center from Chicago called the Thomas More Society." [Sacramento Bee, [9/2/21](#)]

Dhillon's Nonprofit Spread Misinformation About Vaccines

September 2021: Dhillon's Center For American Liberty Sued A School District Over Its Vaccine Mandate And Claimed Vaccines Used Aborted Fetal Tissue. "The Center for American Liberty is bringing suit against the Montgomery County Board of Education on behalf of an anonymous administrative employee, who claims that the Board's vaccine mandate is violating his religious freedoms. The employee, who is listed in the lawsuit under the pseudonym 'John Doe,' is a Christian. His job reportedly requires minimal in-person contact with MCPS students and employees. The employee also says that he works in a private office, and that between 60 to 80 percent of his duties can be performed remotely. The Center for American Liberty cites the 'usage of aborted fetal cells in the testing, creation, and manufacturing' of some COVID-19 vaccines as the basis for Doe's religious objection." [Montgomery County Media, [9/30/21](#)]

National Center For Biotechnology Information: Vaccines Did Not Use Fetal Cells. "According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, mRNA vaccines — including the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines — are not designed, developed or produced in fetal cell lines. The Center for American Liberty is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded by Harmeet Dhillon, a Republican Party official and former legal adviser on the Trump 2020 campaign. The Center is already embroiled in several lawsuits related to pandemic mitigation measures, challenging in court California Gov. Newsom's closure of churches, public schools and businesses." [Montgomery County Media, [9/30/21](#)]

Masks And Mitigation

King Criticized Stay-At-Home Orders And Mask Requirements

April 2020: King Said She Was "Worried About Expansion Of Authoritarian Government Policies" During COVID.



[Esther for Congress Facebook, [4/24/20](#)]

May 2020: King Called For “Protecting Religious Liberty” During COVID-19 Pandemic After Evangelical Church Sued Gov. Pritzker Over The Stay-At-Home Order.



[Esther for Congress Facebook, [5/1/20](#)]

- **Evangelical Church Continued To Meet In-Person During Pandemic Despite Stay-At-Home Order.** “An Evangelical Christian church in Lena has filed a lawsuit against Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and leaders in Stephenson County, saying their religious rights have been violated. The Beloved Church of Lena and Pastor Stephen Cassell filed a federal complaint with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Rockford. The lawsuit is against Gov. Pritzker, David Snyders the Stephenson County Sheriff, Craig Beintema, the Stephenson County Public Health Administrator and Steve Schiabile, the Village of Lena's police chief, for issuing and enforcing unconstitutional edicts during the coronavirus pandemic. The lawsuit says the defendants have ‘intentionally denigrated Illinois churches and pastors and people of faith by relegating them to

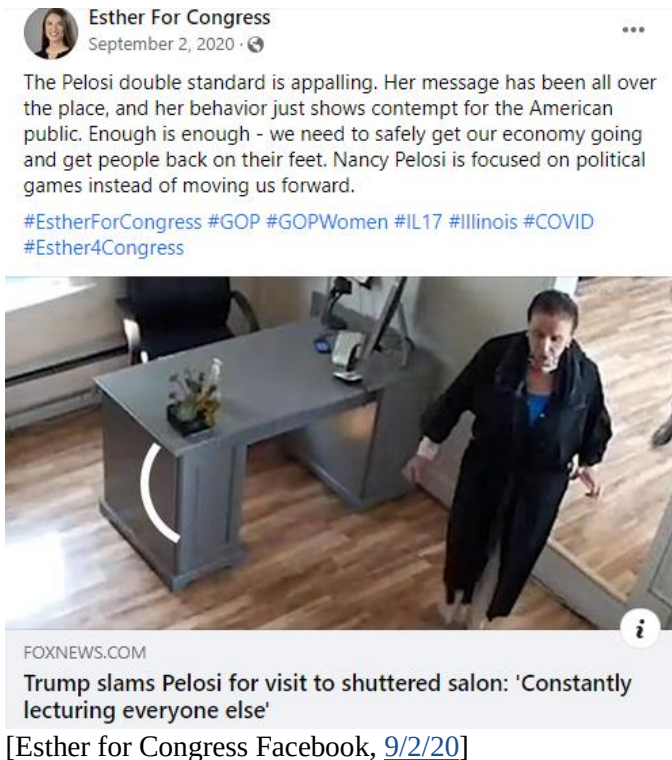
second-class citizenship.’ Cassell and his church have been issued “cease and desist” orders, and been threatened with closure and prosecution for continuing to meet for worship, prayer, and Bible study. The church is also planning on filing a temporary restraining order against the stay-at-home order.” [WREX, [4/30/20](#)]

June 2020: King Said “It’s Important For Local Jobs And Our Economy To Reopen Safely And Responsibly.” “How do you feel state and local officials are doing? I believe that it's important for local jobs and our economy to reopen safely and responsibly. #ReOpen #Economy”



[Esther for Congress Facebook, [6/26/20](#)]

September 2020: King Attacked Pelosi For Getting A Haircut In A Closed Salon, Said “We Need To Safely Get Our Economy Going And Get People Back On Their Feet.” “The Pelosi double standard is appalling. Her message has been all over the place, and her behavior just shows contempt for the American public. Enough is enough - we need to safely get our economy going and get people back on their feet. Nancy Pelosi is focused on political games instead of moving us forward.”



May 2021: King Said She Was “Fighting For Our Freedom Of Religion” Because COVID Safety Guidelines Had Closed Churches. KING: “We are fighting for our faith. Who would have thought in the United States a marijuana store would be considered essential but a church would be closed? We are fighting for our freedom of religion.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)](VIDEO, 20:14)

King Supported A Judge’s Ruling To End The Governor’s Emergency Stay-At-Home Order In April 2020, Because She Said COVID Was Not As Bad In Rural Illinois

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IL Gov. Pritzker Said Judge’s Ruling Put The Public’s Health And Safety “At Risk.” “A judge in southern Illinois ruled Monday that Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order to stem the spread of the coronavirus exceeds his emergency authority and violates individual civil rights. Clay County Circuit Judge Michael McHaney sided with Republican Rep. Darren Bailey, who sought a temporary restraining order against the Democratic governor's far-reaching executive decree. Pritzker has relied on an April 2 statewide disaster declaration as authority to close schools, shut down nonessential businesses and limit movement by individuals from their homes because of the potentially deadly COVID-19. Pritzker accused Bailey, a Xenia resident, of being ‘blindly devoted to ideology and

the pursuit of personal celebrity.’ ‘It’s insulting. It’s dangerous and people’s safety and health have now been put at risk,’ Pritzker said. ‘There may be people who contract coronavirus as a result of what Darren Bailey has done.’” [Daily Herald, [4/27/20](#)]

- **July 2020: Judge Reaffirmed That Pritzker Exceeded His Authority.** “A county judge has ruled Gov. J.B. Pritzker exceeded his authority by extending the state’s public health disaster declaration beyond the first 30 days in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The impact of Thursday’s ruling by a judge from southern Illinois’ Clay County wasn’t immediately clear as the governor’s office maintains other courts have upheld his orders. Clay County Judge Michael McHaney ruled that the 30 days of emergency powers provided to the governor by state law lapsed on April 8 and any executive orders afterward related to COVID-19 are void. The ruling said the state constitution did not allow Pritzker ‘to restrict a citizen’s movement or activities and/or forcibly close business premises.’” [AP, [7/3/20](#)]
- **December 2020: Downstate Judge Tossed Decision Voiding Pritzker’s Executive COVID Orders.** “In early July, a judge in downstate Clay County voided Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s executive orders in a sweeping order that he applied to the entire state, at the request of a southern Illinois lawmaker who sued Pritzker over his response to the pandemic. More than six months later, Sangamon County Judge Raylene Grischow has essentially voided Judge Michael McHaney’s July 2 order in the case of Rep. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia. Bailey’s lawsuit against Pritzker claimed the Democratic governor had exceeded his legal authority in issuing a stay-at-home order in March to fight COVID-19. Pritzker’s lawyers asked Grischow last month to ‘reconsider’ the July 2 order from McHaney, who initially presided over Bailey’s case before it was transferred to Sangamon County. On Monday, Grischow issued an 11-page opinion vacating McHaney’s order, including ‘the order wherein Judge McHaney applied it to “all citizens of the state of Illinois.”’ Grischow also denied Bailey’s request from October to find Pritzker in contempt for failing to follow McHaney’s July 2 order.” [Chicago Sun Times, [12/24/20](#)]

King Called Stay-At-Home Orders “Totally Impractical And Authoritarian” Because Rural Areas Were Subject To The Same Orders As Chicago KING: “Yeah. So, I believe we need to move towards safely reopening our country and and our state. And so for the state of Illinois, I absolutely support regional opening like my part of the state. And I don’t know quite how the 14th has been hit, but the 17th, the Rockford and the Quad Cities, Peoria and all the rural areas in between. We are not experiencing high high levels of COVID cases. Well, Rockford is a little bit of a hot spot right now, but here in the Quad Cities, it’s pretty low. And then there’s counties that are rural counties who have had two cases. And so for those counties to be, like Henderson County comes to mind. For Henderson County, which is a farming community, to be subject to the same stay at home orders as downtown Chicago, like totally impractical and authoritarian. So we need to move towards safely reopening areas of our state that are not hit hard at this time. And protecting vulnerable populations. So protecting... Continuing to ask people who are have pre-existing conditions or are older because those are the populations that have been so heavily devastated during the crisis. Like, let’s make sure they stay safe. And then let people who are capable of going back to work, go back to work.” [Instagram Live with Catalina Lauf, [@estherforcongress](#), 5/4/20] (VIDEO, 12:30)

King Complained That Stay-At-Home Orders Were Hurting Businesses. KING: “And as far as the broader federal response, I think that it’s...I believe that we need to be able to respond at the local level. And I think state by state, we’re seeing different governors have responded in different ways. And I think that’s important that we are able to respond to the needs of the community around us, like here in Illinois, particularly in areas like ours in western Illinois. We’ve been frustrated because we’ve had less of the...we haven’t been hit as hard as Chicago has or other parts of the state of Illinois. And so businesses and just families and people have had a really hard time because we are economically shut down, but we haven’t dealt with the same huge numbers of COVID cases or death as other parts of the state. So it’s been it’s been economically frustrating. So I really believe in regional response and safely getting back up and running in response and post COVID and making sure that local officials and state officials have the capacity to respond as necessary.” [WGIL, [7/20/20](#)] (AUDIO, 2:40)

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Esther Joy King Releases Statement on Dr. Fauci’s Emails

East Moline, IL - Esther Joy King released the following statement regarding the public release of emails from Dr. Anthony Fauci.

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King: Illinois Democrats Were “Forcing Children To Unnecessarily Wear Masks In School.” “Just this week,

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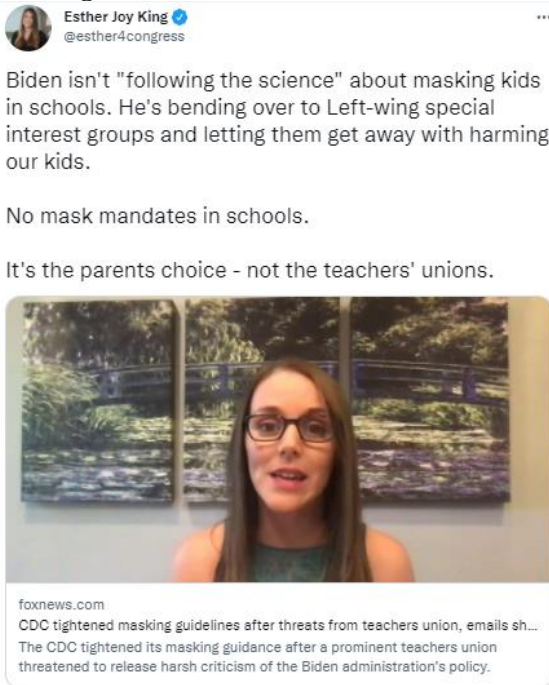
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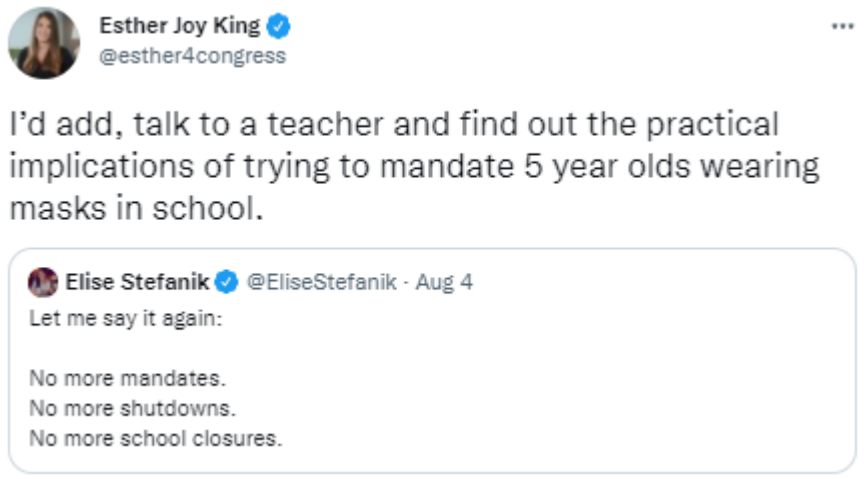
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King: “Don’t Tell Me That Mask Mandates In School Don’t Have Adverse Impacts On Our Children.” “Don't tell me that mask mandates in schools don't have adverse impacts on our children. What school boards and bureaucrats have done to our kids in the name of ‘public health’ will go down as one of our biggest failures as a society.”



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King: “Talk To A Teacher And Find Out The Practical Implications Of Trying To Mandate 5 Year Olds Wearing Masks In School.” “I’d add, talk to a teacher and find out the practical implications of trying to mandate 5 year olds wearing masks in school.”



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King Called Mask Guidance From The CDC “Heart-Breaking.” “The CDC's guidance forcing children to wear masks in schools is the strictest in the world. This is heart-breaking. Our children need to see faces to learn and grow. No child should be forced to wear a mask all day!”



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2021: King Said “Our Public Health Leadership Is Broken.”



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2020: King Praised The CDC For Providing “Good Information And Positive Efforts To Help Advise.”

REPORTER: “As we’re talking about COVID-19 there are some agencies that are at the forefront of trying to defeat this virus or to find a vaccine. You talk about the CDC or the FDA and yet the president has really questioned these scientists and has questioned these agencies’ ability to really protect the American public. How do you see the CDC as well as the NIH even – the National Institutes of Health – all of these organizations, are you gonna be confident that they can actually get at COVID-19 and an effective virus – effective vaccine, rather?”

KING: “Yes, Jim, I am actually amazed at what we’re seeing, particularly on the vaccine side. Uh, the, the effort that we’ve seen to bring a vaccine is the fastest that has ever happened in history, so the fact that in just nine short months we’re already looking at a potential vaccine is evidence incredible innovation and private market results coming about and we’ve seen the federal government partner with some of these private companies to develop vaccines in a, in a wonderful way that I think is innovation at work, and as far as the CDC specifically I think we have seen good information and positive efforts to help advise, like there’s so much confusion, there’s a lot of misinformation, there’s a lot going on and so the CDC has worked very hard to help just individuals know what decisions are right for us, so ultimately I do believe that it’s – individual freedom, it’s our choice to take care of our own health, to make sure we’re being a good community member and taking care of those around us, making sure we’re protecting the vulnerable population. Ultimately I believe it should be community-based solutions with support from the federal government.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 5:23)

King Criticized Unions For Opposing Schools Reopening Despite Two Major Teachers Unions Supporting Returning To In-Person Instruction

October 2021: King Claimed Teachers’ Unions “Spent The Entire Pandemic Fighting Schools Reopening, Even When It Was CLEARLY Safe To Do So.” “Teachers unions like yours spent the entire pandemic fighting

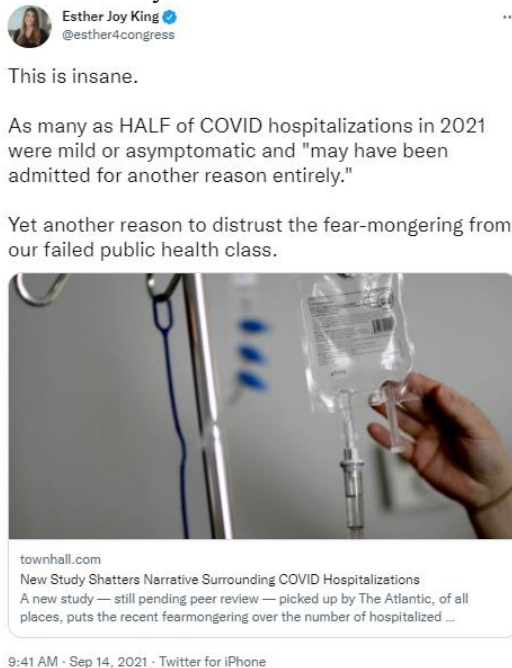
schools reopening, even when it was CLEARLY safe to do so. Don't pretend like you suddenly care about the effect this had on their education. As kids fall behind, it's because of you.” QUOTE TWEET @rweingarten: ““The longer students are away from school, the harder and harder it becomes for them to come back. It may well be that a majority of them might not ever make it back, and that’s very much a concern.”” [Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/27/21](#)]

May 2021: Two Major Teachers Union Supported Returning To In-Person Learning. “The presidents of the nation’s two major teachers unions called separately for a full return to in-person learning in the fall, with the leader of the American Federation of Teachers declaring Thursday that her organization was ‘all-in.’ In an address on social media, Randi Weingarten said the wide availability of vaccines and a new infusion of federal education money have removed many obstacles that prevented schools from opening. ‘Conditions have changed,’ Weingarten said. ‘We can and we must reopen schools in the fall for in-person teaching, learning and support. And keep them open. Fully and safely, five days a week.’ The National Education Association issued its own statement after Weingarten’s remarks. ‘NEA supports school buildings being open to students for in-person instruction in the fall,’ said the group’s president, Becky Pringle. ‘Educators will continue to lead in making sure each school has what it needs to fully reopen in a safe and just way, and to ensure the resources exist to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all students.’” [AP, [5/13/21](#)]

Disinformation

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- **The Atlantic: Study Suggested “Roughly Half Of All The Hospitalized Patients Showing Up On COVID-Data Dashboard In 2021 May Have Been Admitted For Another Reason Entirely, Or Had Only A Mild**

Presentation Of Disease.” “The study found that from March 2020 through early January 2021—before vaccination was widespread, and before the Delta variant had arrived—the proportion of patients with mild or asymptomatic disease was 36 percent. From mid-January through the end of June 2021, however, that number rose to 48 percent. In other words, the study suggests that roughly half of all the hospitalized patients showing up on COVID-data dashboards in 2021 may have been admitted for another reason entirely, or had only a mild presentation of disease.” [Atlantic, [9/13/21](#)]

- **Study Co-Author: Unvaccinated Patients In The Vaccine Era Tend To Be Younger And Less Vulnerable To COVID And Were More Likely To Have Previously Been Infected.”** “This increase was even bigger for vaccinated hospital patients, of whom 57 percent had mild or asymptomatic disease. But unvaccinated patients have also been showing up with less severe symptoms, on average, than earlier in the pandemic: The study found that 45 percent of their cases were mild or asymptomatic since January 21. According to Shira Doron, an infectious-disease physician and hospital epidemiologist at Tufts Medical Center, in Boston, and one of the study’s co-authors, the latter finding may be explained by the fact that unvaccinated patients in the vaccine era tend to be a younger cohort who are less vulnerable to COVID and may be more likely to have been infected in the past.” [Atlantic, [9/13/21](#)]
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- **Study Only Looked At Patients In The Veterans Affairs Health System, Who Were “Not Representative Of The U.S. Population As A Whole.”** “Among the limitations of the study is that patients in the VA system are not representative of the U.S. population as a whole, as they include few women and no children. (Still, the new findings echo those from the two pediatric-admissions studies.) Also, like many medical centers, the VA has a policy to test every inpatient for COVID, but this is not a universal practice.” [Atlantic, [9/13/21](#)]
- **Study Used Data “From The Phase Of The Pandemic Before Delta Became Widespread.”** “Lastly, most of the data—even from the patients admitted in 2021—derive from the phase of the pandemic before Delta became widespread, and it’s possible that the ratios have changed in recent months. The study did run through June 30, however, when the Delta wave was about to break, and it did not find that the proportion of patients with moderate to severe respiratory distress was trending upward at the end of the observation period.” [Atlantic, [9/13/21](#)]

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- **American Academy Of Pediatrics Supported Universal Masking In Schools.** “The American Academy of Pediatrics released updated guidance for schools Monday, recommending that all students over 2 years old, along with staff, wear masks, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 [...] In its guidance, the AAP says it recommends universal masking because enforcing masking only for unvaccinated students, as well as tracking the vaccination status of students and staff, might be difficult for schools to do. The organization also notes that mask-wearing protects unvaccinated individuals and could reduce transmission of other respiratory illnesses that tend to keep students and staff home sick. The guidance provides exceptions for students and staff with developmental or medical conditions that make mask-wearing difficult.” [NPR, [7/20/21](#)]
- **Centers For Disease Control And Prevention: Unvaccinated Students Over The Age Of 2 Should Wear Masks Indoors, And School In Areas With Low Vaccination Rates Should Have Universal Masking.** “The new AAP guidance comes less than two weeks after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its own recommendations, calling for indoor mask-wearing for unvaccinated students ages 2 and up, as well as staff. (Children under 12 are not yet eligible for vaccination.) The CDC notes, however, that schools might find universal masking necessary in areas with low vaccination rates, increasing community transmission or a number of other factors.” [NPR, [7/20/21](#)]

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King Said Trump Should Be Reelected Because He Was “The Clear Choice” To Handle The COVID-19 Pandemic. “Q: In 150 words or fewer, make a pitch for the presidential candidate you support. A: Our nation needs to re-elect Donald Trump. President Trump has worked with Congress to pass historic tax reforms. He has also work to develop a robust and dynamic economy. President Trump has also worked to rebuild our military, and moved toward more diplomatic relations in the Middle East. President Trump is the clear choice to get our country through the pandemic, and progress through an economic recovery.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

King Supported Reelecting Trump Because She Believed He Would Help The Economy Recover From The Pandemic. “U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Taylorville, and Esther Joy King, a GOP congressional candidate from East Moline, both said Thursday re-election of President Donald Trump is the way to re-energize the economy. ‘We have to move beyond the pandemic and make sure that we’re not destroying our economy by making poor policy choices,’ said King, who is running against U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, for the 17th district seat in the Nov. 3 election. ‘Joe Biden has already promised to raise taxes,’ she said of the Democratic presidential candidate. “That is not going to help grow the economy.” [State Journal-Register, [8/27/20](#)]

King: “I Absolutely Believe President Trump Is The Man For The Job To Get Us Back Up And Running Economically Post Pandemic.” “Yeah, well, I expect that he's going to celebrate some of what was accomplished prior. Like you mentioned, prior to COVID, we had some of the historic economic growth and emphasizing...I hope he emphasizes that we need to get back to getting people back to work safely, of course, but we have to move beyond the pandemic and make sure that we're not destroying our economy by making poor policy choices, and making sure we're getting people back to work so that we can start rebuilding. And I absolutely believe that President Trump is going to do an excellent job rebuilding the economy compared to the opponent Joe Biden. Joe Biden has already promised to raise taxes on us. That's not going to help small business owners. Like, when you think about everybody that is just trying to make it through right now and just survive. The last thing we need is okay, the government asking...shows up at our door and says ‘give us more money.’ Like, that is not going to help grow the economy and get us back to a place where we have historic economic growth. I absolutely believe that President Trump is the man for the job to get us back up and running economically post pandemic.” [Facebook Live Interview with Rep. Rodney Davis, @EstherFor Congress, [8/27/20](#)] (VIDEO, 11:55)

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- **Lancet Study: U.S. Could Have Avoided 40% Of Deaths From COVID-19 If Not For Trump And “The Historical Conditions That Made His Presidency Possible.”** “The US could have averted 40% of the deaths from Covid-19, had the country’s death rates corresponded with the rates in other high-income G7 countries, according to a Lancet commission tasked with assessing Donald Trump’s health policy record. Almost 470,000 Americans have died from the coronavirus so far, with the number widely expected to go above half a million in the next few weeks. At the same time some 27 million people in the US have been infected. Both figures are by far the highest in the world. In seeking to respond to the pandemic, Trump has been widely condemned for not taking the pandemic seriously enough soon enough, spreading conspiracy theories, not encouraging mask wearing and undermining scientists and others seeking to combat the virus’s spread. [...] In a wide-ranging assessment published on Thursday, the commission said Trump ‘brought misfortune to the USA and the planet’ during his four years in office. The stinging critique not only blamed Trump, but also tied his actions to the historical conditions which made his presidency possible.” [Guardian, [2/10/21](#)]
- **Trump White House COVID-19 Coordinator Deborah Birx Said Most Deaths Could Have Been Avoided.** “Former White House coronavirus response coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx said most coronavirus

deaths in the United States were avoidable, during a CNN interview for a documentary scheduled to air Sunday. In an excerpt from ‘Covid War: The Pandemic Doctors Speak Out,’ Birx said that while many deaths in the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic were likely inevitable, the lethality of later waves could have been greatly reduced if the U.S. had ‘mitigated earlier ... paused earlier and actually done’ greater social distancing and shutdown measures. ‘I look at it this way,’ Birx told CNN’s Chief Medical Correspondent Sanjay Gupta. ‘The first time, we have an excuse. There were about 100,000 deaths that came from that original surge. All of the rest of them, in my mind, could have been mitigated or decreased substantially.’” [USA TODAY, [3/28/21](#)]

- **Birx Estimated Trump Admin Could Have Prevented 30 to 40 Percent of COVID Deaths.** “The Trump administration’s former coronavirus advisor, Dr. Deborah Birx, estimated that 30 to 40 percent of the 738,000 COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. could have been prevented had the White House taken necessary steps to curb the spread of the virus. In a closed-door testimony conducted by the House Select Coronavirus Subcommittee on October 12 and 13, Birx testified that more than 130,000 American lives could have been saved if the administration promoted mask-wearing and social distancing in the early days of the pandemic. ‘I believe if we had fully implemented the mask mandates, the reduction in indoor dining, the getting friends and family to understand the risk of gathering in private homes, and we had increased testing, that we probably could have decreased fatalities into the 30 percent less to 40 percent less range,’ Birx said, according to excerpts shared by the committee.” [Newsweek, [10/26/21](#)]

Economic Relief

Paycheck Protection Program

King Said She Was In Favor Of Extending PPP, But “Favors Targeted Solutions Over Broad Government Actions” On Stimulus Spending. “King supports extending the PPP and giving support to schools to continue to offer in-person education safely, making sure businesses and public organizations have liability protections to get up and running. She favors targeted solutions over broad government actions.” [Shaw Media, [9/30/20](#)]

King Said She Supported PPP But Said “Targeted Stimulus Is The Most Effective Stimulus.” REPORTER: “There’s been a bit of a pause as far as the creation of a stimulus plan for the United States, maybe another \$1,200 check that would help individuals and families. What do you want to see in any stimulus package that could get passed as soon as possible?” KING: “Jim, I think the Paycheck Protection Program we’ve seen has worked to help get money where it needs to go. I believe targeted stimulus is the most effective stimulus, making sure we’re getting dollars into the hands of workers, into the hands of small business owners, that’s what’s gonna help us get up and running again. We have suffered a lot economically in this part of the state.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 1:05)

HEROES Act

July 2020: King Accused Democrats Of Using Relief Packages To “Put So Many Liberal Priorities Into Economic Stimulus.” KING: “Congress has done a certain amount to respond. However, if anyone’s been paying attention to the different -- the CARE Act and other packages that were in response -- we saw so much political game playing. It was inappropriate, especially on the House side under Nancy Pelosi and my opponent, Cheri Bustos. If you’re -- even now, if you’re tracking what -- if anyone is tracking what they’re working on now, they’re trying to put so many liberal priorities stuffed into economic stimulus for, in response to COVID. And it’s halting the help that communities need, it is preventing getting our economy back up and running the way that they’re playing politics in the House of Representatives right now. So one thing I’m really looking forward to is being, being a representative that doesn’t play political games but does what’s best for the people of our district.” [WGIL, [7/20/20](#)] (AUDIO, 2:47)

August 2020: King Called The HEROES Act, The House Democratic Stimulus Bill, A “Partisan Wish List” Containing “Far Left Liberal Kind Of Social Ideals.” KING: “So, there's another stimulus package on the table, between the Senate and the House, and it's being held up because there's games being played and particularly by Nancy Pelosi and my opponent Cheri Bustos. They're holding on to partisan wish lists that are like far left liberal kind of socialist ideals trying to get those push through and in a bill, when we really just need to get -- For example, we need to get people who are on unemployment, we need to extend those benefits.” [WKRAM, 8/6/20] (AUDIO, 2:35)

- **HEROES Act Included Billions In Aid For Family Farmers.** “Relief for Family Farmers: The Heroes Act includes \$16.5 billion to producers to make up for lost revenue and support for renewable fuels at a base rate of \$0.45 per gallon produced between January and May of 2020. It also includes \$20 million for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network program and emergency assistance to support livestock producers who are forced to euthanize market-ready livestock due to processing plant disruptions.” [Rep. Cheri Bustos, Press Release, [5/15/20](#)]
- **HEROES Act Included \$915 Billion For State And Local Governments.** “Resources for State and Local Governments: The Heroes Act provides \$915 billion for state and local governments to help replace lost revenues and support vital services like those provided by first responders and frontline workers. Illinois would receive \$36.1 billion of this funding.” [Rep. Cheri Bustos, Press Release, [5/15/20](#)]
- **HEROES Act Provided Health Care Investments, Including Expanding ACA Enrollment Period And Appointing A Medical Response Coordinator.** “Health Care Investments: The legislation would appoint a Medical Supplies Response Coordinator to serve as the point of contact for health care systems, supply chain officials and states. It also includes \$200 million to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus in Federal prisons like Thomson and Pekin, including funding for testing, personal protective equipment, and more. Special Enrollment Session for Marketplace Coverage: The bill also includes Congresswoman Bustos’ legislation that would provide a two-month enrollment period through the Affordable Care Act to allow individuals who are uninsured to enroll in coverage.” [Rep. Cheri Bustos, Press Release, [5/15/20](#)]
- **HEROES Act Included Support For Small Businesses By Adding Flexibility To The Paycheck Protection Program And Funding For Economic Injury Disaster Loans.** “Support for Small Businesses: The legislation adds flexibility to the Paycheck Protection Program by extending the forgiveness period to 24 weeks and the covered period to December 31. It would also eliminate the 75/25 rule on use of the loan process and strengthen the Paycheck Protection Program to ensure it reaches underserved communities, nonprofits of all sizes and housing cooperatives. [...] Additional Assistance for Small Business: The bill would also provide \$10 billion for COVID-19 emergency grants through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.” [Rep. Cheri Bustos, Press Release, [5/15/20](#)]
- **HEROES Act Included A Second Round Of Direct Payments.** “Direct Payments: A second round of direct payments would be given to families up to \$6,000 per household, new payroll protection measures would be implemented to keep 60 million workers connected with their jobs, and weekly \$600 federal unemployment payments would be provided through next January.” [Rep. Cheri Bustos, Press Release, [5/15/20](#)]
- **HEROES Act Established A \$200 Fund For Hazard Pay For Essential Workers.** “Strong Support for our Heroes: Establishes a \$200 billion Heroes’ fund to provide hazard pay to essential workers across the country.” [Rep. Cheri Bustos, Press Release, [5/15/20](#)]

September 2020: King Accused Nancy Pelosi Of “Holding Up Further Support For Our Communities.” “‘Initially there was some great work,’ King said. ‘We did get the CARES package that helped provide some stimulus support for small businesses, for workers. ... I think the Paycheck Protection Program was an excellent program.’ However, she added, the government needs to do more. ‘We are seeing how partisanship, and Nancy Pelosi in particular, is holding up further support for our communities because she has what I believe is a far-left liberal agenda that she’s trying to get jammed through Congress, and so she’s holding captive the stimulus package.’”

I believe we need to target support for our economy for workers, specifically in response to the crisis. And we don't need to have a long wish list of let's try to jam everything through in this one crisis, but let's make sure to be responsive to the economic needs of our communities as they are and as they have been increased because of the pandemic.” [Shaw Media, [9/30/20](#)]

- **May 2020: HEROES Act Passed The House But Was Never Taken Up By The Republican-Controlled Senate.** “The Democratic-controlled House voted 214 to 207— largely along party lines — to pass the bill, which is a scaled-down version of the \$3.4 trillion HEROES Act that was passed in May but was never taken up by the Senate. The Republican-controlled Senate likely won't vote on the latest version unless an agreement is reached between Democrats and the White House.” [Yahoo News, [10/1/20](#)]
- **October 2020: Revised HEROES Act Passed The House.** “The House passed a \$2.2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package on Thursday evening, adding additional pressure on Republicans and the White House to make a deal on new pandemic legislation before Congress is expected to take a recess until mid-November amid election season. The Democratic-controlled House voted 214 to 207— largely along party lines — to pass the bill, which is a scaled-down version of the \$3.4 trillion HEROES Act that was passed in May but was never taken up by the Senate. The Republican-controlled Senate likely won't vote on the latest version unless an agreement is reached between Democrats and the White House.” [Yahoo News, [10/1/20](#)]

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King Had “Concerns Around Liabilities For Businesses Reopening” And Supported A Senate Proposal To Shield Businesses. KING: “And there's concerns around liabilities for businesses reopening and schools reopening, and the Senate bill addresses those things and we just need to make sure that we're helping support our economy and our small businesses in our, our communities, our teachers, and when schools are reopening making sure that they have the funding to do it safely. That's really important and all of that is on the table. And it's being held up by partisanship right now.” [WKRAM, 8/6/20] (AUDIO, 3:45)

- **HuffPost: The Business Liability Legislation Proposed By Senate Republicans Would “Dramatically Limit The Ability Of Consumers And Workers To Sue Corporations That Fail To Protect Them From The Disease.”** “The latest stimulus package proposed by Senate Republicans to address the coronavirus pandemic would dramatically limit the ability of consumers and workers to sue corporations that fail to protect them from the disease. The GOP effort to grant businesses, schools and hospitals special liability protections is so extreme that consumer and worker advocates say it would do more than just hinder access to the courts — it would undercut one of the main incentives companies have for trying to limit the spread of the virus.” [HuffPost, [7/28/20](#)]
- **AP: Republicans Business Liability Proposal “Promises To Shield Employers When Customers And Workers Are Exposed To Coronavirus By Moving Lawsuits To Federal Court And Limiting Legal Liability To Acts Of ‘Gross Negligence Or Intentional Misconduct.’** “A new plan from Senate Republicans to award businesses, schools and universities sweeping exemptions from lawsuits arising from inadequate coronavirus safeguards is putting Republicans and Democrats at loggerheads as Congress reconvenes next week to negotiate another relief package. The liability proposal, drafted by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and senior Republican John Cornyn of Texas, promises to shield employers when customers and workers are exposed to coronavirus by moving lawsuits to federal court and limiting legal liability to acts of ‘gross negligence or intentional misconduct,’ according to a draft of the plan obtained by the Associated Press.” [AP, [7/17/20](#)]
- **Slate: Republican Immunity Proposal “Would Let Corporations Off The Hook For COVID-19-Related Safety Violations As Long As They ‘Make Reasonable Efforts’ Toward Compliance (Not, You Know, Actual Compliance) With Any Applicable Government Standards And Guidance.”** “Republicans’

corporate immunity proposal would let corporations off the hook for COVID-19-related safety violations as long as they ‘make reasonable efforts’ toward compliance (not, you know, actual compliance) with any applicable government standards and guidance. But there are currently no binding federal worker safety standards for the coronavirus pandemic, and the Republicans’ bill, unlike House Democrats’ Heroes Act, includes no plans to make one. Even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s nonbinding guidance may leave workers out to dry. Just look at the CDC’s guidance for meatpacking plants: To comply, plants just have to ‘consider’ giving workers enough break time to wash or sanitize their hands, rather than actually providing that time, and ‘consider consulting’ with a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning engineer, rather than actually installing safe ventilation.” [Slate, [7/28/20](#)]

Unemployment Benefits

King Called For Extending Unemployment Benefits In Summer 2020 ...

July 2020: King Said She Opposed Extending The Extra \$600 Unemployment Benefit Because It Encouraged Employees To Stay Home And Not Return To Work. “And we need to make sure going forward that the continued response that we have from legislative and policy perspective is helping to grow the economy, not to keep the economy closed or preventing growth. So one example of a policy that I do not support is extending the unemployment payments, the \$600 above and over. But I believe that if, like the Secretary of Treasury Mnuchin, is talking about making sure we cap it at what the people's wages would be so that if people continue to be unemployed, they would receive their, their wages, but they wouldn't get above and beyond, because if we're giving people above and beyond, we're incentivizing them not to go back and work. And small businesses need employees. We need to get small businesses back up and running. So making sure we're giving people a reason to work, I think is a key factor in getting our economy back up and running.” [WGIL, [7/20/20](#)] (AUDIO, 5:17)

August 2020: King Said She Supported Extending Unemployment Benefits. KING: “So, there's another stimulus package on the table, between the Senate and the House, and it's being held up because there's games being played and particularly by Nancy Pelosi and my opponent Cheri Bustos. They're holding on to partisan wish lists that are like far left liberal kind of socialist ideals trying to get those push through and in a bill, when we really just need to get -- For example, we need to get people who are on unemployment, we need to extend those benefits.” [WKRAM, 8/6/20] (AUDIO, 2:35)

... Then Said There Should Be A “Careful Balance” Because She Did “Not Support Incentivizing People To Stay On Unemployment” ...

September 2020: King Said She Did “Not Support Incentivizing People To Stay On Unemployment Rather Than Getting Back To Work.” JIM NIEDELMAN: “What about the millions of people out of work because of the pandemic? You mentioned supporting the PPP, do you support the federal benefits supplement for unemployment?” KING: “I do to a certain extent. We recently saw the negotiations happening. The Republicans had a counter proposal and it never made it anywhere in Congress but I do support helping people that need help while they're unemployed but I do not support incentivizing people to stay on unemployment rather than getting back to work if their jobs are available to them so I think it needs a careful balance to be sure that we're incentivizing people to go back to work if they're able to while supporting people that have a need.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 5:40)

... Then King Criticized Unemployment Insurance In 2021 And Claimed It Caused A Worker Shortage

May 2021: King Claimed Unemployment Insurance Expanded Through The American Rescue Plan Caused A Worker Shortage. “Just an hour later, Republican Esther Joy King — who again is running for Bustos’ seat — served scoops down the street at American Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor. A Moline native and military veteran, King narrowly lost to Bustos in 2020 in the race for the 17th Congressional District seat. King’s stop was part of a 14-county tour during which she said she has heard horror stories about the hiring environment. ‘What I’m hearing

across the district is what Washington, D.C., is doing, the policies they are putting forth are hurting us as regular people, whether that's the gas crisis or job crisis,' she said. 'Help wanted signs are up all over the district.' John Brinkmeier, the owner of the ice cream parlor, said he, too, has struggled to hire employees. 'This is the hardest year we've had trying to find help,' he said. 'And we pay well.' King claimed the federal government's extended unemployment benefits through the American Rescue Plan Act were to blame for much of the hiring problem. But she acknowledged that northwest Illinois faced some hiring troubles even before the pandemic." [Telegraph Herald, [5/27/21](#)]

- **King Said She Did Not “Have The Whole Answer” To Address The Worker Shortage.** “She said one way to address that issue was to be a loud advocate for the area in Washington. ‘It’s a complex problem,’ King said. ‘I don’t have the whole answer, but by shining a light on how attractive it is to live here, how much value we place on community, things can improve.’” [Telegraph Herald, [5/27/21](#)]

May 2021: King Called Unemployment Insurance “Poor Washington, D.C. Policy.” KING: “I got to talk to a hospital executive recently and I asked him, ‘What keeps you up at night, what’s your greatest concern in running the hospital right now?’ And he’s like, ‘Esther, we can’t get anybody to work here right now.’ So, as a result of poor Washington DC policy paying people to stay home and not work, a hospital -- lives are being endangered -- because of this jobs crisis we have.” [Facebook. Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)] (VIDEO, 16:06)

Federal Aid To States

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When Asked How Much Money The Federal Government Should Give To State And Local Governments, King Said The Federal Government Should Not Be “Bailing The State Of Illinois Out.” JIM NIEDELMAN: “Governor J.B. Pritzker warns that state agencies could see budget cuts of 5 percent this year, 10 percent next year without federal help for state and local governments. How much should Congress help the state and local governments?” KING: “Jim, that’s a very good question and needs to be taken on a case by case basis because for example here in the state of Illinois we have gotten into our budgetary problems because of corruption and overspending and that’s not something, that’s not something the federal government should be bailing the state of Illinois out for. Fiscal responsibility is of utmost importance, particularly here in the state of Illinois.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 5:22)

King Said The Federal Government Should Not Be “Bailing Out” Illinois With COVID-19 Relief Money. REPORTER: “What about government that needs help? Local, all the way from the township government, all the way to state government, is that something you see as important at this stage?” KING: “I think helping people is more important at this stage, Jim, we need to be very careful and considerate of how we’re helping municipalities, particularly for example the state of Illinois. We know that we’re in the financial state that we’re in right now because of mismanagement and corruption at the state level and I do not believe that the federal government should be bailing out the poor choices of Illinois politicians.” [WQAD 8, [10/16/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:25)

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds. “President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] The American Rescue Plan provides \$1,400 direct payments to individuals making up to \$75,000 annually, \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments and \$14 billion for vaccine distribution. The bill also provides \$130 billion to elementary, middle and high schools to assist with safe reopening. [...] It includes an additional \$300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September and an expanded tax credit of up to \$3,600 per child, initially distributed in monthly installments. The child tax credit could raise 4 million children out of poverty, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than \$50 billion will be distributed to small businesses,

including \$7 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The bill also provides \$25 billion for relief for small and mid-sized restaurants, which have suffered significantly during the pandemic.” [CBS News, [3/12/21](#)]

Illinois Received Billions In Federal Aid From The American Rescue Plan, Which Funded Schools Returning To In-Person Learning

March 2021: Illinois Received \$7.5 Billion In Federal Aid From COVID-19 Relief Package And Local Government In The State Got \$6 Billion. “The \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package passed by the U.S. House Wednesday will deliver a long-awaited boost to cash-strapped Illinois, with \$7.5 billion in direct aid to the state and \$6 billion for local governments — roughly a third of that going to Chicago. The aid package, which President Joe Biden is expected to sign into law later this week, is welcome news for a state that has borrowed \$3.2 billion from a special Federal Reserve program to help shore up its finances during the pandemic.” [Chicago Tribune, [3/10/21](#)]

Illinois Received \$5 Billion In Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Through The American Rescue Plan To Help Safely Reopen Schools. Illinois received \$5,058,601,934 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief through the American Rescue Plan: “This document outlines the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER provides a total of nearly \$122 billion to States and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation’s students. In addition to ARP ESSER, the ARP Act includes \$3 billion for special education, \$850 million for the Outlying Areas, \$2.75 billion to support non-public schools, and additional funding for homeless children and youth, Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives.” [ARP ESSER Methodology and Allocation Table Revised, [6/25/21](#); Department of Education, Fact Sheet, [3/17/21](#)]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Illinois Received \$8.12 Billion In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds As Part Of The American Rescue Plan To Help Governments Respond To The Pandemic And Bring Back Jobs. Illinois received \$8.12 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. [...] Recipients may use these funds to: support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector, replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet, within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. [Department of the Treasury, Allocation for States, Accessed [9/8/21](#); Department of the Treasury, Accessed [9/8/21](#)]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Law Enforcement

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels. “Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan’s \$350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. [...] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community

may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.” [White House, Press Release, [6/23/21](#)]

Department Of The Treasury: “There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [...] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence.” “Under Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (‘Funds’) under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. [...] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels. [...] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers.” [Department of the Treasury, [7/19/21](#)]

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Education Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King claimed that “out-of-control school boards push agendas that hurt our children and then treat parents like they don’t have a say.”
- ✓ King said that “we need to hold higher education accountable for ensuring that it is affordable.”

School Curriculum

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College Affordability

King Said That “We Need To Hold Higher Education Accountable For Ensuring That It Is Affordable”

King: “We Need To Hold Higher Education Accountable For Ensuring That It Is Affordable.” “At the post-secondary level, we need to hold higher education accountable for ensuring that it is affordable and focused on high-quality teaching. Ensuring that educators are equipped and supported to adapt to new teaching modalities and the changing demands of the high-tech world is critical for the long term success of our institutions of higher education.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/4/21](#)]

King Said She Wanted To Make College More Affordable Without Burdening Students With High Debt. “King is also concerned about access to higher education, since she’s currently paying off her own college loans. She wants to make it more affordable without burdening students with high debt. King also says it’s a mistake to push all high school students to earn four-year college degrees, saying jobs in the trades and other areas are in demand and provide fulfilling careers.” [WVIK, [10/30/19](#)]

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School Funding

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Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King supported restrictions on voting access, including voter ID laws and increased numbers of poll watchers.
- ✓ King thanked Sen. Ted Cruz for blocking the passage of the For The People Act in the Senate, a bill that would protect voting rights, end partisan gerrymandering, and limit the impact of money in politics.
 - ✓ King complained about proposed Congressional district lines drawn by the Illinois legislature, though the For the People Act would have mandated a nonpartisan commission.

Voter Suppression

King Supported Restrictions On Voting Access

King Supported Voter ID Requirements. “Sheehan: You say there’s a need for election reform in Illinois. What does that look like? ‘It’s heartbreaking to think that even one American thinks their vote doesn’t matter because of something that happened illegally or even just mistakes made in the election process,’ King said. ‘We need to have voter IDs in our voting process. That’s supported by an overwhelming amount of Americans.’ King also said she wants Illinoisans to be more involved in the process by being election judges and poll watchers.” [WMBD, [9/17/21](#)]

King Thanked Sen. Ted Cruz For Blocking The Passage Of The For The People Act In The Senate, A Bill That Would Protect Voting Rights, Reform Campaign Finance Laws And End Partisan Gerrymandering

King Thanked Sen. Ted Cruz For Blocking S.R. 1, The For The People Act. “Everyday people share w/ me how much they worry their vote doesn’t matter. The foundation of our system is the rule of law. SR1 is 🗳️ team, “What if we totally rig the rules so only we can win?” 🗳️ + 🗳️ voters can recognize we just become cogs in Pelosi’s power game. #thanksTed”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/13/21](#)]

HEADLINE: “Ted Cruz Shuts Down Federal Voting Bill Before U.S. Senate Leaves For Recess, Dashing Texas Democrats’ Hopes” [Texas Tribune, [8/11/21](#)]

Cruz Blocked A Unanimous Consent Request To Consider The For The People Act By Sen. Charles Schumer. “Despite high hopes and desperate pleas from Texas Democrats, the U.S. Senate failed to move federal voting rights legislation before leaving for summer recess. And it was a Texas Republican — U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz — who blocked the last attempt to vote on a bill before the Senate left town. During that overnight final session, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, D-New York, requested unanimous consent from the Senate to immediately consider the For the People Act, a sweeping overhaul of federal elections that would preempt attempts from states to restrict voting access, would overhaul campaign finance laws and would end congressional gerrymandering, among other provisions. Only one senator is needed to block a unanimous consent request — a procedural move typically reserved for items that aren’t controversial — and Cruz jumped at the opportunity.” [Texas Tribune, [8/11/21](#)]

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The For The People Act Included Automatic Voter Registration And Expanded Early Voting. “The For the People Act aims to set up automatic voter registration, expand early voting, ensure more transparency in political donations and limit partisan drawing of congressional districts, among other provisions. Democrats pushed for the reforms before the 2020 election, but called them more necessary to protect the democratic process after former

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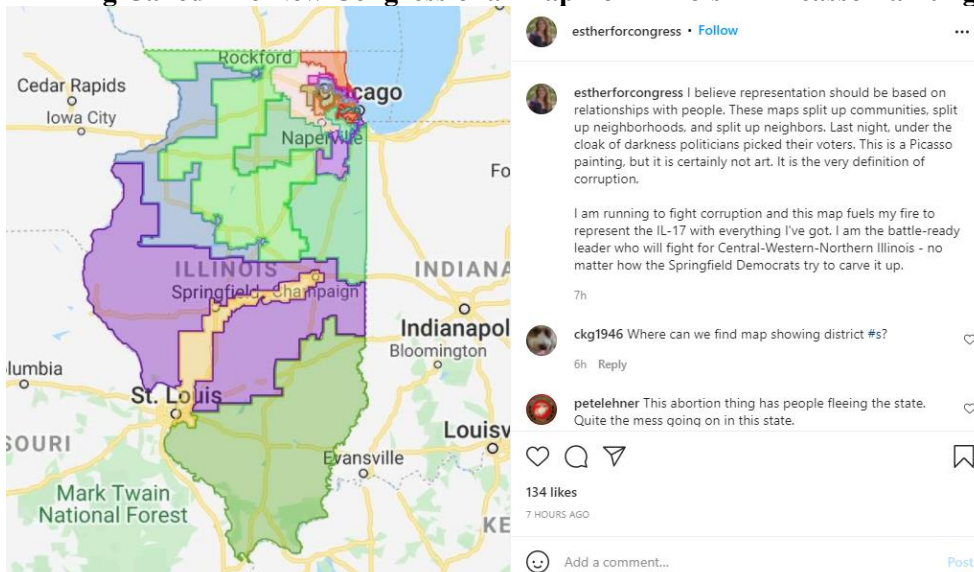
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King Complained About The Illinois Legislature’s Proposed Congressional Maps, Though The For The People Act Would Have Given Map-Drawing Power To Independent, Non-Partisan Commissions

The For The People Act Would Provide The Authority To Draw Congressional Districts To Independent, Non-Partisan Commissions. “Many voters feel gerrymandering has deprived them of their rights, as Pacific Standard has reported; in response, states have begun introducing legislation to regulate or reform redistricting. H.R. 1 would take this even further, transferring the authority to draw congressional districts from state legislatures to independent, non-partisan commissions.” [Pacific Standard, [3/10/19](#)]

King: “Illinois Democrats Pulled A Last Minute Stunt At Midnight To Redraw Their Maps AGAIN” And “Split Up Illinois Communities To Protect Democrats.” “Looks like the Illinois Democrats pulled a last minute stunt at midnight to redraw their maps AGAIN! These maps split up Illinois communities to protect Democrats - but I and the voters of the 17th District will NOT be intimidated.” [Twitter, [@esther4congress](#), [10/29/21](#)]

• King Called The New Congressional Map For Illinois A “Picasso Painting.”



[Instagram, [@estherforcongress](#), [10/29/21](#)]

Energy & Environment Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King said she opposed “green” initiatives because she claimed they would hurt farmers.
- ✓ King said “I don’t believe the government in Washington, D.C., is going to do a better job at environmental concerns for the Illinois 17th than we are.”
- ✓ King criticized Biden for shutting down the Keystone XL Pipeline.
- ✓ King accused Biden of launching a “war on energy” that forced him “to beg OPEC to boost their production.”
- ✓ King demanded that Biden “stop shutting down oil and gas pipelines and demonizing America’s energy producers.”
- ✓ In 2020, King said she supported the EPA offering oil refineries waivers from measures put in place to support ethanol consumption and combat climate change in a move that upset corn farmers.
 - ✓ Critics argued Trump’s oil refinery waivers were a display of favoritism for Big Oil.

Climate Change

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King Said She Opposed “Green” Initiatives Because She Claimed They Would Hurt Farmers. “King is a critic of Bustos’ and other Democrats’ support of ‘green’ initiatives that they say will help the agriculture community and create jobs by introducing more environmentally friendly practices and partnerships. Presidential Candidate Joe Biden has made it part of his party’s platform. ‘This harms agriculture,’ she said. ‘It’s not good for us. I will be fighting against environmental policies that hurt our part of the state.’” [Star-Courier, 10/6/20]

HEADLINE: “‘If You Want A Scary Story:’ Agriculture, Human Health And Ecosystems At Risk As Illinois’ Climate Is Quickly Changing, Report Shows.” [Chicago Tribune, [4/21/21](#)]

- **Report: Climate Change Will Increase Challenges For Illinois Farmers.** “Illinois’ climate is swiftly changing, becoming warmer and wetter and signaling long-term shifts that could push people, cities and ecosystems to the brink. If the planet fails to curb greenhouse gas emissions, what’s ahead could be more worrisome. In an extensive new report released Tuesday, the Nature Conservancy details how Illinois’ climate has transformed and looks forward to what more change might mean for the state’s agriculture, human health and already-stressed ecosystems. [...] The climate that Illinois farmers depend upon is changing, the assessment says, and farmers will be up against higher temperatures, increased soil evaporation, flash droughts — and stressed crops.” [Chicago Tribune, [4/21/21](#)]
- **Climate Change Could Delay Planting And Cause Erosion, Among Other Challenges.** “It’s tough to predict how Illinois crops will react to a warming climate with much uncertainty ahead, the assessment notes, but even with a longer growing season, there are some challenges farmers might face. Increased carbon dioxide levels may benefit soybean crops in the short term, but as drought and heat intensify, elevated levels may make

things worse. Corn yields are likely to be reduced by 2050 and may be particularly vulnerable to warming nighttime temperatures. Some planting zones may shift north. With increasing precipitation, a wet spring could delay planting. In 2019, among the wettest years on record, about 1.2 million acres of corn and soybeans went unplanted, the assessment notes. Wetter weather can also cause erosion, which can make soil less resilient to extreme weather. Nuisances — weeds, pests and disease — may also become greater problems, requiring more applications of control measures, including pesticides.” [Chicago Tribune, [4/21/21](#)]

King: “I Don’t Believe The Government In Washington, D.C., Is Going To Do A Better Job At Environmental Concerns For The Illinois 17th Than We Are.” ““I do believe that climate change is something that we as people can have an effect on,” King said. ‘Farmers are some of the most responsible environmentalists. ... I don’t believe the government in Washington, D.C., is going to do a better job at environmental concerns for the Illinois 17th than we are. Farmers should be able to make their own environmental decisions on how to operate their businesses and their farms on the ground on a day-to-day basis. I think there’s absolutely space for responsible environmentalism from the federal level.’” [Shaw Media, [9/30/20](#)]

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King: “The Free Market Can Provide Innovative, Effective Solutions Without Costing Trillions Of Dollars, Yet Still Produce A Clean Environment.” “Happy #EarthDay! 🌱 Each day, I start my day by putting my toes in the grass (even in snow!) if only for a few moments. Why? To be connected with the beauty around us, to focus on how much I have to be thankful for and to remember to be a good steward of God’s creation. No one does this better than the people of the #IL17! And it’s a big reason I’m grateful to be running to represent you. Farmers, sportsmen, hunters, gardeners, hikers, boaters, animal lovers, kayakers, and bird watchers—you. The people who are connected to the Earth as a lifestyle are the best ambassadors for conservation. We have a responsibility to make sure we are being environmentally responsible every day. Liberals like to ‘claim’ the environmental soap box. But in reality, the conservative principle of individual responsibility matters most when it comes to caring about our earth. The free market can provide innovative, effective solutions without costing trillions of dollars, yet still produce a clean environment. Our planet and natural resources are precious! We can work for responsible policies to make sure we pass clean air, water, and soil to future generations. We have a vested interest! Thanks to all who are passionate advocates for great stewardship and care of our precious Earth. #IL17 #loveourplanet #environmentallyactive #green #conservative #greenconservatives”



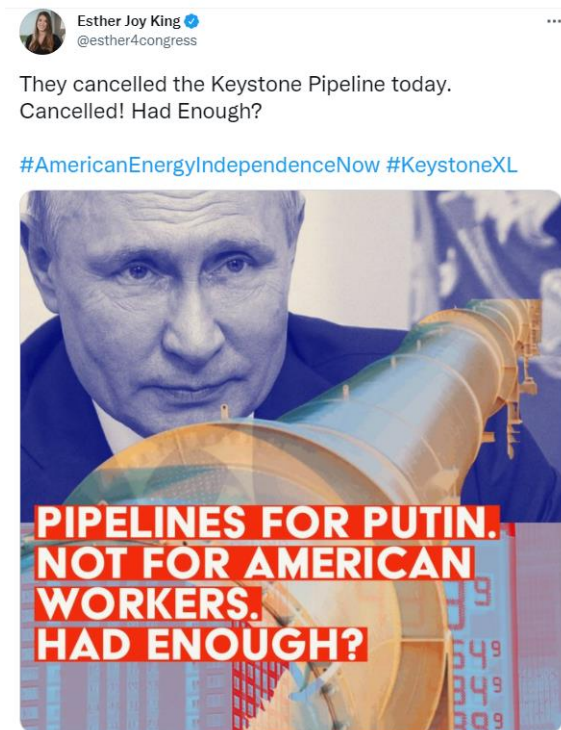
[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [4/22/20](#)]

Oil & Gas

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King Criticized Biden For Shutting Down The Keystone XL Pipeline. KING: “But Biden is shutting down the Keystone Pipeline to appease special interests in DC while authorizing the Eastern European pipelines to be opened to appease Europeans. I mean, we were headed toward energy independence and we have done a 180 and said no thank you. We have got to be energy independent to solve this energy crisis, this gas crisis.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)] (VIDEO, 18:01)

King Complained About The Biden Administration Canceling The Keystone Pipeline. “They cancelled the Keystone Pipeline today. Cancelled! Had Enough? #AmericanEnergyIndependenceNow #KeystoneXL”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [6/9/21](#)]

King Accused Biden Of Launching A “War On Energy” So That He Had “To Beg OPEC To Boost Their Production.”

King: “Maybe If Biden Wasn't Killing So Many American-Made Energy Projects Here At Home, He Wouldn't Have To Beg OPEC To Boost Their Production.” “Maybe if Biden wasn't killing so many American-made energy projects here at home, he wouldn't have to beg OPEC to boost their production. I’m old enough to remember when America was headed TOWARD energy independence.”



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King: “Stop Shutting Down Oil And Gas Pipelines And Demonizing America’s Energy Producers.”



Here's an idea to deal with the energy "supply" crisis:

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This is anti-energy the future Democrats want. They should accept the consequences.



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White House cites oil 'supply issues' amid gas price surge, promises more pres...
White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday that the Biden administration will continue pressuring OPEC members to boost oil production ...

[Twitter, @ester4congress, [10/27/21](#)]

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King Supported The EPA Offering Oil Refineries Waivers From Renewable Fuel Requirements, In A Move That Some Claimed Would Hurt Farmers. “King, an army veteran, said Bustos’ attention has been drawn to national political fights instead of specifically serving the district. Meanwhile, day-to-day issues like healthcare, immigration and the financial future of local farmers, are being ignored. ‘There are some ways we can do this, but it’s going to take a bipartisan approach,’ she said. She said she has supported the president’s efforts to offer waivers to oil refiners that would allow them to avoid meeting renewable fuel requirements, a move that some say could hurt farmers. But King said the recent Environmental Protection Agency to drop some of the proposed waivers was a sign that the effort was going as planned and that farmers ultimately would benefit. ‘I think there’s been a lot of confusion on that,’ she said. ‘The efforts (the Trump Administration) took benefits our ethanol industry here and helps farms.’” [Star-Courier, 10/6/20]

Farmers Criticized Trump’s Waivers For Oil Refineries That Didn’t Add Ethanol To Gasoline. “Iowa farmers are pushing back after President Trump reneged on a promise to review a national program that gives waivers to small refineries that don’t add ethanol to their gasoline. The president had promised corn farmers he would review the exemption program after a June trip to Iowa, but a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision to issue new waivers to fuel producers signaled an end to the administration’s study. Rep. Cindy Axne (D-Iowa) has requested an EPA Office of Inspector General investigation of the program and whether it violates renewable fuel laws, but at a press conference in Iowa on Wednesday, farmers directed their anger more at Trump than the EPA. Delayne D. Johnson, CEO of Quad County Corn Processors, said he was proud he voted for Trump after the president announced earlier this summer that he would allow ethanol to be added to gasoline year-round, ending a summertime ban designed to reduce smog. ‘I was equally shocked when I learned that there were 31 small refinery exemptions’ issued to plants owned by major companies, Johnson said. Trump’s call came just two months after a meeting with some of the very same farm groups. It was a decision directly from Trump to go ahead and issue the waiver on Aug. 9. [...] But the decision creates tension between two groups Trump views as supporters and may threaten the patience of farmers who have already been hit hard by the tariffs of Trump’s trade war.” [The Hill, [8/21/19](#)]

Critics Argued Trump’s Oil Refinery Waivers Were A Display Of Favoritism For Big Oil. “While Iowa farmer Miller saw Trump’s brinkmanship with China as a necessary gamble to help American workers, the ethanol waivers smacked to him of favoritism for a wealthy and powerful industry — Big Oil. [...] The 31 new waivers issued this month came on top of 54 granted since early 2018, according to the association. While the waivers are intended to reduce hardships on small oil refiners, some beneficiaries include smaller refineries owned by big oil companies.” [Mercury News, [8/28/19](#)]

Waivers Allowed Refineries To Disregard Renewable Fuel Standards Set In Place To Address Climate Change. “The rules at issue are called small refinery exemptions, which the Trump administration has expanded at the behest of oil companies and to the consternation of ethanol interests. The exemptions let so-called small gasoline refineries — including some owned by oil giants Exxon Mobil and Chevron —out of their obligations to produce ethanol under the renewable fuel standards rules approved by Congress in 2005 and 2007 to address climate change.” [CNBC, [9/23/19](#)]

Ethanol Production Fell As The Number Of Waivers Issued By The EPA Increased. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency each year allocates each refinery’s quota for ethanol production in a rule implementing the statute. After that, however, the agency has been granting retroactive waivers to excuse refineries from their legal duty. The so-called SRE exemptions, which have been granted retroactively, reduce the market for ethanol to between 13 billion and 14 billion gallons annually, Cooper said. Under the Obama administration, officials granted about eight SRE exemptions each year. The Trump administration announced 31 in a single round in August, bringing its total to nearly 80. U.S. ethanol producers made 14.4 billion gallons last year, down from 14.5 in 2017 for the first year-to-year decline since the 1990s, U.S. Department of Energy figures show.” [CNBC, [9/23/19](#)]

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King Political Receipt History - Federal			
Date	Name	Employer	Amount
6/30/21	Stevens, Todd	Black Knight Energy LLC	-\$1,000.00
6/18/21	Stevens, Todd	Black Knight Energy LLC	\$1,000.00
6/16/21	Mcmillan, Douglas	McMillan Electric Company	\$500.00
6/14/21	Stevens, Todd	Black Knight Energy Llc	\$2,900.00
11/2/20	Myers, Thomas	Exelon Corp	\$25.00
10/31/20	Lamon, James	Depcom Power	\$1,000.00
10/31/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$25.00
10/21/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$50.00
10/21/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$25.00
10/17/20	Lamon, James	Depcom Power	\$1,000.00
10/16/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$25.00
10/11/20	Taul, Johnnie	Depcom Power	\$250.00
10/11/20	Lamon, James	Depcom Power	\$1,500.00
10/8/20	Edler, Bradley	Edler Power Services, Inc.	\$50.00

10/7/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$25.00
10/5/20	Kimmelman, Douglas W	Energy Capital Partners	\$2,800.00
9/23/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$25.00
9/15/20	Mangieri, Joe Mr.	Mangieri Electric	\$1,000.00
9/08/20	Dale, Thomas Mr.	Exelon	\$100.00
7/30/20	Wright, Karen	Ariel Corp.	\$2,800.00
7/30/20	Rastin, Thomas	Ariel Corporation	\$2,800.00
7/30/20	Aldridge, Kenneth	Aldridge Electric	-\$2,800.00
7/30/20	Aldridge, Kenneth	Aldridge Electric	\$5,600.00
7/13/20	Jogerst, Lawrence Mr.	Danfoss Power Solutions	\$25.00
5/20/20	Dale, Thomas Mr.	Exelon	\$50.00
4/20/20	Pusey, Donald	Pusey Electric	\$2,800.00
12/27/19	Aldridge, Kenneth W. Mr.	Aldridge Electric	\$1,000.00
		Total	\$23,575.00

[FEC, Disbursement Search, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

Renewable Energy

King Said “Subsidies In Some Energy Fields Are Great Because It Allows Us To Create Innovation” And “Have Cleaner Energy Down The Road”

King: “Subsidies In Some Energy Fields Are Great Because It Allows Us To Create Innovation” And “Have Cleaner Energy Down The Road.” “King agreed there are areas where the federal government can have positive influence. ‘I do think subsidies in some energy fields are great because it allows us to create innovation and to further innovate and invent technologies that will allow us to have cleaner energy down the road,’ King said. ‘But making sure the government is not artificially choosing winners and losers on environmental concerns I think is an important aspect of it as well.’ Her response to extreme weather events like the derecho would focus on back-end support such as crop insurance and subsidies to make sure farming remains a sustainable business model with a mitigated risk profile.” [Shaw Media, [9/30/20](#)]

Invasive Species

King Blamed The Influx Of Asian Carp On Ineffective Government

King Blamed The Influx Of Asian Carp On “Ineffective Government In The State Of Illinois.” Q: “What are your thoughts on closing the Illinois River to control the Asian Carp influx?” [...] KING: “As the state of Illinois, natural resources are one of our greatest assets and it is important that the federal government and state government and local communities all work together to solve problems that are facing our community like the Asian Carp crisis that's happening. It is something that all these layers of government need to coordinate on together. We have had an ineffective government in the state of Illinois for some time and so I'm excited to bring a problem-solving attitude to address issues like this for our communities.” [League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, 1/25/20] (VIDEO, 23:22)

Financial Protections & Wall Street

Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2020, King criticized the Dodd-Frank Act because she claimed it “overburdened” local banks.
 - ✓ Dodd-Frank was created in response to the 2008 Financial Crisis to prevent another economic meltdown from taking place.
 - ✓ The legislation included stronger consumer financial protections, regulated derivatives, and reduced the risk of further taxpayer-funded bailouts of big banks.
- ✓ Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that King had criticized for impacting smaller banks were scaled back in legislation passed in 2018.

2008 Financial Crisis

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King Criticized Dodd-Frank Because It “Overburdened” Banks. “Another gentleman asked about wide discrepancies in pay between the ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’, ‘How do you address the problem that there are some people in businesses; Wall Street, that are making millions if not billions off of the market with their business and the people that are under them make a very, very low income with the capitalistic system?’ ‘You’re right there are imbalances that need to be accounted for in the system. I do think government plays a role, but at this time I think we’re too far to the heavily regulated, overbearing....so for example, one thing that comes to mind on this topic, Frank Dodd [Dodd-Frank Act signed into Law July 21, 2010] and the regulation of the banks. They put such heavy regulation on banks and we don’t want corruption in the financial system. Those regulations overburdened local banks to the extent that it hurt communities like Farmington because the smaller banks weren’t capable of keeping up with the regulations and they ended up going out of business and communities like this lose support.’” [Canton Daily Ledger, [3/3/20](#)]

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Dodd-Frank Was Passed In 2010 In Response To The 2008 Financial Crisis To Prevent Another Crisis From Happening. “The financial crisis of 2007-2008 was one of the worst economic disasters in modern U.S. history, and it was in large part caused by bad behavior at banks. The Dodd-Frank Act was created in an attempt to keep anything similar from happening again. [...] In the 25 years leading up to the financial crisis of 2007-2008, financial industry deregulation permitted—some might even say encouraged—U.S. financial services firms to take bigger and bigger gambles, and lend in riskier ways than ever before. The result was an epic bubble in the U.S. housing sector that wrecked the banking industry and crashed stock markets at home and abroad, driving the worst global recession seen in generations. Passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama in July 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act sought to restore stability and oversight to the financial system and prevent a repeat of the crisis.” [Forbes, [7/20/20](#)]

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Dodd-Frank Streamlined The Process For Handling Consumer Complaints. “Giving voice to consumer complaints. Before Dodd-Frank, 10 different agencies had oversight of consumer protection, ranging from the National Credit Union Administration to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department. But that added to the complexity of where consumers should turn to when they had a complaint with a financial product and how to find relief. The reform law led to the creation of a unified complaint hotline and database, operated by the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau. After receiving a complaint, the agency’s staff works with financial companies to get a response. The CFPB says it has handled more than 1 million complaints.” [CBS, [2/3/17](#)]

Dodd-Frank Barred Risky Mortgages. “Barring risky mortgages. Predatory mortgage practices were one cause of the financial crisis given that some lenders provided loans to borrowers who couldn’t afford the repayments or who would likely end up in trouble later on. Dodd-Frank instituted a host of reforms related to the mortgage market, such as requiring that lenders offer loans only to homebuyers who have ‘a reasonable ability to repay the loan.’ The law also limited features such as interest-only loans and negative amortization, which can allow a loan’s principal to grow even though the borrower is making payments.” [CBS, [2/3/17](#)]

Dodd-Frank Ended The Abuse Of Payday Loans And Prepaid Cards. “Ending abuses of payday loans, prepaid cards and more. Payday loans can trap consumers in a spiral of debt, something the CFPB has taken aim at with a proposed rule that would require lenders to make sure borrowers could pay back these loans. The agency has also targeted other financial products, such as prepaid cards, which is a fast-growing segment of the consumer-finance market. Low-income consumers and people concerned about racking up debts are increasingly relying on them, yet they come with a significant downside: high fees that aren’t always clear to consumers. That’s slated to change in October 2017, when new rules created by the CFPB will go into effect. The goal is to help consumers avoid overpaying for prepaid cards and to help them shop for the best deal possible.” [CBS, [2/3/17](#)]

Dodd-Frank Led To The Establishment Of A Whistleblower Program On Wall Street. “Uncovering financial wrongdoing. Dodd-Frank led to the creation of a whistleblower program within Wall Street that pays people who voluntarily tell regulators about financial misbehavior. Through August 2016, the program has paid \$100 million to whistleblowers, who have sparked enforcement actions that prompted almost \$600 million in financial sanctions. The program received more than 4,200 tips in fiscal year 2016. One case to come out of it is Merrill Lynch’s June 2016 agreement to pay a \$415 million settlement over charges that it misused customer cash.” [CBS, [2/3/17](#)]

Dodd-Frank Highlighted The Pay Gaps Between CEOs And Their Employees. “Highlighting the pay gaps between CEOs and their workers. Public companies will have to disclose the ratio of their CEO pay to median employee pay for their first fiscal year that starts in 2017. That means the ratios will become public in 2018, when companies will issue their proxy statements. CEO pay has skyrocketed away from the earnings of ordinary workers, part of the current economic trend of widening income inequality as the top 1 percent of earners leave most Americans’ income far behind.” [CBS, [2/3/17](#)]

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Provisions Of Dodd-Frank Were Rolled Back In 2018. “In May, Trump signed S. 2155, which rolled back some Dodd-Frank provisions. Among the major parts rolled back is one that raises the threshold for when a bank is considered ‘systemically important’ — and therefore subject to stricter regulations — to \$250 billion in assets from \$50 billion. Also, it exempted smaller banks (under \$10 billion in assets) from complying with the so-called Volcker rule, which bans financial institutions from making risky investments with their assets. It also eased rules for home loans made by small banks.” [CNBC, [9/11/18](#)]

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King: Biden's withdrawal from Afghanistan was "a failure of leadership" and "nothing short of a disaster."
 - ✓ King said people were telling her that Biden should resign because of his handling of Afghanistan and COVID.
 - ✓ King said that by being in Afghanistan, America was "able to prevent terrorist activity for 20 years from our time there" and "create national security for America."
- ✓ King, who was previously an aid worker in Afghanistan in 2008, said she was "helping orchestrate and almost project managing" people escaping from Afghanistan during and after the 2021 withdrawal.
- ✓ King said that "the sale of burkas is skyrocketing" in Afghanistan and it was "much harder to breath in a burka than a mask, for some context."
- ✓ King said America's biggest national security threat was China.
- ✓ King helped promote foreign direct investment from China while she worked at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
 - ✓ *U.S. lawmakers and security officials were concerned about security threats tied to the growth of Chinese investments in American businesses.*

Afghanistan

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King Said She Was "Helping Orchestrate And Almost Project Managing" People Escaping From Afghanistan. KING: "And then on the Afghan side, what I was doing was kind of helping orchestrate and almost project managing their escape or their evacuation to the airport and helping people that were close to the gate and encouraging them." [Illinois News Now, [9/7/21](#)] (AUDIO, 6:42)

King Said She Helped Get 51 People Out Of Afghanistan, Which Was "Representative Of Who I Am As A Battle-Ready Leader, A Problem Solver, Jumping Into Action, Making A Difference." "And Esther Joy King, a JAG officer in the Army Reserves who's also running for Congress, said she was 'heartbroken' when Kabul, the country's capital and largest city, fell to the Taliban last month. But she added that she 'immediately started working my military networks, my Afghanistan networks, my political networks, to see who could evacuate people.' King, an Illinois Republican, served as an aid worker in Afghanistan a dozen years ago, helping women learn professional skills. 'I've been able to be a part of getting 51 people out of Afghanistan,' she shared. And King touted that her actions are 'representative of who I am as a battle-ready leader, a problem solver, jumping into action, making a difference.'" [Fox News, [9/2/21](#)]

King Said She Was "An Aid Worker" Who "Worked On Women's Rights In Afghanistan." KING: "Yes, I was listening, and not only am I a JAG officer in the United States Army, but before joining the military, I was an

aid worker, I worked on women's rights in Afghanistan. So during this last 36, 48 hours, I have been actively working with women on the ground trying to help get them out. During the airport chaos that we saw, I was on Skype with some of the girls trying to help them get on a plane and tell them who to communicate with, see if they could get out of the country. These people in Afghanistan, they are not just fighting for their freedom. They're fighting for their lives right now. So, everything that the briefing was about, whether people can get to the airport, I'm on the other end communicating, emailing, hey, be ready, have a go bag, get to the airport whenever you can get to the airport, and communicating with women and girls on the ground in Afghanistan right now." [Newsmax, 8/17/21] (VIDEO, 1:38)

- **King Served As An Aid Worker In Kabul, Afghanistan.**



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, 11/19/19]

- **King Said It Wasn't Until She Went To Afghanistan That She Felt Gratitude For "Living In A Country Where People Actively Work To Elevate Women."**



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, 8/26/20]

King Wanted To Take Afghan Immigrants To A “Third Location” To “Clear Out Some Of Those Crowds” And Prioritize American Citizens

King Wanted To Take Afghan Immigrants To A “Third Location” To “Clear Out Some Of Those Crowds” And Prioritize American Citizens. KING: “In fact, I actually, we’re having this whole conversation of prioritizing American citizens, which we should absolutely do. However, the crowds are part of the reason that the American citizens aren’t able to get to the airport. And what I think should happen is we should choose a third location where we can take immigrants to where they would be safe and clear out some of those crowds because there’s so many of our friends and allies right there trying to get to safety. They’re not just fighting for their freedom. They’re fighting for their lives, and we should be able to keep them safe.” [YouTube, Fox News, [8/24/21](#)] (VIDEO, 02:32)

King: Biden’s Withdrawal From Afghanistan Was “A Failure Of Leadership” And “Nothing Short Of A Disaster”

King Op-Ed: Biden’s Withdrawal From Afghanistan Was “A Failure Of Leadership” And “Nothing Short Of A Disaster.” “Whether or not we should have ended the war is a bizarre topic for an op-ed, considering few people are debating it. It’s a strawman distraction, a debate the Democrats would rather have to distract from what we all sense in our guts: the withdrawal was a failure of leadership. American service members died when they did not have to die. It’s unfortunate Congresswoman Bustos would push that White House dirty dishwater propaganda right here in Galesburg, where we have Midwestern common sense to see right through it. Make no mistake: the real debate we need to have is not about ending the war, but about how President Biden decided to end it. President Biden’s actions have been nothing short of a disaster.” [Galesburg Register-Mail, Esther Joy King, [9/5/21](#)]

King Called The Biden Administration’s Withdrawal From Afghanistan “A Historic Foreign Policy Failure.” “The American people deserve answers from the White House about how this went so wrong. Democrats in Congress like Cheri Bustos won’t hold the Biden Administration accountable — that’s why the midterm elections and winning Republican control of the House are so critical. It’s time to stop pretending the Biden Administration’s strategy was a success and start recognizing it for what it is: a historic foreign policy failure.” [Galesburg Register-Mail, King op-ed, [9/5/21](#)]

King Said That Discussing “Whether Or Not We Should Have Ended The War” In Afghanistan Was A “Strawman Distraction.” “Whether or not we should have ended the war is a bizarre topic for an op-ed, considering few people are debating it. It’s a strawman distraction, a debate the Democrats would rather have to distract from what we all sense in our guts: the withdrawal was a failure of leadership. American service members died when they did not have to die. It’s unfortunate Congresswoman Bustos would push that White House dirty dishwater propaganda right here in Galesburg, where we have Midwestern common sense to see right through it.” [Register-Mail, King op-ed, [9/5/21](#)]

King: “Biden’s Decision To Abandon Billions Of Dollars Of Lethal U.S. Military Equipment To The Taliban Is Indefensible.” “Biden’s decision to abandon billions of dollars of lethal U.S. military equipment to the Taliban is indefensible. The Taliban is now enforcing its oppressive rule with Blackhawk helicopters, armored Humvees, and guns that were paid for by U.S. taxpayers. Biden’s decision to withdraw the final U.S. troops from Afghanistan with Americans still on the ground is perhaps most indefensible of all. I pray they find a way to escape the horrors of the Taliban that the Administration has abandoned them to. This point isn’t up for debate with the American people — a recent poll found 84% of Americans believe our troops should have stayed on the ground until every American was evacuated, regardless of deadlines.” [Register-Mail, King op-ed, [9/5/21](#)]

King: The Situation In Afghanistan Was “A Failure Of The Biden Leadership” And The Administration Was “Actively Making It Worse.” KING: “A lot of the females, if they’re not at the airport right now, they are having a hard time even knowing if they’re going to be able to get out. And ultimately, this entire situation represents a failure of the Biden leadership. I’m running for Congress because we need better leadership in Washington, DC. We need people that have real-world perspective, on the ground, know the foreign policy aspect

of what's happening, and are able to help solve problems and make a difference. I'm doing it real time right now with women in Afghanistan, working to get them to the airport on a plane out of the country, but the failures that I'm seeing left and right by the US administration, failure to communicate, let people know, how do you apply for visas? If you are someone who's a targeted Afghan, what can you do? How can we safely transport people to the airport? How can we communicate to let people on the ground know we need help? So, there's such a huge failure and absolutely, it's a chaotic situation right now. But the Biden administration is actively making it worse time after time after time, and we need better leadership in Washington, DC.” [Newsmax, [8/17/21](#)] (VIDEO, 1:40)

King: The Biden Administration “Failed From Day One” In Their Approach To Afghanistan And America Had “A Lot Of Work To Do To Regain Credibility.” KING: “However, and this concern goes back to the beginning of the administration. We failed from--they failed from day one in how they approached the operation. We've had months to help evacuate our allies and who worked with us, supported us, translated for our troops on the ground. There's so many things we could have been doing better along this way. This is a complete failure of leadership. And I am concerned about the long-lasting implications of this example and how our allies want to trust us and work with us going forward. Who will want to work with the US military on the ground seeing how we've treated our allies in Afghanistan? So, we have a lot of work to do to regain credibility, and that is exactly why I'm running for Congress.” [Newsmax, [8/17/21](#)] (VIDEO, 1:42)

King Claimed “Biden Was Aware WEEKS Ago The Government Could Collapse” In Afghanistan “Yet He Still Made No Contingency Plans.” “This call proves Biden was aware WEEKS ago the government could collapse. Yet he still made no contingency plans for a safe and organized evacuation of Americans and our allies. We need to know more about Biden's fatal decisions that led to this disaster.”



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U.S. and Qatari officials said a group of Americans and other foreigners would be among the first to fly out of Afghanistan as Kabul's airport slowly resumes ...

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King Said People Were Telling Her That Biden Should Resign Because Of His Handling Of Afghanistan And COVID. KING: “Biden, he’s barely even liked, let alone respected, and people believe that he should resign. I’m hearing that from people a lot because of his poor handling of the Afghanistan situation and his poor handling of the COVID situation. People are not—they feel like the government is lying to us that, oh, get vaccinated, but there’s breakthrough cases with COVID and the vaccine. So, people are just frustrated, and they want to get back to living their lives and moving forward, having a great school year with their kids, and they feel like the federal government is really hampering that and not encouraging them to make safe choices or giving them the information that they need to make the best choices for their families.” [Illinois News Now, [9/7/21](#)] (AUDIO, 6:22)

King Said The Biden Administration’s Withdrawal From Afghanistan Would Endanger National Security

King: “Biden's Failures In Afghanistan” Were “Now Threatening Our Homeland” And ISIS-K “Could Attack The West Within Six Months.” “Biden's failures in Afghanistan are now threatening our homeland. Pentagon warns ISIS-K - which killed 13 US Marines last month - could attack the West within six months. Who could have seen this coming?? (Everyone)”



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Top Pentagon Official Warns: ISIS-K Could Be Ready To Attack West In 6 Months

[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/28/21](#)]

King: Biden Took The Middle East “From Stable To Sh*tshow” And “Americans Are In More Danger At Home And Across The Globe Because Of This Failure.” “This lays squarely on the shoulders of Biden. He has taken this region from stable to sh*tshow. The world is more dangerous, and Americans are in more danger at home and across the globe because of this failure. The Taliban will be a haven for terrorists.”



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Richard Engel @RichardEngel · Aug 15
Seeing Taliban fighters on streets in kabul now. Armed.

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King: “Joe Biden's Incompetence Abandoned Hundreds Of Students In Kabul, Leaving Them To The Evils Of The Taliban. What A Blood-Boiling Betrayal.” “‘It was a frightening day. We went there anticipating to be rescued and returned home defeated.’ Joe Biden's incompetence abandoned hundreds of students in Kabul, leaving them to the evils of the Taliban. What a blood-boiling betrayal.”



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American University of Afghanistan students and relatives trying to flee were s...
After seven hours of waiting for clearance to enter the airport gates, the group met a dead end: Evacuations were permanently called off.

[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/30/21](#)]

King: The Media Would “Rather Have Incompetent President Biden They Agree With, Than A Competent One With Which They Disagree” And They Were “Complicit In This Tragedy” In Afghanistan. “Today is the day that President Biden had set for withdrawal from Afghanistan. Biden has failed our country, citizens, and our military personnel. This date has been dictated to him by the Taliban. It was not set by our military leaders, or the situation on the ground. It has been criticized by our allies in Europe. It's a slap in the face of our U.S. citizens, friends, and allies we left behind. We leave behind a trail of broke promises, not to mention the billions in modern military equipment the Taliban now owns. But, hey, at least Biden didn't send out a mean tweet today! Isn't that the sense you get from our mainstream media? They'd rather have incompetent President Biden they agree with, than a competent one with which they disagree. Our media's complicit in this tragedy, too.” [Esther For Congress, Campaign Email, 8/31/21]

King: “Whether It's A Gas Crisis Or A Afghan Crisis Or A Border Crisis, The Fault Lays Squarely On This Administration.” “King, who came close in 2020 to defeating longtime Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos in a northwest Illinois congressional district, launched her 2022 campaign earlier this year, immediately after Bustos announced she wouldn't run for reelection next year. ‘Americans are smart. Everybody sees what's happening. They know the responsibility of whether it's a gas crisis or a Afghan crisis or a border crisis, the fault lays squarely on this administration,’ she claimed. And King forecast that voters will seek ‘accountability, and I think that will swing heavily in favor of Republicans winning back the House and hopefully the Senate.’” [Fox News, [9/2/21](#)]

King: “Under The Biden Administration, It's Easier To Cross The Southern Border Than It Is To Secure A Flight Out Of Kabul.” “Under the Biden Administration, it's easier to cross the southern border than it is to secure a flight out of Kabul. The incompetence and the failure is staggering.”



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The U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan posted a security alert on Wednesday for U.S. citizens.

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King: The Taliban Would “Export Opium For Economic Gain” And It Was “Likely To End Up” At The Southern Border. “Drug production will go up under Taliban. They will export opium for economic gain. You know where that production is likely to end up? Our southern border. Everything is connected.”



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The Hill @thehill · Aug 16

"Afghanistan will be Asia's first narco-state" (@TheHillOpinion) hill.cm/JKISLKV



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/16/21](#)]

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China

King Said America's Biggest National Security Threat Was China

King Said China Was The County's Biggest National Security Threat. "Q: Identify 3 national security threats to the United States. Choose one and explain your approach to dealing with that threat. A: Three national security threats: China, Cyber-Security, Russia. One explanation: China is our largest threat to national security. As our economy continues to grow, we see this become more evident. China is attempting to influence the decisions our society makes and step up its technological foothold. While in Congress, I will work toward returning our nation's supply chains to America. Congress must protect intellectual property and fight for fair trade practices with China." [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

While At DCEO, King Helped Promote Foreign Direct Investment From China, Which Lawmakers And Security Officials Viewed As A Potential Security Threat

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**Illinois Department of Commerce**

1 year

- **Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce**
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- **Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology**
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[LinkedIn, Esther Joy King, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

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King Facilitated Efforts To Attract Foreign Direct Investment From China To Illinois.

From: [King, Esther](#)
To: [Brejla, Erik](#); barry@cl-enterprises.com; [Zhao, Zach](#)
Cc: [Schultz, Jim](#); [Markopoulos, Margo](#)
Subject: Introduction regarding EB5 efforts and China FDI
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 12:50:31 PM

Erik and Zachary,

I would like to introduce you to Barry Wilson with CL Enterprises, working with Peter Limberger and Inga Carus. They have already established an EB-5 region and are working to attract FDI from China.

Barry would love to learn more about resources and how we can help!

Barry, Erik is our Director of FDI and Zachary is in our Shanghai trade office.

Thank you in advance,

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From: Zachary Zhao
To: Brella, Erik; King, Esther; barry@cl-enterprises.com; "Bonny Xu"
Cc: Schultz, Jim; Markopoulos, Margo; Ren, Zhigang; "Carus, Inga"
Subject: RE: Introduction regarding EB5 efforts and China FDI
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 10:57:42 PM

Dear Peter,
Thanks to the introduction made by Ester and Erik.
Glad to hear that you have been working with Zhigang and quite familiar with our Chicago FDI folks.
Though, as you might have already learned from Erik and Zhigang that we have not involved with any EB5 project yet.
We will be glad to meet with Jenny and find out how we can help you and our IL companies in China.
P.s. Jenny,
Please advise your contact in China as well as your schedule and convenient time to meet next week.
Best regards,
Zachary Zhao,
State of Illinois, China Office
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CHINA



[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Esther Joy King Emails, P. 58-257, 1/14/16]

- **CL Enterprises Invested In Property In The Midwest.** “Design plans for rehabbing a historic hotel, building two brewpubs and redeveloping two vacant department store buildings adorn cubicle walls inside CL Enterprises in LaSalle. Co-owners Peter Limberger and Inga Carus have made it their mission to do ‘big things in small towns’ in part because of a belief that downtowns are untapped economic engines. [...] The former six-story hotel closed in 2001, but CL Enterprises plans to reopen 100 elegant rooms, a restaurant and historic Side Bar, as well as introduce a rooftop event space for up to 100 guests and a state-of-the-art conference center. To the east in Ottawa, they’re invested in restoring the city’s downtown Carson and Woolworth buildings to feature a 12,500-square-foot rooftop space and retail shopping on the ground floor, and potentially open access on the north side, where visitors can spill out onto West Jackson Street and, by extension, into Ottawa’s Washington Square. Limberger said he remains in ‘good contact’ with the city regarding the development and hopes to have an agreement with city officials soon, similar to the one he has received from the city of LaSalle regarding the Kaskaskia project. The couple also has increased their investment in Ottawa by planning to build a boutique hotel along Ottawa’s riverfront as the city prepares to develop the area to include a harbor and amphitheater.” [Shaw Media, [10/18/19](#)]

U.S. Lawmakers And Security Officials Were Concerned About Security Threats Tied To The Growth Of Chinese Investments In American Businesses

Council On Foreign Relations: “Lawmakers And Security Officials Have Become Increasingly Concerned About The Growth Of Chinese Investments In U.S. Companies.” “Lawmakers and security officials have become increasingly concerned about the growth of Chinese investments in U.S. companies, which have totaled more than \$100 billion over the past five years. The Trump administration has decried the Made in China 2025 industrial policy, in which Beijing plans to leverage Chinese investment in foreign technology firms to quickly develop China’s own high-tech manufacturing sector. In 2018, U.S. intelligence agencies said that China’s targeted acquisitions of U.S. firms constitute an ‘unprecedented threat’ to the United States.” [Council on Foreign Relations, [8/28/18](#)]

Republican Senator John Cornyn: “China Has Weaponized Investment In An Attempt To Vacuum Up Our Advanced Technologies.” “In 2018, Congress passed—and President Donald J. Trump signed—the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (FIRRMA), which many experts say is the most significant overhaul of

the agency's powers since 1988. FIRREA allows [the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States] to review a wider range of transactions, including any 'non-passive' investment in U.S. firms involved in critical technology or other sensitive sectors. It also lengthens the review period, gives CFIUS greater leeway to suspend transactions, increases funding and staffing for the agency, and mandates a separate process to review the export of sensitive U.S. technologies. While the legislation does not target China by name, one of its authors, Republican Senator John Cornyn, said that 'China has weaponized investment in an attempt to vacuum up our advanced technologies.'" [Council on Foreign Relations, [8/28/18](#)]

Israel

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Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ In October 2020, King said armed militias were “not helping” but “it’s important that we have the right to use our voice.”
- ✓ King said she was committed to protecting gun rights for “responsible gun owners.”
- ✓ King said she owned a “weapon” herself and that “a lot of it is for my safety and security.”
- ✓ King said gun rights were a women’s rights issue.
- ✓ King said she supported “efforts to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals” and wanted law enforcement to do it.
- ✓ King falsely claimed assault weapons were “already not allowed,” but the federal assault weapons ban expired in 2004.

2nd Amendment

King Said Gun Rights Were A Women’s Rights Issue

King Said Gun Rights Were A Women’s Rights Issue And “There Are Women Who Feel Safer And More Secure In The World Because They Own Weapons.” KING: “Yes, there are tragedies that happen because people have guns and weapons. That is, we need to solve that problem in our society and at the same time to go so extreme, let’s regulate all guns and that kind of thing, there are women who feel safer and more secure in the world because they own weapons, and it is a women’s rights issue to them, and I totally – I agree with that. I own a weapon myself and a lot of it is for my safety and security.” [Culture Changers with Allison Hare Episode 89, [1/12/21](#)] (AUDIO, 39:53)

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King Said “There’s A Lot Of Misunderstanding” Around Banning Assault Weapons, Claiming They Were “Already Not Allowed.” Q: “Esther, would helping the police include banning assault weapons and having tighter gun control, or what's your stance on that?” KING: “There's a lot of misunderstanding around that issue, Earlene. And assault weapons are already not allowed. Automatic weapons are already not allowed. I'm a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. I don't believe there is a honest conversation happening around the Second Amendment issue. So for example, I just recently sat down with a group of mothers who are strong Second Amendment supporters who had story after story to tell. For example, one mother told a story about she as a single mother had

an intruder in her home and she was able to protect her family keep her family safe, because she owned a weapon. I believe safe, responsible gun ownership is a methodology for safety.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 13:41)

- **The Federal Assault Weapons Ban, Barring The Sale Of Semi-Automatic Weapons And Large-Capacity Magazines, Expired In 2004.** “But in the wake of the mass shooting in Boulder, calls are once again growing for a federal ban on these guns, including from President Biden. While unveiling a series of new measures around gun violence prevention at the White House on Thursday, the president said the nation should reinstate a version of the federal assault weapons ban he helped to pass as a senator in the 1990s. That legislation, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, was signed into law by President Bill Clinton in the shadow of mass shootings like the 1989 Cleveland Elementary School shooting in Stockton, Calif. Designed to last for a period of 10 years, its intended effect was to bar the sale of semi-automatic weapons and large capacity magazines to civilians. [...] The 1994 bill expired in 2004 under President George W. Bush.” [NPR, [4/10/21](#)]

King Said She Was Committed To Protecting Gun Rights For “Responsible Gun Owners”

King Said She Was Committed To Protecting Gun Rights For “Responsible Gun Owners.” “The American Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms, and I’m committed to protecting the rights of responsible gun owners who use guns for hunting and protection. I also support efforts to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals and those who would commit acts of mass violence. We need a holistic approach to stopping violence by involving community leaders, law enforcement, gun manufacturers, and mental health professionals. We need to fund law enforcement fully, so they have the tools they need to enforce the laws already on the books and to stop violence before it starts.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/3/21](#)]

King Said She Supported “Efforts To Keep Guns Out Of The Hands Of Dangerous Criminals” And Wanted Law Enforcement To Do It

King Supported “Efforts To Keep Guns Out Of The Hands Of Dangerous Criminals.” “Maxwell: Your campaign website says you support efforts to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals and those who would commit acts of mass violence. I wonder how that works? Isn’t that part of the challenge? Because how do you predict who would commit an act of mass violence someday? And harder yet, how do you take the guns out of the hands of that person before they commit that act? King: Mark, right now, we are seeing so much upheaval around supporting law enforcement. And I believe this starts with making sure we support our law enforcement, making sure they have the resources that they need to hold criminals accountable. Right now, on the books, there are already federal laws to address gun control that aren’t even being enforced. So what we need to do is make sure that we are bringing a common sense approach and empowering law enforcement to help keep our communities safe.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

King Said Law Enforcement Needed To Have Resources To Keep Guns Out Of The Hands Of Dangerous People. “Maxwell: What does that look like? You say you support efforts to keep guns out of the hands, now you’re saying you support law enforcement. Those sound to my ear like two different things. Am I am I hearing you correctly? King: Well, Mark, when you think about keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous people, who’s going to do that for us? It’s going to be law enforcement. So I believe it’s really important that we make sure our law enforcement have the resources that they need to do their job to keep our communities safe.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

Armed Militias

King Said Armed Militias Were “Not Helping” But “It’s Important That We Have The Right To Use Our Voice”

October 2020: King Said Armed Militias Were “Not Helping” But “It’s Important That We Have The Right To Use Our Voice.” “Maxwell: Why do you think those militias are taking to the streets? And are they helping or

hurting? King: They're not helping. I do think it's important that we have the right to use our voice, have the right to express, but while respecting other people's rights as well. And it's not necessary to take to the streets as armed militia." [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

- **September 2020: NBC News: Militias Showed Up At Black Lives Matter Protests.** "Unorganized militias are not a new phenomenon, but they have gained increasing attention and support over the last few decades. Modern militias and individual vigilantes appeared in the early 1990s positioning themselves as contrary to the federal government. After a period of relative quiet, they re-emerged over the last decade in a more visible role not only in several high-profile protests, including those by Black Lives Matter supporters, but also in less-known local disputes in towns around the country from Utah to New Mexico. The groups are self-anointed, weapons-bearing so-called enforcers of order with very little stopping them, experts who study militias say. [...] Since the spring, militias have shown up at Black Lives Matter protests at least 55 times, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center." [NBC News, [9/1/20](#)]
- **August 2020: Militia Members Traveled To Kenosha, WI Before A Gunman Shot And Killed Two People And Left A Third Wounded.** "Repeated calls for armed vigilantes to travel to Kenosha, Wisconsin, to protect businesses following the police shooting of Jacob Blake spread across social media in the hours before two people were shot to death and a third was wounded during a third night of unrest in the city. Multiple threads on Facebook and Reddit urged militias and other armed people to head to the protests, researchers at the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab said in a blog post Wednesday. The demonstrations broke out after Blake, a 29-year-old Black man, was left paralyzed Sunday when he was shot from behind by officers answering a domestic dispute call." [AP, [8/27/20](#)]

King Said Armed Militias Reacting To Protests Was A "Complex Issue." "King: Well, Mark, when you think about keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous people, who's going to do that for us? It's going to be law enforcement. So I believe it's really important that we make sure our law enforcement have the resources that they need to do their job to keep our communities safe. Maxwell: Would one of those resources be some of these armed militias we've seen recently? Or how do you think police officers should approach that issue as we've seen more people on their own sort of take to the streets to try and enter the fray? King: Well, that... Mark, the question, uh... We, in supporting law enforcement, it is important that we maintain peace. It's, this is such a complex issue of making sure that people are able to use their voice while enforcing and maintaining law and order because it's what our country is founded on, Mark. The Constitution, the freedom that we have, not just to express our point of view and express what we believe in, but also to exist together with others peaceably. And so again, back to the bottom line, making sure we have safe communities." [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King criticized the Affordable Care Act for creating “burdensome regulations” and said it should be dismantled and replaced.
- ✓ King compared the ACA to a birthday cake that fell on the floor, arguing “we need to rebake and start anew with a good plan.”
- ✓ King said she would deal with the problem of high health care costs “by dismantling the Affordable Care Act, only keeping some pieces” including protections for pre-existing conditions
- ✓ King supported the Trump Administration’s lawsuit to strike down the entire ACA.
- ✓ King said the Affordable Care Act was “not working for people,” but the ACA lowered the rate of uninsured people in IL-17 and guaranteed protections for pre-existing conditions.
 - ✓ The uninsured rate in IL-17 declined from 11.3 percent to 5.3 percent after the ACA was implemented.
 - ✓ 277,200 nonelderly people in IL-17 had pre-existing conditions, or 51% of the nonelderly population, and were protected under the ACA.
 - ✓ The Center For American Progress estimated repealing the ACA’s individual mandate and undermining the law would cause annual premiums to increase by \$4,910 for a family of four in IL-17 and increase by \$1,550 for a 40-year-old individual.
- ✓ When asked for an alternative model for health care that could replace the ACA, King said Maryland was a “successful model” for health insurance, but the features she highlighted were all part of the Affordable Care Act.

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

King Criticized The Affordable Care Act For Creating “Burdensome Regulations” And Said It Should Be Dismantled And Replaced

King Said She Believed The Affordable Care Act Should Be Replaced. “Esther Joy King said she wants to keep certain provisions of the ACA like protecting coverage for people with pre-existing conditions and allowing people to remain on their parents' coverage until age 26, but believes the law should be replaced.” [WGLT, [1/25/20](#)]

King Criticized The Affordable Care Act For Creating “Burdensome Regulations.” “Q: What do you view as the government’s obligation, if any, to help American workers secure health insurance? Do you support the creation or continuation of a program, such as Medicare for All or Obamacare? Do you have a different idea? If you support a government-related insurance plan, how would you pay for it? A: The cost of our healthcare system is far too high. This is one of the biggest issues facing our country. Obamacare didn’t solve this, and neither will Medicare for All. Obamacare prevented innovation, added burdensome regulations, and raised taxes. Protecting pre-existing conditions and allowing children to stay on their parents' insurance were benefits to Obamacare. I do believe that we should replace Obamacare with a health insurance market place that will continue to find new and innovated solutions to our nation’s health issues.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

King Said She Would Not Leave The Affordable Care Act In Place. KING: “Tammy, first of all, I do support a new system. I don’t support the Affordable Health Care Act staying in place. However, there are elements of it that we do need to preserve. The analogy that I was reflecting on in a recent interview. Someone was asking me about all the different pieces of the Affordable Health Care Act. It’s like you have a birthday cake that was well put together, and you accidentally dropped it on the floor. And yes, you could take bites of that cake and they would still taste delicious. But we are at a point where it is to a better end to bake a new cake than it is to try and clean up the pieces of the Affordable Health Care Act and preserve those pieces. We need to preserve elements of the Affordable Health Care Act, like coverage for pre-existing conditions, like allowing children up to the age of 26 to stay on their parent’s coverage. There are elements that are excellent and did good things for health coverage for Americans that we can preserve. But ultimately, the Affordable Health Care Act has created a spike in cost for most families here in the Illinois 17th Congressional district. The amount of increase has been exponential.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 17:24)

King Said She Would Deal With The Problem Of High Health Care Costs “By Dismantling The Affordable Care Act, Only Keeping Some Pieces.” “King said what district residents are most concerned by is the high cost of health care. She said she will begin trying to solve that problem by dismantling the Affordable Care Act, only keeping some pieces. ‘There are certainly parts of it that are good and we can carry forward, like protections for pre-existing conditions,’ she said. ‘And kids staying on parents’ plans until 26. We keep those at the federal level. But the system we have right now is a birthday cake that fell on the floor. You can eat pieces of it. They’ll still taste good. But we should really bake a new cake.’ King subscribes to the notion of basing the United States’ insurance-based health care system on federal block grants directly to states. ‘The states would run their exchanges,’ she said. ‘We could buy and sell insurance across state lines. People could join an exchange that fits for them. We’d introduce competition.’ King pointed to the State of Maryland’s program, created through an exemption from the ACA and the success it’s had creating risk pools and profiles.” [Telegraph Herald, [10/26/20](#)]

When Asked What She Would Replace The Affordable Care Act With, King Said She Would Give Money To States To Create Their Own Marketplaces For Insurance. REPORTER: “Moving on to health care, which was already a big issue in this campaign before the pandemic broke out, there’s a case to be made the pandemic made it more important given some people lost their coverage, when they lost their jobs. You’re on the record saying you support two provisions of the Affordable Care Act – that is letting kids stay on their parents’ insurance until they’re 26 years old and protecting people with pre-existing conditions. You do say you want to replace the rest. I guess, specifically, what would you replace it with?” KING: “Jim, there are some great proposals that we’re working through on the Republican side right now in Congress. One idea is to take federal funds and allocate it to states and allow states to conduct their own marketplaces. So for example, the state of Maryland has an exception to the affordable health care act, and they were able to create their own pools for insured to lower the costs for the people of Maryland by up to 27 percent. And so they’ve had great success and I think that’s a model that we can extend to multiple states and have the federal government support states in operating marketplaces and then allow us as citizens to buy across state lines so that there’s a really robust competitive marketplace. I think that would be one idea to consider on bringing a solution that will actually lower the cost of health care.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 0:48)

- **The ACA Gave Money To States To Create Their Own Insurance Marketplaces.** “One of the key mechanisms for expanding health coverage under the Affordable Care Act is the creation of new state-based health insurance exchanges. Starting with an ‘open enrollment’ period in October 2013, people who do not have access to affordable insurance through an employer and who do not qualify for Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will be able to purchase ‘qualified health plans’ through these exchanges, most likely to be accessed by many consumers through new websites. Federal subsidies will be available through exchanges to make coverage more affordable for low-income people. The new coverage purchased through exchanges will take effect in January 2014.” [Health Affairs, [1/31/13](#)]

King Said She Did Not Agree With Lifetime Limits On Health Insurance Benefits, Which Were Banned Under The ACA. REPORTER: “Let me get into some specific provisions, I wanna see if you can give me yes or

no answers on these. Do you think insurance companies should be allowed to impose lifetime limits on benefits?” KING: “No.” REPORTER: “All right, you’re agreeing with the Affordable Care Act, so that’s another provision you agree with.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 1:38)

King Said She Did Not Agree That Insurance Companies Should Be Able To Drop Customers When They Get Sick, Which Was Banned Under The ACA. REPORTER: “Should insurance companies be allowed to drop policy holders when they get sick?” KING: “No.” REPORTER: “All right, also in the Affordable Care Act.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 1:47)

King Said That Insurance Companies Should Be Required To Disclose Details Of Their Administrative And Executive Expenses, Which Was A Provision Of The ACA. REPORTER: “Should insurance companies be required to show details of their administrative and executive expenses?” KING: “Yes.” REPORTER: “OK, also in the Affordable Care Act.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:07)

King Did Not Answer Directly When Asked If Insurance Companies Should Be Required To Spend At Least 80 Percent Of Premiums On Health Costs And Claims. REPORTER: “Should insurance companies be required to spend 80 to 85 percent of premiums from policyholders on health costs and claims?” KING: “I think that’s a internal operating question but I do believe there should be transparency for users.” REPORTER: “OK, I appreciate that.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:19)

King Compared The ACA To A Birthday Cake That Fell On The Floor Because “We Need To Rebake And Start Anew With A Good Plan”

King Compared The ACA To A Birthday Cake That Fell On The Floor Because “We Need To Rebake And Start Anew With A Good Plan.” “Maxwell: Do you agree with President Trump that the Supreme Court should terminate the Affordable Care Act? King: Mark, the Affordable Care Act is like a birthday cake that has fallen on the floor. There are some good parts of it. But we need to rebake and start anew with a good plan that will actually solve the healthcare cost crisis for families. Mark, I talk with families so often, who can’t afford health insurance. Just the other day a father with two kids — so father, mother and two kids, their family — their health care cost has gone up by four times. They are now paying \$27,000 a year to just have a health care plan for the four of them. And they can’t afford it, Mark. And so it is absolutely a problem that we need to solve. And yes, I do think we need to actually get a solution because it is true that the Affordable Health Care Act is not working right now.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

King Said The Affordable Care Act Was “Not Working For People, And We Have To Replace It”

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King: “The Affordable Care Act Has Not Worked For So Many Families.” “If elected, King said her top priority will be health care and revising the Affordable Care Act by offering more marketplace choices, as the state of Maryland has done. ‘The Affordable Care Act has not worked for so many families,’ she said. ‘Their costs are going up and up. It’s time to take on health care, not as a political gain but to come to the table to lower health care costs. ‘I believe free-market competitiveness helps, not only by allowing states to create their own marketplaces but also allowing us to purchase health care insurance across state lines. If Iowa, for example, had a great (insurance) marketplace, residents of Illinois would also be able to purchase across the state line. I believe ultimately, competitiveness creates value for us.’ [Dispatch-Argus, [10/28/20](#)]

King: “The ACA Is Not Working For People, And We Have To Replace It With A Better Option.” “King: Yeah. We need competitiveness to be able to purchase health insurance across state lines. I think a good idea that is being talked about is having the federal government give grants to states so that states are able to implement markets for people to buy health insurance. So competitiveness, transparency, making sure that we as consumers... there’s nothing more personal than our healthcare choices. We need to be able to be empowered to make those choices between us and our doctor. That’s something that we can absolutely improve on in the ideas, the plans that

are coming, the new policies. So certainly competitiveness, transparency in pricing, making sure we're solving the surprise billing crisis that's upon us. My sister just recently had a health concern and she went to the hospital and then afterwards got a surprise \$12,000 bill and she called me and was like, Esther, I don't know what I'm going to do. So I know that is happening. And it's personal for each and every person that it happens to. The ACA is not working for people, and we have to replace it with a better option." [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

... But The ACA Lowered The Rate Of Uninsured People In In Illinois 17th Congressional District And Guaranteed Protection For Pre-Existing Conditions

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Residents Of IL-17 Benefited From Access To Affordable Insurance That Covered Preventative Services And Included Consumer Protections Under The ACA

After Passage Of The ACA, 330,700 Residents Had Health Insurance That Covered Preventive Services Like Cancer Screenings And Flu Shots Without Any Co-Pays, Coinsurance, Or Deductibles. "330,700 individuals in the district who now have health insurance that covers preventive services like cancer screenings and flu shots without any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles stand to lose this access if the Republican congress eliminates ACA provisions requiring health insurers to cover important preventive services without cost-sharing." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

361,500 Residents With Private Health Insurance Benefited From Consumer Protections Including Prohibition On Annual And Lifetime Limits And Coverage Of Pre-existing Health Conditions. "361,500 individuals in the district with employer-sponsored health insurance are at risk of losing important consumer protections like the prohibition on annual and lifetime limits, protection against unfair policy rescissions, and coverage of preexisting health conditions, if the ACA is entirely or partially repealed." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

16,300 Residents Who Purchased High Quality Marketplace Coverage Under The ACA Stood "To Lose Their Coverage If The Republican Congress Dismantle The Marketplaces." "16,300 individuals in the district who have purchased high quality Marketplace coverage now stand to lose their coverage if the Republican Congress dismantles the Marketplaces." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

14,000 Resident In IL-17 Who Got Financial Assistance To Buy Marketplace Coverage In 2016 Under The ACA Were At Risk Of Coverage Becoming Unaffordable If Republicans Eliminated Premium Tax Credits. "14,000 individuals in the district who received financial assistance to purchase Marketplace coverage in 2016 are now at risk of coverage becoming unaffordable if the Republican Congress eliminates the premium tax credits." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

7,300 Residents Receiving Cost-Sharing Reductions To Lower Out-Of-Pocket Costs Were "At Risk Of Health Care Becoming Unaffordable" If Republicans Eliminated Cost-Sharing Reductions. "7,300 individuals in the district who are receiving cost-sharing reductions to lower out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance, are now at risk of health care becoming unaffordable if the Republican Congress eliminates cost-sharing reductions." [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

42,200 Residents Covered By The ACA’s Medicaid Expansion Would Lose Coverage If Republicans Eliminated Medicaid Expansion. “42,200 individuals in the district who are covered by the ACA’s Medicaid expansion now stand to lose coverage if the Republican Congress eliminate Medicaid expansion.” [House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, [3/3/17](#)]

277,200 Nonelderly People In IL-17 Had Pre-Existing Conditions, Or 51% Of The Nonelderly Population, And Were Protected Under The ACA

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Preexisting Condition. “In the old days, insurance companies had ways to avoid selling policies to people who were likely to cost more than insurers wanted to spend. They might deny them coverage outright, or exclude coverage for a known condition, or charge so much that insurance became unaffordable. The Affordable Care Act boxes out the old insurance practices with a package of legal moves. First, it says point-blank that carriers ‘may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion.’ It backs that up with another section that says they ‘may not establish rules for eligibility’ based on health status, medical condition, claims experience or medical history.” [Politifact, [10/17/18](#)]

5,394,500 Non-Elderly People In Illinois Had Pre-Existing Conditions. [Center for American Progress, [10/2/19](#)]

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Number Of Nonelderly People With Preexisting Conditions In IL-17 By Age Group							
Ages 0 through 17	Ages 18 through 24	Ages 25 through 34	Ages 35 through 44	Ages 45 through 54	Ages 55 through 64	Total nonelderly population with preexisting conditions	Share of nonelderly population with preexisting conditions
36,900	22,300	37,900	45,600	61,500	73,000	277,200	51%

[Center For American Progress, Accessed 11/15/21]

**NOTE: Numbers on pre-existing conditions are from the CAP Preexisting Conditions By District 116th Congress spreadsheet saved to the drive.*

736,000 People In Illinois Would Lose Coverage If The Affordable Care Act Were Repealed During The Pandemic. [Center for American Progress, [6/24/20](#)]

Center For American Progress: Repealing The ACA’S Individual Mandate And Undermining The Law Would Cause Annual Premiums To Increase By \$4,910 For A Family Of Four In IL-17. [Center for American Progress, [7/24/18](#)]

Center For American Progress: Repealing The ACA’S Individual Mandate And Undermining The Law Would Cause Annual Premiums To Increase By \$1,550 For A 40-Year-Old Individual In IL-17. [Center for American Progress, [7/24/18](#)]

Center For American Progress: Repealing The ACA’S Individual Mandate And Undermining The Law Would Cause Annual Premiums To Increase By \$5,010 For A 55-Year-Old Couple In IL-17. [Center for American Progress, [7/24/18](#)]

King Supported The Trump Administration's Lawsuit To Strike Down The ACA

King Said “Yes, I Do” Support Trump’s Lawsuit To Strike Down The ACA. “Maxwell: When you say yes, I think we need a solution, does that also mean yes, you support the Trump administration’s lawsuit to strike down the Affordable Care Act in the middle of a pandemic? King: Mark, I think we need a better health care plan. Maxwell: But I don’t hear a direct answer to that question. Do you support the lawsuit that’s winding its way to the Supreme Court right now? King: And Mark in in, in theory, Yes, I do. We aren’t working to take away people’s health care insurance. We are working to bring a better plan that will actually allow affordable quality health care insurance. That’s what’s important for families. The fact that there’s fear mongering happening, saying, oh, we’re gonna take away health insurance. That’s a political game, Mark. That’s not true.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

In 2018, A Coalition Of GOP AGs And Governors, Led By Texas, Filed A Lawsuit Arguing That Elimination Of The ACA’s Individual Mandate Rendered The Entire Law Unconstitutional

A Republican Coalition Filed A Lawsuit Arguing That Congress’ Effective Elimination Of The Individual Mandate Rendered The ACA’s Mandate Unconstitutional. “The case against the ACA was brought by 20 Republican state attorneys general and governors, as well as two individuals. It revolves around Congress effectively eliminating the individual mandate penalty by reducing it to \$0 as part of the 2017 tax cut bill. The mandate requires nearly all Americans to get health insurance or pay a penalty. The Republican coalition, led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, is arguing that the change rendered the mandate itself unconstitutional. The states say that the voiding of the penalty, which takes effect next year, removes the legal underpinning the Supreme Court relied upon when it upheld the law in 2012 under Congress’ tax power.” [CNN, [12/14/18](#)]

In A 2018 Ruling On The Lawsuit, A Federal Judge In Texas Declared The ACA Unconstitutional

A Federal Judge Found The ACA’s Individual Mandate Unconstitutional, Holding That As A Result The Entire Law Should Be Struck Down. “A federal judge in Texas said on Friday that the Affordable Care Act’s individual coverage mandate is unconstitutional and that the rest of the law therefore cannot stand. Legal experts say the ruling won’t immediately affect Americans’ health coverage, and a group of states led by California is already vowing to appeal. But the invalidation of the landmark health care law popularly known as Obamacare throws into doubt the future of health coverage for millions of Americans on the Obamacare exchanges and in Medicaid expansion. The ruling and expected appeal sets up another cliffhanger in which the fate of the law, which Republicans have unsuccessfully tried to repeal for years, will likely once again ultimately lie with the Supreme Court.” [CNN, [12/14/18](#)]

In June 2018, The Trump Administration Claimed It Would Not Defend The ACA In Court Against The GOP Lawsuit; The DOJ Later Filed A Brief In The Suit

June 2018: The Trump Administration Announced That It Would Not Defend The ACA In The Lawsuit. “The Trump administration said Thursday night that it will not defend the Affordable Care Act against the latest legal challenge to its constitutionality — a dramatic break from the executive branch’s tradition of arguing to uphold existing statutes and a land mine for health insurance changes the ACA brought about. In a brief filed in a Texas federal court and an accompanying letter to the House and Senate leaders of both parties, the Justice Department agrees in large part with the 20 Republican-led states that brought the suit. They contend that the ACA provision requiring most Americans to carry health insurance soon will no longer be constitutional and that, as a result, consumer insurance protections under the law will not be valid, either.” [Washington Post, [6/7/18](#)]

- **The Administration’s Decision Not To Defend The ACA Was Made “With The Approval Of The President.”** “The three-page letter from Attorney General Jeff Sessions begins by saying that Justice adopted its position ‘with the approval of the President of the United States.’ The letter acknowledges that the decision

not to defend an existing law deviates from history but contends that it is not unprecedented.” [Washington Post, [6/7/18](#)]

March 2019: The Trump Administration Filed A Brief In The Lawsuit, Arguing That The ACA Should Be Struck Down. “The Trump administration wants the federal courts to overturn the Affordable Care Act in its entirety, an escalation of its legal assault against the health care law. The Justice Department said in a brief filed on Monday that the administration supports a recent district court decision that invalidated all of Obamacare. So it is now the official position of President Trump’s administration that all of the ACA — the private insurance markets that cover 15 million Americans, the Medicaid expansion that covers another 15 million, and the protections for people with preexisting conditions and other regulations — should be nullified.” [Vox, [3/25/19](#)]

In 2021, The Supreme Court Tossed Out The Lawsuit Challenging The Affordable Care Act. “The Supreme Court on Thursday threw out a lawsuit threatening the entirety of the Affordable Care Act, finding that Republican-led states behind the case did not have legal ground to challenge the landmark health care law. The 7-2 decision, which preserves health insurance for millions and the law’s popular protections for preexisting conditions, may serve as the final chapter in the decade-long legal assault on the Affordable Care Act, arriving as President Joe Biden seeks to build on the law’s coverage provisions. It’s also the final blow to former President Donald Trump’s pledge to rip up his predecessor’s signature health care law, after his administration had supported the red states who brought the lawsuit. [...] The red states challenging the law, led by Texas, argued that Obamacare’s so-called individual mandate became unconstitutional after Congress zeroed out the law’s penalty for not having health insurance in a 2017 tax cut package. They said the entire law should fall because the mandate to purchase insurance, which remains on the books, was central to the law’s functioning. However, the states failed to show how they were hurt by a mandate that had been rendered ineffective, the Supreme Court said.” [Politico, [6/17/21](#)]

- **Three-Year-Long Lawsuit Threatened Health Care For More Than 20 Million People.** “The battle over the lawsuit dragged on for over three years, after many legal experts and politicians had originally dismissed it as a longshot. But it gained traction with Republican-appointed judges in lower courts and played a major part in shaping Trump’s presidency. Democrats attacked Trump and Republicans down the ballot for threatening health insurance to over 20 million people and popular insurance protections, putting Trump on the defensive over his failure to produce a long-promised health care plan.” [Politico, [6/17/21](#)]

King Falsely Claimed People Would Not Lose Their Health Care If The ACA Were Repealed Despite Independent Studies That Found That Millions Would Lose Access To Their Health Insurance

King Said It Was Not True That People Would Lose Their Health Care If The ACA Were Repealed Despite Independent Studies That Found That Millions Would Lose Access To Their Health Insurance. “King: And Mark in in, in theory, Yes, I do. We aren’t working to take away people’s health care insurance. We are working to bring a better plan that will actually allow affordable quality health care insurance. That’s what’s important for families. The fact that there’s fear mongering happening, saying, oh, we’re gonna take away health insurance. That’s a political game, Mark. That’s not true. Maxwell: Well, those are independent studies from people that say 20 million people would in the immediate aftermath lose their access to their health insurance plan. And that’s the speak nothing of the people who are losing their jobs or going through unemployment right now who might have been severed from their health insurance plan. Those are not political games or spin. Those are independent studies that have been done. Congressional Budget Office has looked at similar issues of what it would mean and all the churn that would happen. People would lose their health insurance immediately. King: I understand that, Mark. And what we need to do is make sure we have a plan that is going to replace it.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

- **When Told People Would Lose Their Health Insurance If The ACA Were Repealed After She Claimed They Wouldn't, King Said "I Understand That" And They Needed "A Plan That Is Going To Replace It."** "King: And Mark in in, in theory, Yes, I do. We aren't working to take away people's health care insurance. We are working to bring a better plan that will actually allow affordable quality health care insurance. That's what's important for families. The fact that there's fear mongering happening, saying, oh, we're gonna take away health insurance. That's a political game, Mark. That's not true. Maxwell: Well, those are independent studies from people that say 20 million people would in the immediate aftermath lose their access to their health insurance plan. And that's the speak nothing of the people who are losing their jobs or going through unemployment right now who might have been severed from their health insurance plan. Those are not political games or spin. Those are independent studies that have been done. Congressional Budget Office has looked at similar issues of what it would mean and all the churn that would happen. People would lose their health insurance immediately. King: I understand that, Mark. And what we need to do is make sure we have a plan that is going to replace it." [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

King Said Maryland Was A "Successful Model" That Could Be An Alternative To The ACA, But The Features Of Its Health Insurance System That She Praised Were Part Of The ACA

King: "America Needs Market-Based Healthcare." "As the most prosperous nation to ever exist, Americans deserve access to quality healthcare, and it's up to our leadership to make care more accessible at a reasonable cost. America needs market-based healthcare, giving customers more choice, and keeping costs down. Patients and their doctors should be responsible for healthcare decisions, not insurance companies or Washington bureaucrats." [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

King Said Competitive Markets Would Decrease Costs For Consumers, And Pointed To Maryland As An Example Of A "Successful Model." "King also said competitive markets could help decrease costs for consumers. She suggested states should be empowered to create their own marketplaces and pointed to Maryland's system as a successful model of lowering costs for its residents." [Shaw Local, [9/30/20](#)]

King Said States Should Run Their Own Exchanges And Said Maryland Had Been Successful Because It Got An Exemption From The ACA. "King subscribes to the notion of basing the United States' insurance-based health care system on federal block grants directly to states. 'The states would run their exchanges,' she said. 'We could buy and sell insurance across state lines. People could join an exchange that fits for them. We'd introduce competition.' King pointed to the State of Maryland's program, created through an exemption from the ACA and the success it's had creating risk pools and profiles." [Telegraph Herald, [10/26/20](#)]

States Created Their Own Exchanges For Insurance Under The ACA With The Option To Run Them Themselves Or Use A Federal Fallback Option. "The Affordable Care Act (ACA) brought about landmark reforms, including the requirement for states to establish insurance marketplaces to facilitate the sale of comprehensive health plans. The law anticipated that states would largely elect to run their own marketplaces, but offered a federal fallback option. After evaluating the state-based marketplace model, and the variants allowing states to have partial control over their marketplace, most states opted for the federal marketplace." [Commonwealth Fund, [6/28/19](#)]

Maryland's Exemption For Innovation Was Built Into The ACA And Granted To States That Applied For It And Met The Requirements. "Through Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), states may apply for waivers to alter key ACA requirements in the individual and small group insurance markets. States can use the flexibility granted by 1332 waiver authority to shore up fragile insurance markets, address unique state insurance market issues, or experiment with alternative models of providing coverage to state residents. While the ACA

provides states with flexibility to alter certain provisions using 1332 waiver authority, it establishes guardrails that limit the extent of the changes states may make. The current statutory language requires that state waiver applications must demonstrate that the innovation plan will provide coverage that is at least as comprehensive in covered benefits; at least as affordable (taking into account premiums and excessive cost sharing); cover at least a comparable number of state residents; and not increase the federal deficit.”

Maryland	
Description of Waiver	Allow federal pass-through funding to partially finance the Maryland Reinsurance Program. The plan will reimburse insurers 80% of claims between an attachment point that is to be determined and a cap of \$250,000.
Date Submitted	May 31, 2018
Date Approved	August 22, 2018
Source	Maryland 1332 waiver application and Waiver approval letter

[Kaiser Family Foundation, [11/1/20](#)]

Baltimore Sun Editorial: Without The ACA And Federal Efforts To Stabilize Premiums, “Maryland's Entire Health Insurance System Could Be At Risk.” “Maryland's Affordable Care Act insurance exchange is, in the estimate of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield CEO Chet Burrell, in the ‘advanced stages of a death spiral.’ That may understate the case a bit. It's not just the Obamacare exchange that could collapse if the Trump administration doesn't promptly approve a bipartisan plan to stabilize premiums; Maryland's entire health insurance system could be at risk. The proposed rate increases, ranging from 18.5 percent to 91.4 percent for various plans offered by CareFirst and Kaiser, Maryland's only two insurers on the exchange, affect a relatively small number of people, just 154,000 out of the state's 6 million total population. And among them, many will be insulated at least to some degree from the premium increases because of the automatic federal subsidies built into Obamacare. But with GOP Congress/Trump administration repeal of the requirement that most individuals have health coverage, the number of people who drop out because of cost will rise, leaving behind sicker patients who have no choice but to pay whatever is necessary for care. When the coverage pool skews more heavily toward those with expensive medical bills, premiums go up more, and the problem worsens. At some point, the individual market will simply become untenable.” [Baltimore Sun, Editorial, [5/8/18](#)]

King Said Health Care Laws Should Offer Innovative Solutions To Help Businesses And The Self-Employed As The Gig Economy Grew...

King Said Health Care Laws Should “Encourage Employers To Offer Health Insurance Plans With More Flexibility.” “We should have laws that encourage employers to offer health insurance plans with more flexibility for the consumer, and work for innovative solutions to help self-employed workers—including farmers—because as our ‘gig-economy’ grows, healthcare access should not hold back bold business ideas that grow small- to mid-sized business and strengthen our communities.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

... But The ACA Was “Critical To The Continued Growth of The Gig Economy”

Harvard Business Review: “The ACA Is Critical To The Continued Growth Of The Gig Economy.” “The gig economy is growing and here to stay, yet the future of one key labor policy that supports it is uncertain: The Affordable Care Act (ACA), otherwise known as Obamacare. The ACA is critical to the continued growth of the gig economy because it separates the ability to obtain health insurance from the need to hold a traditional full-time job. It gives all independent workers — consultants, contractors, freelancers, part-time, and on-demand workers — a way to obtain health insurance coverage without relying on an employer. Today, 20%–40% of the workforce works independently, and that share is only projected to grow.” [Harvard Business Review, [2/13/17](#)]

ACA Was A “Total Game-Changer” For Independent Workers. “At the best of times, healthcare is a tricky thing to figure out. For independent workers, doubly so: Not only does their income fluctuate month-by-month, but the policies and premiums available to them are constantly in motion as well. ‘If you are a freelancer facing the pure retail cost of healthcare, then it is horrifying,’ says Kathy Hempstead, senior advisor for the Princeton, N.J.-based Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation’s largest philanthropic organization devoted solely to

healthcare. That is why the Affordable Care Act was a ‘total game-changer’ for independent workers, Hempstead said. A system of subsidies helped pull millions into coverage, and plans compliant with the ACA offer a guarantee of a certain level of quality, such as coverage for pre-existing conditions.” [Reuters, [5/15/18](#)]

Medicare For All

King Said Health Care Was A Human Right But Opposed Medicare For All

King Said She Believed Health Care Was A Human Right. “In response to the question of whether health care is a human right, King released a statement after the interview: ‘The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, established by the United Nations, identifies health care as a basic human right. As Americans, I believe it goes beyond that. For decades, health care has been a political football. Americans deserve legislators who are committed to solving the health care crisis and making access to high quality health care for all Americans possible. My opponent has been promising that since she was elected and has no progress to show for her time in office.’” [Shaw Local, [9/30/20](#)]

King Opposed Medicare For All. “Q: What do you view as the government’s obligation, if any, to help American workers secure health insurance? Do you support the creation or continuation of a program, such as Medicare for All or Obamacare? Do you have a different idea? If you support a government-related insurance plan, how would you pay for it? A: The cost of our healthcare system is far too high. This is one of the biggest issues facing out country. Obamacare didn’t solve this, and neither will Medicare for All. Obamacare prevented innovation, added burdensome regulations, and raised taxes. Protecting pre-existing conditions and allowing children to stay on their parents’ insurance were benefits to Obamacare. I do believe that we should replace Obamacare with a health insurance market place that will continue to find new and innovated solutions to our nation’s health issues.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

Immigration & Border Issues

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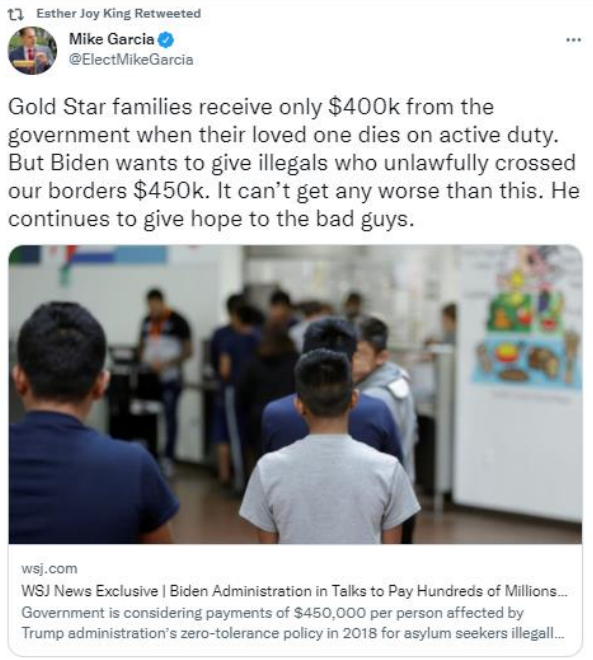
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Bill Melugin @BillFOXLA · Sep 16

BREAKING: Our drone is back over the international bridge in Del Rio, TX. Per source, the number of migrants waiting to be processed has now swelled to approx 8,200. It was 4,000 yesterday AM. Doubled in one day. BP overwhelmed, & I'm told situation is "out of control" @FoxNews

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King Claimed She Secured Student Visas For Her Afghan Students To Come To The U.S. “When Esther moved to Kabul for her aid work, Susan, together with her husband Robert, took the opportunity to visit. The Kings decided to stay on to start a K-12, co-ed school in Kabul. Susan taught English there until her cancer diagnosis just this year in February; she passed away in April. When she died, Esther filled in and took over her mom’s classes, teaching remotely until the end of the school term in May. Three girls — Rahima, Mursal and Spoogetti — stood out in her class. They were eager to learn more, so Esther continued tutoring them well into the summer and ultimately secured three student visas for them in the U.S. The plan was for the girls to attend boarding school in Nebraska.” [Substack, Common Sense with Bari Weiss, [8/30/21](#)]

King Worked With Her Father To Evacuate People From Afghanistan. “Esther woke up early on Thursday morning to good news. Rahima and her family had made it to Kuwait. Asked how she even had cell phone reception, Rahima explained: ‘Oh, I borrowed a soldier’s hotspot.’ The entire WhatsApp group received a message from the teenager that read: ‘I learned a precious lesson from you all, that I should always stand with people and help whenever I can.’ When I asked Esther how she did it, she replied, ‘miracles and persistence. Oh and WhatsApp. Thank God for WhatsApp.’ [...] Tomorrow is August 31, the Biden administration’s ‘hard deadline’ for withdrawal. It’s clear that we won’t be able to evacuate all the Afghans we promised to protect. It’s clear that we won’t be able to help those Afghans, especially women and girls, who will now face the barbarism of Taliban rule. But people like Esther are not giving up. She and her father are determined to continue helping bring more at-risk Afghans to safety. So far, they helped more than 50 people escape.” [Substack, Common Sense with Bari Weiss, [8/30/21](#)]

King Claimed She Used A Group Including A Former CIA Agent And Former Marine To Help Her Student Evacuate Afghanistan. “Rahima made her first attempt at Karzai International Airport on August 16 with her student visa in hand. Amid the chaos, she Skyped Esther from 7,000 miles away. ‘Miss Esther,’ she said, ‘I saw someone fall from the sky to die.’ Flights shut down that day, so Rahima went to a safehouse to wait for further instruction. Five days later, she made her second attempt. Rahima and her 13-year-old brother made it within 200 feet of the airport’s Abbey Gate. By this point, the State Department had outsourced visa and identity verification to the Taliban, quite literally putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. It was nightfall and the gates were already closed, so the siblings had no choice but to spend the night there, in front of the Taliban guards, who harassed them and beat them. It was at this point that Esther told me she found out about a WhatsApp group with roughly 15 members including a former CIA agent and a former Marine who had connections on the ground. They had successfully extracted other girls from the school and felt they could do the same for Rahima.” [Substack, Common Sense with Bari Weiss, [8/30/21](#)]

King Criticized Biden For Leaving U.S. Allies In Afghanistan. “What the Biden administration has allowed to happen in there—specifically in Kabul—is nothing short of a betrayal. Let me be clear: I firmly believe our responsibility is to put America first. It’s one of the reasons I am currently running for Congress. Our troops only belong where we can justify a nexus to an American security interest. But we also have a moral obligation to end the war the right way and support the Afghan civilians who became our partners and allies over the last 20 years.” [Fox News, Esther Joy King op-ed, [8/21/21](#)]

King Claimed The Taliban Would Execute Anyone Who Worked With The US. “It’s important to be clear about what is about to happen: the Taliban is going to summarily execute anyone who worked with the U.S. or Afghan government—and not just those directly involved with the war. School teachers, aid workers, diplomats, lawmakers, and businessmen associated with the West will all face certain death if they remain in the country. The fate of Afghanistan’s women, whose lives have improved greatly over the past two decades, will be even worse. This is personal to me. During my time as an aid worker in Kabul, I got to know the Afghan people and their relentless spirit. I also became intimately familiar with their nightmares of what would happen if the government collapsed and the Taliban was free to once again terrorize the Afghan people. Those nightmares are now becoming reality, and we’re abandoning them at their time of need.” [Fox News, Esther Joy King op-ed, [8/21/21](#)]

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Curtis Houck @CurtisHouck · Sep 24

DHS Secretary Mayorkas attacks his own employees, trashing them for having used "horse patrols" and thus "painfully conjured up the worst elements of our nation's ongoing battle against systemic racism."

So, again, Mayorkas is going after the horses for having perpetuated racism

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- **Border Patrol Agent “Menacingly Swung His Reins Like A Whip” While Charging Haitian Asylum Seekers On Horseback And Shouting “Back To Mexico!”** “A mounted U.S. Border Patrol agent shouted commands in a tense encounter with Haitian migrants wading through the Rio Grande near Del Rio, Texas. As the Haitians tried to climb onto the U.S. side of the river Sunday afternoon, the agent shouted: ‘Let’s go! Get out now! Back to Mexico!’ The agent menacingly swung his reins like a whip, charging his horse toward the men in the river who were trying to return to an encampment under the international bridge in Del Rio after buying food and water in Ciudad Acuña, Mexico. One migrant fell as he tried to dodge, others shielded their

heads with their hands. After a few minutes the agents retreated, allowing the migrants to return to the camp, where over 10,000 are waiting for the chance to open an asylum claim in the United States.” [El Paso Times, [9/19/21](#)]

- **Border Patrol Suspended Use Of Agents On Horseback After Public Outcry.** “The Biden administration has halted Border Patrol agents’ use of horses in Del Rio, Texas, amid public outcry over video and photos showing mounted agents grabbing Haitian migrants trying to cross into the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas told civil rights leaders Thursday that the administration ‘would no longer be using horses in Del Rio,’ White House press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters during a briefing.” [CNBC, [9/23/21](#)]

King Criticized Biden For Suspending The Use Of Border Patrol Agents On Horseback.



Esther Joy King  @esther4congress · Sep 24

Things Biden has tried to solve **border** crisis:

- ✓ Asking them not to come “please”
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[Instagram, @estherforcongress, 6/3/20]

Reschenthaler Wrote The Introduction To A Book Calling For Undocumented Immigrants To Be Shot “Dead” And Describing Tolerance Of LGBTQ People As “Wrong.” “Guy Reschenthaler, a Republican candidate for Pennsylvania’s 14th Congressional district, said Friday he wouldn’t have written the foreword to a controversial 2012 book if he had known what views were represented in it. The defense comes amid growing scrutiny of Mr. Reschenthaler’s relationship with conservative commentator and former Navy SEAL Carl Higbie, who made a number of racist, homophobic and xenophobic claims in ‘Battle on the Home Front: A Navy SEAL’s Mission to Save the American Dream,’ which featured an introduction by Mr. Reschenthaler. [...] ‘I wrote that foreword as a placeholder for Carl, who at the time was my client in the Navy, and I represented a lot of members,’ Mr Reschenthaler said. ‘I represented a member on SEAL Team 10 who is friends with Carl. Then I represented Carl during a dispute he had with the Navy, so I wrote that as a friend and as a lawyer.’ ‘I thought it was going to be a placeholder,’ he added. ‘It went to print with my foreword in the book.’ According to a review of the book by Media Matters, Mr. Higbie referred to Hurricane Katrina survivors as ‘human parasites,’ said Puerto Ricans should ‘go back’ to their country if they’re so proud of it and labeled the widespread acceptance of LGBTQ people as ‘wrong.’ He also asserted that undocumented immigrants who attempt to cross the border should be shot ‘dead.’” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 4/27/18]

- **Reschenthaler Praised The “No-Nonsense, Commonsense Approach” Of The Author, Carl Higbie, Who Said Undocumented Immigrants Who Attempt To Cross The Border Should Be Killed.** “He also asserted that undocumented immigrants who attempt to cross the border should be shot ‘dead.’ On the topic of slavery, Mr. Higbie claimed, ‘I certainly don’t agree with slavery, but I do think that you should play the hand you are dealt, and good physical genetics are definitely dealt to many blacks.’ In Mr. Reschenthaler’s introduction to the book, he wrote he was ‘impressed by [Mr. Higbie’s] no-nonsense, commonsense approach that has the power to persuade and captivate.’ ‘At times, I found myself getting frustrated by the examples of political correctness and poor decision-making he brought to light,’ Mr. Reschenthaler continued in the foreword. ‘At other points, I laughed out loud when Carl wrote about anecdotes he experienced over the last few years.’” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 4/27/18]

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King Supported “Trump’s Vision Of A Border Wall” But Said She Also Wanted To “Make It More Feasible For People To Move To The U.S. Legally” Because Her Brother-In-Law Had Been Undocumented. “King supports President Donald Trump’s vision of a border wall and wants to increase support for border security in

order to address crime and illegal immigration. However, she believes the country should overhaul its immigration system to make it more feasible for people to move to the U.S. legally. King says her sister married an undocumented man who later went through the appropriate legal channels to become a citizen.” [WMBD, [2/15/20](#)]

King Said She Supported Building Trump’s Border Wall. KING: “Well, I think it's a combination. Yes, I support building the wall that President Trump talks about, and I think we need to increase the law enforcement support that's at the border, like fully funding our border patrol and agencies that are protecting people. I know that they, that law enforcement get a lot of flack for what's happening at the border, however, they're working hard to keep America safe.” [WMBD, [2/5/20](#)]

King Said Building A Wall Was Necessary To Deal With Crime On The Border. KING: “Eugene, you're absolutely right. I have a very personal perspective on immigration in our country and we need to make sure we're taking care of Americans and also welcoming people into our country. We are a nation of immigrants. But I do believe that from personal experience, what's happening at the border, immigration and immigrants are often used as a talking point in political conversations and they often get ping-ponged back and forth and it's all about politicians scoring points on the issue rather than figuring out how are people's lives really affected. And there's so much happening at the border as far as crime and drug trafficking and those kinds of things. I do believe we need to secure our border and build a wall to prevent some of the crime that's happening in that aspect of the crisis that's going on, and then we need to overhaul our legal immigration system so that people who are contributing to America and bringing value and bringing their skills are able to come here feasibly.” [WMBD, [2/5/20](#)]

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Number of migrants arriving at Del Rio border crossing increases to 10K+, mayo...
Del Rio Mayor Bruno Lozano said the tally stands at 10,503 migrants, many of them Haitian.

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Biden administration says it will again try to end Trump's 'Remain in M...
The policy requires many asylum seekers to stay in Mexico while they await hearings on their requests for safe haven in the U.S.

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Trump-Era Policy “Left Migrants Stranded In Border Towns And Cities” And Resulted In “Routine Abuse Suffered By Migrants Who Sent Back To Mexico.” “The policy, which is officially called the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program, was a product of the Trump administration. It has left migrants stranded in border towns and cities, where many sleep in large tent camps waiting for their day in immigration court. Human Rights Watch has cataloged routine abuse suffered by migrants who were sent back to Mexico under the program, including instances of kidnapping, rape, and murder. Hundreds of asylum seekers who were returned to Mexico under MPP ended up stuck in limbo in Nogales, Sonora.” [Phoenix New Times, [8/26/21](#)]

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King Said Opioids Were “Surging” Into IL Because Of The Border Crisis And Complained About A Bill To End Immigrant Detention In The State. “The border crisis is growing out of control, opioids are surging into Illinois' communities, and Democrats' response is to END Illinois' cooperation with ICE?! I'm hearing from local

officials the burden is exacerbated here in the rural part of IL.”



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Senate Democrats highlighted how \$105 billion will go towards giving amnesty to illegal immigrants who are in the U.S. in a \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill.

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King Claimed That The Biden Administration Would Pay \$450K To Immigrants But “Won’t Pay A Dime To Secure The Border.” “It’s unfathomable to me that Biden is willing to pay \$450,000 to illegal immigrants who broke our laws, but won’t pay a dime to secure the border. Gold Star families don’t even receive that much. Biden’s priorities are insulting and broken.”



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Gold Star Dad Blasts Biden For Reported Plan To Pay Some Illegal Immigrants \$450K

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- **Biden Administration Considered Paying Victims Of Trump’s Zero-Tolerance Policy \$450,000 In Response To Lawsuits.** “Payments to compensate families separated at the southern U.S.-Mexico are reportedly under consideration. President Joe Biden’s administration is reportedly considering payments of around \$450,000 per person to compensate victims separated from their families during the former White House’s zero-tolerance immigration policy. These payments could resolve the many lawsuits that have been filed against the U.S. government by parents and children who were subjected to the traumatic separations begun by the administration of impeached former president Donald Trump.” [Yahoo News, [10/29/21](#)]

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King: “It’s Easier To Cross The Southern Border Than It Is To Secure A Flight Out Of Kabul.” “Under the Biden Administration, it’s easier to cross the southern border than it is to secure a flight out of Kabul. The incompetence and the failure is staggering.”



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King: Joe Biden And Cheri Bustos “Created This Border Crisis” With “Kids In Cages More Than Ever Before.” “Biden and Bustos created this border crisis. Kids in cages more than ever before, children smuggled, and young girls being trafficked daily. America is watching. #BorderCrisis #KidsInCages #humantrafficking”



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King Claimed “We’re Being Lied To” Because Immigrants “Are Being Released Into The U.S. On A ‘Very, Very Large Scale,” Not Flown “Back Home” By The Biden Administration. “The White House said they were flying the illegal immigrants encamped at the border back home. Instead, the AP reports they are being released into the U.S. on a ‘very, very large scale.’ We’re being lied to.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/22/21](#)]

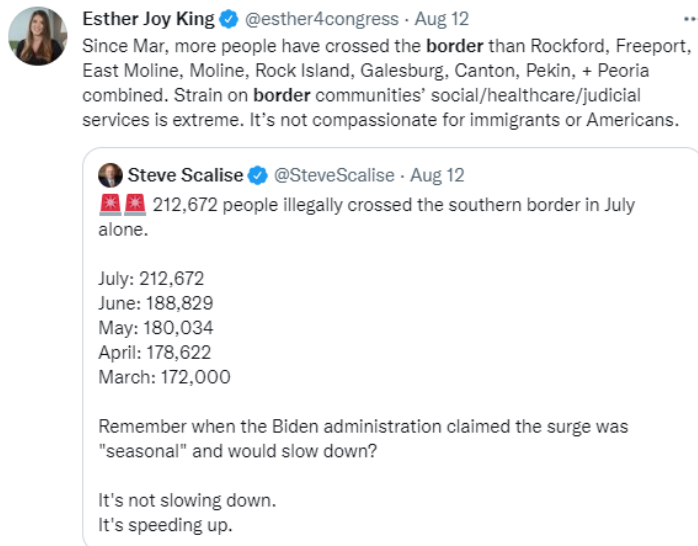
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King Claimed Border Towns Like Del Rio, TX Were “Falling Apart” Because Of The Biden Administration. “President Biden, LISTEN to the Americans on the border who are dealing with the effects of your border crisis. ‘The prices on everything are going up, and Biden is just sitting there doing nothing.’ These border towns are falling apart. Fix this!”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/5/21](#)]

King Said The Strain on Border Communities Was “Not Compassionate For Immigrants Or Americans.”
 “Since Mar, more people have crossed the border than Rockford, Freeport, East Moline, Moline, Rock Island, Galesburg, Canton, Pekin, + Peoria combined. Strain on border communities’ social/healthcare/judicial services is extreme. It’s not compassionate for immigrants or Americans.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/12/21](#)]

King’s Brother-In-Law Was Undocumented

King’s Sister Melody Married An Undocumented Immigrant, Who King Said Turned Himself In And Was Deported Because They “Want[ed] To Do This Right”

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legally. Now he is a successful business owner who pays his taxes and contributes to society.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/1/21](#)]

King’s Brother-In-Law Was An Undocumented Immigrant. “King supports President Donald Trump’s vision of a border wall and wants to increase support for border security in order to address crime and illegal immigration. However, she believes the country should overhaul its immigration system to make it more feasible for people to move to the U.S. legally. King says her sister married an undocumented man who later went through the appropriate legal channels to become a citizen.” [WMBD, [2/15/20](#)]

King Said Her Sister Married An Undocumented Immigrant Who Turned Himself And Was Deported Because They “Want To Do This Right.” KING: “My sister has gone through -- she married a gentleman who was here illegally at first. So he, when they got married, Eugene, they said, you know, we actually want to do this right, so he turned himself in, was deported, and then they went through the whole process to come to the United States legally. So I felt -- saw firsthand as my sister was going through it with her husband, how complicated, expensive, bureaucratic overburdening it can be to come to our country, so I think we need to make our system much more accessible so that people don't have to circumvent the legal system. They can come here legally and be contributing members of society rather than like having to live under the radar.” [WMBD, [2/5/20](#)]

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- **King’s Sister Melody King Married Evenecer Rosas Hernandez In 2013.** “Marriages [...] Melody King, 32; Evenecer Rosas Hernandez, 28.” [Tulsa World, [2/13/13](#)]

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Evenecer Rosas Contributed \$202 To King’s 2020 Campaign, Listing His Employer As Rosas Quality Stone Marble.

Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount	
ROSAS, EVENECER	ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	TX	ROSAS QUALITY STONE MARBLE	10/29/2020	\$17.00	
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ROSAS, EVENECER	ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	TX	ROSAS QUALITY STONE MARBLE	08/29/2020	\$17.00	
ROSAS, EVENECER	ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	TX	ROSAS QUALITY STONE MARBLE	07/29/2020	\$17.00	
ROSAS, EVENECER	ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	TX	ROSAS QUALITY STONE MARBLE	06/30/2020	\$17.00	
ROSAS, EVENECER	ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	TX	ROSAS QUALITY STONE MARBLE	05/30/2020	\$100.00	
ROSAS, EVENECER	ESTHER FOR CONGRESS	TX	ROSAS QUALITY STONE MARBLE	05/29/2020	\$17.00	

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

TX Comptroller Had No Record Of A Business Named Rosas Quality Stone Marble Or Rosas Quality Stone & Marble.

Taxable Entity Search

 Business Name rosas quality stone marble was not found.

Search

Tax ID

Use the 11-digit Comptroller's Taxpayer Number or the 9-digit Federal Employer's Identification Number.

OR

Entity Name

rosas quality stone marble

Taxable Entity Search

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[Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Taxable Entity Search, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

King Said Immigration Was Personal For Her Because She Grew Up On The U.S.-Mexico Border

King Said Immigration Was Personal For Her Because She Grew Up On The U.S.-Mexico Border. “‘We lived on both sides of the border at different times,’ King said. ‘(Immigration) is certainly a very personal issue for me. I’ve seen how the border issues affect people’s lives. ... And it’s absolutely something we as a country need to develop a compassionate, legal solution for the immigration issues that we face.’ That includes increasing border security and overhauling the immigration system ‘so that people who deserve to be here’ and who will thrive ‘have access to opportunity’ and are ‘able to come to our country,’ she said.” [Telegraph Herald, [9/26/19](#)]

King Said She Crossed The Border Legally When She Was Growing Up. KING: “As you know I am the daughter of Christian missionary parents. I grew up in Juarez, Mexico right on the border from El Paso, TX. Often we traveled back and forth on both sides of the border. So, I remember one time we were waiting in line to go across the border - legally - and it was a long line.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)]

King Said Growing Up On The Border Meant She Saw “The Effect Of Illegal Immigration On Communities.” KING: “As I just mentioned it’s personal for me. I saw having grown up there the effect of illegal immigration on communities. Let me put some context around this. Every single month right now 180,000 people are coming into the United States. That is more than our side, the Illinois side of the Quad Cities, coming into our country every single month. And Democrats like to tell us it’s because we’re compassionate, but I know this from first-hand experience, there is drugs streaming across the border, human trafficking is happening. What is happening at the border has got to be solved.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)](VIDEO, 17:04)

Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King said “we must make the necessary investments to keep our nation’s infrastructure system strong” to create jobs and benefit the economy.
- ✓ King said that “improving new and existing infrastructure is vital,” including “roads, bridges, railways, transit, ports, airways, or locks and dams on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.”
- ✓ But then King opposed the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, calling it “wasteful” and saying that “We have to fight this with all we’ve got!”
- ✓ The Infrastructure & Jobs Act will create jobs and update infrastructure nationwide, and “Illinois will benefit from that massive bill in multiple ways.”
 - ✓ Illinois received \$100 million to invest in broadband infrastructure.
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Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

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King Said The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Was For The “Radical Left” And Said She Would “Fight This Wasteful Bill.” “Some of the National Republican Congressional Committee’s star recruits are starting to bash GOP lawmakers who supported the infrastructure package even as these candidates must run in seats held by Democrats where voters are likely to be more supportive of the legislation. [...] Another ‘Young Gun,’ Esther Joy King of Illinois, called the legislation something for the ‘Radical Left’ that is supported by Pelosi. ‘We have to fight this wasteful bill,’ she tweeted, ‘with all we’ve got!’” [Washington Post, [11/9/21](#)]

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- **Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Voted Against The Infrastructure Bill.** “The House on Friday voted 228-206 to pass a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill after hours of delays and debating among Democrats, sending the bipartisan measure to President Joe Biden’s desk for his signature. But while Democratic leaders managed to unify House progressives and moderates to hold a vote on the Senate-passed bill, not all members of the party ultimately supported it. A number of progressives -- who have consistently called for both the infrastructure and the separate economic package, known as the Build Back Better Act, to move together -- voted ‘no’ on the legislation. Here are the six House Democrats who broke from their party to vote against the bill: Rep. Jamaal Bowman of New York Rep. Cori Bush of Missouri Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota Rep. Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan” [CNN, [11/5/21](#)]

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Infrastructure & Jobs Act Will Create Jobs And Update Infrastructure Nationwide, And “Illinois Will Benefit From That Massive Bill In Multiple Ways”

November 2021: House Of Representatives Passed The Infrastructure & Jobs Act. “The House passed a more than \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill late Friday, sending it to President Joe Biden’s desk in a critical step toward enacting sprawling Democratic economic plans. The Senate approved the revamp of transportation, utilities and broadband in August. The legislation’s passage is perhaps the unified Democratic government’s most concrete achievement since it approved a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package in the spring. The measure passed in a 228-206 vote. Thirteen Republicans supported it, while six Democrats voted against it. Biden could sign the bill within days.” [CNBC, [11/5/21](#)]

White House: Infrastructure & Jobs Act Will Create Jobs And Update Infrastructure Nationwide. “Today, Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation’s infrastructure and competitiveness. [...] This Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will rebuild America’s roads, bridges and rails, expand access to clean drinking water, ensure every American has access to high-speed internet, tackle the climate crisis, advance environmental justice, and invest in communities that have too often been left behind. The legislation will help ease inflationary pressures and strengthen supply chains by making long overdue improvements for our nation’s ports, airports, rail, and roads. It will drive the creation of good-paying union jobs and grow the economy sustainably and equitably so that everyone gets ahead for decades to come. Combined with the President’s Build Back Framework, it will add on average 1.5 million jobs per year for the next 10 years.” [White House, [11/6/20](#)]

WTVO: “Illinois Will Benefit From That Massive Bill In Multiple Ways.” “President Biden’s \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure deal passed the House on Friday, and Illinois will benefit from that massive bill in multiple ways. Of the money, \$1.7 billion will go to improving drinking and wastewater infrastructure. Roads, bridges and

public transportation will also receive billions of dollars for improvements. In addition, \$100 million will go to providing broadband coverage across the state, and the Illinois' airports will get about \$616 million to improve. Lastly, \$149 million over five years will help to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging throughout the state." [WTVO, [11/6/21](#)]

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Infrastructure & Jobs Act Invested \$65 Billion In Broadband. "BROADBAND: Includes a historic \$65 billion investment in broadband to make high-speed internet access more widely available and affordable for low-income families." [Quad City Times, [11/6/21](#)]

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Union & Organized Labor Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King was a confidential assistant to Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Jim Schultz, a “longtime Bruce Rauner loyalist” who listed decreasing union power as one of his priorities to make the state more attractive to businesses.
 - ✓ Schultz helped Rauner implement his economic agenda and served on Rauner’s gubernatorial transition team.
 - ✓ Rauner’s economic agenda sought to decrease union power in Illinois, and included filing a lawsuit seeking to declare non-member union fees unconstitutional.
 - ✓ The case, Janus v. AFSCME, went to the Supreme Court, where the fees were declared unconstitutional in a “blow to organized labor” that was a “victory” for Rauner.
 - ✓ One study estimated that the Janus decision could reduce the union membership of state and local government employees by more than 8 percentage points, or 726,000 union members.
 - ✓ Schultz’s efforts to turn the DCEO into a semi-privatized corporation met with union pushback and criticism from AFSCME, who said they had “many concerns” with the privatization plan, including “possible loss of union jobs.”
- ✓ King made \$8,334 per month as a confidential assistant at the DCEO, or \$100,008 per year.
 - ✓ King was one of dozens of DCEO employees with an annual salary of \$100,000 or more under Gov. Bruce Rauner, who faced “scrutiny” for “paying top staff considerably more” than former Gov. Pat Quinn.
- ✓ King claimed that expanded unemployment benefits extended through the American Rescue Plan encouraged employees to stay home and not return to work, causing a labor shortage.
 - ✓ In 2020, King called for extending unemployment benefits, then later said there should be a “careful balance” because she did “not support incentivizing people to stay on unemployment.”
 - ✓ In 2021, King criticized unemployment insurance, and claimed it caused a worker shortage.

Organized Labor

King Was A Special Advisor To Jim Schultz, The Anti-Union Director Of The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity

King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity From 2015-2016

2015-2016: King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.



People ▼

Esther Joy

King



Illinois Department of Commerce

1 year

- Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce**
2016 - 2016 · less than a year
Greater Chicago Area
- Director of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology**
2015 - 2016 · 1 year
Greater Chicago Area

[LinkedIn, Esther Joy King, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

King Was A “Confidential Assistant” To Jim Schultz.

Last Name	King
First Name	Esther
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Monthly Salary	\$8,334.00
Effective Date	12/1/2015
SSN	
Bureau / Division / Office	Director's Office/Confidential Assistant
Section / Immediate Supervisor	Jim Schultz

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/3/15]

King’s Job Included Advising Schultz And Directing And Conducting Studies On Implementing The Department’s Economic Development Policy.

16. COMPLETE CURRENT AND ACCURATE STATEMENT OF POSITION ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (Continued)
Directs and conducts studies of a sensitive nature on particular topic for use in the development and implementation of the Department’s economic development strategy; advises the Director on potentially sensitive and confidential issues having a direct effect on the operations of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/1/15]

Schultz Was A “Longtime Bruce Rauner Loyalist” Who Said Decreasing Union Power Was One Of His Priorities And Helped Rauner Pursue His Economic Agenda Attacking Public Sector Unions

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Schultz Was A “Longtime Bruce Rauner Loyalist” Who Was “Absolutely Committed To Turning The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Into A Semiprivatized Group.” “Jim Schultz is a St. Louis Cardinals fan – hey, no one’s perfect – a longtime Bruce Rauner loyalist and, like the governor, a private-equity veteran who has a big wide smile. One other thing: He says he’s absolutely committed to turning the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity into a semiprivatized group like those in many other states, as well as achieving the entirety of Rauner’s controversial agenda to turn around the state’s lagging economy. In an interview yesterday, Schultz, who has kept a low media profile sine being named to head DCEO in February, strongly defended Rauner’s proposal to turn day-to-day control of key DCEO functions over to a new private group similar to World Business Chicago and run by a board mostly filled with corporate execs.” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [5/12/15](#)]

Schultz Said Decreasing Union Power In Illinois Was One Of His Priorities. “Another potential problem is that the DCEO plan is part of Rauner’s wider agenda to reform tort law, cut back on workers’ compensation insurance and aid to the unemployed, allow local communities to ban union shops, and reduce the power of public-sector unions. Asked what ranks highest on that list, Schultz replied: ‘All of it. There’s no rank order.’ Pushed a bit, he seemed to suggest that the privatization idea is his personal priority, but termed the other items ‘all the same.’ More than 1,100 companies ‘blacklist’ Illinois because it has no right-to-work law, Schultz said, declining to name any of the 1,100.” [Chicago Crain’s Business, [5/12/15](#)]

Schultz Supported Rauner’s Economic Agenda, Which Sought To Decrease Union Power In Illinois By Privatizing DCEO Itself

Rauner’s Privatization Agenda Was “Rooted In An Effort To Reduce Costs On Taxpayers And Businesses By Weakening Worker Rights.” “But much like the governor's legislative agenda, Democrats view Rauner's privatization agenda through a different lens: rooted in an effort to reduce costs on taxpayers and businesses by weakening worker rights. ‘There of course is a concern that this is really a precursor to doing away with the unionized state employees,’ said Democratic Rep. Lou Lang of Skokie, a top deputy to House Speaker Michael Madigan. ‘The governor has spent a good deal of time aggressively going after, even attacking, public-sector labor unions.’” [Chicago Tribune, [4/30/16](#)]

Rauner “Acknowledged” That Privatizing The DCEO Was Part Of His Legislative Agenda To Hurt Unions. “But much like the governor's legislative agenda, Democrats view Rauner's privatization agenda through a different lens: rooted in an effort to reduce costs on taxpayers and businesses by weakening worker rights. ‘There of course is a concern that this is really a precursor to doing away with the unionized state employees,’ said Democratic Rep. Lou Lang of Skokie, a top deputy to House Speaker Michael Madigan. ‘The governor has spent a good deal of time aggressively going after, even attacking, public-sector labor unions.’ Economic development move Indeed, Rauner acknowledged as much when he announced the change in how Illinois recruits businesses. The governor said he was outsourcing the state's economic development efforts to a private corporation to get around hiring restrictions like seniority rules, salary limitations and requirements to hire from within the ranks of state employees.” [Chicago Tribune, [4/30/16](#)]

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AFSCME Had “Many Concerns” With Rauner’s Privatization Plan, Including “Possible Loss Of Union Jobs.” “The Business and Economic Development Corp., Schultz said, would have 70 to 100 employees, including a mix of new hires and DCEO employees moved from unionized state jobs to nonunion positions with the not-for-profit. He said about 350 jobs would remain at DCEO, though employment numbers and budgets have not been finalized. Approximately 400 DCEO workers are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. AFSCME spokesman Anders Lindall said the union has many concerns with the plan, including possible loss of union jobs and the experience of other states that have privatized economic development.” [State Journal-Register, [5/16/15](#)]

June 2015: Illinois House Passed A Plan To Privatize The DCEO. “A plan to privatize Illinois’ economic development agency and beef up its responsibilities has cleared the House. Representatives voted 60-6 Tuesday for the changes. The measure would allow the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to be turned into a public-private partnership, an idea Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner initially supported. The plan would also make the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum a stand-alone agency instead of falling under the Historic Preservation Agency, which would be abolished. The agency’s duties would be absorbed by DCEO. But the measure sponsored by Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan contains a three-year sunset, which Republicans oppose. Advocates say the plan would make DCEO more efficient. But opponents say states have been plagued by scandal after reconfiguring economic development responsibilities.” [AP, [6/24/12](#)]

September 2015: Rauner Asked AFSCME If The Union Would “Give Up A Say On Privatizing State Jobs.” “Since taking office in January, Rauner’s biggest privatization push calls for contracting out management of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. [...] In September, the Council 31 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) put out a bulletin to its members asserting that Rauner was asking the union to give up a say on privatizing state jobs. Under the union’s contract, the state is expected to discuss contracting plans with the union and explain why outsourcing is a more cost-effective use of state dollars. The union stipulation is important. In 2013, AFSCME successfully scuttled a contract with a company, Maximum Health Services, hired to sift out Medicaid fraud. The union argued that state workers could do the work more efficiently. It ultimately won an arbitrator’s ruling, which determined the private contract violated AFSCME’s collective bargaining agreement. Rauner and AFSCME are currently in labor contract negotiations. Rauner’s office had no comment on the governor’s privatization plans. ‘I don’t have any information,’ a spokeswoman said.” [Better Government Association, [12/9/15](#)]

February 2016: Rauner Has Used Executive Powers To Create A Private Non-Profit Economic Development Corporation With Schultz As CEO. “The privately run and funded economic development corporation that Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner created to attract new businesses to Illinois has a new name. The Illinois Business and Economic Development Corporation announced Monday that it will now be known as Intersect Illinois. Rauner used his executive powers in February to establish the nonprofit. Democrats raised questions about transparency and a few weeks later formed a bipartisan committee to review the corporation. The state’s commerce agency still has oversight and must approve any incentives the corporation offers. The corporation’s CEO, Jim Schultz, said Monday that the group knew its original name ‘didn’t exactly roll off the tongue or do much to sell Illinois.’” [WCBU, [7/25/16](#)]

- **Rauner Privatized The DCEO By Executive Order After He Was “Stymied” By The State Legislature Over His “Business-Friendly, Union-Weakening Legislative Agenda.”** “Stymied at the statehouse by ruling Democrats, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner is spending year two trying to shift government functions to the private sector. Since January, he’s formed a private not-for-profit corporation to handle the state’s business recruitment efforts; announced a plan to allow private companies to build and manage new toll lanes along a congested stretch of the Stevenson Expressway; and called for private donors to step in to help the financially struggling state museums and fairgrounds. And the first-term chief executive continues to insist the state should be allowed to expand its ability to outsource work to private contractors, one of the key stumbling blocks that has stalled negotiations on a new contract for unionized state workers. The privatization push comes as state

government remains stuck in a historic budget impasse centered on a fight between Rauner and Democratic leaders over his business-friendly, union-weakening legislative agenda.” [Chicago Tribune, [4/30/16](#)]

After He “All But Privatized” The DCEO, Rauner Was “Trying To Remove The Modest Protections Against Bad Privatization Deals From The State’s Contract With Its Largest Employee Union.” “Yet Rauner is doubling down on privatization’s bad bet. As the Chicago Tribune recently put it, ‘Stymied at the statehouse by ruling Democrats, [he’s] spending year two trying to shift government functions to the private sector.’ He’s pushing to sell off assets, like the Thompson Center. Despite the massive failure of the Illinois Lottery privatization, he continues to search for another private vendor. He recently all but privatized the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity by forcing it to work with a not-for-profit corporation he formed to recruit businesses. And he’s even trying to remove the modest protections against bad privatization deals from the state’s contract with its largest employee union.” [State Journal-Register, Cohen op-ed, [6/5/16](#)]

Schultz Supported Rauner’s Economic Agenda, Which Sought To Decrease Union Power In Illinois By Creating “Right-To-Work Zones”

Schultz Agreed With Rauner’s Plan To Create Right-To-Work Zones. “He said it will be hard, given Rauner’s proposed \$586 million budget cut to his office. He said he doesn’t know how he’ll reorganize the 370-worker outfit, but he agrees with the austere appropriation to get Illinois’ fiscal house in order. He also agrees with one of Rauner’s more controversial proposals: right-to-work zones. However, Schultz said it was not necessarily at the top of his list for ways to build an overall business-friendly environment in the state.” [Peoria Journal Star, [3/30/15](#)]

- **2015: Rauner Said He Planned To Prioritize The Creation Of Right-To-Work Zones To Attract Businesses.** “Gov. Bruce Rauner said Tuesday he wants to prioritize creating ‘right-to-work zones’ in economically depressed areas where local officials could decide whether union fees would be voluntary for local workers. The new Republican governor insisted he wasn’t pushing for a statewide law like GOP-backed statutes fiercely opposed by Democrats in other states. But he said some communities in union-friendly Illinois could benefit from the flexibility to attract businesses. [...] Rauner has said that ‘right-to-work zones’ could include designating areas where businesses face fewer tax and regulatory burdens.” [CBS Chicago, [1/28/15](#)]
- **Rauner’s Right-To-Work Zones Would Block Unions From Requiring Workers To Pay Union Dues.** “Governor Bruce Rauner first outlined his plan for what he called worker empowerment zones in late January, during a visit to Decatur. He said he was not in favor of making Illinois a right-to-work state. ‘But I do advocate local governments, local voters, being able to decide for themselves whether to be right to work areas, right-to-work zones.’ If a city or county voted to become a right-to-work zone, unions could no longer require workers to pay union dues. It’s rare for local governments to enact right-to-work laws.” [WSIU, [2/25/15](#)]
- **Right-To-Work Policies Allowed Individual Workers To Choose Not To Join A Union While Still Getting The Benefits Of Union Membership.** “‘Right to work’ refers to a policy that allows individual workers to choose not to join a labor union but still have benefits and protections of union membership. Lincolnshire officials responded to Rauner’s call in 2015 to form its own right to work zone.” [ABC 20, [10/24/17](#)]
- **Rauner Vetoed Legislation That Banned Localities From Creating Right-To-Zones In 2017; Unions Called Right-To-Work Zones “An Attack On Working People.”** “Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday narrowly escaped having one of his vetoes overridden. The legislation would have banned cities and counties from setting up ‘right-to-work zones.’ That’s where employees could opt out of paying union fees, even if they get union-negotiated pay and benefits. Unions say it’s an attack on working people.” [WGLT, [11/7/17](#)]
- **Rauner Argued Right-To-Work Zones Would Promote Business But A Study Found Right-To-Work Laws Decreased Union Membership And Negatively Affected Wages.** “In calling for right-to-work zones, Rauner urges residents of municipalities or counties to vote on whether workers should be required to join a union and pay dues within selected borders. Such districts will ‘empower’ employers, giving them an incentive

to open businesses or expand existing enterprises in economically depressed areas, Rauner contends. Organized labor has the opposite viewpoint, describing Rauner's plan as 'right-to-work-for-less zones' and blatantly anti-union. Moreover, they argue the zones are unconstitutional and will run into significant legal barriers in Illinois, as they have in Kentucky, the one state where the zones have been tried. [...] Unions say that in right-to-work areas, wages, benefits and protections decrease as a result of lower union representation. An August 2014 study by researchers at the University of Illinois and the Illinois Economic Policy Institute found that after controlling for other variables, right-to-work laws reduced workers' wages and salaries by 3.2 percent on average. They also found that right-to-work laws reduced the portion of workers with pension plans and health insurance by 3 and 3.5 percent, and reduced union membership by almost 10 percent.” [Better Government Association, [3/4/15](#)]

Rauner Backed An Anti-Union Lawsuit, Janus v. AFSCME, That Went To The Supreme Court, Where The Fees Were Declared Unconstitutional In A “Blow To Organized Labor” That Was A “Victory” For Rauner

2015: Rauner Filed A Federal Lawsuit To Validate His Executive Order Allowing State Workers Who Did Not Want To Join A Union To Avoid Paying Fees Supporting Collective Bargaining. “Moving beyond rhetoric, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner on Monday issued an executive order that aims at absolving state workers who don't want to join a union from paying fees that support collective bargaining. The new governor's decree effectively attempts to impose right-to-work rules on public employees, an idea Rauner and his pro-business allies also are pursuing for private-sector unions. Anticipating a strong pushback from organized labor, Rauner filed a pre-emptive federal lawsuit in Chicago seeking to have his decision declared legal. But the move likely will spark additional court battles as unions quickly decried the effort as an illegal abuse of power. It's also possible Democratic lawmakers could vote to overturn Rauner's executive order. Under state law, employees can decline to join a union but are still on the hook for ‘fair share’ fees related to collective bargaining and contract negotiations. The idea is that if all employees are getting the benefits from a new contract, everyone should contribute to the cost.” [Chicago Tribune, [2/10/15](#)]

- **Rauner's Executive Order And The Janus V. AFSCME Lawsuit Were Part Of Rauner's Efforts To Reduce Union Power In Illinois, Including Right-To-Work Zones.** “Rauner's executive order follows his call last week for banning campaign contributions by unions and a push for what he's dubbed ‘empowerment zones,’ areas across the state where voters could decide if workers in their communities should be forced to join a union or pay related dues. It's a tweak on what is more commonly called right to work — rules put in place at a statewide level to prevent unions from receiving those fees. But that proposal only applied to private sector unions, and Rauner's action Monday indicated he's also willing to challenge the power of government unions that backed his Democratic predecessor during the fall campaign. Rauner's move is a nod to similar action by one of his political idols, former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, who in 2005 used his executive power to eliminate collective bargaining rights for state workers. Daniels was able to act unilaterally because those rights had never been written into state law. While collective bargaining is guaranteed by the Illinois Constitution, Rauner's executive order could serve as a warning shot to AFSCME as negotiations begin ahead of expiration of the union's contract on July 1.” [Chicago Tribune, [2/10/15](#)]

2018: Janus V. AFSCME Went To The Supreme Court, Where The Fees Were Declared Unconstitutional In A “Blow To Organized Labor” That Was A “Victory” For Rauner. “The Supreme Court — delivering a victory to GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner and a blow to organized labor in the landmark Illinois case Janus v. AFSCME Council 31 — ruled Wednesday that non-union member government employees' First Amendment rights shield them from having to pay fees to a union to cover costs to represent them. Rauner, who flew to Washington on Sunday to await the Supreme Court decision, was in the chamber on Wednesday. Rauner, in a tough re-election campaign against Democrat J.B. Pritzker, has crusaded against the Democratic-allied Illinois government employee unions since taking office. The 5-4 decision overturning current law was written by Justice Samuel Alito who said in the 83-page ruling — with national impact — that ‘States and public-sector unions may no longer extract agency fees from nonconsenting employees.’” [Chicago Sun-Times, [7/1/18](#)]

Janus V. AFSCME Was “A High Point Of The Rauner Crusade To Eradicate Public Sector Unions.” “GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democratic Attorney General Lisa Madigan were both inside the Supreme Court on Monday for Janus v AFSCME Council 31 oral arguments — a big Illinois case and a high point of the Rauner crusade to eradicate public sector unions. After the court session, both Rauner and Madigan talked to reporters on the steps of the Supreme Court about what could be a landmark ruling. Rauner, Madigan: They are on opposing sides of this Illinois case that could destroy public sector unions by allowing workers to stop paying fees to cover the costs of a union representing them — even if they do not belong to the union. That the public sector unions tilt Democratic and are active in politics is part of the usually unspoken — but obvious — part of this story. A decision from the justices is not due until June, but the case has real-time political ramifications for Rauner in his upcoming March 20 Republican primary and the November general election as he seeks a second term. Mark Janus works at the State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services as a child support specialist. AFSCME Council 31 represents State of Illinois workers.” [Chicago Sun-Times, [6/28/18](#)]

One Study Estimated That The Janus Decision Could Reduce The Union Membership Of State And Local Government Employees By More Than 8 Percentage Points, Or 726,000 Union Members. “A study by Frank Manzo, the policy director of the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, and Robert Bruno, a labor professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, found that a decision in favor of Janus could reduce the union membership of state and local government employees by 8.2 percentage points, or 726,000 union members. This will lead to a loss of revenues for the unions, and with less money, unions will hire fewer representatives, take fewer cases to arbitration, and organize fewer members than they once did, Bruno told me. This will likely mean lower pay and benefits for public-sector employees: Manzo and Bruno estimate the wages of state and local government employees would drop by an average of 3.6 percent, and the salaries of public-school teachers would drop by an average of 5.4 percent. The decision could also mean that unions will have less political impact than they once did. The decline of unions has already had implications for national politics: Some analyses argue that Hillary Clinton would have been elected president had union membership been higher.” [The Atlantic, [6/27/18](#)]

King And Schultz Both Had Salaries Over \$100K At The DCEO

Schultz Made \$142,339 Per Year At The DCEO As Director. “Prairie President Pat Morand said Schultz took a ‘significant pay cut’ to join the department at \$142,339 a year.” [Peoria Journal Star, [3/30/15](#)]

King Made \$8,334 Per Month As A Confidential Assistant At The DCEO, Or \$100,008 Per Year.

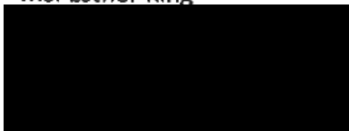


**Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity**

Bruce Rauner, Governor

December 1, 2015

Ms. Esther King



Dear Ms. King:

This is to inform you that you have received an Exempt Appointment to fill the position of Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1 in the Director’s Office/Confidential Assistant Division for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity effective on December 1, 2015. Your salary is \$8,334.00 per month. A copy of your position description and CMS-2 is attached.

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/1/15]

Illinois Comptroller: Dozens Of DCEO Employees Made \$100,000 In Salary Each Year. “Regarding salaries, records from the Illinois Comptroller's Office indicate that dozens of DCEO employees make close to or more than \$100,000 a year. Rauner has drawn scrutiny since taking office for paying top staff considerably more than former Gov. Pat Quinn, which he says is justified to bring in better talent.” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [5/3/15](#)]

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Rauner Cited A “Lack Of Funds” As A Reason To Fire State Employees, Including Union Members, At The DCEO And Other State Agencies. “On Aug. 3, AFSCME received notice from the Rauner Administration of 94 layoffs in state government. The threatened job losses are in the Department of Natural Resources (54 layoffs associated with the Governor’s plan to close the Illinois State Museum sites and the Sparta World Shooting Complex), the Illinois Commerce Commission (24), the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (9) and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (7). The notices all cited a lack of funds as the rationale for the layoffs, which have an effective date of September 30. ‘Most of these layoffs stem from Governor Rauner's rush to shutter the Illinois State Museum sites, destroying a vital resource for learning and the preservation of cultural heritage and putting professional museum curators, librarians and support staff in the unemployment lines,’ AFSCME Council 31 executive director Roberta Lynch said.” [AFSCME 31, [10/5/15](#)]

As A Congressional Candidate, King Said “When It Comes To Organized Labor, We Need Representation That Supports The Rights Of Workers To Organize If They Choose To”

King’s Congressional Campaign Website Stated: “When It Comes To Organized Labor, We Need Representation That Supports The Rights Of Workers To Organize If They Choose To.” “A fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay is one of the most basic contracts that can exist in the modern workforce. When it comes to organized labor, we need representation that supports the rights of workers to organize if they choose to. It is vital that we support collective bargaining. Management and labor succeed when they work together and are encouraged to have an open, direct, fair, and honest relationship because that is what creates a successful enterprise long-term.” [Esther for Congress, Accessed [11/3/21](#)]

King Supported Reforming Workers’ Compensation In Illinois

King Said Illinois Needed Workers’ Compensation Reform. KING: “The complication, the burden that our state government puts on businesses, it's tough. It's tough to keep companies here because the state government is heavily taxing businesses. There's worker compensation reform needed. There's so many elements that make us less competitive than the states around us, like Iowa, or Wisconsin, which are the two states that border us right here in this Congressional District. But I believe with the energy and excitement that Illinoisans are feeling right now, we are hopeful, we're full of energy and motivation to make our communities better. I believe that will translate into companies choosing to double down and invest in our communities here because they see the value of the people that we have right here in Illinois.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 17:04)

Unemployment Insurance

King Was The Confidential Assistant To Jim Schultz, The Director Of The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Who Wanted To “Cut Back” On Aid To The Unemployed

King Was A “Confidential Assistant” To Jim Schultz At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.

Last Name	King
First Name	Esther
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Monthly Salary	\$8,334.00
Effective Date	12/1/2015
SSN	
Bureau / Division / Office	Director's Office/Confidential Assistant
Section / Immediate Supervisor	Jim Schultz

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 12/3/15]

Schultz Said He Wanted To “Cut Back” On Aid To the Unemployed As The Director Of The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity. “Another potential problem is that the DCEO plan is part of Rauner’s wider agenda to reform tort law, cut back on workers’ compensation insurance and aid to the unemployed, allow local communities to ban union shops, and reduce the power of public-sector unions. Asked what ranks highest on that list, Schultz replied: ‘All of it. There’s no rank order.’ Pushed a bit, he seemed to suggest that the privatization idea is his personal priority, but termed the other items ‘all the same.’ More than 1,100 companies ‘blacklist’ Illinois because it has no right-to-work law, Schultz said, declining to name any of the 1,100.” [Chicago Crain’s Business, [5/12/15](#)]

King Claimed Unemployment Benefits Extended Through The American Rescue Plan Encouraged Employees To Stay Home And Not Return To Work, Causing A Labor Shortage**King Called For Extending Unemployment Benefits In The Summer Of 2020 ...**

July 2020: King Said She Opposed Extending The Extra \$600 Unemployment Benefit Because It Encouraged Employees To Stay Home And Not Return To Work. “And we need to make sure going forward that the continued response that we have from legislative and policy perspective is helping to grow the economy, not to keep the economy closed or preventing growth. So one example of a policy that I do not support is extending the unemployment payments, the \$600 above and over. But I believe that if, like the Secretary of Treasury Mnuchin, is talking about making sure we cap it at what the people's wages would be so that if people continue to be unemployed, they would receive their, their wages, but they wouldn't get above and beyond, because if we're giving people above and beyond, we're incentivizing them not to go back and work. And small businesses need employees. We need to get small businesses back up and running. So making sure we're giving people a reason to work, I think is a key factor in getting our economy back up and running.” [WGIL, [7/20/20](#)] (AUDIO, 5:17)

August 2020: King Said She Supported Extending Unemployment Benefits. KING: “So, there’s another stimulus package on the table, between the Senate and the House, and it’s being held up because there’s games being played and particularly by Nancy Pelosi and my opponent Cheri Bustos. They’re holding on to partisan wish lists that are like far left liberal kind of socialist ideals trying to get those push through and in a bill, when we really just need to get -- For example, we need to get people who are on unemployment, we need to extend those benefits.” [WKRAM, 8/6/20] (AUDIO, 2:35)

... Then Said There Should Be A “Careful Balance” Because She Did “Not Support Incentivizing People To Stay On Unemployment” ...

September 2020: King Said She Did “Not Support Incentivizing People To Stay On Unemployment Rather Than Getting Back To Work.” JIM NIEDELMAN: “What about the millions of people out of work because of the pandemic? You mentioned supporting the PPP, do you support the federal benefits supplement for unemployment?” KING: “I do to a certain extent. We recently saw the negotiations happening. The Republicans had a counter proposal and it never made it anywhere in Congress but I do support helping people that need help while they’re unemployed but I do not support incentivizing people to stay on unemployment rather than getting back to work if their jobs are available to them so I think it needs a careful balance to be sure that we’re incentivizing people to go back to work if they’re able to while supporting people that have a need.” [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 5:40)

... Then King Criticized Unemployment Insurance In 2021 And Claimed It Caused A Worker Shortage

May 2021: King Claimed Unemployment Insurance Expanded Through The American Rescue Plan Caused A Worker Shortage. “Just an hour later, Republican Esther Joy King — who again is running for Bustos’ seat — served scoops down the street at American Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor. A Moline native and military veteran, King narrowly lost to Bustos in 2020 in the race for the 17th Congressional District seat. King’s stop was part of a 14-county tour during which she said she has heard horror stories about the hiring environment. ‘What I’m hearing across the district is what Washington, D.C., is doing, the policies they are putting forth are hurting us as regular people, whether that’s the gas crisis or job crisis,’ she said. ‘Help wanted signs are up all over the district.’ John Brinkmeier, the owner of the ice cream parlor, said he, too, has struggled to hire employees. ‘This is the hardest year we’ve had trying to find help,’ he said. ‘And we pay well.’ King claimed the federal government’s extended unemployment benefits through the American Rescue Plan Act were to blame for much of the hiring problem. But she acknowledged that northwest Illinois faced some hiring troubles even before the pandemic.” [Telegraph Herald, [5/27/21](#)]

- **King Said She Did Not “Have The Whole Answer” To Address The Worker Shortage.** “She said one way to address that issue was to be a loud advocate for the area in Washington. ‘It’s a complex problem,’ King said. ‘I don’t have the whole answer, but by shining a light on how attractive it is to live here, how much value we place on community, things can improve.’” [Telegraph Herald, [5/27/21](#)]

May 2021: King Called Unemployment Insurance “Poor Washington, D.C. Policy.” “I got to talk to a hospital executive recently and I asked him, ‘What keeps you up at night, what’s your greatest concern in running the hospital right now?’ And he’s like, ‘Esther, we can’t get anybody to work here right now.’ So, as a result of poor Washington DC policy paying people to stay home and not work, a hospital -- lives are being endangered -- because of this jobs crisis we have.” [Facebook. Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)] (VIDEO, 16:06)

LGBT Issues

Significant Findings

King Hosted A Facebook Live With A Pastor Who Claimed That “Black America” Was Being “Decimated By The Impact Of Homosexuality.”

- ✓ May 2020: King hosted a Facebook Live with Reverend Don Johnson to celebrate National Day of Prayer.
- ✓ Rev. Johnson had a history of controversial statements, including claiming that “black America” was being “decimated by the impact of homosexuality.”
- ✓ Rev. Johnson called President Obama “a champion for abortion and the homosexual agenda.”
 - ✓ Rev. Johnson said that “Planned Parenthood’s genocide policy has targeted us for extinction by abortion.”
- ✓ 2014: Bruce Rauner backed out of attending a Lincoln Day dinner because Rev. Johnson was invited to attend and said Johnson’s remarks had “no place in our society.”

King Attended Oral Roberts University, A School With A Legacy Of Homophobia And Student Code Of Conduct That Promoted Conversion Therapy.

- ✓ 2004-2008: King attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK and graduated with a degree in mass media communication.
- ✓ Oral Roberts’ legacy of homophobia “live[d] on” at Oral Roberts University, where there was a ban on “homosexual activity.”
- ✓ Oral Roberts university required students who identified as LGBTQ to undergo conversion therapy, a “pseudoscientific practice outlawed in at least 20 states” with a “significant risk of harm.”

In 2020, King Went On A “Crusade” With Her Brother Daniel, An Evangelical Preacher Who Described Same-Sex Relationships As Being “Unnatural” And “Gross.”

- ✓ In December 2020, King went on a “crusade” with her brother Daniel to Ethiopia with his evangelical church, King Ministries International.
 - ✓ The “crusade” focused on converting Ethiopians to Christianity and preaching evangelical teachings.
- ✓ In 2015, Daniel King, an evangelical preacher, claimed marriage equality would “damage the institution of marriage” and that it was a “slippery slope” toward bestiality and pedophilia.
- ✓ Daniel King opposed the Supreme Court case legalizing same-sex marriage, and wrote that “Homosexual marriage is on the wrong side of nature” and “Homosexual relations are unnatural.”
- ✓ Daniel King wrote that “Homosexuality is gross. There is nothing ‘loving’ about the physical relationship between two men.”
- ✓ In 2014, Daniel King authored a book that compared homosexuality to murder and claimed atheists “push unfettered sexual liberality including homosexuality, polysexuality, and abortion.”

- ✓ Daniel King contributed \$371.70 to King's congressional campaign.

King Hosted A Facebook Live With A Pastor Who Claimed That “Black America” Was Being “Decimated By The Impact Of Homosexuality” And That Planned Parenthood “Targeted” The Black Community For “Extinction By Abortion”

May 2020: King Hosted A Facebook Live With Reverend Don Johnson To Celebrate National Day Of Prayer

King Hosted A Facebook Live Conversation With Reverend Don Johnson. “Join us today at 6:00 pm CT to talk with Reverend Don Johnson of Destiny Baptist Church of Christ about National Day of Prayer! We will discuss prayer, what role it has in politics, and what it means to be a leader of faith at this special time. #NationalDayofPrayer” [Facebook, Esther For Congress, [5/7/20](#)]

- **VIDEO: Facebook Live With Reverend Donald William Johnson** [Facebook, Esther For Congress, [5/7/20](#)] (VIDEO)

A Letter To The Editor Criticized King For Hosting An Event With Johnson, A “Known Homophobe” Who Even Gov. Rauner Refused To Appear With

Letter To The Editor: King Hosted An Event With A “Known Homophobe” Who Even Gov. Rauner Refused To Appear With. “On the other hand, Esther Joy King, who is running against Rep. Bustos, remained silent. She said nothing to celebrate Pride. More concerning, King hosted a Facebook Live with Rev. Ronald William Johnson — a known homophobe. Rev. Johnson, who has made numerous disparaging comments about what he calls the ‘same sex lifestyle,’ is someone who even Governor Rauner avoided and called ‘inflammatory.’ If Governor Rauner refused to appear with this Reverend, why was King willing to do so? In Illinois we are lucky to have good leaders on both sides of the aisle that support LGBT+ rights. I worry about why King is holding back. I worry because I feel like the answer is that she doesn’t approve of the gains LGBT+ folks have made in the 17th District and around the country. If you cannot speak up for Pride, and cannot denounce a homophobic pastor, I cannot trust you to respect my rights in Congress.” [Quad City Times, Travis Swanson Letter to the Editor, [7/10/20](#)]

- **2014: Bruce Rauner Backed Out Of A Republican Lincoln Day Dinner Because Of Rev. Johnson’s “Inflammatory” Remarks That Had “No Place In Our Society.”** “Bruce Rauner’s decision to back out of a Republican Lincoln Day Dinner in Rock Island last Thursday has stung a local pastor, who questions why the GOP gubernatorial candidate refused to stand at the podium with him. ‘I’m not a Jeremiah Wright. I’m not g**damning America or anything like that,’ Rev. Donald Johnson told Illinois Review. ‘Those who heard my speech Thursday night - I don’t believe anyone could come away from there saying I was involved in hate speech.’ [...] Refusing to say exactly what it found offensive, the Rauner campaign condemned Rev. Johnson’s remarks, calling them ‘inflammatory’ and stating that ‘such language has no place in our society.’” [Illinois Review, [4/29/14](#)]

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14. EDUCATION REPORT: List your education accurately and completely. A copy of college transcripts/degrees may be required. The number of credit hours you have earned may be needed to meet the minimum requirements for some titles. This information is also useful for career counseling purposes.

Name and Address of Colleges/Universities Attended and Indicate Undergraduate(U)/Graduate(G)	Hours Earned		Major	Minor	Dates Attended		Level and Date of Degree Earned	
	SEM	QTR	Do Not Abbreviate	Do Not Abbreviate	From MM/YYYY	To MM/YYYY	Level	MM/YYYY
(U) Oral Roberts University, 7777 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa OK	130.5		Mass Media Communication		09/2004	05/2008	BA	05/2008
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	79.6		Juris Doctorate		08/2010	05/2013	MA	05/2013
(G) Northwestern Law School 375 E. Chicago, Chigo IL 60611	24		Masters of Laws in Taxation		08/2012	05/2013		05/2013

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, p. 33, Accessed 10/26/21]

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Oral Roberts’ Legacy Of Homophobia “Lives On” At Oral Roberts University, Where There Was A Ban On “Homosexual Activity.” “Just six months after Roberts’ son, Ronald ‘Ronnie’ Roberts, came out as gay, he killed himself. Roberts’ grandson, Randy Roberts Potts, wrote a letter to his late uncle after coming out himself. In the piece, Potts directly blamed his grandfather and the community he helmed for his Uncle Ronnie’s death and the plight of so many other LGBTQ evangelicals. [...] Oral Roberts’ legacy lives on through his school, where ‘homosexual activity’ is banned and conversion therapy is mandatory. The university created in Oral Roberts’ name was ‘founded to be and is committed to being a Christian religious ministry’ and, as such, requires a ‘commitment to Jesus Christ of Nazareth as personal Savior and Lord’ from all of its students. Part of that commitment involves signing the school’s Honor Code Pledge, which prohibits stealing, gossiping, cheating, cursing, drinking alcohol, using drugs and tobacco, and ‘any illicit, unscriptural sexual acts’ deemed ‘immoral and illegal’ by the institution.” [Business Insider, [3/23/21](#)]

Oral Roberts University Required Students Who Identified As LGBT To Undergo Conversion Therapy, A “Pseudoscientific Practice Outlawed In At Least 20 States” With A “Significant Risk Of Harm.” “That latter category includes ‘any homosexual activity and sexual intercourse with one who is not [a] spouse through traditional marriage of one man and one woman.’ And the school mandates that students who are found to be in violation of the policy or identify as LGBTQ undergo conversion therapy, a pseudoscientific practice outlawed in at least 20 states — but not Oklahoma — that the American Psychological Association ‘strongly opposes.’ The leading group of American scientists and psychologists insists that conversion therapy represents ‘a significant risk of harm by subjecting individuals to forms of treatment which have not been scientifically validated and by undermining self-esteem when sexual orientation fails to change.’ ‘No credible evidence exists that any mental health intervention can reliably and safely change sexual orientation,’ the APA said in a 2013 statement. ‘Nor, from a mental health perspective, does sexual orientation need to be changed.’” [Business Insider, [3/23/21](#)]

Business Insider: “Conversion Therapy Could Be Deadly, And It’s Mandatory On Oral Roberts’ Campus.” “In practice, conversion therapy often prompts or exacerbates depression. And research from the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law found that recipients of such treatments were ‘almost twice as likely to attempt suicide’ or experience suicidal ideation compared with their queer counterparts who were not subjected to the practice. In other words, conversion therapy could be deadly, and it’s mandatory on Oral Roberts’ campus.” [Business Insider, [3/23/21](#)]

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King’s Brother Daniel King Ran King Ministries International, And They Went On A “Crusade” Together To Ethiopia In December 2020

King’s Brother Was Daniel King, An Evangelical Preacher Who Ran King Ministries International And Supported Her Congressional Campaign

King’s Brother Was Daniel King, Who Supported Her 2020 Congressional Campaign.

Daniel King
December 19, 2019 · 🌐

Are you frustrated or upset that President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives? You can make your voice heard by helping my sister [Esther Joy King](#) get elected to congress in the Illinois 17th District. Her opponent voted for the impeachment. My sister is running for Congress because she believes the government needs to get back to working for the people of the United States. Could you donate to her campaign?

The only way we can get our nation back on the right path is if people like my sister run for office and win! With your help, she can win. Click on her website and give something today. Even a small donation to her political campaign can help a lot.

Daniel King
October 17, 2020 · 🌐

Check out this interview with my sister [Esther For Congress](#) on the #1 business podcast with [Clay Clark](#):



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[Facebook, Daniel King, [12/19/19](#); [10/17/20](#)]

King's Brother Daniel Operated King Ministries International. “Dr. Daniel & Jessica King are international evangelists who have ministered in over seventy nations. Their goal is to lead 1,000,000 people to Jesus every year. Daniel was called into the ministry when he was five years old and began to preach when he was six. His parents became missionaries to Mexico when he was ten. Daniel spent the next thirteen years ministering in Mexico alongside his parents. When he was fourteen he started a children’s ministry that gave him the opportunity to minister in some of America’s largest churches while he was still a teenager.” [King Ministries, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

King's Father Robert King And Her Brother Daniel King Were On The Board Of Directors Of King Ministries International.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐				
(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Daniel King (President)	40	36,384	0	15,075
Robert King (Secretary)	0	0	0	0
Billy Allen (Treasurer)	0	0	0	0
Amy Wilderom (Officer)	0	0	0	0
Billy Thompson (Officer)	0	0	0	0

[ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, King Ministries International 990 Form, [2019](#)]

December 2020: King Went On A “Crusade” With Daniel King To Ethiopia

December 2020: King Went To Ethiopia With Her Brother.

Daniel King
December 9, 2020 · 🌐

I am thankful my sister [Esther Joy King](#) was able to join me in Ethiopia. We visited the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Addis Ababa. The church has beautiful stained glass windows. Can you figure out what Bible story each window represents?



[Facebook, Daniel King, [12/9/20](#)]

December 2020: Daniel King Traveled To Ethiopia On A “Crusade” Through King Ministries International.

“Your generous financial support helped us reach people for Jesus in several major outreaches in 2020. Like many people, our year got off to a rough start because of the coronavirus. We were scheduled to do a large evangelistic crusade in Ethiopia in March and twenty-four hours before I was supposed to get on the plane, the government of Ethiopia closed the border and we had to cancel the crusade. [...] In December, Ethiopia relaxed restrictions and we were able to reschedule the crusade that had been canceled. We drove nine hours across bumpy roads to an obscure village named Abuna. Thousands of people gathered together to hear the Gospel and many were saved and healed.”
[King Ministries, Accessed [10/27/27](#)]

Daniel King Visited Ethiopia To Go On A “Crusade” And Attend A Pastor’s Conference. “I am in Ethiopia for a crusade and pastor’s conference. Check out the date on this poster. Did you know the Ethiopian calendar is 7 years behind the Gregorian calendar used elsewhere? Also Ethiopia has 13 months instead of 12 months which is why the tourism board of Ethiopia advertises ‘13 months of sunshine.’ They also tell time the same way they did in Bible times counting from sunup to sundown. In John 4 it say Jesus was at the well at the 6th hour that means noon time. From 6am-7, is the first hour. From 7-8 is the second hour and so on. That’s how Ethiopia tells time. So our poster says we start at 9 but on our watches it will say 3pm”



[Facebook, King Ministries International, [12/7/20](#)]

During His 2020 Ethiopian “Crusade,” Daniel King Held A Conference For Local Pastors And Solicited Money To Give Out Bibles. “Since we arrived in Ethiopia we held a conference for a network of church planters and a conference for some of the leading pastors in Addis Ababa. To the church planters, we gave Bibles in the Oromo language to help them disciple new believers. To the pastors I gave one of my books. Can you help me with the cost of giving away Bibles and books? A gift of \$3.50 allows us to give away a Bible and a gift of \$5 allows me to give a book to a pastor. Click on the button at the bottom of this post to donate. All it takes is a couple of easy clicks to give right here on Facebook!” [Facebook, Daniel King, [12/9/20](#)]

December 2020: Daniel King Preached To Large Crowds About Evangelical Teachings.



Crusade in Abuna, Ethiopia

Evangelist Daniel King posted a video to playlist **King Ministries Crusade Videos**. January 12 · 🌐

Watch this music video from our recent crusade in Abuna, Ethiopia - With Per Akvist . You will love this powerful song "Redemption is Here" from Daniel Keith Amerine and Haley Joy Harris. Can you donate today to help us go next month to Sierra Leone? See Less

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[Facebook, Daniel King, [1/21/21](#)]

Daniel King Claimed He Preached To 50,000 On His 2020 Ethiopia Crusade. “Soon the meetings were doubling in attendance ... and then doubling again. And by the last evening, some 50,000 enthusiastic people were present to hear the gospel and receive healing ministry.” [Charisma Magazine, [6/1/21](#)]

- **Daniel King Claimed He Healed A Crippled Man During His Crusade To Ethiopia In 2020.** “The crowd was overwhelmed at the amazing sight, Dr. Daniel King, of King Ministries International, shares. Mohammed, a crippled man and a Muslim, climbed up on the platform during a recent gospel festival, raised his cane in the air and shouted, ‘Jesus healed me!’ Excitement swept through those assembled. ‘Here was a Muslim man thanking Jesus, the healer!’ King explains. [...] While Daniel preached in one of the early meetings, the Muslim man, Mohammed, felt God touch him. Long a beggar who walked with a wooden stick, dragging a disabled leg behind him, he suddenly realized his leg had been healed. He could walk! He went up on the platform declaring the wonders of Jesus Christ and then practiced before the delighted crowd his newfound ability to walk with both legs.” [Charisma Magazine, [6/1/21](#)]
- **Daniel King Said A Riot Started During His Ethiopia Crusade Because “Muslim Opponents” Targeted Them And 11 Local Members Of His Team Were Sent To Jail.** “In preparing for the meetings in this mostly Muslim area of Ethiopia, Daniel and his team had encountered all sorts of intense opposition to their evangelism, from a brick thrown through the windshield of their publicity vehicle, to the tearing down of their advertising posters by Muslim opponents. They even had 11 members of their local team put in jail and had to hire lawyers to get them out.” [Charisma Magazine, [6/1/21](#)]

Daniel King Hosted “Crusades” Around The World And Previously Referred To Ethiopia As “Primitive”

During A Previous Mission Trip To Ethiopia, Daniel King Described The Country As “Primitive.” “Jesus promised that His disciples would be witnesses to the ends of the earth. One of these far away places is Lalo Kile in Ethiopia. I recently landed in Addis Ababa, the capital city, and drove fourteen hours to the location of our Gospel Festival. On the journey, often over bumpy dirt roads, we had a miracle encounter. We were passing through Nekemte and stopped for a coffee (everyone in Ethiopia drinks coffee). At the roadside table next to us we heard some men talking about a Bible school. I greeted them and met the director of an International Victory Bible Institute, a Bible school planted by my home church, Victory Christian Center. It is amazing the impact that Victory has had around the world. I had the opportunity to visit the school and minister to the 198 students. They eagerly study the Word, despite lack of desks and sitting on wooden benches. The conditions on this mission trip were quite primitive. There was no bathroom near my room so I had to walk up a little hill to a smelly public outhouse. Each morning, I was brought a plastic bucket of cold water to wash in and I had to scoop water out of the bucket and pour it over my head.” [King Ministries International, Accessed [10/28/21](#)]

Daniel King Held “Crusades” Around The World, Including In Costa Rica, Belize, And Indonesia.



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Daniel King Supported King's Campaign For Congress

Daniel King Contributed \$371.70 To King's Congressional Campaign.

Daniel King Contributions To Esther Joy King				
Year	Contributor Name	Occupation	Recipient	Total Contributions
2020	Daniel King	Evangelist	Esther for Congress	\$171.70
2019	Daniel King	Evangelist	Esther for Congress	\$200
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS				\$371.70

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

December 2019: King's Brother Daniel And His Wife Jessica Attended A Campaign Event For King.



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [12/27/19](#)]

King Said She Was "Grateful" For Her Brothers And Sister.



[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [11/30/19](#)]

Daniel King: “Homosexual Marriage Is On The Wrong Side Of Nature. Homosexual Relations Are Unnatural”

In A 2015 Op-Ed, Daniel King Claimed That “Homosexual Marriage Is On The Wrong Side Of Nature. Homosexual Relations Are Unnatural.” “Homosexual marriage is on the wrong side of nature. Homosexual relations are unnatural. This is confirmed by biology, physiology and religion. Frank Turek says, ‘Support of natural marriage is not bigotry; it’s biology.’ Reproduction requires a man and a woman.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King: “Throughout History, Marriage Has Been Between A Man And A Woman.” “Throughout history, marriage has been between a man and a woman. ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh’ (Gen. 2:24). Even if one does not believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, this verse makes it clear that the tradition of marriage between a man and a woman goes back thousands of years.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

- **Washington Post: “Conservatives Say Marriage Has Always Been Between A Man And A Woman. They’re Wrong.”** “What is a marriage? Conservatives argue that it is one man and one woman in a permanent union for the purpose of raising children. This arrangement, they say, should receive special consideration by the Supreme Court because of its long-standing place in society. They’re wrong. Marriage is a constantly changing social institution that adapts to social and economic conditions. And when those conditions change, marriage changes. Our modern view of marriage — one that has generally predominated in Western societies over the past 200 years — is the outlier. Historically, marriage has been about finding good in-laws and securing economic advantage.” [Washington Post, [5/13/15](#)]

Daniel King Opposed The Supreme Court Ruling To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage

Daniel King Claimed Same-Sex Relationships Were “Against The Bible” And Said SCOTUS “Cannot Overrule The Opinion Of The Supreme Being Of The Universe.” “Homosexuality is against the Bible. The Bible specifically condemns homosexuality behavior seven times (Gen. 19:1-11; Lev. 18:22; Lev. 20:13; Judg. 19:22-25; Rom. 1:25-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:9-10). Male prostitution is addressed a further five times. (Deut. 23:17; 1 Kin. 14:24; 1 Kin. 15:12; 1 Kin. 22:46; 2 Kin. 23:7). The Supreme Court of the United States cannot

overrule the opinion of the Supreme Being of the Universe. God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. God made Mom and Dad, not Bill and Todd. Proponents of homosexuality often point out that Jesus never said anything against homosexuality. Although Jesus never specifically condemned homosexual behavior, he did affirm that marriage is between a man and a woman in Matthew 19:4-5: ‘He said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’” Jesus is ‘the Word’ (John 1:1) and the Word is Jesus. When the Bible speaks about homosexuality in Leviticus or in Romans, it is speaking in the voice of Jesus.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

- **2015: U.S. Supreme Court Legalized Same-Sex Marriage In All 50 States.** “States cannot keep same-sex couples from marrying and must recognize their unions, the Supreme Court says in a ruling that for months has been the focus of speculation. The decision was 5-4. Justice Anthony Kennedy, seen as a pivotal swing vote in the case, wrote the majority opinion. All four justices who voted against the ruling wrote their own dissenting opinions: Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito. ‘They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law,’ Kennedy wrote of same-sex couples in the case. ‘The Constitution grants them that right.’” [NPR, [6/26/15](#)]

Daniel King: “I Oppose Homosexual Marriage On Monetary Grounds As Well As Spiritual Grounds.”

“Homosexual marriage will be expensive for companies and the government because they will have to pay benefits for homosexual couples. I oppose homosexual marriage on monetary grounds as well as spiritual grounds. Generally speaking, I think the government should be looking for ways to decrease spending, not to increase spending by extending rights to new interest groups.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King Complained That Marriage Equality Would Take Away Churches’ Right To Discriminate.

“Nondiscrimination laws will force religious organizations to hire people who are completely against their belief system. Allowing homosexual marriage will actually take away rights from the church to practice what church members believe. There have already been several cases where Christian wedding photographers and cake makers have been sued for discrimination when they simply want to follow their religious beliefs.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

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Daniel King: “Homosexual Relationships Are Not Based On Love, But On Lust.” “Homosexual relationships are not based on love, but on lust. Despite the sympathetic portrayal of homosexual relationships by humorous television shows like ‘Will & Grace’ and ‘Modern Family,’ the real image is far from that.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King Claimed Same-Sex Relationships Spread Disease. “Homosexuality spreads disease. AIDS and other STDs have a much higher rate in the homosexual community than they do among monogamous heterosexual relationships.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

- **American Psychological Association: Discrimination And Homophobia Were To Blame For The HIV Epidemic Among Gay And Bisexual Men.** “Discrimination and homophobia fuel the HIV epidemic in gay and bisexual men. Despite clear evidence for the social determinants of HIV transmission, there have been limited efforts targeting these social inequalities.” [American Psychological Association, [4/2012](#)]

Daniel King Claimed Marriage Equality Would “Damage The Institution Of Marriage” And That It Was A “Slippery Slope” Toward Bestiality And Pedophilia

Daniel King Claimed Marriage Equality Would “Damage The Institution Of Marriage.” “Allowing homosexual marriage will damage the institution of marriage. Divorce rates are at an all-time high and adultery is pervasive. A permissive redefining of the sacrament of marriage to include homosexual marriage may be the straw that breaks the camel's back. Marriage, which traditionally contributes so much to the stability of society, is under assault. By allowing homosexuals to marry, our society loses some of the spiritual glue that holds marriage together.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King Claimed Marriage Equality Would Be A “Slippery Slope Toward Allowing Polygamy, Bestiality And Even Pedophilia.” “Allowing homosexual marriage becomes a slippery slope toward allowing polygamy, bestiality and even pedophilia.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King: “Homosexual Marriage Is Immoral.” “Homosexual marriage is immoral. Liberals may say, ‘You can't legislate morality,’ but the truth is that all laws impose morality. If society thinks stealing or murder is wrong, they impose that moral judgment through laws. All laws legislate morality, it is just a matter of whose morality is being legislated.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King Claimed Being Gay Would Lead To The “Eradication Of The Human Race”

Daniel Kin Claimed Gay People Had Inferior Genes Because They “Do Not Reproduce, They Recruit.” “Evolution says the homosexual gene is an inferior gene. Since the homosexual cannot reproduce, the gene would eventually disappear. As a Christian, I do not actually believe in macroevolution, but since many unbelievers do, this is a legitimate argument. The Theory of Evolution says that genes that are beneficial to a race get passed on to future generations and that harmful genes die out. If evolution is true, in 10,000 years there will be no more homosexuals. Homosexuals do not reproduce, they recruit. Even though it has become popular recently to explain that homosexuality has physical or biological causes, this is wrong.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King Claimed Being Gay Would Lead To The “Eradication Of The Human Race.” “Homosexuality, if adopted by all, would cause the eradication of the human race. Immanuel Kant formulated the ‘principle of universalizability’ based on his categorical imperative. Any moral rule should be able to be applied universally. If homosexuality is adopted by all, then no more children would be born and society would disappear.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

Daniel King Said Being Gay Was “The Result Of Choice, Not Genetic Chance.” “Homosexuals are not born, they are created. Homosexual behavior is the result of choice, not genetic chance. The behavior of a homosexual is a learned behavior. There is a trend in society to excuse one's actions by blaming them on one's genetic makeup. Even if it can be scientifically proved that someone is more inclined to drink alcohol or to be violent, this still does not excuse one's behavior. Even if there is a genetic reason in a homosexual's DNA for his or her attraction to members of the same sex, there is still no excuse to engage in behavior that is wrong.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, [7/6/15](#)]

- **American Psychological Association: Sexual Orientation Is Not A Choice.** “Although we can choose whether to act on our feelings, psychologists do not consider sexual orientation to be a conscious choice that can be voluntarily changed.” [APA, [2011](#)]

Daniel King Criticized Joe Biden For Being “For Homosexual Marriage” And “Transgenderism”

Daniel King Criticized Joe Biden For Being “For Homosexual Marriage” And “Transgenderism.” DANIEL KING: “Which is a tragedy. It is okay. Here’s the second controversial question. Joe Biden often emphasizes that he is a devout Catholic yet just in this first little week of his presidency. We’ve seen that he’s for abortion. He’s for

homosexual marriage. He's for transgenderism, that, that people who are born men can turn into women and vice versa. So what response should Christians have to his presidency?" [The Evangelism Podcast, [2/10/21](#)] (AUDIO, 21:28)

Daniel King Complained That Atheists Were “Promoting Abortion, Homosexuality, Transgenderism, Premarital Sex, And Polyamory

Daniel King Said Atheists Were “Promoting Abortion, Homosexuality, Transgenderism, Premarital Sex, And Polyamory.” “The reason most people are atheists is because they want to have the freedom to sin. At the atheist conference I saw people promoting abortion, homosexuality, transgenderism, premarital sex, and polyamory. The most common theme at the conference was, ‘There is no god’ but the second most common theme was, ‘I want to have sex unhindered by religious morality.’ The atheists also celebrate homosexuality which is weird because if evolution is true as atheists believe then the gene for homosexuality should disappear within a few generations.” [King Ministries, Daniel King Blog, [4/2018](#)]

Daniel King: “Bathroom Wars” Were “Allowing Transgenders To Use The Bathroom That Corresponds To The Gender They Chose To Be” And “There Has Been Much Halabaloo Over Allowing Perverted Men To Pee Alongside Six-Year-Old Girls”

Daniel King: “Bathroom Wars” Were “Allowing Transgenders To Use The Bathroom That Corresponds To The Gender They Chose To Be” And “There Has Been Much Halabaloo Over Allowing Perverted Men To Pee Alongside Six-Year-Old Girls.” “Postmoderns believe there is no objective morality. There is a tendency among postmoderns to celebrate personal freedom. One can do whatever one wants to do. This is why there is a move to legalize drugs, to allow gambling, prostitution, abortion, homosexual marriage, and transgenderism. In the recent ‘bathroom wars’ over allowing transgenders to use the bathroom that corresponds to the gender they chose to be, there has been much halabaloo over allowing perverted men to pee alongside six-year-old girls. While this picture is horrific, the real problem on this issue is a clash between two different worldviews. If there is no absolute truth, there is no absolute gender. One can become whatever gender one feels like. So, one worldview says there is an absolute scientific truth that a person with XY chromosomes can never become a person with XX chromosomes. The postmodern worldview says, ‘gender is an artificial construct determined by cultural stereotypes.’ But the Bible says, ‘male and female he created them.’ (Genesis 1:27).” [King Ministries, Daniel King Blog, [11/2/16](#)]

Daniel King Said People Who Supported Trans Activist Gavin Grimm Were “Allowing This Girl With A Beard To Lie To Herself And About Herself.” “Atheists pride themselves for being scientific, but they also celebrate Gavin Grimm, a girl who thinks she is a boy. It is an absolute, irrefutable scientific fact that a female with XX chromosomes cannot become a male with XY chromosomes, yet the great scientific minds at this atheist conference see no problem with allowing this girl with a beard to lie to herself and about herself.” [King Ministries, Daniel King Blog, [4/2018](#)]

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Daniel King Compared Being Gay To Being A Murderer Because They Were Both Sins. “Over the years, many theologians have debated about ‘the unpardonable sin.’ What is this horrible sin that automatically sends people to hell? It is murder? No, God can forgive the murderer. Is it homosexuality? No, God is willing to forgive the homosexual. In reality, the only sin that has the power to send someone to hell is the sin of not believing in Jesus. Since it is the Holy Spirit who draws us to Jesus, the sin of blaspheming the Holy Spirit (Mark 3:29) is the sin of denying the Spirit’s invitation to receive Jesus.” [King Ministries, Accessed [10/27/21](#)]

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their sins. Homosexuality is no harder for God to forgive than any other sin.” [Charisma News, Daniel King op-ed, 7/6/15]

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by Martin Luther during the Reformation to describe those who live in lawlessness or are against the Law. The word is made up of two Greek words, *anti* which means “against,” and *nomos*, which means “law.”

For every mile of road, there are two miles of ditch. On one side of the grace road lies legalism; on the other side of the road are those who see grace as an excuse to sin. And that is the major criticism of the grace message: grace is being used as an excuse, a license, a reason to sin.

- A friend of mine interned at a church where the pastor took his entire staff to a local bar and bought them all alcohol just to prove they were under grace.

- I recently heard a television preacher excuse his adultery by saying he was living under God’s grace.

- Another preacher decided it was acceptable to watch pornography on his computer because God was “going to forgive him.”

- The son of a well-known preacher published a book about grace that supports homosexual “marriage.”

Does grace allow us to sin?

Grace preachers are often accused of allowing people to sin. This accusation is absolutely false. No one who truly preaches grace is saying that it is all right to sin or give people permission to do wrong. Yet, the accusations continue. Even Paul was accused of encouraging people to sin. You are not really preaching grace until you face the same accusations Paul encountered.

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[Grace Wins!: The Ultimate Fight Between Religion And Relationship, pg. 124-125, 2014]

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National Defense & Security Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King said that “national security is the primary function of the federal government” and said that being in the U.S. Army Reserve helped her to “understand the importance of national defense.”
- ✓ King complained that “our commanders should spend less time playing woke politics and more time focusing on defending the U.S. homeland.”
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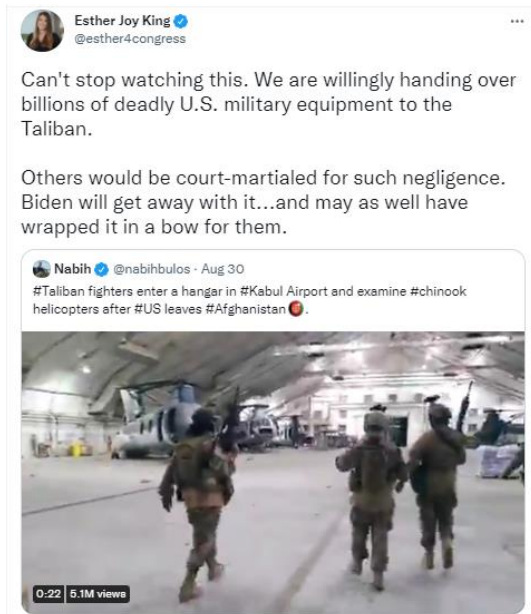


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King: “Biden’s Decision To Place The Taliban In Charge Of Security In Kabul Instead Of Americans Or Our NATO Allies During The Evacuation Is Indefensible.” “Biden’s decision to place the Taliban in charge of security in Kabul instead of Americans or our NATO allies during the evacuation is indefensible. I heard first-hand stories of Americans unable to even make it to the airport because of the reign of terror the Taliban had unleashed on the streets. Biden’s decision to close Bagram Air Base and instead bottleneck the evacuation into a small and difficult-to-secure airport in Kabul is indefensible. Because the U.S. had ceded all of Kabul to the Taliban, our military was forced to work within the chaotic crowds of unorganized and panicked Afghans outside the airport gates, creating a deadly target for ISIS terrorists to murder 13 of our servicemembers.” [Register-Mail, King op-ed, [9/5/21](#)]

Policing & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King promised to “oppose any bill, resolution, or movement to ‘defund the police’” and said that “we can’t follow the liberals’ reckless agenda of defunding law enforcement agencies.”
- ✓ On her website, King criticized Black Lives Matter protests for “violence and destruction of property,” but in an interview, King said the protests were part of a “worthy conversation and important cause.”
- ✓ King defended qualified immunity for police officers and said no-knock warrants were “a continuing conversation I need to learn on.”
- ✓ King said police reform efforts failed because Democrats were “playing political games” and blamed “liberal wish lists” for holding up police reform.

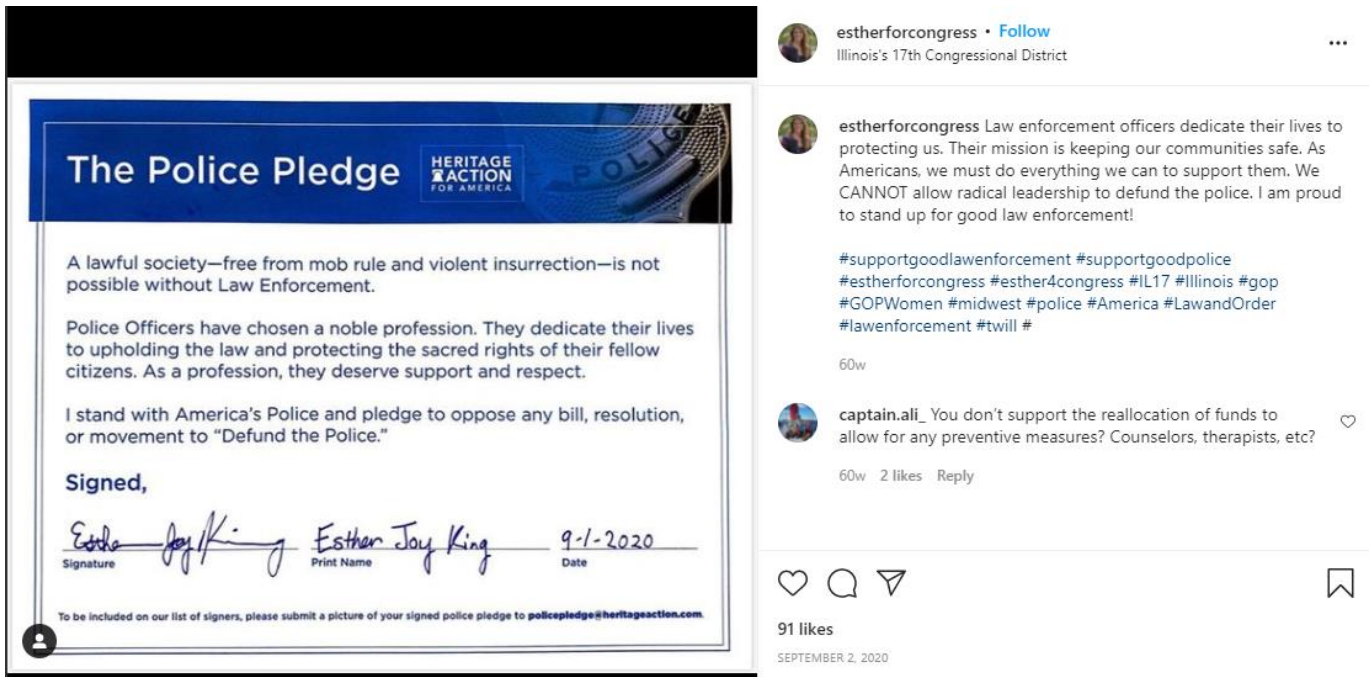
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[Instagram, @estherforcongress, 9/2/20]

Police Brutality Protests

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In An Interview, King Said The Protests Were Part Of A “Worthy Conversation And Important Cause To Make Sure [...] Black Americans Have True Equality And Justice.” Q: “What are your thoughts on the protests and social unrest that's happening across the nation? I mean, you have a little bit of a background with the Reserves. How do you feel about people's ability to openly gather? And, you know, some people call it protests and others call it demonstrations? How do you feel about that whole issue?” KING: “Yeah, Earlene. I think, first of all, there's some, a couple issues conflated together in this conversation. So first of all, talking about our First Amendment right to free speech and to demonstrate. I think, what is happening in our country as an example and a worthy conversation and important cause to make sure everyone has equal access to the justice system, and to make sure that Black Americans have true equality and justice. And that is a completely valid and important cause to support and to represent in our country. And so protecting and ensuring that people have a voice and a First Amendment

right to speak and to express the need for reform. We've seen it play out. And there have been good responses.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 8:31)

Police Reform

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King Said Encouraging Partnerships Between Police And Mental Health Providers Would Lead To Reform. Q: “And that kind of leads into another, you know, one of our follow up questions was, how do you personally feel about police reform? Is it necessary? If so, what would that entail? But you're speaking of police just need more support, not necessarily reform?” KING: “Well, yes, reform, and let's make sure they have further methodologies of training. And like when you sit down with officers. For example, many police departments really support the use of body cameras, for example, but they need funding to make sure they can buy the equipment and maintain the data programs and the staff that they need to to implement those reforms. I think that they're in, for example, like another issue that comes up on a regular basis is, how to handle police calls that involve mental health, and how do we get support in there? I believe that having partnership with police departments with mental health care professionals is another excellent step that we can take. There's so many things that we can do to improve the system. I just don't believe that it comes through the headline that we hear talked about so much defunding the police. That is not the pathway to reform. I believe the pathway to reform is supporting our law enforcement because law enforcement is a foundational element to a safe and thriving community.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 12:21)

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- **Qualified Immunity Blocked Police From Civil Liability For Misconduct.** “Qualified immunity is a judge-made doctrine that has been repeatedly used to shield law enforcement officers from civil liability even when they seriously violate people’s constitutional rights. Since its introduction in the late 1960s, the courts’ increasingly aggressive application of the doctrine has enabled law enforcement officers to escape liability for atrocities such as shooting an innocent child while trying to shoot his nonthreatening dog; stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from suspects while executing a search warrant; and denying a pretrial detainee visitation rights to see his children for ten months.” [Slate, [10/18/21](#)]

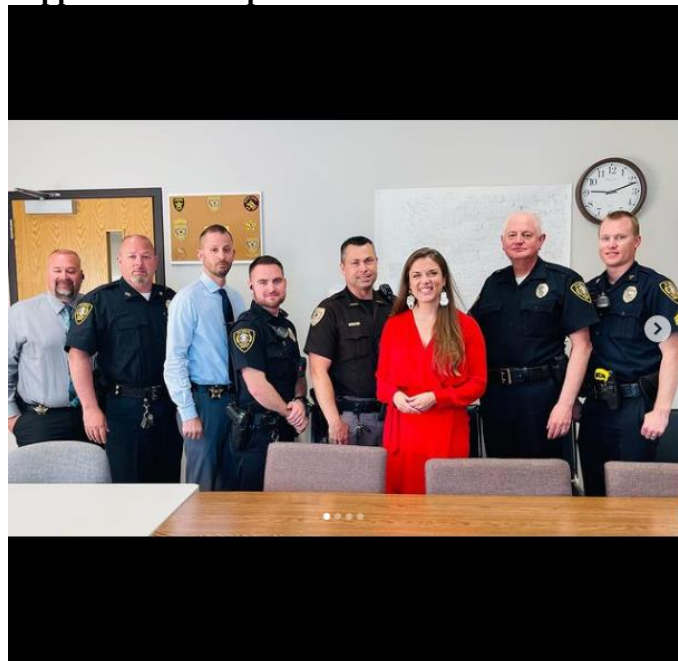
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When Asked About Her Opinion On No-Knock Warrants, King Said It Was “A Continuing Conversation I Need To Learn On.” “Maxwell: Okay, and on no-knock warrants, where do you stand? King: Um, I think that’s a continuing conversation I need to learn on.” [WCIA, [10/18/20](#)]

- **No-Knock Warrants Allowed Police To Enter A Residence Without Announcing Themselves.** “A no-knock warrant, as its name implies, is an order from a judge that allows police to enter a home without prior notification to the residents, such as ringing a doorbell or banging on the door. In most cases, the law requires that officers must knock and announce themselves before entering a private home to execute a search warrant.” [AP, [9/14/21](#)]
- **Critics Argued No-Knock Warrants Were “Dangerous” And Were Used Disproportionately In Minority Communities.** “Critics say that besides being dangerous for both residents and officers, the warrants allowing police to enter homes unannounced are used disproportionately in minority communities. George Floyd’s death in police custody a year ago fueled debate over the warrants amid wider demands for police accountability, and dozens of cities and states have since moved to pass so-called ‘Breonna’s Law’ measures to curb the raids. The pushback is long overdue, campaigners said.” [Reuters, [5/24/21](#)]
- **September 2021: Justice Department Limited Use Of No-Knock Warrants After The Killing Of Breonna Taylor.** “The Justice Department said Tuesday it is curtailing federal agents’ use of “no-knock” warrants — which allow law enforcement agents to enter a home without announcing their presence — and would also prohibit its agents from using chokeholds in most circumstances. The updated policy follows the March 2020 death of Breonna Taylor, who was shot and killed by police in her home during a no-knock warrant and whose death led to months of mass protests over racial injustice in policing and the treatment of Black people in the United States.” [ABC News, [9/14/21](#)]

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[Instagram, @estherforcongress, [5/25/21](#)]

King Claimed “Mandates” On Police Departments “Result[ed] In Taking The Officers Out Of The Communities And Distracting From Serving The Communities.” “Great way to start the morning for Day 2 of the Launch Tour with discussion, coffee, and donuts with our men in blue in Aledo and Mercer County. Dialogue and conversation is critical to understanding what happens on the ground, in real life on justice reform issues. A couple key highlights from our conversation: - Rural towns deal with different community challenges than urban areas and its really important smaller cities have a seat at the table for any dialogue around policing. - Right now, the government is burdening police departments with mandates without providing support to accomplish these mandates, which results in taking the officers out of the communities and distracting from serving communities, rather than boosting safety. Staying in the conversation and learning is what I’m all about. I’m honored to have had the opportunity to sit with these officers this morning. Thank you for all you do for Aledo and for Mercer County. And thank you to all law enforcement officials for all you do!” [Instagram, @estherforcongress, [5/25/21](#)]

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- **June 2020: The Justice In Policing Act Passed The House Of Representatives.** “The House on Thursday passed Democrats’ police reform bill, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020, by a 236-181 vote. Three Republicans joined Democrats to vote in favor of the bill, which now heads to the Senate, where it isn’t expected to get much traction. Thursday’s vote underscores an ongoing stalemate: Over the past few weeks, congressional Democrats and Republicans have been at an impasse over the next steps on police reform, with each party respectively introducing its own bill. Senate Democrats rejected Republicans’ proposal, the Justice Act, earlier this week, on the grounds that it wasn’t expansive enough in its policies. And Republicans are now poised to stall Democrats’ offering in the upper chamber, meaning progress on these reforms is effectively at a standstill.” [Vox, [6/26/20](#)]

Jobs & Economy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ From March 2015-February 2016, King worked at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for Jim Schultz, a former private equity executive and “Rauner loyalist” who sought to turn DCEO “into a semiprivatized group.”
- ✓ King complained that Illinois had “consistently seen jobs flee our state” in 2020, but oversaw job losses while working at DCEO.
 - ✓ Illinois was the only state in the Great Lakes region to lose jobs in 2015.
 - ✓ In 2015, Illinois’ state unemployment rate increased and the state lost 1,600 non-farm jobs compared to the previous year.
 - ✓ From March 2015 to March 2016, Illinois lost 6,000 manufacturing jobs, 1,500 mining jobs, and 2,300 information jobs.
 - ✓ Illinois’ unemployment rate increased from 6 percent in March 2015 to 6.5 percent in March 2016.
- ✓ Economic development grants disbursed by DCEO decreased by \$16.8 million, or 18.42 percent, during King's tenure from FY 2015 to FY 2016.
- ✓ King said she “look[ed] forward to serving” when a lawyer who was a major donor to local Republicans asked for help on behalf of a resort owner who had more than \$205,000 in unpaid bills due to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
 - ✓ In 2016, lawyer J. Thomas Long, a donor who at the time had given more than \$15,000 to local Republicans, asked Schultz for help on behalf of his client, John Reilly.
 - ✓ King replied and said she “look[ed] forward to serving” Reilly, a resort owner who owed more than \$205,000 in unpaid rent and leases to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
 - ✓ Reilly also owed \$14,000 in real estate taxes, \$21,000 in utility payments, and \$47,000 in hotel operator’s taxes for his resort.
- ✓ The State of Illinois spent more than \$1 million to clean up mold and tear down a building that was structurally unsound at Rend Lake Resort after terminating Reilly’s lease in December 2016.

Economy And Jobs

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2020: King Said Illinois Needed Jobs Because “We Have Consistently Seen Jobs Flee Our State.” “Q: What are your highest priorities for Illinois and the nation? A: Above all, Illinois, and our country, needs jobs. We have consistently seen jobs flee our state, and move to economic growth areas in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Indiana. We need the government to remove burdensome regulations that prevent innovation. We need to pass trade practices and financial policies that allow and promote growth in our economy. The 17th Congressional District of Illinois

deserves representation that will work closely with those at the Federal and State levels to provide our workers and employers with the tools and resources they need to succeed.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

King: “I Believe I Can Play A Critical Role In Bringing Jobs Here To This Part Of Our State.” Q: “Let’s switch gears here a little bit. Your district is strangely shaped, right. You’ve looked at it. You go all the way over to Rockford and then you’re back over to Galena and down to Savannah and Rock Island. So what is your plan to not only create new jobs for your district, but also to retain the ones that are currently there with Iowa being so close across the river? KING: “Earlene, it takes teamwork to not just bring jobs here, but also, like you mentioned, to retain the companies that are here. So it’s, first of all, I think there’s a huge opportunity right now, particularly following the pandemic. [...] I believe I can play a critical role in bringing jobs here to this part of our state. And on top of that, it is partnering with state level officials, and making sure that we promote a business-friendly environment because we are struggling as a state.” [Shaw Media, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 15:24)

... But While She Was Working At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity, Illinois Bled Thousands Of Jobs While Neighboring States Grew

King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity From 2015-2016

2015-2016: King Worked At The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity.

CASE NUMBER:	1820851420	CASE TYPE:	64	ITEM NUMBER:	006	ITEM TYPE:	EMPL-05
FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)							
KING, ESTHER JOY							
OTHER NAMES USED							
DATE OF BIRTH		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		POSITION REQUIRING INVESTIGATION			
				MILITARY			
PLACE OF BIRTH							
TULSA TULSA , OK							
CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT							
FROM	TO	POSITION			NAME OF SUPERVISOR		
03/2015	02/2016	SENIOR ADVISER TO THE DIR			JIM SCHULTZ		
ACTUAL JOB LOCATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE ADDRESS)							

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 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THIS PERSON'S SUITABILITY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT OR A SECURITY CLEARANCE. THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR DEROGATORY AS WELL AS POSITIVE INFORMATION, A CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST, AND/OR A COPY OF CONSENT REQUEST.

Employment End Date 3-15-16
 Place of birth - no record to verify
 Employment Ended - Terminated Non-Certified 3-15-16

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 3/15/16]

King Worked For DCEO Director Jim Schultz, A Bruce Rauner “Loyalist” And Private Equity Executive Who Sought To Turn DCEO Into A “Semiprivatized Group”

King Worked For DCEO Director Jim Schultz. “DCEO Administrative Personnel Director’s Office Director Jim Schultz [...] Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology Esther King.” [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Archived [5/8/15](#)]

Schultz Ran A Private Equity Group Prior To Working In State Government. “Gov. Bruce Rauner personally recruited Schultz from the private sector. The 55-year-old Effingham native started with one of his father John’s soybean seed businesses in the late 1970s, and by the early ’80s, started investing in farmland. In 1997 he founded Open Prairie, a private equity firm that manages investors’ money. Schultz was mainly involved in venture capital, where he provided funding for startup companies in the agricultural, technology, software, energy and manufacturing industries. Prairie President Pat Morand said Schultz took a ‘significant pay cut’ to join the department at \$142,339 a year.” [Peoria Journal Star, [3/30/15](#)]

Schultz’s Family Was “An Institution In The Effingham Area,” Where His Father Built One Of The Largest Crosses In The World. “Community leaders in Effingham say the new director has a love for all things Illinois in his blood. His family has roots dating back to 1840, the year Abraham Lincoln proposed to Mary Todd. Five generations of the Schultzes have made the family an institution in the Effingham area. [...] His family has been building in the Effingham community for some time. Schultz’s father, John, built the famous Effingham Cross, often touted as the largest cross in the world and a landmark synonymous with the city.” [Peoria Journal Star, [3/30/15](#)]

Schultz Was A “Longtime Bruce Rauner Loyalist” Who Was “Absolutely Committed To Turning The Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Into A Semiprivatized Group.” “Jim Schultz is a St. Louis Cardinals fan – hey, no one’s perfect – a longtime Bruce Rauner loyalist and, like the governor, a private-equity veteran who has a big wide smile. One other thing: He says he’s absolutely committed to turning the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity into a semiprivatized group like those in many other states, as well as achieving the entirety of Rauner’s controversial agenda to turn around the state’s lagging economy. In an interview yesterday, Schultz, who has kept a low media profile since being named to head DCEO in February, strongly defended Rauner’s proposal to turn day-to-day control of key DCEO functions over to a new private group similar to World Business Chicago and run by a board mostly filled with corporate execs.” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [5/12/15](#)]

- **Schultz Was Head Of Bruce Rauner’s Gubernatorial Exploratory Committee.** “The former chairman of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and head of Rauner’s gubernatorial exploratory committee spoke disparagingly of a recent situation in which a Fortune 500 company wanted to move some operations here, but a key DCEO staffer would have been unable to attend a meeting with them ‘because of work rules.’ The matter was eventually resolved after considerable effort, he said, but it was a fight. ‘In economic development, you don’t follow “work rules.” You work 24-7.’” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [5/12/15](#)]
- **Schultz Had “A Personal Tie To The Governor.”** “Schultz, 55, served for seven years as chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission. And he has a personal tie to the governor, serving on the board of the Ounce of Prevention fund, where Rauner’s wife, Diana Rauner, is the chief executive.” [Crain’s Chicago Business, [2/13/15](#)]

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Rauner’s DCEO Privatization Idea Raised Oversight Concerns. “Gov. Bruce Rauner says his plan to privatize the state’s economic development agency will improve job creation in Illinois. But similar plans in other states and even in Chicago have sometimes raised concerns about transparency and oversight, with taxpayers not always knowing how their money was being spent. Rauner’s plan, currently being considered by the Illinois General Assembly, would turn much of the development work of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity over to a new, not-for-profit corporation. Rauner and other supporters say a private agency negotiating tax breaks and other government-funded incentives with companies can move faster and with less red tape than a state agency. They say it could use private money to pay higher salaries and recruit better talent. ‘We think the agility comes from having private people that can be much more aggressive,’ Jim Schultz, Rauner’s recently named DCEO director, said in an interview with The Associated Press. But experts on corporate tax breaks

say there's little direct evidence that private development agencies are better than their public counterparts. And skeptics see a potential minefield of ethical challenges in letting a private corporation overseen by political appointees make decisions about which companies receive state subsidies.” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [5/3/15](#)]

Illinois Was The Only State In The Great Lakes Region To Lose Jobs In 2015

Illinois Was The Only State In The Great Lakes Region To Lose Jobs In 2015. “Illinois was the only state of all bordering and Great Lakes states to lose jobs in 2015, according to new data released Jan. 26 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Illinois’ net loss of 3,000 jobs in 2015 compares with tens of thousands of net jobs gained on the year in every surrounding state. Illinois ended 2015 with a net loss of 16,300 payroll jobs in December, putting the Land of Lincoln in the red for overall jobs in 2015, according to December jobs data from the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Neighboring Kentucky had the best jobs growth rate of surrounding states with 2.1 percent growth in 2015, while Michigan and Indiana led all states in the Midwest region with 1.9 percent jobs growth on the year.” [Illinois Policy, [1/26/16](#)]

2015: Illinois Jobs Decreased And Unemployment Rates Increased. “Illinois jobs decreased in six metropolitan areas and unemployment rates increased in eleven regions, according to data released today by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The unemployment rate remained the same in three areas and one metro area saw no change in non farm jobs. The not seasonally adjusted data compares over-the-year change from December 2015 with December 2014. Illinois businesses lost jobs in areas including the Quad Cities (-2.4 percent, -4,500), Decatur (-1.8 percent, -900), Carbondale-Marion (-1.3 percent, -700), and Lake-Kenosha (-1.3 percent, -5,100). Illinois businesses added jobs in seven metros including Elgin (+1.6 percent, +4,100), Champaign-Urbana (+0.8 percent, +900), Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division (+0.7 percent or +26,800), and Danville (+0.7 percent, +200).” [Illinois Department of Employment Security, [1/28/16](#)]

2015: Illinois’ State Unemployment Rate Increased.

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	December 2015	December 2014	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.4%	4.8%	0.6
Carbondale-Marion	6.5%	6.0%	0.5
Champaign-Urbana	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.6%	5.6%	0.0
Danville	7.4%	7.0%	0.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.9%	5.9%	0.0
Decatur	7.4%	7.0%	0.4
Elgin	6.2%	6.0%	0.2
Kankakee	7.0%	6.8%	0.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.8%	5.7%	0.1
Peoria	7.0%	6.2%	0.8
Rockford	7.2%	6.9%	0.3
Springfield	5.4%	5.3%	0.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	6.1%	6.1%	0.0
Illinois Statewide	5.9%	5.8%	0.1

** Data subject to revision.*

[Illinois Department of Employment Security, [1/28/16](#)]

2015: Illinois Lost 1,600 Non-Farm Jobs Compared To Previous Year.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – December 2015

Metropolitan Area	December 2015*	December 2014**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	95,100	95,000	100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	54,500	55,200	-700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	110,600	109,700	900
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,658,100	3,631,300	26,800
Danville MSA	29,700	29,500	200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,500	184,000	-4,500
Decatur MSA	50,300	51,200	-900
Elgin Metro Division	255,700	251,600	4,100
Kankakee MSA	45,700	45,700	0
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	396,400	401,500	-5,100
Peoria MSA	178,700	178,400	300
Rockford MSA	152,000	152,300	-300
Springfield MSA	112,900	112,400	500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	230,500	231,400	-900
Illinois Statewide	5,949,700	5,951,300	-1,600
*Preliminary **Revised			

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[Illinois Department of Employment Security, [1/28/16](#)]

From March 2015 To March 2016, Illinois Lost 1,500 Mining Jobs, 6,000 Manufacturing Jobs, And 2,300 Information Jobs

March 2015-March 2016: Illinois Lost 6,000 Manufacturing Jobs. [Illinois Department of Employment Security, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

- **Illinois Lost Manufacturing Jobs In 10 Of The 12 Months Of 2015.** “Illinois saw a small net gain of 500 manufacturing jobs in December, but ended up losing a total of 14,000 net factory jobs on the year. Illinois lost manufacturing jobs in 10 of the 12 months of 2015. Once again, manufacturing job losses plagued only Illinois of the Great Lakes manufacturing states in 2015. Every other Great Lakes manufacturing state gained factory jobs on net in 2015; Michigan experienced an especially banner year.” [Illinois Policy, [1/26/16](#)]
- **From March 2015 To March 2016, Manufacturing Jobs In Illinois Decreased 1.3 Percent.**

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment							
Total Nonfarm (3)		5,993.1	5,982.5	5,974.2	5,975.7	5,994.3	(P) 6,009.0
12-month % change		1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	(P) 1.3
Mining and Logging (3)		9.3	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.3	(P) 9.2
12-month % change		-7.0	-7.0	-9.8	-6.0	-6.1	(P) -6.1
Construction (3)		215.9	212.5	217.8	218.0	215.4	(P) 219.5
12-month % change		4.7	2.6	4.3	4.4	2.6	(P) 4.3
Manufacturing (3)		578.5	577.8	576.4	577.1	578.3	(P) 575.2
12-month % change		-0.5	-0.6	-1.1	-1.1	-0.9	(P) -1.3

[Bureau of Labor Statistics via Wayback Machine, Archived [5/10/16](#)]

March 2015-March 2016: Illinois Lost 2,300 Information Jobs. [Illinois Department of Employment Security, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

March 2015-March 2016: Illinois Lost 1,500 Mining Jobs. [Illinois Department of Employment Security, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

From March 2015 To March 2016, Illinois' Unemployment Rate Increased From 6 Percent To 6.5 Percent

March 2015: Illinois Had An Unemployment Rate Of 6 Percent.

Illinois

Data Series	Back Data	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015
Labor Force Data							
Civilian Labor Force (1)		6,513.5	6,502.9	6,495.3	6,497.9	6,491.0	(P) 6,489.2
Employment (1)		6,122.4	6,111.6	6,104.6	6,105.8	6,108.6	(P) 6,115.5
Unemployment (1)		391.1	391.2	390.8	392.1	382.5	(P) 373.6
Unemployment Rate (2)		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	(P) 5.8
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment							

[Bureau of Labor Statistics via Wayback Machine, Archived [9/6/15](#)]

March 2016: Illinois Had An Unemployment Rate Of 6.5 Percent.

Illinois

Data Series	Back Data	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
Labor Force Data							
Civilian Labor Force (1)		(4) 6,524.5	(4) 6,533.7	(4) 6,542.9	6,575.7	6,607.4	(P) 6,645.1
Employment (1)		(4) 6,137.1	(4) 6,139.8	(4) 6,142.2	6,163.2	6,187.4	(P) 6,215.5
Unemployment (1)		(4) 387.3	(4) 393.8	(4) 400.7	412.5	420.0	(P) 429.6
Unemployment Rate (2)		(4) 5.9	(4) 6.0	(4) 6.1	6.3	6.4	(P) 6.5

[Bureau of Labor Statistics via Wayback Machine, Archived [5/10/16](#)]

Mismanagement At The DCEO

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by 18.42 percent from \$91,604,350.70 in FY 2015 to \$74,726,083.49 in FY 2016, a decrease of \$16,878,267.21. [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant Tracker, Accessed [11/2/21](#)]

February 2016: King Said She “Look[ed] Forward To Serving” A Resort Owner Who Had More Than \$205,000 In Unpaid Rent And Lease Payments Due To The Illinois Department Of Natural Resources

Lawyer J. Thomas Long, A Donor Who Had Given More Than \$15K To Local Republicans, Asked Schultz For Help On Behalf Of His Client

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From: Thomas Long [mailto:tlong@sandbergphoenix.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:09 AM

To: Schultz, Jim

Cc: King, Esther

Subject: Rend Lake Resort [SPVG-LIB1.FID861691]

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Best personal regards,

Tom

J. Thomas Long

Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C.

2410 State Street

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, J. Thomas Long Email To Jim Schultz, 2/10/16]

At The Time Of His Email In February 2016, J. Thomas Long Had Given \$18.8K To Illinois Campaigns, Candidates, And Political Action Committees, Including \$15,565 To Republicans.

Date	Candidate or Committee	Amount
11/12/2015	Godfrey District 1 Republicans	\$200.00

10/23/2013	Godfrey District 1 Republicans	\$200.00
9/27/2013	Citizens for Kurt Prenzler (R)	\$250.00
5/13/2013	Citizens for Dunstan (D)	\$200.00
3/13/2012	Citizens for Weber (R)	\$750.00
2/12/2012	Citizens for Weber (R)	\$350.00
1/30/2012	Citizens for Weber (R)	\$1,250.00
10/19/2011	Godfrey District 1 Republicans	\$200.00
2/14/2011	Madison County Republican Central Comm	\$240.00
10/28/2010	Citizens for Kay (R)	\$1,000.00
9/21/2010	Citizens for Jim Watson (R)	\$500.00
6/30/2010	Southwestern IL Employers Association PAC	\$200.00
6/1/2010	Brady for Senate Inc (R)	\$2,500.00
1/19/2010	Citizens for Kay (R)	\$500.00
3/15/2009	Southwestern IL Employers Association PAC	\$300.00
4/2/2008	Southwestern IL Employers Association PAC	\$500.00
2/14/2008	Citizens for Stephens (R)	\$250.00
11/2/2006	Citizens for McGlynn (R)	\$500.00
4/20/2006	Citizens for Judge Weber (R)	\$1,000.00
9/28/2005	Citizens for Fred Bathon (D)	\$200.00
2/28/2005	Southwestern IL Employers Association PAC	\$300.00
3/31/2004	Southwestern IL Employers Association PAC	\$500.00
3/22/2004	Citizens for Jim Watson (R)	\$500.00
10/6/2003	Citizens for Fred Bathon (D)	\$200.00
6/7/2003	Citizens for Judy Baar Topinka (R)	\$1,000.00
8/23/2002	Citizens for Judy Baar Topinka (R)	\$1,000.00
6/27/2002	Citizens for Judy Baar Topinka (R)	\$1,000.00
4/5/2002	Southwestern IL Employers Association PAC	\$200.00
3/1/2002	Madison County Republican Central Comm	\$250.00
1/23/2002	Madison County Republican Central Comm	\$125.00
1/14/2002	Citizens for Jim Watson (R)	\$500.00
9/6/2001	Committee to Elect Tom Holbrook (D)	\$250.00
5/15/2001	Citizens for Judy Baar Topinka (R)	\$1,000.00
2/17/2001	Citizens for Hertz (D)	\$200.00
10/16/2000	Judicial Retention Committee	\$200.00
12/1/1999	Citizens for Jim Ryan (R)	\$500.00
	Total	\$18,815.00

[Illinois State Board Of Elections, Individual Contribution Search, Accessed [11/3/21](#)]

J. Thomas Long's Client John Reilly Had Given \$1,144 In In-Kind Contributions To Illinois Republican State Senate Campaign Committee.

Date	Candidate or Committee	Amount

9/21/2007	Republican State Senate Campaign Committee (In-kind Contribution)	\$550.00
9/20/2006	Republican State Senate Campaign Committee (In-kind Contribution)	\$594.00
	Total	\$1,144.00

[Illinois State Board Of Elections, Individual Contribution Search, Accessed [11/3/21](#)]

**NOTE: Reilly also disclosed in-kind contributions to Democratic State Sen. Gary Forby.*

King Said She “Look[ed] Forward To Serving” John Reilly

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From: [King, Esther](#)
To: [Thomas Long](#); [Schultz, Jim](#)
Cc: [Brown-McCreery, Heidi](#); [Settles, Carmel](#)
Subject: RE: Rend Lake Resort [SPVG-LIB1.FID861691]
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:34:12 AM

Tom,

Thank you so much for reaching out to us. We would like to help facilitate the relationship for you and John Reilly. Thank you for being a voice. Our team will work on reaching out to the Department of Conservation to see if we can advocate on John’s behalf.

Additionally, I have cc’ed Carmel Settles, Jim’s Personal Assistant, to see if Jim can visit Rend Lake Resort.

We look forward to serving John and helping to facilitate his interactions with the state,

Esther Joy King

Senior Advisor to the Director of Commerce

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Esther Joy King Email to J. Thomas Long, 2/10/16]

After King Was Fired From DCEO, Illinois Department Of Natural Resources Terminated Reilly’s Lease At Rend Lake Resort Over Hundreds Of Thousands In Unpaid Fees And Bills And Upkeep Issues

February 2016: King Was Fired From The Illinois Department Of Commerce. “Ms. King, be advised that effective February 24, 2016, your services are no longer required by the Agency. Your pay and benefits will continue through March 15, 2016.”

February 24, 2016

Esther King, Senior Public Service Administrator, Option 1

RE: Termination

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[REDACTED]

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Cc: Emily Monk, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Human Resources
Personnel File

[Illinois Department Of Commerce And Economic Opportunity Personnel Records, 2/24/16]

King Was Fired For Being A “Poor Cultural Fit.”

CASE NUMBER:	1820851420	CASE TYPE:	64	ITEM NUMBER:	010	ITEM TYPE:	EMPL-05
FULL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)							
KING, ESTHER JOY							
OTHER NAMES USED							
DATE OF BIRTH		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		POSITION REQUIRING INVESTIGATION			
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		MILITARY			
PLACE OF BIRTH							
TULSA TULSA, OK							
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORD SEARCH							
DATE: 02/2016 FIRED FROM JOB							
REASON: POOR CULTURAL FIT.							

[U.S. Office Of Personnel Management, INV Form 40: Esther Joy King, Case Number 1820851420, 2/24/16]

Illinois Department Of Natural Resources Terminated Reilly’s Lease At Rend Lake Resort Over Unpaid Fees And Upkeep Issues. “DNR, which is struggling to maintain the state park system and has upwards of \$800 million worth of maintenance projects in backlog, has announced that it is terminating the lease at Rend Lake Resort and will close the facility. The lease termination follows a notice from DNR to Rend Lake Resort, Inc. last month that the firm was delinquent in rent and related lease payments totaling more than \$205,000 [...] DNR noted that the Rend Lake Resort and Conference Center had upkeep issues, including mold, peeling paint and other health-related issues. Those issues ultimately resulted in the closing, DNR noted. John Reilly, the concessionaire, had operated the resort since it opened in 1990.” [Outdoor News, [12/21/16](#)]

Reilly’s Rend Lake Resort Had More Than \$205,000 In Unpaid Rent And Lease Payments Due To The Illinois Department Of Natural Resources. “The lease termination follows a notice from DNR to Rend Lake Resort, Inc. last month that the firm was delinquent in rent and related lease payments totaling more than \$205,000.” [Outdoor News, [12/21/16](#)]

Reilly Owed \$14,000 In Real Estate Taxes, \$21,000 In Utility Payments, And \$47,000 In Hotel Operator’s Taxes. “In an announcement, DNR said it also learned that the concessionaire owes \$14,000 in real estate taxes, \$21,000 in utility payments and \$47,000 in hotel operator’s taxes.” [Outdoor News, [12/21/16](#)]

State Of Illinois Spent More Than \$1 Million To Clean Up Mold And Tear Down A Building That Was Structurally Unsound At Rend Lake Resort. “The resort has been shuttered since December 2016 when the state terminated a lease agreement with the previous concessionaire, John Reilly. Mold was discovered in many of the

buildings and Reilly was behind in bills totalling in the tens of thousands. Since the closure, records News 3 obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request show the state has spent more than \$1 million cleaning up the mold and tearing down one of the buildings that was structurally unsound. ‘They spent about \$1.2 million taking the mold out of each one of the buildings that were identified,’ said state representative Dave Severin (R-Benton) ‘One of the boatels was such a disrepair, they actually took down. There were two boatels, now there's one boatel.’ The expenses continue to grow for basic upkeep like electric, gas, heating and cooling maintenance, pest control, and more.” [WSILTV, [11/12/20](#)]

Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King said that “we will have tough choices to make” on reforming Social Security and Medicare for future generations, and that “we are living longer, and we should adjust policy to reflect that.”
- ✓ King said she believed the Affordable Care Act, which lowered Medicare costs for seniors, should be repealed and replaced.
 - ✓ According to the Commonwealth Fund, if the ACA were overturned, preventive care for Medicare beneficiaries would get more expensive and Medicare premiums, deductibles, and cost-sharing would likely increase.

Social Security & Medicare

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- **Military Retirement Modernization Commission Recommended Changes To The System To Reduce The Cost To The Government And Require Military Members To Contribute To Their Own Retirement.** “To modernize the military retirement system, the Military Retirement Modernization Commission recommended changes to the system which will reduce the cost to the government and require military members to contribute to their own retirement. Since 83% of servicemembers do not stay in the military for the full 20 years required to get the normal retirement benefit, the Commission proposed a new system which includes a defined benefit, a defined contribution to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), and Continuation Pay for members who have more than 12 years active duty. This will result in higher retirement income for most members, and allow people who

don't complete the 20 years required for full retirement to save some money towards their retirement.”
[Military.com, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

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Congressional district	Number of beneficiaries						Total monthly benefits (thousands of dollars)			Number of beneficiaries aged 65 or older
	Total	Retired workers	Disabled workers	Widow(er)s and parents	Spouses ^a	Children ^b	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Widow(er)s and parents	
Illinois	2,274,372	1,654,623	260,426	140,438	82,423	136,462	3,319,057	2,602,421	209,375	1,777,910
1	125,175	87,690	17,348	8,089	3,220	8,828	172,825	130,568	11,351	93,747
2	131,795	88,299	20,229	8,327	3,364	11,576	179,941	131,679	11,712	94,285
3	119,908	88,509	11,932	8,028	5,141	6,298	174,083	136,312	11,944	96,143
4	77,168	52,102	10,519	5,033	4,286	5,228	93,845	68,591	6,178	57,821
5	97,940	74,912	8,606	5,767	4,218	4,437	144,423	117,462	8,471	81,948
6	123,574	97,253	8,353	6,986	6,010	4,972	212,027	176,655	12,093	106,144
7	99,677	67,619	15,254	6,014	2,920	7,870	134,363	101,368	7,989	72,802
8	110,472	83,922	10,754	6,189	4,735	4,872	169,840	137,454	9,536	90,325
9	125,317	97,002	10,101	6,846	5,769	5,599	198,145	163,970	11,094	107,003
10	115,604	87,750	9,994	6,562	5,966	5,332	185,628	151,317	10,794	96,264
11	105,549	76,727	11,777	6,036	4,129	6,880	162,078	127,500	9,427	82,396
12	150,447	101,448	22,869	10,477	4,452	11,201	203,468	149,373	14,781	108,541
13	140,610	98,882	18,569	8,906	4,003	10,060	194,704	148,795	13,111	104,816
14	125,697	97,432	10,768	6,654	4,519	6,324	205,076	168,008	11,083	103,093
15	160,078	112,799	20,749	11,321	5,047	10,162	216,507	163,992	15,809	120,854
16	152,731	111,630	17,827	9,343	4,742	9,189	226,490	176,900	14,507	118,031
17	157,659	112,943	20,414	10,131	4,727	9,444	217,552	168,310	14,797	119,538
18	155,071	117,704	14,363	9,639	5,175	8,190	228,063	184,167	14,699	124,160
All areas ^c	64,850,867	46,329,595	8,151,016	3,938,577	2,428,044	4,003,635	92,197,039	71,539,916	5,523,900	49,826,655

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data; and U.S. Postal Service geographic data.

a. These beneficiaries receive payment on the record of a worker who is retired or disabled.

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c. Includes beneficiaries in the 50 States, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and foreign countries.

[Social Security Administration, [12/2020](#)]

- **Social Security Provided Monthly Benefits To Eligible Workers After The Worker Retires, Passes Away, Or Becomes Disabled.** “Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. A worker’s lifetime covered earnings largely determine the amount of benefits received.” [Social Security Administration, [12/2020](#)]

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Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2020

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	Total	By type			By age			Total	Aged	Blind		Disabled
		Aged	Blind	Disabled	Under 18	18-64	65 or older					
Illinois	259,810	29,807	2,427	227,576	33,913	156,991	68,906	158,039	13,350	1,435	143,254	74,026
1	23,767	1,516	241	22,010	2,959	15,425	5,383	15,155	610	141	14,404	6,164
2	28,231	1,477	278	26,476	4,411	18,341	5,479	17,832	565	168	17,098	7,130
3	12,210	1,853	126	10,431	1,819	6,991	3,400	7,544	735	81	6,727	3,248
4	16,649	2,485	162	14,002	2,610	8,584	5,455	9,908	1,002	99	8,807	5,085
5	10,867	2,605	113	8,149	914	4,811	5,142	6,256	1,222	63	4,971	3,507
6	5,322	1,538	48	3,736	510	2,671	2,141	3,183	789	27	2,366	1,347
7	30,926	3,261	278	27,387	3,666	18,322	8,938	19,596	1,415	182	17,999	8,468
8	7,811	2,265	89	5,457	1,116	3,447	3,248	4,499	1,096	50	3,354	2,074
9	16,743	4,499	111	12,133	846	6,984	8,913	9,750	2,333	68	7,348	4,015
10	9,740	2,460	74	7,206	1,163	4,328	4,249	5,733	1,201	40	4,492	2,628
11	8,287	1,429	89	6,769	1,400	4,664	2,223	5,005	683	53	4,270	2,254
12	19,129	842	148	18,139	2,505	13,281	3,343	11,522	277	90	11,155	5,994
13	15,232	645	148	14,439	2,291	10,680	2,261	9,166	225	89	8,851	4,917
14	5,085	849	46	4,190	693	3,125	1,267	3,196	400	31	2,764	1,352
15	13,930	530	110	13,290	1,676	10,128	2,126	8,160	165	65	7,930	4,720
16	9,122	511	106	8,505	1,423	6,376	1,323	5,455	193	59	5,203	2,717
17	18,218	880	166	17,172	2,622	12,761	2,835	11,021	316	81	10,624	5,613
18	8,541	362	94	8,085	1,289	6,072	1,180	5,061	124	47	4,890	2,793
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a. Includes persons who are receiving both SSI payments and Social Security benefits.

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- **Supplemental Security Income Was A Federal Cash Assistance Program Providing Monthly Payments To Low-Income Elderly, Blind, Or Disabled People.** “Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.” [Social Security Administration, [12/2020](#)]

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Illinois	13	135,998	2,252	39,796	42,048	30.9%	3,734	90,216
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Illinois	15	153,524	3,022	30,928	33,950	22.1%	2,177	117,397
Illinois	16	145,842	4,933	35,363	40,296	27.6%	275	105,271
Illinois	17	150,963	9,193	43,484	52,677	34.9%	4,089	94,197
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[U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2020 Congressional District Report, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

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Illinois	3	119,397	56,456	29,383	3,396	4,510
Illinois	4	74,655	29,264	23,090	4,941	1,311
Illinois	5	103,885	50,705	23,227	3,339	2,900
Illinois	6	131,119	71,392	25,443	1,859	3,828
Illinois	7	101,943	44,973	27,868	6,352	1,962
Illinois	8	111,445	54,605	24,857	3,550	3,131
Illinois	9	137,952	75,311	26,284	3,870	3,347
Illinois	10	120,293	65,652	20,525	3,239	2,962
Illinois	11	104,154	48,290	26,467	3,232	4,506
Illinois	12	143,203	63,463	41,772	23	6,510
Illinois	13	135,867	63,347	39,796	3,069	6,889
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Illinois	15	153,417	84,313	30,928	1,230	5,243
Illinois	16	145,780	75,431	35,363	243	7,607
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King Criticized The Affordable Care Act For Creating “Burdensome Regulations.” “Q: What do you view as the government’s obligation, if any, to help American workers secure health insurance? Do you support the creation or continuation of a program, such as Medicare for All or Obamacare? Do you have a different idea? If you support a government-related insurance plan, how would you pay for it? A: The cost of our healthcare system is far too high. This is one of the biggest issues facing our country. Obamacare didn’t solve this, and neither will Medicare for All. Obamacare prevented innovation, added burdensome regulations, and raised taxes. Protecting pre-existing conditions and allowing children to stay on their parents’ insurance were benefits to Obamacare. I do believe that we should replace Obamacare with a health insurance market place that will continue to find new and innovated solutions to our nation’s health issues.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

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The Affordable Care Act Lowered Medicare Costs, Saving Seniors More Than \$20 Billion On Prescription Drugs. “Altogether, ACA programs have saved seniors more than \$20 billion on prescription drugs since the law’s passage, and seniors have benefited from no-cost preventive services such as cancer screenings and wellness visits. By closing the Medicare Part D coverage gap—also known as the ‘donut hole’—the ACA has helped lower beneficiaries’ out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs. Prior to the ACA, seniors who reached a certain level of prescription drug spending faced a coverage gap, in which they had to pay the full cost of all prescription drugs, before the plan’s catastrophic coverage kicked in. Before the ACA closed the coverage gap, about 5 million Medicare enrollees fell into it. The ACA also invested in other improvements for the Medicare program by establishing the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, which is responsible for developing ways to improve patient care and lower health care costs.” [Center for American Progress, [3/23/20](#)]

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Overturning The ACA Would Make Preventive Care More Expensive For Medicare Beneficiaries. “Many of the changes to Medicare made by the ACA remain in effect and have not changed since the law was passed; for example, an increase in the Medicare Part A payroll tax on higher-income workers, as well as preventive benefits like an annual wellness check-up and free coverage of some health screenings. Overturning the ACA in its entirety would likely repeal these provisions, with implications for Medicare and its beneficiaries. Repealing the payroll tax increases would reduce revenues to the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, which covers the costs of beneficiaries’ hospital visits and is currently projected to become insolvent in 2024. Repealing these provisions also would make preventive care more expensive.” [Commonwealth Fund, [10/29/20](#)]

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Tax Issues

Significant Findings

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- ✓ King compared the Internal Revenue Service to Big Brother and complained that the reconciliation bill gave the IRS “more money and power to monitor Americans.”

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Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

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Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That’s not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand’s statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There’s no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt By Nearly \$2 Trillion – And Republicans Sought To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion.” [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security”** [US News, [12/7/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Ryan Says Republicans To Target Welfare, Medicare, Medicaid Spending In 2018”** [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Paul Ryan Pushes To Keep Overhaul Of Safety-Net Programs On GOP Agenda”** [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

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Taxing The Wealthy

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King Claimed The Democrats’ Reconciliation Bill “Requires Massive Tax Increases (40 Taxes!!) To Pay For It.” “The Democrats’ spending bill requires massive tax increases (40 taxes!!) to pay for it. It gives the IRS more money and power to monitor Americans. It raises taxes on farmers. I got a degree in tax law. Let me tell you - this bill is insane.”



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Senator Mike Crapo
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I have introduced legislation to push back on IRS overreach, and will continue to fight against this abuse of power. bit.ly/3kld7w5



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Biden administration proposing plan to track bank transactions of \$600 or more
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Trade & Outsourcing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ King praised NAFTA, citing the “overnight economic growth” she said it created during her childhood living on the US-Mexico border.
 - ✓ The Economic Policy Institute found that Illinois lost nearly 35,000 jobs from 1993-2002 under NAFTA.
 - ✓ NAFTA was one of the factors that “led to the devastation of many smaller cities and towns” as manufacturing jobs declined.
 - ✓ UAW President Bob King said NAFTA was a “disaster” for the union and its workers.
- ✓ King said she supported Trump’s trade war with China, which hurt Illinois farmers and caused exports of corn and soybeans to drop.
 - ✓ Illinois exported more soybeans to China than any other country, and China was the state’s biggest agricultural trade partner.
 - ✓ Illinois agricultural exports to China dropped after China implemented retaliatory tariffs, with soybean exports to the country going from \$1.3 billion in 2017 to \$94 million in 2018 and corn exports dropping from \$8 million to \$5 million.
 - ✓ Illinois farmers criticized Trump’s trade policies as crop prices fell nearly 20 percent in two months.
- ✓ King supported USMCA and said it had “taken too long due to misaligned political priorities” and “it highlights why we need change in #IL17 for our farmers.”

NAFTA

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Economic Policy Institute: Illinois Lost Nearly 35,000 Jobs From 1993-2002 Under NAFTA

From 1994 To 2018, Illinois Lost 271,837 Manufacturing Jobs During The NAFTA-WTO Period. “Illinois lost 271,837 manufacturing jobs (or 31.9 percent) during the NAFTA-WTO period (1994-present), according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This figure is for total manufacturing employment, so it takes into account both jobs created by exports and jobs displaced by imports, among other causes of net job change. The percentage of all private sector jobs that are manufacturing jobs in Illinois declined from 19.6 percent to 11.4 percent during the NAFTA-WTO period.” [Public Citizen, 2018]

Economic Policy Institute: Illinois Lost Nearly 35,000 Jobs From 1993-2002 Under NAFTA. “All 50 states and the District of Columbia have experienced a net loss of jobs under NAFTA (see Table 2). Exports from every state have been offset by faster rising imports. Table 2 provides detailed estimates of job gains due to the growth in exports, job losses due to changes in imports, and the trade balance for each state. In every case, many more jobs are lost due to growing imports than are gained by increasing exports. Net job loss figures range from a low of 719 in Alaska to a high of 115,723 in California. Other hard-hit states include New York, Michigan, Texas, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Tennessee, each with more than 20,000 jobs lost. These states all have high concentrations of industries where a large number of plants have moved to Mexico (such as motor vehicles, textiles and apparel, computers, and electrical appliances). Manufacturing industries were responsible for 78% of the net jobs lost under NAFTA, a total of 686,700 manufacturing jobs.”

TABLE 2
NAFTA job creation and destruction by state, 1993-2002

	Changes due to growth in:		
	Exports (jobs gained)	Imports (jobs destroyed)	Net exports (net jobs gained or lost)
Alabama	13,999	-29,068	-15,070
Alaska	793	-1,512	-719
Arizona	9,596	-21,752	-12,157
Arkansas	6,638	-14,520	-7,882
California	89,282	-205,004	-115,723
Colorado	9,354	-19,684	-10,330
Connecticut	11,478	-24,198	-12,720
Delaware	2,059	-3,814	-1,756
District of Columbia	579	-1,293	-654
Florida	28,586	-64,097	-35,511
Georgia	22,413	-44,612	-22,200
Hawaii	1,844	-3,772	-1,928
Idaho	3,126	-6,395	-3,269
Illinois	42,018	-86,343	-44,325
Indiana	33,176	-68,008	-34,832
Iowa	9,398	-18,222	-8,825
Kansas	6,666	-13,574	-6,908
Kentucky	11,498	-22,798	-11,300
Louisiana	6,831	-13,195	-6,364
Maine	2,578	-5,293	-2,716
Maryland	10,230	-21,288	-11,058
Massachusetts	20,719	-44,042	-23,323
Michigan	45,945	-97,411	-51,466
Minnesota	15,126	-30,950	-15,825
Mississippi	6,974	-15,643	-8,670
Missouri	14,236	-28,913	-14,677
Montana	2,208	-4,125	-1,918
Nebraska	4,772	-8,713	-3,941
Nevada	4,213	-8,726	-4,513
New Hampshire	4,606	-10,563	-5,957
New Jersey	21,038	-46,082	-25,044
New Mexico	4,737	-9,319	-4,573
New York	46,182	-102,975	-56,793
North Carolina	26,456	-59,041	-32,585
North Dakota	1,480	-2,570	-1,090
Ohio	47,289	-93,882	-46,593
Oklahoma	9,101	-17,577	-8,476
Oregon	8,295	-18,015	-9,720
Pennsylvania	34,838	-73,163	-38,325
Rhode Island	6,971	-13,954	-6,983
South Carolina	15,554	-28,167	-12,613
South Dakota	3,278	-6,238	-2,961
Tennessee	15,969	-35,996	-20,028
Texas	48,399	-98,669	-50,270
Utah	6,246	-12,892	-6,646
Vermont	1,980	-4,295	-2,315
Virginia	14,924	-31,939	-17,016
Washington	12,145	-25,790	-13,645
West Virginia	4,030	-7,512	-3,482
Wisconsin	23,368	-46,395	-23,028
Wyoming	956	-1,519	-562
Total U.S.	794,174	-1,673,453	-879,280

Source: EPI analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau data.

[Economic Policy Institute, [11/17/03](#)]

Industry Week: NAFTA Was One Of The Factors That “Led To The Devastation Of Many Smaller Cities And Towns.” “Things began to change for these communities in the 1980s, when American corporations began to outsource production and re-engineer their organizations to adapt to globalization. But, at the turn of the 21st century, two things happened that would seal the fate of many of these communities. The Chinese were allowed into the World Trade Organization and the NAFTA Agreement went into effect. These changes led to the devastation of many smaller cities and towns. Here are some examples: [...] Galesburg, Illinois: In 2004, Maytag shut down its refrigerator plant in Galesburg and moved the production to Reynosa, Mexico. Approximately two thousand workers lost their jobs. During the decade from 2000 to 2010, the state of Illinois lost 302,000 manufacturing jobs (BEA). During this same period, the Department of Commerce found that U.S. multinational corporations laid off 2.9 million American workers and hired 2.4 million workers overseas.” [Industry Week, [10/10/19](#)]

UAW President Said NAFTA Was A “Disaster.” “Ask Bob King, the UAW's current president, about NAFTA at 20 and you'll get a blunt answer. ‘It's been a disaster to me,’ he says. ‘Unions like the UAW, like the steelworkers, like the Teamsters, were really undermined in our collective bargaining power by NAFTA,’ he says. ‘Because now, we go in and we bargain with [car] parts supplier companies and they say, “Well, we can go to Mexico and make this cheaper.”’ And King has a response for those who point to millions of jobs added to the U.S. economy since NAFTA: ‘We are not growing good, middle-class jobs in America,’ he says. ‘I'd like to know, where are the jobs? What are they talking about, Wal-Mart? They're talking about all these temporary, part-time jobs?’” [NPR Illinois, [12/17/13](#)]

China Trade War

King Said She Supported Trump’s Trade War With China, Which Hurt American Farmers

King Said She Supported Trump's Trade War With China, Which "Ensnared American Farmers Through Tariffs On U.S. Commodities." "King supports President Donald Trump's crackdown on China, which has sparked an escalating trade war that has ensnared American farmers through tariffs on U.S. commodities. 'However, this region - our agricultural industry - cannot just take it on the chin for the entire U.S. economy,' King said. 'We need to pursue ways to ensure that we have open trade for our products to markets that consume our products.'" [Telegraph Herald, [9/26/19](#)]

King Said The Trade War With China Was "Necessary." "Republican East Moline Attorney, Esther King, is spending at least part of her holidays talking with voters. On Friday, the Congressional candidate in Illinois' 17th House District held a meet and greet at a bar and restaurant called City Limits in Rock Island. King says the trade war with China is necessary and that voters she's talked with agree." [WVIK, [10/30/19](#)]

When Asked If She Disagreed With Trump's Trade Policy That Was Hurting Farmers, King Said Farmers Were Supportive Of It Because It Would Hold China Accountable. REPORTER: "What about his trade policy that's impacted farmers?" KING: "I do get to spend a lot of time talking with farmers about that very question, Jim, and what a lot of them are saying to me is 'Esther, you know, it has tough, we have been directly impacted and we need to hold China accountable, so we understand what the end goal is, we want to get to that end goal and have a solid trading agreement in place with China that has provisions to be able to hold them accountable on an ongoing basis,' because ultimately that is what is best for the farmers - to have open markets with dependable trading partners." [Our Quad Cities, [9/28/20](#)] (VIDEO, 2:29)

Illinois Farmers Had Deep Trade Ties With China And Suffered From The Trade War

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Illinois Exported More Soybeans To China Than Any Other Country. "Illinois exports more soybeans to China than any other state. Fully one-quarter of Illinois' soybean crop goes to China. Nationwide, one of every three rows of soybeans is shipped to China. That's why farmers paid close attention when the Trump administration proposed a 25-percent tariff on \$150 billion dollars' worth of Chinese imports. The threat came after President Donald Trump continued to rail against the nearly \$300 billion trade deficit with China." [WTTW, [5/17/18](#)]

Illinois Agricultural Exports To China Dropped After China Implemented Retaliatory Tariffs, "Dealing A Significant Blow To Illinois Farmers"

Bloomington Pantagraph: Farmers And Ag Business Were "Preparing For The Worst" With Trump's Trade War. "The impact of the trade war is a moving target, so it's hard to plan for the future. In the meantime, producers and ag leaders are preparing for the worst but hoping for the best. 'We have lost track of how many times Washington has indicated the trade war is almost over,' said Mark Albertson, director of strategic market development for the Illinois Soybean Association. 'During the past 12 months, there have been some ups and downs, but mostly downs, unfortunately. Most of the soy that is grown in Illinois gets exported, about 60 percent, and half of that would typically go to China. When China retaliated against U.S. tariffs by putting on their own tariffs on U.S. soy, our exports to China practically stopped.'" [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

US Chamber Of Commerce: \$3.8 Billion Worth Of Illinois Goods Were Threatened By Trump's Trade War, Including \$1.3 Billion Worth Of Soybeans And \$88 Million Worth Of Herbicides. "Trade tensions are reaching a fever pitch between the United States and trading partners like China, Canada and the European Union. Now, financial experts say it could affect billions worth of Illinois exports and the jobs in those industries. It's also having an impact on major Chicago-based companies and even a massive order for new CTA equipment. The proposed tariffs could impact everything from soybeans to bread, dairy and pork to cars, machinery and equipment. According the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, \$3.8 billion worth of Illinois exports are threatened as of the latest round of tariffs. They include: \$1.3 billion worth of soybeans. In fact, one out of every three rows of soybeans planted in Illinois is exported to China. \$445 million worth of vehicles \$156 million worth of bread, pastries and cakes \$128 million worth of herbicides \$88 million worth of aluminum" [WTTW, [7/11/18](#)]

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Pekin Times: "Illinois Farmers Have Been Especially Hurt By China's Retaliatory Tariffs In The Ongoing U.S.-China Trade War." "Illinois farmers have been especially hurt by China's retaliatory tariffs in the ongoing U.S.-China trade war, forcing the federal government to issue \$28 billion in aid nationwide." [Pekin Times, [1/20/20](#)]

2018: China Placed A 25 Percent Tariff On Soybean Imports, "Dealing A Significant Blow To Illinois Farmers" And "Farmers Are Declaring Bankruptcy At Levels The County Hasn't Witness For At Least A Decade." "Illinois produces the most soybeans per acre in the U.S. China, which in 2018 was the largest buyer of soybeans, placed a 25 percent tariff on imports of the crop last year dealing a significant blow to Illinois farmers. [...] The trade conflict with Beijing, which escalated in May when Trump raised tariffs to 25 percent on \$200 billion of imports from China and prompted the country to retaliate with its own tariffs, has provoked rare criticism from some Republican lawmakers. And farmers are declaring bankruptcy at levels the country hasn't witnessed for at least a decade, according to The Wall Street Journal." [Newsweek, [7/26/19](#)]

Bloomington Pantagraph: "Illinois Farmers Were Particularly Hurt By Soybean Tariffs Because The State Is The Largest Grower Of The Crop." "Illinois farmers were particularly hurt by soybean tariffs because the state is America's largest grower of the crop that is used in farm feed, cooking oil, tofu, soy sauce and dairy product substitutes." [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Soybean Exports To China Dropped From \$1.3 Billion in 2017 To \$94 Million In 2018 While Corn Exports Dropped From \$8 Million To \$5 Million. "Illinois exported \$1.3 billion in soybeans and \$8 million in corn to China in 2017. That fell to \$94 million in soybeans and \$5 million in corn in 2018. Sales of U.S. soybeans to China fell to their lowest level in about 15 years in the first half of 2019, according to Bloomberg News. 'When you cut \$2 billion out of Illinois agriculture exports in a year ... there's going to be dire financial consequences,' said [Adam Nielsen, director of national legislation and policy development for the Illinois Farm Bureau]." [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

American Soybean Exports To China Dropped 75% Between 2017 And 2018. "American soybean exports to China dropped 75% between 2017 and 2018, as China bought soybeans from other countries while exchanging tariffs with the U.S." [Pekin Times, [1/20/20](#)]

Illinois Farmers Criticized Trump's Policies As Crop Prices Fell

July 2018: Farmers Told IL Sen. Durbin Their Crop Value Fell 20 Percent In Recent Months Because Of Trump's Trade War. "In a statement. Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said Trump's 'scorched-earth trade war' has put a lot at stake for Illinois and the rural economy. Soybean farmers have told Durbin that they've seen their crop value drop by 20 percent in recent months, he said. 'Bailouts, tweets, and bragging won't save the lost crop value for our farmers and won't protect their reputations around the world as reliable sellers,' Durbin said in a statement, adding: 'Declaring a trade war on the world, instead of the truly bad actors, leaves a lot of collateral damage.'" [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

July 2018: Soybean Prices "Plunged" 18 Percent In Two Months. "What happened: The Trump administration is providing \$12 billion for American farmers affected by trade disputes with China and other countries. Why it's needed: Soybean prices have plunged 18 percent in the past two months. Even before the trade fights, the Agriculture Department had predicted that U.S. farm income would drop this year to \$60 billion, or half of what it was five years ago." [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Farm Bureau President Said Farmers "Bear The Brunt Of The Trade War." "Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. said farmers bear the brunt of the trade war. 'We are deeply concerned about the imposition of the retaliatory tariffs that could further impact agriculture,' he said. 'Tariffs historically have not been good for the farm economy. Farmers are on the front lines of this trade war and are sacrificing their livelihoods and it hasn't gotten better. We are sitting on a huge inventory of grain while our export markets are diminishing. ... Corn and soybean prices are depressed, combined with a delayed 2019 planting season due to heavy rains, and farmers are facing their sixth straight year of declining net farm income.'" [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

Newsweek: "Illinois Farmers Are Criticizing President Donald Trump's Trade Policies." "Illinois farmers are criticizing President Donald Trump's trade policies after the administration announced it would provide farmers \$16 billion in bailouts to ameliorate the economic impact of the commander-in-chief's attempts to restructure global trade relations. The administration said on Thursday that the bailout payments to farmers, initially announced in May, would be made over the next six months. The payments can total a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for producers of specialty crops like fruits and vegetables. The statement by the agriculture department says that 'no applicant can receive more than \$500,000.' The plan offers specifics on how the administration will financially assist farmers, which were not apparent when the bailout was announced earlier this year. But those specifics did not fully appease agriculture workers in Illinois, who released a statement saying they wanted a long-term solution to address the damage to trade relations caused by the ongoing wars, including the long-running conflict with China." [Newsweek, [7/26/19](#)]

Bloomington Pantagraph: "The Future Certainly Isn't Bright For The State's Soybean Farmers." "The future certainly isn't bright for the state's soybean farmers. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates soybean exports at 1.7 billion bushels, down 434 million bushels from 2017-18. 'The current state of Chinese tariffs on U.S. soybeans and the continuing spread of African swine fever does not bode well for U.S. soybean exports,' University of Illinois agricultural economist Todd Hubbs said. 'Chinese soybean purchases remain contingent on progress in negotiations. Based on previous negotiation outcomes, a decent probability exists that tariffs stay in place through the next marketing year.'" [Bloomington Pantagraph, [12/13/19](#)]

Trump's Announcement That He Would Provide Subsidies To Farmers Hurt By Trade War Was "Setting Off A New Wave Of Anxiety." "But the president's sudden announcement this week that he'll give out \$12 billion in subsidies to farmers is setting off a new wave of anxiety — a deep sense of apprehension over Trump's unpredictability on trade and questions over whether the White House has any plan at all." [Politico Illinois, [7/26/18](#)]

Illinois Farmers Said "They Would Rather See The President Reach Long-Term Solutions" On Trade Rather Than Bail Them Out. "While many Illinois farmers said Tuesday they appreciate the \$12 billion emergency aid package promised by President Donald Trump, they would rather see the president reach long-term trade solutions that allow them to sell their products. The plan Trump announced would tap existing Agriculture

Department funding for temporary relief to farmers who were hurt by his administration's trade disputes with China and other countries. The president earlier this month enacted 25 percent tariffs on Chinese products worth \$34 billion, causing China to retaliate with the same tariff percentage on American goods worth \$34 billion, including soybeans and pork.” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Farm Bureau: Trump’s Relief Package To Farmers “Would Not Make Its Members Whole In The Face Of Continued Trade Tensions.” “But the state's Farm Bureau said Trump’s relief package would not make its members whole in the face of continued trade tensions, although they appreciated the support. Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. said in a statement that the damage would continue as long as the tariffs are in effect — if not longer. ‘That’s why we urge the president and the administration to continue to negotiate trade deals with our global partners, including Mexico, Canada, Japan and the European Union,’ Guebert said, ‘and get back to the table with China to work on resolving unfair trade practices that are the underlying issue.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Illinois Soybean Growers: Soybean Farmers Wanted “Trade, Not Aid.” “Soybean farmers want ‘trade, not aid,’ said Lynn Rohrscheib, chairwoman of the Illinois Soybean Growers group. ‘If trade is our problem, aid handouts are a poor solution,’ Rohrscheib said in a statement. ‘As producers, we would rather be able to sell our crop for a fair price and grow both agricultural export and market opportunities.’” [Bloomington Pantagraph, [7/25/18](#)]

Vice President Of The Illinois Farm Bureau: “No Matter What The Payments Are Here, They Are Not Going To Make Up For The Generational Damage That’s Being Done.” “American farmers have been some of the hardest hit by China’s retaliatory tariffs, which were put on a range of commodities including soybeans, corn and wheat. The tariffs made those American agricultural products more expensive for Chinese importers, and private buyers nearly stopped purchasing US-grown soybeans — leaving a record amount sitting in storage at the end of 2018. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue first announced that there would be a second round of aid payments in May, after trade talks unraveled and President Donald Trump abruptly escalated tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods. Some farmers, who have long stood behind the President in his mission to get a better deal with Beijing, have started to grow impatient. [...] ‘I think the bottom-line takeaway is we are appreciative of this, but farmers have borne a significant price in this trade war,’ Brian Duncan, vice president of the Illinois Farm Bureau, told CNN. ‘No matter what the payments are here, they are not going to make up for the generational damage that’s being done. Once trade routes get changed, they don’t change back — that’s the real rub here,’ Duncan added.” [NBC Palm Springs, [7/25/19](#)]

USMCA

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King Said The Signing Of The USMCA Was A “Big Day” For Illinois Farmers.



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Free Trade

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Fair Trade

King Said Fair Trade And Protecting American Jobs Would Be Her Priority In Congress

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you would prioritize in the coming term – name it and describe what you want to accomplish. A: Fair-trade is an absolute necessity in the 17th District. While in Congress, I will work with leadership and the Administration to ensure that the United States has trade agreements that set the standard world-wide, and protect American jobs. It is important that we hold China, and our other trade partners, accountable when we enter new agreements with them. I would also support a federal overhaul of the nation’s infrastructure. This is crucial for farmers and American manufacturing to get their product to market.” [Chicago Tribune, [9/29/20](#)]

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2019: King Said She Had “Plans To Focus On” The Trade Imbalance. “For her first campaign for public office, an attorney from East Moline is aiming high. Wednesday Republican Esther Joy King announced she's running for Congress, from Illinois' 17th District. That's the seat now held by Democrat Cheri Bustos. King plans to focus on agri-business, economic development, immigration, health care, and the trade imbalance.” [Northern Public Radio, [8/21/19](#)]

Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ As a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, King criticized Joe Biden and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, in a possible violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
 - ✓ In 2019, King was promoted to captain as a JAG officer in the U.S. Army Reserve.
 - ✓ King accused the Biden Administration and Reps. Nancy Pelosi and Cheri Bustos of spreading “propaganda” about Afghanistan and said Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas should resign.
 - ✓ The Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibited commissioned officers, including “activated” reservists, from making “contemptuous” comments about the president, vice president, Congress, or Secretary of Homeland Security.
- ✓ King said Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Milley had become “part of the Washington swamp” and needed to “resign before he drags the credibility of U.S. military down with him.”
- ✓ King claimed that Biden “failed to provide basic respect for the Gold Star families who are suffering due to his incompetence” in Afghanistan.
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Uniform Code Of Military Justice

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King Said Being A JAG Officer Meant She Was A “Military-Trained Warrior.” KING: “I am a JAG officer, a military-trained warrior. A battle-ready leader.” [Facebook, Esther for Congress, [5/27/21](#)] (VIDEO, 24:46)

King Said As A JAG Officer She Was “Defending Freedom.” “Three years ago I signed an oath to ‘support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.’ That oath is about loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. As a practicing attorney, I serve as a member of the Army JAG Corps. Last year I was promoted to captain and I’m assigned to the Army Reserve Rock Island Arsenal. [...] The Army is protecting this freedom and opportunities we continue to enjoy. One of the things my generation struggles with is the question: ‘What is my purpose?’ But when you are a member of the Army, that

mission is crystal clear. You get to be part of something bigger than yourself in a meaningful way. We are defending freedom. I'm a piece of that and that's pretty cool." [Quad City Times, King Op-ed, [8/5/20](#)]

King Said Being In The Military Was Her Way Of "Carrying On The Family's Duty To Our Country" Because Her Family Members Were Veterans. "As I considered joining the Army, I also realized I could carry on my family legacy of military service. My grandfather retired from the Air Force, working as an aircraft mechanic. My father served in the Army and two of his uncles retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel and major, respectively. I'm the first person of my generation to join the military. I see it as carrying on the family's duty to our country. It's an honor to serve." [Quad City Times, King Op-ed, [8/5/20](#)]

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King: "All We've Heard From President Biden Are Excuses And An Arrogant Insistence That There Was No Other Way. This Isn't Leadership. It's Buck-Passing, Incompetence, And Failure." "Instead, all we've heard from President Biden are excuses and an arrogant insistence that there was no other way. This isn't leadership. It's buck-passing, incompetence, and failure. Thirteen Americans are unnecessarily dead. Hundreds of Americans and thousands of our Afghan allies are unnecessarily at the mercy of a terrorist regime armed with U.S. weapons. With a record like this, no wonder Democrats would rather focus on Biden's decision to end the war — the manner in which he did it is utterly indefensible." [Register-Mail, King op-ed, [9/5/21](#)]

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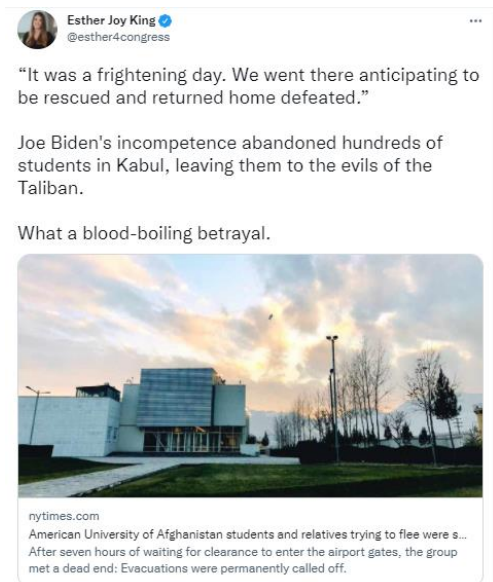
[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/8/21](#)]

King Said The Americans Still In Afghanistan “Need A Real President.” “It's been two weeks since we left fellow Americans behind on the ground in Afghanistan. Blinken just revealed that we STILL haven't gotten them all out. These Americans don't need a ‘case management team.’ They need a real President.” QUOTE TWEET @RNCResearch “WATCH: Secretary of State Antony Blinken admits there are still Americans in Afghanistan who want to leave.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/13/21](#)]

King Said That “Joe Biden's Incompetence Abandoned Hundreds Of Students In Kabul, Leaving Them To The Evils Of The Taliban” And Called It “A Blood-Boiling Betrayal.” ““It was a frightening day. We went there anticipating to be rescued and returned home defeated.’ Joe Biden's incompetence abandoned hundreds of students in Kabul, leaving them to the evils of the Taliban. What a blood-boiling betrayal.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/30/21](#)]

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King Complained About Withdrawal From Afghanistan Because “Others Would Be Court-Martialed For Such Negligence” But “Biden Will Get Away With It.” “Can't stop watching this. We are willingly handing over billions of deadly U.S. military equipment to the Taliban. Others would be court-martialed for such negligence. Biden will get away with it...and may as well have wrapped it in a bow for them.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/31/21](#)]

King Said Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas Was “More Concerned With Doing What's Best For Joe Biden Than For The Safety Of The American People.” “Mayorkas is more concerned with doing what’s best for Joe Biden than for the safety of the American people. As a JAG Officer, this is important to me. Homeland Security is not political. If Mayorkas can't be honest about this crisis, he needs to resign.”



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Captains In The U.S. Army Reserve Qualified As Commissioned Officers. “Officers are Soldiers who have completed special leadership training. Warrant Officers hold warrants from their service secretary and are experts in certain military technologies or capabilities. The commissioned ranks are the highest in the military. These Officers hold presidential commissions and are confirmed at their ranks by the Senate. Commissioned officer ranks are Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel and General Officer. Approximately 20% of Army Reserve Soldiers are Officers.” [U.S. Army Reserve, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

Members Of The Military Including “Activated” Reservists Were Subject To The Uniform Code Of Military Justice. “Members of the military are subject to many rules, regulations and laws. Besides having to obey the laws of the United States and their host countries in times of peace under international treaties, they are also subject to a special set of laws made just for them, the Uniform Code of Military Justice or UCMJ. The UCMJ is federal law, enacted by Congress which applies to all active duty members as well as activated National Guard and Reserve members and military academy students. Some civilians serving in support of the military during wartime are also subject to the UCMJ.” [Military.com, [7/30/21](#)]

- **U.S. Army Reserve Command Investigated Alex Stovall, An Army Reserve Officer, For His “Contemptuous” Comments Against President Biden He Made In An Ad And An Interview.** “U.S. Army Reserve Command is investigating a young officer’s references to his ongoing military service in an advertisement announcing his run for U.S. Congress in Arizona, a command official confirmed. 1st Lt. Alex Stovall is a chaplain candidate currently assigned to the Army Reserve’s 91st Training Division, according to service records released to Army Times. He first joined the military in 2013. Stovall announced in March he was running for Congress in Arizona’s 9th District as a Republican. [...] Stovall also said ‘I don’t think [Biden] is president,’ during an interview in April. Mikey Weinstein, president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, said in a letter to Pentagon leadership Thursday that Stovall violated Uniform Code of Military Justice provisions prohibiting commissioned officers from saying ‘contemptuous words’ against the president, vice president, Congress and other senior government officials. Such provisions typically do not apply to off-duty reserve component troops, though. ‘We are aware of the situation and are investigating,’ Lt. Col. Simon Flake, an Army Reserve Command spokesman, told Army Times. ‘Due to the ongoing investigation we are unable to provide more information at this time.’” [Army Times, [5/28/21](#)]
- **U.S. Army Reservist Investigated For Potentially Violating UCMJ Also Wore His Uniform In Campaign Ads.** “U.S. Army Reserve Command is investigating a young officer’s references to his ongoing military service in an advertisement announcing his run for U.S. Congress in Arizona, a command official confirmed. [...] One of Stovall’s recent campaign ads attacking Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., introduced him as a ‘26-year-old Army officer chaplain running to stop AOC and her cronies from taking over our Congress and our country.’ ‘I don’t fight for this country to watch it get taken over by AOC,’ he said. His tweets, which sometimes go viral in conservative circles, also frequently criticize senior Democratic officials such House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and apparently questioning President Joe Biden’s legitimacy in an April interview. The advertisement featured several photos of Stovall in uniform and contained a text disclaimer intended to comply with strict Defense Department restrictions on political campaigns by reservists. But it might not have been

enough. Air Force Reserve chaplain Lt. Col. Doug Collins, then a congressman running for a Senate seat in Georgia, received a warning from Air Force officials about a similar issue in 2020.” [Army Times, [5/28/21](#)]

**NOTE: Records requested on King’s military service are still outstanding as of October 2021, so it is unclear whether she was an active reservist at the time of her critical statements.*

Military Personnel

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[Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/20/21](#)]

- **General Mark Milley Was Chairman Of The Joint Chiefs Of Staff, “The Nation’s Highest-Ranking Military Officer.”** “General Mark A. Milley is the 20th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation’s highest-ranking military officer, and the principal military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense, and National Security Council. Prior to becoming Chairman on October 1, 2019, General Milley served as the 39th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.” [U.S. Department of Defense, Accessed [11/5/21](#)]

King Called For General Milley To Be “Court-Martialed” For “Insubordination.” “As a JAG Officer, we are taught to respect the chain of command or face consequences for insubordination. If any soldier undermined their superior officer like this, they’d be court-martialed. Gen. Milley should be held to the same standard.”



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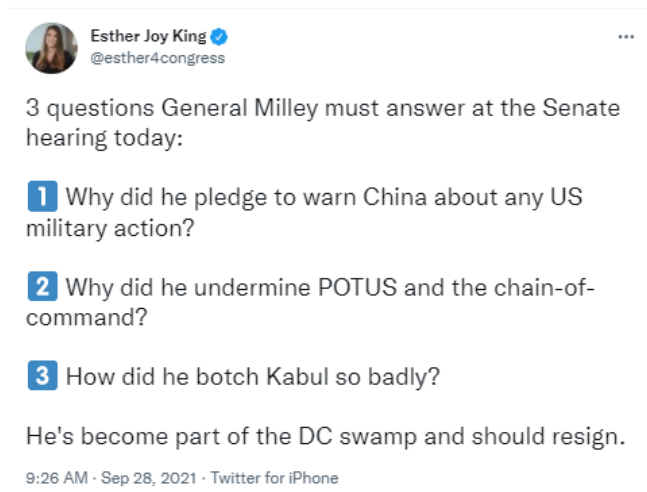


dailywire.com
Top U.S. Military Officer Warns: We Must 'Fundamentally' Change Our Military Or China Will Beat Us

[Twitter, @esther4congress, [11/4/21](#)]

King Said Milley Had “Become Part Of The DC Swamp And Should Resign.” “3 questions General Milley must answer at the Senate hearing today: 1 Why did he pledge to warn China about any US military action? 2 Why

did he undermine POTUS and the chain-of-command? 3 How did he botch Kabul so badly? He's become part of the DC swamp and should resign.”



[Twitter, @esther4congress, [9/28/21](#)]

King Said General Milley Was “Was A Four Star General Behaving Like A Spineless Politician.” KING: “Well, Eric, I was disappointed not just as a soldier but also as an American citizen and I do want to say upfront everything I say is my personal opinion, not endorsed by the Department of Defense, and General Milley, he deserves due process in court for, for whatever happened, if it did raise to the level of a crime. He deserves due process in court however what I saw was a four star general behaving like a spineless politician, and our leaders of the military are becoming political then we have gone off track and that’s not what the Department of Defense is for. The Department of Defense is bipartisan, must remain a nonpolitical organization and if our leaders are getting political and changing their stories and blaming the former president Donald Trump for their own actions and trying to put blame on someone when they made the decisions and they made the choices, we have failed leadership.” [Newsmax, [10/4/21](#)] (VIDEO, 0:12)

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daillywire.com
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[Twitter, @esther4congress, [8/31/21](#)]

King: “Again And Again, Joe Biden Shows He Does Not Care About Our Men And Women In Uniform.” “Did you see Joe Biden’s administration wants to use your taxpayer money to give illegal immigrants \$450,000? That’s right - he wants to give \$450K to each individual who unlawfully crossed our borders. For comparison’s sake, Gold Star families only receive \$400,000 from the government when their loved one makes the ultimate sacrifice during active duty. Again and again, Joe Biden shows he does not care about our men and women in uniform. And apparently, he cares more about rewarding those who have broken our laws.” [Esther For Congress, Campaign Email, 11/4/21]

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[Twitter, @esther4congress, [10/18/21](#)]

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Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

Significant Findings

- ✓ In 2020, King had an estimated net worth of between -\$297,996 and -\$83,002.
- ✓ According to King's federal personal financial disclosures, her 2020 annual unearned income was between \$1,202 and \$3,500.
- ✓ King also served as JAG Officer, but House disclosure rules exempt salary earned from the U.S. Military.
- ✓ King also earned \$50,000 in salary from the law firm King & Clark LLC.
- ✓ King's reported assets totaled between \$2,004 and \$32,000. King had between \$115,002 and \$300,000 in liabilities.

2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

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	Uprise Enterprise, LLC 33% Interest [OL]	\$1	\$1,001	None	None	None	None	None
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Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ *As of October 2021, King's campaign raised \$980,614.96 and spent \$326,949.20.*
- ✓ *King's campaign committee received almost 96.66% of her PAC contributions from ideological PACs.*

Campaign Committee

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King Congressional Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
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2022	\$980,614.96	\$865,538.68	\$0.00	\$82,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$326,949.20	\$311,824.20	\$2,640.00
2020	\$2,058,085.15	\$1,677,458.96	\$12,150	\$280,944.58	\$2,341.00	\$10,150	\$2,055,793.65	\$1,946,407.76	\$22,783.30

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, Accessed [11/15/21](#)]

King's Campaign Committee Received 91.34% Of Her Contributions From Individual Contributors And 8.7% From PACs

Source Of King Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual Contributors	\$865,539	91.34%
PAC Contributors	\$82,450	8.70%
Self-Financing	\$0	0.00%
Other	-\$358	-0.04%

[Center for Responsive Politics, Accessed [11/15/21](#)]

King's Campaign Committee Received Almost 96.66% Of Her PAC Contributions From Ideological PACs

Source Of King Congressional Campaign Committee PAC Contributions		
Category	#	%
Business PACs	\$2,500	3.34%
Labor PACs	\$0	0.00%
Ideological PACs	\$72,400	96.66%

[Center for Responsive Politics, Accessed [11/15/21](#)]

Top Overall Contributors

King Top Contributors	
Contributor	Total
Master Spas	\$18,300
Kirkland & Ellis	\$12,450
Anchor Lumber	\$11,600
Continental Investors	\$11,600
Gray Machine & Welding	\$11,600
Great Point Partners	\$11,600
Majority Cmte PAC	\$10,000
Value in Electing Women PAC	\$10,000
Maclean-Fogg Co	\$8,500
Maddog Technology	\$5,800
Jupiter Management	\$5,800
Hendricks Holding Co	\$5,800
Hillwood Development	\$5,800
Inland	\$5,800
General Grind & Machine	\$5,800
Georges Enterprises	\$5,800
Exelon Corp	\$5,800
Craig Realty Group	\$5,800
Ddc	\$5,800
Elgin Toyota	\$5,800

[Center for Responsive Politics, Accessed [11/15/21](#)]

Top Overall Industries

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Rank	Industry	Total
1	Retired	\$138,438
2	Securities & Investment	\$43,926
3	Leadership PACs	\$43,400
4	Real Estate	\$35,775
5	Lawyers/Law Firms	\$23,000
6	Misc Services	\$19,157
7	Republican/Conservative	\$17,701
8	Misc Manufacturing & Distributing	\$15,812
9	Women's Issues	\$15,800
10	Retail Sales	\$12,730
11	Civil Servants/Public Officials	\$12,005
12	Candidate Committees	\$12,000
13	Misc Finance	\$11,631
14	Special Trade Contractors	\$11,627
15	Misc Health	\$11,612
16	Non-Profit Institutions	\$10,211
17	Insurance	\$9,806
18	General Contractors	\$7,347
19	Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	\$7,025
20	Food & Beverage	\$6,475

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Top Overall Sectors

King Top Contributors By Sector	
Sector	Total
Other	\$165,054
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$108,738
Ideology/Single-Issue	\$88,901
Misc Business	\$71,615
Construction	\$30,962
Health	\$28,239
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$25,750
Communications/Electronics	\$14,722
Energy & Natural Resources	\$8,700
Agribusiness	\$5,710
Transportation	\$3,991
Defense	\$2,900

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June 2021: Joy PAC Contributed \$1,000 To Bice For Congress. [FEC, Accessed [11/19/21](#)]

March 2021: Joy PAC Contributed \$500 To Citizens For Mike Thoms. [FEC, Accessed [11/19/21](#)]

February 2021: Joy PAC Contributed \$3,000 To Friends Of Sid Ruckriegel. [FEC, Accessed [11/19/21](#)]

- **Sid Ruckriegel Was Running For Mayor Of Peoria.** “Today Ruckriegel lives in an historic house on Moss Avenue. Over the years he has lived in four districts in Peoria, which he says helped him as an at-large member on the City Council. Ruckriegel has been on the council since he was appointed in 2015, winning election in 2017 and 2019. It’s Ruckriegel’s first run for mayor. He decided the time was right after Mayor Jim Ardis chose not to run again.” [Peoria Journal-Star, [2/4/21](#)]

As Of October 2021, Joy PAC Spent \$1,615.08 On Operating Expenditures. [FEC, Accessed [11/19/21](#)]

Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

2020 Election

King “Good Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
10/29/20	HMP	Windy City	King’s personal history	Negative—attacking King
10/23/20	Cheri Bustos for Congress	N/A	Personal record, health care issues	Negative—attacking King
10/2/20	Cheri Bustos for Congress	Doers	Trade issues, infrastructure issues	Positive, issue ad
9/8/20	Cheri Bustos for Congress	Gold Star Spouse	Personal record, veterans’ issues	Positive

King “Bad Guy” Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
10/27/20	Esther for Congress	Gone Washington	Bustos’ record	Negative—attacking Cheri Bustos
10/5/20	Esther for Congress	One Million	Bustos’ record	Negative—attacking Cheri Bustos
9/8/20	Esther for Congress	Rebuild	Bustos’ record	Negative—attacking Cheri Bustos
9/23/20	Esther for Congress	Boss	Bustos’ record	Negative—attacking Cheri Bustos
2/24/20	Esther for Congress	Anew	Health care issues, social issues	Issue ad