

Gabe Evans (CO-08) Research Report

Significant Findings

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- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill's Medicaid cuts would have a devastating impact on Coloradans struggling with substance abuse disorders.
- ✓ An estimated 53,000 people in Colorado with substance-abuse disorder would lose access to health care coverage because of Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ According to Brookings, the One Big Beautiful Bill was expected to have "a devastating impact on people with substance use disorders by posing significant procedural barriers to Medicaid eligibility."
- ✓ An analysis from the University of Pennsylvania projected Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill would result in 1,000 more overdose deaths over the course of one year.
- ✓ Evans was silent as the Trump administration pardoned convicted drug traffickers and gutted funding for crucial substance abuse disorder programs.

- ✓ Trump pardoned Juan Orlando Hernández, the former president of Honduras who helped smuggle at least 400 tons of cocaine into the United States.
 - ✓ Federal prosecutors said Hernández aided drug traffickers by protecting them from extradition and prosecution.
- ✓ Trump pardoned Ross Ulbricht, the operator of an illegal drug marketplace who was sentenced to life in prison on conspiracy to commit drug trafficking, money laundering, and computer hacking charges.
 - ✓ Prosecutors noted Ulbricht's website facilitated the sale of more than \$200 million worth of drugs.
- ✓ The Trump administration proposed restructuring the Department of Health and Human Services and cutting substance abuse grant programs, which put "essential services for millions of Americans with mental health and substance use disorders at risk."
 - ✓ Trump's Fiscal Year 2026 budget proposed restructuring the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and reduced their operating budget by \$1 billion.
 - ✓ Trump's Fiscal Year 2026 budget proposed cutting \$1 billion in funding from Programs of Regional and National Significance (PRNS) grants, which funded state programs focused on mental health, substance use prevention, and substance use treatment.
 - ✓ Colorado received more than \$26 million in PRNS funding in Fiscal Year 2024.
 - ✓ Trump's Fiscal Year 2026 budget proposed consolidating existing mental health and substance use disorder grant programs into one block grant and cutting funding for certain grants by at least 10.4%.
 - ✓ The proposed cuts in Trump's budget put "essential services for millions of Americans with mental health and substance use disorders at risk."
- ✓ March 2025: The Trump administration cancelled \$11.4 billion in funding for grants that supported addiction recovery programs, mental health services, and other programs.
 - ✓ Experts warned the funding cuts could trigger substance abuse treatment disruptions and would claw back funds that states used to reduce overdose deaths.
 - ✓ Allie Eliot, a spokesperson for Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration, said the \$250 million in federal cuts would affect as many as 60 programs in Colorado and could put patients at risk.
- ✓ A review of Evans' social media and public statements returned no apparent mentions of Trump's pardons or proposed funding cuts.
- ✓ Investments in substance abuse prevention programs were credited with reducing overdose deaths in the United States.
 - ✓ Overdose deaths in the United States fell by nearly 25% from 2023 to 2024.
 - ✓ Experts said continuing and expanding federal funding for overdose prevention effort was the best way to continue to reduce overdoses.

- ✓ Brookings noted “any strategy that emphasizes supply reduction to the exclusion of other proven public health approaches to substance use will not decrease overdose deaths and other harms, and in fact, may increase fatality.”

Evans Voted To Gut Clean Energy Tax Credits, Which Threatened Hundreds Of Millions In Investments In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District

- ✓ Evans voted for devastating cuts to Colorado’s clean energy sector...
- ✓ July 2025: Evans voted for the final passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill, which repealed clean energy tax credits.
- ✓ The repeal of clean energy tax credits was predicted to increase energy costs while threatening business investments in Colorado’s 8th Congressional District.
 - ✓ Future clean energy projects were predicted to cost about 50% more than those that received tax credits.
 - ✓ Energy and utility costs were expected to increase because of the repeal of clean energy tax credits, with household energy costs in Colorado projected to increase 7% by 2035.
- ✓ ...And remained silent as the Trump administration terminated \$8 billion for clean energy projects, including \$33 million in Colorado’s 8th congressional district.
 - ✓ October 1, 2025: The Trump administration terminated \$8 billion in Department of Energy grants for clean energy projects across the United States.
 - ✓ The cuts cancelled funding for two projects in Colorado’s 8th Congressional District, totaling over \$33 million.
 - ✓ The Trump administration terminated a \$27,000,000 federal grant for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association in Colorado’s 8th congressional district.
 - ✓ The Trump administration terminated a \$6,124,821 federal grant for United Power in Colorado’s 8th congressional district.
 - ✓ The cancelled clean energy grants supported the types of projects Evans’ claimed the United States needed to invest in an “all the above” energy approach.
 - ✓ Evans said he supported an “all-the-above” energy strategy that included wind and solar.
 - ✓ Evans said the United States needed to invest in wind and solar projects “for a more resilient, secure America” and infrastructure such as modernized grids to support “affordable, reliable, and secure energy.”
 - ✓ Tri-State’s \$27 million cancelled grant was to help improve electric grid efficiency, capacity, and reliability while integrating renewable resources and managing energy load.
 - ✓ Union Power’s \$6 million DOE grant supported installing solar panels to provide backup power for an aging generator at Fort Lupton’s sewage treatment plant.
- ✓ Evans stayed silent on the \$33 million in lost funding for his district.

- ✓ Despite his votes and actions, Evans has attempted to fashion himself as a clean energy champion and acknowledged the importance of the industry as a “reliable and innovative partner” in his district.
- ✓ Evans repeatedly acknowledged the economic impact and importance of the clean energy industry in his district.
 - ✓ November 2025: Evans said one in two wind generators in the United States were made in Colorado’s 8th Congressional District.
 - ✓ Evans said Colorado’s 8th Congressional District was home to “some of the largest solar projects in the country.”
 - ✓ Evans said the wind and solar industries in Colorado’s 8th Congressional District were experiencing “anxiety” due to policy “whiplash.”
- ✓ September 2025: Evans said clean energy tax credits “helped fuel Colorado’s economy, creating new jobs, supporting small businesses and large companies alike, and attracting billions of dollars in private sector investment.”
 - ✓ Evans said “clean energy has quickly risen as a reliable and innovative partner” in energy production.
 - ✓ May 2025: Evans said, “unleashing American energy dominance means unleashing all forms of energy in a safe, affordable and reliable way” and that Colorado needed “to solidify an all-of-the-above approach,” which included wind and solar.
- ✓ Evans repeatedly proclaimed his support for clean energy tax credits during One Big Beautiful Bill negotiations, warning cuts would “jeopardize” investments and increase costs for consumers.
 - ✓ March 2025: Evans signed a Republican-led letter to the House Ways and Means Committee opposing cuts to clean energy tax credits.
 - ✓ Evans warned timelines for domestic energy production and infrastructure could be “jeopardized” by cuts to clean energy tax credits.
 - ✓ Evans said both his constituents and the energy industry were “concerned” about changes to the “nation’s energy tax structure.”
- ✓ May 2025: Evans said clean energy tax credits “encourage critical clean energy technologies, create good-paying jobs and enhance U.S. energy security.”
- ✓ May 2025: Evans warned that cutting the clean energy tax credits in the One Big Beautiful Bill would lead to higher energy bills for consumers.
- ✓ June 2025: After his initial vote to cut clean energy tax credits, Evans signed onto a letter asking Senate Republicans to “mitigate” negative impacts of the One Big Beautiful Bill’s cuts to the energy tax credits.

Gabe Evans Praised JBS Leadership And Failed to Reach Out to Workers At Its Greeley Facility As They Fought For Fair Wages And Better Working Conditions

- ✓ March 2026: Workers at JBS’ Greeley meatpacking plant announced plans to strike over unfair labor practices

- ✓ Workers reported that JBS charged them for replacement personal protective equipment, proposed inadequate wage increases, and committed unfair labor practices that prevented a contract agreement.
- ✓ Some workers said they were charged \$1,100 or more by JBS to replace critical protective gear and offered wage increases as low as 60 cents an hour.
 - ✓ JBS stopped production at its Greeley facility in anticipation of the strike.
- ✓ As of March 4, 2026, Evans failed to reach out to UFCW7 regarding the strike despite representing the district in which the JBS Plant was located.
- ✓ Workers at JBS' Greeley facility voted to strike in the face of looming deportation threats from the Trump administration and raids on other meatpacking facilities.
- ✓ The President of UFCW Local 7 estimated 80% to 90% of the workforce at JBS' Greeley facility was foreign born.
 - ✓ February 2026: Haitian workers at JBS' Greeley plant faced looming deportation threats as the Trump administration sought to revoke their temporary protected status.
- ✓ Latino and immigrant workers feared that voting in the union election could lead to retaliation due to JBS' close relationship with the Trump administration.
- ✓ Immigrant workers at other meatpacking plants around the country faced arrests and deportations.
 - ✓ June 2025: ICE arrested 67 people at a Nebraska meatpacking plant.
 - ✓ July 2025: More than 200 employees at a JBS pork production facility in Iowa faced deportation after the Trump administration terminated their work authorizations.
- ✓ Evans repeatedly insisted that immigration enforcement was targeted at only people with criminal backgrounds.
- ✓ JBS had history of labor violations, including child labor violations and allegations of human trafficking.
 - ✓ The Department of Labor determined JBS violated child labor laws when their contractor employed children in dangerous jobs and during overnight shifts at the company's facilities in multiple states including Colorado.
 - ✓ In formal complaints, UFCW Local 7 claimed JBS misrepresented work and living conditions while recruiting migrant workers, which constituted human trafficking.
- ✓ Evans met with JBS leadership in Washington and praised the company as "vital" to Colorado's 8th Congressional District's workforce.
 - ✓ January 2025: Evans met with JBS CEO Wesley Batista Filho in Washington, D.C.
 - ✓ April 2025: Evans toured JBS' beef processing facility and said the company was "vital to our workforce and economy."
 - ✓ February 2025: Evans said he was "thrilled" about JBS' Expansion Project at its Greeley plant and said they were a "vital piece" of Colorado's 8th Congressional District's economy.

- ✓ Evans' voted against labor and union protections in Colorado's state legislature, including bills that strengthened child labor laws and wage violation enforcements
- ✓ Evans voted against a bill that expanded legal action to hold a company accountable for breaking child labor laws
 - ✓ HB23-1196 expanded the legal action that a child, or parent of the child, could take to hold a company accountable for breaking child labor laws.
 - ✓ Evans voted no on HB23-1196.
- ✓ Evans voted against a bill that ensured equal pay for equal work by requiring the director of the Department of Labor and Employment to investigate employer violations of wage inequality.
 - ✓ SB23-105 ensured equal pay for equal work.
 - ✓ Evans voted no on SB23-105.
- ✓ Evans voted against a bill that implemented public employees' workplace protections like the right to discuss workplace issues, join an employee organization, and raise concerns without retaliation.
 - ✓ SB23-111 implemented workplace protections for public-sector employees.
 - ✓ Evans voted against SB23-111.

Evans Claimed He Would Not Support Harmful Cuts To Medicaid But Then Voted For The Largest Medicaid Cut In History

- ✓ April 2025: Evans said he opposed Medicaid cuts "that harm Colorado providers or patients."
- ✓ Evans voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill, which triggered the largest Medicaid cut in history.
 - ✓ May 2025 and July 2025: Evans voted twice for the One Big Beautiful Bill.
 - ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid, which was the largest cut to Medicaid in American history.
 - ✓ Less than a month after voting to gut Medicaid, Evans introduced a resolution honoring the 60th anniversary of Medicaid, saying it was "paramount that congress preserve access to" Medicaid and "Republicans are fighting to protect Medicaid."
 - ✓ On July 29, 2025, Evans introduced a resolution honoring the 60th anniversary of Medicaid, noting its importance.
- ✓ Evans' vote to gut Medicaid had harmful consequences for Colorado's 8th Congressional District.
- ✓ The U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee minority estimated nearly 30,000 people in Colorado's 8th Congressional District would lose health insurance because of Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ Hospitals in Colorado's 8th Congressional District were estimated to lose \$31,868,432 annually in Medicaid revenue because of Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill.

Evans Said Affordability Was A Top Priority For Him But Supported Cost-Raising Tariffs

- ✓ Evans repeatedly said cost of living and affordability was top priorities for him and pledged to factor it into his decision making in Congress.
- ✓ October 2024: Evans said he was “skeptical of tariffs or trade barriers, except when America’s national security is jeopardized.”
- ✓ Evans voted eight times for Trump’s reckless tariff policy.
- ✓ February 2026: Evans voted against terminating Trump’s tariffs, after voting repeatedly to delay a vote on the issue.
- ✓ February 2026: Evans voted for providing consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act, the Undersea Cable Protection Act, the Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act, and blocking consideration of joint resolutions terminating Trump’s tariff.
- ✓ February 2026: Evans voted for blocking consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act, the Undersea Cable Protection Act, and the Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act.
- ✓ September 2025: House Republicans voted to block Congress from challenging Trump’s tariffs through March 2026.
- ✓ April 2025: Evans voted to block Congress from challenging Trump’s tariffs through September 2025.
- ✓ April 2025: Evans voted for blocking consideration of an amendment striking a section of the rule that would prevent the House from voting on Trump’s tariffs.
- ✓ April 2025: Evans voted for blocking consideration of a joint resolution to terminate Trump’s tariffs.
- ✓ March 2025: House Republicans voted to block Congress from challenging Trump’s tariffs for the rest of the year.
- ✓ April 2025: Evans defended Trump’s tariff policy, saying “I’m a big believer in free trade, but free trade has to be fair trade as well.”
- ✓ Trump’s tariffs were predicted to increase costs for Coloradans and trigger higher inflation.
- ✓ The estimated effective tariff rate in Colorado increased from 3% in 2024 to 21% in 2025 under Trump’s tariff policy.
- ✓ Tariffs on durable goods, such as automobiles and household appliances, were expected to cause up to \$600 million in additional costs to Colorado consumers.
- ✓ Inflation was predicted to increase in 2026 as a result of Trump’s tariff policy.

Evans Promised To “Tackle” Reckless Spending, But Voted To Add \$3 Trillion To The National Deficit

- ✓ Evans supported a balanced budget amendment and warned of “the always-growing national debt.”
- ✓ September 2023: Evans said he would “tackle the tough challenges facing America: reckless spending and runaway inflation” if elected to Congress.

- ✓ October 2024: Evans supported a balanced budget amendment.
 - ✓ A balanced-budget amendment threatened Americans' health care and Social Security.
- ✓ Evans said "our country is spending money we don't have, leading to inflation and the always-growing national debt."
- ✓ Evans voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill, which added \$3.4 trillion to the national deficit.
- ✓ May 2025 and July 2025: Evans voted twice for the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill would increase the national deficit by \$3.4 trillion over the next decade.

Evans Misrepresented His Grandfather's Immigration Story, Falsely Claiming He Immigrated To The United States "The Right Way" And "The Legal Way"

- ✓ 40.2% of the population in Colorado's 8th Congressional District identified as Hispanic or Latino.
- ✓ 2024: Evans won Colorado's 8th Congressional District by less than 2,500 votes.
- ✓ Evans claimed immigrants needed to come to the United States "the right way" like his grandfather did.
 - ✓ According to public records, Evans' grandfather, Cuauhtemoc Chavez, resided unlawfully in the United States for 12 years before he was arrested for an "immigration violation" in 1941.
- ✓ Evans repeatedly misstated details of his grandfather's immigration story.
 - ✓ Evans said his grandfather immigrated from Mexico in "search of a safer place to raise a family and chase the American dream," despite arriving when he was only five years old.
 - ✓ Evans claimed his grandfather became a citizen in 1943 while serving in the Army, but immigration records indicated he was granted citizenship in 1946 under a 1944 law that eliminated proof of lawful entry as a requirement for naturalization.
 - ✓ Evans claimed it took his grandfather 13 years to receive U.S. citizenship, but immigration records indicated Evans' grandfather applied once for citizenship in 1946 and was granted citizenship the same year.
- ✓ Jennifer Chavez, Evans' maternal aunt, said Evans' rhetoric around immigration "would have pissed my dad off."
 - ✓ Evans' aunt said Evans "barely knew" his grandfather and "misrepresented" his story to suggest he would have supported Trump.
- ✓ Evans supported immigration policies that would have resulted in his grandfather's deportation.
 - ✓ Immigration documents indicated Evans' grandfather was arrested for attempted burglary at 16.
 - ✓ Evans said he "strongly" supported "immediate deportation for criminals or freeloaders."
 - ✓ Evans said, "we have to aggressively target those individuals who are illegally in our communities, committing crimes, and those are the folks that we have to deport."

- ✓ Evans supported the Laken Riley Act, which allowed for the detention of undocumented immigrants arrested for a burglary, theft, larceny, or shoplifting offense.

Evans Claimed His Mother “Thought The Best Life Had To Offer Was A Dirt Floor Hut In Juarez, Mexico” Even Though She Was Born In The United States And Grew Up In El Paso, Texas

- ✓ Evans claimed his mother, Rebecca Chavez, “thought the best life had to offer was a dirt floor hut in Juarez, Mexico” at least 10 times.
- ✓ Evans said his mother’s story of achieving the American dream despite thinking “she was going to grow up in a dirt floor hut in Juarez” resonated “with Hispanics [and] with most folks in the 8th Congressional District.”
- ✓ Evans’ maternal aunt said the claim was “just totally delusional” and noted they were raised in El Paso, Texas.
- ✓ Evans’ mother was born in the United States and raised in El Paso, Texas.
- ✓ Evans’ maternal aunt said the story was “a fabrication made up, in my opinion, purposely to play on the emotions of the Hispanic voters in his district.”

Evans Inflated His Rancher Credentials, Possibly In An Attempt To Appeal To Voters In One Of Colorado’s Largest Agricultural Districts

- ✓ Colorado’s 8th Congressional District ranked second in the state for livestock, poultry, and products sales, with Weld County, CO, being a top agricultural county in the United States.
- ✓ Evans said he knew “the challenges farmers face” as “someone who operates a small family farm.”
 - ✓ Evans described himself as the operator of a family farm and a “beef producer.”
 - ✓ Evans’ home in Weld County received an agricultural tax designation.
- ✓ Since 2023, the tax savings Evans received from his property’s agricultural tax designation were reportedly almost double the income he reported from ranching and beef production.
 - ✓ Evans’ home in Weld County received an agricultural tax designation, which entitled him to “ongoing tax breaks.”
 - ✓ 2023-2025: Evans saved an estimated \$3,000 from agricultural tax breaks on his property.
 - ✓ Since 2023, Evans reported less than \$2,100 in income from “farm profits.”
 - ✓ Evans reported on federal personal financial disclosures that he earned \$345 in farm profits in 2025.
 - ✓ Evans reported on federal personal financial disclosures that he earned \$1,709 in farm profits in 2024.
 - ✓ Evans likely earned less than \$200 in farm profits based on federal personal financial Disclosures in 2023.
- ✓ In 2025, Evans said he had “to build a fence for the cows this summer” despite reportedly not having cattle on his property.

- ✓ Following his election to Congress, Evans boarded a cow, heifer, and a young bull calf at Cwm Ceffyl Ranch.

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Evans Said It Would Be His “Mission” To Stop The “Scourge Of Fentanyl” During His 2024 Campaign For Congress. “When he was running for Congress in 2024, Gabe Evans said that if elected, it would be his ‘mission’ to stop the ‘scourge of fentanyl.’ It was a central campaign theme, repeated by Evans in ads, radio shows, debates, interviews, and pretty much anywhere else he could say it. He blamed the substance abuse crisis on Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, the state legislature, immigrants, the ‘left,’ and every single Democratic leader in Colorado, especially his congressional opponent, incumbent Yadira Caraveo, whom he dramatically – and falsely – identified as ‘responsible for it all.’” [Colorado Times Recorder, [4/16/26](#)]

Colorado Politics: Evans “Made Attacks On Bipartisan State Legislation That Relaxed Penalties On Low-Level Possession Of The Synthetic Opioid Central To His Campaign.” “Evans, who was serving in the state House when he ran for Congress last year, made attacks on bipartisan state legislation that relaxed penalties on low-level possession of the synthetic opioid central to his campaign. Evans unseated Democrat Yadira Caraveo, a former state lawmaker and Thornton pediatrician, in one of the closest congressional races in the country.” [Colorado Politics, [2/10/25](#)]

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January 4, 2025: Evans Said Ending “The Scourge Of Fentanyl” Would Be One Of His Top Priorities In Congress

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Evans Voted For The OBBB, Which Was Expected To Kick 53,000 People In Colorado With Substance Abuse Disorder Off Of Medicaid. “Evans’ biggest blow to Colorado’s efforts to combat substance abuse came in the form of his two votes for the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB), which cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid, the health insurance program for low-income people that’s funded with federal and state dollars. It was the largest cut in the program’s history and is expected to result in an estimated 100,000 to 150,000 Coloradans losing health insurance. Of those, an estimated 53,000 Medicaid enrollees in Colorado with ‘substance-use disorder could lose coverage and access to treatment’ under the OBBB, according to a report by the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank. Nationally, over 1.6 million people with this disorder could be dropped from Medicaid. In a commentary published by the

Brookings Institution, Regina LaBelle, a professor at Georgetown University, and David R. Holtgrave, an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University, reported last year that the Medicaid cuts for drug abuse treatment would have ‘devastating consequences.’” [Colorado Times Recorder, [4/16/26](#)]

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

July 2025: Evans Voted For Final Passage Of The Senate Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

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

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State	Number Of Adult Medicaid Expansion Enrollees Treated For A Substance-Use Disorder, 2021	Estimated Coverage Losses Due To Proposed Medicaid Work Requirements
Colorado	68,818	53,000

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outcomes. Applying the RESPOND model allows us to project that the overdose rate among the group losing treatment will double in the first year following coverage loss. Accordingly, we project that the loss of Medicaid from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act is associated with over 1,000 excess fatal overdoses over the course of one year.” [UPenn, [7/2/25](#)]

Evans Was Silent As The Trump Administration Pardoned Convicted Drug Traffickers And Gutted Funding For Crucial Substance Abuse Disorder Programs

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December 2025: Donald Trump Pardoned Former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández, Who Was Convicted Of Helping Smuggle Cocaine Into The United States. “Former Honduran president Juan Orlando Hernández, convicted by a U.S. court last year on charges that he ran the Central American nation as a ‘narco-state’ that helped send South American cocaine to the United States, has been released from federal prison after receiving a ‘full and unconditional’ pardon from President Donald Trump.” [Washington Post, [12/2/25](#)]

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January 22, 2025: Donald Trump Pardoned Ross Ulbricht, Who Operated The Silk Road, An Illegal Drug Marketplace On The Dark Web, And Was Sentenced To Life In Prison In 2015. “US President Donald Trump says he has signed a full and unconditional pardon for Ross Ulbricht, who operated Silk Road, the dark web marketplace where illegal drugs were sold. Ulbricht was convicted in 2015 in New York in a narcotics and money-laundering conspiracy and sentenced to life in prison.” [BBC, [1/22/25](#)]

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Trump's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposed Restructuring The Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) And The Health Resources And Services Administration (HRSA) And Reduced Their Operating Budget By \$1 Billion

Trump's FY2026 Budget Included Dissolving The Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration And The Health Resources And Services Administration And Consolidating Them Into A New Administration For A Healthy America. “The Department of Health and Human Services has proposed restructuring federal mental health agencies and reducing their funding in the President's FY26 budget. This includes dissolving the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), consolidating them into a new Administration for a Healthy America (AHA). SAMHSA currently provides critical funding for community mental health centers, suicide prevention programs, and substance use treatment initiatives, while HRSA supports the training of mental health professionals and delivers services to underserved communities. The proposed restructuring includes a \$1 billion cut to these programs, putting essential services for millions of Americans with mental health and substance use disorders at risk. Congress would need to approve the proposed restructuring and funding changes for them to go into effect.” [American Psychological Association, [7/10/25](#)]

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SAMHSA Supported Community-Based Mental Health Services And Addiction Treatment And Prevention.

“SAMHSA was created in 1992 through bipartisan legislation signed by President George H.W. Bush. The agency was tasked with supporting community-based mental health services and addiction treatment and prevention. It mostly accomplished this through grants to states, communities and private groups for mental health and addiction related services. In recent years, the agency's budget has grown to address the increasing demand for mental health and addiction care. In 2024, SAMHSA's budget was about \$7.5 billion, the bulk of which flowed to states for specialized programs to address mental health issues and addiction.” [NPR, [6/6/25](#)]

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NPR: The Trump Administration Cancelled “Roughly \$11.4 Billion In COVID-Era Funding For Grants Linked To Addiction, Mental Health And Other Programs.” “State and county public health departments and nonprofit groups are reeling after the Trump administration announced abrupt cancellation and revocation of roughly \$11.4 billion in COVID-era funding for grants linked to addiction, mental health and other programs... The federal grant funding had been scheduled to run through September 2025. In a statement sent to NPR, a spokesperson with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said it made sense to freeze the program immediately.” [NPR, [3/27/25](#)]

Experts Warned The Funding Cuts Could Trigger Substance Abuse Treatment Disruptions And Would Claw Back Funds That States Used To Reduce Overdose Deaths

Keith Humphreys, An Addiction Policy Researcher At Stanford University, Warned The Trump Administration Cuts Could Trigger Layoffs And Treatment Disruptions. “‘This is chopping things off in the middle while people are actually doing the work,’ said Keith Humphreys, an addiction policy researcher at Stanford University, who also volunteers doing harm reduction work with people in addiction. He warned the move could trigger layoffs and treatment disruptions. ‘Services will be dropped in the middle. Bang, the clinic is closing. It’s a brutal way to make these cuts,’ Humphreys said.” [NPR, [3/27/25](#)]

Regina Labelle, An Expert On Drug Policy At Georgetown University Said, “DOGE Is Now Actively Cutting Funding Aimed At Reducing Overdose Deaths By Clawing Back Money From States.” “The move to rescind funds that include addiction-care grants drew criticism from experts who warned progress reducing overdose deaths could be reversed. ‘DOGE is now actively cutting funding aimed at reducing overdose deaths by clawing back money from states,’ wrote Regina LaBelle, an expert on drug policy at Georgetown University who served in the Biden administration in a post on social media. ‘With overdose deaths still exceeding 80,000 annually, is DOGE declaring victory?’” [NPR, [3/27/25](#)]

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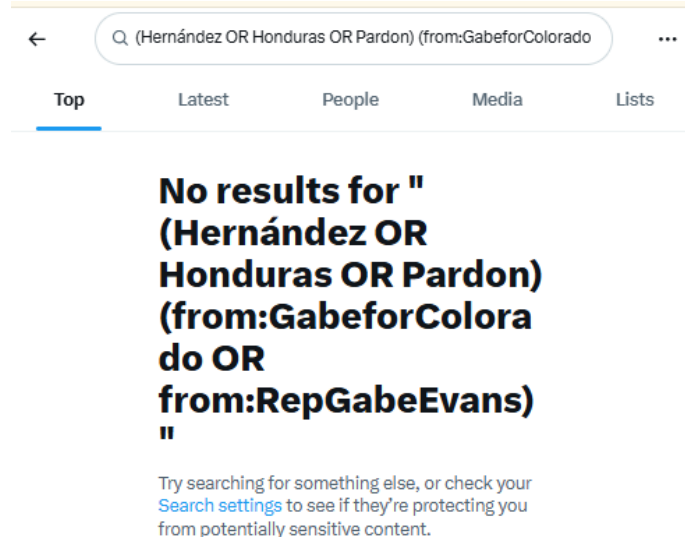
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- **March 2025: Under DOGE, The HHS And The CDC Terminated \$250 Million In Ongoing And Planned Federal Funding For Public And Behavioral Healthcare In Colorado.** “The US Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have terminated \$250 million in ongoing and planned federal funding for public and behavioral healthcare in Colorado. A spokesperson for the Behavioral Health Administration said the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration notified the state of the termination on Monday and said it was implementing the President’s ‘Department of Government Efficiency’ Cost Efficiency Initiative and the grants were terminated effective March 24, 2025.” [CPR News, [5/26/25](#)]

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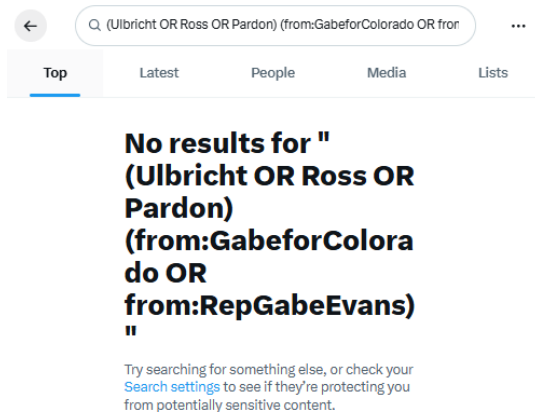


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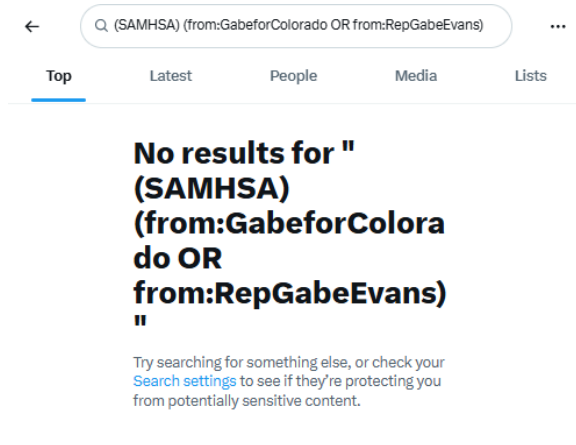


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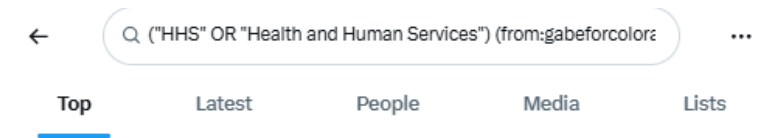


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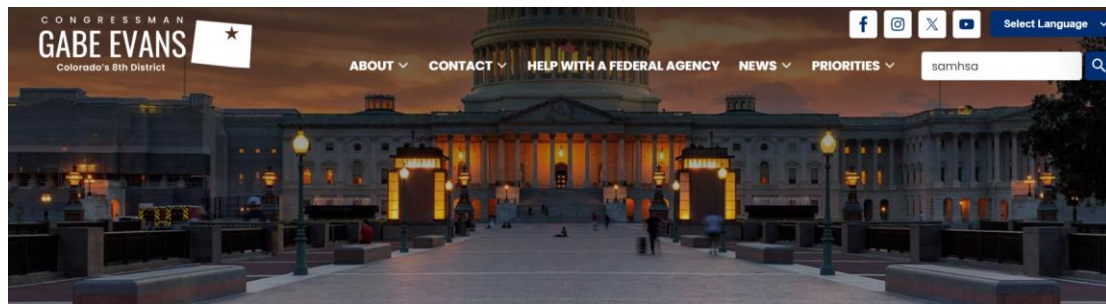


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syringe services programs (and related health hubs), naloxone distribution, and access to evidence-based medications for opioid use disorder all contributed to this decrease.” [Brookings, [7/21/25](#)]

Experts Said Continuing And Expanding Federal Funding For Overdose Prevention Effort Was The Best Way To Continue To Reduce Overdoses

Hanna Sharif-Kazemi, The Federal Policy Manager For The Drug Policy Alliance, Said The Best Way To Build On The Progress Made In Reducing Overdose Deaths Was To Continue And Expand Federal Funding For Overdose Prevention Efforts. “These combined cuts could ‘dismantle essential services,’ Hanna Sharif-Kazemi, the federal policy manager for the Drug Policy Alliance, told CBS News. The DPA is a non-profit agency based in New York City that seeks to reduce overdose deaths with harm reduction and evidence-based methodology...Sharif-Kazemi said the best way to build on the progress made in reducing overdose deaths is to continue and even expand federal funding for overdose prevention efforts. That could include expanded access to naloxone, she said, as well as better access to medication-assisted treatment, which Trump has previously pushed for, and the expansion of rehabilitation facilities. It could also include more funding for harm reduction strategies, like testing strips that allow people to check if drugs are contaminated with fentanyl.” [CBS News, [5/8/25](#)]

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Evans Voted To Gut Clean Energy Tax Credits, Which Threatened Hundreds Of Millions In Investments In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District

Evans Voted For Devastating Cuts To Colorado’s Clean Energy Sector...

July 2025: Evans Voted For The Final Passage Of One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Repealed Clean Energy Tax Credits

May 2025 And July 2025: Evans Voted Twice For The Big Beautiful Bill

May 2025: Evans Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In May 2025, Evans voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately \$3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and \$321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by \$4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by \$625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate “such sums as necessary” for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who’ve purchased “silver” plans on the 2010 health care law’s exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates

included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #145](#), 5/22/25; CQ, [5/22/25](#)]

July 2025: Evans Voted For Final Passage Of The Senate Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Accelerated Repeal Schedules For Most Renewable Energy Tax Credits And Eliminated Electric Vehicle And Residential Energy Incentives. “On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed into law the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1 119th Congress) (OBBBA), which significantly changes the clean energy tax credit landscape established by the Biden administration pursuant to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). The OBBBA introduces accelerated repeal schedules for most renewable energy tax credits, compresses deadlines for certain projects to qualify for such credits, enhances domestic content requirements, eliminates several electric vehicle and residential energy incentives, and implements new foreign entity of concern (FEOC) restrictions barring certain foreign entities from accessing credits. These changes reflect a fundamental shift in federal clean energy policy that is certain to affect investors, developers, manufacturers, and other actors in the renewables sector.” [Arnold & Porter, [7/22/25](#)]

The Repeal Of Clean Energy Tax Credits Was Predicted To Increase Energy Costs While Threatening Business Investments In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District

Future Clean Energy Projects Were Predicted To Cost About 50% More Than Those That Received Tax Credits

The Atlantic: Future Clean Energy Projects Would Cost About 50% More Than Those That Received Tax Credits. “The Senate version of Donald Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill repeals the clean-energy tax credits in the IRA for all wind and solar projects that don’t begin construction within a year of the bill’s passage or become fully operational by 2028. (And even if a project begins construction in the first half of 2026, it will need to meet extremely onerous domestic-sourcing requirements that many experts believe will be nearly impossible to satisfy.) As a result, future clean-energy projects, including many that have been announced but not yet built, will cost about 50 percent more than those that received the credits, according to an analysis by Jesse Jenkins, who leads the Princeton ZERO Lab. The inevitable result is that far fewer will come into existence. ‘It’s hard to think of a bigger self-own,’ Jenkins told me. ‘We’re effectively raising taxes on the country’s main sources of new power at a time when electricity prices are already rising.’” [The Atlantic, [7/3/25](#)]

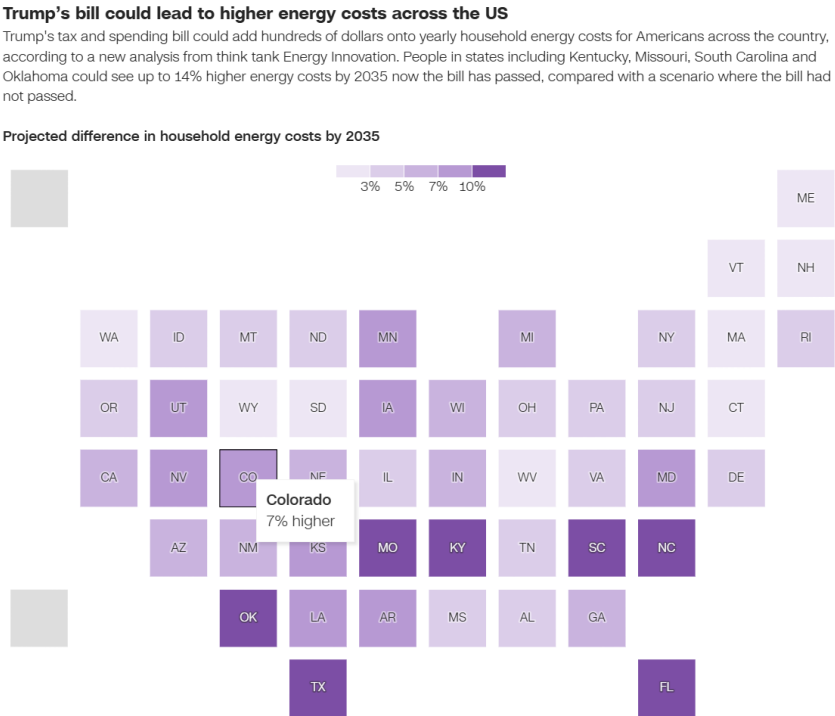
Energy And Utility Costs Were Expected To Increase Because Of The Repeal Of Clean Energy Tax Credits, With Household Energy Costs In Colorado Projected To Increase 7% By 2035

Due To Changes Made In The Big Beautiful Bill, Household Energy Costs Were Expected To Rise By \$170, On Average, By 2035. “Electricity prices are expected to surge higher throughout the next decade due to energy policy changes in President Donald Trump’s ‘big beautiful’ bill, according to a new analysis from Energy

Innovation, a non-partisan energy and climate think tank. Signed July 4, the bill mandates expanded oil and gas leasing, caps clean energy subsidies and rolls back tax credits that helped to make wind, solar and other clean power cheaper for manufacturers and more affordable for consumers, says Robbie Orvis, senior director for modeling and analysis at Energy Innovation. When the clean energy tax credits phase out at the end of 2025, that will bump up electricity costs for ordinary Americans, Orvis says. That’s largely because higher costs for clean energy development will slow the pace of new supply, just as U.S. energy demand hits record highs, he says, resulting in higher electricity bills and increased reliance on natural gas, which will also become more expensive with rising demand. [...] Overall, household energy costs will rise by \$170, on average, by 2035, researchers found. And that estimate may be conservative. A report from Princeton University’s Rapid Energy Policy Evaluation and Analysis Toolkit pegs the average increase at \$280 a year by 2035.” [CNBC, [7/14/25](#)]

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Household Energy Costs In Colorado Were Projected To Increase 7% By 2035 As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill. “Trump’s bill could lead to higher energy costs across the US Trump's tax and spending bill could add hundreds of dollars onto yearly household energy costs for Americans across the country, according to a new analysis from think tank Energy Innovation. People in states including Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina and Oklahoma could see up to 14% higher energy costs by 2035 now the bill has passed, compared with a scenario where the bill had not passed.” [CNN, [7/4/25](#)]



Notes: Data last updated July 4, 2025, taking into account changes made to the bill in the Senate. Data is not available for Alaska or Hawaii.
Source: Energy Innovation
Graphic: Soph Warnes, CNN

[CNN, [7/4/25](#)]

- **An Analysis From Energy Innovation Projected The Repeal Of Clean Energy Tax Credits Under The OBBB Would Increase Annual Electricity And Transportation Costs In Every State In The Continental United States.** “Household energy bills will be higher over the next decade now that Republicans have passed their tax and spending bill, according to a new analysis. President Donald Trump and Republicans are phasing out tax credits that lower the cost to build wind and solar, which are now largely cheaper than fossil fuels like natural gas and coal. More wind and solar on the electric grid helps keep utility bills lower, and Biden-era tax credits would have ramped up those projects. When combined with the electric vehicle consumer tax credit being cut (you can still get the EV tax credit through September 30, 2025) annual electricity and transportation costs in every state in the continental United States will be higher than they would have if the tax credits stayed intact, analysis from think tank Energy Innovation found. Energy Innovation did not model data for Hawaii and Alaska.” [CNN, [7/4/25](#)]

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The Cuts Cancelled Funding For Two Projects In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District, Totaling Over \$33 Million

The Trump Administration Cancelled \$33 Million In Funding For Energy Projects In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District. “All told, the White House funding cancellations this month have hit projects in 28 Republican House districts, including those of six so-called front-liners, the most politically vulnerable lawmakers facing re-election next year: Representatives Juan Ciscomani of Arizona, Gabe Evans of Colorado and Mike Lawler of New York; and Ken Calvert, David Valadao and Young Kim, all of California. A total of 108 Democratic districts were hit by cancellations, according to data released by House Democrats on the Appropriations Committee... Mr. Evans, one of the most politically endangered Republicans, in September toured United Power’s Mountain Peak natural gas peaking plant in his district and touted on social media how the ‘investment will help provide more reliable, safe, and affordable energy’ for his constituents. Federal funding for

that project — roughly \$6 million — was axed last week. A grant for a second project in his district, worth \$27 million, was also canceled.” [New York Times, [10/6/25](#)]

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The Cancelled Clean Energy Grants Supported The Type Of Projects Evans’ Claimed The United States Needed To Invest In An “All-The-Above” Energy Approach

Evans Said He Supported An “All-The-Above” Energy Strategy That Included Wind And Solar

Evans Op-Ed: Colorado Needed “To Solidify An All-Of-The-Above Approach” That Included Wind And Solar “To Grow Our Economy And Safeguard National Energy Security.” “Simply put, Colorado needs to solidify an all-of-the-above approach — one that includes oil and gas, renewables like wind and solar, and now nuclear — to grow our economy and safeguard national energy security. Our Colorado community is proving how a reliable, affordable and secure energy strategy creates prosperity. Recent private sector investments in clean energy and advanced technology manufacturing have reached about \$1.1 billion, creating roughly 2,000 jobs in Colorado’s 8th congressional district, spanning sections of Adams, Larimer and Weld counties. Companies like Vestas, which makes wind turbines in Brighton, have invested over \$1 billion in Colorado, supporting about 1,000 local jobs.” [Colorado Sun, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [5/13/25](#)]

Evans Said The United States Needed To Invest In Wind And Solar Projects “For A More Resilient, Secure America” And Infrastructure Such As Modernized Grids To Support “Affordable, Reliable, And Secure Energy”

Evans Op-Ed: Solar And Wind Were Examples Of “Innovative” Energy “Technologies” That Were “Helping To Lower Emissions, Drive Down Costs, And Expand America’s Energy Options.” “Colorado’s 8th District is an incredible example of what an ‘all-of-the-above’ energy approach can look like. From wind and solar

to oil and natural gas, our district proves that every form of energy production has an important role to play in strengthening our economy while protecting our environment. While traditional energy sources have powered our nation for generations, clean energy has quickly risen as a reliable and innovative partner in the mix. Whether it's solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal or biomass, these technologies are helping to lower emissions, drive down costs, and expand America's energy options all while making the cleanest and most environmentally and socially responsible power anywhere on the planet." [Washington Times, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [9/29/25](#)]

Evans Op-Ed: "Energy Security Is National Security And Now, More Than Ever, We Need To Invest In Both Traditional Energy Sources And Innovative Energy Technologies For A More Resilient, Secure America." "These credits have helped fuel Colorado's economy, creating new jobs, supporting small businesses and large companies alike, and attracting billions of dollars in private sector investment. They give families and businesses more choices, whether that be lowering their power bills or upgrading to better energy systems. Most importantly, they strengthen our nation's energy independence by ensuring we are not reliant on foreign adversaries like China, Russia, or Iran to meet our needs. Energy security is national security and now, more than ever, we need to invest in both traditional energy sources and innovative energy technologies for a more resilient, secure America." [Washington Times, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [9/29/25](#)]

Evans Op-Ed: The United States Needed Infrastructure Such As Modernized Grids To Support "Affordable, Reliable, And Secure Energy." "We must have the infrastructure to support the next generation of energy technologies like geothermal and advanced storage. Transmission lines, pipelines, and modernized grids are all part of the equation. If we want affordable, reliable, and secure energy, we need the ability to move it where it is needed most." [Washington Times, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [9/29/25](#)]

Tri-State's \$27 Million Cancelled Grant Was To Help Improve Electric Grid Efficiency, Capacity, And Reliability While Integrating Renewable Resources And Managing Energy Load

Tri-State's \$27 Million DOE Grant "Was To Help Optimize The Rural Electricity Grid And Improve The Electric Grid's Efficiency, Capacity, Flexibility And Reliability While Integrating Renewable Resources And Managing Energy Load." "The Department of Energy announced on Wednesday that it was cancelling more than \$7.5 billion in funding for clean-energy projects across the country, including in Colorado. The funds supported 223 projects, including hubs for hydrogen fuel, projects to cap methane emissions from wells, and upgrades to electrical grids. Many of the awards came from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or the Inflation Reduction Act, two Biden-era climate laws that funded billions of dollars in climate projects and research... The terminated grant list also included a nearly \$27 million award to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, a rural power provider based in Westminster. That grant was to help optimize the rural electricity grid." [CPR News, [10/2/25](#)]

Union Power's \$6 Million DOE Grant Supported Installing Solar Panels To Provide Backup Power For An Aging Generator At Fort Lupton's Sewage Treatment Plant

Union Power's \$6 Million DOE Grant Was To Install Floating Solar Panels To Provide Backup Power For The Aging Generator At Fort Lupton's Sewage Treatment Plant And Address Algae Blooms In A Reservoir That Feeds The Plant, Improving Water Quality. "Trista Fugate, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for United Power, which lost a \$6 million award, would not comment on how the canceled grant will impact employment. The United Power project aimed to use floating solar panels to provide backup power for the aging generator at Fort Lupton's sewage treatment plant and, also, to address algae blooms in a reservoir that feeds the plant, improving water quality, lowering the city's monthly power costs by 9%, and providing a model for rural communities nationwide. The funding was part of the DOE's Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Areas program, included in the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law." [Colorado Newsline, [10/27/25](#)]

Evans Stayed Silent On The \$33 Million In Lost Funding For His District

Colorado Newsline: Evans "[Stayed] Silent" And Did Not Respond To Requests For Comment From Politico Or From The Colorado Times Recorder Regarding The Trump Administration's Cancellation Of Two Energy Projects In His District. "Rep. Gabe Evans (R-CO) is staying silent on the Trump Administration's

decision to cancel two Department of Energy (DOE) projects, totaling over \$33 million, in his district. According to a list of award terminations published by the Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee, two grants in Colorado's 8th Congressional District (CD8) have been canceled: one with the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and another with United Power. The Trump administration announced the cancellations on Oct. 1. Evans' office did not respond to requests for comment from Politico in early October or from the Colorado Times Recorder during the past week, leaving questions unanswered on whether the House member is working to reverse the cuts or if he agrees with them." [Colorado Newsline, [10/27/25](#)]

Headline: "Evans Remains Silent on Trump's Cancellation of Two Energy Projects in His District."
[Colorado Newsline, [10/27/25](#)]

Despite His Votes And Actions, Evans Has Attempted To Fashion Himself As A Clean Energy Champion And Acknowledged The Importance Of The Industry As A "Reliable And Innovative Partner" In His District

Evans Repeatedly Acknowledged The Economic Impact And Importance Of The Clean Energy Industry In His District

November 2025: Evans Said One In Two Wind Generators In The United States Were Made In Colorado's 8th Congressional District

Evans Said "One In Two Wind Generators In The Country Is Also Made In My District." "Yeah. So. So, so happy to be here with that. You know, I've been in Congress for 11 months now. Scott's quickly become a really good friend in this space. So, so happy to be here with him. You know, I think my district is a perfect example of why we have to have that legislative stability. I represent Colorado 8th. That's a Denver suburbs about halfway up to Wyoming, 80% of the oil, 50% of the natural gas in Colorado comes out of my area. But one in two wind generators in the country is also made in my district. And I have some of the largest solar projects in the country in my district, between my largest wind employer and my largest solar employer. I have 1700 jobs and about \$150 million in supply chain just inside the district. And so I watched the whiplash go back and forth. Now, four years ago, when oil and gas was on the chopping block, all of my oil and gas folks were really nervous. And now a lot of my wind and solar guys are experiencing some of that anxiety. Well, they're all in my district. I need all of those jobs." [Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, 00:01:57, [11/21/25](#)] (VIDEO)

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September 2025: Evans Said Clean Energy Tax Credits “Helped Fuel Colorado’s Economy, Creating New Jobs, Supporting Small Businesses And Large Companies Alike, And Attracting Billions Of Dollars In Private Sector Investment”

Evans’ Op-Ed: Clean Energy Tax Credits “Helped Fuel Colorado’s Economy, Creating New Jobs, Supporting Small Businesses And Large Companies Alike, And Attracting Billions Of Dollars In Private Sector Investment.” “But here’s the reality: innovation alone isn’t enough to meet our nation’s growing energy demand. For these resources to truly meet their potential, we must make them more accessible for American families and businesses to drive down costs and get more electrons on the grid. Clean energy tax credits are a critical component of this national strategy. These credits have helped fuel Colorado’s economy, creating new jobs, supporting small businesses and large companies alike, and attracting billions of dollars in private sector investment. They give families and businesses more choices, whether that be lowering their power bills or upgrading to better energy systems. Most importantly, they strengthen our nation’s energy independence by ensuring we are not reliant on foreign adversaries like China, Russia, or Iran to meet our needs. Energy security is national security and now, more than ever, we need to invest in both traditional energy sources and innovative energy technologies for a more resilient, secure America.” [Washington Times, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [9/29/25](#)]

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Headline: “To Meet America’s Energy Demand, Innovation Alone Isn’t Enough.” [Washington Times, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [9/29/25](#)]

May 2025: Evans Said, “Unleashing American Energy Dominance Means Unleashing All Forms Of Energy In A Safe, Affordable And Reliable Way” And That Colorado Needed “To Solidify An All-Of-The-Above Approach,” Which Included Wind And Solar

Evans Op-Ed: “Unleashing American Energy Dominance Means Unleashing All Forms Of Energy In A Safe, Affordable And Reliable Way.” “To keep this momentum going, we must get the policy piece right and provide certainty for the energy companies investing in our state. Unleashing American energy dominance means unleashing all forms of energy in a safe, affordable and reliable way. We must continue to invest in Colorado’s energy future with forward-looking policies that encourage all forms of American energy. To that end,

Congressman Evans is introducing the State Planning for Reliability and Affordability Act, which would create a federal standard that state regulatory entities must consider when making policy focusing on energy reliability, encouraging affordability for ratepayers.” [Colorado Sun, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [5/13/25](#)]

Evans Op-Ed: , Colorado Needed To Solidify “An All-Of-The-Above Approach,” Which Oil And Gas, Renewables Like Wind, Solar, And Nuclear. “This isn’t just local pride; it’s a national imperative. Even as Colorado innovators are firing on all cylinders, a debate in Washington, D.C., is brewing over the future of American energy. Some want to pick winners and losers, but those of us who have seen Colorado’s success story up close know that would be a grave mistake. Simply put, Colorado needs to solidify an all-of-the-above approach — one that includes oil and gas, renewables like wind and solar, and now nuclear — to grow our economy and safeguard national energy security.” [Colorado Sun, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [5/13/25](#)]

HEADLINE: “Opinion: Colorado Needs A Committed All-Of-The-Above Approach To Energy. The Pieces Are In Place To Be A Model Nationally.” [Colorado Sun, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [5/13/25](#)]

Evans Repeatedly Proclaimed His Support For Clean Energy Tax Credits During One Big Beautiful Bill Negotiations, Warning Cuts Would “Jeopardize” Investments And Increase Costs For Consumers

March 2025: Evans Signed A Republican-Led Letter To The House Ways And Means Committee Opposing Cuts To Clean Energy Tax Credits

March 9, 2025: Rep. Evans Signed A Letter To The House Ways And Means Committee Publicly Opposing Repeals To Clean Energy Tax Credits. “As Members of the House Republican Conference, we write to emphasize the importance of prioritizing energy affordability for American families and keeping on our current path to energy dominance amid efforts to repeal or reform current energy tax credits. [...] Sincerely [...] Gabe Evans” [Letter to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith, [3/9/25](#)]

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May 2025: Evans And Other Republican Representatives Warned That Cutting Clean Energy Tax Credits In The Reconciliation Bill Would Lead To Higher Energy Bills For Consumers. “Today, Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02) and 13 of her Republican colleagues issued a joint statement in response to the House Ways and Means Committee’s portion of the reconciliation markup text concerning clean energy tax credits. This joint statement includes Representatives Andrew Garbarino (NY-02), Mark Amodei (NV-02), Don Bacon (NE-02), Rob Bresnahan (PA-08), Juan Ciscomani (AZ-06), Gabe Evans (CO-08), Jeff Hurd (CO-03), Dave Joyce (OH-14), Young Kim (CA-40), Nick LaLota (NY-01), Mike Lawler (NY-17), Dan Newhouse (WA-04), and David Valadao (CA-22). [...] ‘We commend the Ways and Means Committee for including reasonable phase-out schedules for certain clean energy tax credits. [...] We appreciate the Ways and Means Committee putting America first by investing in American energy dominance, but the last thing any of us want is to provoke an energy crisis or cause higher energy bills for working families. We urge the Committee to consider these important changes in this critical part of our One Big Beautiful Bill.’” [Rep. Jen Kiggans, Press Release, [5/14/25](#)]

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- **The Letter Reportedly Asked The Senate To “Mitigate” The Negative Impacts Of The Bill’s Clean Energy Funding Cuts.** “🗣️ 13 House Republicans who voted FOR the One Big Beautiful Bill Act are now asking the Senate to scale back and ‘mitigate’ the negative impacts of their clean energy funding cuts. Letter is led by Rep. Jen Kiggans, R-Va.” [Sahil Kapur, Twitter, [6/6/25](#)]



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“The U.S. Department of Labor has entered into an agreement with JBS USA Food Co. in which the nation’s leading meat packing processor and slaughterhouse will provide \$4 million to assist individuals and communities affected by unlawful child labor practices nationwide. The Jan. 13, 2025, agreement commits JBS to holding key elements of its supply chain, third-party contractors and service providers accountable for illegal child labor...JBS will fund \$4 million towards preventing illegal child labor and supporting victims of child labor nationwide while prioritizing its efforts in the communities of Guntersville, Alabama; Greeley, Colorado; Ottumwa, Iowa; Worthington, Minnesota; and Grand Island, Nebraska.” [U.S. Department of Labor, Press Release, [1/13/25](#)]

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[X, @RepGabeEvans, [1/19/25](#)]

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[X, @RepGabeEvans, [4/24/25](#)]

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[X, @RepGabeEvans, [2/5/25](#)]

Evans' Voted Against Labor And Union Protections In Colorado's State Legislature, Including Bills That Strengthened Child Labor Laws And Wage Violation Enforcements

Evans Voted Against A Bill That Expanded Legal Action To Hold A Company Accountable For Breaking Child Labor Laws

HB23-1196 Expanded The Legal Action That A Child, Or Parent Of The Child, Could Take To Hold A Company Accountable For Breaking Child Labor Laws

HB23-1196 Amended The Colorado Youth Act To Allow Aggrieved Parties, Including The Parents, To Pursue Legal Remedies For Violations Of The Act. “HB23-1196 Remedies At Law For Violating Colorado Youth Act Concerning clarifying that workers’ compensation is not the exclusive remedy for persons aggrieved by violations of the ‘Colorado Youth Employment Opportunity Act of 1971.’ The act amends the ‘Colorado Youth Employment Opportunity Act of 1971’ (CYEOA) to allow aggrieved parties, including parents of children protected by the CYEOA, to pursue remedies at law and in equity for violations of the act, in addition to workers’ compensation remedies, if: An injury occurs to a minor during a week when the employer intentionally required the minor to work hours in violation of those allowed by the CYEOA; or An injury occurs to a minor while the minor was engaging in work prohibited by the CYEOA. The act clarifies that economic damages for claims in tort recovered by a party aggrieved by a violation of the CYEOA against the employer of a minor pursuant to the act must be reduced by the amount of compensation and benefits that the minor or the minor's dependents received for the same harm through the employer's workers' compensation insurance.” [Colorado General Assembly, HB23-1196, introduced [2/13/23](#)]

Colorado House Democrats: HB23-1196 Expanded The Legal Action That A Child, Or Parent Of The Child, Can Take To Hold A Company Accountable For Breaking Child Labor Laws. “Current Colorado law only allows a child worker to pursue legal action against a company for workers’ compensation. HB23-1196 amends language in the Colorado Youth Employment Opportunity Act of 1971 to expand the legal action that a child, or a parent of a child, can take to hold a company accountable for breaking child labor laws. The bill is in response to many recent child labor law violations, including a food sanitation corporation with Colorado facilities that was fined \$1.5 million in penalties. Teens have twice the risk of nonfatal on-the-job injuries than older workers, necessitating the expansion of legal action that an underaged worker can pursue.” [Colorado House Democrats, Press Release, [3/9/23](#)]

Evans Voted No On HB23-1196

Evans Voted No On HB23-1196. According to Colorado General Assembly vote records, Representative Evans voted No on HB23-1196. [Colorado General Assembly, HB23-1196, House Votes, voted [3/30/23](#)]

- **HB23-1196 Passed With 44 Aye Votes And 18 No Votes.** According to the Colorado General Assembly vote records, HB23-1196 passed with 44 Aye votes, 18 No votes, and 3 excused votes in the House. [Colorado General Assembly, HB23-1196, House Votes, voted [3/30/23](#)]

HB23-1196 Was Signed Into Law

HB23-1196 Was Signed Into Law. According to the Colorado General Assembly, HB23-1196 was signed into law on June 7th, 2023. [Colorado General Assembly, HB23-1196, [6/7/23](#)]

Evans Voted Against A Bill That Ensured Equal Pay For Equal Work By Requiring The Director Of The Department Of Labor And Employment To Investigate Employer Violations Of Wage Inequality

SB23-105 Ensured Equal Pay For Equal Work

SB23-105 Ensured Equal Pay For Equal Work By Requiring The Director Of The Department Of Labor And Employment To Investigate Employer Violations Of Wage Inequity. “SB23-105 Ensure Equal Pay For Equal Work Concerning the implementation of measures to ensure equal pay for equal work, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation. Current law authorizes the director of the division of labor standards and statistics in the department of labor and employment (director) to create and administer a process to accept and mediate wage complaints, to provide legal resources concerning alleged wage inequity, and to promulgate rules as necessary for this purpose. The act changes these authorizations to requirements and further requires the director to create and administer a complaint mediation process by July 1, 2024. Additionally, the act requires the director to: Investigate complaints or other leads concerning employer violations of wage inequity; Upon finding a violation, order compliance and relief; and Promulgate rules to enforce the act. The act also requires an employer to: For each job opportunity, follow specific guidelines for posting the opportunity and provide specific information to employees regarding the compensation, benefits, and date that the application window is anticipated to close; and Make reasonable efforts to make known information regarding the candidate who is selected for the job opportunity. For positions with career progression, the act requires an employer to disclose and make available to all eligible employees the requirements for the career progression.” [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-105, introduced [1/31/23](#)]

Colorado House Democrats: SB23-105 Strengthened Colorado’s Equal Pay For Equal Work Act To Require The Colorado Department Of Labor And Employment To Investigate Alleged Wage Inequality Cases.

“SB23-105, passed the House by a vote of 41 to 21 and would strengthen Colorado's Equal Pay for Equal Work Act to ensure all Colorado workers are compensated equally for their labor. Specifically, this bill would require the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) to accept and mediate complaints, provide legal resources concerning alleged wage inequality, and to promulgate rules to further prevent wage discrimination. Previously the department was only authorized to do so; this bill provides a clearer directive accompanied with the resources and staffing to back it up. This bill would also require CDLE to investigate complaints or other leads concerning wage inequality, and to address the situation if the complaint is found to be valid as well as requiring employers to follow specific guidelines for job postings. SB23-105 would also extend the maximum period for which a person pursuing a wage discrimination complaint may receive back pay to six years, doubling what is currently allowed under state law. ” [Colorado House Democrats, Press Release, [5/1/23](#)]

- **Colorado’s Equal Pay For Equal Work Act Authorized The Department Of Labor To Create And Administrate A Process To Accept Wage Discrimination Complaints.** “Wage discrimination based on sex - complaints - civil action - exceptions to prohibitions against wage differentials - prohibited acts of employer - employment announcements required - enforcement - rules. The act removes the authority of the director of the division of labor standards and statistics in the department of labor and employment (director) to enforce wage discrimination complaints based on an employee's sex and instead authorizes the director to create and administer a process to accept and mediate complaints of, and provide legal resources concerning, alleged violations and to promulgate rules for this purpose. An aggrieved person may bring a civil action in district court to pursue remedies specified in the act.” [Colorado General Assembly, SB19-085, introduced [1/17/19](#)]

Evans Voted No On SB23-105

Evans Voted No On SB23-105. According to the Colorado General Assembly House vote records, Representative Evans voted No on SB23-105. [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-105, House Votes, voted [5/1/23](#)]

- **SB23-105 Passed With 41 Aye Votes And 21 No Votes.** According to the Colorado General Assembly vote records, SB23-105 passed with 41 Aye votes, 21 No votes, and 3 excused votes in the House. [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-105, House Votes, voted [5/1/23](#)]

SB23-105 Was Signed Into Law

SB23-105 Was Signed Into Law. According to Colorado General Assembly, SB23-105 was signed into law on June 5th, 2023. [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-105, signed act [6/5/23](#)]

Evans Voted Against A Bill That Implemented Public Employees' Workplace Protections Like The Right To Discuss Workplace Issues, Join An Employee Organization, And Raise Concerns Without Retaliation

SB23-111 Implemented Workplace Protections For Public-Sector Employees

SB23-111 Protected Public Employees From Employer Retaliation And The Right To Workplace Protections. “SB23-111 Public Employees’ Workplace Protection Concerning public employees’ workplace protection from employer retaliation, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation. The ‘National Labor Relations Act’ does not apply to federal, state, or local governments and the ‘Colorado Labor Peace Act’ excludes governmental entities, with an exception for mass transportation systems, which means that these labor laws do not cover most public employees. The act grants certain public employees, including individuals employed by counties, municipalities, fire authorities, school districts, charter schools, public colleges and universities, library districts, special districts, public defender’s offices, the university of Colorado hospital authority, the Denver health and hospital authority, the general assembly, and a board of cooperative services, the right to: Discuss or express views regarding public employee representation or workplace issues; Engage in protected, concerted activity for the purpose of mutual aid or protection; Fully participate in the political process while off duty and not in uniform, including speaking with members of the public employer’s governing body on terms and conditions of employment and any matter of public concern and engaging in other political activities in the same manner as other citizens of Colorado without discrimination, intimidation, or retaliation; and Organize, form, join, or assist an employee organization or refrain from organizing, forming, joining, or assisting an employee organization.” [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-11, introduced [1/31/23](#)]

- **SB23-111 Provided Protections For Public Workers For Those Who Worked In Settings Like School Districts, Hospitals, And Courts.** “Public workers in Colorado who work in settings like school districts, hospitals and courts could soon receive labor protections afforded to private-sector workers under a bill making its way through the Colorado Legislature. Senate Bill 23-111 would give public-sector workers the right to discuss workplace issues, organize or join an employee organization and participate in the political process outside of work hours. It would protect workers who raise concerns from retaliation — such as termination, threats and certain disciplinary actions — from their employers. It would extend that right to employees within counties, municipalities, fire authorities, school districts, public colleges and universities, library districts, special districts, public defender’s offices, the University of Colorado hospital authority, the Denver Health and Hospital Authority and the General Assembly.” [Colorado Newsline, [3/1/23](#)]
- **SB23-111 Gave Public Workers The Right To Discuss Workplace Issues.** “Public workers in Colorado who work in settings like school districts, hospitals and courts could soon receive labor protections afforded to private-sector workers under a bill making its way through the Colorado Legislature. Senate Bill 23-111 would give public-sector workers the right to discuss workplace issues, organize or join an employee organization and participate in the political process outside of work hours. It would protect workers who raise concerns from retaliation — such as termination, threats and certain disciplinary actions — from their employers. It would extend that right to employees within counties, municipalities, fire authorities, school districts, public colleges and universities, library districts, special districts, public defender’s offices, the University of Colorado hospital authority, the Denver Health and Hospital Authority and the General Assembly.” [Colorado Newsline, [3/1/23](#)]
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- **SB23-111 Gave Public Workers Protected Workers Who Raised Concerns From Retaliation.** “Public workers in Colorado who work in settings like school districts, hospitals and courts could soon receive labor protections afforded to private-sector workers under a bill making its way through the Colorado Legislature. Senate Bill 23-111 would give public-sector workers the right to discuss workplace issues, organize or join an employee organization and participate in the political process outside of work hours. It would protect workers who raise concerns from retaliation — such as termination, threats and certain disciplinary actions — from their employers. It would extend that right to employees within counties, municipalities, fire authorities, school districts, public colleges and universities, library districts, special districts, public defender’s offices, the University of Colorado hospital authority, the Denver Health and Hospital Authority and the General Assembly.” [Colorado Newsline, [3/1/23](#)]

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SB23-111 Gave Public-Sector Workers The Same Rights And Protections As Private-Sector Employees Had Under The Colorado Labor Peace Act. “Senate Bill 23-111 gives people who work in the public sectors — such as those within certain counties, municipalities, fire authorities, school districts, University of Colorado hospital authority, Denver health and hospital authority and the General Assembly — the same rights and protections that people in the private sector have enjoyed for decades under the Colorado Labor Peace Act. Public employers can’t fire, discipline or retaliate against an employee who testifies on a bill at the Capitol, for example, or someone who joins a union. It does not require employers to recognize or negotiate with unions.” [Colorado Newsline, [7/3/23](#)]

- **The Colorado Labor Peace Act Established Standards Of Fair Conduct In Employment Relations And To Oversee Collective Bargaining Unit Elections.** “The Labor Peace Act authorizes the Colorado Division of Labor Standards and Statistics to establish standards of fair conduct in employment relations in order to protect the rights of the public, the employee, and the employer and to oversee collective bargaining unit elections.” [Colorado Department Of Labor And Employment, Labor Relations/Unions, accessed [4/17/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Public Workers Who Exercise Free Speech Will Be Protected Under New Colorado Law.” [Colorado Newsline, [7/3/23](#)]

Evans Voted Against SB23-111

Evans Voted No On SB23-111. According to the Colorado General Assembly House vote records, Representative Evans voted No on SB23-111. [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-105, House Votes, voted [4/29/23](#)]

- **SB23-111 Passed With 43 Aye Votes And 19 No Votes.** According to the Colorado General Assembly vote records, SB23-11 passed with 43 Aye votes, 19 No votes, and 3 excused votes in the House. [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-105, House Votes, voted [4/29/23](#)]

SB23-111 Was Signed Into Law

SB23-111 Was Signed Into Law. According to the Colorado General Assembly, SB23-111 was signed into law on June 6th, 2023. [Colorado General Assembly, SB23-111, signed act [6/6/23](#)]

Evans Claimed He Would Not Support Harmful Cuts To Medicaid But Then Voted For The Largest Medicaid Cut In History

April 2025: Evans Said He Opposed Medicaid Cuts “That Harm Colorado Providers Or Patients”

Evans: “I Don’t Support [Medicaid] Cuts That Harm Colorado Providers Or Patients.” “With Republicans controlling both the House and Senate, they’ve looked to make sweeping changes to the federal government. The effort will pivot on the budget...A key area facing potentially deep cuts is Medicaid, which is a \$880 billion-a-year state-federal program. It’s a foundational part of the health care system in the U.S., offering health coverage to millions, including seniors, people with disabilities, low-income Americans, pregnant women, adults, and children [...] Evans, in a statement in response to the letter, accused the governor of misrepresenting the facts. ‘I don’t support cuts that harm Colorado providers or patients – I support removing waste and fraud. On Polis’ watch, millions in Medicaid dollars have gone to deceased individuals and illegal immigrants,’ he said.” [CPR News, [4/25/25](#)]

Evans Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Triggered The Largest Medicaid Cut In History

May 2025 And July 2025: Evans Voted Twice For The Big Beautiful Bill

May 2025: Evans Voted For The House’s Version Of The Big Beautiful Bill

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

July 2025: Evans Voted For Final Passage Of The Senate Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

July 2025: Evans Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In July 2025, Evans voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year

until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [HR 1, [Vote #190](#), 7/3/25; CQ, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Cut Nearly \$1 Trillion From Medicaid, Which Was The Largest Cut To Medicaid In American History

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

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The Hill: “Congress Passed The Largest Medicaid Cuts In The Program’s 60-Year History Through The GOP’s Megabill Right Before The July 4 Holiday, A \$1 Trillion Reduction Projected To Push More Than 12 Million Low-Income Individuals Off Their Health Insurance Over The Next Decade.” “Medicaid is set to become a key issue in the battle over control of Congress in next year’s midterm elections now that President Trump’s “big, beautiful bill” has passed. Congress passed the largest Medicaid cuts in the program’s 60-year history through the GOP’s megabill right before the July 4 holiday, a \$1 trillion reduction projected to push more than 12 million low-income individuals off their health insurance over the next decade. Republicans argue the moves are necessary to address waste and fraud in the program, ensuring “able-bodied” adults aren’t taking advantage of the system.” [The Hill, [7/7/25](#)]

Less Than A Month After Voting To Gut Medicaid, Evans Introduced A Resolution Honoring The 60th Anniversary Of Medicaid, Saying It Was “Paramount That Congress Preserve Access To” Medicaid And “Republicans Are Fighting To Protect Medicaid”

On July 29, 2025, Evans Introduced A Resolution Honoring The 60th Anniversary Of Medicaid, Noting Its Importance

Evans Introduced A Resolution Celebrating The 60th Anniversary Of Medicaid. “Celebrating the 60th anniversary of Medicaid. Whereas Medicaid was established on July 30, 1965, by the enactment of the Social Security Amendments of 1965; Whereas Medicaid was originally created to provide medical and health-related services to children, single mothers, the disabled, and individuals living below the Federal poverty line; Whereas Medicaid is jointly funded and administered as a partnership between the States and the Federal Government; Whereas Congress has a responsibility to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid to ensure its long term viability for Americans who need it the most; Whereas the One Big Beautiful Bill Act made important progress in rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid while implementing common-sense work requirements for able bodied working age adults living above the Federal poverty line; and Whereas, under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Medicaid spending in 2035 will be \$200,000,000,000 higher than in 2025: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives—(1) celebrates the 60th anniversary of Medicaid; and (2) will continue to protect Medicaid from waste, fraud, and abuse to ensure its longevity for the most vulnerable Americans such as children, single mothers, the disabled, and individuals living below the Federal poverty line.” [H.Res.620, Introduced [7/29/25](#)]

Evans Said It Was “Paramount That Congress Preserve Access To” Medicaid And “Republicans Are Fighting To Protect Medicaid.” “Congressman Gabe Evans, alongside Congressman Tom Kean Jr. (NJ-07) and Congresswoman Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeke (IA-01), introduced a House Resolution honoring the 60th anniversary of Medicaid and reaffirming Congress’s commitment to preserve and strengthen the program for the most vulnerable Americans. ‘For 60 years, Medicaid has provided help to those in need from the disabled to children to seniors. It is paramount that Congress preserve access to this program for those who need it the most by ensuring that states and the federal government implement commonsense policies to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the system,’ said Congressman Gabe Evans. ‘Republicans are fighting to protect Medicaid with robust eligibility checks, \$200 billion in additional funding, and sensible work requirements for able-bodied working adults, so the program can continue to serve Americans for years to come.’” [Congressman Gabe Evans, Press Release, [7/30/25](#)]

Evans’ Vote To Gut Medicaid Had Harmful Consequences For Colorado’s 8th Congressional District

The U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated Nearly 30,000 People In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District Would Lose Health Insurance Because Of Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill

The U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated 29,262 People In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District Would Lose Health Insurance Because Of Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill. [U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

JEC: Estimated Impacts On ACA And Medicaid Coverage In CO-08 As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill	
Estimated Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage:	6,500
Estimated Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage Estimated:	22,72
Total Number of People Losing Insurance:	29,262

[U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

Hospitals In Colorado’s 8th Congressional District Were Estimated To Lose \$31,868,432 Annually In Medicaid Revenue Because Of Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill

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Third Way: Projected Revenue Cuts To Hospitals In CO-08 As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Hospital	Address	Predicted Revenue Cut
Centura St. Anthony North Hospital	14300 Orchard Pkwy Westminster, CO 80023	\$7,411,374
North Suburban Medical Center	9191 Grant, Thornton, CO, 80229	\$6,980,651
Platte Valley Medical Center	1600 Prairie Center Parkway, Brighton, CO, 80601	\$4,528,842
North Colorado Medical Center	180116th Street Greeley, CO, 80631	\$9,330,248
UCHealth Greeley Hospital	6767 West 29th Street, Greeley, CO, 80634	\$3,617,316
Total:		\$31,868,432

[Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

Evans Said Affordability Was A Top Priority For Him But Supported Cost-Raising Tariffs

Evans Repeatedly Said Cost Of Living And Affordability Were Top Priorities For Him And Pledged To Factor It Into His Decision Making In Congress

Evans Said Inflation And Cost Of Living Were Top Priorities Of His In Congress. “Whether it’s gas, groceries, or utilities, there’s no doubt everything is more expensive than it used to be. As a husband and father of two growing boys, tackling this problem is a top priority of mine in Congress. Lowering prices for a more realistic cost of living won’t happen overnight, but with the right economic policies, we will be able to see inflation come down, putting money back in the bank accounts of Colorado families.” [Congressman Gabe Evans, Economy, accessed [11/7/25](#)]

- **Evans: “With The Right Economic Policies, We Will Be Able To See Inflation Come Down, Putting Money Back In The Bank Accounts Of Colorado Families.”** “Whether it’s gas, groceries, or utilities, there’s no doubt everything is more expensive than it used to be. As a husband and father of two growing boys, tackling this problem is a top priority of mine in Congress. Lowering prices for a more realistic cost of living won’t happen overnight, but with the right economic policies, we will be able to see inflation come down, putting money back in the bank accounts of Colorado families.” [Congressman Gabe Evans, Economy, accessed [11/7/25](#)]

December 2024: Evans Said One Of His Top Priorities Was Improving The Cost Of Living. “U.S. Rep.-elect Gabe Evans will soon be the second person to represent Colorado’s competitive 8th Congressional District. The 38-year-old Fort Lupton Republican will go to Congress after one term in the Colorado House of Representatives, where he served on the state’s energy and environment and judiciary committees. He spent 10 years as a police officer in Arvada and 12 years in the U.S. Army and Colorado Army National Guard... Evans said his top priorities when he gets to Washington, D.C., will be securing the border, improving the cost of living and increasing public safety in the 8th District.” [Colorado Newline, [12/26/24](#)]

October 2024: Evans Said Creating An “Economy Where The Essentials Of Life Are Affordable” Would Factor Into His Decision Making In Congress. “And so what I found during 10 years of being a police officer is that left, right, moderates, the vast majority of Americans agree on the vast majority of things. We want safe communities to raise our family. We want an economy where the essentials of life are affordable, and we want to be able to protect our individual and our personal freedoms so that we can live our own version of the American Dream. And so those are the things that I use to make my decisions, both as a current state representative and then also in Congress.” [Colorado Public Radio, [10/3/24](#)]

October 2024: Evans Said He Was “Skeptical Of Tariffs Or Trade Barriers, Except When America’s National Security Is Jeopardized”

October 2024: Evans Said He Was “Skeptical Of Tariffs Or Trade Barriers, Except When America’s National Security Is Jeopardized.” “Free and fair trade is important. Our district feeds the world and powers the world. We rely on open trade. I am skeptical of tariffs or trade barriers, except when America’s national security is jeopardized (e.g., when weapons are involved or trade involving a hostile actor, such as Iran, China, or Russia).” [Colorado Public Radio, [10/14/24](#)]

Evans Voted To Eight Times For Trump’s Reckless Tariff Policy
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February 2026: Evans Voted Against Terminating Trump’s Tariffs, After Voting Repeatedly To Delay A Vote On The Issue

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

- **The House Voted To Rescind Trump’s Imposed Tariffs On Canada.** “The House voted on Wednesday to rescind tariffs that President Trump imposed on Canada last year, delivering a largely symbolic but politically consequential rebuke that Republicans had fought for a year to prevent. In a 219-to-211 vote, six Republicans

joined nearly all Democrats in backing the resolution sponsored by Representative Gregory W. Meeks of New York, the top Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee. While the Senate has moved to cancel the president's tariffs in recent months, the vote was the House's first opportunity to formally register a position on Mr. Trump's trade policy since he returned to the White House and began deploying tariffs as an economic strategy." [New York Times, [2/11/26](#)]

February 2026: Evans Voted For Providing Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, The Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act, And Blocking Consideration Of Joint Resolutions Terminating Trump's Tariff

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

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

February 2026: Evans Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, And The Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act

Evans Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, And The Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act. In February 2026, Evans voted for: "Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to strike section 4, which would stop an attempt by Republican leadership to block the House from taking up-or-down votes on President Trump's disastrous tariff policies through the end of July." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-214. [H. Res. 1042, [Vote #59](#), 2/10/26; CQ, [2/10/26](#); Congressional Record, [2/10/26](#)]

September 2025: House Republicans Voted To Block Congress From Challenging Trump's Tariffs Through March 2026

September 2025: Evans Voted For H Res 707, Which Extended Trump's Tariff Authority Through March 2026. On 9/16/25, Evans voted for H Res 707, which passed by a vote of 213-211. According to a "vote note" from U.S. Rep. McClintock: "H Res 707 goes beyond the prerogative of the majority to decide what bills are taken to the floor. This resolution amends existing law to extend the authority of the President to impose tariffs until March 30. That makes this a substantive question of policy and the responsibility of individual members to pass

judgment. Under the Constitution, the power to impose tariffs is a congressional power and needs to be restored to Congress.” [Congress.gov, H Res 707, Vote #268, [9/16/25](#); U.S. Rep Tom McClintock, [9/16/25](#)]

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

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

April 2025: Evans Voted To Block Congress From Challenging Trump’s Tariffs Through September 2025

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

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

- **House Republicans Pushed A Procedural Rule That Would Curb Congress’s Power To Override Trump’s Tariffs.** “Republicans are quietly pushing a procedural rule that would curb the power of the US Congress to override Donald Trump’s chaotic tariff policy. The House of Representatives’ rules committee on Wednesday approved a measure that would forbid the House from voting on legislation to overturn the president’s recently imposed taxes on foreign imports.” [The Guardian, [4/9/25](#)]

April 2025: Evans Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Amendment Striking A Section Of The Rule That Would Prevent The House From Voting On Trump’s Tariffs

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

April 2025: Evans Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Joint Resolution To Terminate Trump’s Tariffs

Evans Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Joint Resolution To Terminate Trump’s Tariffs. In April 2025, Evans voted for: “Foxx, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I ask that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.J. Res. 91, a joint resolution to terminate the reckless tariffs that President Trump has put in place.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block*

consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-211. [H Res 294, [Vote #91](#), 4/8/25; CQ, [4/8/25](#); Congressional Record, [4/8/25](#)]

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

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

- **New York Times: “House Republican Leaders On Tuesday Quietly Moved To Shield Their Members From Having To Vote On Whether To End President Trump’s Tariffs.”** “House Republican leaders on Tuesday quietly moved to shield their members from having to vote on whether to end President Trump’s tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, tucking language into a procedural measure that effectively removed their chamber’s ability to undo the levies. [New York Times, [3/11/25](#)]
- **Politico: “GOP Leadership Slipped Language Into A House Rule On Their Stopgap Funding Bill That Would Prevent Any Member Of Congress From Bringing Up A Resolution Terminating Trump’s Declaration Of A National Emergency.”** “GOP leadership slipped language into a House rule on their stopgap funding bill that would prevent any member of Congress from bringing up a resolution terminating Trump’s declaration of a national emergency over fentanyl and undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. The president has used that emergency declaration to justify his tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China.” [Politico, [3/11/25](#)]
- **Reuters: The Procedural Vote Blocked “The Ability Of Congress To Quickly Challenge Tariffs Imposed By President Trump That Have Rattled Financial Markets.”** “The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to block the ability of Congress to quickly challenge tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump that have rattled financial markets. [...] The provision was tucked into a procedural vote related to the Republicans' six-month stopgap funding bill.” [Reuters, [3/11/25](#)]

April 2025: Evans Defended Trump’s Tariff Policy, Saying “I’m A Big Believer In Free Trade, But Free Trade Has To Be Fair Trade As Well”

April 2025: Evans Defended Trump’s Tariff Policy, Saying “I’m A Big Believer In Free Trade, But Free Trade Has To Be Fair Trade As Well.” “When asked about the painful cost of tariffs on consumers and agricultural producers in his district, Evans answered by defending the Trump administration’s sweeping tariffs. ‘What we saw the President do this afternoon was implement reciprocal tariffs, which means that if they have a tariff on us, then we have a tariff back on them, but if they lower their tariffs or get rid of their tariffs, then we lower or get rid of our tariffs as well,’ he said. ‘I’m a big believer in free trade, but free trade has to be fair trade as well.’” [Colorado Public Radio, [4/2/25](#)]

Evans Defended Trump’s Tariff Policy As Necessary To Level The Playing Field For Other Industries, Such As Agriculture

Axios Denver: Evans Defended Trump's Tariff Policy As Necessary To Level The Playing Field For Other Industries, Such As Agriculture. "The other side: Other industries could see benefits from tariffs. And Republican lawmakers, including U.S. Rep. Gabe Evans of Thornton, have defended them as necessary to level the playing field for other industries, such as agriculture." [Axios Denver, [6/2/25](#)]

Trump's Tariffs Were Predicted To Increase Costs For Coloradans And Trigger Higher Inflation

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Colorado Governor's Office Of State Planning And Budgeting: Estimated Effective Tariff Rate In Colorado Increased From 3% In 2024 To 21% In 2025 Under Trump's Tariff Policy. "OSPB finds that increased tariffs will likely lead to worse economic outcomes for both the U.S. and Colorado. Under current tariffs imposed by the Trump administration as of August 12, 2025, the effective tariff rate in Colorado has increased sevenfold since last year. In 2024, the estimated effective tariff rate in Colorado was 3.0 percent, and it has now increased to 21.0 percent following broad-based tariff implementation from the federal administration on certain nations and products. The U.S. estimated effective tariff rate has increased from 2.6 percent in 2024 to 20.7 percent. To understand how high the currently implemented tariffs are, the last time they exceeded the current effective levels was over a century ago in 1910. This stark change in American trade policy can be likened to an economic shock to global trade and will lead to American and Coloradan businesses and consumers paying more for every-day goods due to higher inflation." [State of Colorado, Governor's Office of State Planning & Budgeting, Page 4, [9/4/25](#)]

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Tariffs Contributed To Higher Prices For Apparel, Furniture And Other Goods Where The U.S. Is Heavily Reliant On Imports

NPR: Tariffs Contributed To "Higher Prices For Apparel, Furniture And Other Goods Where The U.S. Is Heavily Reliant On Imports." "Tariffs have already contributed to higher prices for apparel, furniture and other goods where the U.S. is heavily reliant on imports. Inflation has been inching up in recent months, although it's still nowhere near the 9% level it reached three years ago, in the wake of the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Annual inflation in September was 3%, compared to 2.3% in April when Trump first announced his worldwide tariffs." [NPR, [11/5/25](#)]

Inflation Was Predicted To Increase In 2026 As A Result Of Trump's Tariff Policy

Trump's Tariff Policy Was "Expected To Result In Re-Inflation In 2025, With Peak Year-Over-Year Inflation In 2026 That Is A Drag On The National And Local Economies." "Inflation is significantly impacted by tariff policy, because tariffs are an additional cost imposed on goods. Tariffs have a direct cost increase on the specific goods that have tariffs levied against them, but tariffs can also have significant indirect or knock-on effects on the prices of other goods and services throughout the economy. While the 2024 Tariff Scenario would likely lead to the U.S. continuing on a disinflationary path to the Federal Reserve's target of two percent, the Current and Escalatory Tariff Scenarios are expected to result in re-inflation in 2025, with peak year-over-year inflation in 2026

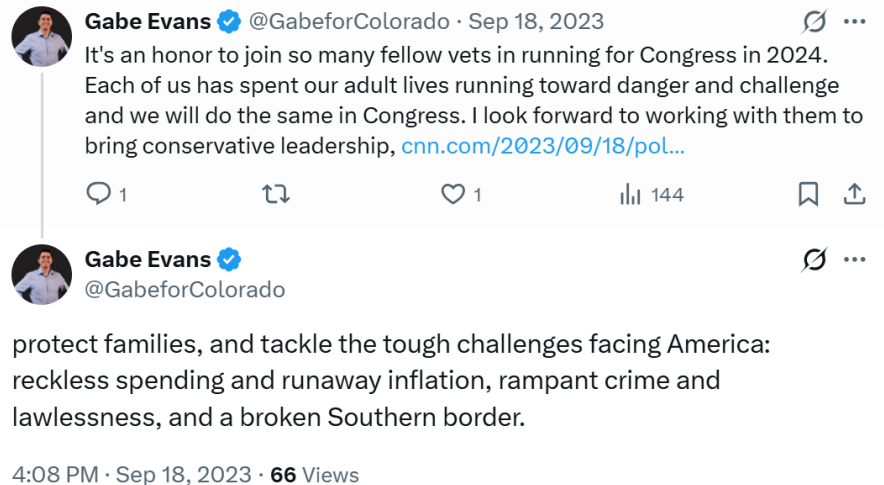
that is a drag on the national and local economies.” [State of Colorado, Governor’s Office of State Planning & Budgeting, Page 5, [9/4/25](#)]

Evans Promised To “Tackle” Reckless Spending But Voted To Add \$3 Trillion To The National Deficit

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[@GabeForColorado, X, [9/18/23](#)]

October 2024: Evans Supported A Balanced Budget Amendment

October 2024: Evans Supported A Balanced Budget Amendment. “As a police officer and U.S. Army veteran, I’ve put country first for a combined total of 22 years. Putting country first means knowing your principles AND being able to collaborate. We can do that by passing: 1. A Balanced Budget Amendment to force negotiation and common ground on taxing and spending. 2. Withholding pay to members of Congress when they fail to pass a budget or when the government shuts down. 3. Reforming our broken budget process. Typically, government is funded by catch-all, “omnibus” spending packages. While I am open-minded about specifics, I believe reform must include ‘zero-based budgeting’. Every program should be required to justify its existence every year.” [Colorado Public Radio News, [10/14/24](#)]

- **A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Amend To The Constitution To Require Federal Spending Not To Exceed Federal Receipts.** “In its simplest form, a balanced budget amendment would add a budget rule to the Constitution that would require federal spending not to exceed federal receipts. The amendment would make it unconstitutional for the federal government to run annual budget deficits. Most amendment proposals go further than requiring a balanced budget or budget surpluses. Some of the most frequent additional elements are: A requirement that the President submit a balanced budget to the Congress; Provisions that allow some flexibility in times of war or economic recession provided that a supermajority (typically three-fifths) of the

members of the Congress vote in favor of a waiver; A provision requiring a supermajority vote of both houses of Congress in order to raise the debt ceiling; A cap on total spending (as a percentage of gross domestic product or GDP) unless waived by a supermajority of both houses; A limit on the total level of revenues (as a percentage of GDP) unless waived by a supermajority of both houses; A provision to prevent the courts from enforcing the amendment through tax increases; A provision assigning the Congress the responsibility to enforce the amendment through legislation.” [Peter G. Peterson Foundation, [11/27/18](#)]

A Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatened Americans’ Health Care And Social Security

HEADLINE: Center for American Progress: “The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs.” [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, Medicare Part A Would Not Be Able To Pay For Hospitalization Costs, Because It Is Funded Through A Fund Of Saved Treasury Securities. “Medicare Part A — the Hospital Insurance trust fund — has the same structure as Social Security. That trust fund currently holds about \$200 billion in Treasury securities, but under a balanced budget amendment, it would be unconstitutional for Medicare to draw down those savings to pay hospitalization costs because all federal expenditures — which includes Medicare payments — would have to be covered by taxes collected in the same year.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/16/18](#)]

Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, The Military And Federal Employee Civil Service Retirement Systems Would Not Be Able To Pay Retirees, Because They Are Funded Through Funds Of Saved Treasury Securities. “As a result, the \$700 billion in Treasury securities held by the military retirement trust fund and the \$900 billion in Treasury securities held by the civil service retirement trust fund would be unavailable to pay promised retirement pensions.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/16/18](#)]

Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, “Programs Such As Social Security, Medicare, National Defense, And Veterans’ Benefits Could Be Cut By An Average Of One-Fifth.” “Programs such as Social Security, Medicare, national defense, and veterans’ benefits could be cut by an average of one-fifth under a constitutional amendment before the House this week to require a balanced budget in every year. If policymakers chose to protect some programs from cuts, the cuts in other programs would be even deeper. If they protected Social Security and Medicare, for example, all other programs would be cut by two-fifths.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/11/18](#)]

Evans: “Our Country Is Spending Money We Don’t Have, Leading To Inflation And The Always-Growing National Debt”

Evans Said “Our Country Is Spending Money We Don’t Have, Leading To Inflation And The Always-Growing National Debt.” “As newlyweds, my wife and I lived month to month in a one-bedroom apartment with a monthly food budget of \$100. This taught us about the importance of living within our means. Unfortunately, politicians on both sides have forgotten what it’s like for the government to live on a budget. Our country is spending money we don’t have, leading to inflation and the always-growing national debt. Reducing, and eventually eliminating, the budget deficit is critical to long term prosperity. We can achieve that by reducing spending on frivolous government projects, such as so-called Green New Deal initiatives and DEI programs.” [Congressman Gabe Evans, Economy, accessed [11/7/25](#)]

Evans Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Added \$3.4 Trillion To The National Deficit

May 2025 And July 2025: Evans Voted Twice For The One Big Beautiful Bill

May 2025: Evans Voted For The House’s Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

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

July 2025: Evans Voted For Final Passage Of The Senate Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act

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

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Increase The National Deficit By \$3.4 Trillion Over The Next Decade

The Congressional Budget Office Estimated That One Big Beautiful Bill Would Increase The National Deficit By \$3.4 Trillion Over The Next Decade. “On a preliminary basis, the Congressional Budget Office and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that enacting H.R. 1, as passed by the Senate on July 1, 2025, would decrease deficits by \$0.4 trillion, relative to the budget enforcement baseline for consideration in the Senate. Compared with CBO's January 2025 baseline budget projections, it would increase deficits over the 2025-2034 period by \$3.4 trillion.” [Congressional Budget Office, [7/1/25](#)]

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Evans Claimed Immigrants Needed To Come To The United States “The Right Way” Like His Grandfather Did

Evans Said Immigrants Needed To “Stand In That Line And Do It The Right Way, Do It The Legal Way, So You Are Not Leapfrogging Over Those Folks Like My Grandfather, Who Did It The Right Way And Did It The Legal Way.” “‘We are a nation that is ruled by law,’ Evans told moderators at a January 2024 debate, responding to a question about how ‘millions of people living in the U.S. illegally’ should be treated. ‘You need to go stand in that line and do it the right way, do it the legal way, so you are not leapfrogging over those folks like my grandfather, who did it the right way and did it the legal way.’” [Colorado Newsline, [7/22/25](#)]

According To Public Records, Evans’ Grandfather, Cuauhtemoc Chavez, Resided Unlawfully In The United States For 12 Years Before He Was Arrested For An “Immigration Violation” In 1941

U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services Records Showed Evans’ Grandfather, Cuauhtemoc Chavez, Entered The United States Unlawfully With His Mother And Siblings In 1929. “The email announced Evans’ candidacy for Colorado’s toss-up 8th Congressional District, and it began with a story the Fort Lupton Republican has told countless times throughout his political career — the story of his grandfather, Cuauhtemoc Chavez, who was born in Mexico and earned U.S. citizenship through his Army service in World War II... Those records show that the Chavez family, and a young Cuauhtemoc in particular, were squarely on the wrong side of the ‘strong immigration policies’ his grandson now invokes his name to champion. A 1941 Immigration and Naturalization Service document, obtained through a records request with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, shows that Cuauhtemoc entered the country unlawfully with his mother and siblings in 1929, at the age of 5, and resided unlawfully in Texas for the intervening 12 years. The document, known as an alien registration form, or an AR-2, was prepared shortly after Cuauhtemoc, then 16 years old, was arrested for an ‘immigration violation’ in El Paso and ‘made the subject of deportation proceedings.’” [Colorado Newsline, [7/22/25](#)]

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- **An Alien Registration Form Or An AR-2 Form Noted Chavez Was Arrested For An “Immigration Violation” In El Paso And “Made The Subject Of Deportation Proceedings.”** “The email announced Evans’ candidacy for Colorado’s toss-up 8th Congressional District, and it began with a story the Fort Lupton Republican has told countless times throughout his political career — the story of his grandfather, Cuauhtemoc Chavez, who was born in Mexico and earned U.S. citizenship through his Army service in World War II... Those records show that the Chavez family, and a young Cuauhtemoc in particular, were squarely on the wrong side of the ‘strong immigration policies’ his grandson now invokes his name to champion. A 1941 Immigration and Naturalization Service document, obtained through a records request with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, shows that Cuauhtemoc entered the country unlawfully with his mother and siblings in 1929, at the age of 5, and resided unlawfully in Texas for the intervening 12 years. The document, known as an alien registration form, or an AR-2, was prepared shortly after Cuauhtemoc, then 16 years old, was arrested for an ‘immigration violation’ in El Paso and ‘made the subject of deportation proceedings.’” [Colorado Newsline, [7/22/25](#)]

- Cuauhtemoc Chavez's Alien Registration Form From 1941, Which Noted He Entered The United States Unlawfully.

Alien Registration Form

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

10-12072

My name is Cuauhtemoc Chavez

I entered the United States under the name of None

I have also been known by the following names: None

I live at 1022 N. 1st St. El Paso, Texas

My post-office address is El Paso, Texas

I was born on October 13, 1924 at Chihuahua, Chih., Mexico

I am a citizen or subject of Mexico

My marital status is (check one):
☒ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced

My race is (check one):
☒ White ☐ Negro ☐ Japanese ☐ Chinese ☐ Other

I am 5 feet, 9 inches in height, weigh 123 pounds, have Black hair and Brown eyes.

I last arrived in the United States at El Paso, Texas on 12/9/41

I came in by Sea (at) Entered through Santa Fe St. Bridge with Local Card

I came as a (check one):
☐ Passenger ☐ Crew member ☐ Seaman ☐ Other ☐ Official of a foreign government ☐ Treaty merchant ☐ Beaman ☐ Other

I entered the United States as a (check one):
☐ Permanent resident ☐ Visitor ☐ Student ☐ Employee of a foreign government official ☐ Other

I first arrived in the United States on December 9, 1924

I have lived in the United States a total of twelve years

I expect to remain in the United States as long as I can

My usual occupation is Delivery boy

My employer (or registering parent or guardian) is None

My address is El Paso, Texas

and whose business is None

All items must be answered by persons 14 years of age or older. For children under 14 years of age, only the items marked with a star (*) must be answered by the parent or guardian. All answers must be accurate and complete.

Made the subject of deportation proceedings at this port. El Paso File No. 3900/20682.

10. I am, or have been within the past 5 years, or intend to be engaged in the following activities:
 In addition to other information, list memberships or activities in clubs, organizations, or societies.

My military or naval service has been None

have not applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application None

First citizenship papers received None

Filed petition for naturalization None

13. I have the following specified relatives living in the United States:

Parent(s) None Husband or wife None Children None

14. I have been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:

Nature of offense Attempted Burglary Date of arrest 7/25/41 Place of arrest El Paso, Texas Disposition of case Released

15. Within the past 5 years I have not been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a foreign government.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

I have read or have had read to me the above statements, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that these statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at the place and on the date here designated by the official post-office stamp below.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I am the Parent of the above-named alien, who is under 14 years of age (or over 14 years of age).

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[Colorado Newline, [7/22/25](#)]

Evans Repeatedly Misstated Details About His Grandfather's Immigration Story

Evans Said His Grandfather Immigrated From Mexico In "Search Of A Safer Place To Raise A Family And Chase The American Dream," Despite Arriving When He Was Only Five Years Old

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[Gabe Evans for Congress, Facebook, [6/12/24](#)]

- Evans' Grandfather Immigrated From Mexico When He Was Five Years Old.** “The email announced Evans’ candidacy for Colorado’s toss-up 8th Congressional District, and it began with a story the Fort Lupton Republican has told countless times throughout his political career — the story of his grandfather, Cuauhtemoc Chavez, who was born in Mexico and earned U.S. citizenship through his Army service in World War II...Those records show that the Chavez family, and a young Cuauhtemoc in particular, were squarely on the wrong side of the ‘strong immigration policies’ his grandson now invokes his name to champion. A 1941 Immigration and Naturalization Service document, obtained through a records request with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, shows that Cuauhtemoc entered the country unlawfully with his mother and siblings in 1929, at the age of 5, and resided unlawfully in Texas for the intervening 12 years. The document, known as an alien registration form, or an AR-2, was prepared shortly after Cuauhtemoc, then 16 years old, was arrested for an ‘immigration violation’ in El Paso and ‘made the subject of deportation proceedings.’” [Colorado Newline, [7/22/25](#)]

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- **According To Records, Evans’ Grandfather Became A Citizen In 1946.** “In a 2022 statement to Spanish-language newspaper La Prensa de Colorado, Evans, then a first-time state House candidate, wrote that Cuauhtemoc had ‘acquir(ed) citizenship in 1943,’ while serving in the Army. In fact, records show that he did not apply for naturalization until several years later, in 1946. The discrepancy is significant because Cuauhtemoc’s naturalization petition indicates that he was granted citizenship under a 1944 law that eliminated proof of ‘lawful entry’ as a requirement for naturalization.” [Colorado Newsline, [7/22/25](#)]

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Evans’ Maternal Aunt Jennifer Chavez Said Her Father (Evans’ Grandfather) Said Evans’ Misrepresentation Of “[My] Father In His Campaign By Portraying My Dad As Being In Support Of Everything That Gabe Is In Support Of — (That) Would Have Pissed My Dad Off.” “Though Cuauhtemoc died in 2014, his union service and the death of his nephew top the list of reasons why Jennifer Chavez, Cuauhtemoc’s daughter and Evans’ aunt, is certain that he would have strongly opposed Trump’s presidential candidacy two years later. ‘I can’t even begin to imagine what my dad would have thought of Trump — being that, you know, he was a coward and a deserter,’ Jennifer said in an interview, referring to Trump’s five draft deferments during the Vietnam War. ‘My dad would have had zero, and I mean zero, tolerance for someone like that.’ ‘When Gabe started to misrepresent our father in his campaign,’ she added, ‘by portraying my dad as being in support of everything that Gabe is in support of — (that) would have pissed my dad off.’” [Colorado Newsline, [7/31/25](#)]

Evans’ Aunt Said Evans “Barely Knew” His Grandfather And “Misrepresented” His Story To Suggest He Would Have Supported Trump

Evans’ Aunt Said Evans “Barely Knew” His Grandfather. “When contacted by Newsline, Jennifer Chavez said that while she wasn’t shocked by the news that her father’s family entered the country unlawfully — ‘that was just the way of life back then,’ she said — their undocumented status was not common family knowledge... ‘Gabe, in reality, barely knew my dad,’ she said. ‘They just didn’t see each other very often. My sister (Evans’ mother) just didn’t click with the family anymore. ... He’s trying to cultivate the Latino heritage thing, but he really didn’t know my father, because he rarely saw him.’” [Colorado Newsline, [7/31/25](#)]

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requests to respond to Jennifer’s characterization of his relationship with his grandfather. ‘For Gabe to portray my dad as being in support of someone like Trump would have gone over like a lead balloon,’ Jennifer added. ‘He really misrepresented who my father was.’” [Colorado Newsline, [7/31/25](#)]

Evans Supported Immigration Policies That Would Have Resulted In His Grandfather’s Deportation

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Evans’ Op-Ed: “I Strongly Support [...] Strong Immigration Policies, Including Immediate Deportation For Criminals Or Freeloaders.” “As a Coloradan, former Denver-area cop, grandson of an immigrant family and the next congressman for Colorado’s 8th Congressional District, I strongly support a secure border and strong immigration policies, including immediate deportation for criminals or freeloaders.” [Colorado Sun, Gabe Evans Op-Ed, [12/12/24](#)]

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In A Fundraising Email, Evans Claimed His Mother, Rebecca Chavez, “Thought The Best Life Had To Offer Was A Dirt Floor Hut In Juarez, Mexico.” “Colorado Congressman Gabe Evans’ mom was born in the United States. Yet, throughout his election campaign and after he entered Congress, Evans repeatedly stated that his mother believed she’d spend her entire life in a ‘hut’ with a ‘dirt floor’ in Mexico. Evans is careful to say that his mother, Rebecca Chavez, ‘thought’ she’d pass her life in Mexico, not that she actually did or that she was born there. His mom ‘thought the best life had to offer was a dirt floor hut in Juarez, Mexico,’ he stated in a May 6 email titled, ‘A Dirt Floor.’” [Colorado Times Recorder, [8/26/25](#)]

- **The Colorado Times Recorder Concluded Evans Used The Dirt Floor Story In At Least Ten Interviews And Emails.** “The Colorado Times Recorder corroborated key elements of Jennifer Chavez’s story and found that Evans or his campaign delivered versions of the carefully constructed dirt-floor line in at least 10 interviews or emails, including in the September 10, 2023, email that launched his campaign (and was reported by Newsline).” [Colorado Times Recorder, [8/26/25](#)]

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[Elect Gabe Evans via PoliticalEmails.org, [9/10/23](#)]

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Gabe's family story is the American Dream story. When his mom was a child, she thought she would spend her whole life in a one-room hut with a dirt floor in Juarez, Mexico.

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[Elect Gabe Evans via PoliticalEmails.org, [8/13/24](#)]

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Jennifer Chavez, Evans' Maternal Aunt, Said Evans' Claim Was "Just Totally Delusional." "I don't have any idea where that came from," said Jennifer Chavez, who is Evans' mother's sister (2 years younger). "You know, we may have crossed the bridge to go over there for, you know, a shopping day or something. I remember going over there to get haircuts, but that was like a day excursion. I mean, it was an effort to go over there." "It's just totally delusional, because, I mean, that's just such a stretch," said Chavez." [Colorado Times Recorder, [8/26/25](#)]

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Headline: "Rotten American Dream Story? Evans Says His American Mom 'Thought' She'd Spend Her Life In A Hut in Mexico." [Colorado Times Recorder, [8/26/25](#)]

Evans Inflated His Rancher Credentials, Possibly In An Attempt To Appeal To Voters In One Of Colorado's Largest Agricultural Districts

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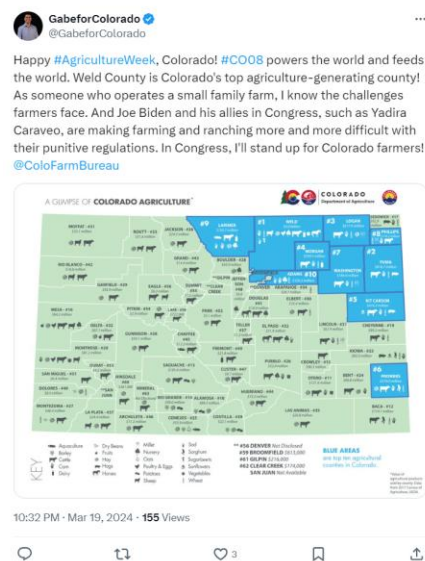
Colorado's 8th Congressional District Ranked 21 Out Of 390 Cattle And Calves Producing Congressional Districts. [USDA, 2022 Census of Agriculture, accessed [10/30/25](#)]

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[Gabe for Colorado, Twitter, [3/19/24](#)]

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2023-2025: Evans Saved An Estimated \$3,000 From Agricultural Tax Breaks On His Property

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Evans Purchased The Property At 14410 County Road 10 Fort Lupton, Co, In October 2018. [Weld County Recorder, accessed [11/4/25](#)]

Since 2023, Evans Reported Less Than \$2,100 In Income From "Farm Profits"

Evans Reported On Federal Personal Financial Disclosures That He Earned \$345 In Farm Profits In 2025

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- **On Two Of His Three Federal Personal Financial Disclosures, Evans Did Not Report An Income Related To Farm Profits.** "Evans' first two federal financial disclosure forms, filed as a congressional candidate in 2023 and 2024, list no income whatsoever from ranching or farming. His most recent form, filed last week and not yet available to the public, discloses \$1,100, according to his office." [Colorado Times Recorder, [6/10/25](#)]

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- **Evans Was Required To Disclose Income Totaling \$200 Or More From One Source In A Calendar Year.** "Earned" income refers to compensation derived from employment or personal efforts. Such income earned by the filer must be disclosed when it totals \$200 or more from any one source in a calendar year. The source, type, and exact dollar amount of the reporting individual's earnings must be stated." [U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ethics, accessed [12/19/25](#)]

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- **Colorado Times Recorder: It Was “Strange” Evans Said He Planned To Build A Fence For Cows Because Evans “Currently Has No Cattle On The Property.”** “It’s a strange comment because Evans currently has no cattle on the property, having removed his three Longhorns from his land and put them under the care of a neighbor, who’s said he’ll give them back to Evans someday. Evans’ office declined an offer to explain the comment about building a fence, including whether he’d finished it, why he’s building it, and when he plans to put any cattle back on his land, if ever.” [Colorado Times Recorder, [9/4/25](#)]

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