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Toplines

Garcia Was A Deceitful, Self-Serving Politician Accused Of Using Insider Information To Trade Stocks Then Hid The Transactions From The Public

- Garcia traded up to \$50,000 of Boeing stock a month before a committee he sat on released a damning report on Boeing crashes, then waited to report the trade until after the election, violating the STOCK Act.
- Two watch dog organizations filed ethics complaints against Garcia, calling for investigations into his stock trades.
- The stock trading allegations caught the attention of national and local press.

Garcia Was A Threat To Women’s Reproductive Freedoms And Out Of Touch With His District, Cosponsoring A National Abortion Ban, Voting To Restrict Access To Mifepristone, And Threatening IVF Access

- Garcia co-sponsored legislation that would effectively ban all abortions, even in cases of rape, incest, and where the life of the woman was at risk.
- If Garcia’s Life at Conception Act passed, it could result in the banning of IVF.
- Garcia voted for appropriations legislation that would have limited access to the abortion drug Mifepristone.
- Garcia voted against codifying Roe v. Wade despite voters in his district opting to codify abortion rights in California’s constitution by 18% in 2022.

Garcia Was A Member Of The Republican Study Committee, Whose Budget Made Devastating Cuts To Seniors’ Hard Earned Medicaid And Social Security Benefits

- The RSC budget proposed policies that would increase health care costs and lead to Medicare cuts.
- The RSC budget proposed increasing the retirement age for Social Security, cutting seniors’ hard-earned benefits.

Garcia Was A Member Of The Republican Study Committee, Whose Budget Made Dangerous Cuts To Law Enforcement Budgets, Including Local Police, Threatening The Safety Of California Families

- The RSC budget supported policies that would make communities less safe by defunding the police and federal enforcement agencies like the department of justice and IRS agents.
 - The RSC budget proposed defunding Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), which provided grants for law enforcement agencies to hire police officers.
 - The RSC budget proposed defunding the Environmental and Natural Resources Division and the Community Relations Service of the Department of Justice.
 - The RSC budget proposed a reduction in IRS enforcement, which was used to combat tax fraud, human trafficking, fentanyl, and terrorism.
- The RSC budget proposed eliminating a grant program to prevent targeted violence and terrorism.

Garcia Supported Tax Breaks For The Wealthiest Americans And Corporations While Raising Taxes On Millions Of California Working Families

- Garcia supported making The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent.
- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act decreased the top corporate tax rate and disproportionately benefited the richest taxpayers.
- The Tax Cuts and Jobs act capped the state and local tax deduction (SALT), raising taxes on millions of California families.

Garcia Voted Against The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Lowered Drug And Healthcare Costs While Making Corporations And The Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share While Taking Thousands From Drug Companies

- The Inflation Reduction Act forced corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share.
- The Inflation Reduction Act allowed Medicare to negotiate drug prices, capped out-of-pocket Medicare costs, capped the cost of Insulin at \$35, and expanded ACA subsidies.
- Garcia accepted more than \$75,000 from pharmaceutical companies.

Garcia Voted For Extreme Proposals That Would Have Cut Funding To Help Law Enforcement Keep Communities Safe And Fight Crime

- Garcia voted for a continuing resolution that made nearly 30% cuts across the government.
- Republicans' failed bills would have cut funding to help law enforcement keep communities safe and fight crime.
- Garcia voted for the Default on America Act that cut billions for border security.

Garcia Rejected Bipartisan Immigration Solutions Endorsed By The Border Patrol Union That Would Have Hired More Agents And Strengthen Border Security At Trump's Behest

- Garcia claimed the bipartisan Senate immigration deal needed to "die in the Senate."
- Trump called on Republican Members of Congress to reject the Senate's bipartisan immigration legislation.
- The Senate immigration deal was a bipartisan deal endorsed by the border patrol that would have hired 1,500 new customs and border protection personnel and fund technology to stop fentanyl.

Garcia Voted Against Investing In The District's Infrastructure

- Garcia voted against the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which provided \$550 billion in new infrastructure spending.
- Under the bipartisan infrastructure deal, California could expect \$25.3 billion for highway aid and \$4.2 billion for bridge repair, repairing the state's "C-" grade infrastructure.

Garcia's Self-Serving Behavior Put California Families At Risk, Voting Against Fire Fighter Pay And Fire Suppression Funding While Being Bankrolled By Those Responsible For Destructive Brush Fires

- Garcia voted against the bipartisan infrastructure bill, which contained a pay raise for federal fire fighters.
- Garcia voted to slash \$2.4 billion in funding for wildfire suppression.
- Chaos created by the House Republican Conference threatened federal firefighter pay, nearly resulting in pay cuts.
- Garcia took at least \$23,945 from individuals and PACs connected to California Resources Corp, California's largest oil and gas producer – including \$17,000 from its CEO alone.
- Ventura County firefighters blamed California Resources Corp. for starting a destructive brush fire in 2019.

Garcia Voted To Elect Mike Johnson To Speaker Of The House And Voted Three Times To Elect Jim Jordan During His Failed Speakership Bid

- Garcia voted to elect Mike Johnson, who held out-of-touch positions on choice, election fraud, and Social Security, as Speaker of the House.
- Garcia voted three times to elect Jim Jordan, who was an extreme, ineffective lawmaker who tried to overturn the 2020 election, as Speaker of the House.

Garcia Betrayed Veterans, Voting For Debt Ceiling Legislation Attempting To Slash Billions In Funding That Would Have Resulted In Millions Fewer Outpatient VA Visits And More Vulnerable Vets

- Garcia voted for GOP debt ceiling legislation that would have cut government spending by 22%.
- The legislation would have cut billions in VA funding, resulting in millions fewer outpatient VA visits and more vulnerable vets.

Garcia Backed The Big Lie And Tried To Overturn The 2020 Election, Voted To Block Investigations Of The January 6 Insurrection, And Compared Capitol Police To “Gestapo”

- Garcia voted in favor of two motions attempting to throw out electoral votes from Pennsylvania and Arizona.
- Garcia compared the Capitol Police to the “Gestapo” and voted against increasing funding for Capitol security after the January 6th attack.
- Garcia voted against impeaching former President Trump for incitement of insurrection.

Significant Findings

Garcia Was A Deceitful, Self-Serving Politician Accused Of Using Insider Information To Trade Stocks Then Hid The Transactions From The Public

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Garcia Traded Up To \$50,000 Of Boeing Stock A Month Before A Committee He Sat On Released A Damning Report On Boeing. “The congressional stock trading scandal of 2020 claimed its share of political victims, but one member’s curiously well-timed trades that year flew under the radar—because he appears to have broken the law about disclosing them. In August 2020, Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA) sold up to \$50,000 in shares of aerospace giant Boeing, weeks before his committee released the damning results of its investigation into deadly crashes involving the company’s 737 Max airliner.” [Daily Beast, [12/13/23](#)]

Garcia Then Failed To Report The Trade Within The Mandated 45 Day Window, Instead Waiting Until After The Election He Narrowly Won. “But while other incumbent campaigns were dogged by blockbuster stock scandals that year, the Garcia campaign never had to answer for this trade. That’s because Garcia blew the mandated deadline to report the transaction, only filing the paperwork on Nov. 23—more than two months after the 45-day reporting window had closed. When he finally did disclose the sale, it was two weeks after the 2020 general election votes were cast, and three days after Garcia declared victory. He won by 333 votes.” [Daily Beast, [12/13/23](#)]

The STOCK Act Required Members Of Congress To Report Stock Transactions Within 45 Days

The STOCK Act Required Members Of Congress To Report Stock Transactions Within 45 Days. “In addition, the Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act (STOCK Act) amended the EIGA to add a requirement for Members, officers, and certain employees of the House to report certain securities transactions over \$1,000 within 30 days of notice of the transaction, but in no case later than 45 days after the transaction. These STOCK Act filings are known as Periodic Transaction Reports (PTRs).” [House Committee on Ethics, [CY 2020](#)]

Garcia Failed To Report Owning The Boeing Stock On Previous Financial Disclosures

Ethics Experts Called The Trade A Blatant Violation Of Congressional Ethics Rules. “Legal experts called the delay an ‘egregious’ ethics violation, and they said the circumstances of the stock sale raise concerns about whether Garcia was using his government position to trade on privileged inside information. Delaney Marsco, senior counsel for ethics at nonpartisan watchdog Campaign Legal Center, called Garcia’s reporting ‘just a blatant violation’ of congressional ethics rules. ‘You can’t file transaction reports after that period,’ Delaney told The Daily Beast. ‘When members file late, this is the cost—it deprives voters of the information to assess it themselves.’” [Daily Beast, [12/13/23](#)]

Two Watch Dog Organizations Filed Ethics Complaints Against Garcia, Calling For Investigations Into His Stock Trades

Two Ethics Complaints Were Filed Against Garcia, Calling For Investigations Into His Well-Timed Stock Trades. “Several lawmakers had to answer for well-timed stock trades amid the 2020 pandemic, but newly elected Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA) was not one of them—until now. On Wednesday, watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington filed a complaint with the Office of Congressional Ethics, accusing Garcia

of breaking disclosure laws and the STOCK Act when he failed to properly report multiple transactions in the run-up to the 2020 election—including the sale of Boeing stock weeks before a committee he sat on released a damning report about the firm’s role in deadly crashes involving its 737 MAX airliner. The CREW filing is the second complaint against Garcia in a week, prompted by The Daily Beast’s reporting on the transactions last Wednesday, following a complaint from Democratic transparency advocacy organization End Citizens United last Friday, alleging that Garcia broke multiple ethics rules, violated the STOCK Act, and potentially engaged in insider trading with the Boeing sale.” [The Daily Beast, [12/20/23](#)]

The Stock Trading Allegations Caught The Attention Of National And Local Press

Daily Beast: “GOP Rep. Mike Garcia Secretly Sold Boeing Stock Ahead Of Damning Report.” [Daily Beast, [12/13/23](#)]

Daily Beast: “Two Complaints Target GOP Lawmaker’s Stock Trading Violations.” [The Daily Beast, [12/20/23](#)]

KTLA 5: Santa Clarita Congressman’s Stock Sale Under Scrutiny. [KTLA 5, [12/14/23](#)]

CBS Los Angeles: “Congressman Garcia Accused Of Selling Boeing Stock Before Devastating Report.” [CBS Los Angeles, [12/14/23](#)] (VIDEO)

KTLA 5 Headline: “Santa Clarita Congressman’s Stock Sale Under Scrutiny. [KTLA5, [12/14/24](#)]

Politico Ca Headline: “Day Trader – California Republican Rep. Mike Garcia Swatted Away Allegations Of Insider Trading.” [Politico, [12/14/23](#)]

La Opinion: “Republicano Mike García Habría Vendido Acciones Tras Conocer Su Cambio De Valores.” [La Opinion, [12/14/23](#)]

Garcia Was A Threat To Women’s Reproductive Freedoms, Cosponsoring A National Abortion Ban, Voting To Restrict Access To Mifepristone, And Threatening IVF Access

Garcia Co-Sponsored Legislation That Would Effectively Ban All Abortions, Even In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And Where The Life Of The Woman Was At Risk

LA Times: Garcia Co-Sponsored “Legislation That Would Effectively Ban All Abortion And Some Forms Of Birth Control.” “Rep. Mike Garcia [...] whose district includes northern Los Angeles County, omitted other parts of his record: Voting against the certification of electoral votes in Pennsylvania and Arizona that helped cement Joe Biden’s presidential victory. Opposing the impeachment of President Trump for his role in the Jan. 6 insurrection. Standing against legalizing Dreamers and reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act. Cosponsoring legislation that would effectively ban all abortion and some forms of birth control.” [Los Angeles Times, [7/5/21](#)]

- **LA Magazine: Garcia’s Legislation Would “Pretty Much Criminalize All Abortion.”** “Already, Garcia has voted against the certification of electoral votes in Pennsylvania and Arizona, and against Trump’s second impeachment; he opposed the Dreamers Act and the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act; and he cosponsored legislation that would pretty much criminalize all abortion.” [LA Magazine, [7/28/21](#)]

June 15, 2020: Garcia Co-Sponsored The Life At Conception Act, Which Banned Abortion From “The Moment Of Fertilization.” According the summary of HR 616, “This bill declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being.” [HR 616, [6/15/20](#)]

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- **Rewire: “‘Personhood’ Laws Criminalize Abortion With No Exception.”** “‘Personhood’ laws seek to classify fertilized eggs, zygotes, embryos, and fetuses as ‘persons,’ and to grant them full legal protection under the U.S. Constitution, including the right to life from the moment of conception. ‘Personhood’ laws criminalize abortion with no exception, and also ban many forms of contraception, in vitro fertilization, and health care for pregnant people. ‘Personhood’ laws also increase an already dangerous trend of criminalizing pregnancy, by mandating that women who terminate a pregnancy be arrested, prosecuted, and even imprisoned because of the supposed injury done to a separate ‘person’—namely, the fetus. So-called fetal homicide laws are already being used in many states to arrest and prosecute individuals who miscarry pregnancies or are otherwise seen as ‘harming’ the fetus.” [Rewire, [11/7/18](#)]
- **Center For Reproductive Rights: “Extending Legal Rights To Fetuses Could Criminalize Any Conduct That Might Harm A Fetus, A Prenatal Personhood Law Could Chill Doctors From Providing The Best Medical Care To Pregnant Women.”** “Moreover, the legal impact of prenatal personhood measures extends far beyond banning abortion and other forms of reproductive health care. Because extending legal rights to fetuses could criminalize any conduct that might harm a fetus, a prenatal personhood law could chill doctors from providing the best medical care to pregnant women.” [Center for Reproductive Rights, [2012](#)]
- **Rewire: The Life At Conception Act “Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person.”** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

The Life At Conception Act, Which Garcia Sponsored, “Would Block Most Forms Of Contraception.” “Another area that really concerns me is reproductive healthcare. On April 1, Garcia signed on as a sponsor of the *Life at Conception Act*. This far-reaching federal bill would block most forms of contraception, all but sentencing women and girls to forced fertility, and take away women’s right to choose a safe and legal abortion, making efforts to end an unwanted or medically dangerous pregnancy a criminal cause of action.” [Antelope Valley Times, Hans Johnson, Op-Ed, [7/6/21](#)]

If Garcia’s Life At Conception Act Passed, It Could Result In The Banning Of IVF

Personhood Bills Like The Life At Conception Act Would Severely Impact And Potentially Eliminate In Vitro Fertilization

The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions And Eliminating Medical Choices Including In Vitro Fertilization. “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer

treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

Personhood Bills That Define Human Life To Begin At Conception Would Severely Impact Infertility Treatments, Especially IVF. “Personhood bills aim to define human life to begin at the moment of fertilization or conception and grant constitutional rights and privileges to all persons from that moment. If these proposals were to become personhood laws, they would severely impact infertility treatments, especially IVF.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

Arc Fertility: If Fertilized Eggs/Embryos Are Considered Full Humans, Anything That Puts An Embryo At Risk Could Be A Criminal Violation, Including IVF Treatments. “As outlined by RESOLVE, with Personhood legislation, however, the legality of effective pro-pregnancy fertility treatments such as IVF could be called into question: if microscopic fertilized eggs/embryos are full humans, anything that puts an embryo at risk could be a criminal violation, even if its goal is the undeniable social good of helping someone have a baby.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Included No Exceptions For IVF

The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Did Not Include Exceptions For IVF. “This Congress, 125 House Republicans — including Speaker Mike Johnson — have cosponsored the ‘Life at Conception Act,’ which states that the term ‘human being’ includes ‘all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill does not include any exception for in vitro fertilization (IVF), a reproductive treatment that allows mothers to fertilize several eggs outside the womb in order to increase the chances of a viable pregnancy.” [Business Insider, [2/23/24](#)]

Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act “Has No Provisions For Processes Like IVF, Meaning Access To The Procedure Would Not Be Protected.” “But many of the same Republicans who are saying Americans should have access to IVF have co-sponsored legislation that employs an argument similar to the one the Alabama Supreme Court used in its ruling. The congressional proposal, known as the Life at Conception Act, defines a ‘human being’ to ‘include each member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization or cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill would also provide equal protection under the 14th Amendment ‘for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.’ The measure has no provisions for processes like IVF, meaning access to the procedure would not be protected. It would ban nearly all abortions nationwide.” [Washington Post, [1/25/24](#)]

An Alabama Ruling That Restricted Access To IVF Was Made Based On The Idea That Life Starts “At Conception”

The Concurring Opinion To Restrict IVF In Alabama Cited Scripture To Apply To “Human Being[s] From The Moment Of Conception.” “Stephanie Sy: Mary, I want to read an excerpt from the chief justice’s concurring opinion. ‘The people of Alabama,’ he says, ‘have declared the public policy of this state to be that unborn human life is sacred. We believe that each human being from moment of conception is made in the image of God created by him to reflect his likeness.’ So the chief justice there invoking Scripture from the Bible in a legal ruling.” [PBS News Hour, [2/21/24](#)]

Anti-Choice Susan B. Anthony List: “The Alabama Court Recognized What Is Obvious And A Scientific Fact — Life Begins At Conception.” “Katie Daniel, from the group Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America — whose mission statement is to end abortion — said Alabama’s high court made the correct decision, but that doesn’t mean all IVF procedures need to end. ‘The Alabama Court recognized what is obvious and a scientific fact — life begins at conception. That does not mean fertility treatment is prohibited. Rather it means fertility treatments need not carelessly or intentionally destroy the new life created,’ Daniel said.” [NBC News, [2/22/24](#)]

Garcia Voted For Appropriations Legislation That Would Have Limited Access To The Abortion Drug Mifepristone

Garcia Voted For Passing Fiscal Year 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, Garcia voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide roughly \$22 billion in discretionary funding in fiscal 2024 for the Agriculture Department and related agencies. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion to the Food and Drug Administration, including \$3 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$3.2 billion in user fees; [...] It would direct the USDA to take necessary actions to prohibit the purchase of U.S. agricultural land by non-resident aliens and foreign businesses associated with Russia, North Korea, Iran and China; nullify the FDA’s January 2023 rule allowing medical providers to dispense the abortion drug mifepristone without an in-person consultation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 191-237. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #507](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

The Agriculture And FDA Appropriations Bill Failed To Pass On The Floor After Moderates Objected To Language In The Legislation That Would Limit Access To An Abortion Pill. “House Republicans failed to pass the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration appropriations bill late Thursday night after more than two dozen moderate Republicans came out against a provision that would limit access to an abortion pill. The chamber voted down the measure in a 237-191 vote, with 27 Republicans joining all Democrats in opposition.” [The Hill, [9/28/23](#)]

The Bill Would Have Nullified A Biden Administration Rule That Allowed Mifepristone To Be Sold In Retail Pharmacies. “The funding bill was on thin ice Wednesday, when a handful of GOP moderates said they would not support the legislation because it included a provision that would limit access to mifepristone, an abortion pill. The legislation calls for nullifying a Biden administration rule allowing mifepristone to be sold in retail pharmacies and by mail with prescriptions from a certified health care provider.” [The Hill, [9/28/23](#)]

- **The Fiscal Year 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Bill Was Sponsored By Republican Andy Harris.** [H.R. 4368, accessed [9/28/23](#)]

Garcia Voted Against Codifying Roe V. Wade Despite Voters In His District Opting To Codify Abortion Rights In California’s Constitution By 18% In 2022

Garcia Voted Against The Women’s Health Protection Act, Which Codified Roe V. Wade

Garcia Voted Against The Women’s Health Protection Act. In September 2021, Garcia voted against: “Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient’s life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers’ ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient’s health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single out abortion services, providers or facilities. It would specify factors that courts may consider to determine whether a requirement or limitation impedes access to abortion services, including whether it interferes with providers’ ability to provide services; poses a risk to patients’ health; is likely to delay or deter patients in accessing services or necessitate in-person visits that would not otherwise be required; is likely to result in a decreased availability of services in a state or region; is likely to result in increased costs of providing or obtaining services; or imposes penalties that are not imposed on other health care providers for comparable conduct. It would require a party

defending a requirement or limitation to establish that it significantly advances the safety of abortion services or patient health and that such goals cannot be advanced by a less restrictive alternative measure. It would authorize the Justice Department, health care providers and private individuals and entities to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for injunctive relief against any state or government official charged with implementing or enforcing a requirement or limitation challenged as a violation of rights established by the bill. It would authorize district courts to award appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, and to award costs of litigation to a prevailing plaintiff. It would require courts to "liberally construe" provisions of the bill to effectuate its purposes." The bill passed by a vote of 218-211. [HR 3655, [Vote #295](#), 9/24/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

- **Passage Of The WHPA Was In Response To A Restrictive Texas Abortion Law.** "Passage of the Women's Health Protection Act is a response to a Texas law that essentially bans abortion after six weeks, before most people realize they are pregnant. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to block the law from taking effect, although the decision leaves the door open for future challenges." [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]
- **Pelosi: "This Ban Necessitates Codifying Roe V. Wade."** "In a statement, Pelosi said the Texas statute is 'the most extreme, dangerous abortion ban in half a century, and its purpose is to destroy Roe v. Wade, and even refuses to make exceptions for cases of rape and incest. This ban necessitates codifying Roe v. Wade.'" [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]

Voters In Garcia's District Voted To Codify Abortion Rights In California's Constitution By 18% In 2022

Proposition 1 Guaranteed The Right To An Abortion In California's Constitution. "California will codify its progressive abortion protections in its state Constitution after voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 1, a measure placed on the ballot in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade. With its passage Tuesday, the state's Constitution will expressly guarantee a person's 'fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives.'" [Los Angeles Times, [11/8/22](#)]

Proposition 1 Passed With 61% Support In California's 27th Congressional District. [California Secretary Of State, Congressional Districts for State Ballot Measures, page 4, accessed [4/29/24](#)]

2022 Proposition 1, Constitutional Right To Reproductive Freedom In CA-27		
Vote	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Yes	175,573	59%
No	112,243	41%

[California Secretary Of State, Congressional Districts for State Ballot Measures, page 4, accessed [4/29/24](#)]

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The RSC Budget Proposed Policies That Would Increase Health Care Costs And Lead To Medicare Cuts

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The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed A Premium Support Model For Medicare. “Implementing a Premium Support Model The RSC Budget is committed to protecting current retirees from the across-the-board 11 percent cut to benefits and subsequent rationing that would result from the bankruptcy of the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund. To achieve this, the RSC budget would implement a premium support model where private, Medicare Advantage (MA) plans would compete with a federal Medicare plan (the ‘Fed Plan’) that would offer the traditional Medicare benefits received through Part A, B, and D. Medicare Advantage (MA) plans provide the same services as Medicare but are administered by private health insurance providers.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

Premium Support Models Shifted Costs Onto Beneficiaries

Premium Support Models Shifted Costs Onto Beneficiaries. “In areas where Medicare incurs relatively high costs, the amount of the premium-support payment would equal the cost of a relatively inexpensive private plan, and beneficiaries would have to pay higher premiums to participate in traditional Medicare. In areas with relatively low Medicare spending, beneficiaries who wanted to enroll in a private plan would face higher premiums or fewer benefits, or might find that no private plan was available. [...] The vouchers would purchase less coverage with each passing year, pushing more costs on to beneficiaries. Over time, seniors would have to pay more to keep the health plans and the doctors they like, or they would get fewer benefits.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/28/12](#)]

The RSC Budget Proposed Increasing The Retirement Age For Social Security, Cutting Americans' Hard-Earned Benefits

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The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Increasing The Retirement Age For Social Security Benefits. “For instance, the RSC Budget would make modest changes to the primary insurance amount (PIA) benefit formula for individuals who are not near retirement and earn more than the wealthiest PIA benefit factor. It would also make modest adjustments to the retirement age for future retirees to account for increases in life expectancy. Finally, for these individuals, it would limit and phase out auxiliary benefits for high income earners.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

Raising The Social Security Age Would Cut Benefits And Affect Lower- And Middle-Income Beneficiaries The Most

Raising The Social Security Age Even By Three Years Would Cut Currently Scheduled Benefits By Nearly 20%. “The last major Social Security overhaul, in 1983, gradually raised the age to 67, effectively cutting benefits by 13 percent. Now there is renewed talk of moving the age to 70, which would effectively cut currently scheduled benefits by nearly 20 percent.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]

The Impact Of Raising The Social Security Age Would Affect Lower- And Middle-Income Beneficiaries The Most. “Some policymakers, such as those on the Republican Study Committee, have proposed to raise Social Security’s full retirement age to 70 and beyond. Raising the retirement age cuts benefits for all new retirees — that is, those claiming Social Security benefits for the first time. These cuts could be deep, and they would fall hardest on lower- and middle-income beneficiaries because they rely most heavily on Social Security benefits.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]

Garcia Was Part Of The Republican Study Committee, Whose Budget Made Dangerous Cuts To Law Enforcement Budgets, Including Local Police Threatening The Safety Of California Families

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The RSC Budget Supported Policies That Would Make Communities Less Safe By Defunding The Police And Federal Enforcement Agencies Like The Department Of Justice And IRS Agents

The RSC Budget Proposed Defunding The Police By Reducing Funding For Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

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“Reduce funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) COPS was created in the 1990s as a means to support state and local law enforcement agencies with expenses like salaries, court programs, and juvenile justice programs.509 Conservatives support our men and women and blue but should question whether the government should involve itself in state and local law enforcement, even if it is only a matter of funding.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The COPS Program Funded Law Enforcement Agencies By Providing Grants To Hire Police Officers

The COPS Program Was Established To Provide Grants For Hiring Police Officers. “Under the initial authorization for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program (Title I of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322, ‘the 1994 Crime Act’), grants could be awarded for (1) hiring new police officers or rehiring police officers who have been laid off to engage in community policing, (2) hiring former members of the armed services to serve as career law enforcement officers engaged in community policing, and (3) supporting community policing nonhiring initiatives, such as training law enforcement officers in crime prevention and community policing techniques or developing technologies that support crime prevention strategies.” [Congressional Research Service, [2/17/23](#)]

COPS Granted Money For Law Enforcement Agencies To Hire Law Enforcement Professionals. “The Department of Justice today announced more than \$139 million in grant funding through the department’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The awards provide direct

funding to 183 law enforcement agencies across the nation, allowing those agencies to hire 1,066 additional full-time law enforcement professionals.” [Department of Justice, Press Releases, [11/18/21](#)]

COPS Invested Over \$14 Billion In Community Policing. “As the leading community policing experts at the U.S. Department of Justice, we've invested over \$14 billion in community policing since Congress established our office in 1994.” [Community Oriented Policing Services, Grants, accessed [3/21/24](#)]

The RSC Budget Proposed Defunding The Department Of Justice

The RSC Budget Proposed Defunding The Environmental And Natural Resources Division And The Community Relations Service Of The Department Of Justice

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Preventing Department Of Justice Funding For The Environmental And Natural Resources Division. “Prevent Funding for Woke Activities at the Environmental and Natural Resources Division and the Civil Rights Division within the Department of Justice The DOJ’s Environmental and Natural Resources Division has been linked with the practice of sue-and-settle to reward left-wing special interests. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to support the left’s ‘environmental justice’ agenda.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Eliminating The Community Relations Service Of The Department Of Justice. “Eliminate the Community Relations Service of the Department of Justice The DOJ’s Community Relations Services Program deviates from the core purpose of the DOJ to investigate and prosecute violations of federal law. Instead, the entity attempts to act as ‘peacemaker’ in local disputes and has been used by the Biden Administration to push its woke gender and CRT ideologies. In FY 2023, the federal government spent \$25 million on this program.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The Environment And Resources Division Prosecuted Those Who Violated Environmental Laws

The Environment And Resources Division Prosecuted Those Who Violated Environmental Laws. “The Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) is responsible for bringing cases against those who violate the nation’s environmental laws as well as defending the federal government in litigation arising under a broad range of environmental statutes.”

The Community Relations Service Built Capacity To Respond To Hate Crimes

The Community Relations Service Built Capacity To Respond To Hate Crimes. “CRS provides facilitation, mediation, training, and consultation services that improve communities’ abilities to problem solve and build capacity to prevent and respond to conflict, tension, and hate crimes based on race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and disability.” [Community Relations Service, accessed [3/21/24](#)]

The RSC Budget Proposed A Reduction In IRS Enforcement, Which Was Used To Combat Tax Fraud, Human Trafficking, Fentanyl, And Terrorism

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed A Reduction In IRS Enforcement

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed A Reduction In IRS Enforcement. “Stop Unfair IRS Enforcement Along with rescinding the unused mandatory budgetary authority from the Inflation Reduction Act to hire 87,000 new IRS agents, the RSC Budget would additionally reduce discretionary funding for IRS enforcement. This budget would simplify the tax code which would significantly reduce the need for enforcement funds and would protect lower- and middle-class Americans from these intrusive audits, 526 and would stop politically driven harassment.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The IRS Enforcement Division Worked To Limit Criminal Tax Fraud And Tax Evasion, Bust Human Trafficking Rings, Seize Fentanyl, And Stop The Financing Of Terrorist Groups

The Internal Revenue Service Enforcement Division Worked To Limit Criminal Tax Fraud, Bust Human Trafficking Rings, Seize Fentanyl, And Stop The Financing Of Terrorist Groups. “The truth is, the IRS has a modest but critically important team of law enforcement personnel. They work on dccc.org busting human trafficking rings, drug cartels, and enablers of child exploitation. They root out individuals and groups financing terrorists. They help crack down on criminal tax fraud and evasion, including the kind of evasion the Finance Committee identified with our two-year investigation of how Swiss bank Credit Suisse enabled a group of dual U.S. and foreign citizens to cheat on paying U.S. taxes. At this moment, the IRS Criminal Investigation division is working with partners in Ukraine to hunt down crooks who are evading sanctions on Russia. And recently the Criminal Investigation division collaborated with the FBI, the Department of Justice and law enforcement partners around the world on the largest fentanyl distribution takedown in history. It resulted in hundreds of arrests and the seizure of \$54 million and 850 kilograms of drugs, including the equivalent of millions of lethal doses of fentanyl.” [Senate Committee on Finance, [5/16/23](#)]

The Internal Revenue Service Funds Were Intended To Help Crack Down On Tax Evasion. “Democrats included an extra \$80 billion for the I.R.S. in last year’s Inflation Reduction Act, which passed over Republican opposition, saying it would help the agency crack down on tax evaders and ensure that the government was collecting the taxes it was owed. The money will be used to hire 87,000 I.R.S. employees and modernize the agency’s antiquated technology systems. That investment is expected to generate \$180 billion in revenue over 10 years.” [New York Times, [1/9/23](#)]

The RSC Budget Proposed Eliminating A Grant Program To Prevent Targeted Violence And Terrorism

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Eliminating Targeted Violence And Terrorism Prevention Grants. “Eliminate funding for the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grants The Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program was created to provide funding for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; nonprofits; and institutions of higher education with funds to establish or enhance capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. However, under the Biden administration grants have been awarded in recent years to fight domestic extremism—particularly ‘right wing extremism.’ The FY 2023 Omnibus provided \$20 million to this program. The House-passed FY 24 Homeland Security appropriations bill defunded this program. The RSC Budget would also eliminate this program.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

- **The Targeted Violence And Terrorism Prevention Grant Program Provided Funding To Prevent Targeted Violence And Terrorism.** “The Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program provides funding for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; nonprofits; and institutions of higher education with funds to establish or enhance capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. Acts of targeted violence and terrorism are often preventable. The TVTP Grant Program provides financial assistance to develop sustainable, multidisciplinary prevention capabilities in local communities, pilot innovative prevention approaches, and identify prevention best practices that can be replicated in communities across the country. TVTP Grantees leverage an approach informed by public health research, by bringing together mental health providers, educators, faith leaders, public health and safety officials, social services, nonprofits, and others in communities across the country to help people who are on a pathway to violence before harm occurs.” [Department of Homeland Security, accessed [3/21/24](#)]

Garcia Supported Tax Breaks For The Wealthiest Americans And Corporations While Raising Taxes On Millions Of California Working Families

Garcia Supported Making The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent

April 2019: Garcia Said He Would Make Trump’s Tax Plan Permanent, Calling It His Second Highest Priority. “Garcia said that instead, he would rather focus on defense and fiscal issues. ‘That’s the top priority, supporting the president’s budgets for DoD over the next five years is critical,’ he said. ‘The second issue is supporting long term tax cuts, the temporary tax cuts were put in place a couple of years ago need to be made permanent, I think that does a lot for small business and for the average family.’” [Santa Clarita Valley Proclaimer, [4/28/19](#)]

July 2019: Garcia Said He Would Vote To Make The Tax Cuts Permanent. [6:15] “Now, there were parts of it that were not beneficial to Californians and New Yorkers in particular. The state and local tax deduction limits of \$10,000 was meant to target Californians and New Yorkers, and we felt that. I felt it personally, and we were capped at that as a family. So that’s something that needs to be negotiated. And those 2017 tax cuts are not permanent, they’re coming up for a vote in the next few years. So the congress that will be in place there will determine what that looks like, and I don’t think a Democrat congress will negotiate a better deal for Californians. And I don’t think Representatives, if they’re Democrats from California, are going to be able to negotiate a better deal under this administration. So I think for us as the 25th District, Santa Clarita, Antelope Valley and Simi Valley, to be able to get someone to represent them and ideally make permanent the tax cuts, but also tailor the tax cuts so we’re not being punished for being Californians.” [KHTS, [7/22/19](#)]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Decreased The Top Corporate Tax Rate And Disproportionately Benefitted The Richest Taxpayers

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: “The Richest 20 Percent Of Taxpayers Will Receive [...] 72 Percent Of The Law’s Benefits That Go To U.S. Taxpayers.” “ITEP’s most recent analysis estimates the richest 5 percent of taxpayers will receive \$145 billion in tax cuts in 2020, which is half of the law’s benefits that go to U.S. taxpayers. The richest 20 percent of taxpayers will receive \$205 billion in 2020, which is 72 percent of the law’s benefits that go to U.S. taxpayers.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/28/19](#)]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Decreased The Top Corporate Tax Rate From 35% To 21%. “The TCJA’s changes mostly affected the corporate and individual income taxes (Figure 2). The act reduced the top corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%—a 40% reduction.” [Brookings, [2/14/20](#)]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act “Large Corporate Tax Windfalls Have Gone Mostly Toward Lining The Pockets Of Already Wealthy Individuals.” “So far, the large corporate tax windfalls have gone mostly toward lining the pockets of already wealthy individuals, and there is little evidence that middle- and working-class families will see real benefits.” [Center for American Progress, [12/19/19](#)]

Trump’s Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Slashed Corporate Tax Rates From 35% To 21%. “The TCJA slashed the corporate rate by 40 percent, from 35 percent to 21 percent. But the falloff in corporate revenue has been even sharper than expected.” [Center for American Progress, [12/19/19](#)]

Extending Trump’s Tax Cuts Would Save The Average Taxpayer In The Top 1% Nearly \$26,000 In The First Year. “[E]xtending the Trump tax cuts would create a windfall for the top 5 percent of income earners, who would receive nearly 40 percent of the benefits in the first year alone, making this legislation one of the most regressive and expensive tax giveaways in history. The average taxpayer in the top 1 percent would save nearly \$26,000 in just that first year.” [United States Senate Committee On The Budget, [5/15/23](#)]

The Wealthiest 5% Of Households Received Nearly Half Of The Trump Tax Cuts. “The wealthiest 5 percent of households received nearly half—42.6 percent—of the Trump tax cuts, with the top 0.1 percent receiving an average tax cut of \$193,380 in 2018.” [Center for American Progress, [4/14/23](#)]

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP

bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Trump Bragged About Lowering The Corporate Tax Rate Through The Tax Cuts And Job Act When It Was First Signed In 2017. “The corporate tax rate, as you know, will be lowered from 35 to 21 percent. That means that more products will be made in the USA. A lot of things are going to be happening in the USA. We’re going to bring back our companies. They’ve already started coming back. I think they had certain confidence in me and they figured we were going to get this done. But they have already started. [Trump White House Archives, [12/22/17](#)]

- **Under GOP Tax Bill, Individual Tax Cuts Expired In 2025, While Reductions For Businesses Were Permanent.** “But all of the individual tax cuts are scheduled to go away after 2025. Republicans opted to make tax cuts for families temporary and reductions for businesses permanent.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Capped The State And Local Tax Deduction Raising Taxes On Millions Of California Families

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Capped The State And Local Tax Deduction Raising Taxes On Five Million California Families. “This week, the US House of Representatives is expected to vote on federal tax legislation proposed by House Republican leaders, with the support of President Trump, that calls for significant cuts to the federal deduction for state and local taxes (SALT). ... Reducing or eliminating the SALT deduction, then, would result in double taxation, thereby increasing the income taxes paid by millions of households in the US, including more than 5 million households in California.” [California Budget & Policy Center, [11/15/17](#)]

Garcia Voted Against The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Lowered Drug And Healthcare Costs While Making Corporations And The Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share While Taking Thousands From Drug Companies

Garcia Voted Against The Inflation Reduction Act

Garcia Voted Against Concurring With The Senate Amendment That Passed The Inflation Reduction Act. “Garcia voted against concurring with the Senate amendment to pass the Inflation Reduction Act which “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a package of climate, tax and health care provisions. Among drug pricing provisions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" with drug manufacturers for certain Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition; cap cost-sharing for insulin products covered under Medicare at \$35 a month; and require single-source drug manufacturers to provide rebates to HHS for the price of drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which price increases outpace inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap the annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000. It would extend through 2025 tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums for individuals under a certain income level. The bill would provide for approximately \$270 billion in new or expanded tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including production credits for electricity produced by renewable and nuclear facilities; investment tax credits for certain renewable energy equipment and facilities; and credits for advanced energy manufacturing projects, including in areas where a coal mine or power plant has closed. To incentivize emission reduction and clean fuel production, it would create or extend tax credits for carbon oxide sequestration facilities; biodiesel, renewable diesel and alternative fuels; and clean hydrogen facilities. For most of its corporate tax credits, it would add prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements and establish bonus credits for using domestic materials in facility construction. It would also expand individual tax credits for residential energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy

expenses; increase credits for new energy efficient homes; and create credits for the purchase of used electric vehicles by individuals under a certain income level. It would reinstate the Superfund tax on crude oil at a rate of 16.4 cents per barrel. Among other tax provisions, the bill would establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with a book income of at least \$1 million annually and institute a 1 percent excise tax on corporate stock buybacks. It would authorize \$79.3 billion for IRS operations, including enforcement activities and systems modernization. The bill would provide funding for various activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy-efficient technologies and mitigate the impacts of climate change, including \$27 billion for grants to state, local and nonprofit entities for greenhouse gas emission reduction activities; \$9.7 billion for zero-emission or carbon capture rural electric systems; \$5 billion for loan guarantees to replace or reduce emissions of energy infrastructure; \$3 billion for zero-emission vehicles for the Postal Service; and \$1.6 billion for methane emissions reduction and mitigation. It would provide \$9 billion for residential energy efficiency improvement rebates; \$3 billion for new EPA environmental and climate justice block grants for community-led activities to address pollution, emission reduction, climate resiliency and public engagement; and \$3 billion for Federal Highway Administration grants for projects that address surface transportation facilities that disconnect or negatively impact communities. It would provide \$4 billion for drought mitigation in Western states; \$2.15 billion for hazardous fuel reduction and restoration projects; and \$1 billion to improve energy and water efficiency or climate resilience of affordable housing. It would require the Interior Department to accept bids for certain canceled oil and gas leases on the outer continental shelf. It would authorize wind lease sales adjacent to U.S. territories but prohibit new wind or solar development rights on federal lands for 10 years unless the department completes certain oil or gas lease sales.” [HR 5376 Vote [#420](#), 8/12/22; CQ [8/12/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Forced Corporations And The Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share

The Inflation Reduction Act Required Large Corporations To Pay A Minimum 15% Tax On Their Profits.

“The Inflation Reduction Act raises \$300 billion over a decade by requiring large corporations to pay a 15 percent minimum tax on their profits and by enacting a 1 percent excise tax on stock buybacks and redemptions.” [White House, [8/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Enacted A 1% Excise Tax On Stock Buybacks And Redemptions. “The Inflation Reduction Act raises \$300 billion over a decade by requiring large corporations to pay a 15 percent minimum tax on their profits and by enacting a 1 percent excise tax on stock buybacks and redemptions.” [White House, [8/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Modernized The IRS To Collect At Least \$150 Billion In Taxes Owed By Big Corporations And The Wealthy. “The Inflation Reduction Act also makes a historic investment in modernizing the IRS, providing funding to hire more staff and upgrade critical technology infrastructure. [...] Over the next decade, these investments will enable the IRS to collect at least \$150 billion in taxes already owed by wealthy people and big corporations.” [White House, [8/16/23](#)]

The IRA Strengthened Taxes On The Largest Corporations And Limited Deductions Corporations Can Use To Lower Their Rates. “Democrats instead settled on a far more complex change to the tax code: a new 15 percent corporate minimum tax on the profits companies report to shareholders. It would apply to companies that report more than \$1 billion in annual income on their financial statements but that are also able to use credits, deductions and other tax treatments to lower their effective tax rates. [...] (Democrats) extended a limit on tax deductions for business losses that was enacted as part of the Trump tax cuts in 2017.” [New York Times, [8/7/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Capped Out Of Pocket Medicare Costs, Capped The Cost Of Insulin At \$35, And Expanded ACA Subsidies

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices. “For the first time in history, Medicare has the ability to directly negotiate the prices of covered prescription drugs due to the Inflation Reduction Act.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Medicare Costs To \$2,000. “Starting in 2024, there will be a cap on annual out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D. In 2025, this annual cap will drop to \$2,000 and will be indexed annually thereafter. The Inflation Reduction Act also includes other provisions designed to decrease spending for Part D enrollees and taxpayers.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 Per Month. “The Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket spending at \$35 per month’s supply of each insulin product covered under Medicare. These provisions are making insulin more affordable for many people covered by Medicare.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

The IRA Will Extend Expanded Affordable Care Act Subsidies For Three More Years Helping Low- And Middle-Income Families Afford Healthcare. “One way Obamacare expanded health care coverage was by creating marketplaces for people to purchase insurance and offering federal subsidies to help low- and middle-income households afford it. Households making up to 400 percent of the federal poverty line — about \$106,000 for a family of four — could get federal help to pay their premiums. After that, they were on their own. But in 2021, Congress eliminated those caps, instead saying that no household should have to pay more than 8.5 percent of their income for health insurance. The change had the biggest effect on people making between 400 and 600 percent of the federal poverty line (for the same household of four, that would be up to \$159,000 per year). As Vox’s Dylan Scott previously reported, the changes also enabled roughly 7 million people to qualify for free health insurance under the ACA. Those policies, however, were set to sunset by the end of this year, leaving millions of people to face much higher health care expenses moving forward. The Inflation Reduction Act extends these subsidies for three years through the end of 2025, ensuring that people won’t face that surge for a while yet. That extension is expected to cost \$64 billion, according to a projection from the Congressional Budget Office.” [Vox, [7/28/22](#)]

The IRA Will Save Average Marketplace Enrollees \$800 A Year By Extending Enhanced Financial Assistance Through 2025 Initially Made Available By The American Rescue Plan. “The Inflation Reduction Act lowers costs for millions of people who purchase health coverage on their own by extending the enhanced financial assistance made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) through 2025. By making premium tax credits newly available to more middle-class families and improving the generosity of financial help for those previously eligible, the ARP helped drive marketplace enrollment to a record high of 14.5 million and the U.S. uninsurance rate to an all-time low of just 8 percent. Thanks to the ARP, the average marketplace enrollee saves \$800 per year.” [Center for American Progress, [8/12/22](#)]

Garcia Accepted Over \$75,000 From Pharmaceutical Companies

2020-2024: Garcia Received \$75,993 In Contributions From The Pharmaceutical Industry. [Open Secrets, accessed [4/10/24](#); accessed [4/10/24](#)].

Garcia Pharmaceutical Contributions		
Year	Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
TOTAL:	\$66,018	\$9,975

[Open Secrets, accessed [4/10/24](#); accessed [4/10/24](#)]

Garcia Voted For Extreme Proposals That Would Have Cut Funding To Help Law Enforcement Keep Communities Safe And Fight Crime

Garcia Voted For A Continuing Resolution That Made Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government

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

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs. “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs.” [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

Republicans’ Failed Bills Would Have Cut Funding To Help Law Enforcement Keep Communities Safe And Fight Crime

The CR Would Have Subjected Funding Through The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 To Cuts

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That Budget Allocated \$550 Million For Law Enforcement Efforts To Combat Drug Trafficking And Transnational Crime

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$550,458,000 For Collaboration With State And Local Law Enforcement To Investigate And Prosecute Transnational Organized Crime And Drug Trafficking. “For necessary expenses for the identification, investigation, and prosecution of individuals associated with the most significant drug trafficking organizations, transnational organized crime, and money laundering organizations not otherwise provided for, to include inter-governmental agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies engaged in the investigation and prosecution of individuals involved in transnational organized crime and drug trafficking, \$550,458,000, of which \$50,000,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That any amounts obligated from appropriations under this heading may be used under authorities available to the organizations reimbursed from this appropriation.” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$550,458,000 Is \$164,586,942.**

That Budget Allocated Millions To Help Law Enforcement Respond To Hate Crimes And Civil Rights-Related Crimes

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$3.5 Million To Help State And Local Law Enforcement Respond To Criminal Offenses Involving Civil Rights. “(18) \$3,500,000 for grants to State and local law enforcement agencies for the expenses associated with the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses involving civil rights, authorized by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–325);” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$3.5 Million Is \$1,046,500.**

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$25 Million To Help State And Local Law Enforcement Conduct Outreach On Hate Crimes And To Investigate And Prosecute Them. “(19) \$25,000,000 for grants to State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to conduct educational outreach and training on hate crimes and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes, as authorized by section 4704 of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (Public Law 111–84);” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$25 Million Is \$7,475,000.**

That Budget Allocated Millions To Programs That Help Locate Missing Persons

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$3.5 Million For The National Missing And Unidentified Persons System. “\$3,500,000 is for the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$3.5 Million Is \$1,046,500.**

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$3 Million To The Missing Americans Alert Program. “\$3,000,000 is for the Missing Americans Alert Program (title XXIV of the 1994 Act), as amended by Kevin and Avonte’s Law” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$3 Million Is \$897,000.**

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$6 Million To Grants Under The Missing Persons And Unidentified Remains Act. “\$6,000,000 is for grants authorized under the Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–277);” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$6 Million Is \$1,794,000.**

That Budget Allocated \$95 Million To Upgrades To The Background Check System For People Buying Firearms And Explosives

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$95 Million For Grants To Upgrade Criminal And Mental Health Records For The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). “(8) \$95,000,000 for grants to States to upgrade criminal and mental health records for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, of which no less than \$25,000,000 shall be for grants made under the authorities of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–180) and Fix NICS Act of 2018;” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$95 Million Is \$28,405,000.**

The NICS Is Used To Conduct Background Checks On People Buying Firearms Or Explosives As Required By Law. “The NICS conducts background checks on people who want to own a firearm or explosive, as required by law.” [FBI, accessed [10/10/23](#)]

That Budget Allocated \$10 Million To Train Law Enforcement To Respond To Individuals With Mental Illness Or Disabilities

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$10 Million To Programs To Train State And Local Law Enforcement To Respond To Individuals With Mental Illness Or Disabilities. “\$10,000,000 is for a grant program for State and local law enforcement to provide officer training on responding to individuals with mental illness or disabilities” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$10 Million Is \$2,990,000.**

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The Default On America Cut Would Have Cut \$3.8 Billion From CBP And \$2 Billion From ICE. “The GOP Default on America Act’s 22% spending cut would slash nearly \$17 billion in funding for federal law enforcement, courts, and prisons that support public safety. Republicans are gambling with Americans’ safety by threatening to not raise the debt limit. [...] After endless rhetoric about the border, the GOP plan guts funding for border security. The bill cuts over \$3.8 billion in funding for U.S. Customs and Border Protection and almost \$2 billion from U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. The DOA would reject President Biden’s \$4.7 billion proposed investment to strengthen security at the Southwestern Border. This plan shrinks investments in the science and

technology that make the Department of Homeland Security more effective by almost \$200 million.” [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, [4/26/23](#)]

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February 5, 2024: Garcia Claimed That The Border Security Supplemental Should Die In The Senate. [Rep. Mike Garcia, X, [2/5/24](#)]



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The country needs a **border** security bill, not an immigration bill that only builds one thing: Debt.

The Senate's massive supplemental should die in the Senate.

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[Rep. Mike Garcia, X, [2/5/24](#)]

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The Senate Immigration Deal Was A Bipartisan Deal Endorsed By The Border Patrol That Would Have Hired 1,500 New Customs And Border Protection Personnel And Fund Technology To Stop Fentanyl

The National Border Patrol Council Endorsed The Senate Immigration Deal. “As conservatives in Congress have blasted the new bipartisan border agreement for not going far enough, the legislation earned a key endorsement on Monday: the labor union that represents U.S. Border Patrol agents. The National Border Patrol Council — which represents more than 18,000 agents — said the bill would ‘drop illegal border crossings nationwide and will allow our agents to get back to detecting and apprehending those who want to cross our border illegally and evade apprehension.’ It’s a significant statement of support from a group that endorsed former President Donald Trump in 2020 and has repeatedly railed against President Joe Biden’s handling of the border.”

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Recouping Unspent Pandemic Aid Was Expected To Take Away Billions From The VA That Would Limit The Availability Of Healthcare Services For Veterans. “Democrats are jumping on the House GOP plan to recoup unspent pandemic aid in their debt limit bill, charging that the move will harm agencies counting on that funding, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. [...] But few issues carry the political resonance as potential cuts to veterans benefits, and Democrats have been aiming their fire particularly at over \$2 billion sitting in VA health accounts that the debt limit bill would cancel. Rescinding that money would “dramatically limit the ability

for VA to provide healthcare services both within and outside of VA by clawing back needed funding for medical care,” according to the Democrats' memo.” [Roll Call, [4/25/23](#)]

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- **White House Projected The \$1 Trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Add About 2 Million Jobs Per Year For A Decade.** “The \$1 trillion infrastructure plan that now goes to President Joe Biden to sign into law has money for roads, bridges, ports, rail transit, safe water, the power grid, broadband internet and more [...] The new law promises to reach almost every corner of the country. It’s a historic investment that the president has compared to the building of the transcontinental railroad and Interstate Highway System. The White House is projecting that the investments will add, on average, about 2 million jobs per year over the coming decade.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

- **CNN: Experts Agreed The Infrastructure Spending Was “Sorely Needed To Ensure Safe Travel” And “Efficient Transport Of Goods And Produce.”** “Congress passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package Friday, approving a signature part of President Joe Biden's economic agenda. It will deliver \$550 billion of new federal investments in America's infrastructure over five years, touching everything from bridges and roads to the nation's broadband, water and energy systems. Experts say the money is sorely needed to ensure safe travel, as well as the efficient transport of goods and produce across the country. The nation's infrastructure system earned a C- score from the American Society of Civil Engineers earlier this year.” [CNN, [11/5/21](#)]
- **Washington Post: Infrastructure Spending Included \$16 Billion For “Major Projects That Are Too Large Or Complex For Traditional Funding Programs.”** “The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill adopted late Friday creates a multibillion-dollar fund to spur the type of complicated, ambitious projects that have been stymied by decades of tentative investment and inattention from Washington. Modern-day equivalents of megaprojects like the Hoover Dam can benefit broad swaths of the United States, but infrastructure experts say they have often stagnated. [...] Among the projects that could see a boost: the Gateway rail project, a vast plan to expand capacity for train traffic between New York and New Jersey; and a long-delayed effort to replace the outmoded Brent Spence Bridge connecting Kentucky and Ohio, which is one of the nation’s worst bottlenecks. [...] The infrastructure bill includes about \$16 billion for 'major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs,' but that have big economic benefits, according to the White House.” [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Provide \$110 Billion For Repairs To Highways, Bridges, And Roads.** “The bill would provide \$110 billion to repair the nation’s aging highways, bridges and roads. According to the White House, 173,000 total miles or nearly 280,000 kilometers of America’s highways and major roads and 45,000 bridges are in poor condition. And the almost \$40 billion for bridges is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the national highway system, according to the Biden administration.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Axios: The Infrastructure Bill Included \$65 Billion For “Building High-Speed Internet Networks, Helping Low-Income Families Pay For Service And Digital Equity Programs.”** “The infrastructure bill heading to President Biden's desk includes \$65 billion to improve high-speed internet access and affordability. [...] By the numbers: The funding is aimed towards building high-speed internet networks, helping low-income families pay for service and digital equity programs. \$42.45 billion in grants to states for broadband projects, which can range from network deployment to data collection to help determine areas that lack service. \$14.2 billion to provide a \$30-a-month voucher to low-income Americans to pay for internet service. It will replace the current \$50-a-month Emergency Broadband Benefit program, offering less money monthly, but increasing the number of those eligible. \$2.75 billion for digital inclusion and equity projects, such as improving digital literacy or online skills for seniors. \$2 billion each for a rural broadband construction program called ReConnect, run by USDA, and to the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program run by the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). \$1 billion to build so-called 'middle mile' infrastructure to connect local providers to larger internet access points. \$600 million for private activity bonds to finance broadband deployment projects in rural areas.” [Axios, [11/8/21](#)]
- **The Infrastructure Bill Included \$1.75 Billion To Increase The Accessibility Of Transit Systems.** “A \$1.75 billion fund in the infrastructure package will aim to guarantee that transit stations are accessible, decades after campaigns by disability rights activists to demand lifts on buses helped to spur passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Almost a fifth of transit stations were not fully accessible in 2019, according to the most recent Federal Transit Administration data. [...] The bill also includes language about Amtrak, requiring that a person with disabilities be appointed to the railroad’s board and mandating spending on accessibility, which Duckworth said helped show that accessibility was a national issue and not only an urban concern. About 25 million people in the United States report having a disability that limits their transportation options, and the Labor Department attributes lower rates of employment among people with disabilities, in part, to those obstacles. People with disabilities are almost twice as likely as others to use public transit to get around, according to the Transportation Department.” [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$44 Billion On Water And Wastewater Infrastructure, Including \$15 Billion To Replace Lead Pipes And \$10 Billion To Address PFAS Water Contamination.** “The legislation would spend \$55 billion on water and wastewater infrastructure. It has \$15 billion to replace lead pipes and \$10 billion to address water contamination from polyfluoroalkyl substances — chemicals that were used in the production of Teflon and have also been used in firefighting foam, water-repellent clothing and many other items.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$65 Billion To Improve The Reliability Of The Power Grid And Boost Clean Power Generation.** “To protect against the power outages that have become more frequent in recent years, the bill would spend \$65 billion to improve the reliability and resiliency of the power grid. It would also boost carbon capture technologies and more environmentally friendly electricity sources like clean hydrogen.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$7.5 Billion In Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations And \$5 Billion In Electric And Hybrid School Buses.** “The bill would spend \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations, which the administration says are critical to accelerating the use of electric vehicles to curb climate change. It would also provide \$5 billion for the purchase of electric school buses and hybrids, reducing reliance on school buses that run on diesel fuel.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$66 Billion In Amtrak, The Largest Federal Investment In The Service Since Its Founding.** “To reduce Amtrak’s maintenance backlog, which has worsened since Superstorm Sandy nine years ago, the bill would provide \$66 billion to improve the rail service’s Northeast Corridor (457 miles, 735 km), as well as other routes. It’s less than the \$80 billion Biden — who famously rode Amtrak from Delaware to Washington during his time in the Senate — originally asked for, but it would be the largest federal investment in passenger rail service since Amtrak was founded 50 years ago.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$25 Billion In Airport Improvements.** “The bill would spend \$25 billion to improve runways, gates and taxiways at airports and to improve terminals. It would also improve aging air traffic control towers.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Be Funded Through Unspent Pandemic Relief, Unused Federal Unemployment Insurance, And An “Array Of Smaller Pots Of Money.”** “The five-year spending package would be paid for by tapping \$210 billion in unspent COVID-19 relief aid and \$53 billion in unemployment insurance aid some states have halted, along with an array of smaller pots of money, like petroleum reserve sales and spectrum auctions for 5G services.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

Under The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, California Could Expect To Receive \$25.3 Billion For Highway Aid And \$4.2 Billion For Bridge Repair, Repairing The State’s “C-” Grade Infrastructure

Under The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, California Could Expect To Receive \$25.3 Billion For Highway Aid And \$4.2 Billion For Bridge Repair, And Could Compete For The \$12.5 Billion Bridge Investment Program, Among Other Projects. “Based on formula funding alone, California would expect to receive \$25.3 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and \$4.2 billion for bridge replacement and repairs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act over five years. California can also compete for the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges and nearly \$16 billion of national funding in the bill dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.” [White House, “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Fact Sheet,” Accessed [6/8/22](#)]

American Society Of Civil Engineers Gave California’s Infrastructure A “C- Grade.” “For decades, infrastructure in California has suffered from a systemic lack of investment. In fact, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave California a C- grade on its infrastructure report card. The historic Infrastructure Investment and

Jobs Act will make life better for millions of California residents, create a generation of good-paying union jobs and economic growth, and position the United States to win the 21st century.” [White House, “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Fact Sheet,” Accessed [6/8/22](#)]

Garcia’s Self-Serving Behavior Put California Families At Risk, Voting Against Firefighter Pay And Fire Suppression Funding While Being Bankrolled By Those Responsible For Destructive Brush Fires

Garcia Voted Against The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, Which Contained A Pay Raise For Federal Fire Fighters

Garcia Voted Against The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Providing \$550 Billion In New Infrastructure Spending. In November 2021 Garcia Voted Agains: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide approximately \$550 billion in new infrastructure spending, including for surface transportation, broadband, water and energy infrastructure. In supplemental appropriations and increased contract authority, the bill would provide \$110 billion for roads, bridges and major surface transportation projects, including \$47.3 for highway infrastructure and \$40 billion for bridge construction and repair; \$66 billion for rail, including \$58 billion for Amtrak; and \$39 billion for transit, including \$5.3 billion for zero- and low-emission transit buses and \$2 billion for accessibility improvements. It would provide \$25 billion for airports and approximately \$17 billion for ports and waterways, including \$3.4 billion to modernize land ports of entry and \$2.25 billion for water port upgrades, including resilience and electrification projects. It would provide approximately \$11 billion for various transportation safety and research programs. It would provide \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and \$5 billion for zero- and low-emission school bus programs. It would establish requirements for many new and existing surface transportation programs to consider the environmental and equity impacts of funded activities and authorize a range of transportation programs related to emissions reduction and climate change resilience. It would provide \$1 billion for activities to reconnect neighborhoods by removing or remediating the effects of transportation infrastructure construction in disadvantaged and underserved communities. The bill would provide approximately \$65 billion for broadband, including \$42.5 billion for grants to states to increase access in unserved areas and \$14.2 billion to extend a program initially authorized in response to the coronavirus pandemic that provides stipends to help low-income families pay for internet services. It would provide approximately \$62 billion for the Energy Department, including \$21.5 billion for clean energy demonstration projects, \$16.3 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, \$8 billion for power grid resilience and other electricity projects, and \$7.5 billion for fossil energy and carbon management. It would authorize or expand several programs to incentivize clean energy manufacturing, development and adoption. It would provide approximately \$55 billion for water infrastructure and safety, including \$30.7 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, including \$15 billion to replace lead service lines and \$4 billion to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other emerging contaminants; and \$12.7 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Across various departments, the bill would provide funding for climate change response and environmental remediation, including; \$11.3 billion for abandoned mine land and water reclamation projects, approximately \$5.75 billion for wildfire management, \$3.5 billion for the EPA hazardous substance superfund and \$3.5 billion for FEMA flood mitigation. It would also provide more than \$1.7 billion for cybersecurity resilience programs. The bill would include a number of provisions intended to offset spending, including by rescinding certain unobligated COVID-19 relief funding and establishing tax reporting requirements for cryptocurrency and other digital assets.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-206. [H.R. 3684, [Vote #369](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provided A \$20,000 Per Year Salary Increase Of \$20,000 Per Year, Or 50% Of Base Salary (Whichever Is Less), For Wildland Firefighters Employed By Federal Agencies.

“Section 40803 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a supplemental salary increase of \$20,000 per year, or 50% of base salary (whichever is less), for wildland firefighters employed by the USDA Forest Service and the DOI.” [National Park Service, accessed [5/3/24](#)]

Garcia Voted To Slash \$2.4 Billion In Funding For Wildfire Suppression

September 2023: Garcia Voted In Favor Of The Republican-Backed Continuing Resolution

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

The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Wildfire Suppression Funding By \$2.4 Billion

The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For Wildfire Suppression By 57% Totaling \$2.4 Billion In Cuts. “Hindering wildfire suppression efforts. As communities continue to fear the next deadly wildfire, House Republicans are cutting Wildfire Suppression by 57 percent, a \$2.4 billion cut.” [House Committee on Appropriations Democrats, [9/29/23](#)]

Chaos Created By The House Republican Conference Threatened Federal Fire Fighter Pay Nearly Resulting In Pay Cuts

HEADLINE: US Wildland Firefighter Pay Threatened By Republican Feud In Congress. [Reuters, [8/23/23](#)]

- **Infighting In The Republican Controlled House Of Representatives Threatened A Pay Raise For Wildland Firefighters.** “Federal wildland firefighters are facing a huge potential pay cut this autumn that lawmakers in Washington warn could cause thousands to walk off the job, due to a feud among Republicans in Congress over federal spending. That could mean dire consequences for 16 U.S. states, mostly in the West and Southwest, where about 16,600 firefighters were battling more than 90 large fires across nearly 630,000 acres as of Tuesday, National Interagency Fire Center data show. [...] Biden raised wildland firefighter pay to a minimum of \$15 per hour in 2021 and later signed into law a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, which provided annual pay raises of \$20,000 or 50% of a firefighter's base pay, whichever was smaller. [...] The Democratic-led Senate appears poised to begin moving forward on bipartisan funding. But it is unclear whether the Republican-controlled House of Representatives can overcome infighting between hardline and centrist Republicans to enact spending legislation on time.” [Reuters, [8/23/23](#)]

Garcia Took At Least \$23,945 From Individuals And PACs Connected To California Resources Corp., Which Was California’s Largest Oil And Gas Producer – Including \$17,000 From Its CEO Alone

2019-2022: Garcia Accepted At Least \$23,945 From Individuals And PACs Connected To California Resources Corp.

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Todd Stevens, California Resources Corp.’s CEO And President, Contributed \$17,000 To Garcia’s Congressional Runs

Todd Stevens Was CEO And President Of California Resources Corp. “‘CRC will emerge from Chapter 11 as a strong, healthy company committed to providing Californians with safe, affordable, reliable and locally produced energy, good-paying jobs and millions of dollars in annual government revenues for vital public services for many years to come,’ said Todd Stevens, CRC's president and CEO.” [Desert Sun, [7/15/20](#)]

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Source name	Recipient	Election	State	Receipt date	Amount
STEVENS, TODD	MIKE GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	GENERAL	CA	08/11/2021	\$2,900.00
STEVENS, TODD	MIKE GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	PRIMARY	CA	03/19/2021	\$2,900.00
STEVENS, TODD	MIKE GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	RUNOFF	CA	11/10/2020	\$2,800.00
STEVENS, TODD	MIKE GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	GENERAL	CA	05/23/2020	\$2,800.00
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STEVENS, TODD	MIKE GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	RUNOFF	CA	04/16/2020	\$2,800.00
STEVENS, TODD	MIKE GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	RUNOFF	CA	04/16/2020	\$2,800.00
STEVENS, TODD	MIKE GARCIA FOR CONGRESS	RUNOFF	CA	03/12/2020	\$2,800.00

[FEC, accessed [7/11/22](#)]

California Resources Corp. Was California’s Largest Oil And Gas Producer

California Resources Corp. Was California’s Largest Oil And Gas Producer. “California Resources Corp., the state’s largest oil and gas production company with more than 2 million acres of reserves spanning four major basins, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Wednesday evening, seeking relief from \$5 billion in debt and looming interest payments.” [Desert Sun, [7/15/20](#)]

Ventura County Firefighters Blamed California Resources Corp. For Starting A Destructive Brush Fire In 2019

Ventura County Fire Department Blamed California Resources Corp. For A 2019 Brush Fire Near Santa Paula Caused By A Failed Conductor On An Electrical Line Owned By The Company. “Investigations cited electrical equipment failure during windy, dry weather as the causes of two Southern California wildfires last year, a fire agency announced Thursday. The 1,800-acre Easy Fire, which threatened the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and nearby Simi Valley homes, was ignited Oct. 30, 2019, when an insulator attached to a Southern California Edison high-voltage transmission line swung into a steel power pole, the Ventura County Fire Department said in a press release. The department also said the nearly 15.6-square-mile -- nearly 10,000 acres -- Maria Fire near Santa Paula was ignited Oct. 31, 2019, by failure of a conductor on an electrical distribution line owned by California Resources Corp.” [NBC Los Angeles, [10/22/20](#)]

- **Ventura County Was Adjacent To CA-27.** “Instead, the city moves into Democrat Julia Brownley's 26th District, which represents most of Ventura County, according to the new maps. [...] The new 27th District based in Los Angeles County, covers such cities as Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster.” [VC Star, [12/23/21](#)]

The Brush Fire “Spurred The Evacuation Of Thousands Of Residents And Closed Schools In The Area” And Destroyed Four Structures. “The tally of destroyed structures also rose. It now stands at four, an increase of two. Damage assessment crews are compiling a comprehensive report, officials said. The Maria Fire erupted at around 6:15 p.m. on Halloween night, sending fast-moving flames down both sides of South Mountain toward Santa Paula, to the north, and Somis to the south. [...] The Maria Fire spurred the evacuation of thousands of residents and closed schools in the area, but in the end no injuries were reported. By Saturday, firefighters had gained the upper hand. More than 600 personnel continued to work the fire Monday. They are conducting mop-up and patrolling homes and other structures around the perimeter until the fire is completely out, officials said.” [VC Star, [11/4/19](#)]

Maria Fire Burned More Than 9,000 Acres And Threatened Thousands Of Homes. “A large brush fire whipped by lingering Santa Ana winds made a run toward Santa Paula on Friday, burning toward neighborhoods just beyond the Santa Clara River. The Maria fire broke out atop South Mountain, just south of Santa Paula, about 6:14 p.m. Thursday and quickly burned toward the small agricultural towns of Somis and Saticoy. [...] The fire has burned 9,400 acres and had no containment as of early Friday afternoon. Fire officials say at least two structures have been lost in the blaze. However, there have been reports of other properties damaged. [...] Roughly 2,300 structures are threatened, and 8,000 people have been evacuated. Mandatory evacuations remain in place for a swath of homes south of South Mountain Road, east of West Los Angeles Avenue, west of Balcom Canyon Road and north of the 118 Freeway. New mandatory evacuations have been ordered for the area south of the 126 Freeway, east of Campanula Avenue, west of South 12th Street/South Mountain Road and north of the Santa Clara River.” [Los Angeles Times, [11/1/19](#)]

HEADLINE: “Southern California Blaze Sears Structures, Threatens Orchards And Oil Fields.” [Reuters, [11/1/19](#)]

Maria Fire Put “Tens Of Millions Of Dollars Worth Of Citrus And Avocado Crops In Harm’s Way.” “A fast-moving scrub fire threatened orchards, oil fields and homes while displacing thousands of residents in Southern California on Friday, even as diminishing winds helped fire crews tame a rash of wildfires elsewhere across the state. The latest in a spate of conflagrations that have kept California firefighters on the go for weeks roared to life on Thursday evening near the hilly farm community of Santa Paula, about 70 miles (112.65 km) northwest of Los Angeles. As the Maria fire raced across nearly 9,000 acres (3,642 hectares) of dry brush and chaparral, firefighters scrambled to protect tens of millions of dollars worth of citrus and avocado crops in harm’s way, as well as nearby oil industry infrastructure. The blaze also threatened high-voltage power lines in the vicinity, along with radio and communications towers at the top of a large hill called South Mountain, where the flames originated, Ventura County fire officials said.” [Reuters, [11/1/19](#)]

Garcia Voted To Elect Mike Johnson To Speaker Of The House And Voted Three Times To Elect Jim Jordan During His Failed Speakership Bid

Garcia Voted To Elect Mike Johnson, Who Held Extremist Positions On Choice, Election Fraud, And Social Security

Garcia Vote To Elect Mike Johnson As Speaker Of The House

Garcia Voted For Electing Mike Johnson As Speaker Of The House On The Fourth Ballot. In October 2023, Garcia voted for : electing Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Johnson-220, Jeffries-209. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #527](#), 10/25/23; CQ, [10/25/23](#)]

Speaker Mike Johnson Supported Banning Abortion Without Exceptions, Led Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election And Proposed Drastic Cuts To Social Security

January 2023: Johnson Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act, Which Was A National Abortion Ban

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

The Life At Conception Act Would Implement Equal Protection Of The Right To Life For “Each [...] Preborn Human Person.” “To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person. [...] To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Congress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary and proper laws, and Congress’ power under section 5 of the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being.” [Congress.gov, [1/20/23](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Did Not List Exceptions, Including Life Of Mother, Rape, Or Incest. [Congress.gov, [1/20/23](#)]

NARAL President: Life At Conception Act Could Be Used “To Really Attack Issues Like Contraception And Even Fertility Treatments Like IVF.” “Mini Timmaraju, President of NARAL, sees Mooney’s bill as a slippery slope. ‘I think life starts at conception is a line that’s used by extremist right-wing folks to really attack issues like contraception and even fertility treatments like IVF (in vitro fertilization). So, look, we know that that’s not based on science. However, that rhetoric is used to go after a much broader range of reproductive rights and services. So it’s really important that Americans understand what that’s code for. That’s code for going after your fundamental, basic, everyday medication like birth control. It’s code for going after something that we know more and more American women rely on to expand their families and to have children, which is IVF. It’s very dangerous. And we’re going to do everything we can to block any efforts at legislation that tries to do that,’ said Timmaraju.” [Gray DC, [1/25/23](#)]

Johnson Supported The Big Lie And Was The Lead Sponsor On An Amicus Brief Supporting The Texas Lawsuit To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election

After The 2020 Election Was Called, Johnson Went On Radio Interviews To Discuss “Credible Allegations Of Fraud And Irregularity” In The 2020 Election. “‘There is still reason for hope’ that Mr. Trump might win, he told a conservative Louisiana talk radio host a week after the election, citing ‘credible allegations of fraud and irregularity.’ Charges that voting machines had been ‘rigged’ had ‘a lot of merit,’ he asserted in another radio interview.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

November 8, 2020: On The Night After Biden’s 2020 Election Victory, Johnson Talked To Trump About How “Every Instance Of Fraud And Illegality Has Got To Be Prosecuted.” “Look, I talked to the President last night. Kelly and I were on stage at a local church presenting our God Government seminar and the President called my cell and Kelly, her eyes got real big and she handed it to me. And we were live, in front a bunch of people at this church, and I said ‘y’all can I take this call, it’s the President?’ [...] I was so encouraged, Moon, to hear his resolve last night. The President is dug in on this. He wants to ensure that every single legal vote gets properly counted. And he knows that every instance of fraud and illegality has got to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law because this is bigger than the Trump/Pence campaign, it’s bigger than this election cycle, this is about the American people’s faith in our election system itself.” [Moon Griffon Show, Soundcloud, 4:32, [11/9/20](#)] (AUDIO)

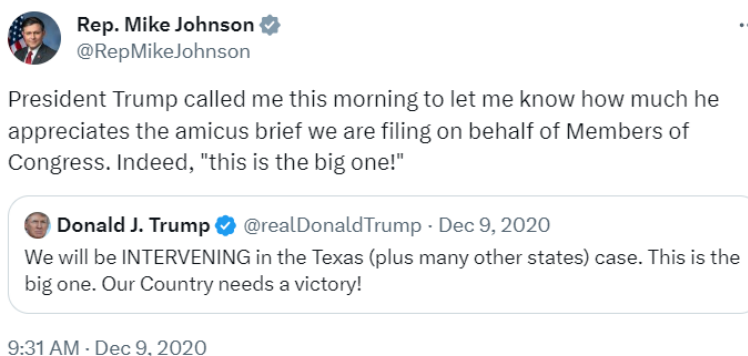
Johnson Signed An Amicus Brief That Sought To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election. “More than 125 House Republicans have now signed on to an amicus brief backing a lawsuit from Texas to the

Supreme Court seeking to overturn the results of the election in the states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Georgia. President-elect Joe Biden won the four battleground states in the 2020 election. The signatories include several House Republican leaders: Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and Republican Policy Committee Chairman Gary Palmer.” [CNN, [10/12/23](#)]

- **Johnson Was A Signatory On The Brief.** “Among the representatives who signed on are several members who have just won races in the very states whose elections they now allege are so rife with ‘irregularities’ that they want the court to throw out the results. There is no evidence of widespread electoral fraud. Here are their names: Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana’s 4th Congressional District.” [Buzzfeed News, [12/10/20](#)]

Johnson Was The Leading Name On The Amicus Brief. “Motion for Leave to File Brief Amicus Curiae and Brief Amicus Curiae of U.S. Representative Mike Johnson and 125 Other Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in Support of Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File a Bill of Complaint and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction.” [CNN, [10/12/23](#)]

Johnson Worked With Trump On The Brief. “President Trump called me this morning to let me know how much he appreciates the amicus brief we are filing on behalf of Members of Congress. Indeed, ‘this is the big one!’” [Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [12/9/20](#)]



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As Chair Of The Republican Study Committee, Johnson Proposed Drastic Cuts To Social Security And Medicare

Johnson’s Republican Study Committee Budget Proposed Cutting Medicare By Raising The Eligibility Age. “Adjust the Medicare Eligibility Age to Reflect Life Expectancy: Since Medicare’s creation in 1965, advances in science and medical technology have increased average life expectancy. This is a great miracle, but it does put additional stresses on the solvency of the Medicare program. As a result, the amount of time a Medicare beneficiary is expected to be covered by the program has increased from 14.6 years in 1965 to over 19 years in 2015. As beneficiaries continue to live longer, the ratio of workers to retirees shrinks threatening the solvency of Medicare. In 1965 there were 4.5 workers per Medicare beneficiary. That number shrunk to 3.3 workers in 2011, 3.1 in 2015, 2.8 in 2018 and is expected to continue to decrease to 2.3 workers per beneficiary by 2030. To address the increased demands on Medicare, this budget proposes increasing the age of Medicare so it is aligned with the normal retirement age for Social Security and then indexing this age to life expectancy, ensuring Medicare remains available for future generations.” [Republican Study Committee, Budget, [FY 2020](#)]

Johnson’s Republican Study Committee Budget Called For Raising The Retirement Age To 69 And Eventually 70 Years Old. “The goal of the Social Security Reform Act is to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security for this and future generations. It does so by modernizing the program, phasing out antiquated elements and bringing together a number of commonsense ideas to make the system work better for today’s workers and retirees. Many of the specific policies included in this legislation have bipartisan support and have been included in proposals put forward by members of Congress on both sides of the aisle and well-respected non-

partisan organizations. Adjust the Retirement Age to Reflect Longevity: The bipartisan Social Security Amendments of 1983 phases in an increase in the Social Security full retirement age over time, beginning at 65 and reaching 67 by 2022 for those born in 1960 and later. The Social Security Reform Act would continue this gradual increase of the normal retirement age at a rate of three months per year until it reaches 69 for those reaching age 62 in 2030. The RSC Budget recognizes that, due to Congressional inaction, the Social Security Reform Act's retirement age increase would need to be extended, likely to age 70, to achieve long-range sustainable solvency. Further, the existing 5-year gap between the normal and early retirement ages would be maintained as the full retirement age is incrementally adjusted." [Republican Study Committee, Budget, [FY 2020](#)]

Garcia Voted Three Times For Jim Jordan's Bid For Speaker; Jordan Is An Extreme, Ineffective Lawmaker Who Tried To Overturn The 2020 Election

Garcia Voted To Elect Jim Jordan As Speaker Of The House Three Times

Garcia Voted For Electing Jim Jordan As Speaker Of The House On The Third Ballot. In October 2023, Garcia voted for : electing Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-194, Jeffries-210, Scalise-8, McHenry-6, Zeldin-4, Donalds-2, McCarthy-2, Garcia (Mike)-1, Emmer-1, and Westerman-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #525](#), 10/20/23; CQ, [10/20/23](#)]

Garcia Voted For Electing Jim Jordan As Speaker Of The House On The Second Ballot. In October 2023, Garcia voted for : electing Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-199, Jeffries-212, Scalise-7, McCarthy-5, Zeldin-3, Donalds-1, Emmer-1, Garcia (Mike)-1, Boehner-1, Granger-1, Westerman-1, and Miller (Candice) -1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #523](#), 10/18/23; CQ, [10/18/23](#)]

Garcia Voted For Electing Jim Jordan As Speaker Of The House On The First Ballot. In October 2023, Garcia voted for : electing Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-200, Jeffries-212, Scalise-7, McCarthy-6, Zeldin-3, Garcia (Mike)-1, Emmer-1, Cole-1, and Massie-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #521](#), 10/17/23; CQ, [10/17/23](#)]

Jim Jordan Was An Extremist And Ineffective Lawmaker Who Tried To Overturn The 2020 Election

Jordan Has Been A Wildly Ineffective Member Of Congress

Jordan Has Sponsored 30 Bills Since 2007. [House Of Representatives, Accessed [10/15/23](#)]

Of Jordan's 30 Sponsored Bills, Zero Have Passed The House Or Been Signed Into Law. [House Of Representatives, Accessed [10/15/23](#)]

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Jordan Was A Premier Promoter Of The Big Lie, Even After January 6th, And Before The Insurrection, Repeatedly Called January 6th The “Ultimate Date Of Significance.” “Over the course of the past year, congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH), the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, has engaged in a systematic effort to cast doubt on the integrity of the 2020 U.S. presidential election. He also led efforts to create an image in the minds of Trump supporters of Jan. 6 as the ‘ultimate date of significance’ (his words, repeated several times). He helped spearhead the effort to oppose certification of the election in Congress. He has continued to promote the ‘Big Lie’ even after the events on Jan. 6 and subsequent FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) warnings that this conspiracy is propelling domestic violent extremists.” [Just Security, [8/9/21](#)]

The Morning Of January 6th, Jordan Praised The Attendees At The Ellipse And Said The “Future Of This Country” Was At Stake. “In the morning, Jordan praises the attendees at the Ellipse that says “the future of this country” is at stake on this day. He praises the attendees of the rally and continues to support the protestors into the early afternoon when rioters are violently clashing with police but before rioters breach the Capitol building.” [Just Security, [8/9/21](#)]

Jordan Voted To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Election. [New York Times, [1/7/21](#)]

Garcia Backed The Big Lie And Tried To Overturn The 2020 Election, Voted To Block Investigations Of The January 6 Insurrection, And Compared Capitol Police To “Gestapo”

Garcia Voted In Favor Of Two Motions Attempting To Throw Out Electoral Votes From Pennsylvania And Arizona,

HEADLINE: “Congressman Mike Garcia Votes To Object To Electoral College Results After Day Of Riots At Capitol” [Hometown Station, [1/7/21](#)]

Garcia Voted In Favor Of Two Motions Attempting To Throw Out Electoral Votes From Swing States. “With additional protection in place on the Congressional floor due to violence in the surrounding area, Garcia voted in favor of two motions attempting to throw out electoral votes from swing states alleging fraud. ‘Americans have a right to free and fair elections. We must remember, the Presidency belongs not to Congress, it belongs to the American people. However, when threats of fraud arise regarding the results of the election, per the laws written in the Constitution, America’s elected Congressional Representatives must ensure that any uncertainty is resolved,’ said Garcia in a statement Thursday. ‘My objection to the electoral votes of two states was not in an attempt to overturn the results of the election, it was to fulfill my duty to protect the rights of the men and women of California’s 25th District who elected me to serve them and stand up for their rights.’” [Hometown Station, [1/7/21](#)]

- **Garcia Voted Against Certifying Electoral Votes From AZ And PA.** “Rep. Mike Garcia, R-Santa Clarita, along with dozens of other Republicans in the U.S. House, voted in favor of objections to certifying the 2020 presidential election results, hours after deadly chaos erupted in Washington, D.C. The congressman, whose 25th Congressional District includes the Antelope, Simi and Santa Clarita valleys, said he voted to reject the electoral votes of two states. In the end, Congress certified President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as the victors. Garcia and four other GOP members from California were among more than 100 House lawmakers who agreed on the objection to Arizona’s electoral results. The House voted 303-121 against objecting to the state’s results; Senate members voted 93-6. On Pennsylvania’s results, the Senate voted 92-7 against challenging the results, and the House voted 282-138.” [The Signal, [1/7/21](#)]

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Garcia Compared The Capitol Police To The "Gestapo" And Voted Against Increasing Funding For Capitol Security After The January 6th Attack

February 2022: Garcia Compared The Capitol Police To The "Gestapo." JENNIFER HORN: "We had Congressman Matt Gaetz on earlier in the program and we talked to him about this report that the Capitol Police are coming into congressional offices in plain clothes, taking pictures of, oh, imagine this, Republican congressional representatives. Mike, have you heard about this?" GARCIA: "I just started hearing this. Sheriff Troy Nehls and his staff were subjected to this, there may have been a few others, so that's not surprising. The guys that work in the uniform, that work in that capacity, they're good folks in law enforcement that serve in that field, but the leadership is under the thumb of Pelosi. Just as every single Democrat votes the same way on every piece of legislation because they fear her and her tyranny, the Capitol Police leadership does the same. They've been effectively behaving as the Gestapo. You know, my entire life, I've never felt like I've been discriminated against my entire life until I was a conservative in Washington D.C. under this Pelosi regime. It's real and these are overreaches of a

very far left leader who is more interested in keeping her power than she is in legislating in the interests of the country right now.” [The Morning Answer with Jennifer Horn and Grant Stinchfield, [2/10/22](#)] (AUDIO) 0:28

Garcia Voted Against A Bill Funding Emergency And Security Activities In Response To Jan. 6 Attack On U.S. Capitol And Security Upgrades For Future Prevention Of Similar Incidents. In May 2021, Garcia voted against: “Passage of the bill that would provide approximately \$1.9 billion in emergency supplemental fiscal 2021 appropriations to legislative branch and other federal entities for security activities in response to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, including approximately \$753 million to reimburse costs associated with responding to the attack and approximately \$990 million for legislative and judicial branch security upgrades. Within the total, it would also provide approximately \$170 million for legislative branch costs associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. For expenses related to the Jan. 6 attack and to prevent similar incidents, it would provide \$520.9 million for the National Guard and funding for several law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and National Park Service. It would provide \$66.8 million to the District of Columbia for public safety expenses related to terrorist threats and federal presence in the district. It would provide \$79.3 million for the Capitol Police, including specified funding for employee hazard pay and retention bonuses, the employee wellness program, agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, protective details for members of Congress, and physical protection barriers.” The bill passed 213 to 212. [H R 3237, [Vote #156](#), 5/20/21; CQ, [5/20/21](#)]

Garcia Voted Against Impeaching President Trump For Incitement Of Insurrection

Garcia Voted Against Calling On Vice President Pence To Invoke The 25th Amendment And Remove President Trump From Office. In January 2021, Garcia voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives calls on Vice President Mike Pence to use his powers under section 4 of the 25th Amendment to convene and mobilize members of the president's cabinet to declare that President Donald Trump is unable to successfully discharge the duties and powers of his office, and to transmit notice to Congress that Pence will immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as acting president. The resolution would state among its findings that Trump ‘widely advertised and broadly encouraged’ participation in the march on the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, which turned into a violent insurrectionary mob that resulted in 5 deaths following the storming of the Capitol building; did not appeal to his followers to exit the Capitol during the insurrection; refused to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election as legitimate; and made at least three attempts to intervene in the vote counting and certification process in the state of Georgia and to ‘coerce’ its state officials to declare him the winner of the state's electoral votes.” The resolution passed, 223-205. [H. Res. 21, [Vote #14](#), 1/12/21; CQ, [1/12/21](#)]

Garcia Voted Against Impeaching President Trump For Incitement Of Insurrection. In January 2021, Garcia voted against “Adoption of the article of impeachment that would impeach President Donald Trump for incitement of insurrection by ‘inciting violence against the government of the United States.’ Specifically, it would state that Trump ‘repeatedly issued false statements’ asserting that the results of the 2020 presidential election were the product of widespread fraud and should not be accepted or certified. It would state that Trump made statements at a rally on Jan. 6, 2020, that ‘encouraged -- and foreseeably resulted in -- lawless action’ at the Capitol building during the certification of electoral college votes, during which protesters entered the Capitol, attacked law enforcement personnel, ‘menaced’ members of Congress and the vice president, and engaged in other ‘violent, deadly, destructive, and seditious acts.’ It would state that Trump's conduct on Jan. 6 followed prior efforts ‘to subvert and obstruct’ the certification of 2020 presidential election results, including during a Jan. 2 phone call during which he urged Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to ‘find’ enough votes to overturn the state's presidential election results and ‘threatened Secretary Raffensperger if he failed to do so.’ It would state President Trump's ‘endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government’ and that he ‘threatened the integrity of the democratic system, interfered with the peaceful transition of power, and imperiled a coordinate branch of government.’ Pursuant to the rule (H Res 41), upon adoption of the article of impeachment, the House agreed to the resolution (H Res 40) that would appoint and authorize the following impeachment trial managers to conduct the impeachment trial against President Donald Trump in the Senate: Reps. Raskin, D-Md., DeGette, D-Colo., Cicilline, D-R.I., Castro, D-Texas, Swalwell, D-Calif., Lieu, D-Calif., Plaskett, D-V.I., Neguse, D-Colo., and Dean, D-Pa.” The article of impeachment was adopted, 232-197. [H. Res. 24, [Vote #17](#), 1/13/21; CQ, [1/13/21](#)]