

Catalina Lauf

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Characterized as not having a clue about what she was doing while working on Rauner's reelection campaign according to Rauner officials	36
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Datwyler was reprimanded by a Minnesotan Judge for violating state ban on corporate contributions	39
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Paid X Strategies over \$48K over the past year for consulting	45
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Claimed he would financially assist those accused of wrongdoing in connection with Jan 6 th riots	45
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Claimed that gig workers like being treated as contractors and don't need any more protections	75
Called the Pro Act a disaster despite it strengthening organizing rights for workers	75
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Said that gig workers preferred the flexibility of the gig economy	76
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Characterized Biden as waging war on American energy claiming it's crippling the economy	81
Blamed Biden and Democrats entirely for inflation	81
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Biographical Information

Candidate: Catalina Frances Lauf
Gender: Female

Education

- Miami University of Ohio, B.A. in Communications, Journalism & Political Science (2013)
- Homeschooled throughout high school [CatalinaforCongress.com/Issues]

Employment

- Levick Strategic Communications, Intern (June 2013 – August 2013)
- Hill + Knowlton Strategies, Corporate Communications Fellow (January 2014 – March 2014)

- The Firm Consulting LLC, Communications Director (June 2014 – February 2015)
- Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee, Consultant (May 2015)
- Morningstar, Client Support Representative (2014 – 2015)
- Uber, Partnerships and Community Affairs (2016 – 2017)
- Gov. Rauner Re-Election Campaign, Staffer (2018)
- US Department of Commerce (2018 – 2019)
- Body Worn Gear, New Business Development (2019 - present)
- Begin Health, Advisor (2021 – present)

Voter Registration

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF MCHENRY } SS.



I, Joseph J. Tirio, McHenry County Clerk, in the County and State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct certification of the registration record of:

REDACTED

Facsimile Signature of Voter

VOTER INFORMATION Catalina F Lauf Address: Woodstock, IL 60098 Mail Address:	ELECTION INFORMATION • Most recent displayed • Total Elections Voted: 2 11/03/2020 General Election 03/17/2020 2020 General Primary Republican
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Township: Seneca
Precinct: SEN 01
Birth Date: 1993
Party: No Party
Voter Status: Active
Most Recent Date Registered: 06/26/2019
Original Date Registered: 10/01/2017

I do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate copy of records on file in the office of the McHenry County Clerk. Certification is not valid unless the seal of McHenry County, Illinois is affixed.

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APR 08 2022

Date

Joseph J. Tirio
McHenry County Clerk



[McHenry County Clerk, Obtained via FOIA]

Vulnerability Summary

- *Anti-choice, anti-gun safety, MAGA extremist*
 - *Called the Women's Health Protection Act an expansion of murder*
 - *Opposes any and all restrictions on guns, even following major mass shooting events such as the Uvalde school shooting*
 - *Supports Trump and his lackeys denying any responsibility for Jan 6th*
- *Runs a social media congressional campaign with no real substance*
 - *Has even been called out by other Republicans for lacking vision*
- *Assembled a team of controversial and offensive political figures who have been saddled with FEC complaints and subpoenas for the Jan 6th Commission*
 - *Accepted thousands in contributions from donors with ties to dark money, Russian Oligarchs, vehement racists, and more*
- *Has very little real world experience and has found her main employment working for her families companies*
 - *Overstated her position at Uber and Rauner's re-election campaign, with both positions being akin to entry level jobs*

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Supported Pres. Trump and seen as a MAGA darling

Known as a 'Trump darling' who may turn off moderate voters come November

Described as a darling of the Trump crowd but likely to turn off moderate voters in November. "Former Trump administration official and Rauner campaign employee Catalina Lauf redirected her aim from a potential primary against Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-Channahon), but was drawn into the new 11th while Kinzinger isn't seeking re-election. Lauf raises a ton of money, is a darling of the Trump crowd, but has a huge burn rate and likely turns off moderate voters in November." [Illinoize, [1/27/22](#)]

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Kinzinger served in the Air Force in Iraq and Afghanistan before being elected to Congress, where he largely agreed with President Trump on policy issues. "Mr. Kinzinger is an Air Force veteran who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan before seeking congressional office. Now a six-term congressman, he remains a lieutenant colonel in the Air National Guard. He had long been critical of Mr. Trump, but largely remained in lock step with the former president on policy issues. [New York Times, Published [6/23/2022](#)]

Hurled attacks at Air Force veteran Kinzinger calling him a RINO despite the fact that he frequently voted in line with Trump



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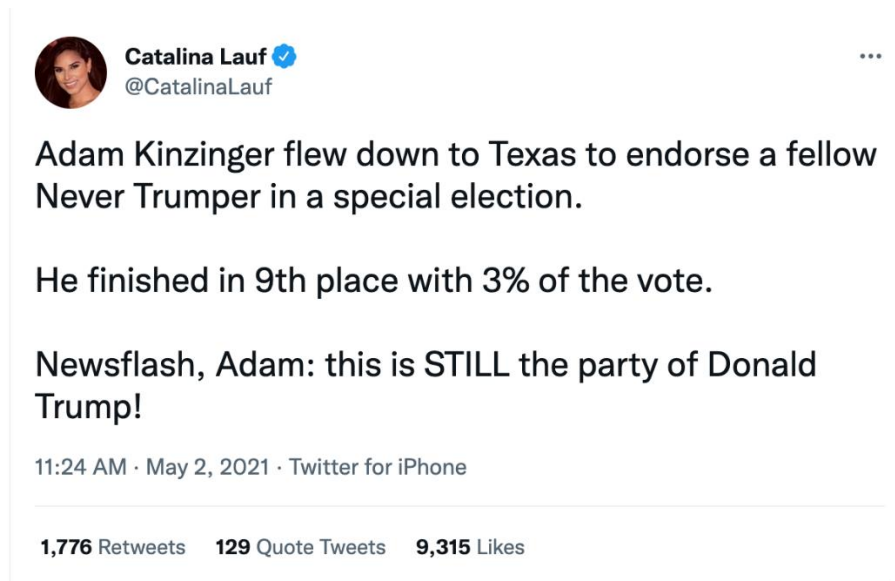
My opponent Adam Kinzinger is upset that he is labeled as a RINO.

If you vote to impeach Donald J. Trump, vote for gun control, and vote to raise the debt ceiling, you are a Republican In Name Only.

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Kinzinger voted in line with Trump 90% of the time throughout his career

Adam Kinzinger

 Republican representative for Illinois's 16th District

	Trump score	Trump margin	Predicted score	Trump plus-minus
	How often Kinzinger votes in line with Trump's position	Trump's share of the vote in the 2016 election in the member's state or district minus Clinton's	How often Kinzinger is expected to support Trump based on Trump's 2016 margin	Difference between Kinzinger's actual and predicted Trump-support scores
Career	90 . 2%	+17 . 2	86 . 7%	+3 . 6

[FiveThirtyEight.com, Updated [1/13/2021](#)]

Kinzinger was one of ten Republicans who voted to impeach Trump

Kinzinger voted to impeach Trump alongside 10 other Republicans. “Inhabiting that position is just about the last thing Kinzinger ever imagined his job would entail. ‘I made the decision early in my career that I would be willing to take a potentially career-ending vote,’ says Kinzinger, one of 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach Trump for inciting the attempted insurrection. ‘But I thought that vote would be for something like a Social Security reform bill. I never thought it would be for defending democracy.’” [New York Times, Published [7/2/2021](#)]

Kinzinger was appointed to the Jan 6th Commission by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, maintaining that Trump held responsibility for Jan 6th events

Kinzinger condemned Jan 6th events and believed Trump played part, which is why he was appointed to Jan 6th Commission. “Unlike a vast majority of his Republican colleagues, Mr. Kinzinger has remained steadfast in condemning what happened that day and the role of President Donald J. Trump in stoking it. Some of those colleagues initially faulted Mr. Trump but later walked

back their criticism and downplayed the severity of the attack. He has maintained his position despite reprehension from his colleagues, his political party and even members of his family. Speaker Nancy Pelosi appointed Mr. Kinzinger to the committee after rejecting two lawmakers chosen by Republican leaders who had defended Mr. Trump after the riot.” [New York Times, Published [6/23/2022](#)]

Sees Trump as main leader of Republican party, calling his endorsement the most valuable political currency for Republicans

Said she had seen firsthand his commitment to this country and the successes under an America First agenda

Praised Pres. Trump and called his election the beginning of a movement. “1. What have the past three years of Donald Trump's unconventional leadership taught us about politics in the United States? What is the best thing his presidency has done? What is the most significant criticism you have of it? Lauf: The election of President Trump in 2016 was the beginning of a movement. Americans felt unheard, and were feeling the resounding effects of failed policies from the Obama administration. President Trump's disrupter persona, business mind and unconventional leadership is what got him elected -- showing the much-needed tides turning in this new era of politics. In 2018, I had the honor of being appointed by President Trump to his administration to serve as an adviser at the U.S. Department of Commerce. I've seen first hand his commitment to this country, and the successes of the America First agenda. Under his leadership, we've seen record low unemployment rates, stocks are up, small businesses are flourishing and the economy is thriving. The best thing he's done is putting the United States and Americans at the forefront of every policy, whether it's cutting back deregulation and taxes, draining the swamp by unveiling the corruption that is in Washington, and ensuring our exceptionalism as the greatest country in the world is restored here and around the world. I'd like to see more focus on lowering our budget deficit.” [Daily Herald, Published [2/14/2020](#)]

Believed Trump endorsement is most valuable currency in Republican politics

Stated that Trump's endorsement still remains the most valuable currency in Republican politics. “[Trump's] endorsement still remains the most valuable currency in Republican politics and certainly in a primary like the one we are going up against Adam Kinzinger” [Catalina Lauf, NewsNation [1:03-1:11], [7/28/21](#)]

Claimed that the reality is a majority of Republican party is united around the America First movement. “the reality is a majority of our party is united around the America First movement” [Catalina Lauf, Campaign Ad [0:17-0:21], [11/7/21](#)]

Despite her supposed alignment with the MAGA movement, several Republicans have described her views as lacking in substance

Described by Real American, a Youtube channel with nine thousand subscribers, as a grifter. “what do you think she means by this oh we're gonna have less illegal immigration we're gonna flood the nation with more legal immigrants from all over the world for cheap labor guys she's a grifter she's supported by Ronnie McDaniel” [Real American [2:14-2:28], Youtube, [2/24/21](#)]

Seen as early frontrunner in Republican primary, but other candidates were recruited in attempt to avoid hard-core Trumper being the nominee

Was the early frontrunner of the Republican primary field. “Currently, Lauf’s taken as the early frontrunner of the Republican primary field, where no candidate has served in elective public office. Given Lauf’s close alignment with the ‘America First’ movement, plus being endorsed by both Congressman Madison Cawthorn (R, NC-11) and announced this week, U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R, KY), the early frontrunner status, even a nominal one, rings true.” [Illinois Family Action, [2/16/22](#)]

Caused Cassandra Tanner Miller to be recruited to prevent a hard-core trumpian from being the nominee. “When CTM filed her FEC Statement of Candidacy on January 18, various sources confirmed the recruitment of her candidacy to prevent the hard-core Trumpian Lauf from being the nominee, and upend any prospect to flip IL-11 in the fall. The sources confirmed the assessment prior to the DCCC implication of preferring Lauf as the Republican nominee on January 27.” [Illinois Family Action, [2/16/22](#)]

Endorsed by ultra conservatives, fringe groups, candidates, and elected officials known to tout white supremacy

Endorsed by Rep. Elise Stefanik who has supported the ‘great replacement’ theory that inspired a mass shooter who killed 10 black people in Buffalo

Endorsed by both Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY 21) and her PAC, E-PAC

Stefanik formally endorsed Lauf’s Campaign. “Endorsement watch: House GOP Conference chairwoman Elise Stefanik’s E-PAC has put out a new round of endorsements, including for former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who is seeking the state’s at-large House seat. The new endorsements also include nods to Jennifer-Ruth Green, who is running against Democratic Rep. Frank Mrvan in Indiana’s 1st District, and Catalina Lauf, who is running for the GOP nomination in Illinois’ 11th District.” [Roll Call, [5/12/22](#)]

Stefanik echoed racist ‘great replacement’ theory that inspired Buffalo mass shooter

Stefanik has parroted white supremacist conspiracy theories. Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), the No. 3 House Republican, and other GOP lawmakers came under scrutiny Sunday for previously echoing the racist “great replacement” theory that apparently inspired an 18-year-old who allegedly killed 10 people while targeting Black people at a supermarket in Buffalo. [Washington Post, [5/16/22](#)]

Received strong support from Stefanik who added her to a ‘Women to Watch’ list for 2022 and encouraged folks to vote early for Lauf

Stefanik’s PAC added Lauf to its list of “Women to Watch” in 2022 House Races. “Bringing the total number of Republican women she has endorsed this cycle to 18, Stefanik’s endorsements announced Tuesday through E-PAC, built to back women, adds to her history of supporting women in

a move to make the Republican conference and House as a whole more female. [...] Stefanik's PAC also added a number of names to their 'women to watch' in 2022 House races: Jan Kulmann and Barbara Kirkmeyer in Colorado's 8th District, Catalina Lauf and Cassandra Tanner Miller in Illinois's 11th District, Regan Deering in Illinois's 13th District, Theresa Gavarone in Ohio's 9th District, Jessica de la Cruz in Rhode Island's 2nd District, Kalena Bruce and Sarah Walsh in Missouri's 4th District, and Yesli Vega in Virginia's 7th District." [Washington Examiner, [3/8/22](#)]

Stefanik called on voters to vote early for Lauf and called her "One Of The Strong #GOPWomen Leading The Fight To #FIREPelosi And Save America!" "Early Voting starts today, #IL11! Make sure you go out and vote for #EPAC endorsed @CatalinaLauf. Catalina is one of the strong #GOPWomen leading the fight to #FIREPelosi and Save America!" [Twitter, @EliseStefanik, [5/19/22](#)]

Received young guns endorsement from NRCC and Leader Kevin McCarthy, known by fellow Republicans for turning his back on the constitution and embracing a personality cult

Endorsed by Leader McCarthy's (R-CA 23) NRCC program "Young Guns"

The NRCC Named Lauf To Its Young Guns "On The Radar" List. "The National Republican Congressional Committee today announced an additional slate of 21 'On the Radar' candidates as part of the Youngs Guns program. The program, spearheaded by Leader McCarthy, helps equip Republican candidates across the country with the tools they need to run winning campaigns. [...] (IL-11) Catalina Lauf" [NRCC, Press Release, [2/25/22](#)]

Cheney said McCarthy turned his back on the constitution and embraced a personality cult that promotes antisemitism and white nationalism

Cheney called out McCarthy for turning his back on the constitution. "Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) believes the majority of Republicans across the country understand the importance of protecting and defending the Constitution, she said Sunday — and then there's House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.)." [The Week, [06/05/2022](#)]

Cheney called loyalty to Trump antithetical to conservative beliefs and claimed McCarthy embraced a personality cult. "Cheney, vice chair of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, told CBS Sunday Morning there are 'too many people now in the Republican Party who are not taking their responsibilities seriously, and who have pledged their allegiance and loyalty to [former President] Donald Trump.' This, she added, is 'fundamentally antithetical, it is contrary to everything conservatives believe, to embrace a personality cult.'" [The Week, [06/05/2022](#)]

Cheney tore down McCarthy, claiming he is embracing those who are antisemitic and white nationalist. "When asked if she thinks McCarthy is afraid of Trump, Cheney told CBS 'I think some of it is fear. I think it's also craven political calculation. I think that he has decided that, you know, the most important thing to him is to attempt to be speaker of the House. And therefore he is embracing those in our party who are antisemitic; he is embracing those in our party who are white nationalists; he is lying about what happened on Jan. 6; and he's turned his back on the Constitution.'" [The Week, [06/05/2022](#)]

McCarthy has been called selfish, untrustworthy and an enabler of Trump's behavior

McCarthy betrays his original condemning of Trump's coup: only acting as an enabler. "House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy is on record and on audio condemning Trump's coup at the time that it happened. Since then, he has shriveled into the enabling role he has played over the past 18 months." [The Atlantic, [06/28/2022](#)]

McCarthy proves to be untrustworthy, making it imperative that the people start to question the intention behind his actions. "So Americans must start asking and keep asking: Leader McCarthy, will you be part of the cover-up? Will you try to protect Trump when the matter is handed over to the Department of Justice?" [The Atlantic, [06/28/2022](#)]

McCarthy is viewed as a selfish, contemptible person. "Is there any of that last flicker of decency and independence alive in the Republican who may soon lead the House majority? Or is McCarthy a worm through and through?" [The Atlantic, [06/28/2022](#)]

Endorsed by Rep. Burgess Owens who is known for homophobic, anti-trans, anti-vax, and violent rhetoric

Received support from Representative Burgess Owens (R-UT 4)

Owens formally endorsed Lauf's Campaign. "🚨 Endorsement Alert 🚨 I am proud to have Congressman @BurgessOwens support my campaign for U.S. Congress. Together, we will defeat the Washington establishment and put the American people first once again." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/16/22](#)]

Owens has made controversial remarks about the COVID vaccine, trans people, and male violence. "When he took the stage at the Turning Point USA's 'America Fest' in Phoenix on Sunday, Utah Rep. Burgess Owens urged the young women in the crowd to 'keep their standards high' so that 'real men will strive to achieve your respect.' Owens then attacked transgender people, the COVID-19 vaccine and suggested the use of violence as characteristics that men should aspire to. 'When evil steps up to the doorstep, a real man does not get on his knees and beg for mercy with a wife and kids. Just like he knows how to use an iPhone, he knows how to use a gun,' Owens said. 'He shows up and takes care of business.'" [Salt Lake Tribune, [12/20/21](#)]

Received endorsement from Sen. Rand Paul who has been known to fight against Civil Rights progress

Endorsed by Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)

Paul formally endorsed Lauf's Campaign. "I am honored to receive @RandPaul's endorsement of my campaign for U.S. Congress. Senator Paul is a true champion in the fight to protect and promote liberty. On day one, I will take on Dr. Fauci and the unconstitutional mandates coming out of Washington." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/10/22](#)]

Paul has a poor record on his support for fundamental civil rights legislation. “Rand Paul is walking back his much-derided comments about the 1964 Civil Rights Act, saying he’s been “trashed up and down” by Democrats eager to sink his bid for Kentucky’s open seat in the U.S. Senate. (Watch Rand Paul defend himself on ABC News.) For their part, liberals have argued that Paul’s libertarian ideology lies well outside the mainstream of American politics.” [The Week, [1/8/15](#)]

Lauded Paul as a champion of liberty in the face of COVID mandates. “I am honored to receive @RandPaul’s endorsement of my campaign for U.S. Congress. Senator Paul is a true champion in the fight to protect and promote liberty. On day one, I will take on Dr. Fauci and the unconstitutional mandates coming out of Washington.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/10/22](#)]

Lauf was endorsed by and praised Representative Madison Cawthorn (R-NC 11) who has been mired in controversy including accusations of insider trading, slander of House colleagues, allegations of sexual harassment from multiple women, and much more

Claimed she was honored to have Cawthorn’s support and called him a fearless leader

Cawthorn formally endorsed Lauf’s campaign. “🔴 Endorsement Alert 🔴 I am honored to have the support of Congressman Madison Cawthorn. @CawthornforNC has been a fearless conservative leader and a fighting voice the American people desperately deserve. I look forward to advancing our shared values beside him in Congress.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/28/2021](#)]

Called a lion and political outsider by Cawthorn

Cawthorn tweeted support for Lauf’s campaign. “Proud to endorse a true American fighter today! @CatalinaLauf is an America first, political outsider, who refuses to bow the knee to the radical left. It’s time for lions to rise!” [Twitter, @CawthornforNC, [7/28/2021](#)]

Cawthorn has faced a mountain of controversy including multiple run-ins with police, allegations of insider trading and sexual harassment, slander of Capitol Hill colleagues involving alcohol and drug use, his involvement in Jan 6th insurrection, and more

Cawthorn is a walking controversy who has seemingly violated federal law and basic moral code. “Police stopped him for driving with a revoked license (again). Airport security stopped him for trying to bring a gun onto a plane (again). He made outlandish and unsubstantiated comments on an obscure podcast about orgies and cocaine use by his Capitol Hill colleagues. He called the Ukrainian president a “thug,” he suggested Nancy Pelosi was an alcoholic (she doesn’t drink), and the seemingly ceaseless gush of unsavory news has included allegations of insider trading, pictures of shuttered district offices, a leaked tranche of salacious images and videos, and ongoing proof in FEC filings that he’s a prodigious fundraiser but a profligate spender as well. All of this comes on top of multiple women in multiple places accusing him of sexual harassment, his role in the insurrection on Jan. 6 of last year, his growing catalogue of alarming provocations on social media and on the House floor, and his politically imprudent decision to announce he was switching districts only to reverse course. His marriage amidst all this lasted less than a year.” [Politico.com, [5/13/2022](#)]

Endorsed by Steve Cortes, a former Trump Campaign advisor who has made appearances on Steve Bannon's show War Room

Cortes formally endorsed Lauf's campaign. "I've endorsed @CatalinaLauf, she's an alum of the Trump Administration and believes in the core tenets of the America First movement, including defending hard-working farmers..." [Twitter, @CortesSteve, [2/18/2020](#)]

Lauf thanked Cortes for his support. "Thank you for your support and endorsement Steve!" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/18/2020](#)]

Endorsed by Kash Jackson, a libertarian candidate for Illinois Governor in 2018, who threatened to kill judges involved in his divorce and custody battle after refusing to pay child support

Received support from Kash Jackson via Twitter

Jackson formally endorsed Lauf's campaign via tweet and video. "Instead of getting mindlessly wrapped up in Hillary Clinton saying nobody likes him in regards to Bernie Sanders, Davos or "#TrumpsRemovalTrial" today do something productive & check @CatalinaLauf running for office in #IL14." [Twitter, @KashJackson2018, [1/21/2020](#)]

Thanked Jackson for support

Lauf thanked Jackson for his support. "Thank you for your kind words of endorsement @KashJackson2018!" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/21/2020](#)]

Jackson faced felony charges for threatening to kill judges after being held in civil contempt for refusing to pay child support to his children who fear him

Jackson was held in civil contempt for refusing to pay child support. "A former Libertarian gubernatorial candidate faces felony charges in connection with allegations that he threatened to kill judges involved in his divorce and custody battle. Grayson Kash Jackson, 43, formerly known as Benjamin Winderweede, had already been held in civil contempt in the case after refusing to pay child support or provide his address, according to court records." [Patch.com, [10/15/2021](#)]

Jackson called court security and threatened to kill and bury the judges, and told officers to take him seriously. "On Sept. 24, a Lake County judge issued an civil contempt order for him to be taken into custody with bail set at \$11,104.87 — the same amount of money he owed on child support. On Oct. 7, Jackson placed a call to the court security office of the Lake County Sheriff's Office in which he threatened two judges in his case, according to the sheriff's office. 'He indicated he was going to kill the judges and bury them in the ground, and told us we should take him seriously,' Deputy Chief Chris Covelli told Patch." [Patch.com, [10/15/2021](#)]

Jackson's children do not want a relationship with their father and fear him, and one of the judges claimed to twice witness Jackson become unhinged in the courtroom. "In a court order filed last month, Judge Janelle Christensen said she 'twice witnessed Jackson become unhinged in the courtroom,' and that a guardian ad litem representing the interests of his children found his

children are afraid of him. 'The children both expressed a strong desire not to have a relationship with their father,' the judge said. 'Jackson lacks insight into the role he plays. He places one hundred percent of the fault on [his ex-wife]. He cannot see that his own actions have greatly and negatively impacted his children.'" [Patch.com, [10/15/2021](#)]

Congratulated Doug Mastriano, a far right insurrectionist who won the GOP primary for Governor in Pennsylvania

May 2022: Lauf Congratulated Pennsylvania State Sen. Doug Mastriano On His Gubernatorial Primary Victory. [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/17/22](#)]

Mastriano supported efforts to overturn 2020 election results and was investigated for ties to the Jan 6th Insurrection

Mastriano is a 2020 election denier and has been subpoenaed by the House January 6th Committee. "Doug Mastriano, Republicans' gubernatorial candidate, is extreme even by modern GOP standards. The first-term state senator championed efforts to overturn President Joe Biden's win in Pennsylvania in 2020 and has been subpoenaed by the House January 6 investigating committee for his participation in the events that led up the insurrection that day." [Vox, [5/20/22](#)]

Mastriano supports voter suppression

Mastriano has stated that he would use his role as governor to undermine election results. "Unlike in many other states, Pennsylvania governors appoint their own secretaries of state, who supervise elections. Mastriano has said he would appoint a secretary of state who would require all voters to re-register before they vote." [Washington Post, [5/18/22](#)]

Called the deadly Jan 6th Insurrection legitimate political discourse, claiming the event was mischaracterized

Supported RNC's statement that the deadly insurrection was legitimate political discourse

Lauf Agreed With The RNC's Statement That The January 6 Insurrection Was 'Legitimate Political Discourse' And Said There Were 'Widespread, Absurd Mischaracterizations Of That Day.' "Of the more than 20 Republicans running for Congress in the North, Northwest and Western suburbs, just four said they agree with the Republican National Committee's description of last year's deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol as 'ordinary citizens engaged in legitimate political discourse.' [...] The Daily Herald asked GOP congressional candidates in Illinois' 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th and 14th districts if they agreed with the RNC's description of what happened at the Capitol and, if so, to explain why. [...] Eleventh District candidate Catalina Lauf of Woodstock said she agreed with the RNC's statement. There are 'widespread, absurd mischaracterizations of that day,' said Lauf, who is among five Republicans vying to face Democratic incumbent Bill Foster of Naperville." [Daily Herald, [2/19/22](#)]

Jan 6th Insurrection was the worst breach of the Capitol since 1814

CNN called the attack the worst breach on the Capitol since 1814. “The US Capitol is arguably the country's most iconic building. And while the storied meeting place of the US Congress has come under attack before, Wednesday's chaos was the worst breach there since 1814.” [CNN, [1/7/2021](#)]

Supported riot despite causing harm to 140 police officers according to the local union

Capitol Police Head reported that about 140 officers were injured during the Jan 6 attack. “The physical toll on officers who defended the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 attack by a pro-Trump mob is becoming clearer, with reports by police officials and federal prosecutors indicating that about 140 officers were injured, the head of the Capitol Police officers’ union said.” [Washington Post, [1/27/2021](#)]

Four police officers who responded on Jan 6th died by suicide within 7 months of the attack, with city officials ruling the deaths as caused by injuries sustained in battling the rioters

Four police officers faced such trauma following January 6th that they took their own lives. “The widow of an officer who died by suicide after responding to the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol is pressing Congress to pass legislation recognizing the trauma suffered by law enforcement officers who take their own lives, which she told CBS News would be a fitting legacy for her husband. Four officers who responded on Jan. 6 died by suicide within seven months of the attack. Earlier this month, Erin Smith received an email from Washington, D.C., with the result she had spent more than a year fighting for. The city had ruled that her husband's suicide — nine days after Jan. 6, 2021 — was caused by injuries sustained in battling the rioters, and as such, his death was found to have occurred in the line of duty.” [CBSNews.com, [3/30/2022](#)]

Police who served two tours in Iraq called the riot scarier than any of their time in combat

Police were trampled, pushed down, and stampeded and one officer who served two tours in Iraq said it was scarier than their time in combat overseas. “At least 81 Capitol Police officers were assaulted during the siege of the Capitol, according to filings by federal prosecutors. The filings did not detail injuries sustained by officers, and a Capitol Police spokeswoman did not respond to a request for comment on officer injuries. About 65 D.C. police officers also suffered injuries on Jan. 6, including several concussions from head blows from various objects, including metal poles ripped from inauguration-related scaffolding and even a pole with an American flag attached, D.C. police officials have said. Other injuries included swollen ankles and wrists, bruised arms and legs, and irritated lungs from bear and pepper spray. Reports say officers were pushed down stairs, trampled by rioters, punched and run over in a stampede. ‘I’ve talked to officers who have done two tours in Iraq who said this was scarier to them than their time in combat,’ acting D.C. police chief Robert J. Contee III said at a news conference earlier this month.” [Washington Post, [1/27/2021](#)]

Rioters caused \$30 million worth of destruction, a cost that will likely increase

Jan 6th attack caused \$30 million in damages that Congress had to pay for. “The cost of repairing damages from the attack on the U.S. Capitol and related security expenses have already topped \$30 million and will keep rising, Architect of the Capitol J. Brett Blanton told lawmakers on Wednesday. The events of Jan. 6, he said, were ‘difficult for the American people and extremely hard for all of us on campus to witness.’ Blanton said that congressional appropriations committees have

already approved a transfer request of \$30 million to pay for expenses and extend a temporary perimeter fencing contract through March 31.” [NPR, [2/24/2021](#)]

Believed Trump’s encouragement of insurrectionists was actually support for peaceful protest

Characterized Trump’s statements that day as expressions of support for “peaceful” protest. “On January 6, President Trump encouraged his supporters to peacefully make their voices heard. On August 26, 13 American heroes lost their lives due to Joe Biden’s incompetent withdrawal from Afghanistan. Adam Kinzinger only considers one of these to be worthy of impeachment.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [9/3/21](#)]

Called out Congress for being out of touch for focusing on January 6th ‘political theater’ instead of gas prices, imminent food shortages, and border problems

Lauf: Congress Was “Focused On J6 Political Theater” And “So Out Of Touch.” “Gas prices are skyrocketing, food shortages are imminent, and the border is wide open. Yet Congress is focused on J6 political theater. So out of touch! The Red Wave this November will be unprecedented!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/7/22](#)]

News outlets and GOP leaders have contradicted Lauf’s statements regarding January 6th

The Washington Post released a three-part investigative series detailing the events of and governmental failures during the riots. “An event of the magnitude of the Capitol attack demands deep and revelatory reporting,’ said Matea Gold, national political enterprise and investigations editor. ‘This newsroom-wide collaboration provides our readers with a definitive account of Jan. 6 and its lasting impact on American democracy.’ “The Attack: Before, During and After” lays out striking new details about the cascade of warnings law enforcement officials received before Jan. 6 and uses social media posts, text messages, videos and photographs to show how Trump radicalized his supporters and mobilized them to action. The project also features voicemails of threats made against election officials around the country, and includes intimate reporting about six individuals whose lives were affected by Jan. 6.” [Washington Post, [10/31/21](#)]

The Associated Press compiled video evidence of the riots. “The Jan. 6 riot was an insurrection with a 360-degree view. Ample evidence has emerged over the last year of what happened at the U.S. Capitol. From television footage to cell phone videos to body cameras worn by the officers under siege, there is a remarkably comprehensive record of one of the worst attacks on democracy in U.S. history. The Associated Press compiled a short film of the day’s key moments to capture the record and rebut falsehoods that continue to spread about what happened.” [Associated Press, [1/5/22](#)]

GOP Leaders condemned the events of January 6th, some calling it a terrorist attack

Sen. Mitch McConnell called it a disgrace

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) condemned the violence of January 6th. “January 6th was a disgrace... American citizens attacked their own government. They used terrorism

to try to stop a specific piece of democratic business they did not like... Fellow Americans beat and bloodied our own police. They stormed the Senate floor. They tried to hunt down the Speaker of the House. They built a gallows and chanted about murdering the Vice President..." [NBC Washington, [1/6/22](#)]

Sen. Ted Cruz called it a terrorist attack

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) called the events a "terrorist attack." "On the eve of the [Jan. 6 anniversary](#), Republican Sen. Ted Cruz called the riot 'a violent terrorist attack on the Capitol,' drawing the ire of several Republican pundits, including Fox News commentator Tucker Carlson." [NPR, [1/6/22](#)]

Sen. Lindsey Graham called out President Trump's actions calling them the problem, not the solution

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) condemned the attack. "When it comes to accountability, the President needs to understand that his actions were the problem, not the solution, that the rally yesterday was unseemly, it got out of hand... I said on the floor of the Senate, I cast my vote accordingly, that Joe Biden is the legitimate president-elect of the United States." [NBC Washington, [1/6/22](#)]

Rep. Elise Stefanik said those involved should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law

Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY 21) condemned the attack. "This has been a truly tragic day for America. We all join together in fully condemning the dangerous violence and destruction that occurred today in our Nation's Capitol. Americans will always have their freedom of speech and the constitutional right to protest, but violence in any form is absolutely unacceptable. It is anti-America, and must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." [NBC Washington, [1/6/22](#)]

Rep. Dan Crenshaw called it a frenzy and anarchy

Representative Dan Crenshaw (R-TX 2) condemned the attack. "On Wednesday the Capitol of the most powerful nation the world has ever known was stormed by an angry mob. Americans surely never thought they'd see such a scene: members of Congress barricaded inside the House chamber, Capitol Police trampled, and four Americans dead. A woman was shot near the elevator I use every day to enter the House floor. It was a display not of patriotism but of frenzy and anarchy." [NBC Washington, [1/6/22](#)]

Lauf's comments regarding the January 6th Committee and Committee Hearings mirror MAGA disinformation attempts

Tweeted that Rep. Foster cares more about J6 political theater than rising inflation. "Illinois is facing \$5 gas prices and record inflation. And @RepBillFoster thinks the top priority for voters is J6 political theater. Out of touch and unfit for office!" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/10/22](#)]

Claimed that Joe Biden & Congress were busy with political stunts while Americans are struggling through worst economic pain in decades. "Americans are struggling through the worst

economic pain in decades. Congress and Joe Biden are busy televising their political stunts. The disconnect between our leaders and our people is insulting.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/10/22](#)]

Called out Democrats for a failed economic record. “Elected Democrats are scrambling to distract from their failed economic record. It won’t work with voters come November.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/9/22](#)]

Lauf mirroring Steve Bannon’s media tactic of “flooding the zone with shit” “When discussing the first impeachment of Trump, “‘the Democrats don’t matter,’ Bannon told Lewis. ‘The real opposition is the media. And the way to deal with them is to flood the zone with shit.’” [Vox, [2/6/20](#)]

Copied Fox News rhetoric spinning the January 6th hearings “When Thompson said January 6 was “the culmination of an attempted coup,” Carlson asked why the news media cared at all. He barely mentioned Donald Trump, even though the former president’s plot to undermine American democracy was the focal point of the hearing. Instead, he talked a lot about Democrats and questioned why other networks were committing “collusion” with the House by televising the hearing. “Because the Democrats and the left are desperate,” his guest Jason Whitlock said.” [CNN, [6/10/22](#)]

Called attention seeking by other Republicans and consistently behaved in ways to maximize media attention, not policy

Accused of being more interested in own self-performance and was compared to Madison Cawthorn for attention seeking ways

Compared to controversial Republican figure Madison Cawthorn for attention seeking ways that don’t focus on constituents’ best interests

Characterized by Mark Carroll, a GOP candidate and opponent in IL-11, as more interested in her own self-performance. “Here’s the thing, the irony in slinging insults and being loud proves my point that experience matters. The time I have spent in elected office has shown me that if you give somebody like Lauf time, they will expose themselves and that is exactly what she did. She continues to use the X Strategies playbook and has shown herself to be more interested in her own self-performance rather than serving the best interests of her constituents, similar to her recently defeated cohort, Madison Cawthorn. Both are both infamous for trying to spur attention with incendiary remarks. We must be ready to legislate permanent conservative change for IL-11 and the rest of the country from day 1 after bringing down the Democratic incumbent in November.” [John Lopez, McHenry County Blog, [6/16/22](#)]

Said she’d love to be on Fox News

Said she’d love to be on Fox News after Mancow seemingly ended the live video. “If Lauf falls short, her campaign could launch her on a different trajectory. ‘At least, Mancow thought so. After the

show, he took to Instagram live and pressed Lauf on whether she's got her sights set on becoming a Fox News pundit. 'How long until you have your own Fox TV show?' he asked. 'Lauf demurred, 'I'm running for Congress.' 'If I was Fox News channel, I would hire you,' Mancow said. 'Lauf stuck to her guns with a promise that all she wants is to be a public servant - that is, until Mancow ended his social media live shot. 'I'd love to be on Fox News,' Lauf said". [Patch.com, [10/22/2019](#)]

Consistently avoided GOP primary debates

Skipped an IL-11 Republican primary forum in Batavia. "Republican candidates seeking to unseat Democratic U.S. Rep. Bill Foster in Illinois' 11th Congressional District will debate the issues facing the nation next week in Batavia. [...] Six Republicans are running for their party's nomination in the June 28 primary and the chance to face Foster, of Naperville, in the Nov. 8 general election: Mark Carroll of North Aurora, Jerry Evans of Warrenville, Susan L. Hathaway-Altman of the Geneva area, Andrea Heeg of the Geneva area, Catalina Lauf of Woodstock, and Cassandra Tanner Miller of Elgin. All but Heeg and Lauf are scheduled to attend, an organizer said." [Daily Herald, [5/3/22](#)]

Said she wanted to run for Congress to serve the people

Claimed to want to run for Congress in order to be a servant of the people. "yeah you know I think it all comes down to what people really want nowadays and what really kind of drove why I wanted to run was just this everyday person the everyday American who is leaving what they're doing leaving their you know their everyday lives to go and actually be a servant of the people we have not had that for decades" [Catalina Lauf, Higher Line Podcast #176 [2:38-2:52], [5/8/22](#)]

Called out for lacking maturity and honesty for staging a misleading publicity stunt outside of Representative Foster's (D-IL 11) district office

Posted on social media claiming Rep. Foster's district office was closed, when in reality it was open and she did not ring the doorbell or knock on the door

Tweeted a video from outside one of Rep. Foster's offices and said, 'America got back to work a long time ago, so should you.' "Hey @RepBillFoster, America got back to work a long time ago, so should you." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/4/22](#)]

Posted a video purporting to show Rep. Foster's Aurora office was closed, when the office was actually open and if anyone came to the district office during business hours, all they had to do was ring the doorbell, or knock on the door. "Monday (April 4) at mid-day, congressional candidate Catalina Lauf (R, Woodstock) released a video on her Instagram page of her, outside Congressman Bill Foster's (D, Naperville) downtown Aurora district office 'showing' Foster's office was locked at a time, presumably during business hours, should be unlocked for any and all to see. [...] From the desk of John Lopez: Lauf is fortunate none of these media types, or their associates picked up on this obvious publicity stunt, because they would have learned the truth as I learned it. They would have called Congressman Foster's office and asked if they were open. Yesterday, when I saw Lauf's Twitter video, I did just that, called the district office at their number displayed on the video, and learned they were open for business. I asked about the locked door and was told if anyone came to the district office during business hours, all they had to do was ring the doorbell, or knock on

the door, and it would have been answered and any constituent needing constituent services would have been admitted.” [McHenry County Blog, [4/5/22](#)]

Got called out for false publicity stunt filming outside Rep. Foster’s open district office

Called out by reporter for being dishonest about her publicity stunt. “From the desk of John Lopez: Lauf is fortunate none of these media types, or their associates picked up on this obvious publicity stunt, because they would have learned the truth as I learned it. [...] But it gets back to the fact Lauf was not forthcoming exactly when and where the video was shot. She omitted it and did an edit when she started walking down a stairwell while talking into her phone. In between her ‘takes’, did Lauf ring the doorbell or knock on the district office door and learn while the door was locked, the office was open? [McHenry County Blog, [4/5/22](#)]

Journalist spoke with former congressional staffer and confirmed it’s quite common for district offices to be locked during business hours safety reasons. “I talked with a former congressional office staffer after my call with Foster’s office, and I’m told while a congressional district office is open for business during business hours it is quite common for the door to be locked, particularly if located in an unsafe area of a city. The former staffer, who happened to be a woman, told me it was due to safety reasons. Now, if Lauf wants to make a pledge that if elected to Congress, her district offices, no matter where they are located, will be unlocked and open for business during business hours, that’s fine. But the fact Foster’s office is open for business, even if having to buzz/knock for entry and Lauf said completely the opposite is yet another instance in my honest opinion of Lauf being challenged with telling the truth, as was discussed in my rankings article published Monday.” [McHenry County Blog, [4/5/22](#)]

Described as lacking honesty and maturity after filming Rep Foster’s open district office claiming it was closed

Had video stunt outside Rep. Foster’s office called a ‘lack of honesty and maturity.’ “Lauf shows lack of honesty and maturity with video bombing at Congressman Bill Foster’s Aurora district office claiming it was ‘closed’ when facts reveal it was open, and all one had to do was knock, or ring the doorbell which Lauf video shows was present for her to use” [McHenry County Blog, [4/5/22](#)]

Called out Rep. Kinzinger for seeking media attention despite staging her own publicity stunts

Claimed that Kinzinger cares more about his next MSNBC appearance than the voters who elected him,’ despite engaging in similar media attention seeking behaviors. “this is Adam Kinzinger a weak kneed establishment republican who cares more about his next MSNBC appearance than the voters who elected him not grounded in our home of Illinois he looks for fame instead of remembering who he works for and the voters who elected him” [Catalina Lauf, Campaign Ad [0:23-0:40], [11/7/21](#)]

Claimed that Kinzinger was more interested in media appearances than doing his job and serving his constituents. “He’s doing a terrible job in congress which he is he absolutely is and he is exactly the reason why we need everyday Americans to take over and bring our country back where it belongs he is a career politician this guy has not been in the district for uh the entire time that he’s been in congress he loves the msnbc cnn bashing president trump that gives him some sort of you

know boost in ego rather than doing his job and serving his constituents” [Catalina Lauf, The Right View with Lara Trump [8:13-8:43], [9/23/21](#)]

Associated with known MAGA publicity seeker Madison Cawthorn

Lauf attended a Save America Tour event in Georgia alongside Madison Cawthorn

Lauf tweeted a photo of her with several GOP candidates from the event. “Fun skeet shooting with the crew @alekskarlatos @realannapaulina @CawthornforNC! This IL girl can’t compete with two vets and a North Carolinian marksman...Thank you Meadows Gun Club for having us. Join us on the rest of the @cfgAction tour through GA <https://eventbrite.com/org/31898840707?ref=eofbli>” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [12/14/20](#)]

Called out for likeliness to join DC swamp culture

Seen as most likely to become part of DC swamp culture

Called out for being most-likely to become a member of the DC swamp. “Living life among the very constituents you want to serve is the safest guard a member of Congress will not become a part of the ‘uniparty’ or ‘swamp’ many believe all politicians inside-the-beltway are living. Lauf, without the appreciation and hard work it takes to build a successful business, one that employs people from your district or state, let alone owning any property in her own name, will make Lauf most-likely to become a member of the DC swamp, should she win election. Given Lauf’s age of 29, draining the swamp does not mean replacing it with swamp water of a younger vintage, so going into the final month of campaigning among Republican primary [sic] voters in the 11th Congressional District, it is more imperative to apply discernment with the resources available to nominate the best Republican candidate to face Congressman Foster in the fall to hopefully flip the seat.” [Illinois Family Action, John Lopez, [5/28/22](#)]

Wrote several pro-conservative pieces for the Miami Student newspaper, using slurs against little people and calling Pres. Obama a failure

See full articles [here](#).

Called university’s invitation to Jerry Springer to speak political discrimination and used slur to describe his shows viewers and participants

Claimed university’s invitation to Jerry Springer to speak was political discrimination

Wrote that social programs are unwanted and claimed the university’s invitation to Springer to speak was political discrimination. “Just like our tax money being poorly distributed into unwanted social programs and ‘reforms’ that the overall American people disagree with in the ‘real’ world, our

tuition money was used to finance this political discrimination that plagued and demonized the seats of Hall Auditorium.” [The Miami Student, Published [9/27/2012](#)]

Called guests on Jerry Springer’s show “America’s trash” and “midget strippers”

Made disparaging comments about former Cincinnati mayor Jerry Springer and called the guests on his show ‘trash’ and used slur for little people. “I have faith that those that attended the Springer let down, are competent enough to see through the manipulation and disgraceful demagoguery coming from the mouth of a man who has made his living off of giving paternity tests to America's trash and referees fights between midget strippers on national television.” [The Miami Student, Published [9/27/2012](#)]

Said Pres. Obama failed our generation and country in the same article

Claimed Pres. Obama failed our country. “President Obama has failed our generation and our country.” [The Miami Student, Published [9/27/2012](#)]

Used sexist rhetoric comparing Obama’s spending to a college girl with a maxed out credit card

Complained about Obama’s spending comparing it to a college girl with a maxed out credit card

Compared Obama’s spending to a college girl with a maxed out credit card. “The reality is, we are not. This continued occurrence of Obama's spending habits like that of a college girl with a maxed out credit card, has left the United States with a staggering \$16 trillion deficit, with an unemployment rate of 8.2 percent and 46 million Americans on food stamps - all at the expense of taxpayer money.” [The Miami Student, Published [9/5/2012](#)]

Said college-aged Obama supporters fell for his ‘hope and change’ gimmick

Stated that supporters of President Obama were simply falling for a “gimmick.” “President Obama's play on words may have worked for the 68 percent amount of college-aged students who bought the ‘Hope and Change’ gimmick.” [The Miami Student, Published [9/5/2012](#)]

Praised Mitt Romney for ‘sterling career’ in the private sector creating jobs, failing to recognize the small businesses he helped shutter

Called Mitt Romney’s private sector career ‘sterling’

Said Romney’s caliber as an executive is unprecedented. “Mitt Romney had a sterling career in the private sector. In 2002, he volunteered to save the Salt Lake City Olympics from crisis. As governor of Massachusetts, he balanced the budget, lowered unemployment, improved education and provided healthcare - all without raising taxes. Romney's caliber as an executive is unprecedented. As our generation continues to be plagued with unemployment double the national rate, we need to run toward a candidate with proven results. That candidate is Mitt Romney.” [The Miami Student, Published [9/19/2012](#)]

Credited Romney with job creation without acknowledging the small mom-and-pop shops he helped force out of business

Claimed Romney helped employment and vaguely referred to the overall economy. “On the contrary, his opponent Mitt Romney, created stores such as Staples and Sports Authority helping employment and the overall economy during his time at Bain Capital.” [The Miami Student, Published [9/5/2012](#)]

Helped Staples grow at the cost of mom-and-pop stores, putting them out of business.

“Assessing claims about job creation is hard. Staples grew hugely, but the gains were offset, at least partially, by losses elsewhere: smaller, mom-and-pop stationery stores and suppliers were being squeezed, and some went out of business entirely. Ultimately, Romney would approvingly call Staples “a classic ‘category killer,’ like Toys R Us.” Staples steamrolled the competition, undercutting prices and selling in large quantities.” [Vanity Fair, Published [1/4/2012](#)]

Romney brought business venture to South Carolina only to close four years later, laying off 150 workers and seeing millions in profits after moving operations overseas

Romney came to town with the promise of highly anticipated manufacturing jobs for skilled workers

Romney and Bain Capital came to town with the promise of skilled jobs for locals. “More than two decades ago, Mitt Romney’s business venture came to town with a bounty of highly anticipated manufacturing jobs. The new plant, just past the gas station off Interstate 85, needed skilled workers to churn out thousands of photo albums.” [The San Diego Union, Published [12/19/2011](#)]

Four years later, Romney left, laying off 150 workers and sending jobs overseas while reaping millions in profits for his company Bain Capital LLC

Romney’s Bain Capital controlled the company which shuttered and left 150 workers jobless, while moving operations overseas. “Four years later, the Holson Burnes Group Inc. - the company controlled by Romney’s Bain Capital LLC - closed the factory and laid off about 150 workers. Some jobs were sent north, where months later many of those were also eliminated. Other operations went overseas. But Bain walked away with millions in profits.” [The San Diego Union, Published [12/19/2011](#)]

Associated Press review found that Romney’s Bain Capital wrung profits out of the company by slashing costs and trimming the workforce

AP contrasts Romney’s job creation claims with review that shows Bain Capital slashing costs and trimming workforce in the name of profit. “A review by The Associated Press of financial and regulatory documents in the case of Holson Burnes contrasts with statements Romney has made during his presidential campaign about his success creating jobs in the private sector. It shows how Bain, then headed by Romney, wrung profits out of the company by slashing costs and trimming its work force.” [The San Diego Union, Published [12/19/2011](#)]

Lacks significant employment record and experience which aligns with MAGA movement's propensity to promote unqualified individuals

According to her LinkedIn profile, AlumniUS and HolaConnect, Catalina Lauf has disclosed the following work experience.

- Congressional campaign (May 2012 August 2012)
- Ohio Victory (September 2012 - November 2012)
- Levick (June 2013 - August 2013)
- Hill + Knowlton Strategies (January 2014 - March 2014; On Instagram, said "first day of big girl job!")
- The Firm Consulting LLC (June 2014 - February 2015)
- Worked as a consultant at Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (May 2015; Daily Herald)
- Morningstar (May 2015 - Unknown)
- Uber Chicago (October 2016 - October 2017) .
- Rauner for Governor (2018 - November 2018)
- U.S. Department of Commerce (December 2018 - July 2019)
- Director, Heartland Global Resources (August 2019 - Present)

Cited lack of experience as main reason she's not ready for Congress

Called out by McHenry County Blog's John Lopez for lack life experience and cited it as the most significant reason she's not yet ready to serve in the US congress. "Just like the true story about not recognizing her opponent Carroll at Lemont Township on May 17, Lauf's lack of living life among Illinoisans is simply more life experiences she has yet to live, and continues to be the most significant reason she's not yet ready to serve in the United States Congress." [Illinois Family Action, John Lopez, [5/28/22](#)]

Claimed to have five years of private sector experience before going to the White House but only known employment is 1 year at Uber

Claimed that she worked in the private sector for 5 years before going to the Trump White House, but the only private sector employer known is her 2016-2017 employment by Uber of Chicago. "Lauf's interview with Freedom Illinois' Chrissi Bretz on April 12, was not her best interview. Lauf continued showing she cannot tell the truth when she told Bretz she worked 5 years in the private sector before going to the Trump White House. The truth, after graduating from Miami of Ohio at the end of 2013, she worked for 4 years in the private sector, but the only private sector employer known is her 2016-2017 employment by Uber of Chicago. Her 5th year post-college was her 10-month employment as a field director for then-Governor Bruce Rauner's reelection campaign at the beginning of 2018 and lasting through mid-November." [McHenry County Blog, [4/16/22](#)]

Overstated her position at Uber, which in reality was an entry level marketing position

Started working for Uber and described her job at Uber as a marketing "hybrid." "After college, Lauf said she worked at a few small public relations firms before getting hired to work in community engagement at Uber in Chicago in 2016. [...] During an interview, Lauf declined to offer

specifics about her job duties. For instance, Lauf described her job at Uber as a marketing 'hybrid' centered on how the 'political landscape and how community engagement played into how (Uber) was viewed in the community.'" [Patch, [10/22/19](#)]

Left Uber in 2017. "Lauf left Uber in October 2017, according to her LinkedIn profile. 'Ultimately, I felt this call to public service. Trump had a big impact on me for wanting to fight for conservative values,' she said. 'His election showed that the country really needed people who are going to fight for everyday Americans. His campaign spoke to me.'" [Patch, [10/22/19](#)]

Found her job description was of an overstatement, her spokesperson claimed she worked with drivers, organizations and companies. "That might have been a bit of an overstatement. Later, Lauf's campaign manager Alex Meyer sent a revised version of duties at Uber saying Lauf worked with the 'community of drivers as well as organizations and companies and represented Uber at public events.'" [Patch, [10/22/19](#)]

Worked at the Firm Consulting in Wisconsin for less than a year

From June 2014 to February 2015, Catalina Lauf worked at the Firm Consulting in Wisconsin . According to her profile on AlumniUS.net, Catalina Lauf worked at the Firm Consulting, LLC from June 2014 - February 2015.

Catalina Lauf

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Chicago, Illinois

Product Consultant at Morningstar

Financial Services

Education

Miami University 2011 — 2013

Communications, Political Science

Global Learning

Experience

Morningstar May 2015 - Present

The Firm Consulting, LLC June 2014 - February 2015

Hill+Knowlton Strategies January 2014 - March 2014

LEVICK June 2013 - August 2013

Ohio Victory September 2012 - November 2012

The Firm Consulting is a government affairs agency offering legislative policy consulting and public relations expertise. According to their 2015 website, while they are primarily a lobbying entity, they believe that no government affairs strategy is complete without an effective communications plan. "According to The Firm's website from Dec. 22, 2014, as accessed through Archive.org, 'The Firm Consulting is a government affairs agency offering legislative policy consulting and public relations expertise. We have become one of the most unique consulting entities in Wisconsin, representing a diverse group of clients ranging from small non-profits and market disruptors, to Fortune 500 companies in the healthcare, technology, transportation and real estate

industries. We provide our clients with the resources and connections they need to succeed at municipal, state and federal levels. While we are primarily a lobbying entity, we believe that no government affairs strategy is complete without an effective communications plan. Creating a positive media presence is the first step to succeeding within the political and legislative landscape. From social and traditional media to legislative communications, we craft highly successful, tailored strategies designed to meet the unique image branding needs of our clients." [The Firm Consulting website, as accessed through Archive.org, Dec. 22, 2014]

On her profile from the Firm Consulting's website, Catalina Lauf served as communications director at The Firm, where she aided top clients with their strategic communication, marketing and media relations. "According to the Firm Consulting's Jan. 22, 2015, website, as accessed through archive.org, "Catalina Lauf serves as communications director at The Firm where she aids top clients with their strategic communication, marketing and media relations. Prior to joining The Firm Lauf worked in the agency setting in Washington, DC and Chicago where she helped craft and execute communication strategy for public affairs, financial and healthcare clients. With a background in political communication, Lauf has worked on various political campaigns aiding in fundraising and grassroots initiatives for Republican leadership in Ohio and Illinois including; Speaker of the House John Boehner, Governor John Kasich, Rep. Joe Walsh (R-IL) and many others. Additionally, Lauf directed Southwest Ohio field operations for the 2012 election." [Our Team, The Firm Consulting website, as accessed through archive.org, Jan. 22, 2015]

Worked for a Democratic group that supported public education while at the Firm Consulting

While Catalina Lauf was at the Firm Consulting, the business listed one of its clients as Democrats for Education Reform, a group that supported public education. "In a Dec. 3, 2014, article, the Associated Press reported, "The former second-in command at Wisconsin's job-creation agency has taken a job with a Milwaukee based firm that lobbies for AT&T, Union Pacific Railroad and the Milwaukee Police Association. The Firm Consulting announced Wednesday that Ryan Murray joined the company as a partner this week. Murray resigned last month as deputy secretary and chief operating officer at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. He previously served as Gov. Scott Walker's deputy chief of staff and worked for Republicans in the state Senate. The Firm Consulting's president Buddy Julius says Murray is a strategic addition to the company. Other clients of the company include the Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighters Association, Cessna Aircraft Co. and Democrats for Education Reform, a group that supports public education." [The Daily Reporter, [12/3/2014](#)]

In 2015, Democrats for Education Reform 2015 said, "Democrats for Education Reform aims to return the Democratic Party to its rightful place as a champion of children, first and foremost, in America's public education systems. According to the Feb. 14, 2015, Democrats for Education Reform website, as accessed through Archive.org, "A first-rate system of public education is the cornerstone of a prosperous, free and just society, yet millions of American children today – particularly low-income and children of color - are trapped in persistently failing schools that are part of deeply dysfunctional school systems. These systems, once viewed romantically as avenues of opportunity for all, have become captive to powerful, entrenched interests that too often put the demands of adults before the educational needs of children. This perverse hierarchy of priorities is political, and thus requires a political response. Both political parties have failed to address the tragic decline of our system of public education, but it is the Democratic Party - our party – which must question how we allowed ourselves to drift so far from our mission. Fighting on behalf of our nation's most vulnerable individuals is what our party is supposed to stand for. Democrats for Education

Reform aims to return the Democratic Party to its rightful place as a champion of children, first and foremost, in America's public education systems." [Statement of Principles, Democrats for Education Reform website, as accessed through Archive.org, Feb. 14, 2015]

Democrats for Education Reform in 2015: "We support leaders in our party who have the courage to challenge a failing status quo and who believe that the severity of our nation's educational crisis demands that we tackle this problem using every possible tool at our disposal. According to the Feb. 14, 2015, Democrats for Education Reform website, as accessed through Archive.org, "We support leaders in our party who have the courage to challenge a failing status quo and who believe that the severity of our nation's educational crisis demands that we tackle this problem using every possible tool at our disposal. We believe that reforming broken public school systems cannot be accomplished by tinkering at the margins, but rather through bold and revolutionary leadership. This requires opening up the traditional top-down monopoly of most school systems and empowering all parents to access great schools for their children. We know that decisive action today will benefit our children, our party and ultimately our nation." [Statement of Principles, Democrats for Education Reform website, as accessed through Archive.org, Feb. 14, 2015]

According to the Daily Herald, Lauf worked as a consultant at Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee in May 2015 who listed Planned Parenthood as a member

Reported that she worked as a consultant for the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee. , "Catalina Lauf is a determined young woman who, under the guidance of her Guatemala-born mother, drove herself to graduate from high school at age 16 and to get her bachelors degree in political science and media/communications by the time she was 20. Now 21, she works as a consultant at Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee and is raising money to build a school in Guatemala under the Pencils of Promise organization." [Daily Herald, Published 5/3/2015]

In June 2015, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin was listed as a member of Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee. According to the June 26, 2015, membership page on the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee website, as accessed through Archive.org, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin was listed as a member of the organization. [Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee website, as accessed through Archive.org, June 26, 2015]

Worked as a staffer on Rauner re-election campaign

Paid \$35,259.16 as a Rauner staffer, which is not what top-level campaign staff are paid

13 Total Records								
Received By	Amount	Expended By Date	Report Received Date	Expended By	Purpose/Beneficiary	Candidate Name	Office	Supporting/Opposing
Lauf, Catalina 425 S Shannon Dr Apt 10G Woodstock, IL 60098-9423	\$315.00	12/21/2018	1/15/2019	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Travel: Mileage Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 425 S Shannon Dr Apt 10G Woodstock, IL 60098-9423	\$1,986.86	11/16/2018	1/15/2019	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 425 S Shannon Dr Apt 10G Woodstock, IL 60098-9423	\$151.90	11/2/2018	1/15/2019	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Travel: Mileage Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 425 S Shannon Dr Apt 10G Woodstock, IL 60098-9423	\$3,570.37	10/31/2018	1/15/2019	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 425 S Shannon Dr Apt 10G Woodstock, IL 60098-9423	\$3,570.37	10/1/2018	1/15/2019	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$3,570.37	8/31/2018	12/7/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$3,570.37	8/1/2018	12/7/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt. 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$3,570.37	6/29/2018	7/16/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt. 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$3,570.37	6/1/2018	7/16/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt. 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$3,570.37	5/1/2018	7/16/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt. 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$3,319.03	3/30/2018	4/16/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt. 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$3,319.04	3/1/2018	4/16/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			
Lauf, Catalina 1339 N Dearborn St Apt. 10G Chicago, IL 60610-6021	\$1,174.74	2/1/2018	4/16/2018	Expenditure Citizens for Rauner, Inc	Salary Citizens for Rauner, Inc.			

[Illinois State Board of Elections, [11/16/2018](#)]

Characterized as not having a clue about what she was doing while working on Rauner's reelection campaign according to Rauner officials

Allegedly didn't have a clue about what she was doing while working for Rauner's reelection campaign. "Catalina Lauf, the 27-year-old Trump supporting social media darling who lost a primary race for Congress in 2020, says she's challenging Trump critic Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-Channahon) next year. But Lauf continues to leave a job for former Governor Bruce Rauner's re-election campaign off her publicly available resumes. Former Rauner officials tell us Lauf was hired

as a Field Director on the 2018 campaign, but was moved around to multiple departments within the campaign because she “didn’t have a clue.”... Her online resume only lists a job as a “Director” of a “Political Organization” in 2018, presumably the Rauner campaign. Some Republicans we spoke to have speculated that Lauf is purposely trying to distance herself from Rauner because of his poor performance in 2018. Others say its because she doesn’t want Republican primary voters to know she signed on to Rauner’s effort after he signed HB40, a controversial bill involving more funding for abortions.” [Patrick Pfingsten, The Illinoize, [2/26/21](#)]

Joined the Rauner campaign in what she called a “senior level” position as a “Field Director statewide,” but was paid less than top-level campaign workers. “In 2018, she joined former Gov. Bruce Rauner's failed re-election bid and accepted the presidential appointment in the commerce department. Lauf says those few years in a mix of private sector and public service experience prepared her for public office. [...] In 2018, while living Chicago's Old Town neighborhood, Lauf joined the Rauner campaign in what she called a ‘senior level’ position as a ‘field director statewide.’ Between February and November 2018, Rauner's campaign paid Lauf almost \$35,000 at a monthly rate significantly less than top-level campaign workers, state campaign finance records show.” [Patch, [10/22/19](#)]

Received Presidential Appointment to Commerce Department which was seen as a political favor given out to underqualified people

Worked as Director of Minority Business Development

Received a Commerce Department appointment, working as a Director of Minority Business Development. “In December, Lauf received the commerce department appointment, working as a director of minority business development. Lauf said she applied for the appointment and ‘worked hard for it,’ networking with the ‘right people, putting my name out there and having, obviously, the right experience for it.” [Patch, 10/22/19]

Appointment required no senate confirmation or specific qualifications and was often passed out as a favor

Revealed that this kind of Presidential Appointment requires neither senate confirmation nor any specific qualifications, and was often passed out as political favors. “The type of presidential appointment Lauf received requires neither Senate confirmation nor any specific qualifications, and is often passed out as political favors. Every four years those type of ‘policy and supporting positions’ are printed in the ‘Plum Book,’ a nod to the publication's purple cover and ‘also because some of these political jobs are plum jobs,’ said John Palguta, vice president of policy at the Partnership for Public Service.” [Patch, [10/22/19](#)]

Described her position as a catch-all but was not listed on any federal databases and a FOIA request for initiatives she was involved in turned up no responsive records

Called her appointment a “Catch-All Position” advising on different initiatives. “Lauf called her appointment a ‘catch-all position’ advising on different initiatives including Opportunity Zone tax breaks to promote the administration's work with business owners, chambers of commerce and other organizations.” [Patch, [10/22/19](#)]

Was not listed in a database of federal government employees who received a salary in 2018 and did not list it on her PFD. “Most presidential appointees are either unpaid or receive a daily stipend. Lauf wasn’t listed in a database of federal government employees who received a salary in 2018. She initially didn’t list the Trump-appointed position as a paid position on a candidate financial disclosure statement filed with the Federal Elections Commission in September.” [Patch, [10/22/19](#)]

Brennan Center report found Trump administration often appointed underqualified officials like Lauf

Brennan Center: “Trump Administration Abuses,” including the appointment of underqualified officials, thwarted “US Pandemic Response” “The Trump administration’s response to the coronavirus pandemic has exposed a crisis in government leadership, marked by numerous vacancies and the elevation of people lacking relevant experience to positions of power. A [wide range of key positions](#) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Food and Drug Administration, the [Occupational Health and Safety Administration](#), and other agencies tasked with planning or implementing the federal government’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic have been either vacant or held by acting officials who lack the necessary authority and, in many cases, the relevant experience that Senate-confirmed leaders in these same roles have typically had.” [Brennan Center for Justice, [8/6/20](#)]

Assembled dysfunctional campaign, hiring controversial figures and spending more than she’s raising

Hired Thomas Datwyler as Campaign Treasurer despite his entanglement in an FBI investigation, association with Dark Money, and several FEC complaints filed against him

Current Treasurer for PAC is connected to multiple PACS, with one being under investigation by the FBI and has been subject of multiple FEC complaints

Datwyler served as Treasurer for 1820 PAC which was investigated by the FBI following allegations that it was involved in an illegal finance scheme involving a defense contractor

Datwyler served as Treasurer for 1820 PAC, which backed Sen. Susan Collins 2020 reelection and was later investigated for an alleged illegal finance scheme involving a defense contractor. “Datwyler is also listed as the treasurer for a group that is reportedly under investigation from the FBI. [Axios](#) reported in May that the bureau is investigating 1820 PAC, a group that backed U.S. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) in her 2020 re-election campaign, for an alleged illegal finance scheme involving a defense contractor. (Axios reported there was no indication Collins knew about the alleged scheme).” [VPM.org, [11/10/2021](#)]

Datwyler was reprimanded by a Minnesotan Judge for violating state ban on corporate contributions

Datwyler violated Minnesota's ban on corporate contribution and was reprimanded by judges. "In 2012, Datwyler was 'reprimanded' by administrative judges in Minnesota for violating that state's ban on corporate contributions, according to the [Star Tribune](#)." [VPM.org, [11/10/2021](#)]

Datwyler named treasurer for a number of other ultraconservative candidates and groups registered with the FEC

Hired Datwyler who also serves as treasurer for a number of ultraconservative candidates and PACs registered with the FEC. "Datwyler is also named as treasurer for a number of other political groups registered with the Federal Election Commission. The "[Right Women PAC](#)," for example, spent over \$675,000 promoting Republican House candidates and attacking Democratic opponents during last year's Congressional races. Datwyler's consultancy, 9Seven Consulting, [reported](#) over \$1 million in business during the 2020 campaign cycle on the federal level. In Virginia, the consultancy did [compliance](#) work as recently as October for Del. John McGuire (R-Goochland). [VPM.org, [11/10/2021](#)]

Datwyler has worked for Rep. Jim Jordan, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green, Sen. Susan Collins

Datwyler worked for Rep. Jordan, Rep. Taylor Green and Sen. Collins, all controversial Republican figures. "The group's treasurer, Thomas Datwyler, also holds that role for a handful of political action committees that have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars supporting GOP politicians ranging from Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) to Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green (R-GA). Another PAC connected to Datwyler is reportedly under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation." [VPM.org, [11/10/2021](#)]

Datwyler was subpoenaed due to his involvement in an Ohio statehouse bribery operation that resulted in \$1.3 billion in nuclear bailouts

Datwyler had correspondence subpoenaed by FirstEnergy executive after allegedly helping funnel money into political machine that engineered a \$1.3 billion nuclear bailout in OH statehouse

Datwyler was subpoenaed by First Energy Executive Mike Dowling for his alleged involvement in filtering money into a political machine that engineered legislative bailouts worth an estimated \$1.3 billion. "A former FirstEnergy executive, defending himself in a shareholders' lawsuit stemming from his alleged role in the company's statehouse bribery operation, has subpoenaed correspondence with two political operatives with close ties to U.S. Senate candidate Josh Mandel. Attorneys for Mike Dowling, former senior vice president of external affairs for the utility company, subpoenaed records from two political nonprofits that played key roles in funneling FirstEnergy's money into a political machine allegedly operated by the former Speaker of the Ohio House. That machine engineered legislative passage in 2019 of nuclear bailouts and other favorable provisions worth an estimated \$1.3 billion to FirstEnergy." [OhioCapitalJournal.com, [12/13/2021](#)]

Datwyler's communications as a board member of Liberty Ohio were requested. "Dowling is seeking communications from those groups — 'Partners for Progress' and 'Generation Now' — with a fellow nonprofit called 'Liberty Ohio Inc.' Dowling also requested the two nonprofits' correspondence with two Liberty Ohio board members: secretary Scott Guthrie and treasurer Thomas Datwyler." [OhioCapitalJournal.com, [12/13/2021](#)]

Datwyler also serves as treasurer for US Senate candidate Josh Mandel's campaign committee. "Both men have close ties to the campaign of Mandel, who's running in the GOP primary to replace U.S. Sen. Rob Portman in 2022. Campaign finance records list Datwyler as Mandel's treasurer." [OhioCapitalJournal.com, [12/13/2021](#)]

TWO-YEAR PERIOD
2021-2022 ▼

Committee information

Committee name: CITIZENS FOR JOSH MANDEL, INC.

Mailing address: PO BOX 22958
BEACHWOOD, OH 44122

Treasurer: DATWYLER, THOMAS

Committee type: Senate

Committee designation: Principal campaign committee

Statement of organization:  [Current version \(PDF\)](#)
FEC-1536474
Filed 08/27/2021

Authorizing candidate: **MANDEL, JOSHUA A.**
Senate candidate | Ohio |
Republican Party

[FEC.gov, [8/27/2021](#)]

Datwyler is a board member of Liberty Ohio which shares donors from within the same web of dark money nonprofits and has little to no public profile

Liberty Ohio shares dark money donors with Generation Now, which plead guilty to racketeering charges. "Liberty Ohio has other, indirect connections to the FirstEnergy scandal: it and Generation Now, which pleaded guilty to a racketeering charge, share donors from within the same web of nonprofits often described as "dark money," given they aren't legally required to disclose the source of their funding." [OhioCapitalJournal.com, [12/13/2021](#)]

Very little information is available on Liberty Ohio despite having more than \$1 million in the bank. "Liberty Ohio, like many political 501(c)(4)s, has little to no public profile. Its tax records list it under the Washington D.C. address of an office building. Tax records from other entities who have donated to Liberty Ohio list a Bexley address. Franklin County records show the residence is owned by the family of Lord, the organization's president. As of 2019, Liberty Ohio has more than \$1 million in the bank. Its stated mission on tax forms: "To educate the public on policy issues." No public-facing website for the group could be located. In March 2020, the Cincinnati Enquirer reported that a "Liberty Ohio Inc." owned a website at the time calling Candice Keller, a state representative running for the state Senate, "crazy." Other records from the Federal Communications Commission show Liberty

Ohio purchasing ads criticizing Keller before she lost in her Senate Republican primary to current Sen. George Lang. Liberty Ohio's 2020 tax records are not yet publicly available. Guthrie did not respond to a request for them left via voicemail. Several donors to Liberty Ohio, including representatives of 55 Green Meadows, Partners for Progress and Empowering Ohio's Economy, did not respond to calls and voicemails." [OhioCapitalJournal.com, [12/13/2021](#)]

Called out for creating pop-up PACs that help candidates avoid revealing their donors until after the election is over

Datwyler is known for creating 'pop-up PACs' that allow groups to avoid disclosing their donors to the public until after the election. "It's possible that the prospect of that review was too much to undertake at the time, but that would not explain why the campaign appears to have failed even to reply. Datwyler was singled out in a report about so-called "pop-up PACs," fundraising groups created in the weeks before an election, allowing them to avoid disclosing their donors to the public until the election is over." [The Daily Beast, 3/3/2021]

Had multiple FEC complaints filed against him for failing to disclose prohibited contributions, knowingly accepting them,

"MURs 7830 and 7913

COMPLAINANTS: Tiffany Muller, End Citizens United; and Campaign Legal Center and Sophia Gonsalves Brown

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Hagedorn and Thomas Datwyler in his official capacity as Treasurer (the Committee); Jim Hagedorn; Minnesota Office Investments, Inc.; and Mankato Place 1, LLC

SUBJECT: The complaints alleged that Minnesota Office Investments, Inc. and Mankato Place 1, LLC made, and Hagedorn and the Committee accepted and failed to disclose, prohibited in-kind corporate contributions in the form of rent-free office space. Hagedorn was a candidate for reelection in Minnesota's 1st Congressional District.

DISPOSITION: The Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and dismissed the matter. The Commission observed the low dollar amount at issue." [FEC.gov, [6/6/2022](#)]

"MUR 6850

COMPLAINANT: Maryann Martindale, Alliance for a Better Utah

RESPONDENTS: Jeremy Johnson; John E. Swallow; Arvin Lee Black; Atia Black; Matthew Black; and Friends of Mike Lee and Thomas Datwyler, in his official capacity as treasurer (the Committee)

SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that Johnson, at the request and direction of former Utah Attorney General Swallow, contributed \$50,000 in the names of others to Lee's 2010 primary election campaign for Utah's United States Senate seat. The complaint further alleged that Arvin Lee Black, Atia Black, and Matthew Black, reportedly associates of Johnson, allowed their names to be used for Johnson's contributions.

DISPOSITION: On April 17, 2015, the Commission found probable cause to believe that Johnson made excessive and prohibited contributions in the name of another. The Commission was unable to settle the matter through conciliation and filed a civil suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, Central Division. On August 19, 2020, the District Court entered a Consent Judgment, finding that Johnson knowingly and willfully violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act). The Consent Judgment noted that due to Johnson's limited ability to earn a living and the fact that he owed millions of dollars to the federal government in connection with other actions, the Commission agreed to forego any civil monetary penalty against Johnson. On June 18, 2015, the

Commission dismissed the allegations against Matthew Black, Atia Black, and the Committee. On July 9, 2015, the Commission entered into a conciliation agreement providing that Arvin Lee Black pay no civil penalty due to his lack of sufficient assets. On October 27, 2015, the Commission found probable cause that Swallow knowingly and willfully made contributions in the name of another. The Commission was unable to settle the matter through conciliation and filed a civil suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, Central Division. This litigation resulted in a Partial Final Judgment granting Swallow's motion to dismiss the litigation and denying the Commission's cross motion for judgment on the pleadings. On March 8, 2022, the Commission voted to close the file in this enforcement matter." [FEC.gov, [4/11/2022](#)]

"MUR 7646

COMPLAINANT: Maine Democratic Party

RESPONDENTS: 1820 PAC and Thomas Datwyler, in his official capacity as treasurer (1820 PAC); Collins for Senator and Elizabeth McCandless, in her official capacity as treasurer; and Susan Collins
SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that 1820 PAC, an independent expenditure-only committee, made a prohibited in-kind contribution to the Committee by republishing the Committee's footage of Collins, a 2018 candidate for Maine's United States Senate seat. The complaint further alleged that Collins and the Committee may have coordinated with respect to the ad and thus knowingly accepted a prohibited in-kind contribution.

DISPOSITION: The Commission closed the file. Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub issued a Statement of Reasons." [FEC.gov, [3/24/2022](#)]

"MUR 7627

COMPLAINANT: John Fogle

RESPONDENTS: NRCC and Keith A. Davis, in his official capacity as treasurer (NRCC); Balderson for Congress and Matthew J. Yuskewich, in his official capacity as treasurer (Balderson Committee); Troy Balderson; Rodney for Congress and Thomas Datwyler, in his official capacity as treasurer; Rodney Davis; Friends of Hagedorn and Thomas Datwyler, in his official capacity as treasurer; James Hagedorn; Claudia Tenney for Congress and Cabell Hobbs, in his official capacity as treasurer; and Claudia Tenney

SUBJECT: Prior to the 2018 elections, the NRCC and the candidate committees named in the complaint aired television ads that clearly identified one or more of the candidates and opposed the stances of "Washington liberals," "liberals in DC," or "liberal elites." The complaint alleged that the NRCC improperly allocated the costs of these ads in a 50/50 percentage with the candidate committees because the NRCC did not receive a party-wide benefit, resulting in the NRCC making and the candidate committees accepting excessive contributions.

DISPOSITION: The Commission closed the file. Vice Chair Dickerson and Commissioners Cooksey and Trainor issued a Statement of Reasons." [FEC.gov, [11/8/2021](#)]

"MUR 7383

COMPLAINANT: Michael Marquardt

RESPONDENTS: Dave Hughes; and Hughes for Congress and Thomas Datwyler, in his official capacity as treasurer (the Committee)

SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that the Committee misreported disbursements and cash-on-hand, failed to accurately report a \$40,000 commercial loan, and used campaign funds for Hughes' personal expenses. Hughes was a 2018 candidate for Minnesota's 7th Congressional District.

DISPOSITION: The Commission closed the file. Vice Chair Dickerson and Commissioners Cooksey and Trainor and Commissioner Weintraub issued Statements of Reasons." [FEC.gov, [9/20/2021](#)]

"MUR 7671

COMPLAINANT: Christopher Marston

RESPONDENTS: Big Tent Republicans PAC and Kerstin Schulz, in her official capacity as treasurer (the PAC); Lacy Johnson for Congress and Thomas Charles Datwyler, in his official capacity as treasurer (the Committee); and Anton Lazarro

SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that (1) a transfer of \$6,049.73 from the Committee to the PAC may have constituted an excessive contribution, (2) the PAC and the Committee may have been coordinating their activities as Lazarro, the president of Big Tent Republicans, also identified as Johnson's volunteer campaign manager, and (3) the PAC may have violated the Act by improperly amending its Form to identify as a nonconnected committee.

DISPOSITION: The Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and dismissed the matter in consideration of Commission priorities." [FEC.gov, [5/3/2021](#)]

Lost in her 2020 campaign for Congress and started a federal political action committee called Defense of Freedom, to help Trump and small nonprofits

Started a Federal PAC called Defense of Freedom to help Trump and small nonprofits.

"Catalina Lauf, 27, billed herself as the antithesis to liberal Democrats such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as she pursued the 14th Congressional District GOP nomination. Political newcomer Catalina Lauf lost her bid for a west suburban congressional seat in the March primary, but it led to the Woodstock millennial winning a primetime spot at the Republican National Convention. Since her primary loss earlier this year, Lauf has returned to work at her family's businesses, helping make utility vests and will soon launch a prebiotic for infants through her sister's company, Begin Health. She's also staying active politically. Lauf said 'everything is sort of informal' when it comes to her work with the Trump campaign. Lauf said she's has also started a federal political action committee called Defense of Freedom, to help Trump and small nonprofits." [Chicago Sun Times, Published [8/25/2020](#)]

In the 2020 election cycle, Defense of Freedom PAC raised more than \$110,000. According to the Federal Election Commission, in 2020, Defense of Freedom PAC reported raising a total of \$110,461.89. [FEC]

Defense of Freedom PAC paid more than \$48,000, or more than 40 percent of the \$110,000 it raised in the 2020 election cycle, to Base Engager for online fundraising commission.

According to the Federal Election Commission, Defense of Freedom PAC reported the following disbursements in the 2020 election cycle.

Recipient	Date	Purpose	Amount
Base Engager, LLC	11/23/2020	Online fundraising commission	\$42,159.53
Base Engager, LLC	12/31/2020	Online fundraising commission	\$6,607.07
Base Engager, LLC	12/16/2020	Online fundraising commission	\$136.00
Base Engager, LLC	10/14/2020	Online fundraising commission	\$25.00

In 2020, Defense of Freedom PAC paid Catalina Lauf \$3,000 for "fundraising services," the PAC's fourth largest disbursement in the 2020 election cycle According to the Federal Election Commission, in 2020, Defense of Freedom PAC made the following disbursements

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Base Engager LLC	11/23/2020	Online Fundraising Commission	\$42,159.53
Base Engager LLC	12/31/2020	Online Fundraising Commission	\$6,607.07
WinRed Technical Services	11/23/2020	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$3,862.04
Lauf, Catalina	11/20/2020	Fundraising Services	\$3,000.00

Defense of Freedom PAC made \$18,500 in total contributions in 2020, or less than 17 percent of its total receipts. Defense of Freedom PAC paid Catalina Lauf personally more money than that it paid to any single candidate or charity. According to the Federal Election Commission, Defense of Freedom PAC reported the following disbursements in the 2020 election cycle.

Recipient	Date	Amount
Perdue for Senate	12/30/2020	\$2,500
Georgians for Kelly Loeffler	12/30/2020	\$2,500
Mike Garcia for Congress	11/01/2020	\$1,000
Dan Crenshaw for Congress	11/01/2020	\$1,000
Burgess 4 Utah	11/01/2020	\$1,000
Alek for Oregon	11/01/2020	\$1,000
John James for Senate	10/30/2020	\$1,000
Cawthorn for NC	10/30/2020	\$500
Tamika Hamilton for Congress	10/28/2020	\$500
Lauren Boebert for Congress	10/28/2020	\$500
Trump Victory	10/12/2020	\$1,000
Anna Paulina Luna for Congress	09/30/2020	\$1,000
Andrews for Congress	9/30/2020	\$1,000
Americans for Parnell Committee	09/30/2020	\$1,000
TLS Veterans	12/29/2020	\$1,000
HunterSeven Foundation	12/29/2020	\$1,000
American Legion Post 75	12/29/2020	\$1,000

Hired X Strategies as campaign consultant, whose CEO is a Jan 6th defender and extremely offensive ultra-conservative

Alex Bruesewitz is CEO of X Strategies and is a 'proud recipient' of a January 6th subpoena

[Instagram.com]

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date	Amount
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	06/03/2022	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	05/06/2022	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	04/07/2022	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	03/09/2022	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	02/14/2022	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	01/10/2022	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	12/17/2021	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	11/30/2021	\$5,000.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	10/01/2021	\$2,500.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	07/26/2021	\$4,000.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	06/01/2021	\$4,000.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	04/23/2021	\$4,000.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	04/07/2021	\$4,000.00
CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	X STRATEGIES LLC	FL	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	04/01/2021	\$7,033.87

[FEC.gov, 6/30/2022]

Lauf raised well under \$1 million and it was over more than 2 months. “From the desk of John Lopez: Bruesewitz says, ‘...Lauf campaign...raised over \$1m[illion] in just a couple of months.’ That’s an embellishment, as through September, Lauf had only raised \$791K cash, and while I believe she’s raised over \$1 million through the end of 2021, she sure didn’t raise it inside of 2 months.”

[McHenryCountyBlog.com, 1/15/2022]

Contacted by house committee because of his willingness to help Jan 6th rioters. “The announcement the 24-year old, Gen Z (born in 1997) Bruesewitz was financially helping several accused of wrongdoing in connection with the Capitol Riot was news. Bruesewitz’s estimated net worth is \$5 million, and during his interview he told Carlson he had already made his millions and is willing to give back. Bruesewitz willingness to help, and contacting some of the accused prompted the House select committee to contact Bruesewitz.” [McHenryCountyBlog.com, [1/15/2022](#)]



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

My message to the @Janauary6thCmte communist clown members:

You can all go to hell.

Thank you for having me on @TuckerCarlson. God bless you.



7:36 PM · Jan 14, 2022 · Twitter Media Studio

3,804 Retweets 313 Quote Tweets 10.9K Likes

[McHenryCountyBlog.com, [1/15/2022](#)]

Bruesewitz has tweeted a number of unfounded, asinine, and offensive claims, including accusing Congresswoman Ilhan Omar of marrying her brother and criticizing protections for same-sex marriage



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

Ilhan Omar was not arrested today.

However, @IlhanMN should be arrested for marrying her brother.

2:50 PM · Jul 19, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

[Twitter.com, [7/19/2022](#)]



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

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If you're a Republican and find yourself voting for the same bill as @Liz_Cheney and @AdamKinzinger, you are making the wrong vote.



Sarah Ferris ✓ @sarahnferris · 3h

The 47 House Rs who voted to protect same-sex marriage right

Also 7 Rs did not vote on this, despite being able to proxy

Bacon	NE	(OH)	OH	Perry	PA
Bentz	OR	Hinson	IA	Rice	SC
Calvert	CA	Issa	CA	(SC)	SC
Cammack	FL	Jacobs (NY)	NY	Salazar	FL
Carey	OH	Joyce (OH)	OH	Simpson	ID
Cheney	WY	Katko	NY	Stefanik	NY
Curtis	UT			Steil	WI
				Stewart	UT

[Twitter, [7/19/2022](#)]

Alex Bruesewitz has used homophobic language in tweets, dating back to 2013

On March 8, 2013 tweeted, “@ImPetaDaTweeta hey fuckhead, youre a faggot inbred. It would be smart for you to shut your mouth. @LeeMiller23 @ThaBrycelzRight”



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

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@ImPetaDaTweeta hey fuckhead, youre a faggot inbred. It would be smart for you to shut your mouth.
[@LeeMiller23](#) @ThaBrycelzRight

1:59 PM · Mar 8, 2013 · Twitter for Android

1 Retweet 1 Quote Tweet 1 Like

On March 22, 2013 tweeted, “@xavier_mazo5 @NativeFlash22 xavier, youre a faggot. Marshall keep doing your thing bro! & xavier, meet me at riverside #CareFree”



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

Replying to @Xav94Xav

@xavier_manzo5 @NativeFlash22 xavier, youre a faggot. Marshall keep doing your thing bro! & xavier, meet me at riverside #CareFree

4:45 PM · Mar 22, 2013 · Twitter for Android

1 Quote Tweet

On Oct. 25, 2013 tweeted, "It's 6:35 and I have no plans. Gay."



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

It's 6:35 and I have no plans. Gay.

7:34 PM · Oct 25, 2013 · Twitter for Android

On Oct. 27, 2013 tweeted, "@juulaa15 #FagBaG"



Alex Bruesewitz @alexbruesewitz · Oct 27, 2013
@juulaa15 is being really basic



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

@juulaa15 #FagBag

10:05 AM · Oct 27, 2013 · Twitter for Android

On Oct. 9, 2013 tweeted, "@weasleyfor_king fag"



Alex Bruesewitz
@alexbruesewitz

@weasleyfor_king fag

4:00 PM · Oct 9, 2013 · Twitter Web Client

Used the n-word in a tweet

On Jan. 27, 2013 tweeted, "@Mattbrueggemann @IAmJayCubed @HaydenFenner @ThaBrycelzRight @KubicaMarcus word nigghas"



Tied to GOP dark money and mega donors who have skirted rules and accrued thousands of conflicts of interest over Trump era

Tied to megadonors and GOP dark money drawn out from Trump era

ProPublica: “Trump Spawned a New Group of Mega-Donors Who Now Hold Sway Over the GOP’s Future” “Over the last five years, it has become clear that former President Donald Trump has activated a new set of mega-donors who were not previously big spenders in national politics. Some of the donors appear to share the more extreme views of many Trump supporters, based on social media posts promoting falsehoods about election fraud or masks and vaccines. Whether they will deepen their involvement or step back, and whether their giving will extend to candidates beyond Trump, will have an outsized role in steering the future of the Republican Party and even American democracy.” [ProPublica, [5/6/21](#)]

Received \$2.5K from Norman Rogers, who was identified by ProPublica as an emergent Trump mega-donor

Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date ▼	Amount —
ROGERS, NORMAN	CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	NV	RETIRED	08/06/2021	\$2,000.00
ROGERS, NORMAN	CATALINA FOR CONGRESS	NV	RETIRED	02/25/2021	\$500.00

[FEC.gov, [8/6/2021](#)]

ProPublica: “Documents Show Trump Officials Skirted Rules to Reward Politically Connected and Untested Firms With Huge Pandemic Contracts” “A top adviser to former President Donald Trump pressured agency officials to reward politically connected or otherwise untested companies with hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts as part of a chaotic response to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the early findings of an inquiry led by House Democrats. Peter Navarro, who served as Trump’s deputy assistant and trade adviser, essentially verbally awarded a \$96 million deal for respirators to a company with White House connections. Later, officials at the Federal Emergency

Management Agency were pressured to sign the contract after the fact, according to correspondence obtained by congressional investigators.” [ProPublica, [3/31/21](#)]

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington: the Trump Administration accrued over 3,700 conflicts of interest “Since Trump’s inauguration, CREW researchers meticulously tracked these conflicts of interest resulting from interactions between the Trump Organization and the government, or those trying to influence it. CREW’s tracking is rigorous but by no means comprehensive. There are likely hundreds, perhaps even thousands more conflicts that we have no way of knowing about. Four years and more than 3,700 conflicts of interest later, there is absolutely no doubt that Trump tried at every turn to use the presidency to benefit his bottom line.” [CREW, [1/15/21](#)]

Poorly managed 2022 campaign

Called out by local blog for disappointing cash receipts for first quarter of 2022.

According to financial disclosures, her campaign was disappointing. “Lauf’s cash receipts for first quarter of 2022 being disappointing is an understatement. Lauf had the opportunity to put the primary race away with a strong quarter of fundraising, but raised less than \$200K in the first 90 days of 2022. None of her current primary opponents had even declared their candidacies until mid-to-late January.” [McHenry County Blog, [4/16/22](#)]

Spent way more than she raised in the first quarter

Spent 169% of what she raised in Q1 of 2022. “The Catalina for Congress committee started the quarter with about \$255,976 saved. It reported collecting about \$156,144 during the period. Nearly all of Lauf’s cash came from individual donors. Only two reported donations came from political action committees: \$2,200 from a former Republican candidate for a county office in Ohio; and \$2,000 from Republican congressional candidate Joe Kent in Washington state. Team Lauf spent about \$263,879 on consultants’ fees, printing, travel and more during the quarter, roughly 169% of the total that came in.” [Daily Herald, [4/19/22](#)]

Paid for fundraising and consultants but no voter contact and didn’t even raise more than she spent

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Falsely claimed there’s no competition when it comes to her fundraising numbers. “we’ve been raising money uh if you look at you know what we’ve raised comparison to some of these others that

have announced it's just we're there's no competition here other than adam" [Catalina Lauf, Chicago's Morning Answer [8:15-8:25], [8/10/21](#)]

Lauf on the issues: Pro-Life, Pro-Gun, Anti-Immigrant

Supported dramatically decreasing abortion access

Claimed Democrats are fighting for unregulated late-term and partial-birth abortion

Said DC Democrats were fighting for unregulated late-term and partial-birth abortion. "There is no issue DC Democrats are more extreme on than abortion. They're fighting for unregulated late-term and partial-birth abortion. It's barbaric and radical." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/17/22](#)]

Called out Women's Health Protection Act for expanding murder of the unborn

Claimed the Women's Health Protection Act does not protect women's health but rather expands the murder of the unborn. "The Democrats' "Women's Health Protection Act" has nothing to do with protecting women's health — but everything to do with expanding the murder of the unborn." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/26/21](#)]

The Women's Health Protection Act would codify a woman's right to an abortion and prohibit limitations on healthcare providers ability to prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services or immediately provide an abortion when medically necessary

WHPA codifies Roe v. Wade and guarantees a woman's right to an abortion "WHPA is a bill that aims to codify Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that grants protections for a woman's right to abortion, at the federal level. The bill prohibits governmental restrictions on access to abortion services, according to the Congressional Research Service." [ABCnews, Published [5/7/2022](#)]

WHPA would prevent state governments from "The bill would prevent state governments from limiting a health care provider's ability to prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services via telemedicine, or immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient's health, according to CRS." [ABCnews, Published [5/7/2022](#)]

WHPA prevents requiring patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits to receive abortion services or disclose the reason for the abortion services. "It also prevents states from requiring patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits before receiving abortion services or forcing women to disclose their reasons for obtaining abortions and related services." [ABCnews, Published [5/7/2022](#)]

WHPA bans states from prohibiting abortion when a provider finds the pregnancy a risk to patient's life or health. "WHPA would ban states from prohibiting abortion services before or after fetal viability when a provider determines the pregnancy risks the patient's life or health." [ABCnews, Published [5/7/2022](#)]

WHPA prohibits states from implementing governmental measures that single out or restrict abortion access. “WHPA also prohibits other governmental measures that single out and restrict access to abortion services, unless a state government can prove the measure significantly advances the safety of abortion services or health of patients and cannot be achieved through less restrictive ways, according to CRS.” [ABCnews, Published [5/7/2022](#)]

WHPA allows Dept. of Justice, individuals, and abortion providers to bring lawsuits against violations of the bill. “It also allows the Department of Justice, individuals or abortion providers to bring lawsuits against violations of the bill, regardless of whether restrictions were put in place before or after the bill becomes law.” [ABCnews, Published [5/7/2022](#)]

Without abortion protections, poor & marginalized communities will be hit hardest

Rep. Blunt stated that poor young women in rural areas will be hurt the most by abortion rights roll backs. “Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.). argued that the most marginalized would be affected if abortion rights are obliterated. ‘My middle name is Blunt, so let me be clear about who’s going to be hit the hardest,’ she said. ‘Poor women, young women, women in rural areas and women of color. People who may not have the ability to travel hundreds of miles to get the care they need.’” [Washington Post, [7/15/2022](#)]

Supported the idea of a full abortion ban

Described abortion as disgusting and would consider a full abortion ban. “Interviewer: You’re pro-life. Are you pro-life? **Lauf:** Yes I am. **Interviewer:** What does that mean to you? **Lauf:** Pro life except for exceptions. **Interviewer:** No abortion. Would you allow, the law allows abortions now, well the law in large part seems to allow almost abortion anywhere anytime **Lauf:** Up until birth **Interviewer:** Up until birth **Lauf:** Yeah, it’s disgusting **Interviewer:** What would you do, yeah a little while ago it was open easily in the first two trimesters for six months, more questionable about the third trimester, that’s not true, but would you allow under Roe v Wade that enforcement they say that a woman can have an abortion anytime in the first six months or would you say no abortions completely except for your three exceptions which were rape **Lauf:** Rape, incest, and life of the mother. Look they have gone so far left with this topic that it is so disgusting that you can, that is completely murdering a child up until birth and we need to roll back some of that, so you know I’m not, I’m not sure exactly what’s on the house right now but I know that they are trying to have a lot of legislation that pushes very left **Interviewer:** So you’d like to roll it back **Lauf:** Yes **Interviewer:** You’re not sure whether you would ban abortions completely except for those three exceptions **Lauf:** Right **Interviewer:** But you might. Is that right? **Lauf:** We can talk about that once I get there” [Catalina Lauf, Public Affairs Illinois Channel TV [9:45-10:55], [2/29/20](#)]

Against any legislation that would provide federal funding for contraception or abortion measures

Said she was fully against any legislation on the federal level that would fund contraception or abortion measures. “5. What is your position on federal funding for contraception, the Violence Against Women Act and reproductive rights? I am against any legislation that would be proposed on a federal level for funding contraception or abortion measures.” [Daily Herald, Published [2/14/2020](#)]

Criticized pro-choice protesters for tactics, ignored long history of patients of Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics being harassed by pro-life protesters

Criticized pro-choice protesting tactics saying harassment crosses the line

“Targeting churches and pro-life groups is never okay!” “Targeting churches and pro-life groups is never okay! Peaceful protesting is alright, but this sort of harassment crosses the line.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/9/22](#)]

In response to a vandalized pro-life office: “Oh look. More “mostly peaceful protests” by the Left when things don’t go their way.” “Oh look. More “mostly peaceful protests” by the Left when things don’t go their way.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/9/22](#)]

Sacramento recently passed a new anti-harassment ordinance to combat increases in pro-life protests, Idaho police say violent incidents outside clinics have become routine, and Missouri providers have seen ever increasing violence against providers and clinics alike

Sacramento had to pass an ordinance to create a buffer zone between anti-abortion protesters and clinic patients after increase in harassment. An updated law is now in effect in Sacramento after concerns from Planned Parenthood about an increase in cases of patients being harassed outside their clinics. On Tuesday, Sacramento City Council voted unanimously on an emergency measure to create a so-called “buffer zone” between people going into health care facilities like Planned Parenthood and people who may be protesting abortion outside. ‘We were very, very happy to see the support, and it was an unwavering support,’ said Candelaria Vargas of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. Vargas said, since April 2021, police have responded to disturbances at Planned Parenthood’s B Street Health Center in Sacramento 23 times. She said instances of harassment and intimidation have been increasing over the last year, and she believes it will only get worse. [KCRA, [6/15/2022](#)]

Harassment outside Planned Parenthood in Idaho has become routine after years of incidents including arson. “Pullman Police Sergeant Chris Engle says that while such incidents have become far too common, there’s not much the department can do to combat them. ‘It’s one of those things that’s become semi-routine for us,’ Engle said. ‘The officer who responded discussed appropriate use of language with them and that was about it. That’s not uncommon for people to be standing outside Planned Parenthood protesting.’... The health center in Pullman has seen dozens of harassment incidents and anti-abortion demonstrations over the years. In 2015, the facility was set ablaze when a person threw a flammable object through the window, leading the FBI to get involved.” [DNews, [4/9/2022](#)]

Abortion providers in Missouri reported an uptick in violence against both themselves and the clinics. “For one of the last abortion doctors in Missouri, harassment, stalking and death threats are a part of regular life. But this year, it’s been worse than ever. Colleen McNicholas, the chief medical officer at Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, is one of many providers who told CBS News they’ve seen an uptick in violence this year, both against themselves and their clinics. They say the increased harassment has coincided with newly enacted state laws restricting legal abortion and polarizing rhetoric surrounding the procedure.” [CBSNews, [9/17/2019](#)]

National Abortion Federation released their 2020 statistics which showed a 125% increase in reports of assault and battery outside clinics along with increases in death threats and harassment

The National Abortion Federation released their 2020 statistics on violence and disruption of abortion providers and reported major increases in death threats, assaults, and harassment. "Abortion providers reported an increase in death threats and threats of harm, rising from 92 in 2019 to 200 in 2020.; We saw a 125% increase in reports of assault and battery outside clinics with members reporting 54 incidents, rising from 24 in 2019.; Internet harassment and hate mail and harassing phone calls rose once again this year. Providers reported 3,413 targeted incidents of hate mail and harassing phone calls, rising from 3,123 in 2019." [NAF, [12/16/2021](#)]

Retweeted anti-abortion tweets after Roe v. Wade was overturned

Called Illinois abortion laws extreme and retweeted statement that leftist groups are fire bombing pro-life centers



[Twitter.com, [6/25/2022](#)]

↻ Catalina Lauf Retweeted



Dan McConchie ✓ @DanMcConchie · Jun 24

Gov Pritzker is calling for a special session to take up abortion laws in a state that already has some of the most extreme laws in the nation. All while you're paying \$6 for gas and \$250 at the grocery store. #priorities #outoftouch

"Let me be clear, Governor Pritzker and many Illinois Democrats want to push Illinois to the utter extreme on abortion policy. Right now, Illinoisans can already get an abortion in all nine months of pregnancy for any reason and use taxpayer dollars to pay for it. But that's not enough. Now, they want us to help pay for out-of-state residents to travel to Illinois to receive abortions and even allow non-physicians here to perform them.

"This is clearly not what mainstream Illinoisans want. While the Governor is calling a special session to act on these and potentially other extreme measures, Illinoisans are trying to deal with soaring gas prices and massive grocery bills that are leaving families hopeless. Instead of dealing with these vital issues, Pritzker is embracing an extreme agenda that will make Illinois an outlier even amongst the most liberal states."

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[Twitter.com, [6/24/2022](#)]

Possibly plagiarized her responses when asked about position on healthcare calling for free market reforms and saying Obamacare failed and the American people reject it

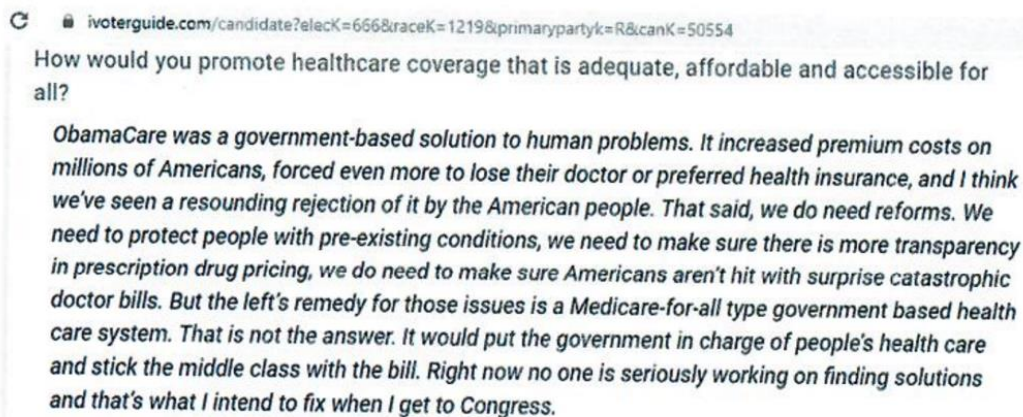
Both Catalina Lauf and Teri Hasdorff reported campaign expenditures to Axion strategies for campaign consulting and had identical responses to a question on healthcare reform

Called Obamacare was a government-based solution to human problems that increased premium costs on millions of Americans and forced even more to lose their doctor or preferred health insurance leading them to reject it outright "4. Please define your position on health care reform, especially as it relates to the Affordable Care Act: Obamacare was a government-based solution to human problems. It increased premium costs on millions of Americans and forced even more to lose their doctor or preferred health insurance. I think we've seen a resounding rejection of it by the American people. That said, we do need reforms. We need to protect people with preexisting conditions, we need to make sure there is more transparency in prescription drug pricing, and need to make sure Americans aren't hit with surprise catastrophic doctor bills. But the left's remedy for those issues is a Medicare-for-all, government-run health care system. We need free-market reforms and solutions. Putting the government in charge of people's health care and sticking

the middle class with the bill is not the answer. Right now, no one is seriously working on finding solutions and that's what I intend to fix when I get to Congress." [Daily Herald, Published [2/14/2020](#)]

Alabama Congressional candidate Terri Hassdorff had identical response

According to the IVoterGuide candidate questionnaire question on health care reform for Terri Hassdorff in Alabama, "Obamacare was a government-based solution to human problems. It increased premium costs on millions of Americans, forced even more to lose their doctor or preferred health insurance, and I think we've seen a resounding rejection of it by the American people". "According to the IVoterGuide candidate questionnaire, when asked how she would promote healthcare coverage that is adequate, affordable and accessible for all, Terri Hassdorff replied, "Obamacare was a government-based solution to human problems. It increased premium costs on millions of Americans, forced even more to lose their doctor or preferred health insurance, and I think we've seen a resounding rejection of it by the American people. That said, we do need reforms. We need to protect people with pre-existing conditions, we need to make sure there is more transparency in prescription drug pricing, we need to make sure Americans aren't hit with surprise catastrophic doctor bills. But the left's remedy for those issues is a Medicare-for-all type government based health care system. That is not the answer. It would put the government in charge of people's health care and stick the middle class with the bill. Right now no one is seriously working on finding solutions and that's what I intend to fix when I get to congress."



[IvoterGuide, Accessed 3/18/2021]

Did not know the ERA was the equal rights amendment

In a 2020 debate did not know that the ERA was the Equal Rights Amendment. In a Jan. 30, 2020, League of Women Voters debate, when asked if she would support a resolution to remove the deadline to pass the ERA, as well as her position in general on the ERA, Catalina Lauf replied, "Do you mind explaining what the ERA?" After the moderator identified it as the Equal Rights Amendment, Catalina Lauf replied, 'No.'" [League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, 1/30/2020]

Supports restrictive immigration policies, vilifying immigrants seeking refuge and supporting ICE, while being called out for 'platitudes' by fellow Republicans

Claimed people crossing the border do not want to work hard or learn the language

Said we're incentivizing immigration to our detriment. "Immigration reform is still one of the highest priorities for actually both people and republican and democrat and we've seen actually just the detriment of over the last two years what Biden uh and Kamala Harris ran on was literally to incentivize illegal immigration and we're seeing the effects of rhetoric words matter and when you have two hundred thousand illegal immigrants crossing the border our police have been vilified our border patrol has been vilified everything that's going on creates this bottleneck effect that and we're unfortunately seeing it now lead into different districts and and people care about that stuff. I mean even here in Illinois we're not a border town at all but we really do want people to come here the right way. We want to encourage productive citizens we want to encourage people to come here legally that want to learn the language and want to work hard and unfortunately we don't have who's coming from our borders think about all the labor trafficking the sex trafficking the cartels the drug trafficking everything that's happening down there and yet the democrats are vilifying uh the people who are trying to stop that that's a huge problem" [Catalina Lauf, Higher Line Podcast #176 [5:56-7:10], [5/8/22](#)]

Lauded President Trump's immigration policies and claimed sanctuary cities sacrifice the safety and security of Americans in them. "That's why president trump's policies were so effective right. When you incentivize people and you campaign on those incentivizations, they're going to take advantage of that. The cartel the uh the people that want to ultimately exploit what's going on with our vulnerabilities and like exactly like you mentioned the American people are who uh is ultimately we're the ones that pay for it both economically and from a law and order perspective you know. Everybody always says how is things like immigration reform and the border how is that something that um the America that people in Illinois care about and ultimately if you saw a couple months ago with New York where they were handing out you know hotel rooms and health care and you know jobs and whatever you want I'll come up to New York state and we'll provide everything for you. It's the same in democrat-run states like Illinois when you have these sanctuary cities it ultimately is at the expense of the American people and in our safety and security and it's just so infuriating" [Catalina Lauf, The Right View with Lara Trump [18:37-19:39], [9/23/21](#)]

Supports Title 42, a Trump era public health measure designed to stop individuals from seeking asylum in the US that has been blamed for at least 9 migrant deaths in 2022 alone

Claimed ending Title 42 would endanger Americans

Said Biden ending Title 42 is neither safe nor secure. "I am the daughter of an immigrant from Central America. I know the value of a safe and secure border. The Biden Administration's plan to end Title 42 is neither safe or secure." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/18/22](#)]

Advocates and local officials blame Title 42 for the drowning deaths of 9 asylum-seekers in El Paso

Nine asylum-seekers drowned over an 11-day period in El Paso County due to the closed border. "Advocates and a local government official are calling on the Biden administration to reopen

the border to asylum-seekers after nine people drowned in an 11-day stretch in June in El Paso County irrigation canals running parallel to the U.S.-Mexico border.” [CW39.com, [6/21/2022](#)]

US authorities released seasonal irrigation water into migrant occupied canals after using Title 42 to immediately expel the newly arrived migrants

Drownings began after US authorities released seasonal irrigation water into canals migrants occupied after being immediately expelled by border patrol due to Title 42. “The drownings began shortly after U.S. authorities released seasonal irrigation water into the canals. Garcia blamed the drownings on Title 42 public health order which empowers border agents to immediately expel newly arrived migrants. Most of those migrants turn around and attempt to cross again, this time in areas they believe the Border Patrol won’t be able to apprehend them.” [CW39.com, [6/21/2022](#)]

Equated Americans needing to COVID test while traveling internationally to migrants seeking asylum as a reason to keep Title 42

Said that Title 42 should remain in place if Americans still need to test negative for COVID to board a flight into the US. “If American citizens are still required to test negative in order to board a flight into the United States, Title 42 should remain in place for illegal immigrants.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/19/22](#)]

Possibly plagiarized questionnaire response to the Daily Herald on immigration, similar to her healthcare responses

On Daily Herald questionnaire, when asked her position on immigration responded the same as Hassdorff **The safety and security of our country should come first. I will help President Trump finish building the wall, secure our ports of entry, and close immigration loopholes”** “I am the daughter of immigrants. My mother and father fled from war-torn Guatemala to find a better life in this country. But they didn’t assume that life would be handed to them. They know they have to work for it. They didn’t demand this country change its laws. They went through a process to become citizens, learned English, and worked 20-hour days to make a life here. Currently, immigration reform is far too politicized. There is a crisis at our southern border because congress is failing to do its constitutional duty and solve the problem. Democrats - and Republicans - far too long have kicked the can down the road when it comes to fixing our broken system. The safety and security of our country should come first. I will help President Trump finish building the wall, secure our ports of entry, and close immigration loopholes.” [Daily Herald, Published [2/14/2020](#)]

In her IVoterGuide candidate questionnaire, when asked who should be allowed to immigrate to the U.S and under what circumstances, Terri Hasdorff replied identical to Lauf. “The first step to fixing our broken immigration system is to secure the border. I will work with other members of Congress to help President Trump finish building the border wall and close immigration loopholes. I will stand firm against sanctuary city policies that weaken our nation’s security. Democrats use immigration as a political ploy for fundraising dollars and Twitter followers, but I will actually work to fix the problem. I will bring other members of Congress to the table and find solutions instead of retweets.”

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[IvoterGuide, Accessed 3/18/2021]

Consistently used false equivalencies to criticize Biden's immigration policy

has incoherently used Biden's foreign and domestic policy to criticize his immigration policy

Said Biden was putting America last by sending aid to Ukraine while we have a crisis at our own border "Biden sends billions to Ukraine while ignoring the crisis on our own border. Everything this administration does has a common theme: America Last." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/29/22](#)]

Claimed Biden was welcoming unvaccinated illegal immigrants into the US at any time, but will require vaccines for all those coming legally

Posted that Biden requires everyone legally coming to the US to be vaccinated but freely allows illegal immigrants to enter at any time. "Joe Biden will require the vaccine for ALL legal border crossers. Illegal immigrants are still welcome to enter America unvaccinated at any time." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/29/21](#)]

Completely ignored facts of COVID-19 vaccine and testing mandates and aid to victims of family separation due to Trump-era immigration policy

Compared fines for violating a vaccine mandate to aid given to families who faced separation at the border under Trump

Criticized Biden's vaccine mandate fines in relation to his immigration policy "A \$14,000 fine if you don't comply with Joe Biden's vaccine mandate. A \$450,000 check if you cross the border illegally. This is what America Last looks like." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/4/21](#)]

Companies could face nearly \$14,000 in fines if they violate federal mandate which requires employees are vaccinated OR test weekly while masked

Rules require employees at companies with more than 100 employees get vaccinated or test weekly while wearing a mask at work. "Each employee who breaks the rule will cost their bosses \$13,653 per violation, with heavier fines of up to \$136,532 for "willful violations," according to a White

House media briefing on the rules. The rules required that employees at companies with more than 100 staff have to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or be tested weekly for the disease and wear a mask at work.” [Business Insider, [11/5/2021](#)]

Copied rhetoric from ultra conservative Wisconsin Congressman Bryan Steil who offered no context to the talks that immigrant families might receive \$450,000 settlements

US was in talks to provide \$450,000 settlements to resolve lawsuits on behalf of parents and children who were separated at the border during Trump era. “Steil’s tweet includes a link to a Wall Street Journal article from Oct. 28, 2021, and an image of an excerpt, with \$450,000 circled. The article covers the fact the U.S. is in talks to pay settlements of “around \$450,000 a person” to resolve lawsuits filed on behalf of parents and children that were separated at the border during the Trump administration. Those lawsuits -- and the fact federal taxpayers may be on the hook for major payouts if the government loses -- were not mentioned in Steil’s claim.” [Politifact, [10/28/2021](#)]

Claimed the Build Back Better Bill’s plan to grant amnesty to 6.5 million immigrants who are already in the US would be a slap in the face to legal immigrants

The Build Back Better Bill supposedly would dramatically increase illegal immigration “6,500,000. That’s how many illegal immigrants would receive AMNESTY under Joe Biden’s Build Back Broke bill. This is a slap in the face to immigrants like my mother who came to America legally.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/24/21](#)]

Build Back Better would grant temporary amnesty to 6.5 million non-US nationals many of whom are already in the US. “Under President Joe Biden’s current Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376), an estimated 6.5 million non-U.S. nationals, many of whom are already in the U.S. illegally, would be granted temporary amnesty, according to a report from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” [ABC7.com, [11/29/2021](#)]

Called Build Back Better, Build Back Broke. “What Americans want: Cheap gas. Store shelves stocked. A secure border. What Build Back Broke delivers: Inflation. \$367 billion deficit. Amnesty.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/23/21](#)]

Falsely compared Biden’s actions in Afghanistan to his immigration policy

Used Biden’s execution of the withdrawal from Afghanistan to criticize his immigration policy: “The Biden Administration is flying thousands of illegal immigrants into the U.S. in the middle of the night while Americans are still stranded in Afghanistan.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [10/19/21](#)]

Argued that stronger immigration laws are necessary to fight various forms of trafficking

Said that weak immigration laws are to blame for child and sex trafficking. “Republicans need to push back with the FACTS re: immigration debate. Labor, sex and child trafficking are ALL too common occurrences with weak immigration laws. It’s terrible what humans have suffered because of manipulation. Remember this folks? https://washingtonpost.com/national/obama-administration-placed-children-with-human-traffickers-report-says/2016/01/28/39465050-c542-11e5-9693-933a4d31bcc8_story.html” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/4/21](#)]

Consistently promotes immigration rhetoric designed to inflame

Tried to relate a story about a little boy being sold by his parents to Democrats lying about their immigration policy

Told a story that a little boy told an officer he was sold 3 times by his own parents and then claimed Dems are lying about their immigration policy. “A law enforcement officer once told me they rescued a little boy who had been sold 3 times by his OWN parents. They were making a business out of selling their child so people could cross the border. Dems lie about their immigration policies. They are in fact, the least humane.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/4/21](#)]

Claimed the far-left manipulates the narrative about illegal immigration and trafficking. “Secondly, the First Lady is correct in that many children at the border have been trafficked by Coyotes, and at times even sold by their parents. There are very dark, sad realities at the border brought on by illegal immigration. The far-left manipulates the narrative.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [10/2/20](#)]

Said ICE is doing their job by cracking down on criminals but gives no evidence. “Humane thing to do, huh. Is harboring 30 illegal immigrants and labor trafficking them, humane? The children being sex trafficked due to illegal immigration? Is that humane @AOC? Contrary what the radical far left says - ICE is doing their job in cracking down on criminals.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/31/20](#)]

Used the immigration status of her mother to support her position on the importance of legal immigration

Said current immigration policies are a slap in the face to her mother who immigrated legally. “so um you know growing up with those stories and again my mom um working so hard to get to where she is and now seeing kind of this country uh go in the wrong direction is very hard for people immigrants especially who did it the right way uh to see the chaos and uh to see what's going on it's a it's a very uh kind of a slap in the face to a lot of uh again immigrants who did it the right way and came here for something greater” [Catalina Lauf, The Right View with Lara Trump [12:41-13:08], [9/23/21](#)]

Said mother was born and raised in Guatemala and immigrated legally which is why immigration is part of her platform. “My mother was born and raised in Guatemala she immigrated here illegally in the 1980s so we support legal immigration and actually a big part of my platform is immigration reform and I saw how terrible when you look at the media and how they vilify law enforcement down at the border it's just so sick what's happening” [Catalina Lauf, Law Enforcement Today [1:08-1:32] , [4/7/20](#)]

Said Pres. Trump's immigration reform was incredible despite the thousands of families that faced separation, physical and mental abuse, and in some cases death

Said it was incredible to see Pres. Trump's immigration reform. “As the daughter of someone who came here legally, it is incredible to see the real results when a President enforces legal

immigration & puts America First. Reform is a must and I know a Republican House majority in 2021 will take this issue seriously. Thank you @realDonaldTrump" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/18/20](#)]

Alleged that the crisis at the border is manufactured by Democrats despite overwhelming evidence of mistreatment

Claimed that the crisis at the border is manufactured by Democrats and exaggerated by the media. "As the daughter of a legal Guatemalan immigrant, people don't realize the country was far worse 20 yrs ago...all of the sudden it's so bad we have a crisis at the border? Much more to the story — Manufactured by the Dems, exaggerated by the media. Very sad. @realDonaldTrump" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/8/19](#)]

Criticized the US and Kamala Harris for giving aid to Central American countries

Criticized Vice President Harris's trip to Guatemala and claimed that aid sent to Central American countries does nothing for average citizens in those countries "We did receive a lot of feedback and I'll tell you exactly why for a long time especially under democratic administrations they will dole out so much cash to all these governments that ultimately just fuels more corruption that money is not going to the people down there to solve economic problems though that money is our taxpayer money is going directly to fund uh not only the corruption and the governments but ultimately the cartels and these NGOs that nobody really knows what all of that is going towards and so for our people down there they're like oh come on America's giving us more money well we've never seen it for the last you know days upon decades so oh this money's just going to our government and not going to do much anyway so it's just it's embarrassing" [Catalina Lauf, The Right View with Lara Trump [16:15-17:09] , [9/23/21](#)]

Trump targeted over 1 million DACA recipients, threatening them with deportation, including pandemic frontline workers

Trump subjected over 1 million DACA recipients and TPS holders to deportation, which included thousands of essential frontline workers. "These policies have hurt all of us. President Trump has done everything in his power to subject more than one million DACA recipients and TPS holders to deportation, including hundreds of thousands of essential frontline workers helping our communities survive the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic." [FWD.us, [9/29/2020](#)]

He pledged to end DACA and in turn separated more than half a million US citizen children from their parents

Separated more than half a million US citizen children from their parents who are protected by DACA and TPS. "Trump has repeatedly pledged to end DACA and TPS, making more than one million immigrants deportable and separating more than half a million U.S.-citizen children from their parents who are protected by these programs." [FWD.us, [9/29/2020](#)]

Deportation of immigrants could cost US hundreds of billions of dollars over the next decade as it would remove more than 1 million people from the workforce

Economic cost of deporting millions of people from the workforce would be in the billions.

“Beyond the staggering moral cost of evicting immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for decades, removing more than one million people from the workforce would cost hundreds of billions of dollars in lost GDP over the next decade. As taxpayers, Dreamers and TPS holders are economic multipliers and workforce leaders in American companies. As business owners, many of them also employ U.S. citizens. The economic impact of deporting these individuals will be devastating across the country.” [FWD.us, [9/29/2020](#)]

Ripped away more than 5,000 children from their families at the border

Implemented policy that ripped more than 5,000 children from their families, causing far-reaching traumatic consequences. “More than 5,000 children were ripped from their parents’ arms in a deliberate policy decision designed to deter people from legally claiming asylum at the border. This draconian policy was coupled with a series of actions that further created chaos and confusion, and led to far-reaching traumatic consequences for children and families attempting to come to the United States.” [FWD.us, [9/29/2020](#)]

Ignored international obligations to asylum seekers and issued policies that would prevent vulnerable families from seeking asylum in the US

Issued policies that flew in the face of US’s international obligations to asylum seekers and caused further family separation at the border. “In addition to separating families in the interior of the country, the Trump Administration has issued a myriad of rules and policies targeting the U.S. asylum system in order to further separate families, and block thousands of vulnerable children, families and vulnerable adults from accessing asylum protections in violation of U.S. law and international obligations. These harmful policies have ripped thousands of families apart, and stranded many more thousands of people at the U.S.-Mexico border through the dangerous “Remain in Mexico” program, as well as further south through the Administration’s third-country agreements.” [FWD.us, [9/29/2020](#)]

Questioned by other America First Republicans

Had stance on immigration characterized as platitudes by Joshua Foxworth, an America First candidate in Texas. “You wanna talk about this in a real format, and talk about policy for immigration, health care, student debt, and something other than platitudes and beans, there are numerous shows that would host a discussion. @TheRalphRetort or anywhere else. Any time.” [Joshua Foxworth, @FoxworthFor14, [3/29/21](#)]

Loud supporter of Second Amendment rights, especially after mass shooting events

Received AQ rating from the National Rifle Association, which is the highest rating from the NRA



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Dear Ms. Lauf:

You have received an “AQ” rating from the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) for your candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Illinois 14th Congressional District. An “AQ” is reserved for a pro-gun candidate whose rating is based solely on the candidate’s responses to the NRA-PVF Candidate Questionnaire and is the highest rating a candidate can receive without a voting record on Second Amendment issues.

Congratulations on your “AQ” rating, and thank you for your strong support of the Second Amendment.

Sincerely,

Brian Calabrese

[Twitter.com, Published [3/5/2020](#)]

The NRA has been accused of widespread corruption and greed, in addition to peddling mass production and consumption of guns

Wayne LaPierre is accused of raiding NRA funds to bankroll an extravagant lifestyle on top of the significant direct compensation he already received as CEO of the organization

New York Attorney General sued the NRA over a litany of allegations of corruption and greed. “While allegations of mismanagement and lavish spending by Mr. LaPierre and others have emerged from the N.R.A.’s internecine warfare over the last year, the New York suit lays out a broad litany of new allegations of corruption and greed from executives who Ms. James said “looted” the N.R.A.

Mr. LaPierre is accused of raiding N.R.A. funds to bankroll an extravagant lifestyle, even though he was already paid millions in direct compensation by the organization.” [New York Times, Published [8/6/2020](#)]

NY AG alleged that Wayne LaPierre, NRA CEO, took frequent expensive trips chartering private jets and staying on mega yachts, gave out lavish gifts to his inner circle, and paid for family member’s trips all on the NRA’s dime

LaPierre spent millions on his own extravagant trips, gifts for close friends and confidants, and bankrolled family members. “Over six and a half years, the suit said, a personal travel consultant for Mr. LaPierre was paid \$13.5 million, largely on no-bid contracts. Private flights were chartered for Mr. LaPierre’s wife and his niece. He took frequent trips to the Bahamas on the N.R.A.’s dime, often decamping to a 108-foot yacht called “Illusions” that was owned by an N.R.A. contractor and included a chef and four staterooms. He lavished gifts from Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman on his inner circle, and once put his niece up at a Four Seasons hotel for eight nights at a cost of more than \$12,000, according to the complaint.” [New York Times, Published [8/6/2020](#)]

The suit said that the violations of state and federal laws that enriched NRA executives cost the organization \$64 million over just three years. “The lawsuit accuses the N.R.A. and the executives of “violating numerous state and federal laws” by enriching themselves, as well as their friends, families and allies, and taking improper actions that cost the organization \$64 million over three years. Ms. James is also seeking to oust Mr. LaPierre and Mr. Frazer, and to bar all four men from serving on nonprofit boards in New York again.” [New York Times, Published [8/6/2020](#)]

The NRA held a convention in Texas just days after the Uvalde shooting, which they blamed on the breakdown of the American family, mental health, social media, violent video games, and the inexplicable existence of evil

NRA convention attendees were appalled by the Uvalde shooting that took place days earlier but blamed it on everything but guns. “One by one, the gun rights activists and politicians who showed up at the National Rifle Association convention on Friday said they were appalled, horrified and shaken by the massacre of 19 children and two adults a few days earlier in Uvalde, Texas. One by one, they then rejected any suggestion that gun control measures were needed to stop mass shootings. They blamed the atrocities on factors that had nothing to do with firearms — the breakdown of the American family, untreated mental illness, bullying on social media, violent video games and the inexplicable existence of ‘evil.’” [New York Times, Published [5/27/2022](#)]

Called for Second Amendment rights to never change

Said Second Amendment rights should never be infringed even after Uvalde shooting. “Republicans, don’t cave on gun control! 2A rights must never be infringed.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/13/22](#)]

Claimed that Second Amendment rights have been under attack for decades. “our second amendment has as you would know absolutely has been under attack for decades and we need to preserve what the rights that were given to us by our creator not by a government and not by man and those are every day being chipped away at honestly it wasn’t until I ran for congress not only on

not necessarily in the first amendment stuff i think all that is really coming up more now but for the second amendment individual liberties” [Catalina Lauf, Higher Line Podcast #176 [5:22-5:48], [5/8/22](#)]

Said the Second Amendment is one of our most important rights and we have to defend it citing it as a major election issue. “the Second Amendment is one of our most important rights and if we do not defend it and if we have people who are like the House of Representatives out in Virginia doing this where our other states gonna land on this this is a very important issue and this is why elections matter” [Catalina Lauf, One America News Network [0:35-0:51], [2/14/20](#)]

Said gun control won’t work because of Chicago’s increases in gun-related homicides

Claimed gun control does not work because Chicago has increase in gun-related homicides year after year. “No. The very clear “link” is that Chicago has every gun law/ban/regulation in the book, yet gun-related homicides increase year after year. Most of those guns obtained illegally.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/13/22](#)]

Democrats should “take a walk through downtown Chicago” if they are interested in gun control “I would like to extend an open invitation to Democrats pushing gun control right now: Take a walk through downtown Chicago and let me know how well it’s working for that city.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/7/22](#)]

Stated there is no common sense in gun control if Chicago still has high crime rates with strict gun control. “it’s unbelievable I mean the the crimes again are the person and when you have a city like Chicago that has some of the strictest gun laws yet still has high crime rates I mean the logic is not there they they talk about common sense gun laws but there’s no common sense when you’re talking about restricting the gun and not focusing on the mental health problem I do go on ride-alongs I’ve gone I visited the prisons and in our law enforcement community are huge supporters of law-abiding citizens having guns because it does help against crime” [Catalina Lauf, One America News Network [2:28-3:02], [2/14/20](#)]

Called for women to conceal carry despite studies showing violent crime rates increase in states where those laws exist

Said women must conceal carry in response to a video of a woman being attacked

In response to a video of a female employee being attacked, said women must conceal carry. “Women must conceal carry!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/9/22](#)]

Research found that states that passed right-to-carry laws saw 13 to 15 percent higher aggregate violent crime rates

Studies show that in states with right to carry laws, violent crime rates are actually 13 to 15 percent higher. “In recent years, many states have relaxed their concealed carry laws, on the theory that concealed-gun carriers deter crime. But there is no credible evidence that permissive laws prevent or deter crime. In an analysis of states with right-to-carry laws, Stanford researcher John Donohue and colleagues found that states that passed right-to-carry laws experienced 13 to 15

percent higher aggregate violent crime rates, over a period of 10 years, than comparable states.” [Chicago Tribune, [1/16/2019](#)]

Said communists and socialists want to take away guns

Ranted that communists and socialists want to take your guns. “communism they want to take your guns and socialists as well that's the first right that they take” [Catalina Lauf, One America News Network [3:47-3:52], [2/14/20](#)]

Believed that gun violence and mass shootings are driven by mental health issues, not guns or gun access

Described herself as a '2A girl' and claimed mass shootings can be prevented by focusing on mental health. “it [being a 2A girl] means that you do not you shall not infringe upon the Second Amendment the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed in any sort of way and the biggest problem right now again we're talking about a culture war in the amount that its politicized whenever a school shooting happens of course we all do not want a tragedy to happen but why is it always the the focus is on the gun the weapon and not the mental health problem in the person you're seeing” [Catalina Lauf, Public Affairs Illinois Channel TV [17:17-17:42], [2/29/20](#)]

Said nobody can define what an assault weapon is and that the focus should be on mental health

Claimed that nobody can even define what an assault weapon is. “I hate this idea that well what about assault weapons and magazines and things like that. Well first of all nobody can even define what an assault weapon is, nobody can tell us how is it the gun and not the person, the focus needs to be on the mental health issue whenever a tragedy happened but it's becoming so politicized that we're losing on the gun debate and we shouldn't be losing on it because it is our right and it should not be infringed upon” [Catalina Lauf, Higher Line Podcast #99 [25:56-26:50], [2/23/20](#)]

Believed the person not the weapon is responsible for mass shootings and there needs to be a greater focus on mental health. “The fact that it is so heavily polarized the facts are not there people are focusing way too much on the weapon and not the person. This is a mental health issue when a crazed person goes into a school and shoots innocent lives that is the person not the weapon. And we strong 2A defenders need to start going on offense on this issue a lot more by making sure that the facts are very clear and we're also fighting hard for these rights because this is what happened. You know Governor Northam mentioned that nobody is knocking on somebody's door and taking our guns away but this is what leads to that any sort of infringement on our Second Amendment rights. It is an infringement on the Second Amendment and at what point do they stop it's time for us to say no” [Catalina Lauf, One America News Network [1:28-2:14], [2/14/20](#)]

Has been critical of any attempts at gun reform following mass shootings claiming it's all political

Has no plan to address gun violence concerns following the Uvalde shooting

When asked about how to deal with mass shootings, Lauf did not comment on gun violence.

“All six candidates were specifically asked in a News-Sun email questionnaire their views about how they would deal with mass shootings like the ones at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas on May 24 and a grocery store in Buffalo, New York on May 14, the pending U.S. Supreme Court decision on abortion and to choose three issues most important to them. [...] Lauf, who was appointed an adviser to the U.S. Department of Commerce by former President Donald Trump, did not comment on gun violence. She expressed concern [sic] over shortages arising out of supply chain issues and inflation, but did not comment on other issues.” [Lake County News-Sun, [6/9/22](#)]

Criticizes people for being quick to politicize mass shootings despite politicizing shooting events in favor of gun rights herself

Said people are so quick to politicize things without actually breaking down the facts and blamed the person not the gun. “what happened was tragic but we look at you're right I mean the amount of laws that were already put in place when you look at federally the amount of gun laws that are already passed from a federal perspective and then individually I mean I live you know close to Chicago where we have the strictest gun laws possible and unfortunately you know 25 people were shot just a couple weeks ago nobody in the media really talked about that a little boy was shot when you have a situation like what happened in boulder. It's very sad that you know people are quick to politicize things without actually breaking down the facts. um a big thing that I saw too was you know the race of the shooter and all this stuff when we start talking about just everything from a surface level perspective um in the sound bite kind of era that we live in you're not you're the facts are not able to come through unless you dig really deep. And you were right I mean the laws in boulder how could have how could you you they've done they've put every single gun law possible um that could have quote unquote in their eyes prevented it yet it still happened right there are bad people that do bad things it is the person not the weapon” [Catalina Lauf, Pomp Podcast Episode 528 [28:04-29:30], [4/6/21](#)]

Got extremely defensive after people suggested gun control after series of mass shootings but was fine using the tragedies to fundraise for her campaign

Used Uvalde shooting tragedy to fundraise and criticized Rep Foster for working on gun control in one tweet

In response to discussions about gun regulation following the Uvalde shooting, claimed Representative Foster was trying to “demonize” gun owners. “The Second Amendment is non-negotiable. After any shooting, Democrats immediately rush to demonize law-abiding gun owners instead of working on real solutions. @RepBillFoster did just that. Help me protect your God given rights in Congress: <https://secure.winred.com/catalina-for-congress/donate-today>” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/25/22](#)]

Called people pushing for gun control after Uvalde shooting a disgrace and pushed for Second Amendment protections

Called folks pushing for gun control after the Uvalde shooting a disgrace and opportunists who saw a horrific act committed by an evil person as an excuse to push legislation. “Those pushing a singular agenda regarding the Texas shooting are a disgrace and their motives, clear. For

those who say 'both sides do it.' No. The gun-control movement starts as soon opportunists see a horrific act committed by an evil person as an excuse to push legislation quickly, on a mass scale, to fit a narrative while emotions are high (for obvious reasons) – without knowing the full details.” [Facebook, Catalina Lauf For Congress, [5/28/22](#)]

Claimed disgust that politicians, taking heads, and the media push the gun control conversation after a mass shooting. “Number one evil will commit evil and they will get their hands on whatever they want to commit evil with period this was a deranged person and it's sick to me that politicians talking heads the media inflame the conversation and the first thing they try to do is push gun control and start to villainize or vilify the AR-15 and the gun and they talk about the object used more than the actual case and the person and and the the issue behind it all it the focus is on the weapon when when somebody kills somebody with a car with a DUI or whatever they don't talk about the make and model of the vehicle they talk the person is is the person in question and why they did it and et cetera et cetera it is so sick to me that they immediately try to gun control we need to ban AR-15s and and then everybody from a cultural perspective blue check marks celebrities politicians inflame the narrative millennials unfortunately don't even understand what an AR-15 is half the time don't even understand guns and then they just start creating this massive narrative that is false” [Catalina Lauf, Patrick Bet-David Podcast Episode 158 [4:13-5:33] , [5/26/22](#)]

Said it was sick that the left is politicizing Uvalde to pass gun control legislation “When the left has a majority in Congress they're ready to push legislation immediately based on what agenda they want so if they don't like guns because a they don't understand them they just don't like them. They don't respect our Second Amendment and why it was written as written they will pass what they want and they are able to put their own influence their agenda and use a tragedy to politicize it that is sick to me” [Catalina Lauf, Patrick Bet-David Podcast Episode 158 [10:48-11:11], [5/26/22](#)]

Offered only empathy and 'support' to victims of the Uvalde shooting

Believed that empathy and support would help the families of the victims of the Uvalde shooting, not political action. “These children were the victims of pure evil. Empathy and support are what the families need most—not political pushing as we saw last night. We are with you and are grieving beside you.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/25/22](#)]

Ranted about Second Amendment protections after Boulder Supermarket shooting

Said every Republican must stand firm on 2nd Amendment as the Democrats spend this week politicizing a tragedy after Boulder Supermarket shooting. “EVERY Republican must stand firm on our 2nd Amendment as the Democrats spend this week politicizing a tragedy.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/23/21](#)]

Responded to attempts by Democratic discussions of gun control legislation following the Boulder Supermarket shooting by asking folks to call their representatives and remind them about the Second Amendment. “Call your members of the House and Senate and remind them what is written in our 2nd Amendment. Agenda pushing blue checks and liberal elites will not control the narrative when it comes to our individual liberties.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/24/21](#)]

Claimed that gun control is a gross infringement on the Rights of Man after Boulder shooting. “Gun control should not be a *political discussion* it is a gross infringement on the Rights of Man and

law abiding citizens. No matter what side of the aisle you're on, please know the facts. Your, our liberties matter" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/23/21](#)]

Said Dems shouldn't be politicizing Boulder shooting. "These types of tragedies happen weekly in cities like Chicago with some of the strictest gun laws. No one reports on it. It's terrible — Dems shouldn't be politicizing this. Instead of mourning, peace to the families of lives lost, everyone on here starts politics. Ridiculous." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/22/21](#)]

Stated that "liberal elitists" are "manipulating the narrative so they can push gun control" after Boulder shooting. "What happened today was horrific. But of course, here we go again on blue checks and liberal elitists manipulating the narrative so they can push gun control" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/22/21](#)]

Used shootings in Illinois as opportunity to fundraise and prop up Second Amendment

In response to an email on gun control from Representative Underwood (D -IL 14) referencing the NIU and Aurora office shootings, claimed that Underwood is "using a tragedy as an excuse to take guns away from law abiding citizens" ".@LaurenUnderwood is using a tragedy as an excuse to take guns away from law abiding citizens. I am the strongest 2A defender in my Primary. My GOP rivals are soft on this. Help elect a strong fighter for our #2A in Congress. Donate here: <https://secure.winred.com/catalina-lauf-for-congress-committee/donate...> #molonlabe" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/21/20](#)]

Stated support for militarizing schools instead of sensible gun control measures

Supported armed security at schools

Retweeted support for militarizing schools following the Uvalde shooting "Single point of entry. Armed security. Protect our schools like we protect our airports and federal buildings." [Twitter, @PollackHunter, [5/24/22](#)]

Called out congress for using taxpayer money on their own protection and not schools

Asked why we aren't we protecting our kids with the same level of security as Congresspeople. "why aren't we protecting our kids with the same level why aren't we spending the money the taxpayer money are being spent on ridiculous items but not on protecting our most vulnerable" [Catalina Lauf, Patrick Bet-David Podcast Episode 158 [10:18-10:30], [5/26/22](#)]

Claimed our education system and our children need better protection following Uvalde shooting. "Our education system and our children need better protection. Schools should be the last place bad guys want to target. This is just common sense." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/25/22](#)]

Believed shooters target schools because there aren't any weapons there

Argues that schools need individuals who are armed because school shooters recognize that they are vulnerable areas. "How can you prevent a um again when you have all the the control in the world possible in a situation again like in boulder how can you prevent that um you've seen

situations that people who are armed have been able to actually thwart these situations or prevent more killings from happening a lot of these situations when you look at the the mass shootings they happen and i don't think this particular instance was one of these but you know schools are where where um weapons aren't allowed so ultimately the very vulnerable areas that a mass shooter will go in and understand that they are not going to be met with um a aggression back right um that's a tough one to answer but ultimately i am for individual liberty preserving our second amendment right as much as possible and people need to understand that again" [Catalina Lauf, Pomp Podcast Episode 528 [31:25-32:18], [4/6/21](#)]

Criticized COVID protections in schools but wants to use COVID relief funds to 'secure and protect' the schools

Argues that leftover COVID funding should be used to secure our schools and protect children. "Congress shelled out \$190 billion in COVID relief funds for schools. Let's take some of those leftover funds and use them to secure our schools and protect children." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/26/22](#)]

Questioned safety advice coming from folks that shut down schools and implemented masking during a global pandemic. "Should we really be taking school safety advice from people who shut down your child's school and forced them to wear a mask for 8 hours a day?" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/3/22](#)]

Opposed H.R. 8, an act that would introduce universal background checks, in addition to other gun control measures

Said bipartisan gun control legislation isn't about school/public safety but really about control. "This gun control legislation isn't about school/public safety, no more than the Green New Deal is about the environment or sustainability. It's all about control." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/12/22](#)]

Argued that gun control measures have always failed. "Democrats have tried their gun control experiment time and time again. It's always failed. Remember: When the government takes guns away from law-abiding citizens, the only people who get guns are the government and criminals." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/26/22](#)]

Believed that gun control hurts the law abiding citizen. "we need to take a hard look at the reality that that people will do evil things but no matter what the situation is it should not be at the expense of the law abiding free American citizen and that's ultimately what gun con what gun control when they impose those things it ultimately hurts the law abiding citizen" [Catalina Lauf, Pomp Podcast Episode 528 [30:34-30:57], [4/6/21](#)]

Said Adam Kinzinger doesn't need guns because he goes around knifing Republicans in the back

In response to Adam Kinzinger (R-IL 16) voting in favor of H.R. 8: "I guess in Adam Kinzinger's world, he doesn't need guns because he just goes around knifing Republicans in the back." "I guess in Adam Kinzinger's world, he doesn't need guns because he just goes around knifing

Republicans in the back. My statement on his vote in favor of the Democrats' massive gun control legislation" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/11/21](#)]

Called Kinzinger's support of the bipartisan legislation appalling

Released a press release heavily criticizing H.R. 8 and claimed Kinzinger's vote in favor of it was appalling. "In a vote earlier today, never-Trump 'Republican' Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) was one of only eight House Republicans to join with Democrats to vote for H.R. 8, the 'Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021.'... As a proud gun owner, and staunch defender of our Second Amendment, I am absolutely appalled at Adam's assault on the gun rights of law-abiding citizens, including many in his own district." [Catalina for Congress, Press Release, [3/11/21](#)]

Called various gun control measures unconstitutional including FOID cards and the Violence Against Women Act

Claimed FOID cards are unconstitutional. "FOID cards are already an infringement upon our 2nd Amendment rights. Add in a delay to receiving them? Especially during these uncertain times? Unacceptable. Thank you to these IL Patriots for holding Government accountable. #2ndAmendment [https://hoiabc.com/2020/07/21/illinois-state-police-faces-lawsuit-over-foid-card-delays/...](https://hoiabc.com/2020/07/21/illinois-state-police-faces-lawsuit-over-foid-card-delays/)" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/21/20](#)]

Stated the Violence Against Women Act is dangerous because of the "Boyfriend Loophole" "Violence Against Women Act has a dangerous, unconstitutional gun control measure. I hope @NRA @GunOwners continue to fight." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/7/20](#)]

Claimed that the Democrats snuck in gun control via the Violence Against Women Act, saying she was tired of Democrats holding our rights hostage. "5. What is your position on federal funding for contraception, the Violence Against Women Act and reproductive rights? I am against any legislation that would be proposed on a federal level for funding contraception or abortion measures. Furthermore, Democrats snuck in a gun control measure in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act proposed in 2019. I'm tired of Democrats holding our rights hostage to get their radical agenda passed. I am firmly against any legislation that infringes upon our 2nd Amendment." [Daily Herald, Published [2/14/2020](#)]

Cited due process as the reason the Violence Against Women Act is unconstitutional

Claimed that the Violence Against Women Act, red flag laws and the "Boyfriend Loophole" are unconstitutional because of due process issues. "Lauf: a big problem with red flag laws is that it does not include due process and so and I will also say in part of the women Against Violence Reauthorization Act in 2019 there was a boyfriend loophole and just so you know to give you an idea of what that means if somebody felt that they were uncomfortable around their boyfriend or their significant other they can go tell a judge or you know don't quote me on the exact piece of legislation here but without due process so they're allowed to go in you know tell on this person that person gets their guns away Interviewer: they lose the – Lauf: right to have their guns Interviewer: you're saying without due process Lauf: Without due process that's completely unconstitutional" [Catalina Lauf, Public Affairs Illinois Channel TV [20:43-21:26], [2/29/20](#)]

Equated having a gun to having a car and said you can't solve gun violence by just taking it away

Claimed that “you can’t” solve those things when asked about restricting access to guns for the mentally ill. “In response to a question about restricting access to guns for the mentally ill: “That's like asking how can you have a mentally ill person who wants to commit a crime have access to a car and then they go and just you know trailblaze a ton of people I mean you can't how do you solve these things I don't think taking I don't think taking away the adding like or adding legislation or taking infringing upon the right it only hurts law-abiding citizens because a criminal will do what a criminal wants to do” [Catalina Lauf, Public Affairs Illinois Channel TV [19:34-20:06], [2/29/20](#)]

Pledged to make sure we don't have any more legislation that's coming out that's infringing upon our Second Amendment” “there are already so many pieces of legislation out there that are pretty entrenched already you look at you know background checks things like that well you know what can I help with is making sure that we don't have any more legislation that's coming out that's infringing upon our Second Amendment there's a ton in there and the way that they do it - it's very sneaky there was a woman Against Violence reauthorization Act that had a lot of you know pro-women policies but in that was the boyfriend loophole that didn't allow for due process you didn't report somebody and and you know that is talking about red flag red flag laws without due process and you know making sure that because there a lot of Republicans supported that bill even if they're strong Second Amendment supporters and it's making sure that we're combating that narrative and standing firm and saying no this is why I don't support this type of legislation being able to communicate it better in a way that Republicans have not been able to do it is what I hope to do and also fight against that type of legislation and make sure that I have a voice and a powerful voice to counter it deregulating a lot of these gun control type of measures and and I don't know exactly what's out there right now on the house but taking a broader look and making sure that we're not allowing that type of legislation to pass” [Catalina Lauf, Higher Line Podcast #99 [27:18-28:45], [2/23/20](#)]

Promised to put pressure on Republicans who have supported red flag laws

Said she would put pressure on different you know Republicans that have supported red flag laws. “putting pressure on different you know Republicans that have supported red flag laws two of them actually in my primary right now at the Statehouse making sure that we're not caving on this and leading and being a leader in this in this conversation is absolutely something I would do” [Catalina Lauf, Higher Line Podcast #99 [29:18-29:35], [2/23/20](#)]

Praised by the NRA for her positions on guns

Boasted about receiving the NRA's endorsement: “Proud to have an “AQ” rating (highest rating a Congressional candidate can receive without a voting record) from the @NRA! It's time we have more fierce defenders of our liberties in Congress. #2A #2ndAmendment #IL14” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/5/20](#)]

Opposes protections for workers and holds hostile attitude towards labor unions and teachers

Did not care about possibly crossing a picket line of WTTW employees

Did not comment on possibly crossing the picket line of striking employees at WTTW

WTTW employees with the IBEW Union chose to strike over how job protections and work jurisdictions were going to be treated in their new contract. “The technicians had been working without a labor contract since July, when a one-year extension of the previous four-year agreement expired. The issues were job protection and work jurisdiction, according to the union, which alleged WTTW was trying to farm out their long-standing technical duties to news producers and nonunion personnel. WTTW previously offered the union a no-layoff guarantee and a bargaining unit minimum of 25 full-time employees for the term of the new contract, but said the IBEW rejected it.” [Chicago Tribune, [4/7/22](#)]

Did not respond when asked if she would cross the picket lines to speak with WTTW during its employees’ strike. “Which candidates would cross the picket lines at WTTW? The Daily Herald asked more than 40 congressional candidates if they would participate in election forums hosted by Channel 11 or interviews with the station during the current labor strike. [...] 11th District B. Foster (D): No M. Carroll (R): Yes S. Hathaway-Altman (R): No” [Daily Herald, [4/4/22](#)]

Went after teachers unions claiming they’re failing our students, causing school closures, and controlling Democrats

Attacked Democrats claiming they put teachers unions first before families and voters

Claimed that Democrats put teachers unions and unelected officials first. “In 2022, the choice is clear: Democrats put teachers unions and unelected officials first. Republicans put families and voters first.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/10/22](#)]

Believes cancelling nearly \$1 trillion in student debt only benefits teachers unions

Canceling student debt only benefits teachers unions. “Biden canceling student loan debt doesn’t fix the problem, it just feeds the education fat-cats and teachers unions.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/27/22](#)]

Said that teachers unions are failing students

Claimed that teachers unions are failing students in response to a quoted tweet explaining how Chicago Teachers Union members were in support of a remote work action. “Our children deserve better than this. Our government has failed them. School boards are failing them. Teachers unions are failing them. We need school choice now, and we need parents in control.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [12/28/21](#)]

Blamed teachers unions for school closures, not the persisting COVID-19 pandemic

Blamed school closures on teachers unions. “Absolutely unacceptable and unfortunately the problem we’re facing here with the Chicago Teacher’s Union and others in the State. Time to open our schools!” [Twitter, @Catalina Lauf, [1/26/21](#)]

Claimed teachers unions have too much power and we need leaders fighting against forced mandates and Critical Race theory

Stated teachers unions have too much power. “What happened to teachers, teaching? My mother was a teacher for 30 years, and what is happening today is not teaching. It is indoctrination. These last few years have shown Illinois parents that their children’s rights are under attack by Democrat elites in power at every level from the teacher’s unions to school boards. We don’t have enough leaders on the National level fighting against forced mandates, Critical Race Theory and other issues seen in our schools today.” [[Catalina Lauf for Congress](#)]

Spoke against unions and labor protections

Claimed liberal elites and unions think conservatives are too dumb to think for themselves

Attacked unions saying they think conservatives are too dumb. “This is rich. Liberal elites and the unions think we’re too dumb to think for ourselves and our families, and how we earn a living so we must be ‘saved’” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/9/21](#)]

Said freelancers and small business owners don’t want to be saved by government or unions

Aimed attack at unions trying to save small business owners who do not want them.

“Freelancers and small business owners are both Republican and Democrat. They’re Americans who are trying to earn an honest living. They are creative. They innovate and massively contribute to our workforce and economy. They don’t want to be “saved” by Government or unions” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/9/21](#)]

Claimed that gig workers like being treated as contractors and don’t need any more protections

Detailed why gig workers like being treated as contractors. “Once again —liberal academics somehow think they speak for the American worker and companies alike. Contract workers LIKE being contract workers. The gig economy is booming & another example of the free market at its best (which is why the left doesn’t like it). Many Uber drivers for example work for Uber on their own time while they’re building other businesses, in retirement, raising kids (etc). It allows a flexibility that being a W2 cannot match. They are not victims — the left should stop interfering! Yes and many labor laws were needed! However, in this case, I would disagree with you re: the modern gig economy — for many people this is not their primary income stream and in fact, don’t want to be considered full-time employees.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/18/21](#), [1/18/21](#), [1/18/21](#)]

Called the Pro Act a disaster despite it strengthening organizing rights for workers

Alleged that the PRO ACT, which strengthened the rights of organizing workers, is a disaster.

“The PRO ACT is a DISASTER. Dems want to put 59 million Americans out of work, destroy our modern economy and crush businesses. Every single member of Congress should be fighting for their constituents’ livelihood right now. Learn more \ <https://sbecouncil.org/2020/02/06/pro-act-coerces-americans-to-subsidize-join-labor-unionsdestroys-self-employment-entrepreneurship-and-gig-work/>” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/9/21](#)]

Touted theory that Democrats want to intervene in companies because the free market is providing better alternatives to public services so now Democrats want their cut

Claimed that Democrats want to intervene in companies because the free market is providing better alternatives to public transit and now Dems want their cut when responding to an article about the relationship between rideshare services and declining CTA quality. “The Left will try to convince you they’re looking out for “workers” when in reality... they’re looking out for themselves. Wonder why they want to intervene in companies-the free market provided a better alternative to awful public transportation and now they want their cut” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/21/21](#)]

Said that gig workers preferred the flexibility of the gig economy

Claimed to know that gig workers prefer the flexibility of the gig economy. “They are not going into a *labor market* they enter the *gig* economy because again, they prefer the flexibility and like to be their own bosses. Many veterans, moms, entrepreneurs and retirees make up Uber drivers — to call them “unskilled” is complete leftist arrogance” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/21/21](#)]

Touts major support for Uber claiming their drivers love it, while also holding thousands in Uber stock

Holds Uber stock

Holds between \$1,001 and \$15,000 in Uber stock.

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Claimed that Uber drivers have plenty of other job opportunities they could pursue but they choose Uber driving because of the flexibility

Argued that Uber drivers have other avenues of employment & simply want the flexibility. “The whole concept of Uber/Lyft is gig. Drivers know exactly what relationship their getting into (1099) and in fact, prefer it. Many have other avenues of employment or simply want the flexibility. Why can’t anyone see that?” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/21/21](#)]

Said Uber fosters entrepreneurship based on her experience working on the corporate side, not as a driver

Spoke for Uber drivers claiming they liked Uber because of the entrepreneurship it fostered, despite never working as a driver herself. “Just as a correction there I worked for the Uber corporate office and I did have a lot of interaction with the drivers and understanding you know what they wanted and the entrepreneurship that a company like Uber fosters” [Catalina Lauf, One America News Network [1:31-1:41], [12/20/19](#)]

Recently leaked documents show that Uber deliberately exploited workers, flouted laws, and duped police

Leaked documents show Uber exploited workers and broke laws in the name of global expansion. “A leaked trove of confidential files has revealed the inside story of how the tech giant Uber flouted laws, duped police, exploited violence against drivers and secretly lobbied governments during its aggressive global expansion. The unprecedented leak to the Guardian of more than 124,000 documents – known as the Uber files – lays bare the ethically questionable practices that fuelled the company’s transformation into one of Silicon Valley’s most famous exports. The leak spans a five-year period when Uber was run by its co-founder Travis Kalanick, who tried to force the cab-hailing service into cities around the world, even if that meant breaching laws and taxi regulations. [The Guardian, [7/11/2022](#)]

Spread anti-LGBTQ rhetoric claiming schools are grooming children

Lauf claims that schools are grooming children to identify as LGBT

Equated displaying pride flags with confusing young children on their sexuality despite prevalence of rainbows in children’s literature and daily life. “I just spoke with a 13 year old last week who said that she was confused for an entire year of what her gender was because in school her teachers the millennials that were these useful idiots I’ll call them that that don’t even understand what they’re talking about half the time to the kids these millennial teachers are pushing the the pride flags in schools they have groups that you’re allowed to join these LGBTQ whatever groups and and you’re not allowed to join any other groups you should prob they encourage people to join these groups that and then it’s just so it’s surrounded it’s they’re constantly surrounded by it and then they get confused and then it’s a cool thing for their friends to do and it becomes a fad she was confused for a year because it was in her environment” [Catalina Lauf, Patrick Bet-David Podcast Episode 158 [4:05-4:56], [5/26/22](#)]

Equated an 18 year old handling a firearm with a 6 year old making decisions on gender identity

Claimed that 6-year-olds are too young to be making decisions about ‘gender identity.’ “If 18-year-olds are too young to handle firearms, then 6-year-olds are too young to be making decisions about their ‘gender identity’” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/3/22](#)]

Claimed that Pres. Biden is tying federal funding for school lunches to compliance with radical gender ideology

Stated that Biden is tying federal school lunch funding to compliance with radical gender ideology. “The Biden administration is tying federal school lunch funding to compliance with radical gender ideology. Parents don’t get a say. This is a disgrace and an insult to families everywhere. I will fight tooth and nail for parental rights in Congress!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/2/22](#)]

Vehemently spoke out against trans women competing in women’s sports

Argued that trans women are invading women’s sports and the ‘radical left’ is letting it happen to appear woke

Said she was discouraged by seeing transgender women competing in women's sports because 'when men compete in girls' sports, young women lose their opportunities.' "Illinois 11th Congressional District candidate Catalina Lauf is discouraged by seeing transgender women competing in women's sports. 'Young women compete in sports to better themselves, have fun, earn scholarships, and make a career out of being professional athletes,' Lauf said in a statement. 'But when men compete in girls' sports, young women lose their opportunities.'" [Will County Gazette, [4/20/22](#)]

Claimed that the radical left is letting men invade girls' sports because they think it makes them 'woke.' "Lauf wants to tackle the matter in the chamber to keep a fair competition for female athletes. 'The radical left is letting men invade girls' sports because they think it makes them 'woke' or something,' Lauf said. 'But I have news for them. This is not a political issue. This is a scientific issue. A study from the equality group of the U.K.'s Sports Council shows that transgender women who take testosterone suppression do not lose the competitive advantages men have. Even Caitlyn Jenner opposes biological boys who are trans competing in girls sports in school.'" [Will County Gazette, [4/20/22](#)]

Supported American energy independence falsely claiming Trump era energy policies saved Americans money

Called for a return to Trump era energy policies

Claimed America was energy independent with Trump and wants to return to it. "America was energy independent a few years ago. We did it before, and we can do it again!" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/29/22](#)]

Claimed the average American family saved \$2500 a year under Trump

Used misleading information claiming families saved \$2500 under Trump. "Under President Trump, the average American family saved \$2,500 a year in lower electric bills & lower gas prices. Under Joe Biden, the price of electricity is up 6.5% and the price of gas is at a 7-year high." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/27/21](#)]

That number comes from a report that estimates families will save that in five to ten years. "The first thing we noticed is that the president apparently does not understand the nuanced presentation of this number in the report. The estimate in the report is that after five to 10 years, the administration's freeze on new regulations and rollback of Obama-era regulations will raise real incomes by \$3,100 per household per year." [Washington Post, [8/15/2019](#)]

Wanted to cut entitlement spending which would affect seniors

Said that she wants to find ways to cut entitlement spending *"If elected, what do you hope to accomplish with respect to policy?"* Lauf: Expanding our Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, finding ways to cut entitlement spending, and fostering a friendly economic environment, especially for our small businesses. Fixing our broken immigration system and ensuring Congress is supporting our President's agenda of having safe and secure borders." [DailyWire.com, Published [8/25/2019](#)]

Outspoken supporter of US military spending and veterans issues without offering any substance

Called out military for focusing on left-wing wokeness

Thought our military should spend less time focused on left-wing wokeness and more time on training qualified soldiers to defend our nation. "Our military should spend less time focused on left-wing wokeness and more time on training qualified soldiers to defend our nation." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/1/22](#)]

Supported bringing all troops home

Called on Biden to bring troops home in every Middle Eastern conflict. "Our military members are not the worlds policemen! It is not our responsibility to intervene in EVERY Middle Eastern conflict. We need to stop nation-building abroad & BRING OUR TROOPS HOME!" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/26/21](#)]

Said she comes from a military family which is why she is passionate about veteran issues

Said government and poor leadership failed our veterans in response to IDVA scandal surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak at LaSalle Veterans Home. "This is completely unacceptable. Love to the victims and their families. Government and poor leadership fails our veterans, time and again." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/30/21](#)]

Shamed media for using service members as political props, but seemingly used service members as political props for photo op

Claimed Trump's real love for our military, veterans, and country was proven by actions on and off camera and shamed the media for using service members as political props. "The real love @realDonaldTrump has for our military, our veterans and Country is proven not only in his actions as President but in his off-camera actions as a human being. What a shame the media is using our service-members as political props. Truth & right will always prevail." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [9/4/20](#)]

Used Vietnam Vets 'Breakfast Club' for photo op.



[Instagram, [3/29/2021](#)]

Said she is passionate about veterans issues and that Rep. Underwood failed them. “1/ 2 - Coming from a military family, I have been and always will be passionate about veteran issues. Speaking with many vets in our #IL14 community, who I grab breakfast with, shoot guns with and talk with regularly, @RepUnderwood has completely failed them.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/23/20](#)]

Stated Representative Underwood should support veterans instead of expanding healthcare access for illegal immigrants “This is the same @RepUnderwood who interrupted @RepMarkGreen on the House floor advocating for illegal immigrant healthcare over our Nation’s Veterans. She should start being a champion for ALL veterans and policies, Chief among them, access to quality care and mental health.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/23/20](#)]

In reference to Underwood’s stance on EMRs for veterans and illegal immigrants, Underwood is not “even helping our own veterans in this community” “she recently was on the House floor with representative mark Greene and representative mark Greene was talking about how veterans should have access to electronic medical records EMRs and she comes up on the House floor and says well why can’t we walk and chew gum at the same time give EMRs to our veteran community but also to illegal immigrants and that type of and that wasn’t the exact quote but it there’s a clip of that on c-span that type of just backwards policy we don’t even try even helping our own veterans in this community Illinois 14 has a large veteran community and she doesn’t even want to help them over she’d rather help illegal immigrants” [Catalina Lauf, Higher Line Podcast #99 [34:28-35:16], [2/23/20](#)]

Critical of the Biden Administration’s economic record and argues for economic policies like deregulation

Criticized Biden energy policies and the administration's response to high gas prices

Stated the climate agenda was to blame for high gas prices

Blamed the climate agenda for high gas prices. “Gas prices have now hit a record high with a national average at \$5 a gallon. Biden’s insane climate agenda is crushing families at the pump.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/9/22](#)]

Said record high gas prices were a direct result of failed energy policy. “Unbelievable: Gas prices in all 50 states have now hit a record high. This didn’t just happen by coincidence. It’s a direct result of failed energy policy.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/1/22](#)]

Used the term ‘Bidenflation’ to criticize high gas prices

Said “Bidenflation” and his energy policies have failed Illinois. “22 consecutive days of record high gas prices. Bidenflation and his disastrous energy policies have FAILED Illinois and the American people!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/31/22](#)]

Characterized Biden as waging war on American energy claiming it’s crippling the economy

Claimed Biden has declared war on American energy. “Thanks to Biden and his war on American energy, Memorial Day gas prices are the highest they’ve ever been in history.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/27/22](#)]

Said Biden’s war on American energy is crippling our economic freedom. “Gas prices are now above \$4 a gallon in every single state across America. Biden’s war on American energy is crippling our economic freedom and crushing families at the pump.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/18/22](#)]

Blamed Biden and Democrats entirely for inflation

Claimed Biden is doing nothing about high gas prices and the baby formula shortage. “Gas prices hit a record high today. Families can’t find baby formula and basic necessities. And what’s Joe Biden doing? He’s busy mumbling through speeches trying to blame Republicans and Russia.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/10/22](#)]

Accused Biden of deliberately running the economy into the ground

Said Biden is deliberately running our economy into the ground. “Biden is deliberately running our economy into the ground. It’s not incompetence. It’s impossible to get this much destruction without intent.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/20/22](#)]

Continuously accused the administration of lying about inflation and the state of the economy

Claimed the White House lied about inflation. “Inflation numbers have now reached the highest they’ve been in a generation. The White House told you inflation was ‘transitory.’ They lied.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/10/22](#)]

Claims the administration is lying about the state of the economy “The economy: \$6 gas, food shortages, potential recession Biden: “Look how great everything is!” Who are you going to believe, this administration or your lying eyes?” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/6/22](#)]

Went after Rep. Foster for supporting President Biden and blamed him in part for inflation

Called Foster a rubber stamp for Biden-Pelosi agenda and urged Illinoisans to vote against him

Used inflation as a reason to vote against Rep. Foster “Illinois, if you’re fed up with skyrocketing prices everywhere you go, vote against @RepBillFoster. He’s been with Biden and Pelosi every step of the way. In Congress, I will check reckless spending and get this administration under control! [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/8/22](#)]

Claimed Rep. Foster has helped Biden wreck our economy. “.@RepBillFoster is nothing more than a rubber stamp for the radical Biden-Pelosi agenda. He represents the DC Swamp and has helped Biden wreck our economy every step of the way. We’re bringing change to IL-11 in November.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/26/22](#)]

Twisted incentives for electric cars into a hit on inflation

Claimed that people can’t buy electric cars because of inflation. “Dear Democrats: People who can’t afford basic goods and energy costs thanks to your inflation crisis also can’t afford to buy new electric cars. Hope this helps.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/8/22](#)]

Blamed legislators making it difficult for businesses to thrive due to over-regulation and over-taxing

“If our legislators stopped over-regulating and over-taxing making it NEAR IMPOSSIBLE for businesses to thrive here + bring our supply chains back, everyone would win.” “If our legislators stopped over-regulating and over-taxing making it NEAR IMPOSSIBLE for businesses to thrive here + bring our supply chains back, everyone would win. Our economy, businesses and the American people” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [12/2/21](#)]

Worried that our individual liberties are being stripped and we will soon look like Venezuela and Central America

Claimed that Progressives want complete tyranny. “what’s happening with our individual liberties being stripped away constantly and ultimately preserve our economic system which allows companies like our parents and we as individual people as well to thrive that’s the american dream at its finest and we need to preserve that with the what aoc and the progressives and even some of the rhinos want for our country is a complete tyranny i mean this is we’re heading into a really tough direction that if we don’t steer the ship fast we are going to look like countries like venezuela and central america” [Catalina Lauf, The Right View with Lara Trump [6:46-7:19], [9/23/21](#)]

Said the Trump administration got it right with tax cuts and jobs act. “you have real kitchen table economic issues that are that are a problem now that were honestly solved during the trump administration with things like the tax cuts and jobs act and a pro-growth economic policy agenda and here you have the biden administration destroying our country day after day you have our liberties taken away now with these mass mandates look at the border crisis there are real issues we don’t have time for our representatives to be prancing around MSNBC and CNN” [Catalina Lauf, Chicago’s Morning Answer [11:06-11:35], [8/10/21](#)]

Claimed as someone appointed to the Dept of Commerce by Trump that the only way to help the economy is through tax cuts. “as somebody who is appointed by President Trump to his administration at the Department of Commerce a lot of what he campaigned upon whether it was Tax Cuts in Jobs Act or USMCA directly affect Americans and American lives these are kitchen table issues the tax cuts a job deck I have an example here in this 14th district of a manufacturing company that because of the Tax Cuts in Jobs Act was able to implement an apprenticeship program to help the skills gap and labor shortages that are happening in the manufacturing industry people in businesses especially the small businesses are able to grow and thrive when you deregulate and you cut taxes across the board things like USMCA these are these are free market free enterprise policies that are helping all Americans across the board” [Catalina Lauf, One America News Network [0:31-1:22], [2/8/20](#)]

Critical of the American response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine calling Biden weak while also calling for an end to aid

Saw invasion of Ukraine as an impact of long-time US foreign policy failures and weakness from Pres. Biden

Claimed The World Is Witnessing The Devastating Impacts Of Long-Time US Foreign Policy Failures, And Most Recently, Weakness And Incompetence From President Biden. “The world is witnessing the devastating impacts of long-time US foreign policy failures, and most recently, weakness and incompetence from President Biden. I am praying for the people of Ukraine as they defend their country today.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/24/22](#)]

Characterized Biden’s foreign policy as ‘America Last’

Called out President Biden for putting ‘America Last.’ “Biden sends billions to Ukraine while ignoring the crisis on our own border. Everything this administration does has a common theme: America Last.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/29/22](#)]

Continued with the America First narrative and called for cutting foreign aid to Ukraine. “No more foreign wars or foreign aid until we take care of AMERICANS first! Our leaders have lost their common sense.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/23/22](#)]

Criticized US financial and military support sent to the Ukrainian government

Said Biden providing aid to Ukraine while calling for stricter gun laws in the US a ridiculous double standard, despite the US not currently waging war at home

Characterized Biden providing aid to Ukraine but advocating for stricter gun laws in the US as a ridiculous double standard. “Biden to Ukraine: ‘Give them guns!’ Biden to America: ‘Take their guns!’ Ridiculous double standard.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/3/22](#)]

Called out Democrats for supporting guns for Ukraine, but not for America. “Democrats support guns for Ukraine, but not for America. Why is that?” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/26/22](#)]

Blamed the formula shortage on \$40 billion in aid to Ukraine

Blamed \$40 billion in aid to Ukraine for the formula shortage. “You can’t find baby formula, but Senators can find \$40 billion for Ukraine.”
[Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/17/22](#)]

Said Americans don’t want more wars halfway across the globe. “Americans don’t want more wars halfway across the globe. Americans want stocked shelves, affordable energy, and better wages.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/17/22](#)]

Called out Rep. Foster for supporting \$40 billion aid to Ukraine during formula shortage and inflation crisis

Angered with Bill Foster’s vote to send \$40 billion to Ukraine during formula shortage and gas price increases in the US. “My opponent Bill Foster just voted to send \$40B to Ukraine while Illinoisans & the parents in our district can’t find baby formula in the stores or afford gas to take their kids to school. The people of IL-11 deserve a Representative that will put their interests FIRST.”
[Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/12/22](#)]

Made hypocritical statements about not politicizing the pandemic while she continuously blamed democratic leaders and called all mask and vaccine mandates tyrannical

Blamed governors and congresspeople for pandemic failures, not Trump administration while also calling for people not to politicize the pandemic

Attacked Rep. Underwood for criticizing Trump’s handling of COVID-19 and shifted blame to Democrats

Argues that governors are to blame for pandemic failures, not the Trump Administration “Far left Dems like @RepUnderwood in Blue states with far-left Governors (like JB Pritzker) fail to see the truth objectively which is the gross failure of Governors NOT the President’s Administration. They would rather politicize a pandemic than hold their own party accountable.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/16/20](#)]

Used pandemic as a means to attack Democrats but claimed politicizing a pandemic is disgraceful

Said politicizing a pandemic is disgraceful. “No matter your party — Politicizing and cheering for a pandemic, blaming @realDonaldTrump re: coronavirus is disgraceful. We Americans should bind together, support and stand with our Administration for the work they are doing, and give encouragement to our leaders.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/27/20](#)]

Ignored the reality of COVID as a threat and opposed lockdowns because of their economic consequences

Asked why Biden officials could not see negative economic consequences of lockdown without asking about the negative consequences of massive COVID transmission. “Regular Americans could predict our economy was taking a turn for the worst after COVID lockdowns and trillions in reckless federal spending. So why couldn’t Biden’s own officials predict it?” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/1/22](#)]

Strongly opposed mask & vaccine mandates and lockdowns

Talked about increase in COVID deaths during year with loosest COVID restrictions, and then continued to advocate for loosening restrictions

Talked about increase in COVID deaths while advocating against shutdowns. “Joe Biden promised to “shut down” the virus. Yet more Americans died from COVID this year than in 2020. The only things Democrats actually shut down were small businesses and schools.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [10/12/21](#)]

Said we all need to stand together against mask mandates and lockdowns. “who knows if governor Pritzker wants to now impose lockdowns impose new mask mandates forcing kids in their sports to wear masks outside I mean this is absolutely ridiculous and it needs to stop. People senator Rand Paul is right when he says they cannot uh go against all of us if we all need to stand up together” [Catalina Lauf, Chicago’s Morning Answer [6:04-6:27], [8/10/21](#)]

Argued Biden should continue to halt H1B visas until significant gains in US employment. “COVID has wrecked our economy and it’s essential businesses /industries from manufacturing to tech prioritize American workers. President Biden should continue the halt on H1B visas until significant U.S employment gains We want to see American workers back to work FIRST” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/31/21](#)]

Fought against COVID shutdowns for businesses. “Our #IL14 businesses have been hurting — they’ve respected guidelines and have invested heavily into safety precautions due to COVID-19. Shutting more businesses down, infringing upon fundamental rights and economic opportunity is NOT the answer.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [10/27/20](#)]

Claimed Pritzker lockdowns caused greater strife for businesses than the millions of COVID deaths. “Not to mention the serious impact JB’s handling of Covid as a whole put on small business owners and real people (in your district) trying to make a living. That alone continues to cause greater strife. There should be real balance centered around doing what’s right not politics!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/16/20](#)]

Opposed vaccine mandates because of how they supposedly constitute an infringement on individual rights

Called vaccine mandates an infringement on liberty. “look at even with the vaccine mandates there are a lot of people now that i get on social media and people that are reaching out to me here in our state that say my employer is forcing me to get vaccinated what do i do people are leading

protests peaceful protests of course before they call us you know violence and all that uh they're leading protests to to combat this and and i think companies are going to really suffer from this but ultimately these states that are if they end up going back to this uh really draconian measures on the mask mandates and even the vaccine look at what's happening in New York City uh with the with the vaccine passport which by the way Adam Kinzinger tweeted uh that he was essentially in support of them uh this is a huge infringement on our liberty but we ultimately have the power to stand up" [Catalina Lauf, Chicago's Morning Answer [6:40-7:35], [8/10/21](#)]

Claimed We Should Compensate And Rehire Every Healthy Worker Who Was Fired For Refusing The COVID Vaccine."



[Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/18/22](#)]

Called vaccine mandates tyrannical and won't stop until they're blocked. "America's healthcare workers deserve the freedom to choose. While OSHA's vaccine mandate has been blocked, I am disappointed SCOTUS didn't rule the same for our frontline heroes. I won't stop fighting until NO AMERICAN is subjected to tyrannical vaccine mandates." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/13/22](#)]

Said Biden's vaccine mandates are both "tyrannical" and "unconstitutional" "The freedom of 100 million American workers is on the line today. Joe Biden's tyrannical vaccine mandates are not the law — they are an abuse of power. SCOTUS must reign in this government overreach and rule the mandates unconstitutional." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/7/22](#)]

Argued that Biden should cover "100% of lost wages due to his vaccine mandate" "Joe Biden announced 100% of cost of at-home COVID tests will be covered. Will he also cover 100% of lost wages due to his vaccine mandate?" [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [12/8/21](#)]

Stated that getting the vaccine should be a choice. "Getting the vaccine is a choice and should remain, A CHOICE. Period. Government should not be mandating this on a free people." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [12/6/21](#)]

Said that Biden's vaccine mandate should not allow for him to act like a tyrant. "The Biden Administration is defying a court order blocking their unconstitutional vaccine mandate. That's not how our country works. He cannot act like a tyrant." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/12/21](#)]

Argued labor shortages would get far worse after vaccine mandate kicks in. "72% of unvaccinated workers vow to quit if ordered to get vaccinated. If you think labor shortages are bad now, just wait until Joe Biden's vaccine mandate goes into effect on Jan. 4th." [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [11/5/21](#)]

Called vaccine mandates unconstitutional tyranny. “This is tyranny. We are a free people. Free people should not be forced by the federal government to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to work. Furthermore, businesses should not be forced to mandate it either. This is a gross infringement on our liberties and completely unconstitutional. Illinois business owners: DO NOT COMPLY. I will stand with YOU.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [9/9/21](#)]

Posted a supportive flier for an anti-vaccine protest by Advocate Aurora employees [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [8/31/21](#)]

Opposed vaccine passports but supported Voter ID.” “I oppose vaccine passports. I support voter ID. Who's with me?” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [4/5/21](#)]

Doubts the existence of climate change and whether it matters as a political issue

Does not fully believe that humans have impacted the climate and wants to see more ‘evidence and data’

Questioned whether the global climate has been affected by mankind. “Lauf questioned whether mankind has affected the global climate, too. ‘I'd like to see more evidence and data to see human's role in causing 'climate change' before betting our entire economy on ridiculous policies like the Green New Deal,’ she wrote in her questionnaire. Like Carroll, Lauf said far-left environmental policies hurt American families. ‘There has to be a way to address the complexity of the climate debate that doesn't put the burden on American families or expand government overreach,’ Lauf said.” [Daily Herald, [6/5/22](#)]

Did not believe Democrats should take action on climate change because she does not believe it can be fully backed up

Criticized Democrats for acting on climate change because it cannot fully be backed up to her standards. “that's the issue though too is that what it becomes is it just it's a massive spending that it's it's because they want to increase taxes it's because they're they're trying they're willing to bet an economy an entire economy people's hard-earned money on something that cannot be completely backed up right and that is the scary part and that's their whole focus is just how they're gonna spend other people's money and how we're gonna slap regulation and that's just how they solve problems” [Catalina Lauf, The Chad Prather Show [32:04-32:33], [10/15/19](#)]

Refused to answer whether climate change was caused by human activity, saying that regardless taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill for a Green New Deal. “7. Do you believe climate change is caused by human activity? What steps should government be taking to address the issue? Man-made or not, I don't believe in burdening taxpayers with a \$93 trillion Green New Deal is the answer, especially while countries like China, the world's biggest polluter, go unchecked.” [Daily Herald, Published [2/14/2020](#)]

Cannot comprehend the idea of a refugee who has been displaced as a result of a climate disaster

Doubted the idea of a climate refugee. “My mother came to the United States from Guatemala. She did not come here because of climate change — she came here legally to work hard and live the American Dream. That's something today's Democrat Party fundamentally does not understand.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/7/21](#)]

Doubted that climate change is a motivation for a surge of refugees at the border. “Yet @AOC cited “climate change” as the motivation for a surge at the border. Can’t make this up.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [3/31/21](#)]

Believed that voters do not care about climate change despite research showing two thirds of Americans already see the effects of climate change and think the government should do more

Does not believe that Americans think about climate change. “The every day lives of Americans matter, and let me tell you what the kitchen table is talking about: keeping their jobs, who is going to watch their child while schools are closed, how they’re going to pay their mortgage in a State like IL. NOT climate change.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [2/3/21](#)]

Majority of Americans in 2020 said they saw the effects of climate change and felt the government action fell short. A majority of Americans continue to say they see the effects of climate change in their own communities and believe that the federal government falls short in its efforts to reduce the impacts of climate change.” [Pew Research Center, [6/23/2020](#)]

Called the Paris Climate Agreement out of touch despite most registered voters supporting US participation in the agreement

Claimed that the Paris Climate Agreement is an examples of policy making by “out of touch DC politicians” “The majority of #IL14 cares about immigration reform, small-businesses, economy and ag. Out of touch DC politicians like @RepUnderwood try to push things like Paris Climate Agreement — serve your constituents not your Party leadership!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/22/21](#)]

Study found nearly 70% of registered voters think US should participate in Paris Climate Agreement. “Nearly 70% of registered voters believe that the US should participate in the Paris Climate Agreement.” [ClimateCommunication.Yale.Edu, [11/2016](#)]

Does not think climate change matters

In response to a statement about climate change narratives in the media: “let’s get back to things that matter” “the fact that it is even a narrative in the media and people are even talking about it well what about things that actually matter like our taxes and immigration reform and health care reform like let's go back to the things that matter and that's why again the AOC and the squad's the world are so detrimental because they're dominating a narrative and they're creating the policy narrative when again that's not kitchen table issues right like when you go to a district that's not what people care about this of course people want to care they care about the environment but these things are just so they're not what should be prioritized” [Catalina Lauf, The Chad Prather Show [30:37-31:10], [10/15/19](#)]

Supported stereotypical law and order Republican policies and criticized Black Lives Matter protesters, but not Jan 6th Insurrectionists

Argues that voters are frustrated with the increasing crime wave seen in their communities

Stated that American people are sick and tired of skyrocketing crime in their communities. “Recent primary elections prove that the American people are sick and tired of skyrocketing crime in their communities. Safe city streets and law and order is a winning message!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/8/22](#)]

Accused Biden DOJ of letting criminal rioters walk free while targeting school board meetings. “The Biden DOJ lets criminal rioters walk free while targeting concerned parents at school board meetings. Making an absolute mockery of our criminal justice system. Our country needs fair rule of law across the board.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [6/7/22](#)]

Used coded language calling Black Lives Matter protests organized thugs

Claimed people are moving out of Chicago due to organized thugs who have taken advantage of Summer 2020 social unrest. “The business owners, employees who can’t make it to work. People moving out of Chicago because it’s no longer safe. All due to organized thugs who have taken complete advantage of a situation for their own personal gain. All must be caught and prosecuted to the fullest extent.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [8/15/20](#)]

Characterized BLM protests as a part of that crime wave

Called out Rep. Foster for not discussing damages caused by BLM protests. “This is the same Naperville that suffered millions of dollars worth of damage due to the BLM riots— yet not one word from @RepBillFoster — didn’t hold an event to support the small-business owners and community then. Only when it’s politically convenient” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [1/6/22](#)]

Offered big support to law enforcement, except for during Jan 6th insurrection

Said there is a war on men and women in blue. “38 Chicago police officers have been shot at in 2021. 11 of those officers were struck by gunfire. 29-year-old Chicago Police Officer Ella French was the first female officer fatally shot on the job in Chicago in 33 years. The war on the men and women in blue must end.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [8/10/21](#)]

Publicly ‘backed the blue’ through her campaign. “Thank you to the Gavers Community Foundation for putting on yet an amazing Barndance —all for a great cause. And thank you to our #LEOs for keeping us safe. Team Catalina BACKS THE BLUE!” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [7/19/21](#)]

Claimed to be pro-law enforcement and pro-law and order. ” [30:19-30:26] “Yeah well yeah I’m pro law enforcement absolutely and pro law and order as a more of a principle behind that” [Catalina Lauf, Timcast IRL, [4/20/21](#)]

Expressed solidarity with Chicago police. “To those who peacefully protested in Chicago -- who did not want to cause harm, who even in some instances thwarted the enemy rioters and looters from causing destruction, we are with you. To our Chicago police, we stand with you, too.” [Twitter, @CatalinaLauf, [5/31/20](#)]

Claimed there was a culture war against law enforcement

Called the culture war against law enforcement disgusting to and said it needs to stop. “it's disgusting to me that we have people on a national scale and especially elected leaders my the woman who I'm looking to to unseat Lauren Underwood came in and talked about just that in at the border these law enforcement officials on the House floor she talked about how they were killing children on purpose I mean that type of rhetoric on a national scale you see things that are happening in in New York City that that culture war against law enforcement is disgusting to me it needs to stop because you guys have a job to do and the more that you first of all there aren't facts that are there right I mean when you have a situation where god forbid somebody does get killed and in that they're not getting the full story right the media is not telling the full story and everybody looks for somebody to blame and it's sad to me when elected officials play into that narrative because you should be a leader you should be supporting in a district like mine we have law enforcement that's a constituent of her and you should be speaking on an American for all Americans and when you play this pin in this race pandering this this pointing fingers we're in a really sad point in our country where it where it's it's heading that way and we need to go back to respecting all people and respecting the the job that you do and how their words affect families how their words affect you guys every day god forbid if a situation does happen where somebody does die it impacts a community and we need to change that narrative” [Catalina Lauf, Law Enforcement Today [1:46-3:31], [4/7/20](#)]

Appendix

Old Offensive Social Media Posts

In 2011, Natalie Bata quoted Catalina Lauf (who was 18 at the time) as saying, "[@bataliciousx](#) I may have to hook up with your 14 year old brother when he comes for family weekend. [#hot](#) [#illegal](#)" "RT [@CatalinaLauf](#): [@bataliciousx](#) I may have to hook up with your 14 year old brother when he comes for family weekend. [#hot](#) [#illegal](#)"



In 2012, GirlProbzMiamiU quoted Catalina Lauf (who was 18 at the time) as saying, "parents coming to move me out.... Time to hide all the sinful items I have accumulated over the year [#boyclothes](#) [#alch](#) haha" "[@CatalinaLauf](#): parents coming to move me out.... Time to hide all the sinful items I have accumulated over the year [#boyclothes](#) [#alch](#) haha"



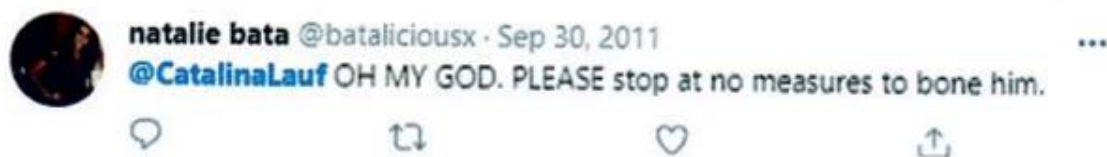
In 2012, GirlProbzMiamiU quoted Catalina Lauf as saying, "[#ThatAwkwardMoment](#) when you see the hot guy you like after you get a waxing job..." "[@CatalinaLauf](#): [#ThatAwkwardMoment](#) when you see the hot guy you like after you get a waxing job... [@GirlProbzMiamiU](#)"



In 2012, Natalie Bata tweeted that she and Catalina Lauf (who was 18 at the time) were drinking beers on the beach "[@CatalinaLauf](#) and drinking beers on the beach was not smart for our non-dieted/worked-out bodies."



In 2011, Natalie Bata tweeted, "[@CatalinaLauf](#) OH MY GOD. PLEASE stop at no measures to bone him" "[@CatalinaLauf](#) OH MY GOD. PLEASE stop at no measures to bone him."



In 2011, Natalie Bata quoted Catalina Lauf (who was 18 at the time) as saying, "This 5 day binge with @bataliciousx has finally come to an end. My liver hates me & so does my roommate Oops. #drunkproblems" "RT @CatalinaLauf This 5 day binge with @bataliciousx has finally come to an end. My liver hates me & so does my roommate Oops. #drunkproblems"



In 2012, GirlProbzMiamiU quoted Catalina Lauf (who was 19 at the time) as saying, "#adviceforfreshmen DO NOT drunk text your crush or ex hook up or w/e.U will regret it and u will be made fun of by his bros." "@CatalinaLauf: #adviceforfreshmen DO NOT drunk text your crush or ex hook up or w/e.U will regret it and u will be made fun of by his bros"



In 2011, Natalie Bata quoted Catalina Lauf (who was 18 at the time) as saying, "we deserve to go out tonight. You've been a lab rat..and ive been a failure to the Greeks. Sounds like shot night to me" "@CatalinaLauf 'we deserve to go out tonight. You've been a lab rat..and iv'e been a failure to the Greeks. Sounds like shot night to me!'"



In 2012, GirlProbzMiamiU tweeted, "@CatalinaLauf told mom 'well she can suck a fat one' weeks ago. today she brought it up claiming I said 'she can stick a dick in her mouth'"

"@Catalina Lauf told mom 'well she can suck a fat one' weeks ago. today she brought it up claiming I said 'she can stick a dick in her mouth'"



Contribution Analysis – Significant Contributors

Received \$2.9K from Gerald Forsythe

Forsythe is a controversial figure in Long Grove, IL, where he's made significant changes to the historic village, most notably introducing gambling.

Long Grove residents uncomfortable with video gambling brought in by the Forsythes. "But not everybody is comfortable with the changes the Forsythes have brought — most notably video gambling — to the quaint historic district." [Chicago Daily Herald, 10/21/2014]

Received \$2.9K from Peter Zieve

Zieve is an extremely racist individual who founded an engineering company in Washington state, where he's been fined for discriminating against his workers and anonymously created an anti-muslim postcard campaign opposing the construction of a mosque.

Called racist and anti-muslim in opinion piece published in the local paper. "Voters can see the facts — whether that's extremists like Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene being the standard bearer of the GOP brand or right here in Snohomish County, where the anti-Muslim racist Peter Zieve funds the GOP organization that Roulstone himself chairs." [The Daily Herald *Everett, Washington*, Published 5/29/2021]

Ran an anonymous anti-muslim postcard campaign opposing the construction of a house of worship. "There's also Peter Zieve, the controversial aerospace exec who was behind an anonymous postcard campaign against a Muslim group's plan to build a house of worship in Mukilteo. Zieve is running for a different seat." [The Daily Herald *Everett, Washington*, Published 5/14/2019]

Claimed the mosque would become a haven for terrorists in anonymous mailers. "In 2016, he tried to raise fears that a proposed mosque would become a haven for terrorists. He sent out anonymous mailers, but apologized for riling people up after his involvement became public." [The Daily Herald *Everett, Washington*, Published 5/14/2019]

Fined \$485,000 by Attorney General for refusing to hire Muslim applicants, harassing workers based on faith, and rewarding workers who married and had children. "A year later, alleged discrimination against Electroimpact employees resulted in a \$485,000 state fine against the firm. The attorney general concluded that Zieve refused to hire Muslim applicants, harassed workers based on

their religious faith and rewarded employees who married and had children." [The Daily Herald Everett, Washington, Published 5/14/2019]

Yearlong investigation found that Zieve shaped workplace culture by expressing views in emails to employees referring to terrorist savages, and allowing our country to be backfilled with rubbish from the desperate and criminal populations of the third world.

"The court-monitored decree, in effect for 42 months, stems from a nearly yearlong investigation, which concluded that the Mukilteo-based company violated state law by discriminating on the basis of religion and marital status. The attorney general's civil-rights unit began investigating Electroimpact after a Seattle Times story last year revealed a workplace culture shaped by President Peter Zieve's vehement views - expressed in emails to employees that referred to "terrorist savages" and allowing our "wonderful country to be backfilled with rubbish from the desperate and criminal populations of the third world." [The Seattle Times, Published 3/24/2017]

Made horrible comments about Muslims:

"The document quoted liberally from Zieve's emails equating Muslims or refugees from predominantly Muslim countries with terrorists:

'I can send you two Iraq refugees immediately,' Zieve wrote to an employee who requested more engineers. 'They will be a bit sleepy since they are up all night making bombs.' In another email about the proposed Mukilteo mosque, he wrote: *'I can tell you that most Chinese hate moslems (sic). Not as much as me, but an adequate amount of hate.'*" [The Seattle Times, Published 3/24/2017]

Opposed low income housing claiming it would bring crime and drugs to their neighborhood.

"The businessman who didn't want a mosque in town is at it again. Peter Zieve is behind Preserve Mukilteo, a direct mail campaign that claims low-income housing 'could bring in crime and drugs.' 'If you own a home, the AHP (affordable housing plan) could crush the value of your home,' read a flyer delivered to area residents. 'We want to preserve Mukilteo the way it is and don't want it changed,' Zieve said by phone Wednesday. 'We don't want low-income housing.'" [The Daily Herald Everett, Washington, Published 5/22/2020]

Additional research on Zieve can be conducted as needed, but there appears to be a wealth of controversy surrounding him.

Received \$2.9K from Joey Jacobs

Joey Jacobs is former CEO of Acadia Healthcare. He spent two months as CEO of Quorum healthcare before departing. He has been entangled in lawsuits that allege fraud and violate non-compete clauses.

Left two months after taking over as CEO of Quorum Health. Less than two months after formally taking over as CEO of Quorum Health after the hospital operator exited a bankruptcy reorganization, Joey Jacobs has left the company. [Nashville Post, Published 9/4/2020]

Worked as CEO of Acadia Healthcare prior to Quorum. He joined Quorum as interim CEO in September, following former Acadia Healthcare Co. Inc. CEO Joey Jacobs' short stint as leader of the company. [Nashville Business Journal, Published 6/8/2021]

Entangled in a lawsuit that resulted in a \$6.9 million settlement that found UHS employees breached non-compete agreements when they came to work for Jacobs at Acadia. “The \$6.9 million settlement ruled against Acadia Healthcare in a 2012 trade secrets case has been reduced to \$275,000. The case, filed by Universal Health Services, centered on five former Universal Health Services employees who allegedly breached their non-compete agreements in moving to Acadia. The executives were previously employed by Horizon Health Corp., a subsidiary of Psychiatric Solutions, which Acadia CEO Joey Jacobs led before its sale to UHS. A jury ruled in late 2012 that the executives violated the agreements and that UHS was entitled to \$6.9 million. [Nashville Post, 3/3/2015]

Named in lawsuit for artificially inflating stock and allegedly engaging in fraud. “United States District Court: Garden City Employees Retirement System v. Psychiatric Solutions Inc. Filed Sept. 21. In the first of at least four putative (and essentially identical) class actions filed against Franklin-based Psych Solutions, a Michigan investment fund claims the behavioral hospital operator misled investors about the scope and timing of government investigations into patient safety problems at its Riveredge facility in Illinois. Through their public statements over the course of 2008 and into early 2009, President and CEO Joey Jacobs, Executive Vice President Brent Turner and Chief Accounting Officer Jack Polson artificially inflated their stock’s price, the suit alleges, and “engaged in acts, practices and a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit.” The court asks for class certification and unspecified damages.” [Nashville Post, 9/28/2009]

Received \$5.8K from Liz & Dick Uihlein

Dick and Liz Uihlein are some of Trump’s most fervent billionaire donors. Liz Uihlein claimed that the pandemic had been overhyped by the media despite the thousands of deaths that have occurred as a result of COVID-19.

The Uihlein’s are some of Trump’s biggest donors and have used their financial power to influence US response to COVID. “One of Donald Trump’s most fervent billionaire donors is lobbying against strict stay-at-home rules in the election battleground state of Wisconsin, raising troubling new questions about how the president’s rightwing financial supporters may influence the US response to the pandemic.” [The Guardian, Published [4/23/2020](#)]

Liz Uihlein claimed that the COVID-19 crisis was overhyped by the media. “Liz Uihlein, the billionaire behind Wisconsin’s Uline shipping and packaging company – who with her husband, Richard, has been dubbed the most ‘powerful conservative couple you’ve never heard of’ – is using her clout to try to force Wisconsin’s Democratic governor to relax stay-at-home rules, claiming that the crisis has been ‘overhyped’ by the media.” [The Guardian, Published [4/23/2020](#)]

Uihleins fund several right to work and anti-union organizations that help pursue lawsuits against unions and convince employees to leave their unions. “By the time a judge ruled that Mr. Rauner lacked standing for his lawsuit, the Illinois Policy Institute, which drew more than one-third of its \$5.8 million in revenue that year from Mr. Uihlein’s foundation, had found a viable plaintiff to replace him: Mark Janus. The Liberty Justice Center and the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, which Mr. Uihlein also contributes to, represented Mr. Janus in court. Since then, the policy institute has sought to persuade state employees to leave their union through its mailing campaign. It said it had obtained employees’ names through Freedom of Information Act requests.” [The New York Times, Published [2/25/2018](#)]

Uihleins spent tens of millions of dollars backing Republican candidates and committees and have a focus on state employee pensions and the unions that negotiate them. “The Uihleins have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past decade supporting Republican candidates and committees. That includes contributions to super PACs backing the 2016 presidential campaigns of Mr. Walker and Mr. Cruz, and at least \$250,000 to help Mr. Walker survive a 2012 recall election. (Mr. Uihlein did not respond to a request for comment.) The Uihleins appear to be preoccupied with state employee pensions and the unions that negotiate them.” [*The New York Times*, Published [2/25/2018](#)]

Uihlein is seen as one of few who have funded a major attack on labor. “Few philanthropists have funded a more sweeping assault on labor than Mr. Uihlein, who with his wife, Elizabeth, founded a Wisconsin-based shipping supply company called Uline.” [*The New York Times*, Published [2/25/2018](#)]

Received \$2,083.65 from Andrew Intrater

Andrew Intrater has close ties to Russia and was thrust into the spotlight for his involvement over the hush money paid to Stormy Daniels.

Holds close ties with Russian Oligarch Viktor Vekselberg. “He was also questioned in special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and has worked closely with his American cousin, Andrew Intrater, who heads the New York investment management firm Columbus Nova.” [*Fortune.com*, [4/4/2022](#)]

Thrust into spotlight after investigation into Stormy Daniels’ hush money that was routed through Intrater’s company at the time. “Vekselberg and Intrater were thrust into the spotlight in that investigation after the lawyer for adult film star Stormy Daniels released a memo that claimed \$500,000 in hush money was routed through Columbus Nova to a shell company set up by Donald Trump’s personal attorney, Michael Cohen. Columbus Nova denied that Vekselberg played any role in its payments to Cohen. Vekselberg and Intrater met with Cohen at Trump Tower, one of several meetings between members of Trump’s inner circle and high-level Russians during Trump’s 2016 campaign and the transition before his presidency.” [*Fortune.com*, [4/4/2022](#)]

Accused of being involved in funneling Russian money into President Trump’s inner circle. “Mr. Intrater’s problems worsened soon afterward, when leaked financial documents tied him to Michael D. Cohen, a former lawyer for President Trump who was under investigation and is now in prison. Mr. Cohen’s critics suggested that Mr. Intrater may have been a front for his oligarch cousin to funnel Russian money to the president’s inner circle, a theory Mr. Intrater denied. The special counsel’s office, which interviewed Mr. Intrater about the issue, never accused him of any wrongdoing and did not mention him in its report.” [*New York Times*, Published [7/1/2019](#)]

Campaign Finances

Significant Findings

- Only 117 of her 880 disbursements were paid to recipients in Illinois, with the majority of her team working outside of her state and district
- Only 542 of her over 1500 contributions came from within Illinois.

- Only 7 of 39 of her highest individual donors (\$2.9K & up) came from within Illinois.
[[FEC.gov](https://www.fec.gov)]

Q2 - 2022

IL-11 Catalina Lauf

Receipts: \$66,460.02

Disbursements: \$74,362.24

COH: \$25,923.63

Debt: N/A

Loans by Candidate: N/A

Burn Rate: 112%

% from small donors: 35.9%

Notable Receipts

- Single issue or industry PACs
 - Citizens United Political Victory Fund-\$1,000
- Leadership PACs
 - American Grit PAC-\$2,500 (Kat Cammack)
- Individuals
 - Gerald R Forsythe- \$2,900 (Indeck Energy Services, Inc / Chairman And CEO)
 - Neil Brook- \$2,900 (CEO of JSSI: Jet Support Services, Inc.)

Notable Disbursements

- Facebook- \$2,520 (Web ads)
- Google- \$1,850 (Web ads)
- Optimize Consulting- \$1,217.67 (Digital Consulting)
- Joselin Rivera- \$5,500 (Campaign Consulting)
- Steinbach Strategies LLC- \$6,375.05 (Campaign Consulting)
- The Rainmakers Organization, Inc.- \$3,988.03 (Fundraising Consulting)
- HSP Direct LLC.- \$2,645.5 (Direct Mail)
- Natalie Johnson-\$6,000 (Media Booking Consulting)
- RumbleUp, LLC.- \$8,872 (Texting)

Q1 – 2022

IL-11 Catalina Lauf

Receipts: \$156,144.12

Disbursements: \$263,879.26

COH: \$148,241.26

Debt: \$0.00

Loans by Candidate: \$0.00

Burn Rate: 169%

% from small donors: 60.8%

Notable Receipts

- Joe Kent for Congress (WA-3 Primary Candidate) - \$2,000
- Alex Glandorf for Clerk (Hamilton County, OH Clerk Candidate)- \$2,199.63

- Madeline Lauf - \$2,900

Notable Disbursements

- Catalina Lauf - \$590.79 for Expense Reimbursement
- Madeline Lauf - \$2,300 for In Kind:Website
- 9Seven Consulting - \$6,075.56 for Compliance Consulting
- Accelebrate 2020 LLC - \$3,500 for Ballot Access Consulting
- Arsenal Media Group - \$146.85 for Digital Consulting
- Base Engager - \$429.22 for Digital Consulting
- Ben Cantwell Art - \$2,200 for Digital Consulting
- Jessica Carmichael - \$265 for Campaign Consulting
- Chalmers & Adams - \$3,272.50 for Legal Consulting
- DonorBureau - \$1,235.07 for Digital Consulting
- Eli Data - \$172 for Digital Consulting
- Alexander K. Glandorf, ESQ - \$6,000 for Legal Consulting
- Nicholas Grigoletti - \$12,999.99 for Campaign Consulting
- IMGE - \$1,825.86 for Digital Consulting
- Natalie Johnson - \$9,000 for Media Booking Consulting
- Ingram - \$15,945.57 for Direct Mail
- Olympic Media - \$1,101.60 for Digital Consulting
- Paramount - \$158.50 for Digital Consulting
- Reach Right Digital Marketing LLC - \$66.60 for Digital Consulting
- Joselin Rivera - \$13,758.89 for Campaign Consulting, Mileage, Expense Reimbursement
- Stafford Creative Services - \$17,500 for Campaign Consulting
- The Rainmakers Organization - \$16,487.40 for Fundraising Consulting
- Victory Phones LLC - \$11,700 for Polling
- X Strategies LLC - \$7,500 for Campaign Consulting
- Jed For Freedom - \$500 Political Contribution
- Joe Kent For Congress - \$2,000 Political Contribution
- Pekau For Congress - \$150 Political Contribution

McHenry Court Filings

Largely found minor traffic violations which have all been paid or dismissed.

Catalina Lauf

Case Information

2013TR010935 PEOPLE VS. LAUF, CATALINA F

TYPE TRAFFIC VIOLATION - CRYSTAL LAKE COMPLAINT

FILED 03/18/2013

STATUS CLOSED - 06/05/2013

Court Events

Documents

Parties

Charges / Sentences

Summons

Judgments

Financial Summary

Future Court Events

No future Court Events for this case

Previous Court Events

Date	Room	Event Type/Result	Result	Judge
06/05/2013	MC	PLEA	** SUBMITTED PROOF OF VALID INSURANCE	NADER
04/25/2013	102	PLEA	NOTICE - NO SHOW - ASSESS FEE	NADER

Case Information

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Filed	Type	Description
06/05/2013	AFF	AFFIDAVIT
06/05/2013	ORDSPI	ORDER - SUBMITTED PROOF INSURANCE
03/18/2013	COA	COMPLAINT

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Parties

Party Type	Name	Last	First
DEFENDANT	LAUF, CATALINA F	LAUF	CATALINA
	Year of Birth: 1993		

Officials

Official Type	Full / Business Name	Last	First
ARRESTING OFFICER	CRYSTAL LAKE POLICE DEPT	RICHARDSON	TODD
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	COWLIN NAUGHTON CURRAN & COPPEDGE		
JUDGE ASSIGNED	NADER, MARY H	NADER	MARY

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Count 1

Chg Dt: 03/14/2013	OPERATE UNINSURED MTR VEHICLE	BUSINESS OFFENSE	Disp: 06/05/2013
	STATE-ACTUAL-ORIGINAL	Ticket #407801450	NOLLE PROSSED / NO PLEA ENTERED

Case Information

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FILED 03/18/2013

STATUS CLOSED - 06/05/2013

Court Events

Documents

Parties

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Summons

Judgments

Financial Summary

Financial Summary

Total Assessed: \$10.00

Total Paid: \$10.00

Balance Due: \$0.00

Bond Balance Due: \$0.00

No Summons, No Judgements
 [McHenry County Clerk of Court, Accessed [6/22/2022](#)]

Case Information

2010TR036660 HEBRON VS. LAUF, CATALINA F

TYPE TRAFFIC VIOLATION - HEBRON COMPLAINT

FILED 07/16/2010

STATUS CLOSED - 02/18/2011

Court Events

Documents

Parties

Charges / Sentences

Summons

Judgments

Financial Summary

Future Court Events

No future Court Events for this case

Previous Court Events

Date	Room	Event Type/Result	Result	Judge
02/25/2011	103	RELEASE - SUPV., PROB., COND. DISC	TERMINATED - SUPERVISION	COWLIN
10/27/2010		DISPOSITION SENT	REPORTED DISPOSITION - S.O.S.(ADR)	
10/22/2010	103	PLEA	** WITHHOLD - JUDGMENT-SUPERVISION	FEETTERER
08/27/2010	103	PLEA	NOTICE - NO SHOW - ASSESS FEE	COWLIN
07/23/2010	103	PLEA	CONTINUED - DEFENDANTS MOTION	COWLIN

Case Information

2010TR036660 HEBRON VS. LAUF, CATALINA F

TYPE TRAFFIC VIOLATION - HEBRON COMPLAINT

FILED 07/16/2010

STATUS CLOSED - 02/18/2011

Court Events

Documents

Parties

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Financial Summary

Filed	Type	Description
10/22/2010	REQ	REQUEST
07/16/2010	COA	COMPLAINT

Case Information

2010TR036660 HEBRON VS. LAUF, CATALINA F

TYPE TRAFFIC VIOLATION - HEBRON COMPLAINT

FILED 07/16/2010

STATUS CLOSED - 02/18/2011

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Parties

Party Type	Name	Last	First
DEFENDANT	LAUF, CATALINA F	LAUF	CATALINA
	Year of Birth: 1993		

Officials

Official Type	Full / Business Name	Last	First
ARRESTING OFFICER	HEBRON POLICE DEPT	KOPACZ	
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	ZUKOWSKI ROGERS FLOOD & MCARDLE		
JUDGE ASSIGNED	COWLIN, JAMES S	COWLIN	JAMES

Case Information

2010TR036660

HEBRON VS. LAUF, CATALINA F

TYPE

TRAFFIC VIOLATION - HEBRON COMPLAINT

FILED

07/16/2010

STATUS

CLOSED - 02/18/2011

Court Events

Documents

Parties

Charges / Sentences

Summons

Judgments

Financial Summary

Financial Summary

Total Assessed: \$258.00

Total Paid: \$258.00

Balance Due: \$0.00

Bond Balance Due: \$0.00

Case Information

2010TR036660

HEBRON VS. LAUF, CATALINA F

TYPE

TRAFFIC VIOLATION - HEBRON COMPLAINT

FILED

07/16/2010

STATUS

CLOSED - 02/18/2011

Court Events

Documents

Parties

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Financial Summary

Count 1

625-5/11-601(B)

DRIVING 15-20 MPH ABOVE LIMIT

PETTY OFFENSE

Disp: 10/22/2010

Chg Dt: 07/04/2010

LOCAL-ACTUAL-ORIGINAL

Ticket #959200082

WITHHOLD - JUDGMENT - SUPERVISION / GUILTY - COURT

Sentence(s)

Date

Type

Amount

Status

10/22/2010

TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL

4 HOUR(S)

IN FORCE

10/22/2010

FINE, COSTS, FEES

\$243.00

IN FORCE

10/22/2010

SUPERVISION

120 DAY(S)

IN FORCE

No Summons, No Judgements
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Case Information

2009TR054779

PEOPLE VS. LAUF, CATALINA F

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TRAFFIC VIOLATION - SHERIFF COMPLAINT-SENECA TWP

FILED

10/14/2009

STATUS

CLOSED - 11/04/2009

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Future Court Events

No future Court Events for this case

Previous Court Events

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Room

Event Type/Result

Result

Judge

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** NOLLE PROSSED

WILBRANDT

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625-5/3-707	OPERATE UNINSURED MTR VEHICLE	BUSINESS OFFENSE	Disp: 11/04/2009
Chg Dt: 10/12/2009	STATE-ACTUAL-ORIGINAL	Ticket #05042180	NOLLE PROSSED / NOT GUILTY



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Financial Summary

Total Assessed:	Total Paid:	Balance Due:	Bond Balance Due:
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