Matt Mowers (NH-01) Research Report

The following report contains research on Matt Mowers, a Republican candidate in New Hampshire's 1st district. Research for this research book was conducted by the DCCC's Research Department between August 2021 and August 2022. By accepting this report, you are accepting responsibility for all information and analysis included. Therefore, it is your responsibility to verify all claims against the original documentation before you make use of it. Make sure you understand the facts behind our conclusions before making any specific charges against anyone.

Matt Mowers

Republican Candidate in New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District

Research Memo – 2022

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Significant Findings

Despite His Tough Talk On Election Integrity, Mowers Allegedly Broke Federal Law By Voting Twice In The 2016 Election.

- ✓ Mowers said he would fight to secure the integrity of American elections, but his past shows he can't be trusted.
- ✓ 2016: Public records showed Mowers voted in both the New Hampshire and New Jersey primary elections, in apparent violation of federal law.
- ✓ Local media and fellow Republicans criticized Mowers for committing voter fraud.
  - ✓ Union Leader Headline: "Mowers defends voting twice in 2016 primary elections."
  - ✓ WMUR Headline: "Matt Mowers voted in 2016 presidential primaries in NH and NJ, documents obtained by WMUR show."
  - ✓ Longtime GOP activist: "I'm done with Mowers. I won't vote for him, not after what he did."

Mowers Was A Disaster For Granite Staters' Healthcare And Reproductive Rights.

- ✓ Mowers, who celebrated the reversal of Roe v. Wade and supported banning abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest, would infringe on New Hampshire women's right to choose.
  - ✓ Mowers celebrated the reversal of Roe v. Wade, saying it was "exactly what needed to happen in our country."
  - ✓ Mowers supported banning abortion with exception only to save a woman's life.
  - ✓ 2020: Mowers attacked his GOP primary opponent for supporting the right to an abortion in the first eight weeks of pregnancy and said he was "the only pro-life candidate" in the race.
  - ✓ Mowers repeatedly refused to say whether how he would vote on MAGA Republicans' extreme nationwide abortion ban, saying: "As a pro-life member of Congress, I'd certainly review it."
  - ✓ Mowers appeared to say he was open to stronger anti-choice laws in New Hampshire, saying a 24-week ban was a "step in the right direction" and that voters did not want a representative who "support[ed] abortion on demand for the first six months of pregnancy."
  - ✓ Mowers praised Trump for installing anti-choice justices on the Supreme Court, who later overturned Roe v. Wade.

- ✓ 2020: Mowers was endorsed by SBA List, a group that favored banning some kinds of birth control and whose president supported banning abortions even in cases of rape and incest.

- ✓ Mowers supported repealing the Affordable Care Act, which would take away coverage from over 55,000 Granite Staters and allow insurance companies to charge an "age tax" on older Americans.

- ✓ Mowers opposed the Inflation Reduction Act, a new law which will lower the price of prescription drugs and other life-saving medications.

Mowers Supported Efforts To Raise The Retirement Age And Cut Social Security Benefits For Millions Of People.

- ✓ 2015: Mowers supported Chris Christie's plan to raise the retirement age to 69 years old and cut Social Security benefits for millions of people.

- ✓ 2020: Mowers supported a Republican paid leave plan that would effectively cut Social Security benefits and was touted as a "first step toward partially privatizing Social Security."

Mowers Was An Out-Of-State Lobbying Executive, Pharmaceutical Consultant, And Political Operative.

- ✓ Mowers was a political operative for nearly his entire adult life, working for years in New Jersey before moving to New Hampshire to lay the groundwork for former Gov. Christie's presidential campaign.

- ✓ 2019-Present: Mowers was a business consultant that did work on behalf of pharmaceutical companies.

    - ✓ 2020: Mowers appeared to disclose being paid for HIV policy consulting work for Mylan, which hiked the price of EpiPens by 400% and was investigated for its role in the opioid crisis.

    - ✓ 2020: Mowers appeared to disclose being paid for consulting work done for Tonix Pharma, a multimillion-dollar pharmaceutical company.

Mowers Consulted For Lobbying Giant Ballard Partners, Which Represented Shady Foreign Interests, Including Governments With Human Rights Abuses And The Albanian Socialist Party.

- ✓ 2020-2021: Mowers disclosed more than $5,000 in income from consulting for Ballard Partners, a powerful lobbying firm that worked on behalf of foreign governments and shady domestic clients.

- ✓ 2020: Ballard Partners was paid over $24.4 million by 149 lobbying clients.

- ✓ 2017-2021: Ballard Partners was registered as a foreign agent for twelve foreign entities, including the Qatari government, a Turkish bank, and the Albanian Socialist Party.

    - ✓ 2019-2021: Ballard lobbied for the government of Zimbabwe, which had been subject to U.S. sanctions for two decades due to its brutal human rights abuses.

- ✓ 2018-2020: Ballard lobbied for the Qatari government, which violated human rights, imprisoned LGBT people, sponsored terrorism, and supported the Muslim Brotherhood.
- ✓ 2017-2019: Ballard lobbied for Halkbank, a Turkish state-owned bank with ties to Erdogan that was charged with illegally funneling billions of dollars in gold and cash to Iran.
- ✓ 2017: Ballard was a registered foreign agent of the Albanian Socialist Party, agreeing to advise, counsel, and assist in the group's communications with U.S. officials.
- ✓ 2017-2018: Ballard lobbied Mowers himself during his time as a State Department official on behalf of the Turkish government, meeting with him several times.
- ✓ 2017-2021: Ballard Partners was paid over $1.2 million to lobby the federal government for Amazon.

- ✓ Mowers also disclosed earning consulting income from other multimillion dollar lobbying firms, lobbying efforts, and political consulting groups.

Mowers Consulted For Mercury, His Former Lobbying Firm, Which Consistently Lobbied Congress On Behalf Of The Chinese Government.

- ✓ 2021-2022: Mowers disclosed more than $5,000 in income from communications consulting for Mercury Public Affairs, a New York-based lobbying firm.
- ✓ 2016: Under Mowers' leadership, Mercury lobbied Congress on behalf of Chinese electric vehicle manufacturer BYD.
  - ✓ April 2016-July 2016: After leaving Christie's failed presidential campaign, Mowers became a senior executive at Mercury Public Affairs.
  - ✓ During Mowers' tenure, Mercury lobbied Congress on behalf of BYD, a Chinese car manufacturer described as a "key part" of the "Made in China 2025" and "China Standards 2035" programs.
  - ✓ BYD had "deep personal ties" to the Chinese government, threatened 871,000 American jobs, and reportedly used forced Uighur labor at its Chinese manufacturing facilities.
  - ✓ 2019: Federal lawmakers voted to ban BYD and one other company from bidding on federal contracts for electric buses and trains due to national security concerns.
- ✓ Mercury now lobbies Congress on behalf of Alibaba and Yuhuang Chemical, Chinese companies that devote billions of dollars to Chinese tech innovation and development.
  - ✓ Alibaba had extensive ties to the Chinese Communist Party, assisted in domestic surveillance and repression, and devoted $15 billion to tech and economic innovation in China.

- ✓ Yuhuang Chemical is a subsidiary of Shandong Yuhuang Chemical, which was run by a Chinese Communist Party official.

Mowers Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, Which Was Set To Bring $1 Billion To New Hampshire For Road And Bridge Repair, Among Other Critical Infrastructure Projects.

- ✓ Mowers said he opposed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill which was set to bring $1 billion to New Hampshire for road and bridge repair, among other critical infrastructure projects.

Mowers Opposed The American Rescue Plan, Which Provided Stimulus Checks And Small Business Relief While Cutting Taxes For Middle-Class Families.

- ✓ The American Rescue Plan sent billions of dollars in stimulus checks and small business relief to New Hampshire.
- ✓ The American Rescue Plan contained a middle-class tax cut for the families of 87% of New Hampshire's children.

Mowers Was An Instrumental Figure In Gov. Christie's Bridgegate Scandal.

- ✓ 2012-2013: Mowers failed to secure the endorsement of Fort Lee, NJ mayor Mark Sokolich for Christie, as was his job, which became the basis of the Bridgegate scandal.
- ✓ Mowers told the New Jersey legislature he was not involved in the decision to close lanes on the George Washington Bridge.

Mowers Supported Cutting Funding From The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard To Fund A Southern Border Wall.

- ✓ 2020: Mowers supported Trump's efforts to build a southern border wall even when the administration suggested cutting $200 million of projects from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to fund it.

Mowers Could Face Primary Attacks.

- ✓ Mowers' wife works for CNN and in 2008 contributed $100 to Obama.
- ✓ 2020: Mowers was attacked for working for Christie, who passed a $2 billion gas tax and who his primary opponent dubbed "the worst Second Amendment governor in the nation."

Mowers Was Out Of Touch With New Hampshire.

- ✓ 2020: Mowers supported keeping the minimum wage at $7.25 an hour.
- ✓ July 2021: Mowers opposed investments in passenger rail from New Hampshire to Boston.

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Matthew Daniel Mowers
- **BORN:** June 12, 1989
- **FAMILY:** Wife, Cassie Spodak; Infant son
- **HOME:** GILFORD, NH 03249 BELKNAP COUNTY
- **EDUCATION:** BA, Political Science And Government, Rutgers University (2007-2011)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Matt Mowers LLC, President (2019-Present); U.S. Department of State Chief of Staff & Chief Policy Officer, Senior White House Advisor (2017-2019); Presidential-Elect Transition Team, Presidential Appointments, (2016-2017); Trump Pence 2016, National Field Coordinator & Battleground States Director (2016); Chris Christie For President, State Director (2015-2016); Executive Director, New Hampshire Republican Party (2013-2015); Staffer, Office Of Intergovernmental Relations, Governor Chris Christie (2010-2013)
- **POLITICAL:** Republican Candidate for Congress in NH-01 (2020); Executive Director, NHGOP (2013-2015)

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Mowers Said He Would Fight To Secure The Integrity Of American Elections

Mowers Campaign Website: "Nothing Is More Important Or Sacred Than Each American's Right To Vote." "Nothing is more important or sacred than each American's right to vote. To protect that right, we need to ensure that elections are secure, and the integrity of our electoral systems is strong. Just like President Trump, Matt supports establishing effective voter ID laws, regular audits of elections to verify vote totals and provide every American citizen with the certainty that their vote counts." [Mowers for Congress, Issues, Accessed 6/9/22]

2016: Public Records Showed Mowers Voted In Both The New Hampshire Presidential Primary Election And The New Jersey Primary Election, Which Included Candidates For President

Headline: "Trump aide seeking NH House seat voted in 2 states in 2016." [AP, 4/5/22]

AP: "Voted Twice During The 2016 Primary Election Season, Potentially Violating Federal Law And Leaving Him At Odds With The Republican Party's Intense Focus On 'Election Integrity.'" "A former Trump administration official now running for Congress in New Hampshire voted twice during the 2016 primary election season, potentially violating federal voting law and leaving him at odds with the Republican Party's intense focus on 'election integrity.' Matt Mowers, a leading Republican primary candidate looking to unseat Democratic Rep. Chris Pappas, cast an absentee ballot in New Hampshire's 2016 presidential primary, voting records show. At the time, Mowers served as the director of former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's presidential campaign in the pivotal early voting state. Four months later, after Christie's bid fizzled, Mowers cast another ballot in New Jersey's Republican presidential primary, using his parents' address to re-register in his home state, documents The Associated Press obtained through a public records request show." [AP, 4/5/22]

February 9, 2016: While Working For Chris Christie's Presidential Campaign In New Hampshire, Mowers Voted In The Republican Primary Election During New Hampshire's First In The Nation Presidential Primary. "Matt Mowers, a leading Republican primary candidate looking to unseat Democratic Rep. Chris Pappas, cast an absentee ballot in New Hampshire's 2016 presidential primary, voting records show. At the time, Mowers served as the director of former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's presidential campaign in the pivotal early voting state." [AP, 4/5/22; City of Manchester, New Hampshire, Ward 3 Official Voter Checklist for the 2016 Presidential Primary, Obtained via the Manchester City Clerk, 2/9/16] *See Appendix 1: Mowers Voting Records*

March 22, 2016: Six Weeks After New Hampshire's FITN Primary, Mowers Registered To Vote In New Jersey. [New Jersey Voter Registration Form for Matthew D. Mowers DOB 06/12/1989, Obtained from Middlesex County, New Jersey, Submitted 3/22/16] *See Appendix 1: Mowers Voting Records*

June 7, 2016: Four Months Later, Mowers Voted In The New Jersey Republican Presidential Primary. "Four months later, after Christie's bid fizzled, Mowers cast another ballot in New Jersey's Republican presidential primary, using his parents' address to re-register in his home state, documents The Associated Press obtained through a public records request show." [AP, 4/5/22; New Jersey Voter Profile for Matthew D. Mowers DOB 06/12/1989, Obtained from Middlesex County, New Jersey, Generated 9/17/21] *See Appendix 1: Mowers Voting Records*

- **Mowers Went On To Vote Using His Parents' Address In New Brunswick, New Jersey.** "Four months later, after Christie's bid fizzled, Mowers cast another ballot in New Jersey's Republican presidential primary, using his parents' address to re-register in his home state, documents The Associated Press obtained through a public records request show." [AP, 4/5/22; New Jersey Voter Profile for Matthew D. Mowers DOB 06/12/1989, Obtained from Middlesex County, New Jersey, Generated 9/17/21] *See Appendix 1: Mowers Voting Records*

Mowers' Votes Appear To Have Violated Federal Law

Federal Law Banned Voting More Than Once In Any General, Special, Or Primary Election Held Solely Or In Part For The Purpose Of Electing Any Candidate For President And Other Offices. "(1) Whoever votes more than once in an election referred to in paragraph (2) shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. (2) The prohibition of this subsection applies with respect to any general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting or electing any candidate for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the United States Senate, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Delegate from the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, or Resident Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. (3) As used in this subsection, the term 'votes more than once' does not include the casting of an additional ballot if all prior ballots of that voter were invalidated, nor does it include the voting in two jurisdictions under section 10502 of this title, to the extent two ballots are not cast for an election to the same candidacy or office." [U.S. Department of Justice, 52 U.S.C. § 10307(e), Accessed 11/17/21]

- **Federal Law Stated An Individual Who Voted More Than Once In A General, Special, Or Primary Election Could Face Fines Of Up To $10,000 Or A Prison Term Of Up To Five Years.** "(1) Whoever votes more than once in an election referred to in paragraph (2) shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. (2) The prohibition of this subsection applies with respect to any general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting or electing any candidate for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the United States Senate, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Delegate from the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, or Resident Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. (3) As used in this subsection, the term 'votes more than once' does not include the casting of an additional ballot if all prior ballots of that voter were invalidated, nor does it include the voting in two jurisdictions under section 10502 of this title, to the extent two ballots are not cast for an election to the same candidacy or office." [U.S. Department of Justice, 52 U.S.C. § 10307(e), Accessed 11/17/21]

Election Law Expert: Mowers "Cast A Vote In Two Different States for The Election Of A President, Which On The Face Of It Looks Like He's Violated Federal Law." "'What he has done is cast a vote in two different states for the election of a president, which on the face of it looks like he's violated federal law,' said David Schultz, a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School who specializes in election law. 'You get one bite at the voting apple.'" [Associated Press, 4/5/22]

AP: Mowers "Potentially Violated Federal Voting Law." "A former Trump administration official now running for Congress in New Hampshire voted twice during the 2016 primary election season, potentially violating federal voting law and leaving him at odds with the Republican Party's intense focus on 'election integrity.'" [Associated Press, 4/5/22]

Local Media And Fellow Republicans Criticized Mowers' Voter Fraud

Headline: "Matt Mowers voted in 2016 presidential primaries in NH and NJ, documents obtained by WMUR show." [WMUR, 4/5/22]

Headline: "Matt Mowers voted in 2016 presidential primaries in NH and NJ, documents obtained by WMUR show." [WMUR, 4/5/22] (VIDEO)

Headline: "Mowers defends voting twice in 2016 primary elections." [Union Leader, 4/5/22]

Headline: ""He's violated federal law": Ex-Trump aide voted in two different states — but won't face charges." [Salon, 4/5/22]

Headline: "Trump Aide Matt Mowers Used Parents' Address To Vote Twice: Report." [Newsweek, 4/5/22]

Headline: "WATCH: Republican explains he voted twice in 2016 to help Donald Trump." [Raw Story, 4/5/22]

Karoline Leavitt: Voter Fraud Allegations Against Mowers Were "Very, Very Serious." Leavitt: "This is a major bombshell story, Jack. And this is a very, very serious allegation against my opponent, Matt Mowers, that he potentially committed voter fraud. And look, I talk to voters every single day. Election integrity is of utmost importance to them. One of the main issues we face as Granite Staters are non-residents coming to our state, voting in our elections and leaving. And according to this report, that's exactly what my opponent, who wants to represent us at the federal level did. Is absolutely unacceptable if that is true. And I'm actually more disrespected by his initial reaction. Is to hide behind attorneys and say this is "silly." This is not silly. It is a serious allegation. Why is my opponent hiding from this? Why is he not on your radio show this morning? Why is he not going on WMUR to address these allegations. He's hiding behind his attorney. He's labeling this as silly. He potentially violated federal law. This is a very very serious allegation, and voters deserve to know the truth. And my opponent needs to answer for it." [Good Morning New Hampshire, Interview with Karoline Leavitt, 4/5/22] (AUDIO)

Gov. Sununu Declined To Defend Mowers When Asked About His Voter Fraud Allegations, Saying: "My Sense Is There Are Laws Against It. I Think There Are Federal Laws That Prevent It." "Asked about the issue, Sununu said, 'My sense is there are laws against it. I think there are federal laws that prevent it.' Federal election law experts like former Department of Justice official J. Christian Adams say Mowers did not break the law, while others say the issue is 'murky.' And even Mowers' critics concede the statute of limitations has long passed. Regardless, Mowers is paying a political price as his primary opponents and the Democratic Party attack the First Congressional District front-runner. Granite State Republicans noted Sununu's decision to raise doubts about Mowers' actions. 'Sununu just threw Mowers an anchor,' one GOP strategist texted NHJournal." [NH Journal, 4/6/22]

Republican Blogger Michael Graham Criticized Mowers For Calling The Associated Press Article Detailing His Voter Fraud Allegations A "Hatchet Piece." MOWERS: 'It's the reason why even when I wake up on a day like today, and I have this hatchet piece from the Associated Press to wake up to, like, I wake up, I brush it off.' […] HOST: 'As a guy who has written some hatchet pieces, that was not it, man. I'm sorry, that was not it. I think it's – I wouldn't have written it the way they did, but I think it's a legit question to ask and you've got a chance to answer, and here you go.' [New Hampshire Journal Podcast, Interview with Matt Mowers, 4/5/22] (AUDIO)

Gail Huff Brown Questioned Whether Mowers Directed Other Christie Staffers To "Commit Voter Fraud By Voting In The New Hampshire Primary Before Returning To Their Home States To Also Vote There." "'New Hampshire hosts the First in the Nation primary and attracts hundreds of out-of-state election workers like yourself every presidential election cycle,' Huff Brown said in a statement directed at Mowers. 'After the primary concludes, most of them will pack their bags and go home after losing, like you did, or carry on to the next round of primaries. Under the false logic you rely on, all of them should be able to vote in New Hampshire and then again and again as they traverse the country.' Huff Brown also questioned whether Mowers directed other staffers for Christie's presidential campaign to vote twice in 2016, further tying Mowers to the Trump-skeptical former governor. 'As New Hampshire state director for the Chris Christie campaign, did you direct other imported staffers on your payroll in the state to commit voter fraud by voting in the New Hampshire primary before returning to their home states to also vote there?' she asked." [New Jersey Globe, 4/7/22]

WMUR Political Analyst Scott Spradling: "I'm Not Sure How Matt Mowers Credibly Talks About Voter Integrity Anymore." SCOTT SPRADLING: "I think it's clear there was a big mistake made and quite possibly a big law that was busted. At the very least, the political fallout is I'm not sure how Matt Mowers credibly talks about voter integrity anymore to a group of fellow Republicans who believe that's kind of a big deal. So it hurts him in that conversation." [WMUR, Interview with Scott Spradling, 4/8/22] (VIDEO)

Union Leader Editorial Board: "Mowers Insists He Did Nothing Illegal When He Voted Twice As Republicans Selected A Presidential Nominee In 2016. Which Is Not To Say He Did Nothing Really, Really Dumb." "Matt Mowers insists he did nothing illegal when he voted twice as Republicans selected a presidential nominee in 2016. Which is not to say he did nothing really, really dumb. As a Chris Christie campaign aide, Mowers came to New Hampshire and took advantage of New Hampshire's liberal law to vote in the first-in-the-nation primary. Christie, like many, got crushed by Donald Trump here. Next, Mowers found work on the Trump campaign. He left New Hampshire and, using his parents' New Jersey address, voted in that state's June presidential and state party primary." [Union Leader, Editorial, 4/10/22]

Union Leader LTE Urged Voters To Support Leavitt Over Mowers Due To The Voter Fraud Allegations Against Him. "We cannot have a candidate in our Republican primary who is a poster boy for election fraud on Hillary Clinton's Twitter, while the Democrats are also actively seeking to undermine our elections. 2020 made clear how important it is to ensure that every eligible voter gets but one vote at the ballot box. Matt Mowers cast two votes in the 2016 presidential primary -- one in New Hampshire and one in his home state of New Jersey -- and is now trying to concoct a classic political spin instead of just owning up to what he did: cheat. Our party cannot have a candidate who pulled a Democrat voting stunt running for office. Matt Mowers must drop out of this race. He is not on our team as that is not our way. New Hampshire is tired of political spinsters -- we need a real person with honor and courage to represent us in D.C. There is only one candidate in this race who has proven time and again that she will fight for election integrity -- and that is Karoline Leavitt. And, unlike Matt Mowers, Karoline Leavitt -- and her campaign chest -- were raised here, and she shares our values. […] Vote with and for integrity, vote for Karoline Leavitt." [Union Leader, Jude Augusta LTE, 4/14/22]

LTE: "For The Sake Of All Granite State Republicans, Mowers Must Quit Now And Let Someone With Better Judgement, Deeper New Hampshire Roots, And A Stronger Chance Of Beating Pappas Compete For The Congressional 1st District Seat." "Mowers' failure to abide by that wise old proverb 'you can't have your cake and eat it too' clearly reveals his poor judgement. His transgression also exemplifies his lack of loyalty to the Granite State. He moved here in 2013 not just to become the executive director of the state Republican Party but also to prepare for N.J. Governor Chris Christie's upcoming presidential campaign. When Christie's campaign failed, Mowers moved back to New Jersey only to return to New Hampshire in 2020 as a carpetbagger seeking a Congressional seat. Whether or not Mowers technically broke any laws, the current voting controversy would follow him into the general election preventing him from ever beating Chris Pappas, who already defeated him in the previous election. For the sake of all Granite State Republicans, Mowers must quit now and let someone with better judgement, deeper New Hampshire roots, and a stronger chance of beating Pappas compete for the Congressional 1st District seat." [Union Leader, Arlene Quaratiello LTE, 4/14/22]

Longtime GOP Grassroots Activist On Mowers' Voter Fraud: "I'm Done With Mowers. I Won't Vote For Him, Not After What He Did." "And several NHGOP activists who have supported Mowers in the past say they refuse to back him over the voting issue. 'I'm done with Mowers. I won't vote for him, not after what he did,' one longtime GOP grassroots activist told NHJournal. 'We have to have the election integrity issue to win.'" [NH Journal, 5/15/22]

Mowers Was A Disaster For Granite Staters' Healthcare And Reproductive Rights

Mowers, Who Celebrated The Reversal Of Roe v. Wade And Supported Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest, Would Infringe On New Hampshire Women's Right To Choose

Mowers Celebrated The Reversal Of Roe v. Wade, Saying It Was "Exactly What Needed To Happen In Our Country"

Mowers' Campaign Manager Said Mowers Agreed With The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn Roe v. Wade. "Mowers' campaign manager said the candidate agrees with the Supreme Court's decision to put the issue in the hands of the states." [WMUR, 7/6/22]

Mowers Said Overturning Roe v. Wade Was "Exactly What Needed To Happen In Our Country." MOWERS: "We finally saw exactly what needed to happen in our country and far too long after it should have happened. […] I remember standing on the side of a highway at 11 years old with pro-life signs. I was pro-life before I was Republican, and I did because even at that age, it wasn't because my family said, you know, it matters. It wasn't just because we were going to church. It's because I thought, at what point can anyone say a life is disposable? At what point – who has that right to say that some life is more valuable and more worthy than others? It wasn't right. And so it got me involved in politics at a young age, it was really that cause." [Republican Meet and Greet, Remarks by Matt Mowers, 7/18/22] (AUDIO) 1:20

Mowers Said The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn Roe v. Wade Would Protect Life. MOWERS: "If we're going to spend that much, if we're going to commit that much of America's money, time, effort to protecting life, keeping life around, it's about time we live out those values here at home as well, and I think we now have that opportunity because of what the Supreme Court did." [Republican Meet and Greet, Remarks by Matt Mowers, 7/18/22] (AUDIO) 48:00

Mowers Said He Supported Leaving The Issue Of Abortion To The States. Jack Heath: "Do you think the Supreme Court should overturn Roe versus Wade or wait and let the state's decide things like this or not?" MOWERS: "Well, look, I'm generally speaking a state's rights supporter. And so we'll see what the Supreme Court does. And then [...] constitutionally we'll leave it up to the states and generally speaking, [...]if you look at the 10th Amendment, [...] there's a reason why states are given the authority in the US Constitution on matters like that." [Good Morning New Hampshire, Interview with Matt Mowers, 1/13/22] (AUDIO)

Mowers Supported Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

Seacoast Online: Mowers "Labeled Himself 'Pro-Life' With Exceptions For The Life Of The Mother." "Pappas' Republican opponent in the November election is Matt Mowers, a former State Department official in the Trump administration. Mowers has labeled himself 'pro-life' with exceptions for the life of the mother." [Seacoast Online, 9/28/20]

AP: Mowers Was "Anti-Abortion." "The 40-year-old Pappas, who made history in 2018 by becoming the state's first openly gay member of Congress, wants to protect and expand the Affordable Care Act, would support

increased investment in renewable energy to combat climate change and has criticized 2017's $1.5 trillion tax overhaul. He supports abortion rights, while Mowers is anti-abortion." [Associated Press, 10/27/20]

2020: Mowers Campaign Website Claimed He Wished To Protect "The Dignity Of All Lives, Including The Unborn." " In Congress, he will prioritize building the wall to stop the influx of illegal drugs, lowering prescription drug costs, supporting small businesses by lowering taxes and reducing burdensome regulation, protecting the dignity of all lives including the unborn, passing new trade deals to help New Hampshire's workers and economy, protecting our second amendment rights, and standing up for our veterans. " [Mowers For Congress, archived 2/12/20]

2020: Mowers Attacked His GOP Primary Opponent For Supporting The Right To An Abortion In The First Eight Weeks Of Pregnancy And Said He Was "The Only Pro-life Candidate" In The Race

Mowers On His Primary Opponent: "He's Always Been Pro-Choice. Just Last Week, He Told Someone He Believes That Abortion Should Be An Option For The First Eight Weeks Of Pregnancy." MOWERS: "Matt Mayberry and I have known each other a long time. He's always been pro-choice. Just last week, he told someone he believes that abortion should be an option for the first eight weeks of pregnancy." [WMUR, NH GOP Primary Debate, 9/2/20] (VIDEO)

Mowers Said He Was "The Only Pro-life Candidate In This Race." "'As the only pro-life candidate in this race and as someone who marched with other New Hampshire pro-life leaders in Concord, I thank the President for his leadership of our national pro-life movement,' Mowers said." [Breitbart, 1/24/20]

Mowers Repeatedly Refused To Say How He Would Vote On MAGA Republicans' Extreme Nationwide Abortion Ban, Saying: "As A Pro-Life Member Of Congress, I'd Certainly Review It"

WMUR: "Mowers' Campaign Is Also Leaving The Door Open To The Candidate Supporting Abortion Restrictions At The Federal Level, Saying, 'Matt Is Pro-Life And Will Always Support Legislation That He Believes Is Best For New Hampshire.'" "Matt Mowers' campaign is also leaving the door open to the candidate supporting abortion restrictions at the federal level, saying, 'Matt is pro-life and will always support legislation that he believes is best for New Hampshire,'" [WMUR, 7/6/22]

Mowers Declined To Say Whether He Would Support A Federal Law Outlawing Abortion. "On the topic of abortion, Mowers doesn't equivocate. 'I am pro-life.' When pressed about whether he would support a federal law outlawing abortion, Mowers said the Supreme Court is likely to bring the issue back to the states, not Congress. This will likely be a big issue in the general election." [NH Journal, 6/5/22]

Mowers On A Nationwide Abortion Ban: "As A Pro-Life Member Of Congress, I'd Certainly Review It." HOST: "So, would you support federal legislation restricting abortion in the United States? […] MOWERS: "I think the Supreme Court's made this largely a state issue, but as a pro-life member of Congress, I'd certainly review it." [YouTube, Manchester TV, First Congressional District GOP Primary at NHIOP, 8/4/22] (VIDEO) 18:10

Mowers Declined To Say Whether He Would Support A Federal Abortion Ban, Saying Instead He Supported A "Culture Of Life." "Matt Mowers, who won the 2020 GOP nomination for the 1st Congressional District, served as an advisor in the State Department. Asked about if he would support congressional action to limit abortion rights nationally, he declined to directly address the question but said that he supported a 'culture of life.'" [NHPR, 8/5/22]

Mowers Appeared To Say He Was Open To Stronger Anti-Choice Laws In New Hampshire, Saying A 24-Week Ban Was A "Step In The Right Direction" And That Voters Did Not Want Someone Who "Support[ed] Abortion On Demand For The First Six Months Of Pregnancy"

Mowers Said New Hampshire's 24-Week Abortion Ban Was "A Step In The Right Direction." Q: "How important are abortion rights and do you support the current state law? […] MOWERS: "I think it was a step in the right direction." [Good Morning New Hampshire, GOP Primary Debate, 8/23/22] (AUDIO) 19:06

Mowers Said Voters Didn't Want A Representative Who Supported First and Second Trimester Abortions. MOWERS: "Folks don't want someone who supports abortion on demand for the first six months of pregnancy." [Good Morning New Hampshire, GOP Primary Debate, 8/23/22] (AUDIO)

Mowers Praised Trump For Installing Anti-Choice Justices On The Supreme Court

Mowers: "Trump's Commitment To Protecting The Unborn Has Been Second To None And His Legacy Will Continue On Through His Conservative Appointments To The Judiciary." "Mowers, who is running for the Republican nomination for New Hampshire's first congressional district, praised Trump for being the first president to address the March for Life rally. Mowers said in a statement: 'It comes as no surprise that President Trump will be the first President to attend the March for Life, as he has been the most pro-life President in the history of the United States. President Trump's commitment to protecting the unborn has been second to none and his legacy will continue on through his conservative appointments to the judiciary. My prayers are with those who traveled down to Washington from across the country to let their voices be heard.'" [Breitbart, 1/24/20]

Mowers Said The Cause Of Restricting The Right To Choose Was What Got Him Interested In Politics At A Young Age

Mowers Said The Cause Of Restricting The Right To Choose Was What Inspired Him To Get Into Politics At A Young Age. MOWERS: "We finally saw exactly what needed to happen in our country and far too long after it should have happened. […] I remember standing on the side of a highway at 11 years old with pro-life signs. I was pro-life before I was Republican, and I did because even at that age, it wasn't because my family said, you know, it matters. It wasn't just because we were going to church. It's because I thought, at what point can anyone say a life is disposable? At what point – who has that right to say that some life is more valuable and more worthy than others? It wasn't right. And so it got me involved in politics at a young age, it was really that cause." [Republican Meet and Greet, Remarks by Matt Mowers, 7/18/22] (AUDIO) 7:13

2020: Mowers Was Endorsed By The SBA List, Which Opposed Some Kinds Of Birth Control And Whose President Opposed Allowing Abortions In The Cases Of Rape And Incest

2020: The SBA List's Candidate Fund Endorsed Mowers. "Today Susan B. Anthony List's Candidate Fund PAC announced its endorsement of Matt Mowers to represent New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District." [SBA List Candidate Fund, Press Release, 10/2/20]

The SBA List Opposed The Morning After Pill And IUD Coils. "Rather than stressing her opposition to abortion, Mrs Dannenfelser portrays herself as a protector of lives. She stresses that women shouldn't be punished and insists they should receive support, not judgement. In saying so, she reflects the new face of the previously male-dominated pro-life movement of America's past, which is trying to draw the debate away from the territory of choice and women's rights. As a result, she doesn't want to speak about her views on contraception: apparently 'it's not relevant' and she is 'not interested in talking about it.' A follow-up request to the SBA List spokesperson reveals why: the organisation is opposed to some kinds of birth control – namely, IUD coils and the morning after pill – because in both instances, there's a chance they could prevent a fertilised egg from implanting. It's a strict

reading of Roman Catholic teaching that would make many practising Catholics uncomfortable." [Telegraph, 9/26/16]

SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser Said Her "Perfect Abortion Bill" Would Ban Abortion In All Circumstances, Including Rape And Incest. "Mrs Dannenfelser is also reluctant to be drawn on some of the heavily debated exceptions to the pro-life rule. Polling shows that a public majority, in America and in Britain, agree that women and girls should have access to abortion after rape, for example. Mrs Dannenfelser isn't convinced. In fact, she's hugely frustrated that anti-abortion bills have been blocked in the past because of a lack of exception clauses, when they make up such a tiny proportion of cases. So what would her 'perfect abortion bill' look like? she says, eventually, before her pragmatism rears its head. 'But we're not living a perfect world, and I have also been behind bills that have included the rape, incest and life of the mother exception.'" [Telegraph, 9/26/16]

Mowers Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, Which Would Take Away Coverage From 55,000 Granite Staters And Allow Insurance Companies To Charge An "Age Tax" On Older Americans

Mowers Was A Staunch Opponent Of The Affordable Care Act

November 2021: Mowers Criticized Congressional Republicans For Failing To Repeal Obamacare. MOWERS: "We were all really excited, right? Republican White House, Republican Senate, Republican Congress. We said, 'We can do anything we need to right now to get our country back on track and make America great again. And what did we see happen? It was Republicans in Congress that got in the way. […] It was a Republican administration that said we need to repeal and replace Obamacare. Let's have conservative healthcare solutions. It was a Republican House and Republican Senate that failed to get it done yet again. And so I'm sick and tired of all this stuff, I really am." [Granite Grok TV, Belknap County Republican Committee Meeting, Matt Mowers Speech and Q&A Part 1, 11/11/21] (AUDIO)

Mowers Claimed The Affordable Care Act "Caused Devastation" For Working Families. " 'Sad. Obamacare has caused devastation for working families - all because of blind allegiance to a political ideology.'"

[Twitter, @mowers, 1/29/14]

Mowers Attacked Senator Shaheen For Not "Protecting New Hampshire From Obamacare." "During her undistinguished term in the Senate, Shaheen repeatedly and dishonestly assured Granite Staters that they could keep their insurance if they liked it. She has demonstrated a stunning lack of integrity by refusing to admit her claims were false and apologize. Instead of protecting New Hampshire from Obamacare, Shaheen has offered phony political stunts designed to prop up her re-election campaign. The Wall Street Journal called her plan to adjust the enrollment period as a ploy for 'Democrats to distance themselves from Obamacare while still embracing it.'" [Union Leader, Matt Mowers Column, 11/30/13]

During An Event, Mowers Asked Rep. Shea-Porter Why She Did Not Apologize For The Affordable Care Act. "U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter spent about an hour at Maple Suites Saturday morning taking questions from seniors about issues that affect them. [...] Matthew Mowers, a Manchester resident and executive director of the New Hampshire State Republican Committee, said Shea-Porter had brought D.C.-style politics to New Hampshire by hosting a staged production of filtered questions. Mowers said he submitted a question asking why Shea-Porter had not apologized for the failures of the Affordable Care Act, as President Barack Obama did shortly after the unveiling of the website and subsequent inability for most people to use it, but it was not asked." [New Hampshire Sunday News, 1/12/14]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Gut Health Care Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions, Take Away Coverage For Over 55,000 Granite Staters, And Allow Insurance Companies To Charge An "Age Tax" On Older Americans

Politifact Found That AHCA "Would Weaken Protections" For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, "Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More." "An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act 'people with pre-existing conditions are protected.' The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can't limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False." [Politifact, 5/24/17]

New York Times, 2017: "Average Insurance Premiums Would Be 15 To 20 Percent Higher In 2018 And 2019" If The Affordable Care Act Was Repealed. "Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law." [New York Times, 5/4/17]

CAP, 2017: CBO Data Showed 55,000 Granite Staters Would Lose Health Care Coverage By 2026 If Lawmakers Repealed The Affordable Care Act. [Center for American Progress, 5/25/17]

The AHCA Included An "Age Tax" On Older Americans That Would Allow Insurers To Charge Seniors Five Times More. "The original version included an age tax, which would allow insurance companies to charge people over age 50 five times as much as they charge younger people. Currently, insurers are limited to charging three times as much. Estimates by AARP have found that the age tax in the AHCA could hike insurance premiums for people ages 60-64 by more than $3,000 a year — to almost $18,000 annually. People between 50 and 59 would see a $1,500 hike to almost $13,000 a year." [AARP, 3/21/17]

Mowers Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, A New Law Which Will Lower The Price Of Prescription Drugs And Other Life-Saving Medications

Mowers Said He Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. MOWERS: "I just can't imagine that they want to spend another almost trillion dollars in the middle of a recession, in a time when we have record inflation, and not to mention you know, when they proposed this, they said this would be the great equalizer, we're going to make corporations pay their fair share. Well a lot of those provisions got whacked out in the Senate. Now all they're doing is putting in place over 80,000 new IRS agents. […] I don't know why they think spending more money right now is going to drive down inflation. It's the most, like, gaslighting named bill I've ever seen, called the Inflation Reduction Act. It's like calling it the Green Sky Act and the sky is blue. It's just not true. This is what they do in DC. They try to mislead us. […] It's going to be a legacy of disaster that they're leaving because of the inflation that they're causing." [New Hampshire Today, Interview with Matt Mowers, 8/8/22] (AUDIO) 0:45

Commonwealth Fund: The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare Parts B And D To Negotiate Prices For 10 Drugs With No Generic Or Biosimilar Competition. "The federal government was prohibited from directly negotiating drug prices in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug coverage program created in 2003. The IRA allows the government, under Medicare Parts B and D, to negotiate prices for 10 drugs with no generic or biosimilar competition starting in 2026, increasing to 20 drugs by 2029. In addition to lowering drug prices, Medicare negotiations are projected to reduce government spending by approximately $100 billion over 10 years." [Commonwealth Fund, 8/15/22]

The Inflation Reduction Act Instituted A $2,000 Annual Cap For Beneficiaries' Part D Spending. "The IRA also includes several other provisions that directly reduce some Medicare beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs. Most notably, it institutes a $2,000 annual cap for beneficiaries' Part D spending (which currently has no cap), starting in 2025. Once this limit is reached, patients would have no cost-sharing requirement. Along with the annual limit, there is a monthly cap meant to smooth patient costs throughout the year. These provisions will help the 1.4 million Medicare patients who spend more than $2,000 on medications each year, including people who need high-cost cancer drugs." [Commonwealth Fund, 8/15/22]

The Inflation Reduction Act Limited Insulin Copays To $35 Per Month For Medicare Part D Beneficiaries. "A new legislative package signed into law by President Joe Biden on Tuesday is a big win for Medicare patients who struggle to cover the cost of insulin to manage their diabetes. […] The bill limits insulin copays to $35 per month for Medicare Part D beneficiaries starting in 2023." [CNBC, 8/16/22]

2020: Mowers Insinuated He May Not Trust The FDA's Approval Of COVID-19 Vaccines, Saying The FDA Often Did Not Make Decisions In The Interests Of Patients

Mowers Insinuated He May Not Trust The FDA's Approval Of A COVID-19 Vaccine. HOST: "How concerned are you about the current vaccine trial process, and do you think Americans will trust a COVID-19 vaccine?" MOWERS: "Well look it's important for anything that comes out to of course be safe for patients and individuals. It should also then be up to the individuals to choose whether they feel safe taking that vaccine. That's up to individual choice and for individuals and families. But the fact of the matter is, I have worked with the FDA. They are a bureaucratic organization that often does not make decisions in the interest of patients but in the best interests ensuring they don't get sued. We need to change the mindset there." [WMUR, NH-01 GOP Primary Debate, 9/2/20] (VIDEO)

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2015: Mowers Supported An Entitlement Reform Plan To Raise The Retirement Age To 69 Years Old And Eliminate Some Social Security Benefits

2015: Mowers Supported Then-Gov. Chris Christie's Plan To Reform Entitlements

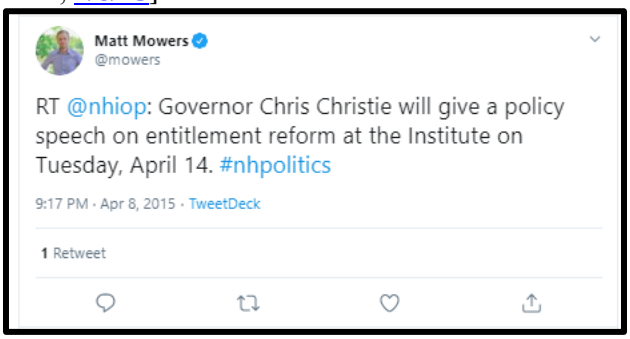
April 2015: Mowers Praised Governor Chris Christie's "Entitlement Reform" Platform As "Courageous." Mowers tweeted, "RT @juliana4ncw @GovChristie gave a courageous speech on entitlement reform this morning @nhiop #FITN #NHPolitics" [Twitter, @mowers, 4/14/15]

April 2015: Mowers Joined Governor Chris Christie At An Event Where Christie Laid Out His 12-Point Entitlement Reform Plan To Raise The Retirement Age, Eliminate Social Security Benefits For Some Seniors And Reduce Them For Others. "Governor Christie spent his first day in New Hampshire pitching overhauls to Social Security and federal health care, visiting a pizzeria and courting Republicans during what appeared to be a campaign trip in all but name. Christie, who said Tuesday that he will likely announce his presidential intentions in May or June, will spend four days this week in The Granite State, which hosts the first presidential primary. Later this week, 19 Republicans - including three declared presidential candidates and others like Christie who are considering a run - will be in New Hampshire for a state GOP summit. Christie worked Tuesday to set himself apart from his GOP rivals, detailing a 12-point plan that includes reducing Social Security benefits for retirees earning more than $80,000 and eliminating them for those earning more than $200,000. During his remarks at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College, Christie also called for increasing the retirement age for Social Security to 69 and to 64 for early retirement. And he wants to gradually increase the eligibility age for Medicare to 67 by 2040. It now is at 65. […] The governor's events were organized by his political action committee, Leadership Matters for America, and Samantha Smith, the group's communications director, and Matt Mowers, the New Hampshire director, also were with him all day." [Bergen County Record, 4/15/15]

Mowers Praised Governor Chris Christie For His "Truth Bombs" Regarding "Entitlement Reform" During The August 2015 Republican Debate. Mowers tweeted, "#nhpolitics #fitn RT @guypbenson: Truth bombs from Christie on entitlement reform. Very important issue. Gotta face reality. #GOPdebate" [Twitter, @mowers, 8/6/15]

Mowers Praised Governor Chris Christie For "Confronting The Entitlement Crisis." Mowers tweeted, "#nhpolitics #TellItLikeItIs RT @ChrisChristie: Talked to @mattbai yesterday about confronting the entitlement crisis http://goo.gl/7BmEol" [Twitter, @mowers, 4/14/15]

Mowers Touted Governor Chris Christie's April 2015 Speech On Social Security. Mowers tweeted, "RT @nhiop: Governor Chris Christie will give a policy speech on entitlement reform at the Institute on Tuesday, April 14. #nhpolitics" [Twitter, @mowers, 4/8/15]



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any point in our history. This development is an overwhelmingly positive one for our nation and our economy and the retirement system must be adjusted to reflect these new gains in longevity. Governor Christie is proposing to raise the retirement age to 69, gradually implementing this change starting in 2022 and increasing the retirement age by 2 months each year until it reaches 69. […] More Accurately Measuring Inflation, While Giving Seniors Over 85 Added Protection: Governor Christie proposes Social Security growth be based on the true growth in the cost of living (a concept economists call Chained-Consumer Price Index). To provide added protection for the elderly who are most impacted by fluctuations in consumer prices, a one-time 5 percent increase in monthly benefits will be provided to all beneficiaries when they reach the age of 85." [Chris Christie for President via Archive.org, cached 7/1/15]

Governor Chris Christie's Entitlement Reform Plan Would Raise The Medicare Retirement Age To 69 Years Old. "Raising The Eligibility Age At A Gradual Rate: Just as with Social Security, the Medicare program must be adjusted to reflect the longer, healthier and more productive lives Americans are living. Governor Christie proposes increasing the Medicare eligibility by one month per year so that by 2040 it would be 67 years old, and by 2064 would be 69 years old." [Chris Christie for President via Archive.org, cached 7/1/15]

Christie's Plan Would Have Reduced Social Security Benefits And Even Eliminated Benefits Entirely For Some Seniors

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- **Using Chained CPI To Calculate Social Security Benefits Would Reduce Benefits For Current Retirees By An Average Of Almost $1,400 A Year Over Time.** "The National Committee is concerned that a proposal to move to a chained CPI for Social Security benefits may be considered an option for balancing the budget and cutting Social Security benefits. In fact, the House Republican Study Committee's FY 2019 Substitute Budget Resolution included switching to the chained CPI for cost-of-living adjustments, increasing the full retirement age to 70 and indexing it for life expectancy. This proposal will reduce benefits for current and future retirees, while increasing their taxes. […] Replacing the current CPI-W with the chained-CPI-U for purposes of calculating the Social Security COLA will reduce benefits for current and future beneficiaries. The chained-CPI-U produces lower estimates of inflation than the current CPI does, averaging about 0.3 percentage points lower than the increases in the current CPI since December 2000. The Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration estimates that after three years of enactment this reduced COLA would result in a decrease of about $130 per year (0.9 percent) in benefits for a typical 65 year-old. By the time that senior reaches 95, the annual benefit cut will be almost $1400, a 9.2 percent reduction from currently scheduled benefits." [National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare, 1/22/19]

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Mowers Supported The Congressional GOP's Party-Line Proposal To Provide Paid Family And Medical Leave. "Mowers: Working parents should be able to receive paid family and medical leave through their employer. Republicans in Congress have proposed a budget-neutral solution for paid family leave by allowing working parents to access benefits early. Unfortunately, progress on this issue has stalled because the Democratic majority is proposing a tax increase on businesses and workers instead." [New Hampshire Business Review, 10/23/20]

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The Republicans' Main Paid Leave Proposals Would Cut The Social Security Benefits Workers Would Receive Later In Order To Pay For Their Leave Benefits. "Instead of pooling risks and resources across the entire workforce, as the rest of Social Security and the state paid family and medical leave programs do, these bills would ask individual parents to bear the cost of their parental leave benefits by cutting the Social Security retirement benefits they would receive decades later. This would weaken Social Security's near-universal social insurance protection by treating the program's guaranteed benefits like a private account from which individuals could draw. Essentially, both bills ask parents to choose between their current caregiving needs and their future retirement security." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/12/19]

CBPP Headline: "Cutting Social Security to Offset Paid Parental Leave Would Weaken Retirement Security." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/12/19]

The Republican Paid Leave Proposals Were Seen As A "First Step Toward Partially Privatizing Social Security"

CBPP: "Getting Workers To See Social Security As Assets 'To Be Used Now Or At Retirement' Is A First Step Toward Partially Privatizing Social Security." "Using Social Security partly as a piggy bank rather than an insurance policy is central to the design of these proposals. Carrie Lukas, president of the Independent Women's Forum — which first developed this approach — has written that getting workers to see Social Security as assets 'to be used now or at retirement' is a first step toward partially privatizing Social Security." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/12/19]

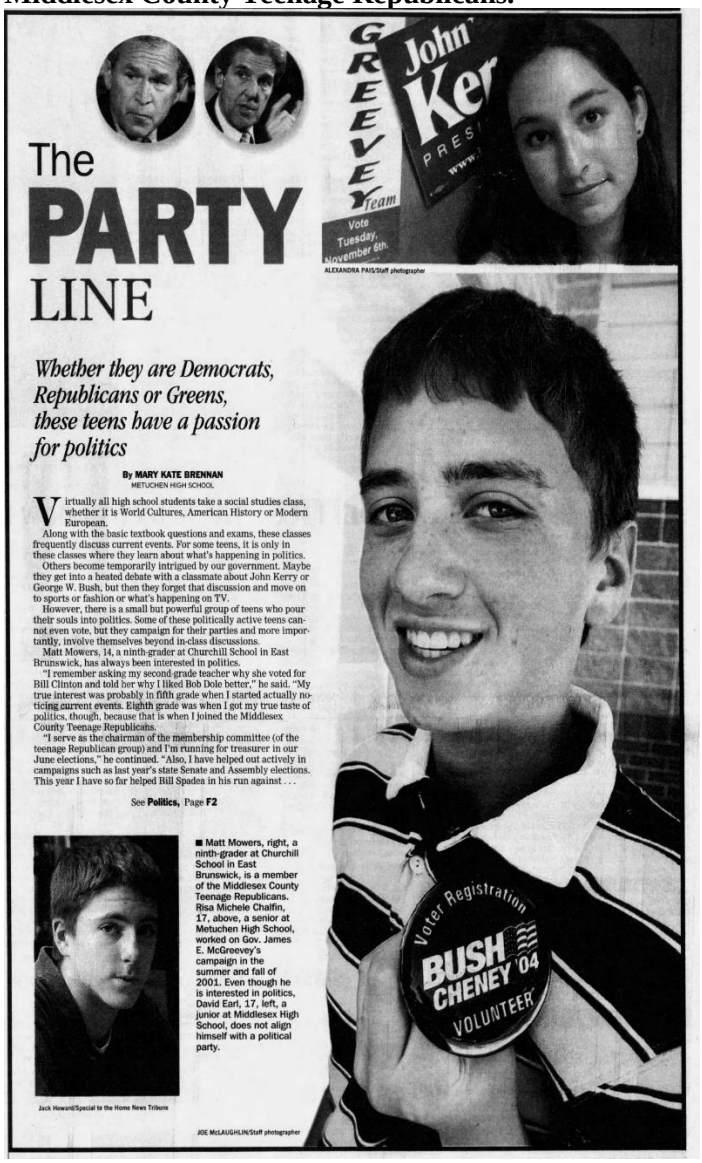
Mowers Was An Out-Of-State Lobbying Executive, Pharmaceutical Consultant, And Political Operative

Mowers Was A New Jersey Transplant

1989: Matt Mowers Was Born In East Brunswick, NJ. "Mowers, who has received the endorsement of President Donald Trump in the primary, was born in East Brunswick, New Jersey, is a graduate of Rutgers University and worked closely with former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie in both Christie's governor's office and on his campaigns." [WMUR, 8/18/20]

2003: Mowers Was A 13-Year-Old Who Attended Middle School In East Brunswick, NJ. "Dressed in a black suit, 13-year-old Matt Mowers eulogized the loss of 'Art Funding' at a mock funeral as his classmates hugged one another and cried. 'He died of starvation at 25 and sadly suffered a lengthy and painful demise. You are here to honor him, he who was taken from us suddenly,' the eighth-grader said with dramatic flair. Eighth- and ninth-grade students in Lynne Elson's theater class at Churchill Junior High School in East Brunswick held the mock funeral yesterday to protest Gov. James E. McGreevey's proposal to cut state funding for arts programs." [Newark Star-Ledger, 5/15/03]

2004: Mowers Lived In East Brunswick, NJ Where He Attended High School And Was Part Of The Middlesex County Teenage Republicans.



The PARTY LINE

Whether they are Democrats, Republicans or Greens, these teens have a passion for politics

By MARY KATE BRENNAN
METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

Virtually all high school students take a social studies class, whether it is World Cultures, American History or Modern European.

Along with the basic textbook questions and exams, these classes frequently discuss current events. For some teens, it is only in these classes where they learn about what's happening in politics.

Others become temporarily intrigued by our government. Maybe they get into a heated debate with a classmate about John Kerry or George W. Bush, but then they forget that discussion and move on to sports or fashion or what's happening on TV.

However, there is a small but powerful group of teens who pour their souls into politics. Some of these politically active teens cannot even vote, but they campaign for their parties and more importantly, involve themselves beyond in-class discussions.

Matt Mowers, 14, a ninth-grader at Churchill School in East Brunswick, has always been interested in politics.

"I remember asking my second-grade teacher why she voted for Bill Clinton and told her why I liked Bob Dole better," he said. "My true interest was probably in fifth grade when I started actually noticing current events. Eighth grade was when I got my true taste of politics, though, because that is when I joined the Middlesex County Teenage Republicans.

"I serve as the chairman of the membership committee (of the teenage Republican group) and I'm running for treasurer in our June elections," he continued. "Also, I have helped out actively in campaigns such as last year's state Senate and Assembly elections. This year I have so far helped Bill Spadea in his run against . . .

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■ Matt Mowers, right, a ninth-grader at Churchill School in East Brunswick, is a member of the Middlesex County Teenage Republicans. Risa Michele Chalfin, 17, above, a senior at Metuchen High School, worked on Gov. James E. McGreevey's campaign in the summer and fall of 2001. Even though he is interested in politics, David Earl, 17, left, a junior at Middlesex High School, does not align himself with a political party.

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[Central Jersey Home News & Tribune, 5/24/04]

2007: Mowers Graduated From East Brunswick High School In East Brunswick, NJ.

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EAST BRUNSWICK: East Brunswick High School graduated 775 students June 21 at Soverign Bank Arena in Trenton.

Members of the Board of Education handed out diplomas.

High School Principal Robert Murphy, high school humanities teacher W. Alan Brown, Superintendent of Schools JoAnn Magistro, Board of Education President Todd Simmons, class valedictorian Jerry Kung and class president Matthew Mowers addressed graduates.

The salutatorian was Jennifer Kurdyla.

[Central New Jersey Home News & Tribune, 7/19/07]

Mowers Was A Political Operative For Nearly His Entire Adult Life

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2008: Mowers Was A Field Director For Building The New Majority

2008: Mowers Was A Field Director For Building The New Majority, Which Sought To Take Control Of The New Jersey Legislature. "Matt Mowers, 19, field director of an organization called Building the New Majority, said New Jersey is a state that has leaned Republican even if it is solidly controlled by Democrats right now. He cited 'Reagan Democrats' living in Bergen County as an example of some fertile ground for a GOP comeback." [Record, 9/5/08]

2008: Mowers Worked For New Jersey Gubernatorial Hopeful John Crowley

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- **This Move Was Understood To Lay The Groundwork Of Christie's NH Presidential Bid.** "Christie's New Hampshire experience was set in motion just days after he won reelection in 2013. That's when Matt Mowers, then a 24-year-old political operative who had worked for the governor's office and on Christie's gubernatorial campaigns, went north with Christie's blessing to become the head of the New Hampshire Republican party. After building relationships with local political players, Mowers moved over to work on Christie's political action committee in New Hampshire and then, once the presidential campaign officially began last month, to become the director of the New Hampshire operation." [WNYC, 7/29/15]

Former GOP New Hampshire State Senator, On Mowers' Job As NH GOP Executive Director: "I'm Not Happy With It." "The arrival of Mr. Christie's former aide upset some local Republicans, who wondered if his role was to set the groundwork for a 2016 bid rather than focus on the current roster of local races. 'I'm not happy with it,' said Robert Clegg, a former Republican New Hampshire state senator, about Mr. Mowers's role in the state. 'We're fiercely independent and don't want to be told anything.'" [Wall Street Journal, 7/30/14]

January 2015: Mowers Resigned As The Executive Director Of The NH GOP And Was Expected To Take A Job With Christie's Campaign. "Also Tuesday, former Christie aide Matt Mowers confirmed he plans to resign his post as executive director of the New Hampshire Republican party at the end of the month. Mowers is considered a likely candidate to join a Christie campaign in New Hampshire, home of the first presidential primary." [Associated Press, 1/20/15]

2015: Mowers Resigned From The New Hampshire GOP And Got A Job Laying The Groundwork For Christie's Presidential Campaign In New Hampshire

January 2015: Mowers Rejoined Christie's PAC, Where He Put Together NH Events While Christie Considered A Presidential Bid. "In January, he joined Christie's Leadership Matters for America political action

committee, which has put together events from New Hampshire town-hall meetings to policy speeches as the governor considers a 2016 campaign." [Philadelphia Inquirer, 5/26/15]

July 2015-February 2016: Mowers Was New Hampshire State Director For Christie's Presidential Campaign

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February 2016: Christie Dropped Out Of The Presidential Race After Finishing Sixth In The New Hampshire Primary. "Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, a once-commanding figure in the Republican Party who struggled to attract support for his presidential campaign but unsettled the race with his strident attacks on Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, ended his run for the White House on Wednesday. The decision came a day after Mr. Christie came in sixth in the New Hampshire primary, an embarrassing result after he had focused the bulk of his campaign's efforts on the state. He was also facing the prospect of being left out of the group that will take the stage at the Republican debate on Saturday because of his poor showings in the Iowa caucuses last week and in New Hampshire on Tuesday." [New York Times, 2/10/16]

2016: Mowers Was A Consultant For An IE Supporting Rich Ashooh's Failed Congressional Run In NH-01

Mowers Was A Consultant For Granite Voices PAC, An IE Supporting Rich Ashooh's Failed Congressional Bid In NH-01. "A new PAC will give Republican Rich Ashooh's congressional bid a boost. Granite Voices PAC, an independent expenditure committee, is filing today with the Federal Election Commission in support of Ashooh's campaign for the 1st Congressional District. [...] Matt Mowers, a former executive director of the Republican State Committee and adviser to former Republican presidential hopeful, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, will be general consultant for the PAC." [Union-Leader, 4/29/16]

Rich Ashooh Was A BAE Systems Executive. "State Rep. Pam Tucker announced Monday she is suspending her campaign for the Republican nomination in the 1st Congressional District. Tucker, R-Greenland, said 2016 is not the right time for her family. She launched her campaign in mid-February. The surprise announcement leaves just two major candidates for the GOP nomination: Republican incumbent Frank Guinta and former BAE Systems executive Rich Ashooh. 'I am grateful to the many friends and supporters who have sacrificed so much for this campaign,' Tucker said." [Union Leader, 5/3/16]

2016: Ashooh Lost The Republican Primary To Frank Guinta. "GOP Rep. Frank Guinta's primary challenger conceded Wednesday morning, appearing to seal another primary win for the New Hampshire incumbent who defied Sen. Kelly Ayotte and other top state GOP officials who called for him to resign last year after he was caught in a campaign finance scandal. […] Guinta's primary challenger, Rich Ashooh, trailed by 661 votes (46.5 percent to 45.3 percent) with just four precincts left to report results Wednesday morning when he conceded the race. Ashooh built his campaign around Guinta's damaged reputation, but he struggled to raise money and seemed uncomfortable at times in the role of attack dog, and super PACs formed to help Ashooh defeat the incumbent never raised enough money to push him past Guinta." [Politico, 9/14/16]

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2016: Mowers Served As The National Field Coordinator & Battleground States Director For The Trump-Pence Campaign. According to LinkedIn, Mowers was the National Field Coordinator & Battleground States Director for the Trump-Pence Campaign. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/23/20]

Mowers Claimed He Oversaw 36 States Including Arizona And Maine. "Mowers has also worked in the most senior roles of American politics, including as National Field Coordinator & Battle Ground States Director for the historic Trump-Pence campaign, where he oversaw efforts in 36 states, including victories in the key battleground states of Michigan and Maine. Additionally, he was a member of the "whip team" on the floor of the 2016 Republican National Convention, one of four national conventions he has attended." [MattMowers.com, accessed via wayback machine, 5/14/20]

During His Time On The Trump Campaign, Mowers Lived In East Brunswick, NJ. While Mowers was receiving payments from the Trump campaign, campaign finance filings listed his address as 418 Old Stage Road in New Brunswick, NJ. [Federal Election Commission, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., accessed 10/30/20]

2016: Mowers Was An Executive At A Lobbying Firm, Though He Never Registered As A Lobbyist

April 2016: Mowers Joined Mercury, A Federal Government Relations Firm, In A Public Affairs Advocacy Role

April 2016: Mowers Joined Mercury, A Federal Government Relations Firm, As A Vice President In Its New Jersey Office. "Mercury, a leading national, bipartisan public strategy firm is pleased to announce the addition of Matt Mowers, most recently New Hampshire State Director for Chris Christie for President. Mowers will join Mercury as a Vice President. […] Mowers will join Mercury's New Jersey office and be part of the firm's national public affairs advocacy team. Mercury's New Jersey office is led by Mike DuHaime, Chris Christie's top political advisor. Mike Soliman, who is U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez's top political advisor, joined the firm in 2013 and Mo Butler, who most recently served as chief of staff in New Jersey to U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, joined the firm earlier this year. […] Mercury is a high-stakes, bipartisan public strategy firm. The firm provides a comprehensive suite of services that includes federal government relations, international affairs, digital influence, public opinion research, media strategy and a bipartisan grassroots mobilization network in all 50 states." [Mercury LLC, Press Release via Politico, 4/4/16]

- **Mowers Was Part Of Mercury's "National Public Affairs Advocacy Team."** "Mowers will join Mercury's New Jersey office and be part of the firm's national public affairs advocacy team. Mercury's New Jersey office is led by Mike DuHaime, Chris Christie's top political advisor. Mike Soliman, who is U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez's top political advisor, joined the firm in 2013 and Mo Butler, who most recently served as chief of staff in New Jersey to U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, joined the firm earlier this year." [Mercury, 4/4/16]

Mowers Was Not Registered To Lobby At The Federal Or State Level

As Of August 23, 2021, Mowers Was Not Registered To Lobby In New Hampshire. [New Hampshire Secretary of State, Accessed 8/23/21]

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July 2016: Mowers Left Mercury To Work For The Trump Campaign

July 2016: Mowers Left His Job At Mercury To Take A Job With The Trump Campaign. "Matt Mowers, who worked for Christie at various points in the last few years, is leaving his job at Mercury Public Affairs to take a job with Trump's camp, according to Mike DuHaime, another longtime Christie adviser. It's unclear what role Mowers will play for Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee." [NJ.com, 7/14/16]

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[VoteBuilder, accessed 5/28/20]

2019-Present: Mowers Was A Business Consultant That Worked On Behalf Of Pharmaceutical Companies

2019: Mowers Became President Of Matt Mowers LLC, A Consulting Firm

March 2019: Mowers Left The State Department To Start His Own Consulting Firm. "Matthew Mowers, a former Donald Trump campaign staffer who was in the president's first batch of political appointees at the State Department, is leaving to start a consulting company and work on the president's re-election effort." [Bloomberg, 3/13/19]

- **August 2018: Matt Mowers LLC Was Formed In New York City.** According to the New York State Department of State, Matt Mowers LLC was formed in New York City on August 17, 2018 and registered to Matthew Mowers at 153 Norfolk St., Apt. 4G, New York, NY 10002. [New York State Department of State, Division of Corporations, filed 8/17/18]

- **The Firm Was Listed As "Public Affairs And Strategic Advisory For Non-Profits, Companies, And Political Candidates."** According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State, Mower's firm was listed as" public affairs &strategic advisory for for non-profits, companies & political candidates." [New Hampshire Secretary of State, Business Information, Matt Mowers LLC, 3/19/19]

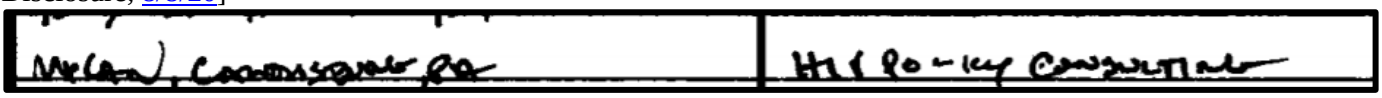
2020: Matt Mowers Reported Between $100,001 And $1,000,000 In Income From Matt Mowers LLC. On his personal financial disclosure, Mowers reported between $100,001 and $1,000,000 in income from Matt Mowers LLC. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]

2020: Mowers Acknowledged Doing Consulting Work With Pharmaceutical Companies

In A Debate, Mowers Acknowledged That He Had Consulted With Pharmaceutical Companies On HIV/AIDS And Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Projects. HOST LAURA KNOY: "Did you have contracts with pharmaceutical companies, Mr. Mowers? I've looked at your background…" MOWERS: "Sure." KNOY: "… I know you've been with the State Party and you've worked with the State Department…" MOWERS: "Yeah." KNOY: "But have you also worked with pharmaceutical companies?" MOWERS: "Laura, so I do social impact work. I work with companies that are trying to make an impact on our world and trying to make it better. I work with a minority-owned, woman-owned small business that tries to help other female entrepreneurs, mostly in the developing world. I have worked with some companies to try to provide access to HIV/AIDS patients who can't afford their medicine. I think it's a vitally important issue to expand health care access, and so I have worked on those issues. Including, by the way, in how we can invest more in developing research and treatments for those with post-traumatic stress, which is a very important issue as well." [New Hampshire Public Radio, Debate, 35:33, 10/7/20] (VIDEO)

2020: Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For HIV Policy Consulting Work Done On Behalf Of Mylan, An Opioid Manufacturer That Hiked The Price Of EpiPens By 400% Over Nine Years

2020: Mowers's Personal Financial Disclosure Appeared To Disclose A Consulting Payment Of At Least $5,000 From "Mylan" In Canonsburg, Pennsylvania For "HIV Policy Consulting." Mowers's Personal Financial Disclosure appeared to disclose a consulting payment of at least $5,000 from "Mylan" in "Canonsburg, PA" for "HIV Policy Consulting." [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]



- **Pharmaceutical Company Mylan Was Headquartered In Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.** "Mylan NV is a global generic and specialty pharmaceuticals company. The Company operates an active pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturer and runs a specialty business focused on respiratory, allergy, and psychiatric therapies. […] ADDRESS 1000 Mylan Blvd Canonsburg, PA 15317 United States" [Bloomberg, accessed 10/7/20]

- **Mylan Was The World's Largest Producer Of HIV/AIDS Drugs And More Than 40% Of Global HIV/AIDS Patients Depended On Mylan For Antiretroviral Drugs.** "Mylan is the world's largest producer of HIV/AIDS drugs, and more than 40% of the world's 20 million people being treated worldwide for HIV/AIDS depend on a Mylan antiretroviral product. In the U.S., there are an estimated 1.1 million people living with HIV." [Mylan, Press Release, 2/1/18]

- **In The Trump Administration, Mowers Was Chief Of Staff Of The State Department's Office Of The Global AIDS Coordinator.** "Mowers, 29, arrived at the State Department as a senior White House adviser the day President Trump was inaugurated in 2017. He wielded influence behind-the-scenes with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and his successor Michael Pompeo, even after he left the advisory role to become chief of staff in the department's Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator." [Bloomberg, 3/13/19]

Mylan Was The World's Largest Generic Pharmaceutical Company. "Mylan emerged as the world's biggest generic pharmaceutical company in 2018 despite a decline in net sales, as the industry peers face turbulence due to price erosion and pricing regulations. Pharmaceutical-technology.com lists the world's biggest generic drug sellers based on revenues from January to December 2018. Except Teva Pharmaceuticals and Sanofi, none others from the top ten list currently market patented drugs." [Pharmaceutical Technology, 4/3/19]

2007-2016: Mylan Raised The Price Of EpiPens By 400%. "The EpiPen was invented in the 1970s by a biomedical engineer, Sheldon Kaplan, who was searching for a way to treat allergic reactions quickly. What he

came up with was the EpiPen we know today: a pen-like device that delivers a premeasured dose of the hormone epinephrine in emergency situations. The device is ubiquitous in our country, carried by those with asthma or life-threatening allergies. And since 2007, a drug company called Mylan has quietly hiked EpiPen's price by 400 percent." [Vox, 8/23/16]

- **Mylan Charged Over $600 For EpiPens, Even Though They Cost Just A Few Dollars To Make.** "A two-pack of EpiPens, the lifesaving anti-allergic reaction device, can cost $600 or more for some customers, but the device reportedly costs just several dollars to actually make. EpiPen's big price tag — which has grown dramatically in recent years — is currently drawing the ire of consumers and politicians who are outraged at what they see as gouging by EpiPen's owner, Mylan. […] And just $1 or so worth of epinephrine is used in the auto-injection device. That device itself is believed to cost just several more dollars to make. People who have created workarounds for EpiPens have spent just $15 or so on the syringes." [CNBC.com, 8/25/16]

- **HEADLINE: "House Oversight Committee Investigating Drugmaker Mylan Over EpiPen Price Hike"** [Washington Post, 8/29/16]

- **HEADLINE: "Mylan Agrees To Meet With Angry Sen. Grassley On EpiPen Probe"** [Fierce Pharma, 6/2/17]

Mylan Was The United States' 17th Largest And Produced 1% Of The Country's Opioid Painkillers. "Mylan's subpoena is also another indication that U.S. officials are looking to crack down on even small opioid makers. Mylan produces 1% of the country's opioid painkillers, most of which are generic. It's the 17th largest opioid manufacturer in the country." [Fierce Pharma, 8/10/17]

- **The Department Of Justice Subpoenaed Mylan In An Investigation Of Its Role In The Opioid Crisis.** "Aside from Mylan's recent troubles at the FDA and the pricing challenges dragging on the larger generics sector, the company on Wednesday disclosed another potential stumbling block. The drugmaker has received a Department of Justice subpoena into its opioid business, according to a quarterly securities filing. In the Securities and Exchange Commission document, Mylan described the DOJ subpoena as 'seeking information relating to opioids manufactured, marketed or sold by' the company from the start of 2013 to the end of 2016. Mylan said it's 'fully cooperating' with the probe. The subpoena comes as Mylan's opioid sales are already under scrutiny from Sen. Claire McCaskill and as the United States suffers from an addiction epidemic. Earlier this year, Sen. McCaskill set out to learn more about painkiller marketing practices from Johnson & Johnson, Mylan, Depomed, Insys and Purdue." [Fierce Pharma, 8/10/17]

- **The Senate Committee On Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs Probed Mylan's Role In The Opioid Crisis.** "A Senate committee is investigating whether practices at five of the top makers of opioids in the United States fueled an epidemic of painkiller abuse that has led to the fatal overdoses of tens of thousands of Americans. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., on Tuesday sent letters to the companies seeking information about sales and marketing materials, internal studies on addictions, details on their compliance with legal settlements and donations to advocacy groups. The companies are Purdue Pharma, Johnson & Johnson's Janssen division, Insys, Mylan and Depomed. McCaskill is the ranking Democrat on the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee." [CNBC.com, 3/28/17]

- **The State Of Oklahoma Sued Mylan For Its Role In The Opioid Crisis.** "After Johnson & Johnson failed in its latest bid to toss out the opioid suit playing out in an Oklahoma courtroom, the possibility of a settlement continues to grow. For analysts watching the case as a bellwether for other opioid suits, the question is how big the payout could get. Short answer: Who knows? […] A nine-figure settlement could mean big payouts from drugmakers named in the suit, but at least one analyst is projecting more modest settlements for four companies—Mylan, Teva, Endo and Amneal: $8.5 billion combined." [Fierce Pharma, 7/23/19]

2020: Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Consulting Work Done On Behalf Of Tonix Pharma, A Multimillion Dollar Pharmaceutical Company

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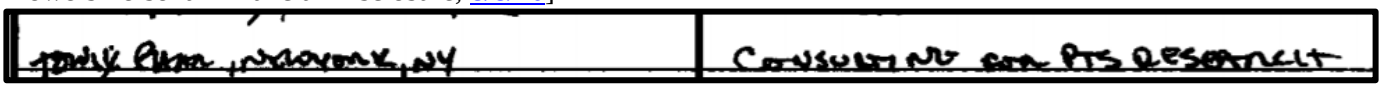
Mowers Appeared To Have Consulted For Tonix Pharma In New York New York On Post-Traumatic Stress Research. Mowers's personal financial disclosure appeared to show that he consulted for "Tonix Pharma" in "New York, NY" he described the work as "Consulting on PTS Research." [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]



- **Tonix Pharmaceuticals Was Based In New York And Specialized In Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Therapies.** "Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. is a pharmaceutical company that develops therapies for disorders of the central nervous system ('CNS'). The Company develops therapies for disorders that include fibromyalgia syndrome ('FM') and post-traumatic stress disorder ('PTSD'), […] ADDRESS 509 Madison Avenue Suite 306 New York, NY 10022 United States" [Bloomberg, accessed 10/7/20]

Tonix Pharma Was A Multimillion Dollar Pharmaceutical Company. [Wall Street Journal, Accessed 8/16/21]

Mowers Tried To Hide His Shady Consulting Clients, Including Businesses That Worked On Behalf Of Foreign Governments And Multimillion Dollar Lobbying Outfits

2020: Mowers Filed A Largely Illegible Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Drawing A Legal Complaint And Rebuke From His Republican Primary Opponent

During His Last Campaign, Mowers Filed A Largely Illegible Personal Financial Disclosure Form

Congressional Candidates Were Required To File Personal Financial Disclosure Forms That Give The Public A View Of Lawmakers' Financial Interests. "Federal law requires members of Congress to publicly file annual financial disclosure statements and periodically report certain stock transactions in excess of $1,000. Such mandates provide the public with a view of lawmakers' financial interests and possible conflicts of interest; however, members are not required to file in a uniform manner. That has left some reports opaque and partially illegible." [Roll Call, 10/1/20]

Candidates For Congress Were Required To Report Clients That Paid Businesses They Had An Ownership In As A Partner Or Member $5,000 Or More On Their Personal Financial Disclosure. "If you were employed in a position in which you personally performed services for clients in either of the two preceding calendar years that generated fees for your employer in excess of $5,000, you must identify each of those clients. This requirement applies only if you have an ownership interest in the employer. For example, if you were a partner or member (but not an associate) of a law firm, accounting firm, or lobbying firm, you must disclose the clients or customers of your firm to whom you personally provided services which generated fees in excess of $5,000. The clients or customers of a filer who was the sole proprietor of a business or other professional practice must also be disclosed in the same manner. In identifying the clients or customers, you must provide the name and location (city and state) of the individual or company for which you performed the services. You must also describe the nature of the services generating the compensation. This may be in general terms such as 'legal services.' It is not necessary to elaborate further on the type of legal services or to indicate a proceeding to which the services related." [House Committee on Ethics, Instruction Guide, 2018]

Mowers's Personal Financial Disclosure Was Largely Illegible. Mowers filed a personal financial disclosure that was largely illegible. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]

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New Hampshire Attorney Diane Chubb Filed A Complaint With The House Ethics Committee Arguing Mowers' Illegible Personal Financial Disclosure Violated Federal Law

New Hampshire Attorney Diane Chubb Filed A Complaint With The House Ethics Committee Arguing That Mowers's Illegible Personal Financial Disclosure Violated Federal Law. "A complaint sent to the U.S. House Ethics Committee by a Pelham attorney charges that Republican 1st Congressional District candidate Matt Mowers filed an illegible personal financial disclosure report and questions whether he did so to try to 'conceal' details of honoraria he received for speaking engagements in Korea. Diane Chubb, a trademark attorney, says the 'indecipherable' report is in violation of the requirements of the federal Ethics in Government Act and also warrants an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice Public Integrity Section. […] In her complaint, Chubb wrote that Mowers could end the matter 'simply by refiling a Financial Disclosure Statement that is readable.' Chubb said in an interview she is an undeclared voter not closely involved in politics. She said that while she has a tendency to 'lean left,' she has voted for Republicans in the past, as well as Democrats. She noted she lives in the 2nd Congressional District." [WMUR.com, 10/8/20]

- **HEADLINE: "NH Primary Source: Complaint Filed Against Mowers Charges 'Illegible' Financial Disclosure Report"** [WMUR.com, 10/8/20]

Mowers' 2020 Primary Opponent Attacked His Financial Disclosure As Evidence Mowers Was "Trying To Hide From The Voters Of New Hampshire"

Republican Congressional Candidate Matt Mayberry's Campaign Called Mowers's Personal Financial Disclosure "A Scribbled Illegible Mess That Makes It Clear He Is Trying To Hide From The Voters Of New Hampshire." "This week, the Mayberry for Congress campaign was able to obtain a copy of Matt Mowers' financial disclosure. In response, Periklis Karoutas, Senior Adviser to the campaign, issued the following statement: 'The document we obtained, which Mowers snail-mailed to the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in hopes that no one would see it before the election, is an absolute joke. Not only does Mowers financial disclosure raise more questions than it answers, it is likely that he has committed several ethics violations – before even

winning the primary, much less the general. 'Mowers' financial disclosure fails to disclose his nearly million dollar condo in DC, refuses to disclose how much money his wife makes working for CNN, reveals that he was paid close to $100,000 for a trip to Korea, and is generally a scribbled illegible mess that makes it clear he is trying to hide from the voters of New Hampshire. 'This garbage might fly in New Jersey or Washington, DC, and while it's certainly consistent with Mowers' ethically challenged behavior in the past, this is simply unacceptable here in New Hampshire.'" [Matt Mayberry for Congress, Press Release, 8/25/20]

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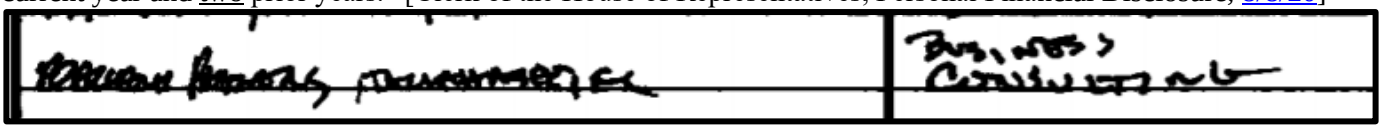

- **Ballard Partners Was Based In Tallahassee, Florida.** "BALLARD PARTNERS INC. is a company based out of 403 E. PARK AVENUE, TALLAHASSEE, Florida, United States." [Ballard Partners, LinkedIn, accessed 10/21/20]

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	Registrant	Registration #	Registration Date	Address	State	Termination Date
View	Ballard Partners	6415	04/05/2017	601 Thirteenth Street, NW Suite 450 N Washington 20005	DC	02/06/2021

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Database, Accessed 8/23/21]

Ballard Partners Foreign Clients			
Last Represented	**Primary Registrant**	**Client**	**Citation**
11/1/20	Ballard Partners	Government of the Dominican Republic	FARA, 6/15/21
12/31/20	Ballard Partners	Embassy of the State of Qatar	FARA, 6/15/21
2/6/21	Ballard Partners	Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe	FARA, 6/15/21
3/20/19	Ballard Partners	People's Democratic Party of Nigeria	FARA, 6/15/21
4/21/20	Ballard Partners	The Republic of Kosovo	FARA, 5/29/20
10/16/19	Ballard Partners	Turkiye Halk Bankasi Anonim Sirketi (Halkbank, Inc.)	FARA, 11/27/19
5/10/19	Ballard Partners	The Group of Seven (G7) – 22, Avenue Lofoi, Lubumbashi	FARA, 11/27/19
11/15/18	Ballard Partners	Republic of Turkey	FARA, 5/31/19
12/12/18	Ballard Partners	Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corp.	FARA, 5/31/19
11/3/18	Ballard Partners	Government of Mali	FARA, 5/31/19
10/19/18	Ballard Partners	Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan	FARA, 11/30/18
12/31/17	Ballard Partners	Socialist Party of Albania	FARA, 5/31/18

2019-2021: Ballard Lobbied For The Government Of Zimbabwe, Which Has Been Subject To U.S. Sanctions For Nearly Two Decades Due To Its Brutal Human Rights Abuses

2019-2021: Ballard Lobbied For The Zimbabwean Government With The Explicit Priority Of Ending U.S. Sanctions On Zimbabwe

February 23, 2019: Ballard Became A Registered Agent Of The Minister Of Foreign Affairs Of The Republic Of Zimbabwe, Signing A Contract With The Explicit Priority Of Ending U.S. Sanctions On Zimbabwe. On February 23, 2019, Ballard became a registered agent of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe, signing a contract to "consult with the Client and advocate on its behalf those issues the Client deems necessary and appropriate before the federal government." The contract explicitly stated: "In as much as the government of Zimbabwe has been denied access to international financial institutions and been under intense diplomatic pressure from Western countries, it shall be the main objective of the Firm to encourage a re-examination of Zimbabwe by the State Department with a view to establishing the best possible bilateral relationship with the United States and facilitating the restoration of Zimbabwe's membership in good standing in the community of nations, including permitting Zimbabwe the opportunity for unhindered participation in international financial institutions and other relevant international organizations." [FARA, 3/1/19]

- **February 6, 2021: The Minister Of Foreign Affairs Of The Republic Of Zimbabwe Terminated Its Relationship With Ballard.** [FARA, 5/30/21]

2003-Present: Zimbabwe Has Been Subject To U.S. Sanctions Due To Its Egregious Human Rights Abuses

2003-Present: Zimbabwe Was Subject To U.S. Sanctions. "Zimbabwe on Thursday said it was dismayed by the White House's 'baffling' decision to extend sanctions against members of the southern African country's government over rights abuses. The United States first imposed sanctions, including financial and travel restrictions, in 2003 against then-President Robert Mugabe, members of his inner circle and state companies over rights abuses and rigged elections." [Al Jazeera, 3/5/20]

Human Rights Watch: Zimbabwe Was "Highly Intolerant Of Basic Rights, Peaceful Dissent, And Free Expression." "Despite President Emerson Mnangagwa repeatedly voicing his commitments to human rights reforms, Zimbabwe remained highly intolerant of basic rights, peaceful dissent, and free expression in 2019." [Human Rights Watch, 2020]

January 2019: Zimbabwean Security Forces Killed 17 People, Raped At Least 17 Women, And Arrested Over 1,000 Suspected Government Protesters During Door-To-Door Raids, And Few Efforts Were Made To Bring Those Responsible To Justice. "During nationwide protests in mid-January, following the president's sudden announcement of a fuel price increase, security forces responded with lethal force, killing at least 17 people, raping at least 17 women, shooting and injuring 81 people, and arresting over 1,000 suspected protesters during door-to-door raids. In the months that followed, several civil society activists, political opposition leaders, and other critics of the government were arbitrarily arrested, abducted, beaten, or tortured. Little to no efforts were made to bring those responsible for the abuses to justice. […] The Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission investigated the protests and their aftermath and concluded in a report published in September that armed and uniformed members of the Zimbabwe National Army and the Zimbabwe Republic Police systematically tortured suspected protesters." [Human Rights Watch, 2020]

Zimbabwe Threatened Same-Sex Couples With Imprisonment. "Section 73 of the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act, 2004 punishes consensual same-sex conduct between men with up to one year in prison or a fine or both. This restrictive legislation contributes to stigma and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people." [Human Rights Watch, Accessed 9/15/21]

2018-2020: Ballard Lobbied For The Qatari Government, Which Violated Human Rights, Imprisoned LGBT People, Sponsored Terrorism, And Supported The Muslim Brotherhood

As Recently As 2020, Ballard Lobbied For The Qatari Government

March 29, 2018: Ballard Became A Registered Agent Of The Embassy Of The State Of Qatar, Signing A Contract To Advocate In Qatar's Interest In Communication With The Federal Government. On March 28, 2018, Ballard became a registered agent of the Embassy of the State of Qatar, signing a contract to "consult with the Client and advocate on its behalf those issues the Client deems necessary and appropriate before the executive agencies of Florida governmental, private entities located within the state of Florida, and the United States government." [FARA, 4/2/18]

- **December 31, 2020: The Embassy Of The State Of Qatar Terminated Its Relationship With Ballard.** [FARA, 5/30/21]

Qatar "Openly Financed Hamas," Imprisoned LGBT People, Punished Sex Outside Of Marriage With The Death Penalty, And Supported The Muslim Brotherhood

Qatar Failed To Live Up To International Human Rights Obligations By Discriminating Against Women, Migrants, And LGBT People. "Qatar passed the Gulf region's first refugee asylum law, but it fell short of the country's international obligations. Qatari laws continue to discriminate against migrants, women, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals. Throughout 2018, the diplomatic crisis persisted between Qatar on one side and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the other, over Qatar's alleged support of terrorism and ties with Iran, impacting the rights of Qataris." [Human Rights Watch, 2019]

Qatar Punished Same-Sex Relationships With Prison Time. "Qatar's penal code criminalizes 'sodomy,' punishing same-sex relations with imprisonment between one to three years. Muslims convicted of zina (sex outside of marriage) can also be sentenced to flogging (if unmarried) or the death penalty (if married). Non-Muslims can be sentenced to imprisonment. Qatar, in addition to banning sex outside marriage for Muslims, provides penalties for any male, Muslim or not, who 'instigates' or 'entices' another male to commit an act of sodomy or immorality. The law does not provide for a penalty for the person who is 'instigated' or 'enticed.' Under article 296 of the penal code, '[l]eading, instigating or seducing a male anyhow for sodomy or dissipation'and '[i]nducing or seducing a male or a female anyhow to commit illegal or immoral actions' is punishable by up to three years. It is unclear whether this law is intended to prohibit all same-sex acts between men, and whether only one partner is considered legally liable." [Human Rights Watch, 2019]

Qatari Law Did Not Allow Women To Marry Without Their Father's Permission, Divorce Without Court Approval On Specific Grounds And Did Not Forbid Domestic Violence Or Marital Rape. "Qatar's personal status law also discriminates against women in marriage, divorce, child custody, and inheritance. The law provides that women can only marry if a male guardian approves of the marriage; men have a unilateral right to divorce while requiring women to apply to the courts for divorce on limited grounds; and a wife is responsible for looking after the household and obeying her husband. Under inheritance provisions, female siblings receive half the amount their brothers get. The penal code does not criminalize domestic violence or marital rape, other than one article of the family law forbidding husbands from hurting their wives physically or morally, and general provisions on assault." [Human Rights Watch, 2019]

Qatar Had Close Ties To The Taliban And Al-Qaeda Affiliates, "Openly Financed Hamas," Paid A Ransom To An Al-Qaeda Affiliate, And Was Accused Of Funding Rebels In Yemen. Tom Keatinge, director of the Centre for Financial Crime & Security Studies at the Royal United Services Institute, wrote, "The dispute that has seen Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies isolate Qatar stems from allegations that the tiny gas-rich nation is sponsoring extremist groups which are destabilising the Middle East. This is not the first time Qatar's neighbours have expressed their displeasure over its individualist foreign policy - diplomatic relations were severed for nine months in 2014. Tensions have arisen from Qatar's support for the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood; its close relationship with groups such as the Taliban and certain al-Qaeda affiliates; and its relationship with Iran, which has most recently led to allegations from Saudi Arabia that the state-funded broadcaster Al Jazeera is supporting Houthi rebels in

Yemen fighting government forces backed by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. […] In April, it reportedly paid a ransom of as much as $1bn (£790m) to a former al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria and to Iranian security officials as part of a deal that resulted in the release of 26 royal family members reportedly kidnapped by Iranian-backed Iraqi Shia militiamen and of dozens of Shia fighters captured by jihadists in Syria. […] In 2014, then-US Treasury Under-Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence David Cohen noted: 'Qatar, a long-time US ally, has for many years openly financed Hamas, a group that continues to undermine regional stability. Press reports indicate that the Qatari government is also supporting extremist groups operating in Syria.'" [BBC, Tom Keatinge, 6/12/17]

2017: Following A Boycott By Other Gulf States Over Its Ties To Terrorist Groups, Qatar Launched A Multi-Million Dollar Lobbying Campaign In The U.S., During Which It Contacted Mowers Twelve Times

2017: Following A Boycott By Other Gulf States Over Its Ties To Iran And Terrorist Groups, Qatar Launched A Multi-Million Dollar United States Lobbying Campaign. "Qatar has hired seven American lobbying firms and spent nearly $5 million on U.S. lobbying and media campaigns in an effort to fight its isolation by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt, and others in June. The Saudi-led coalition began its economic and diplomatic boycott of Qatar on June 5 after the country's Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, allegedly praised Iran, criticized President Trump and threatened to withdraw Qatari ambassadors from several Arab states. Qatar claimed the comments, which aired on Qatari news outlets, were planted by foreign hackers. American intelligence officials identified the UAE as the source of the statements and cyberattack, The Washington Post reported. The long-range causes of the split include tension between Qatar and the isolating states over the former's alleged ties to terrorism, relations with Iran and support of foreign Muslim Brotherhood branches. The isolating governments consider domestic Muslim Brotherhood branches to be a threat to their legitimacy, and three have designated it a terrorist organization. Two days after the boycott, Qatar turned to Washington: First, they hired Ashcroft Law Firm, cofounded by former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, and then a second law firm — McDermott, Will & Emory — three weeks later. In late August, Qatar hired a third D.C. law firm, Stonington Strategies, then a fourth, Nelson Mullins, in September." [Center for Responsive Politics, 10/13/17]

2017-2018: Qatar's Lobbying Campaign Contacted Mowers A Dozen Times While He Was A State Department Official.

Qatari Foreign Agent Contacts With Mowers			
Date	**Firm**	**Medium**	**Purpose**
2/7/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Meeting Request"
2/9/2017	Gallagher Group	Telephone Call	"General Update on Qatar Matters"
2/20/2017	Gallagher Group	Telephone Call	"Discussed Possible Meeting w/Q Amb"
2/24/2017	Gallagher Group	Meeting	Firm "Accompanied Embassy Diplomat"
3/12/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Meeting Request"
3/13/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Follow-up on meeting request"
5/15/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Question related to GCC Visitors"
6/9/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Question on SecState statement"
6/11/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Meeting request for Ambassador"
11/29/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Mtg. Request for DV"
12/1/2017	Gallagher Group	Email	"Follow-up to Meeting Request"

6/28/2018	Gallagher Group	Email	"Invite to July 4th Reception"

[Department of Justice, Foreign Agents Registration Act Database, accessed 10/22/20]

2017-2019: Ballard Lobbied For Halkbank, A Turkish State-Owned Bank With Ties To Erdogan That Was Charged With Illegally Funneling Billions Of Dollars In Gold And Cash To Iran

August 2017-October 2019: Ballard Lobbied For Halkbank, A Turkish State-Owned Bank

August 21, 2017: Ballard Became A Registered Agent Of Halkbank, Signing A Contract To Represent Halkbank In Communication With The Federal Government. On August 21, 2017, Ballard became a registered agent of Halkbank, signing a contract to "consult with the Client and advocate on its behalf those issues the Client deems necessary and appropriate before the U.S. Federal government, including but not limited to, representation before the Departments of Treasury, State, and Justice, and the Executive Office of the President." [FARA, 11/28/17; FARA, 8/28/17]

- **October 16, 2019: Halkbank Terminated Its Relationship With Ballard Partners.** [FARA, 11/27/19]

Halkbank Was Turkey's Second-Largest State-Owned Bank. "The Justice Department on Tuesday sharply escalated economic pressure on Turkey by filing fraud and money-laundering charges against the country's second-largest state-owned bank, accusing it of helping Iran evade United States sanctions." [New York Times, 10/15/19]

October 2019: The U.S. Department Of Justice Charged Halkbank With Fraud, Money Laundering, And Sanctions Offenses For Its Role Funneling Billions Of Dollars In Gold And Cash To Iran

October 15, 2019: U.S. Justice Department Charged Halkbank In A Six-Count Indictment For "Illegally Giving Iran Access To Billions Of Dollars' Worth Of Fund" In What A Justice Official Called "One Of The Most Serious Iran Sanctions Violations We Have Seen." "The Department of Justice announced that TÜRKİYE HALK BANKASI A.S., aka 'Halkbank,' was charged today in a six-count indictment with fraud, money laundering, and sanctions offenses related to the bank's participation in a multibillion-dollar scheme to evade U.S. sanctions on Iran. The case is assigned to United States District Judge Richard M. Berman. 'Halkbank, a Turkish state-owned bank, allegedly conspired to undermine the United States Iran sanctions regime by illegally giving Iran access to billions of dollars' worth of funds, all while deceiving U.S. regulators about the scheme,' said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers. 'This is one of the most serious Iran sanctions violations we have seen, and no business should profit from evading our laws or risking our national security.'" [U.S. Department of Justice, Press Release, 10/15/19]

- **Justice Department: Halkbank Was Used To Illegally Transfer Billions Of Dollars Worth Of Gold And Cash To Iran In Exchange For Oil And Gas.** "The charges appeared to catch at least some advisers to Turkey's government off guard. They were filed by prosecutors in the Southern District of New York, which has been investigating the bank's role in what has been called the largest Iran sanctions violation in United States history, as billions of dollars' worth of gold and cash were illegally transferred to Iran in exchange for oil and gas." [New York Times, 10/15/19]

- **Justice Department: High-Ranking Turkish Government Officials "Participated And Protected" The Scheme.** "Justice Department officials said high-ranking government officials in Turkey 'participated in and protected this scheme,' with some receiving bribes worth tens of millions of dollars and helping to hide the conspiracy from the scrutiny of regulators in the United States." [New York Times, 10/15/19]

The Justice Department Believed The Scheme Helped Finance Iran's Nuclear Weapons Program. "Mr. Barr pressed Mr. Berman to allow the bank to avoid an indictment by paying a fine and acknowledging some

wrongdoing. In addition, the Justice Department would agree to end investigations and criminal cases involving Turkish and bank officials who were allied with Mr. Erdogan and suspected of participating in the sanctions-busting scheme. Mr. Berman didn't buy it. The bank had the right to try to negotiate a settlement. But his prosecutors were still investigating key individuals, including some with ties to Mr. Erdogan, and believed the scheme had helped finance Iran's nuclear weapons program." [New York Times, 10/29/20]

The Investigation Threatened The Family And Political Party Of Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan

Headline: "Turkish Bank Case Showed Erdogan's Influence With Trump." [New York Times, 10/29/20]

Erdogan Tried To Get Trump To Shut Down The Investigation Into Halkbank, Which Threatened Erdogan's Family And Political Party. "For months, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey had been pressing President Trump to quash the investigation, which threatened not only the bank but potentially members of Mr. Erdogan's family and political party. When Mr. Berman sat down with Mr. Barr, he was stunned to be presented with a settlement proposal that would give Mr. Erdogan a key concession." [New York Times, 10/29/20]

2017: Ballard Was A Registered Foreign Agent Of The Albanian Socialist Party, Agreeing To Advise, Counsel, and Assist The Group In Communications With U.S. Officials

April 2017-December 2017: Ballard Partners Provided Advising And Counseling To The Socialist Party Of Albania In Its Communications With The U.S. Government At A Rate Of $20,000/Month. "Brian Ballard's lobbying shop now has been retained by the Socialist Party of Albania to 'provide consulting and advocacy services in a bid to improve U.S.-Albanian bilateral relations' at a rate of $20,000 a month, according to a news release. […] Ballard's work for the Socialist Party of Albania will include advising, counseling and assisting the party in its communications with the U.S. government, according to Foreign Agents Registration Act documents filed in April. The yearlong deal continues until the end of March 2018 and fetches the agency $20,000 per month. Ballard, who maintains a second outpost in Washington, D.C., in April signed a similar yearlong contract to strengthen ties between the U.S. and the Dominican Republic." [Florida Politics, 4/18/17; FARA, 5/31/18]

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9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

Activities will include advising, counseling, and assisting the foreign principal in communications with US government officials.

[FARA, 4/13/17]

2017-2018: Ballard Lobbied Mowers During His Time As A State Department Official On Behalf Of The Turkish Government, Meeting With Him Multiple Times

Ballard Lobbied Mowers During His Time As A State Department Official On Behalf Of The Turkish Government, Meeting With Him Multiple Times. "Not all of Ballard's foreign clients are as sympathetic. Ballard signed a contract with the Turkish government worth $125,000 a month on May 11, days before Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's security guards beat up peaceful protesters outside Turkey's embassy, according to a Justice Department filing. Another filing shows Ballard met several times with administration officials on Turkey's behalf, including Sean Cairncross, a senior adviser to the White House chief of staff, and Matt Mowers, a State Department official who worked on Trump's campaign." [Politico, 4/2/18]

- **The Turkish Government Jailed Journalists For "Spreading Terrorist Propaganda."** "An estimated 119 journalists and media workers at time of writing are in pretrial detention or serving sentences for offenses such as 'spreading terrorist propaganda' and 'membership of a terrorist organization.' Hundreds more are on trial though not in prison. Most media, including television, conforms to the Erdogan presidency's political line. Despite a top Court of Cassation ruling to quash the convictions of 13 journalists and executives from the daily Cumhuriyet newspaper, at their November retrial the Istanbul lower court defied the top court by once again convicting them of 'aiding and abetting terrorist organizations.'The Istanbul court meted out the same prison sentences it gave at their first trial ranging from nearly four years to over eight years, but this time aquitted journalist Kadri Gürsel. All men are at liberty after spending prolonged periods in prison. They are appealing against the convictions.After being convicted and sentenced to ten years and six months prison for 'aiding and abetting a terrorist organization," at his retrial in November the writer Ahmet Altan was first released from over three years of pretrial detention and then one week later rearrested after an Istanbul court reversed the decision. The entire process against Altan has been arbitrary and demonstrates heavy political interference by the executive. " [Human Rights Watch, 2019]

- **2020: The State Department Criticized Turkey For Providing Support To The Terrorist Group Hamas.** "The State Department registered its strong objection yesterday to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's hosting of two Hamas leaders in Istanbul on August 22. This is the first time the State Department has called out Turkey's close relations with and ongoing support for Hamas, a sign the U.S. government's patience is wearing thin with Erdogan's harboring of radical Islamists. Although Erdogan is the leader of a NATO member state, both his Justice and Development Party (AKP) and Hamas have roots in the Muslim Brotherhood and share a similar ideology built on an anti-Western and anti-Semitic worldview. […] But Arouri is just one of many Hamas operatives who have operated in Turkey. In 2011, 10 Hamas operatives Israel released as part of a prisoner exchange arrived in Turkey, and many remain active there. Imad al-Alami, Hamas' long-serving envoy to Iran and a U.S.-designated terrorist since 2003, received medical treatment in Turkey in 2014 and continued his work there while he recuperated. In 2016, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon accused Turkey of 'hosting in Istanbul the terror command post of Hamas abroad.'" [Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, 8/26/20]

- **The Turkish Police Torture People In Prison.** "A rise in allegations of torture, ill-treatment and cruel and inhuman or degrading treatment in police custody and prison over the past four years has set back Turkey's earlier progress in this area. Those targeted include Kurds, leftists, and alleged followers of Fethullah Gülen. Prosecutors do not conduct meaningful investigations into such allegations and there is a pervasive culture of impunity for members of the security forces and public officials implicated. The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) has conducted two visits to detention places in Turkey since the coup attempt, one in May 2019, though the Turkish government has not given permission for reports from either visit to be published." [Human Rights Watch, 2019]

Mowers Consulted For Mercury, His Former Lobbying Firm, Which Consistently Lobbied Congress On Behalf Of Chinese Interests

2021-2022: Mowers Disclosed He Did Communications Consulting Work For Mercury Public Affairs

2021: Mowers Disclosed Being Compensated For Communications Consulting Work For Mercury Public Affairs In New York, NY. Mowers's personal financial disclosure showed he did consulting work for Mercury Public Affairs in New York, NY. He described his work as communications consulting. Mowers was required to disclose "compensation received by you or your business affiliation for services provided directly to you during the current year and two prior years." [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 12/29/21]

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2016: Under Mowers' Leadership, Mercury Lobbied Congress On Behalf Of Chinese Electric Car Manufacturer BYD

April 2016-July 2016: Mowers Was Vice President At Mercury

April 2016: Mowers Joined Mercury, A Federal Government Relations Firm, As A Vice President In Its New Jersey Office. "Mercury, a leading national, bipartisan public strategy firm is pleased to announce the addition of Matt Mowers, most recently New Hampshire State Director for Chris Christie for President. Mowers will join Mercury as a Vice President. […] Mowers will join Mercury's New Jersey office and be part of the firm's national public affairs advocacy team. Mercury's New Jersey office is led by Mike DuHaime, Chris Christie's top political advisor. Mike Soliman, who is U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez's top political advisor, joined the firm in 2013 and Mo Butler, who most recently served as chief of staff in New Jersey to U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, joined the firm earlier this year. […] Mercury is a high-stakes, bipartisan public strategy firm. The firm provides a comprehensive suite of services that includes federal government relations, international affairs, digital influence, public opinion research, media strategy and a bipartisan grassroots mobilization network in all 50 states." [Mercury LLC, Press Release via Politico, 4/4/16]

July 2016: Mowers Left His Job At Mercury To Take A Job With The Trump Campaign. "Matt Mowers, who worked for Christie at various points in the last few years, is leaving his job at Mercury Public Affairs to take a job with Trump's camp, according to Mike DuHaime, another longtime Christie adviser. It's unclear what role Mowers will play for Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee." [NJ.com, 7/14/16]

During Mowers' Tenure, Mercury Lobbied Congress On Behalf Of BYD, A Chinese Electric Car Manufacturer

Q2 2016: BYD Paid Mercury $20,000 To Lobby Congress On "Issues Related To Transportation." According to a lobbying report, Mercury was paid $20,000 to lobby the House of Representatives and Senate on "issues related to transportation" for BYD in the Second Quarter of 2016. [Senate Office of Public Records, Lobbying Report, 7/21/16]

Q3 2016: BYD Paid Mercury $40,000 To Lobby Congress On Transportation Procurement And Grants. According to a lobbying report, Mercury was paid $40,000 to lobby the House of Representatives, Senate, and Department of Transportation on "Issues related to Federal Transit Administration grants and procurement" for BYD in the Third Quarter of 2016. [Senate Office of Public Records, Lobbying Report, 10/24/16]

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2017: BYD And Other Chinese Electric Vehicle Manufacturers Sold 770,000 Units, More Than Half Of All New-Energy Vehicles Sold Globally. "At the assembly plant of China's leading electric carmaker, BYD, in the southern city of Shenzhen – and under the watchful gaze of a giant Transformer statue made of car parts – an electric car rolls off the production line every 90 seconds. While US maker Tesla often grabs the headlines (though not always for its cars), BYD and peers like Beijing Auto and Roewe are quietly selling enough electric vehicles (EVs) to make China the world's largest market for both electric and conventional vehicles. In fact, sales of EVs in China reached 770,000 units last year – more than half of all new-energy vehicles sold globally." [South China Morning Post, 10/22/18]

Headline: "'Made in China 2025': world's biggest auto market wants to be the most powerful maker of electric cars." [South China Morning Post, 10/22/18]

Headline: "'Made in China 2025' forges ahead with EV dominance in sight." [Nikkei Asia, 5/28/19]

BYD Had "Deep Personal Ties" To The Chinese Government

Alliance For American Manufacturing: BYD Had "Deep Personal Ties" To The Chinese Government And Military. "There's an added twist with BYD: It likes to promote itself as a privately-owned company to deflect criticism about its practices. But researchers have uncovered deep personal ties between BYD's leadership and China's state apparatus — including the military — along with significant state subsidies and other support." [Alliance For American Manufacturing, 10/10/19]

BYD Was Founded By Wang Chuanfu A Chinese Communist Party Member And Former Party Official And Took Billions In Chinese Government Subsidies. "California Governor Gavin Newsom recently committed his state to a $990 million contract with BYD (Build Your Dreams), a Chinese Communist Party-linked electric car company, in exchange for 200 million protective masks. […] BYD's founder, Wang Chuanfu, is a member of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and has served the party in numerous official capacities – most recently as member of the Fifth Shenzhen Municipal People's Congress Standing Committee. BYD assists China's 'Made in China 2025' plan and has pocketed billions in CCP electric-vehicle government subsidies." [The National Pulse, 4/22/20]

BYD Board Supervisor Zou Fei Was A Chinese Communist Party Official. "Many of BYD's top leaders also have ties to the Chinese state. Chairman and CEO Wang Chuanfu was a delegate of the People's Congress of Shenzhen from 2000 to 2010 and held a position in the city legislature from 2005 to 2015. Zou Fei, an expert of the 'Thousand Talents Program' of the organizational department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, is a supervisor on BYD's board." [Alliance for American Manufacturing, 8/20/19]

Chinese State-Owned Investment Funds Held Equity Stakes In BYD And Its Subsidiaries

Chinese State-Owned Investment Funds Held Equity Stakes In BYD And Its Subsidiaries. "Several Chinese state-owned investment funds hold equity interests in BYD or its subsidiaries, an indicator that China's central government sees BYD as a leader in a priority industry. This kind of financial support is one of the ways the Chinese government has been known to influence business decision and achieve its goals." [Alliance for American Manufacturing, 8/20/19]

BYD Benefited From Both Chinese And American Subsidies

BYD Used Chinese Subsidies To Build Vehicles And U.S. Subsidies To Allow Cities To Buy Their Buses. "BYD is a privately held company, but its critics say it has managed to find a foothold in the industry by benefiting

from substantial Chinese subsidies, allowing the company to 'double-dip' by using Chinese subsidies to build vehicles and U.S. subsidies to allow cities to buy their buses." [Roll Call, 12/10/19]

Alliance For American Manufacturing: BYD's Efforts To Transform The Auto Industry In The United States Jeopardized 871,000 American Jobs

Alliance For American Manufacturing President Scott Paul Testified That BYD's Model Of Assembling Vehicles In The United States With American Parts Jeopardized 871,000 American Jobs. Alliance for American Manufacturing President Scott Paul testified, "Allowing BYD to extend its non-market influence and operations into the U.S. auto market would put hundreds of thousands of jobs at risk. BYD's economic model of assembling vehicles in the United States, but relying on imported parts and components, would threaten over 5,600 auto parts suppliers spread across the nation, employing 871,000 workers." [House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 5/16/19] (VIDEO)

Alliance For American Manufacturing: BYD's Efforts To Secure American Transit Contracts Put "Hundreds Of Thousands" Of American Jobs At Risk. "We already have seen the destructive impacts of China's model of state-led capitalism on our domestic manufacturing sector, and the damaging ripple effects on thousands of communities across our nation. Between 2001 and 2017, 3.4 million U.S. jobs were lost or displaced because of our massive bilateral trade deficit with China. Most of those jobs went away because American companies offshored production to China following its entry into the World Trade Organization, which was supposed to move China toward a market-based economy (spoiler: the opposite happened). But now China's government-owned, controlled and subsidized companies are setting up assembly operations right here in the United States. Backed by deep government support, two such firms – the China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) and Build Your Dreams (BYD) – have begun securing lucrative, U.S. taxpayer-supported contracts to supply major cities with transit rail cars and electric buses. The ambition is to establish a substantial foothold into the U.S. market as a means of expanding into private sectors, such as the freight rail and passenger automobile markets. At first glance, it looks like there are positives, as CRRC and BYD have opened new facilities and hired American workers. But once you dive deeper, you discover tens of thousands of existing U.S. jobs are threatened – and perhaps hundreds of thousands more if these two firms expand into new markets." [Alliance For American Manufacturing, 10/10/19]

Alliance For American Manufacturing: BYD's Efforts To Transform The Auto Industry In The United States Would "Threaten The Livelihoods Of 5,600 Parts Suppliers And 871,000 American Workers." "Rather, it wants to dominate the entire global transit industry, and is working to do so by entering and quickly dominating markets in other countries, including in the United States. Rail isn't the only industry impacted, either. Build Your Dreams (BYD), another Chinese state-owned company, is aiming to do the same thing for electric buses — and potentially the entire auto industry (which would threaten the livelihoods of 5,600 parts suppliers and 871,000 American workers)." [Alliance for American Manufacturing, 5/30/19]

BYD Reportedly Used Forced Uighur Labor At Its Chinese Manufacturing Facilities

BYD Reportedly Used Forced Uighur Labor In Its Supply Chain. "BYD's international business has thrived despite troubling allegations of connections to Uighur forced labor in Xinjiang province, where the Chinese government has brutally cracked down on ethnic Uighurs, placing hundreds of thousands of people from the Muslim minority group into 're-education camps.' According to VICE News' reporting last year, placement in a factory is sometimes the last step in China's 're-education' process for Uighurs. A report published last month by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute estimated that more than 80,000 Uighurs have been transferred out of Xinjiang to work in factories across China over the past two years, including some who were 'sent directly from detention camps.' BYD was one of 83 companies identified in the report as using forced Uighur labor in its supply chain, alongside major international brands such as Apple, Nike, and General Motors." [Vice, 4/11/20]

2019: Federal Lawmakers Voted To Ban The Use Of Federal Funds From Buying Chinese Buses And Railcars, Including Those Made By BYD And Its Subsidiaries

The National Defense Authorization Act For FY2020 Included A Provision Barring Federal Dollars From Being Used To Purchase Passenger Rail Cars Or Buses From State-Owned Or State-Controlled Enterprises, Such As Those From China. "Tucked in the conference report of the NDAA is a provision aimed at blocking Chinese companies from building rail cars or buses used in U.S. transit. The final version of the conference report for the National Defense Authorization Act released Monday night would bar federal dollars from being used to purchase passenger rail cars or buses from state-owned or state-controlled enterprises, such as those from China. By including the provision in the bill, lawmakers sought to thwart China's growing presence in the U.S. passenger railcar and electric bus markets." [Roll Call, 12/10/19]

- **The Provision Affected The U.S. Subsidiaries Of Two Chinese Companies, Including BYD.** "House and Senate Republicans and Democrats have reached agreement on language in the National Defense Authorization Act that would bar the use of federal funds to buy Chinese buses and railcars, congressional aides familiar with the matter told The Wall Street Journal, adding that the ban excludes pre-existing contracts. The legislation would affect the U.S. subsidiaries of two Chinese companies. One is China's state-owned CRRC Corp. , which has been making significant inroads into the U.S. market for railcars, estimated at $18 billion annually. The other is BYD Co. , a Chinese company that sells electric buses for the U.S. market through unit BYD Motors LLC." [Wall Street Journal, 12/10/19]

2021: Mercury Now Lobbies Congress On Behalf Of Alibaba And Yuhuang Chemical, Chinese Companies That Devote Billions Of Dollars To Chinese Tech Innovation And Development

2021: Mercury Lobbied Congress On Behalf Of Chinese Companies Alibaba And Yuhuang Chemical

Q1-Q3 2021: Alibaba Paid Mercury $250,000 For Federal Lobbying Work, Making It Mercury's Second-Largest Client. [OpenSecrets, Accessed 1/4/22]

Q1-Q3 2021: Yuhuang Chemical Paid Mercury $80,000 For Federal Lobbying Work. [OpenSecrets, Accessed 1/4/22]

Alibaba Had Extensive Ties To The Chinese Communist Party, Assisted In Domestic Surveillance And Repression, And Devoted $15 Billion To Tech Innovation And Economic Development In China

March 2021: Alibaba Established A Corporate Communist Party Of China Committee, Stating That 30 Percent Of Employees At Its Beijing Headquarters Were Members Of The CCP. "Alibaba (Beijing) Software Services Co has established a corporate CPC (Communist Party of China) committee on Wednesday, according an article published on the official WeChat public account of Beijing's Chaoyang district. According to the article, the number of Chinese Communist Party members have accounted for more than 30 percent of the overall employees at Alibaba's Beijing headquarters." [Global Times, 3/25/21]

Alibaba Was Required To Help The Chinese Government With Surveillance, Locating Criminal Suspects, And Silencing Political Dissent. "The Chinese government is building one of the world's most sophisticated, high-tech systems to keep watch over its citizens, including surveillance cameras, facial-recognition technology and vast computers systems that comb through terabytes of data. Central to its efforts are the country's biggest technology companies, which are openly acting as the government's eyes and ears in cyberspace. Companies including Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Tencent Holdings Ltd. and Baidu Inc., are required to help China's government hunt down criminal suspects and silence political dissent. Their technology is also being used to create cities wired for surveillance." [Wall Street Journal, 11/30/17]

- **Assistant Secretary Ford: China's "Technology-Facilitated Surveillance And Social Control" Was "Developed, Built, And Maintained" By Firms Like Tencent, Alibaba, And Baidu.** "It is not surprising, then, that the Chinese technology giants have become deeply enmeshed in Beijing's system of oppression at home and its increasingly assertive strategic ambitions globally. Their role on behalf of the Party apparatus begins within China itself, where technology firms have helped the Chinese Communist Party construct an entirely new, modern model of authoritarian police state … Significantly, the modern 'China Model' is built upon a foundation of technology-facilitated surveillance and social control. These techniques for ruling China have been – and continue to be – in critical ways developed, built, and maintained on behalf of the Party-State by technology firms such as Huawei, Tencent, ZTE, Alibaba, and Baidu. As these companies export their products and services to the rest of the world, the security and human rights problems associated with this 'China Model' are progressively exported with them. Already, it has been reported that Ecuador, Venezuela, and Pakistan, among others, have become customers for such firms' repression-facilitating technologies." [State Department Transcript, 9/11/19]

Alibaba Announced It Would Commit $15.5 Billion Toward Technological Innovation, Economic Development, And Job Creation In China. "Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. vowed to spend the equivalent of $15.5 billion fostering social equality, becoming the latest big Chinese company to take up Beijing's drive for what it calls 'common prosperity.' […] The funding would be deployed in areas such as technological innovation, economic development, the creation of high-quality jobs and care for vulnerable groups, Alibaba said in a statement Friday. It listed 10 key initiatives, including supporting digitalization in underdeveloped areas, helping smaller businesses to grow and to expand abroad, and improving the welfare of gig-economy workers." [Wall Street Journal, 9/3/21]

Alibaba Was Key To China's Deployment Of The BeiDou Navigation System That Allowed The Chinese Military To Reduce Reliance On Foreign Controlled Communication And Navigation Networks. "Alibaba, Tencent, and Baidu have been identified by the Chinese government as national new-generation artificial intelligence open innovation platforms with applications such as big data analysis, biometric modalities, and autonomous systems. As noted below, these dual-use applications have been designated by the Chinese government as strategic military resources and key to civil-military fusion efforts. […] Major tech companies such as Alibaba, Baidu, and Tencent are key to the deployment of China's BeiDou satellite navigation system through the joint efforts of leading military and private enterprises. BeiDou is an international ground-based network developed indigenously for both civilian and military applications and allows the Chinese military to reduce reliance on foreign controlled communication and navigation networks. BeiDou terminals have been deployed throughout the PLA ground forces, PLA Navy ships, Second Artillery Force, and the PLA Air Force." [RWR Advisory, 1/12/21]

- **Alibaba-Owned Company Qianxun Spatial Intelligence Operates The BeiDou Ground Base Enhancement System Which Supports The BeiDou Navigation System.** "Qianxun Spatial Intelligence is a high-precision satellite positioning services provider established in August 2015 by Norinco and Alibaba, equally owned by both companies. Qianxun SI operates the BeiDou Ground Base Enhancement System (BGBES), a network consisting of a series of ground base stations and operating and precision positioning systems that support BeiDou by providing accuracy (although they are not inherently part of BeiDou)." [RWR Advisory, 1/12/21]

Yuhuang Chemical Is A Subsidiary Of Shandong Yuhuang Chemical, Which Was Run By A Chinese Communist Party Official And Operated A $1.85 Billion Plant In Louisiana

Yuhuang Chemical Was A Subsidiary Of Chinese-Based Shandong Yuhuang Chemical. "A subsidiary of China-based Shandong Yuhuang Chemical Co. Ltd. plans to build a $1.85 billion methanol manufacturing complex on the Mississippi River in St. James Parish, joining a booming petrochemical industry along the riverfront in Louisiana, the company said Thursday. The project would be Shandong Yuhuang Chemical's first major investment in the United States. Gov. Bobby Jindal's office called it the first major foreign direct investment by a Chinese

company in Louisiana. Yuhuang Chemical Inc. is a newly created North American subsidiary of Shandong Yuhuang Chemical Co., which is based in southwestern Shandong province of China." [NOLA.com, 7/18/14]

The President Of Shandong Yuhuang Chemical Was Wang Jinshu, Who Served As The Communist Party Secretary For The Village Of Yuhuang. "The head of Shandong Yuhuang is Wang Jinshu, whose $870 million fortune ranked 214 on the 2013 Forbes China Rich List. He also is the Communist Party Secretary for the northeastern village of Yuhuang in the People's Republic of China and a delegate to the National People's Congress." [The Advocate, 1/27/15]

2014: Yuhuang Chemical Announced It Would Open A $1.85 Billion Methanol Plant In Louisiana, Exporting Most Of The Methanol To Shandong While Selling Only 20-30 Percent On North American Markets. "Yuhuang Chemical was started in 1994 by a village branch of the Chinese Communist Party in Shandong Province, but in 2014, it raised some eyebrows when it announced plans to build a US$1.85 billion methanol plant in St James Parish, Louisiana. […] Both companies were attracted to this sleepy town in the Deep South because of its proximity to America's booming shale gas industry, which gives chemicals companies cheap access to the components they need to make their products. […] In a 2014 statement, Yuhuang made clear that most of the methanol it made in Louisiana would be exported to Shandong to produce downstream Chinese chemicals, with just 20 to 30 per cent to be sold on North American markets." [South China Morning Post, 2/19/19]

2022: Mowers Talks Tough On China, Despite His Record

Mowers Criticized Democrats For Trying To Move America To Chinese-Made Electric Vehicles. MOWERS: "They are trying to move us to purely electric vehicles. But you know, China is making all the batteries. They control the supply chain for that. So the price of that's going to go up in no time as well. They just don't care. They're so clueless and out of touch with the economy right now." [Facebook, Matt Mowers, 11/21/21] (VIDEO)

Mowers Attacked Politicians For Being Weak On China And Supporting Initiatives That Tied The U.S. Economy Closer To China. MOWERS: "We've had ten months now, ten whole months with a bunch of politicians who don't really care about us. They care about their political power. What's it gotten us? A humanitarian crisis on the southern border. Waving the white flag in Afghanistan which has diminished our troops and really undermined our nation's strength abroad. We've seen them spend trillions of dollars on a socialist spending spree that just increases the rate of inflation and actually ties our economy closer to China. And what's China doing? The Communist Party of China? They are laughing in our face. They see right now the weakness. They see we're not going to hold them accountable for COVID-19. They see that they can get away with just about anything economically or militarily around the world." [YouTube, Mowers for Congress, 9/30/21] (VIDEO)

Mowers Criticized Politicians For Not Moving Manufacturing Back To The United States. "Mowers wants to help build 'an economy that can grow and lift everyone up.' 'There was a lot of talk last year about moving manufacturing back to the United States, but no one has done anything about it. I think we can revitalize American manufacturing, especially in the high-tech sector, if we have a concerted national effort.'" [Union Leader, 9/19/21]

Mowers Said The Democrats' Infrastructure Plan Would "Do Nothing But Tie Our Economy Closer To China And Chinese-Backed Lenders," Which He Said Was "Not In Our National Interest." "He believes the infrastructure plan currently before Congress spends too much money on unrelated pet projects and not enough on hard infrastructure like roads, bridges, and broadband deployment. 'Congress is going to vote on almost $10 trillion in new spending this year and all this debt will do nothing but tie our economy closer to China and Chinese-backed lenders, which is not in our national interest,' he argues." [Union Leader, 9/19/21]

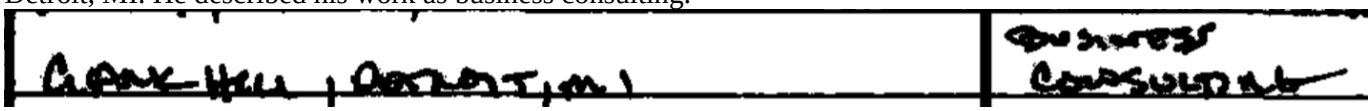
Mowers Said Chinese Manufacturing Was In The Bad Interest Of Our National Security And Economy. MOWERS: "We need to make sure that we're truly incentivizing companies to move manufacturing back to the United States, away from China in particular. I'm tired of all of our pharmaceutical ingredients and semiconductors

and high national defense equipment that's being made in China. It's in the bad interest of our national security as well as our economy." [Breitbart, 9/4/21] (AUDIO)

Mowers Consulted For Multimillion Dollar Lobbying Firms And Political Consulting Groups

2020: Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Business Consulting Work Done On Behalf Of Clark Hill, A Multimillion Dollar Lobbying Firm

Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Business Consulting Work Done On Behalf Of Clark Hill In Detroit, MI. Mowers's personal financial disclosure appeared to show that he consulted for "Clark Hill" in Detroit, MI. He described his work as business consulting.

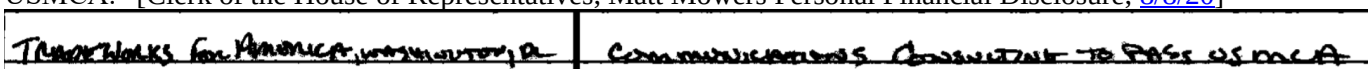


[Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]

2020: Clark Hill PLC Was Paid $5.26 Million For Lobbying Efforts On Behalf Of 51 Clients. [OpenSecrets, Accessed 8/24/21]

2020: Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Communications Consulting Work Done On Behalf Of Trade Works For America, A Multimillion Dollar Lobbying Effort

Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Communications Consulting For Trade Works For America In Washington, D.C. Mowers's personal financial disclosure appeared to show that he consulted for "Trade Works for America" in Washington, D.C. He described himself as a "communications consultant to pass USMCA." [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]



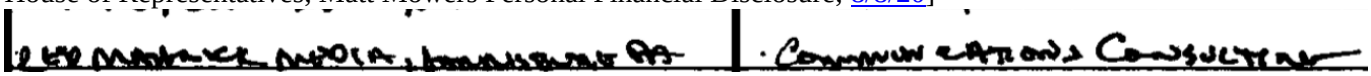
2019: "Well-Connected Republican Operatives" Launched Trade Works For America, A $15-$20 Million Organization That Worked To Push Members Of Congress To Support The USMCA. "Well-connected Republican operatives have launched the group Trade Works for America, which aims to spend more than $10 million pushing members of Congress to support the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), according to two officials who set up the group. […] 'We've laid out a budget of $15-$20 million. We've raised about a third of that to date, and we've really been at it since the beginning of the year,' Cox added. (A top outside adviser to the VP, Marty Obst, and longtime GOP operative Jeff Miller are also involved.)" [Axios, 2/10/19]

Trade Works For America Was Funded By The Pharmaceutical Industry, Oil And Gas, The Automotive And Agricultural Sectors, And Traditional GOP Donors. "The group's funding comes from the pharmaceutical industry, oil and gas, the automotive and agricultural sectors, and traditional GOP donors, according to Cox." [Axios, 2/10/19]

2020: Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Communications Consulting Work Done On Behalf Of Red Maverick Media, A Political Consulting Firm That Worked With A Pro-Mowers Super PAC

Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Communications Consulting Work For Red Maverick Media In Harrisburg, PA. Mowers's personal financial disclosure appeared to show that he consulted

for "Red Maverick Media" in Harrisburg, PA. He described his work as communications consulting. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]



Red Maverick Media Was A Political Media Consulting Firm. [Red Maverick Media, Accessed 8/24/21]

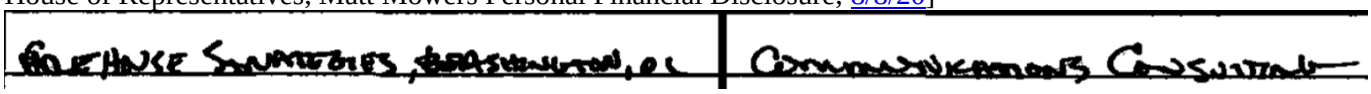
2020 Cycle: Red Maverick Media Was Paid Over $3.9 Million By 33 Republican Clients. According to OpenSecrets, Red Maverick Media was paid $3,923,570 by 33 clients, including $1,886,328 from the Republican Party of Maine alone. Other clients included Marco Rubio for Senate, Kevin McCarthy for Congress, and the Congressional Leadership Fund. [OpenSecrets, Accessed 8/24/21]

2020 Cycle: The Pro-Mowers New Hampshire Freedom Fund Paid Red Maverick Media $82,210. According to OpenSecrets, the pro-Mowers New Hampshire Freedom Fund paid Red Maverick Media $82,210 during the 2020 cycle. The New Hampshire Freedom Fund was Red Maverick Media's 11th-largest customer. [OpenSecrets, Accessed 8/24/21]

- **September And October 2020: The NH Freedom Fund Paid Red Maverick Media $55,209 For Mailers Supporting Mowers.** [FEC, NH Freedom Fund Independent Expenditures, Accessed 8/26/21]
- **September And October 2020: The NH Freedom Fund Paid Red Maverick Media $27,001 For Mailers Opposing Pappas.** [FEC, NH Freedom Fund Independent Expenditures, Accessed 8/26/21]

2020: Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Communications Consulting Work Done On Behalf Of Firehouse Strategies, A DC Public Affairs Consulting Firm

Mowers Appeared To Disclose Being Compensated For Communications Consulting Work For Firehouse Strategies In Washington, D.C. Mowers's personal financial disclosure appeared to show that he consulted for "Firehouse Strategies" in Washington, D.C. he described his work as communications consulting. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Matt Mowers Personal Financial Disclosure, 8/8/20]



Firehouse Strategies Was A Public Affairs Consulting Firm. [Firehouse Strategies, Accessed 8/24/21]

Firehouse Strategies Had Clients In The Pharmaceutical, Technology, Finance And Retail Sectors. "Since its founding five years ago, Firehouse has grown into a 25-person shop with clients in the pharmaceutical, technology, finance and retail sectors, including FedEx, AARP, GE and the National Retail Federation." [PR Week, 8/10/21]

Mowers Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, Which Is Bringing Over $1 Billion To New Hampshire For Road And Bridge Repair, Among Other Projects

Mowers Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill And Criticized The Republicans Who Supported It

Mowers Said He Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. HOST: "As a candidate for Congress, is this infrastructure bill good or bad? How would you have voted if you're a House member?" MOWERS: "A lot of us feel the need for good infrastructure investments, real infrastructure investments, whether that's for roads and bridges and tunnels, you know, whether it's for making sure that airports are upgraded, whether it's expanding broadband access, those are things that we could bring bipartisan support for. But what we saw Friday was not an

infrastructure bill. It was another wish list, a bunch of leftwing ideology, instead of true infrastructure investments and what's worse than that, Jack is that all these folks who voted for it also voted paved the way for this. You know, what do you call it reconciliation bill? […] And so, you know, unfortunately, Friday still misses the mark. We could have had a truly bipartisan comprehensive infrastructure investment package, but then you've got a leftwing ideology grab bag that's supported by Pappas and Hasson and the rest of them." [The Pulse of NH, Good Morning New Hampshire, Interview with Matt Mowers, 11/8/21] (AUDIO)

- **Mowers Said The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Was "Not An Infrastructure Bill," But A Liberal Wishlist Full Of Left-Wing Ideology.** MOWERS: "What we saw Friday was not an infrastructure bill. It was another wishlist, a bunch of leftwing ideology, instead of true infrastructure investments." [The Pulse of NH, Good Morning New Hampshire, Interview with Matt Mowers, 11/8/21] (AUDIO)

Mowers Criticized House Republicans That Voted In Favor Of The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. MOWERS: "The bad news is this. Friday night you might have stayed up late to watch a couple votes in Congress and noticed that it was just almost unanimity amongst Democrats but a bunch of Republicans who sided with them and passed what they try to generously call an infrastructure bill. Despite the fact that I think it was no more than maybe 40% of it actually went towards what we could consider infrastructure, roads, bridges, tunnels, airports, broadband if you want to get a little generous also about that 40%. The rest of it was nothing more than a grab bag and a liberal wish list and unfortunately we had Republicans side with a bunch of Democrats to get it done." [Granite Grok TV, Belknap County Republican Committee Meeting, Matt Mowers Speech and Q&A, Part 1, 11/11/21] (AUDIO)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Was Set To Bring Over $1 Billion To New Hampshire For Road And Bridge Repair, Among Other Projects

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Was Set To Bring Over $1 Billion To New Hampshire For Road And Bridge Repair, Among Other Infrastructure Projects. "Here's a breakdown of what New Hampshire will receive as part of the legislation, according to the delegation: At least $1.1 billion in federal highway aid, and $225 million in additional funds for bridge replacement and repair At least $125 million over five years for public transportation At least $100 million to expand broadband coverage to the small portions of the state where that service is currently not available Approximately $420 million for investment into water infrastructure $5.6 million to protect against wildfires $45 million for the state's airports $12.4 million to protect against cyberattacks" [NHPR, 11/10/21]

Mowers Opposed The American Rescue Plan, Which Provided Stimulus Checks And Small Business Relief While Cutting Taxes For Middle-Class Families

Mowers Opposed The American Rescue Plan

Mowers Said The American Rescue Plan Would Support "Irresponsible Spending In States Like California And New York." "This brings us back to the question I posed earlier: Why are Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan and Reps. Annie Kuster and Chris Pappas supporting all this spending? Republican Matt Mowers, who ran for Congress against Pappas in 2020, suggests an intriguing motive. He thinks our delegation is more interested in helping their party leaders in Congress than the American people. 'Maggie Hassan and Chris Pappas have prioritized using tax dollars from New Hampshire workers to fund irresponsible spending in states like California and New York,' he says. 'Pappas and Hassan should worry less about Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer funding their next campaigns and instead focus on helping Granite Staters.'" [New Hampshire Union Leader, Patrick Hynes Op-Ed, 5/16/21]

The American Rescue Plan Sent Stimulus Checks And Small Business Relief To New Hampshire

The American Rescue Plan Authorized 684,778 Stimulus Checks For Granite Staters

Under The American Rescue Plan, Qualifying Individuals Received A $1,400 Economic Impact Payment From The Federal Government. "Under the American Rescue Plan, eligible people filing as single making less than $75,000, a head of household making less than $112,500, or as married couple filing jointly making less than $150,000 qualify for an Economic Impact Payment of $1,400 per person each plus $1,400 for each qualifying dependent, including kids, college students, and seniors claimed as dependents. An eligible married couple that earned $75,000 last year and had two qualifying children would receive an Economic Impact Payment of $5,600 through the American Rescue Plan." [U.S. Treasury Department, Press Release, 6/29/21]

Individuals In New Hampshire Received 684,778 Stimulus Checks Worth Over $1.565 Billion. [U.S. Department of the Treasury, 6/29/21]

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New Hampshire Businesses Received Over 41,000 PPP Loans In Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic With An Average Loan Size Of $90,105. [SBA Data via FederalPay.org, Accessed 8/23/21]

The American Rescue Plan Contained A Tax Cut Of Up To $3,600 Per Child For 87 Percent Of Children In New Hampshire

The American Rescue Plan Expanded The Child Tax Credit For All Working Families Making Up To $150,000 A Year. "The Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan provides the largest Child Tax Credit ever and historic relief to the most working families ever – and as of July 15th, most families are automatically receiving monthly payments of $250 or $300 per child without having to take any action. The Child Tax Credit will help all families succeed. The American Rescue Plan increased the Child Tax Credit from $2,000 per child to $3,000 per child for children over the age of six and from $2,000 to $3,600 for children under the age of six, and raised the age limit from 16 to 17. All working families will get the full credit if they make up to $150,000 for a couple or $112,500 for a family with a single parent (also called Head of Household)." [White House, Accessed 8/23/21]

- **An Estimated 222,000 – Or 87 Percent – Of New Hampshire Children Qualified For The Expanded Child Tax Credit.** "With the expanded eligibility, an estimated 222,000 or 87 percent of New Hampshire children under 18 will qualify for the payments: up to $300 a month for each child under 6 and up to $250 a month for each child ages 6 to 17." [New Hampshire Bulletin, 7/20/21]

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Headline: "From Car Payments to Child Care, N.H. Families Have Plans for Spending the New Child Tax Credit." [NHPR, 7/15/21]

Headline: "NH Moms Share Impact of Pandemic, Celebrate Child Tax Credit Payments." [InDepthNH, 7/17/21]

Mowers Was Bankrolled By Corporations, Out-Of-State Megadonors, And Extremists In His Party

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2020 Mowers Seditionist Caucus Donations					
Date	**Contributor**	**Affiliated Member**	**Recipient**	**Amount**	**Conduit (If Applicable)**
9/14/20	Biggs For Congress	Rep. Andy Biggs	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	Earmarked - House Freedom Fund
9/21/20	Andy Harris For Congress	Rep. Andy Harris	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	Earmarked - House Freedom Fund
9/28/20	Andy Harris For Congress	Rep. Andy Harris	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
10/28/20	Chesapeake PAC	Rep. Andy Harris	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	Earmarked - House Freedom Fund
10/14/20	Blaine For Congress	Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
5/22/20	Building Leadership And Inspiring New Enterprise PAC	Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
6/30/20	Elise For Congress	Rep. Elise Stefanik	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
9/21/20	Gary Palmer For Congress	Rep. Gary Palmer	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
9/28/20	Friends Of Glenn Thompson	Rep. Glenn Thompson	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
5/19/20	Mr. Southern Missourian In The House PAC	Rep. Jason Smith	Mowers for Congress	$1,500	
5/22/20	JEFF PAC	Rep. Jeff Duncan	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
7/20/20	Jim Jordan For Congress	Rep. Jim Jordan	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	Split of House Freedom Fund
9/8/20	Jim Jordan For Congress	Rep. Jim Jordan	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	Earmarked - House Freedom Fund
10/24/20	Texans For Jodey Arrington	Rep. Jodey Arrington	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
9/30/20	Kevin McCarthy For Congress	Rep. Kevin McCarthy	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
5/29/20	Majority Committee PAC	Rep. Kevin McCarthy	Mowers for Congress	$5,000	
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11/5/20	LEE PAC	Rep. Lee Zeldin	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	

10/14/20	Michael Burgess For Congress	Rep. Michael Burgess	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
9/30/20	Weber For Congress	Rep. Randy Weber	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
3/31/20	First In Freedom PAC	Rep. Richard Hudson	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
6/16/20	RON PAC	Rep. Ron Estes	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
10/29/20	Texas Red	Rep. Ronny Jackson	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
11/2/20	Friends Of Scott Desjarlais	Rep. Scott DesJarlais	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	Earmarked - House Freedom Fund
6/30/20	Scalise For Congress	Rep. Steve Scalise	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
6/30/20	Scalise For Congress	Rep. Steve Scalise	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
6/30/20	Eye of the Tiger PAC	Rep. Steve Scalise	Mowers for Congress	$5,000	
9/16/20	Eye of the Tiger PAC	Rep. Steve Scalise	Mowers for Congress	$5,000	
6/30/20	Old North State PAC	Rep. Ted Budd	Mowers for Congress	$500	
9/30/20	COLE PAC	Rep. Tom Cole	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
6/1/20	Tom Rice For Congress	Rep. Tom Rice	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
9/30/20	VAF PAC	Rep. Virginia Foxx	Mowers for Congress	$2,000	
3/31/20	William Timmons For Congress	Rep. William Timmons	Mowers for Congress	$1,000	
Total				**$66,000**	

[FEC, Filtered Receipts, Accessed 8/13/21; New York Times, 1/7/21]

2020: Out-Of-State Megadonors Fueled A Pro-Mowers Super PAC, With 99% Of Funds Deceptively Coming From Outside Of New Hampshire

2020: Pro-Mowers Super PAC NH Freedom Fund Was Bankrolled By Out-Of-State Donors, With 99% Of Donors Living Outside Of New Hampshire.

2020 NH Freedom Fund Contributions					
Date	**Contributor**	**State**	**Recipient**	**Amount**	**% Funding**
8/28/20	Right Direction America Inc	VA	NH Freedom Fund	$75,000	34.7%
9/28/20	Novel Iron Works Inc	NH	NH Freedom Fund	$2,500	1.1%
10/5/20	Walter Buckley, Jr.	FL	NH Freedom Fund	$20,000	9.2%
10/30/20	Jon Hanson	NJ	NH Freedom Fund	$3,500	1.6%
11/2/20	Sheldon Adelson	NV	NH Freedom Fund	$100,000	46.3%
11/5/20	Jerry Langer	NJ	NH Freedom Fund	$10,000	4.6%
11/5/20	Christopher Kent	FL	NH Freedom Fund	$5,000	2.3%
Total				**$216,000**	**100%**

[FEC, NH Freedom Fund, Accessed 8/16/21]

2020: Right Direction America Inc., An Advocacy Group Founded By Chris Christie, Donated $75,000 To NH Freedom Fund, Representing Over A Third Of The Group's Total Contributions. "Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has entered the impeachment fight with a new advocacy group that plans to spend tens of thousands of dollars on television and digital ads. Right Direction America's initial ad buy runs through January with spots slamming Congress for wasting its time on impeaching President Trump, said Phil Cox, a Republican

strategist assisting Mr. Christie. […] Right Direction America is aiming to counter substantial liberal spending and advocacy supporting the impeachment and removal of Mr. Trump from groups such as Need to Impeach, a multimillion-dollar effort started by billionaire Tom Steyer, who is also running for the Democratic presidential nomination." [Washington Times, 12/30/19; FEC, NH Freedom Fund, Accessed 8/16/21]

- **Headline: "Christie Swoops In to Help Former Aide Who Backed Him on 'Bridgegate.'"** [Daily Beast, 10/12/20]

The Late GOP Megadonor Sheldon Adelson Contributed $100,000 To NH Freedom Fund, Representing Nearly Half Of The Group's Total Contributions. "Casino magnate Sheldon Adelson, one of the most prolific donors in conservative politics, died Monday night at the age of 87 due to complications from treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, according to a statement from Las Vegas Sands, the company he founded. Adelson made his fortune — a net worth of around $35 billion according to an estimate by Forbes — in the casino hotel industry. He spent much of it backing conservative politicians in the U.S. and Israel, shaping the political debate of both countries." [NPR, 1/12/21; NH Freedom Fund, Accessed 8/16/21]

2020: Mowers Was Endorsed By The Extremist House Freedom Caucus' Campaign Arm And Benefited From Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars In Spending On His Behalf

The House Freedom Fund Was The Political Arm Of The Extremist House Freedom Caucus

The House Freedom Fund Was "The Political Arm" Of The House Freedom Caucus. "The House Freedom Caucus wants Byron Donalds in the ranks. The House Freedom Fund, the political arm for the conservative coalition of lawmakers, endorsed the Naples Republican in Florida's 19th Congressional District." [Florida Politics, 8/6/20]

- **House Freedom Fund: Mowers Winning In NH-01 Would "Increase The Ranks Of The Conservative House Freedom Caucus."** "We are proud to announce our support for these three additional candidates who will help us take back the House in November and increase the ranks of the conservative House Freedom Caucus: ☑ Nick Freitas (VA-07) ☑ Ronny Jackson (TX-13) ☑ Matt Mowers (NH-01)" [House Freedom Fund, Press Release, 6/25/20]

2020: The House Freedom Fund Endorsed Mowers And 47 Other Candidates, Including Extremists Who Downplayed The Insurrection, Spread Anti-Vax Conspiracies, And Palled Around With White Nationalists

2020: The House Freedom Fund Endorsed 48 Candidates, Including Matt Mowers. [House Freedom Fund, 2020 Results, Accessed 8/13/21]

The House Freedom Fund Also Endorsed Extremist Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene. [House Freedom Fund, 2020 Results, Accessed 8/13/21]

- **Headline: "Marjorie Taylor Greene indicated support for executing prominent Democrats in 2018 and 2019 before running for Congress."** [CNN, 1/26/21]

- **Marjorie Taylor Greene, Who Was Set To Sit On The Education Committee, Claimed School Shootings Were False Flag Operations Or Somehow Staged.** "The U.S. House of Representatives has voted not to allow a GOP congresswoman to join the House education committee, following a storm of controversy over her support for claims that school shootings were false flag operations or somehow staged. In a Thursday vote, the House decided to bar Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., from taking a position on two committees, Education and Labor and Budget, that House Republican leaders assigned her to last week. The vote was 230-199, with 11 Republicans joining 219 Democrats." [Ed Week, 2/4/21]

- **February 2021: 11 Republicans Joined Democrats In Voting To Strip Marjorie Taylor Greene Of Her Committee Assignments Due To Her Hateful And Conspiratorial Claims.** "The House voted Thursday to strip controversial Republican Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene of her committee assignments. All Democrats and 11 Republicans voted for the measure, despite Republican leader Kevin McCarthy's opposition to it. In social media posts and videos made before she was elected to Congress, Greene, a freshman from Georgia, embraced a slew of far-right conspiracy theories, including questioning whether deadly school shootings had been staged and whether a plane really hit the Pentagon on 9/11. A supporter of the fantastical QAnon conspiracy theory, she also shared videos with anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim sentiment, and expressed support for violence against Democratic leaders in Congress." [CBS News, 2/5/21]

- **July 2021: The House Freedom Caucus Called Actions Taken To Strip Marjorie Taylor Greene Of Her Committee Assignments "Intolerable."** "Less easily reversible is the damage done to the institution by the Leadership of one party dictating the ability of Members of another party to serve in roles at the discretion of their own conference. That abuse cannot go unchecked. Speaker Pelosi's refusal to seat Rep. Jim Jordan and Rep. Jim Banks on the Select Committee to Investigate January 6 is intolerable. That this follows the intolerable action of unseating another Republican from her committees makes clear that Speaker Pelosi has no interest in representative democracy, let alone protecting institutional norms." [Twitter, @freedomcaucus, 7/23/21]

- **Marjorie Taylor Greene Was Suspended From Twitter After Repeatedly Spreading Disinformation About The COVID-19 Vaccines.** "Twitter on Tuesday suspended Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, Republican of Georgia, from its service for seven days after she posted that the Food and Drug Administration should not give the coronavirus vaccines full approval and that the vaccines were 'failing.' The company said this was Ms. Greene's fourth 'strike,' which means that under its rules she can be permanently barred if she violates Twitter's coronavirus misinformation policy again. The company issued her third strike less than a month ago. On Monday evening, Ms. Greene said on Twitter, 'The FDA should not approve the covid vaccines.' She said there were too many reports of infection and spread of the coronavirus among vaccinated people, and that the vaccines were 'failing' and 'do not reduce the spread of the virus & neither do masks.'" [New York Times, 8/10/21]

The House Freedom Fund Also Endorsed Extremist Rep. Lauren Boebert. [House Freedom Fund, 2020 Results, Accessed 8/13/21]

- **Boebert Tweet On January 6, 2021: "This Is 1776."** [Twitter, @laurenboebert, 1/6/21]

- **Headline: "A Colorado Republican tweeted about Pelosi's location during the Capitol siege. She's now facing calls to resign."** [Boston Globe, 1/12/21]

The House Freedom Fund Also Endorsed Extremist Rep. Paul Gosar. [House Freedom Fund, 2020 Results, Accessed 8/13/21]

- **Headline: "GOP Rep. Paul Gosar appears to ally with white nationalists — again."** [Washington Post, 6/29/21]

- **Headline: "Gosar calls Jan. 6 US Capitol attackers 'peaceful patriots,' says slain rioter 'executed.'"** [Arizona Republic, 5/12/21]

The House Freedom Fund Also Endorsed Extremist Rep. Mary Miller. [House Freedom Fund, 2020 Results, Accessed 8/13/21]

- **Miller: "Hitler Was Right On One Thing. He Said, 'Whoever Has The Youth Has The Future.'"** "Newly sworn-in Republican U.S. Rep. Mary Miller was under intense criticism from fellow lawmakers and others on Wednesday over comments the Naperville native made during a speech in Washington, D.C., in which she invoked Adolf Hitler. Miller's voice was captured on video making the remarks at a rally Tuesday hosted by the conservative group 'Moms for America. A Miller spokeswoman confirmed she made the remarks, which were rebuked by Republicans and Democrats on social media Wednesday. 'If we win a few elections, we're still going to be losing unless we win the hearts and minds of our children. This is the battle. Hitler was right on one thing. He said, 'Whoever has the youth has the future,'' Miller can be heard saying in a clip that was circulated on Twitter." [Chicago Tribune, 1/7/21]

2020: Mowers Took Nearly $170,000 In Campaign Contributions Through The House Freedom Fund

2020: Mowers Took $168,365 In Campaign Contributions Through The House Freedom Fund. [FEC, Filtered Receipts, Accessed 8/13/21]

2020: The Political Arms Of The House Freedom Caucus Spent Over $230,000 In Support Of Mowers

2020: The House Freedom Fund And House Freedom Action Spent A Combined $233,844 In Support Of Mowers. [OpenSecrets, Accessed 8/13/21]

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Mowers Was A Hypocrite On Campaign Finance, Taking Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars From Corporate Interests

2020: Mowers Took Nearly $10,000 In Direct Donations From Corporate PACs

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2020 Mowers Corporate PAC Donations			
Date	**Spender**	**Recipient**	**Amount**
10/9/20	The National Right to Work Committee PAC	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
10/7/20	Lowe's Companies, Inc. PAC	Mowers for Congress	$5,000
6/24/20	Lowe's Companies, Inc. PAC	Mowers for Congress	$2,500
2/5/20	Cozen O'Connor PAC	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
Total			**$9,500**

[FEC, Disbursement Search, Accessed 8/13/21]

2020: Mowers Took $56,750 From Leadership PACs Funded By Corporate PACs Despite Attacking Pappas For Doing The Same Thing

Mowers Attacked Pappas For Being A Hypocrite On Campaign Finance Reform By Taking Corporate PAC Money Through Leadership PACs. MOWERS: "I talked about this on the campaign trail last year. I mean, you

know, my opponent is that, you know, he had been the beneficiary of millions of dollars of PAC donations and also support from Nancy Pelosi's super PAC. Well, who do you think is funding Nancy Pelosi super PACs? All those corporate tax, those dirty, dark corporate Pac that they decry every day are funding that super PAC. And so the thing that drives me nuts about this conversation is at least be consistent, right? But they're all hypocrites. They're all hypocrites. They all want to go out there and posture for the cameras and sound like they're trying to defend democracy. When you know what they're actually doing. They've got their paws open, you know, taking as much cash from special interests as they can and shoving into their own campaign accounts." [Good Morning New Hampshire, Interview with Matt Mowers, 6/25/21] (AUDIO)

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2020 Mowers LPAC Donations			
Spender	**Associated Member/Org**	**Recipient**	**Amount**
Building Leadership and Inspiring New Enterprise PAC	Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer	Mowers for Congress	$2,000
Chesapeake PAC	Rep. Andy Harris	Mowers for Congress	$2,000
CMR PAC		Mowers for Congress	$1,000
COLE PAC	Rep. Tom Cole	Mowers for Congress	$4,000
Electing Majority Making Effective Republicans	Rep. Tom Emmer	Mowers for Congress	$3,500
First In Freedom PAC	Rep. Richard Hudson	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
JEFF PAC	Rep. Jeff Duncan	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
KELLY PAC	Former Sen. Kelly Ayotte	Mowers for Congress	$5,000
LEE PAC	Rep. Lee Zeldin	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
Majority Committee PAC	Rep. Kevin McCarthy	Mowers for Congress	$10,000
Mr. Southern Missourian In The House PAC	Rep. Jason Smith	Mowers for Congress	$1,500
Old North State PAC	Rep. Ted Budd	Mowers for Congress	$500
On Wisconsin PAC	Rep. Bryan Steil	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
Reclaim America PAC	Sen. Marco Rubio	Mowers for Congress	$3,750
Republican Majority Fund	Sen. Tom Cotton	Mowers for Congress	$2,500
RON PAC	Rep. Ron Estes	Mowers for Congress	$2,000
Roughrider PAC	Rep. Kelly Armstrong	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
SUSAN PAC	Rep. Susan Brooks	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
Texas Red	Rep. Ronny Jackson	Mowers for Congress	$1,000
Eye of the Tiger PAC	Rep. Steve Scalise	Mowers for Congress	$10,000
VAF PAC	Rep. Virginia Foxx	Mowers for Congress	$2,000
Total			**$56,750**

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Mowers Served As A Liaison Between The Office Of The Governor And Public Officials. "Mowers started as a staffer in Christie's administration in 2010, working in the office of intergovernmental affairs. He served as a liaison between the governor's office and elected officials in more than 180 communities." [Union Leader, 5/21/14]

Mowers Kept A List Of 100 Towns That Christie Wanted To Increase His Margin Of Victory For Re-Election. "In seven hours of testimony before the legislative committee investigating the lane closings, Matt Mowers, who worked in the governor's office and then for his 2013 re-election campaign, described an aggressive political operation that closely monitored its attempts to secure endorsements from Mr. Sokolich and other Democrats. The governor's advisers hoped this would allow Mr. Christie to present himself as the Republican presidential candidate with bipartisan appeal. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, where Mr. Mowers worked before he moved to the campaign, kept a list of the top 100 towns where Mr. Christie hoped to increase his margin of victory in his re-election. Staff members filed frequent memos noting their progress on various 'metrics,'' according to documents presented during Mr. Mowers's testimony, filling out answers to questions such as how many meetings and phone calls they made to mayors of the towns on that list. They were asked to record progress toward endorsements as well as 'conditions of endorsement (if applicable).'" [New York Times, 5/21/14]

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2012: Mowers Began Courting The Mayor Of Fort Lee, Mark Sokolich, For An Endorsement For Christie

Sokolich Testified That Mowers Was The Person Who Courted Him For An Endorsement For Christie

The Fort Lee Mayor Was On A List of Mayors That Christie's Office Sought The Endorsement Of. "Mr. Sokolich, whose town was No. 47 on the list, according to a copy obtained by The New York Times, featured prominently in Mr. Mowers's email updates to the governor's office. One email, under the subject line 'Fort Lee List,' indicated a list of officials and community leaders, including the mayor, who should be invited to a sporting event, Mr. Mowers said – ''one of dozens' where the governor's office would invite favored political officials. In May 2012, Mr. Mowers, now 24, suggested that the mayor and other Fort Lee officials be invited to breakfast at Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion. Mr. Mowers said the breakfast never happened. And under questioning about whether this was using government time to do campaign work, he defended the administration's actions as wanting to develop relationships with local officials, noting, for example, that the school superintendent in Fort Lee had hosted the governor for a live broadcast of 'Morning Joe' at a school." [New York Times, 5/21/14]

September 21st 2016: The Mayor Of Fort Lee, Mark Sokolich Identified Mowers As The Person Who Courted Him For An Endorsement For Christie. "In the years before the George Washington Bridge lane closures brought gridlock to Fort Lee, aides to Republican Gov. Chris Christie courted the town's Democratic

mayor. Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich recounted the enticements on Tuesday, the second day of a federal trial in Newark of two of the governor's former allies, Bill Baroni and Bridget Anne Kelly, who are accused of causing traffic jams at entrance to the world's busiest bridge to punish Sokolich for refusing to endorse the governor's 2013 re-election. […] Sokolich recounted how he was primarily courted by Matt Mowers, an official from the governor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. That office primarily worked with local officials on behalf of the governor. Today, Mowers, like Christie, works for Trump's presidential campaign. Sokolich said that in the early years of their relationship, Mowers wanted Sokolich to support some of Christie's more controversial initiatives, such as steep tax cuts. But from the summer of 2012, Sokolich said Mowers' primary focus was the governor's re-election bid. Mowers never directly asked for Sokolich's endorsement. Instead he regularly mentioned other Democrats who had endorsed Christie and then asked Sokolich whether that was something he might "consider,' Sokolich recalled." [Daily Journal, 9/21/16]

- **Sokolich Testified That His Endorsement Was The "Only Topic Of Conversation."** "Under pressure from a Christie aide, Matt Mowers, who later ran the governor's presidential campaign in New Hampshire, Sokolich said he was regularly asked throughout 2013 for an endorsement. Looking back, the endorsement 'became the only topic of conversation,' Sokolich said. By August 2013, Sokolich finally decided against endorsing Christie. 'I didn't want to alienate anyone or get anyone mad,' he said." [Record, 9/21/16]

- **Sokolich Said That Mowers Started Courting Him For His Endorsement Back In 2012.** "In the summer of 2012, he said Matt Mowers, then an IGA staffer, began broaching the subject of endorsing the governor." [South Jersey Times, 9/21/16]

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After Mowers Confirmed Sokolich Would Not Endorse Christie, Christie's Deputy Chief Of Staff Wrote In An Email: "Time For Some Traffic Problems In Fort Lee"

August 12, 2013: Mowers Told Christie's Deputy Chief Of Staff, Bridget Kelly, That Sokolich Would Not Endorse Kelly

August 12, 2013: Mowers Confirmed That Sokolich Would Not Endorse Christie. "Aug. 12: Bridget Kelly, then Christie's deputy chief of staff, calls another Christie aide, Matt Mowers, to confirm that Sokolich would not be endorsing the governor." [Associated Press, 7/17/14]

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Re:

David Wildstein <david.wildstein@gmail.com> Tue, Aug 13, 2013 at 7:35 AM
To: Bridget Anne Kelly <bridgetannekelly@yahoo.com>

Got it

On Aug 13, 2013, at 7:34 AM, Bridget Anne Kelly <bridgetannekelly@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee.

[New York Times, 1/8/14]

Fall 2013: In Response To Sokolich's Refusal To Endorse Christie, Governor Christie's Office Shut Down Lanes On The George Washington Bridge

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September 2013: Christie's Office Shut Purposely Down Several Lanes On The George Washington Bridge. "A series of private emails between a top aide to Gov. Chris Christie and a political appointee at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey shows the governor's office was well aware of a plan to abruptly shut down several lanes at the George Washington Bridge in September, and then went into damage control mode as massive traffic jams turned into a political bombshell." [Star Ledger, 1/8/14]

- **Workers At The Port Authority Of New York And New Jersey Shut Down Two Of Three Access Lanes From Fort Lee To The Toll Plaza Of The George Washington Bridge.** "Workers at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey shut down two of three access lanes from Fort Lee, N.J., to the toll plaza of the George Washington Bridge for several days starting on Sept. 9, 2013. They did so on orders from high-ranking officials on the New Jersey side of the agency, which is run jointly by officials from the two states. The backup of cars clogged the streets of Fort Lee, which is on the banks of the Hudson, blocking emergency vehicles as well as commuters and school buses." [New York Times, 5/1/15]

- **Lower-Level Officials At The Port Authority Warned Against It.** "Lower-level officials at the authority had warned against it. ('This will not end well,' one later recalled telling superiors.) They were instructed not to tell Fort Lee police officers or public officials. The closings were described as a traffic study, but it was unusual not to give notice, and to do a study with so little advance planning. And it was not the week most people would pick to tinker with traffic on the world's busiest bridge: It included the first day of school, Yom Kippur and the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a somber occasion for the region and especially the Port Authority." [New York Times, 5/1/15]

The Bridge Closures Were On The First Day Of School To Maximize Chaos. "The traffic jams, which began on the first day of school to maximize chaos, caused delays for everyone from schoolchildren to first responders, endangering public safety, prosecutors alleged." [Philadelphia Inquirer, 1/14/20]

Court Documents Indicated That Christie Officials And Allies Decided To Punish Sokolich For Not Endorsing Christie. " According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: In August 2013,

after Kelly confirmed that Mayor Sokolich would not be endorsing Gov. Christie for re-election in November 2013, Baroni, Kelly, and Wildstein decided to punish the mayor by deliberately causing significant traffic problems in Fort Lee under the false pretense of a traffic study." [Observer, 5/1/15]

March 2014: The Closures Lead To The U.S. Attorney's Office Opening An Investigation That Cost $1 Million

March 2014: The Closures Led To An Investigation By The U.S. Attorney's Office. "The Sandy aid and the bridge shutdown are the focus of ongoing investigations by the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey. But the scope and goals of a federal probe, by the very nature of the criminal justice system, are quite different from that of a private attorney working for the governor -- or for that matter, a legislative committee working against him. A legislative panel can ask for private emails. A U.S. attorney can subpoena the internet service provider and demand the emails. A lawyer can ask to interview a witness. A U.S. attorney can offer immunity for testimony." [Star-Ledger, 3/28/14]

- **The Investigation Cost $1 Million.** "It ran hundreds of pages, and found the governor did absolutely nothing wrong, nor did anyone on his current staff. It cost a reported $1 million in taxpayer dollars -- likely much, much more, but no one is saying just how much yet. And it blamed the entire fiasco on two people who were never interviewed. A report commissioned by Gov. Chris Christie to look into the scandals that have engulfed his administration was released yesterday -- after portions of it were leaked earlier in the week -- completely exonerating the governor and drawing immediate criticism from Democrats and others who called it a whitewash." [Star-Ledger, 3/28/14]

2014: Mowers Was Subpoenaed To Provide Documents In Relation To The Lane Closures But Said He Was Not Involved In The Decision To Do So

HEADLINE: NHGOP Officials testifies In Gov. Christies 'Bridgegate", Laments "Rogue Individuals" [Union Leader, 5/21/14]

HEADLINE: Ex-Christie Aide Tells Of Push To Win Over Fort Lee's Mayor. [New York Times, 5/20/14]

2014: Mowers Was Subpoenaed To Provide Documents In Relation To The Bridge Closures. "Scandal: Matt Mowers, a former aide to N.J. Gov. Chris Christie, has never been accused of involvement in the lane closures. The executive director of the New Hampshire Republican Party testified on Tuesday before a legislative committee in New Jersey investigating lane closures on the George Washington Bridge that created a political maelstrom for Republican Gov. Chris Christie. […] Mowers started as a staffer in Christie's administration in 2010, working in the office of intergovernmental affairs. He served as a liaison between the governor's office and elected officials in more than 180 communities. In April 2013, he left the administration to join Christie's reelection campaign staff, and took the job in New Hampshire after Christie's landslide reelection in November. Mowers was previously subpoenaed in February to provide documents, and voluntarily met with legislative committee lawyers in March. As the Christie staffer who sought an endorsement from Fort Lee, N.J., Mayor Mark Sokolich, Mowers has been targeted in the investigation, although he has never been accused of direct involvement in the lane closures." [Union Leader, 5/21/14]

Mowers Told The New Jersey Legislature He Was Not Involved In The Decision In The Bridge Closures. "Mowers was previously subpoenaed in February to provide documents, and voluntarily met with legislative committee lawyers in March. As the Christie staffer who sought an endorsement from Fort Lee, N.J., Mayor Mark Sokolich, Mowers has been targeted in the investigation, although he has never been accused of direct involvement in the lane closures. 'I was not involved in, nor did I have any prior knowledge of, the decision to realign the lanes on the George Washington Bridge,' he told New Jersey lawmakers in his opening statement. 'This is simply unlike anything I've ever seen before.'"[Union Leader, 5/21/14]

Mowers, Claiming He Was "Dumbfounded," Denied Any Involvement In The Bridge Closures. "Mowers said he was not involved in the traffic plot. 'Today, I sit here dumbfounded and disappointed that the actions seemingly taken by a few rogue individuals have tainted the good work that so many have done on behalf of the residents of New Jersey,' Mowers said. The committee is trying to determine who ordered traffic lanes blocked in September at the George Washington Bridge and why. The closures caused gridlock in Fort Lee, the town at the base of the heavily traveled span linking New Jersey and New York, and appear to have been directed at the town's mayor, a Democrat who did not endorse Christie." [Daily Journal, 5/21/14]

Mowers Orchestrated The Firing Of A Career Civil Servant At The State Department Because Of Her Ethnicity And Political Beliefs

April 2017: Sahar Nowrouzzadeh, A Career State Department Official Who Began Her Career During The Bush Administration, Was Improperly Pushed Out Of Her Job

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April 2017: Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was Pushed Out Of Her Job At The State Department. "For instance, the OIG claims that Hook had initially indicated that he had decided to hire J. Matthew McInnis, an Iran expert, before Nowrouzzadeh was pushed out of her job in April 2017. But McInnis told the OIG he didn't even know Hook at the time Nowrouzzadeh was reassigned." [Foreign Policy, 11/14/19]

Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was A Career State Department Employee Who Had Started Her Career In Government Service During The Bush Administration

Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was A Career Civil Servant Who Had Served At The State Department Since 2012 And In The Federal Government Since 2005. "Employee One is a career civil servant who has been in the federal government since 2005 and at the Department since 2012. She began at the Department in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA) and was detailed to S/P in July 2016. The Department documented the terms and conditions of her detail25 to S/P in a memorandum of understanding." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

- **Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Had Started Her Career In Government Service During The Bush Administration.** "It began in 2017 when Sahar Nowrouzzadeh, a career civil servant in the Policy Planning Staff, reached out to her boss, Hook, for help in responding to a critical story in the Conservative Review. The story characterized Nowrouzzadeh as a 'trusted Obama aide' who had 'burrowed' her way into the inner sanctums of the Trump administration's foreign-policy establishment. Nowrouzzadeh noted that she had spent 12 years in the U.S. government, beginning her service in the George W. Bush administration, and that she had 'adapted [her] work to the policy priorities of every administration [she] worked for.' She sought assurances from Hook to 'correct the record.' Instead, Hook forwarded her email to other political appointees in the department, who passed it to White House officials, sparking an email debate over her perceived enthusiasm for Obama and the Iran nuclear deal, as detailed by the inspector general's report and internal emails obtained by congressional overseers." [Foreign Policy, 11/14/19]

Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Claimed That She Always Adapted Her Work To The Priorities Of The Administration She Was Serving. "In fact, Employee One told Mr. Hook that she had always 'adapted [her] work to the policy priorities of every administration [she] worked for.' OIG did not identify any documents that cast doubt on this representation, and no witness told OIG that this concern motivated their opinions or actions at the time they made any personnel decisions." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Nowrouzzadeh Had A "History Of Strong Performance Reviews" And Had Played A "Critical Role" In "Complex And Sensitive Diplomatic Efforts"

The State Department Inspector General Found That Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Had "A History Of Strong Performance Reviews" And Played A "Critical Role" In "Complex And Sensitive Diplomatic Efforts." "In addition, Employee One had a history of strong performance appraisals, the most recent of which described her 'critical role in successfully negotiating and concluding two of the most complex and sensitive diplomatic efforts in recent years [that] reflects a level of performance in this position that far exceeds those of many of her peers.'" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The State Department Inspector General Found Nowrouzzadeh Was Improperly Removed Because Of Considerations Regarding Her Ethnic Origin And Political Leanings

The State Department Inspector General Found That The Removal Of Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was "Improper." "At the request of several congressional committees and the Deputy Secretary, OIG examined allegations of improper personnel actions by officials within the Office of the Secretary. In doing so, OIG reviewed extensive evidence, including complaints filed with the Department regarding political appointees, the email accounts of senior Department employees, and complaints filed by employees with OIG. After reviewing this evidence and performing further investigative work, including assessment of issues relating to particular employees, OIG identified five cases that merited further review. As described previously, OIG concluded that improper considerations played a role in the early termination of Employee One's detail, but OIG found no evidence that inappropriate factors played a role in relevant decisions relating to Employees Two and Three." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The State Department Inspector General Found That Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was Removed Because Of Her Ethnicity And Political Leanings And That Officials Requested She Be Removed Because Of Her Ethnicity And Beliefs. "Based on these communications—which continued even after March 15, 2017, by which point all of these officials knew that Employee One was a career employee38—OIG concludes that Employee One's perceived political opinions, perceived association with former administrations, and her perceived national origin played at least some role in the expressed opinions that Employee One should not remain in S/P. […] Although Mr. Hook had the discretion to end Employee One's detail early in order to replace her with someone else he wanted in the position, OIG concludes that Mr. Hook would not have ended the detail early without being prompted by others who, as described previously, appear to have been motivated to prematurely end Employee One's detail by factors unrelated to Employee One's performance or willingness or capability to implement the new administration's policies. To the extent that there was discussion about the rationale for ending her detail, it addressed only Employee One's perceived political beliefs and perceived place of birth. Given this context, Mr. Hook's own statements to OIG appear to be a post-hoc justification for terminating the detail early.4" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The IG Found That Mowers Had Requested Nowrouzzadeh's Removal And Mowers's Boss Claimed Mowers Remarked That Nowrouzzadeh "Did Not Belong" At Her State Department Post

Headline: "GOP Candidate Participated In Targeting Of Civil Servant Of Iranian Descent." [HuffPost, 9/9/20]

The Inspector General Found That Mowers Had Made The Decision To Remove Nowrouzzadeh

An Internal Email From Deputy Director Of Policy Planning Edward Lacey Showed That Mowers Had Recommended Removing Sahar Nowrouzzadeh From Her Post. "On April 7, 2017, Mr. Lacey emailed Mr. Hook and said, 'Brian, I just spoke with Matt Mowers, who said he has spoken with you. He asked me to initiate the process of wrapping up [Employee One's] detail and returning her to NEA. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I

will do so today.' Mr. Hook replied, 'Yes I agree,' and Mr. Lacey initiated the termination of her detail before its scheduled expiration. Mr. Lacey then met with Employee One and told her that her detail was ending immediately, approximately 3 months early, rather than in July. […] Employee One's detail to S/P from NEA ended on or about April 17, 2017, although it was scheduled to end on or about July 4. Mr. McInnis, the replacement Schedule C appointee to cover S/P's Iran work, started in September 2017." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook Claimed That Mowers Asked Him To Remove Sahar Nowrouzzadeh. ""Mr. Hook told OIG that, shortly thereafter, he agreed to end Employee One's detail at the request of Mr. Mowers and Ms. Ciccone, who were also copied on or affirmatively sent emails relating to this subject. OIG found no information suggesting that Mr. Hook had expressed concern regarding Employee One's performance up to this time, and Mr. Hook's contentions that he had planned to hire another individual for her position are, as described, not convincing." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The State Department Inspector General Found That Mowers Asked Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook To Remove Sahar Nowrouzzadeh. "Ms. Ciccone strongly disputes the factual statement that she suggested to Mr. Hook that Employee One did not belong in S/P, and, as set forth in the report itself, OIG acknowledges this dispute and also that Mr. Lacey refers only to Mr. Mowers in an email on the subject. On this point, however, OIG ultimately credits Mr. Hook's statement that both Mr. Mowers and Ms. Ciccone approached him regarding Employee One. Mr. Hook made this statement in his first interview with OIG, and his response to the draft report does not dispute that representation. OIG has also identified no reason why Mr. Hook would have made this statement if it were not accurate, and no one has suggested such a motive." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

- **The State Department Inspector General Found That Email Evidence Supported Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook's Claim Mowers Had Asked For Sahar Nowrouzzadeh To Be Removed.** "Mr. Mowers told OIG that he had no recollection of making this statement, and Ms. Ciccone denied that she had made this statement. However, Mr. Lacey's April 7, 2017, email documenting Mr. Mowers's instructions to end the detail supports Mr. Hook's recollection, at least with respect to the involvement of Mr. Mowers." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

- **Mowers Claimed That He Did Not Recall Asking For Sahar Nowrouzzadeh To Be Removed.** "Mr. Mowers told OIG that he had no recollection of making this statement, and Ms. Ciccone denied that she had made this statement. However, Mr. Lacey's April 7, 2017, email documenting Mr. Mowers's instructions to end the detail supports Mr. Hook's recollection, at least with respect to the involvement of Mr. Mowers." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

As A Senior Advisor In The Office Of The Secretary, Mowers Was A State Department Management Official Involved In Improper Department Personnel Decisions

As A Senior Advisor In The Office Of The Secretary, Mowers Was A State Department Management Official Involved In Improper Personnel Decisions At The State Department. "OIG began this review by examining grievances, complaints, and other allegations of mistreatment filed with the Department that involved political appointees and by examining the email accounts of senior officials in the Office of the Secretary. OIG also spoke with employees who were either referred to OIG by Congress or contacted OIG directly. Based on this work, OIG identified five cases of alleged improper personnel actions taken against career employees linked to the Office of the Secretary that merited further review. Two of these employees worked in offices within the Office of the Secretary: the Office of Policy Planning (S/P) and the Office of the Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure (S/GC). The remaining three employees worked in other bureaus, but the allegations relate to the actions of officials within the Office of the Secretary. OIG analyzes each specific case below. The relevant management officials within the Office of the Secretary at the time of the events described in this report were: […] Matthew Mowers, a Senior

Advisor in the Office of the Secretary, responsible for liaison duties with the White House" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Mowers Told Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook That Nowrouzzadeh "Did Not Belong" In Her State Department Post

Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook Claimed That Mowers Told Him That Sahar Nowrouzzadeh "Did Not Belong" Within The Office Of Policy Planning. "Mr. Hook told OIG that in April 2017, Mr. Mowers and Ms. Ciccone told him that Employee One 'did not belong' in S/P and asked if he objected to ending her detail. Mr. Hook told OIG that Ms. Ciccone and Mr. Mowers did not provide a rationale as to why Employee One 'did not belong' in S/P." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

- **Mowers Claimed He Did Not Recall Telling Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook That Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Did Not Belong In Her Post.** "Mr. Hook told OIG that in April 2017, Mr. Mowers and Ms. Ciccone told him that Employee One 'did not belong' in S/P and asked if he objected to ending her detail. Mr. Hook told OIG that Ms. Ciccone and Mr. Mowers did not provide a rationale as to why Employee One 'did not belong' in S/P. Mr. Mowers told OIG that he had no recollection of making this statement, and Ms. Ciccone denied that she had made this statement." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Mowers Helped Spread The False Claim That Nowrouzzadeh Was Born In Iran And Participated In Email Threads In Which Trump Officials Discussed Her Nationality

Mowers Was Part Of Three Email Chains In Which Trump Administration Officials Questioned Nowrouzzadeh's Nationality And Loyalty To Trump

Mowers Was Part Of An Email Thread Started By A White House Personnel Office Staffer In Which Trump Administration Officials Discussed Removing Sahar Nowrouzzadeh From Her State Department Post. "Employee One is a career civil servant who has been in the federal government since 2005 and at the Department since 2012. She began at the Department in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA) and was detailed to S/P in July 2016. The Department documented the terms and conditions of her detail25 to S/P in a memorandum of understanding. The memorandum of understanding between NEA and S/P stated that her detail would last 1 year but that 'any renewal of the detail for an additional year or other changes in the duration of the detail must be approved by S/P and NEA.'26 On March 14, 2017, the website Conservative Review published an article titled, 'Iran Deal Architect Is Now Running Tehran Policy at the State Department.' The article alleged that Employee One was a 'trusted Obama aide' who had 'burrowed' into the Department under President Trump. It stated, 'Why Secretary Tillerson has decided to keep on a chief Obama policy official remains unclear.' The emails that OIG reviewed establish that this article was forwarded to Department political personnel in at least four different instances. First, the same day the Conservative Review published the article, a White House staffer from the Office of Presidential Personnel (PPO)27 emailed Department political appointees Christine Ciccone, Matthew Mowers, and Julia Haller and asked about Employee One's 'appointment authority.' The email had the subject, 'Need an instant answer.' Ms. Haller responded (after asking HR officials to research the question), copying all of the original recipients, that Employee One was a career-conditional employee on detail to S/P. Ms. Haller added to her response, 'It is easy to get a detail suspended and because she's a conditional career, we just need to confirm the year she is in.'" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Mowers Was Part Of An Email Chain Originated By Former Speaker Newt Gingrich About Sahar Nowrouzzadeh And Replied That He Was Working On Personnel Changes. "On March 15, 2017, former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich forwarded to Margaret Peterlin the Conservative Review article. The article had been forwarded to Speaker Gingrich by a former advisor to Vice President Richard Cheney who stated, 'I think a cleaning is in order there. I hear Tillerson actually has been reasonably good on stuff like this

and cleaning house, but there are so many that it boggles the mind.' Speaker Gingrich then forwarded the article to Ms. Peterlin with the subject, 'Margaret i thought you should be aware of this newt.' Ms. Peterlin then forwarded the email without comment to Ms. Ciccone and Mr. Mowers. Mr. Mowers responded to both Ms. Ciccone and Ms. Peterlin, 'Thanks. We're working with Brian on how best to organize his team and have discussed where [Employee One], a career employee detailed to that office previously, may be of best use to the agency if not in S/P.' In responding to this discussion of Employee One, Ms. Ciccone sent an email to Mr. Mowers consisting, in its entirety, of the following question, 'Is this person one of the four who refused to shake his hand the first day he started?'" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Mowers Was Part Of An Email Thread Started By Deputy White House Counsel Makan Delrahim About Sahar Nowrouzzadeh's Heritage And Loyalty To President Donald Trump. "Also on March 14, 2017, Deputy White House Counsel Makan Delrahim forwarded the Conservative Review article to Ms. Ciccone, who forwarded it to Mr. Mowers and Ms. Haller. In her forward to Mr. Mowers and Ms. Haller, Ms. Ciccone stated '[I] know you are looking into this – wanted to make sure you saw this article.' Ms. Haller responded and reminded Ms. Ciccone that she had already learned that Employee One was a career-conditional employee. Ms. Haller also forwarded her response to Ms. Ciccone to Brian Hook with the comment, 'Hey Just fyi – We can end the detail today and send her back to NEA, but we're looking into it because it appears she is a political with a career position.'" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Mowers Shared An Email That Falsely Claimed That Nowrouzzadeh Was Born In Iran, Even Though She Was Born In The United States

Mowers Forwarded An Email To Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook That Claimed Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was Born In Iran And That She "Cried When The President Won" The 2016 Election. "Ms. Haller added to her response, 'It is easy to get a detail suspended and because she's a conditional career, we just need to confirm the year she is in.' Ms. Haller told OIG that she had assumed that career-conditional meant that Employee One was a probationary employee and could be easily removed. However, Ms. Haller was incorrect in her assumption; career-conditional employees who have completed their probationary period enjoy the same protections as other career employees, and agencies may not base personnel actions, including those involving details, on non-merit factors. Ms. Haller concluded her email with the comment, 'As background, she worked on the Iran Deal, specifically works on Iran within S/P, was born in Iran and upon my understanding cried when the President won.' Ms. Haller told OIG that she added the comment about Employee One's perceived national origin because Ms. Haller believed it could raise questions of 'conflict of interest' because Employee One was assigned to work on Iran policy at the Department. […] When OIG interviewed Mr. Mowers about the email exchange, Mr. Mowers told OIG that he did not take anything that Ms. Haller said seriously because she had a history of 'nutty theories.' Nonetheless, he forwarded the email chain discussing Employee One, including Ms. Haller's comments, to S/P Director Brian Hook with the comment 'additional info.'" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was Born In The United States. "Employee One was actually born in the United States." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The State Department Inspector General Found That Nowrouzzadeh Had Been Removed Because Of Her National Origin And Political Beliefs – A Violation Of Federal Law And Department Policy

The State Department Inspector General Found That Nowrouzzadeh Had Been Improperly Removed From Her Post Because Of Her Ethnicity …

The State Department Inspector General Found That Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was Removed Because Of Her Ethnicity And Political Leanings And That Officials Requested She Be Removed Because Of Her Ethnicity And Beliefs. "Based on these communications—which continued even after March 15, 2017, by which point all of

these officials knew that Employee One was a career employee38—OIG concludes that Employee One's perceived political opinions, perceived association with former administrations, and her perceived national origin played at least some role in the expressed opinions that Employee One should not remain in S/P. […] Although Mr. Hook had the discretion to end Employee One's detail early in order to replace her with someone else he wanted in the position, OIG concludes that Mr. Hook would not have ended the detail early without being prompted by others who, as described previously, appear to have been motivated to prematurely end Employee One's detail by factors unrelated to Employee One's performance or willingness or capability to implement the new administration's policies. To the extent that there was discussion about the rationale for ending her detail, it addressed only Employee One's perceived political beliefs and perceived place of birth. Given this context, Mr. Hook's own statements to OIG appear to be a post-hoc justification for terminating the detail early.4" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

- **2019: A State Department Office Inspector General Report Found That Trump State Department Improperly Removed A Department Employee From Her Post Because Of Her Ethnicity.** "The U.S. State Department's internal watchdog on Thursday released a report documenting reprisals by political appointees against career diplomats perceived to be insufficiently loyal to President Donald Trump. The conduct outlined in this report follows a slew of other reports that Trump officials at the State Department harassed or mismanaged employees. Thus far, such reports have resulted in fewer consequences than many employees at the department would have liked. Several political appointees accused of misbehavior have left government, placing them beyond the reach of department disciplinary action. Several have been forced out of their jobs, but others who faced such allegations have remained at the State Department, received promotions, or been permitted to announce a graceful retirement, raising doubts about Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's willingness to hold wrongdoers accountable for their actions. […] The newest report from the State Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated allegations of political retaliation against five career employees. In one case, the OIG found that political appointees improperly retaliated against a career civil servant, an American national of Iranian descent who was removed from her post in part because of her ethnicity and perceived loyalty to President Barack Obama." [Foreign Policy, 11/14/19]

- **HEADLINE: "Trump Administration Targeted Career Diplomat, State Watchdog Says"** [Foreign Policy, 11/14/19]

The Office Of Inspector General Found That The Discussions Of Sahar Nowrouzzadeh's Ethnicity And Beliefs Were "Improper" And "Wholly Inconsistent" With Department Policy. "OIG concludes that it was improper for Mr. Lacey and Ms. Haller explicitly to discuss a range of non-merit factors in relation to Employee One's assignments. Likewise, although they did not personally make similar comments about Employee One's perceived political beliefs, perceived affiliation with the prior administration, and perceived place of birth, Ms. Ciccone and Mr. Mowers appeared to endorse those comments, at least implicitly, by circulating them with follow up commentary (e.g., 'additional info,' 'I know you are looking into this,' and 'is this person one of the four who refused to shake his hand . . . ') and subsequently telling Mr. Hook without providing any rationale that Employee One 'did not belong' in S/P. These actions were inconsistent with Department policies prohibiting the use of non-merit factors in managing career employees. The comments regarding her perceived place of birth are particularly concerning. Although these comments were initiated by Ms. Haller, they were circulated by others, and they are wholly inconsistent with Department policies requiring fair and equitable treatment of employees without consideration of national origin.41 They are also inconsistent with the Department's leadership principles, which require that leaders value diversity in the workplace and hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, performance, and ethics." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The Office Of The Inspector General Found That Director Of Policy Planning Brian Hook's Acquiescence To Mowers's Request To Remove Sahar Nowrouzzadeh Was "Improper." "OIG also concludes that Mr. Hook's acquiescence to the request to end Employee One's detail before its scheduled expiration without any reference to merit-based factors was also inappropriate. According to the FAM, 'appointment, assignment, and

promotion for all categories of personnel must be on the basis of merit.'4" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The State Department Inspector General Found That Discussions About Sahar Nowrouzzadeh's Removal Centered On Her Ethnicity. "Moreover, in addition to the more general comments regarding Employee One's purported political views, Ms. Haller initiated discussion of Employee One's perceived place of birth. Specifically, Ms. Haller's email of March 14, 2017, commented that Employee One was 'born in Iran,' and, in her discussions with OIG, Ms. Haller stated that she believed that this fact, if it was true, created a conflict of interest. Although Mr. Hook, Mr. Mowers, and Ms. Ciccone stated that they gave no credence to these comments, none of these individuals said—whether to Ms. Haller or otherwise—that her comments were inappropriate or otherwise of concern.37 In fact, Mr. Mowers forwarded the comments, among others, to Mr. Hook, Employee One's second-line supervisor, who responded by saying, 'This initial info is helpful' and asking what 'career conditional mean[s].' He also noted that 'I've emailed friends who tracked the Iran deal for intel on her and waiting to hear back.'" [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The State Department Inspector General Found That Trump Administration Officials Did Not Discuss Sahar Nowrouzzadeh's Performance Or Abilities When Discussing Her Removal. "As noted previously, the Department generally has broad flexibility to make personnel decisions, including decisions to terminate details. Details may be terminated early in a wide range of circumstances, such as a change in an agency's staffing needs. However, under Department policies, this discretion is not unbounded. Decisions—including decisions regarding details—relating to career employees may not be based on non-merit reasons, such as perceived political opinions, associations with prior administrations, and national origin. OIG acknowledges that if there was evidence that a career employee's political leanings and associations demonstrably affected his or her willingness or ability to implement the Department's policy priorities, this might constitute sufficient evidence of a performance (merit-based) issue to support a personnel action. In this case, however, the conversations regarding Employee One appear to have been prompted by the Conservative Review article. That article did not address her capabilities, and the subsequent conversations did not establish—or even contend—that she would be unwilling or incapable of implementing the Department's new priorities on Iran." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

The State Department Inspector General Found That Instead Of Discussing Merit Criteria For Sahar Nowrouzzadeh's Removal, Officials Discussed Her Political Leanings. "Instead, Department officials repeatedly addressed Employee One's perceived political opinions and her purported affiliation with former administrations. For example, Ms. Haller responded to the article by noting that it was 'easy to get a detail suspended' and commented on her work for the prior administration and her purported reaction to President Trump's election. Mr. Lacey generally described career employees detailed to S/P as 'Obama/Clinton loyalists,' stated that they were 'not supportive' of 'Trump's agenda,' and moreover represented that he had 'ousted' some detailees. He separately sent an email to Mr. Hook suggesting that it would be a good time to end Employee One's detail. According to Mr. Hook, Mr. Mowers and Ms. Ciccone told him that they thought that she 'did not belong' in S/P.36 Again, OIG found no evidence that any of these individuals attempted to ascertain whether Employee One was unwilling or incapable of implementing the Department's new policy priorities or that they expressed such sentiments to Mr. Hook." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

… A Violation Of Federal Law And State Department Policy …

Federal Law Barred State Department Officials From Making Personnel Decisions Based On Non-Merit Factors. "Unlike political appointees, career employees must be hired, assigned, and assessed based on their merit, not political or other non-merit factors. These principles are memorialized in both federal law, such as the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, and in Department policies that are set out in the FAM. […] The merit system principles and prohibited personnel practices are reflected in the Department's policies. For example, the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity policy states, 'The Department of State provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national

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… And That Mowers Helped Spread The Discussion Of Nowrouzzadeh's National Origin

The State Department Inspector General Found That Mowers "Appeared To Endorse" Improper Comments About Sahar Nowrouzzadeh's Place Of Birth, Ethnicity, And Political Beliefs. "OIG concludes that it was improper for Mr. Lacey and Ms. Haller explicitly to discuss a range of non-merit factors in relation to Employee One's assignments. Likewise, although they did not personally make similar comments about Employee One's perceived political beliefs, perceived affiliation with the prior administration, and perceived place of birth, Ms. Ciccone and Mr. Mowers appeared to endorse those comments, at least implicitly, by circulating them with follow up commentary (e.g., 'additional info,' 'I know you are looking into this,' and 'is this person one of the four who refused to shake his hand . . . ') and subsequently telling Mr. Hook without providing any rationale that Employee One 'did not belong' in S/P. These actions were inconsistent with Department policies prohibiting the use of non-merit factors in managing career employees. The comments regarding her perceived place of birth are particularly concerning. Although these comments were initiated by Ms. Haller, they were circulated by others, and they are wholly inconsistent with Department policies requiring fair and equitable treatment of employees without consideration of national origin.41 They are also inconsistent with the Department's leadership principles, which require that leaders value diversity in the workplace and hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, performance, and ethics." [Department of State Officer of Inspector General, Report, November 2019]

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Mowers Supported Trump's Efforts To Build A Wall On The Southern Border

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partisan distractions, he will deliver meaningful results for Granite Staters. He'll work with President Trump to bring our economy back, lower prescription drug prices, stop the influx of illegal drugs by building the wall, support our veterans, and fight for New Hampshire families and small businesses." [Mowers for Congress, accessed 9/10/20]

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- **HEADLINE: "Border Wall Could Grab $200M From Portsmouth Naval Shipyard"** [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

Senator Jeanne Shaheen Argued That Cutting Portsmouth Shipyard Funds To Finance A Wall Would Cost New Hampshire Jobs. "'Raiding Shipyard funding to build the president's border wall would confirm New Hampshire's worst fears about this unconstitutional declaration,' Shaheen said. 'These projects are vitally important to the shipyard's mission, to jobs in the region, and have been planned for years. This list further underscores why Congress acted on a bipartisan basis last week to block President Trump's so-called 'emergency' declaration.'" [Seacoast Online, 3/18/19]

GOP Primary Vulnerabilities

Mowers Was Married To A CNN Employee Who Donated To Obama

Mowers' Wife, Cassie Spodak, Was A Senior Producer At CNN

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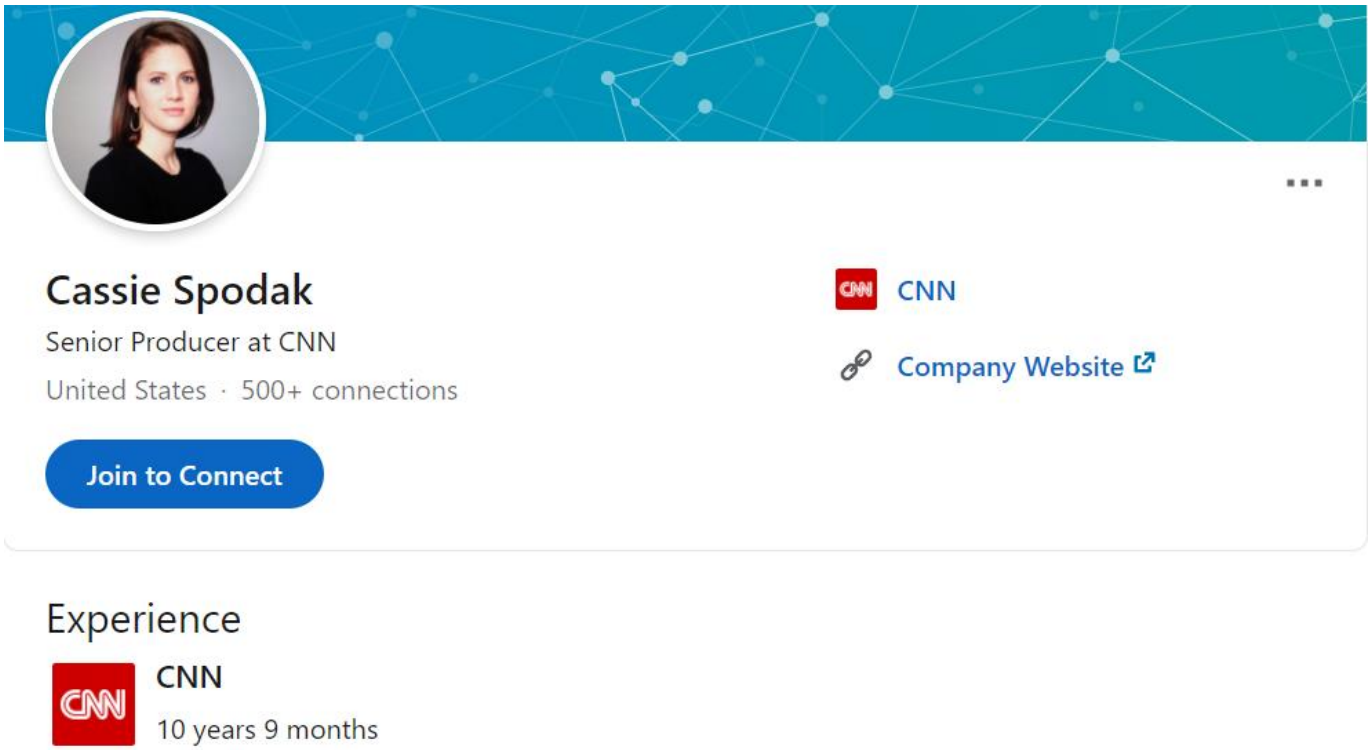

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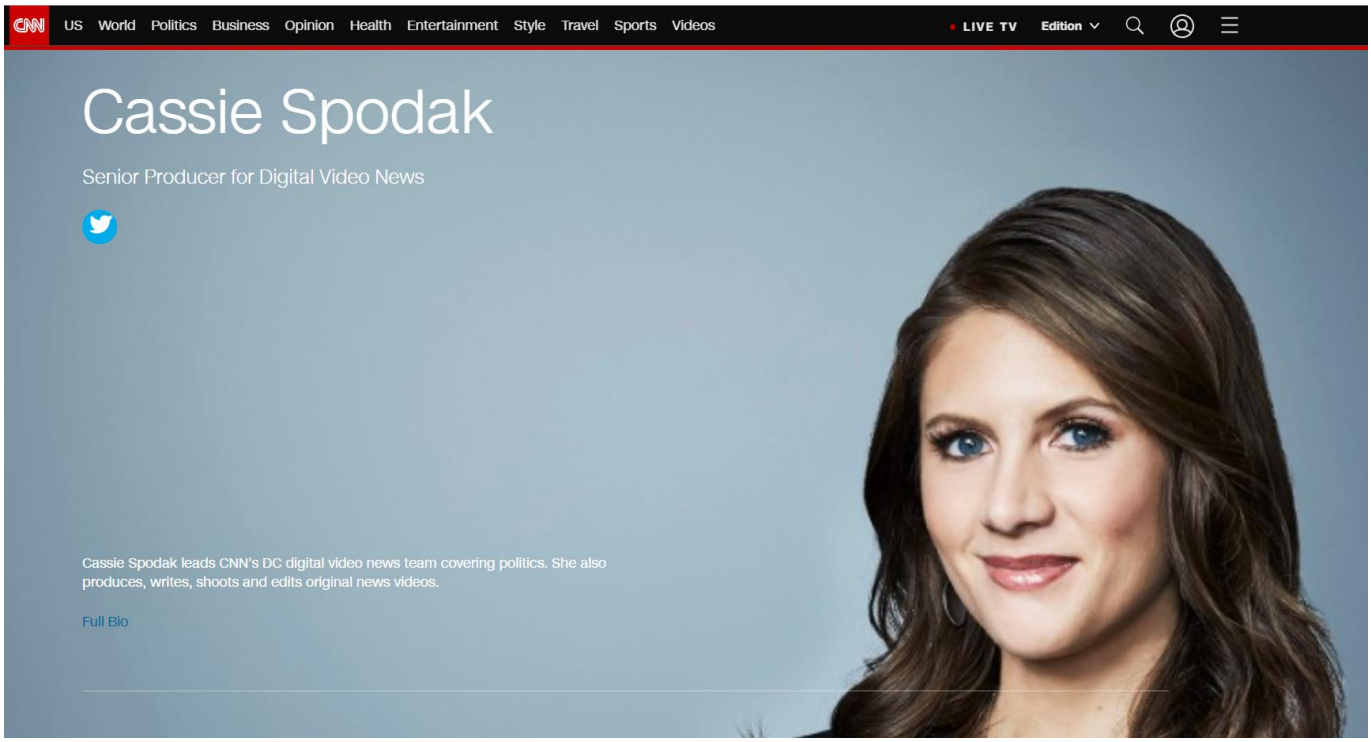

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Spodak Federal Contributions				
Date	**Contributor Name**	**Occupation**	**Committee Name**	**Total Contributions**
9/6/08	Cassandra Spodak	Student	Obama For America	$100.00
Total				**$100.00**

[FEC, Individual Contribution search, accessed 8/23/21]

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Headline: "New Jersey man is top fundraiser in New Hampshire GOP congressional race." [New Jersey Globe, 7/18/22]

Headline: "New Jerseyan Matt Mowers is top fundraiser in bid for New Hampshire congressional seat." [New Jersey Globe, 2/3/22]

Headline: "Christie Will Raise Money For Mowers In N.J. Next Week." [New Jersey Globe, 9/21/21]

September 27, 2021: Richard Bagger, Michael DuHaime, Roger Bodman, Jerry Langer, John Crowley And Others Were Slated To Attend A Mowers Fundraiser In New Jersey. "New Jersey native Matt Mowers will return to his home state on September 27 to raise money for his bid to represent New Hampshire in the U.S. House of Representatives. Former Gov. Chris Christie will headline the event at Nanina's In The Park in Belleville. […]

Chairs of the event include Christie's former chief of staff, Richard Bagger, Christie political consultant Michael DuHaime, former Commissioner of Transportation Roger Bodman, Republican National Committeeman Bill Palatucci, and GOP fundraisers Jerry Langer and Jon Hanson. Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick is also on the invitation, as well as biotech entrepreneur John Crowley. Money raised at the event will go to the Mowers Victory Fund, which is a joint fundraising committee set up by Mowers for Congress and the Live Free or Die PAC."

Please join

Rich Bagger
Roger Bodman
John Crowley

Mike DuHaime
Jon Hanson
Jerry Langer

Madelyn Langer
Sungbae Ju
Bill Palatucci

Along with

Steve Boswell
Hon. Jon Bramnick
Bernadette Coghlan-Walsh
Chris Corsini

Amanda DePalma
Dan Geltrude
Bob Martin
Amy Matey
Nevins McCann

Christina Renna
Paul Roveda
Pete Sheridan
John Spinello
Matt Swift
Committee in formation.

For a cocktail reception in support of

Matt Mowers

Candidate for Congress | NH-01

With Special Guest

Gov. Chris Christie

Monday, September 27, 2021
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Nanina's In The Park
540 Mill Street | Belleville, New Jersey

Chair: $5,800
Co-Chair: $2,900
Host Committee: $1,000
Individual: $250

To RSVP or for more details, please contact Nicole Davidman at nicole@nicoledavidman.com or (908) 447-0358

Paid for by Mowers Victory Fund, a joint fundraising committee composed of and authorized by Mowers for Congress and LFOD PAC.

[New Jersey Globe, 9/21/21]

Headline: "Christie set to headline September fundraiser for N.H. Congressional hopeful, N.J. native Mowers." [Save Jersey, 9/3/21]

September 27, 2021: Chris Christie Was Set To Host A High-Dollar Fundraiser For Mowers In Belleville, New Jersey. "Chris Christie is wading back into a major 2022 race, one which also holds potentially profound implications for his own political future, Save Jerseyans. The former governor will headline a fundraiser for Matt Mowers on September 27th at Nanina's in the Park, a popular Belleville wedding venue. […] Tickets for the September 27th event range from $250 for general admission to $5,800 for a chair distinction." [Save Jersey, 9/3/21]

Op-Ed Headline: "Christie Backers Tout Mowers' New Hampshire Congress Run." [Bergen County Record, 8/30/20]

Bergen County Record: Almost 40% Of The Money Mowers Raised For The NH-01 GOP Primary Was From New Jersey Donors. "Matt Mowers, who was part of former Gov. Chris Christie's in-house team of political operatives - and who testified in the Bridgegate trial, is pursuing a House seat in New Hampshire with generous help from New Jersey Republicans. Mowers, who is facing Matt Mayberry, the former New Hampshire Republican vice chairman, in a Sept. 8 primary, garnered $229,051 from Garden State donors - almost 40% of all the money he's collected for the primary, according to Federal Election Commission records." [Bergen County Record, 8/30/20]

Headline: "Republican CD-1 candidate Leavitt blasts Mowers over Christie's support." [WMUR, 3/22/22]

Christie Said He Would Campaign For Mowers In New Hampshire. "In his recent visit to the Granite State, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said he hasn't made up his mind about a run for president in 2024, but he's already playing in New Hampshire's closely watched 1st Congressional District Republican primary. The 2020 Republican nominee, Matt Mowers, got his start as an aide to Christie, who went out of his way to praise Mowers during his visit to New Hampshire on Monday. 'And I'm certain that I'll be here for Matt Mowers over the course of his congressional campaign to help him try to get it over the finish line this November,' Christie said." [WMUR, 3/22/22]

Granite Grok Co-Founder Skip Murphy Said He Would Not Support Mowers In The GOP Primary Because He Was Endorsed By "A Ton" Of DC Insiders And Denizens. "His campaign has rolled out LOTS of endorsements. A ton of them. We have a saying here at GraniteGrok: screw DC, save NH. I kept reading all of these endorsements that were mean to impress me. Really? A ton of them were from DC insiders and denizens – part of the problem and NONE of the solution. A veritable catch of swamp creatures. Er, nope." [Granite Grok, 9/7/20]

Fall 2020: Mowers Did Not Meet The Residency Requirements To Run For State Representative In New Hampshire. "He is not shy about comparing his home-grown resume to that of Matt Mowers, a 31-year-old New Jersey native. 'When I was working for Donald Trump's election in 2016, my opponent was managing Chris Christie's campaign,' Mayberry said of the former New Jersey governor. 'He is looking for a way back to D.C. and hoping that New Hampshire taxpayers will foot the bill for him. He doesn't even meet the residency requirements to run for state rep in New Hampshire.'" [Union Leader, 8/30/20]

Mowers Was Accused Of Slow-Walking Updating The State Party Platform To Strengthen Its Positions On Traditional Marriage And Abortion

Granite Grok Co-Founder Skip Murphy Wrote He Would Not Support Mowers In The GOP Primary Because He Slow-Walked Updating The State Party Platform To Make Its Positions On Traditional Marriage And Abortion Stronger. "We had run-ins, he and I, when he was the Exec. Director of the NH GOP after working for NJ Gov. Chris Christie. The NH GOP Delegates had voted on the Platform and made certain things even stronger (like traditional marriage and that abortion was wrong). Unfortunately, the NH GOP Candidates for Gov and US Senate (Walt Havenstein and Scott Brown, respectively) did not support either at all. For WEEKS I demanded that the changes in the Platform be updated – they were not; I was told that there was "no time" as it was then campaign season and there were higher priority issues at hand. I offered to make the changes myself, for free – it was refused. Others, also upset that the NH GOP elite (and in control at HQ) were dissing the rank and file (in the form of Delegates) and were webmaster savvy, made the same offers – they were refused as well. The Platform, while officially updated by duly elected Delegates, was never updated UNTIL AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION. Go along to get along, I guess, before he went to work for SecState Tillerson whom Trump first appointed and then sacked for not doing what HE was supposed to." [Granite Grok, 9/7/20]

Mowers Was Attacked For Filing An Illegible Financial Disclosure And Trying To Obscure Information About Paid Speeches Given To International Interest Groups

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- **Mowers' Speech To Kohris Was Available On YouTube.** [YouTube, 9/27/19] (VIDEO)

Issue Positions

Climate Change

Mowers Said He Supported Market-Based Solutions To Address Climate Change. "On the topic of climate change, the candidates had some agreement on the banning of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances PFAS (long lasting industrial chemicals that pollute water supplies) and holding China and other 'bad actors' accountable for their polluting. Pappas voiced support for green infrastructure funding while Mowers advocated for market-based solutions." [NHPR, 10/16/20]

COVID-19

Mowers Insinuated He May Not Trust The FDA's Approval Of A COVID-19 Vaccine. HOST: "How concerned are you about the current vaccine trial process, and do you think Americans will trust a COVID-19 vaccine?" MOWERS: "Well look it's important for anything that comes out to of course be safe for patients and individuals. It should also then be up to the individuals to choose whether they feel safe taking that vaccine. That's up to individual choice and for individuals and families. But the fact of the matter is, I have worked with the FDA. They are a bureaucratic organization that often does not make decisions in the interest of patients but in the best interests ensuring they don't get sued. We need to change the mindset there." [WMUR, NH-01 GOP Primary Debate, 9/2/20] (VIDEO)

October 2020: Mowers Said He Did Not Support A Federal Mask Mandate. "Mowers: Governor Sununu has shown strong leadership during these uncertain times and has worked diligently to provide guidance that keeps us safe while also getting our economy going. I support continued efforts to open the economy in a way that ensures the health and safety of our communities. At the federal level, we must continue to work with diagnostic and testing manufacturers to ramp up rapid testing capabilities, and then develop public-private partnerships with key supply chain companies to ensure our economy continues to grow while protecting the health of employees. Small businesses must also be given the same opportunities to function as large retail box stores - while we want i everyone to remain healthy, government cannot pick winners and losers and determine which businesses are permitted to operate. As someone who worked in public health, I do choose to wear a mask, but I do not support a national or statewide mask mandate. Granite Staters and businesses are smart enough and responsible enough to take steps to protect themselves and others without a mandate." [New Hampshire Business Review, 10/23/20]

Family Separation

Mowers Said He Supported Trump's Policy Of Family Separation At The Southern Border. HOST: "Mr. Mowers, you are an outspoken supporter of President Trump. Do you support the family separation policy?" MOWERS: "Well, let me just say that first and foremost that was actually an Obama administration policy that was continued on. But with that aside, look, I support the president's immigration policies whereas Mr. Mayberry has said he opposes the president's immigration policies. I think we need to get tough on the southern border to stop the influx of illegal drugs and also ensure the security on the southern border because we should have an absolute right to know who is coming into our country. Now look, we all encourage legal immigration but the fact of the matter is with the threat of coyotes, who are human trafficking on the southern border, you have to take action to ensure people are actually coming across on their own will and not just because someone's paying them to smuggle them across the border whether it's for illicit purposes and human trafficking. So I support the President's decision and his policies." [WMUR, NH-01 GOP Primary Debate, 9/2/20] (VIDEO)

AP: "Among The Few Policy Differences Was That Mayberry Opposes Trump's Policy On Family Separation." "Among the few policy differences was that Mayberry opposes Trump's policy on family separation." [AP, 9/4/20]

Health Insurance

Mowers Supported Price Transparency For Health Care Costs. "We also need price transparency to drive down healthcare costs, so patients know how much procedures and operations actually cost them and their insurer." [New Hampshire Business Review, 10/23/20]

Mowers Supported Increasing The Tax Deductibility For Health Savings Accounts. "Increasing the tax deductibility for Health Savings Accounts will also encourage investment into personal healthcare that will provide additional set-aside resources for individuals to use for routine healthcare costs or catastrophic events. No working person should be without affordable healthcare coverage, and neither should anyone who is unable to work." [New Hampshire Business Review, 10/23/20]

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LGBTQ

Mowers Said Government Should "Get Out Of The Business Of Marriage" And That People Should Be Able To Choose Who They Choose To Marry. DISTASO: "As Executive Director of the NHGOP, you did not actively work to change that part of the platform on same-sex marriage, to my knowledge. Do you support same-sex marriage now, and if so, would you work to change the platform as an influential congressman?" MOWERS: "Well look, I'm a live free or die Republican. I believe that's up to individuals to choose who they want to love and who they want to live with and who they want to cohabitate with and who they choose to marry. In fact, I believe that government should get out of the business of marriage. I don't think it's government's job to be telling us who we can live with or who we can love. When I was Executive Director, my job was simply to provide an avenue for delegates to choose the platform that they chose so I was not a voting member of the state delegate. I was a staff member. But that's the platform that the party chose. But ultimately my personal opinion is that folks should be able to love and live with who they choose to." [WMUR, NH-01 GOP Primary Debate, 9/2/20] (VIDEO)

Minimum Wage

Mowers Supported Keeping The Federal Minimum Wage At $7.25 An Hour. "Mowers: The federal minimum wage should remain at current levels while continuing to provide states the ability to make decisions in their best interests. Current proposals supported by the Democratic majority to raise the minimum wage to $15 an hour or even higher will drastically raise costs for small businesses and ultimately lead them to hire fewer workers and create fewer jobs. It would ultimately lead to a negative impact on the economy, especially during this delicate time." [New Hampshire Business Review, 10/23/20]

PFAS

Mowers Said He Supported Banning PFAS Chemicals. "On the topic of climate change, the candidates had some agreement on the banning of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances PFAS (long lasting industrial chemicals that pollute water supplies) and holding China and other 'bad actors' accountable for their polluting. Pappas voiced support for green infrastructure funding while Mowers advocated for market-based solutions." [NHPR, 10/16/20]

Prescription Drugs

Mowers Said He Was Open To The Idea Of Allowing Medicare Negotiate Drug Prices. "In Washington, however, other Republicans have opposed letting Medicare negotiate prescription drug prices. When a bill that would have given Medicare that ability passed the House earlier this year, just two Republican representatives voted for it, and the Republican-controlled Senate never considered the bill. Mowers was more reserved in his support, saying he wanted to balance lowering prices with making sure drug-makers can make enough money to continue research and development of new medicines. But he was open to the idea of letting Medicare negotiate drug prices. 'They have a pretty strong bargaining power, and they should be allowed to use that.'" [Union Leader, 10/25/20]

Social Security

Mowers Said The Simplest Way To Make Social Security Solvent Was To "Get More People Working." "Matt Mowers, the Republican running against Pappas, said he did not want Social Security benefits to be cut in any drive to reduce the federal deficit. Although threats to the Social Security trust fund predate the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2008 recession, Mowers said he thought an economic recovery would make the Social Security trust fund solvent again. 'That's going to be the simplest way to make sure it's solvent, is to get more people working,' Mowers said. Mowers said he did not think the situation was urgent enough to warrant discussing such changes to Social Security as raising the retirement age or paying benefits only to poorer retirees." [Union Leader, 10/25/20]

Student Loans

Mowers Said He Was Cautious About But Open To The Idea Of Expanding Student Loan Repayment Programs In Order To Attract Health Care Workers To New Hampshire. "U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas said he would expand student loan repayment programs to include more health care workers and financially encourage them to come to New Hampshire and work in underserved parts of the state. 'We're an aging state. We need a young professional workforce here in New Hampshire,' said Pappas, a Democrat running for re-election in the 1st Congressional District. Mindful of the possible cost, Pappas' Republican opponent, Matt Mowers, was cautious about supporting a student loan repayment program but said he would be open to it." [Union Leader, 10/25/20]

Taxes

Mowers Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. "Mowers: I supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which cut taxes for small businesses and working families while also ensuring that America remains a beacon for job creation

and investment. Currently, the Democratic majority in the House is proposing large and broad-based tax increases, even during the current pandemic will oppose those efforts and work to extend the tax cuts that have benefited the American people. New Hampshire especially benefits because of our already low-tax environment. I'm proud to stand with Gov. Chris Sununu as he protects the New Hampshire advantage." [New Hampshire Business Review, 10/23/20]

Mowers Said He Would Vote To Make The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. "Mowers: In Congress, I will vote to make the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provisions permanent, which will benefit New Hampshire's businesses and working families. We have to keep our businesses competitive in the global economy by keeping tax rates low. Making the tax cuts permanent for middle-class families will allow them to keep more of their hard-earned money and use it as they see fit instead of handing it over to government bureaucrats. Especially during a pandemic and these uncertain economic times, we cannot even entertain raising taxes the way my opponent and the majority in Congress is currently proposing - this would cause catastrophic economic consequences." [New Hampshire Business Review, 10/23/20]

Transportation

Mowers Said He Opposed Public Funding For Passenger Trains From New Hampshire To Boston, Calling It A "Financial Boondoggle." "Democrat Pappas previous opponent in 2020, Matt Mowers, who may run again in 2022 amid New Hampshire's favorable redistricting for Republican candidates, told Breitbart News the passenger trains to Boston would be an irresponsible 'financial boondoggle': At a time when Washington is spending money we don't have, businesses can't find staff to stay open and the long arm of Massachusetts is hitting Granite Staters with an unjust income tax, the Pappas Express would be a financial boondoggle and leave New Hampshire taxpayers on the hook for Washington's fiscal irresponsibility – while sending more of our much needed work force to Massachusetts. 'Let's focus on growing New Hampshire businesses, repairing our roads and bridges and putting an end to the wasteful spending coming out of the swamp,' Mowers suggested." [Breitbart, 7/16/21]

Professional History

2017: Mowers Served As Senior Advisor At The State Department, Leading "Interagency Coordination" With The White House, Agencies, And The NSC

LinkedIn: Mowers Served As Senior White House Advisor To The State Department. According to LinkedIn, his official title was Senior White House Advisor to the State Department. [Linkedin, accessed 7/27/20]

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2017-2019: Mowers Served As Chief Of Staff And Policy Officer Of The Global AIDS Coordinator

2017-2019: Mowers Served As Chief Of Staff & Policy Officer Of The Global AIDS Coordinator. According to LinkedIn, Mowers served as Chief of Staff & Chief Policy Officer to the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator. [Linkedin, accessed 5/27/20]

Political Career

Election Results

2020 NH-01 General Election Results		
Candidate	**Vote Total**	**Vote Percentage**
Chris Pappas (D)	205,606	51.3%
Matt Mowers (R)	185,159	46.2%
Zach Dumont (L)	9,747	2.4%

[New Hampshire Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/3/20]

2020 NH-01 Republican Primary Results		
Candidate	**Vote Total**	**Vote Percentage**
Michael Callis (R)	2,703	3.9%
Jeff Denaro (R)	2,723	3.9%
Matt Mayberry (R)	18,479	26.7%
Matt Mowers (R)	41,100	59.3%
Kevin Rondeau (R)	4,203	6.1%

[New Hampshire Secretary of State, Election Results, 9/8/20]

Campaign Finance

2020: Mowers Raised A Total Of $1,725,953 And Spent A Total OF $1,719,673 In His Run For Congress

According the Federal Election Commission, Mowers raised $1,725,953 and spent $1,719,673 during his run for Congress in 2020.

Mowers Federal Campaign Finance History			
Year	**Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee**	**Raised**	**Spent**
2020	Matt Mowers (NH-01)	$1,725,953	$1,719,673
	Total:	**$1,725,953**	**$1,719,673**

[FEC.gov, accessed 8/12/21]

01/2021-06/2021: Mowers' LFOD PAC Reported Raising $7,940, Over 60% Of Which Came From A Single Donation From Chris Christie

LFOD PAC Campaign Finance History			
Period	**Committee**	**Raised**	**Spent**
Mid-Year 2021	LFOD PAC	$7,940	$1,408
	Total:	**$7,940**	**$1,408**

[FEC.gov, LFOD PAC, 7/15/21]

5/28/2021: Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie Contributed $5,000 To LFOD PAC. [FEC.gov, LFOD PAC, 7/15/21]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Mowers Has Given $675.00 To Federal Political Candidates And Committees

According to the Federal Election Commission, Mowers has personaly given $675.00 to federal political candidates.

Mowers Individual Political Giving History – Federal			
Date	**Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee**	**Party**	**Amount**
2/6/17	Alan R. Cobb (KS-04)	R	$250.00
6/2/16	New Jersey Republican State Committee	R	$425.00
		Total	**$675.00**

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed 8/12/21]

Mowers Has Given $760 To State-Level Political Candidates And Committees

According to various state campaign finance datasets, Mowers has personally given $760 to state-level candidates.

Mowers Political Giving History – State			
Date	**Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee**	**Party**	**Amount**
1/25/21	Sarah Huckabee Sanders (Arkansas Governor)	R	$500
9/23/20	Ross Berry (Hillsborough 44th District, New Hampshire House of Representatives)	R	$50
8/1/20	Code Belanger (Rockingham 9th District, NH House of Representatives)	R	$100
2/29/20	Elliot Axelman (Merrimack 24th District, NH House of Representatives)	R	$50
9/1/16	Dick Hinch (Speaker, New Hampshire House of Representatives)	R	$50
2/16/08	Bergen County Republican Organization	R	$10
		Total	**$760**

[New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission , accessed 1/30/20; New Hampshire Secretary of State, accessed 8/12/21]

According to The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Mowers for Congress has transferred $1,200 to state and local candidates.

Mowers for Congress Political Giving History – State and Local			
Date	**Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee**	**Party**	**Amount**
5/6/21	Daryl Abbas (Rockingham 8th District, New Hampshire House of Representatives)	R	$100
2/5/21	Bill Boyd (Hillsborough 21st District, New Hampshire House of Representatives)	R	$500
9/29/20	Chris Connelly (Hillsborough County Sheriff)	R	$100
8/17/20	Denise Ricciardi (9th District, New Hampshire State Senate)	R	$250
8/5/20	Chris Connelly (Hillsborough County Sheriff)	R	$250
		Total	**$1,200**

[New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission , accessed 1/30/20; New Hampshire Secretary of State, accessed 8/12/21]

Voter Activity

June 2021: Mowers And Spodak Bought A House In Gilford, New Hampshire

June 21, 2021: Mowers And Spodak Bought A Home In Gilford, NH 03249 In Gilford County. [Belknap County Register of Deeds, 6/21/21]

Mowers' House Was In NH-01. [House.gov, Accessed 8/23/21]

2013-2020: Mowers Voting History

Mowers Voting History (2013-2020)		
Year	**State**	**Description**
2020	NH	Voted in the presidential primary, state primary, and general elections
2019	N/A	Did not vote
2018	DC	Voted in the general election
2017	N/A	Did not vote
2016	NJ	Voted in the primary and general elections
2016	NH	Voted in the presidential primary
2015	NH	Voted in the municipal primary and general elections
2014	NH	Voted in the primary and general elections
2013	NJ	Voted in the special primary and special election, state primary, and general elections

[VoteBuilder, accessed 8/23/21]

Public Records

Associated Entities

As of August 2021, Mowers had no associated entities. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 8/17/21]

NOTE: Further research necessary into Mowers's associated entities.

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of August 2021, Mowers was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 8/17/21]

NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether Mowers has a criminal record.

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of August 2021, Mowers is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 8/17/21]

NOTE: Further research necessary into whether Mowers or their associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.

COVID Relief Loans/Grants

Paycheck Protection Program

Matt Mowers LLC Did Not Appear To Receive Paycheck Protection Program Funds. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed 8/12/21]

Matt Mowers LLC Did Not Appear To Receive EIDL Funds. [Small Business Administration EIDL Data via Accountable.us, accessed 8/12/21]

Matt Mowers LLC Did Not Appear To Receive Main Street Lending Program Funds. [Small Business Administration MSLP Data via Accountable.us, accessed 8/12/21]

Important Note On This Document

Please keep in mind at all times that this is preliminary research, and further research will be necessary on Matt Mowers. It is strongly recommended that you contact the DCCC's Research Department for more information and in the event that you intend to use material from this report for public communications purposes. Thank you.

Appendix 1: Mowers Voting Records

February 9, 2016: Mowers Voted In The Republican Presidential Primary Election In New Hampshire. According to the official 2016 presidential primary voter checklist for Ward 3 in Manchester, obtained from the Manchester City Clerk, Matthew Daniels Mowers of 30 Hanover St, #204 cast a Republican ballot in the 2016 presidential primary election in New Hampshire.

City of MANCHESTER, NH
Official Checklist
Print Date : 01/30/2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY - 02/09/2016 Page 175

Party	Voter Name	Identity	Domicile Address	Ward	Voter ID	Barcode
Ward 03 CONT.		CVA				
REP	~~MOWERS, MATTHEW DANIEL~~	☐	30 HANOVER ST #204 AV	03	300336154	

[City of Manchester, New Hampshire, Ward 3 Official Voter Checklist for the 2016 Presidential Primary, Obtained via the Manchester City Clerk, 2/9/16]

February 2016: Mowers' Address Was Disclosed On Chris Christie's FEC Report As 30 Hanover St., #204 Manchester, NH 03101.

MATTHEW MOWERS	30 HANOVER ST APT 204 MANCHESTER, New Hampshire 03101		02/12/2016	PAYROLL	2889.65
MATTHEW MOWERS	30 HANOVER ST APT 204 MANCHESTER, New Hampshire 03101		02/29/2016	PAYROLL	4494.43

[FEC, Chris Christie for President Inc., March Monthly 2016, Itemized Disbursements, 3/18/16]

June 7, 2016: Mowers Voted In The Republican Primary Election In New Jersey. According to Matthew D. Mowers' official New Jersey voter profile, obtained from Middlesex County, New Jersey, Mowers voted in the New Jersey Republican primary election on June 7, 2016 in Hoboken City, New Jersey.

Voter Profile

Generated By: miboelmath001
Date Generated: 09/17/2021

Voter Information:

Voter Name: MATTHEW D MOWERS
DOB: 06/12/1989
Voter ID: C4301152873
Legacy ID: 150203921

Residence Address:

County: Middlesex
Street Number: 418
Street Name: Old Stage Rd
Address Line 2:
Municipality: East Brunswick Township
City: East Brunswick
State: NJ
Zipcode: 088164534

Party Information:

Current Party: Republican
Party Privilege Date: 09/08/2016

Miscellaneous:

Gender: Male
Registration Date: 08/18/2016
Registration Type: Agency

Status Information:

Voting Privilege Date: 09/08/2016
Date Last Voted: 11/08/2016
Current Status: Inactive Confirmation
Poll Worker Status:

Mailing Address:

Address:

Inactive Confirmation Address:

Address: 2424 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW APT 610
WASHINGTON DC 20037

Districts:

Ward: 00 **District:** 17 **Congressional:** 12 **Legislative:** 18
Freeholder: 00 **School:** 00 **Fire:** 01

Previous Residence Addresses:

Change Date	Street Number	Street Name	Address Line 2	Municipality	State	Zipcode
08/23/2016	1217	Washington St		Hoboken	NJ	07030
03/22/2016	418	Old Stage Rd		East Brunswick	NJ	08816
07/27/2012	109	Farnsworth Ave		Bordentown	NJ	08505
06/13/2011	418	Old Stage Rd		East Brunswick	NJ	08816

Election History:

Election Name	Election Date	Election Type	Election Code	Ballot Type	County Voted In	Municipality Voted In	Party Affiliation	Memo	User Scanned	Date Scanned	Date Counted	Ballot Status
GENERAL ELECTION	11/08/2016	General	STATE GENERAL 2016	Mail In	Middlesex	East Brunswick Township			FCASEY	12/21/2016	12/21/2016	Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/07/2016	Primary	STATE PE 2016	Machine	Hudson	Hoboken City	Republican		HDMMARSH	08/19/2016	06/07/2016	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/05/2013	General	STATE GE 2013	Mail In	Middlesex	East Brunswick Township			LPINO	11/19/2013	11/05/2013	Accepted
SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR US SENATE	10/16/2013	General	STATE SPECIAL GE 2013	Mail In	Middlesex	East Brunswick Township			LPINO	10/28/2013	10/16/2013	Accepted
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR US SENATE	08/13/2013	Primary	STATE SPECIAL PE 2013	Machine	Middlesex	East Brunswick Township	Republican		FCASEY	08/20/2013	08/13/2013	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/04/2013	Primary	STATE PE 2013	Machine	Middlesex	East Brunswick Township	Republican		MDEROGAT	06/08/2013	06/04/2013	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/06/2012	General	GE 2012	Machine	Middlesex	East Brunswick Township			MGOLLIVE	12/11/2012	11/06/2012	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/05/2012	Primary	STATE PE 2012	Machine	Burlington	Bordentown City	Republican		BUSJPEW	06/13/2012	06/05/2012	
STATE GENERAL ELECTION	11/08/2011	General	STATE GE 110811	Machine	Burlington	Bordentown City			BUSSATKI	11/22/2011	11/08/2011	

[New Jersey Voter Profile for Matthew D. Mowers DOB 06/12/1989, Obtained from Middlesex County, New Jersey, Generated 9/17/21]

Mowers Was Previously Registered To Vote At 418 Old Stage Rd, East Brunswick, NJ, Which Was Mowers' Childhood Home And Was Until Recently Owned By His Parents, Daniel And Patricia Mowers.

103—DEED - BARGAIN AND SALE (Covenant as to Grantor's Acts)
IND. TO IND. OR CORP — Plain Language AD RVST—1

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One Commerce Drive, Cranford, N.J. 07016

Prepared by: (Print signer's name below signature)
MICHAEL A. NOTO, Esq.

DEED

This Deed is made on December 14, 19 89,

BETWEEN RAYMOND R. SARDY and BARBARA J. SARDY, his wife

whose address is 418 Old Stage Road, East Brunswick, New Jersey
referred to as the Grantor,

AND DANIEL L. MOWERS and PATRICIA W. MOWERS, his wife

whose post office address is about to be 418 Old Stage Road, East Brunswick, New Jersey
referred to as the Grantee.

The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall mean all Grantors and all Grantees listed above.

Transfer of Ownership. The Grantor grants and conveys (transfers ownership of) the property described below to the Grantee. This transfer is made for the sum of One Hundred Seventy Four thousand oo/xx----------($174,000.00)
The Grantor acknowledges receipt of this money.

[New Jersey Voter Profile for Matthew D. Mowers DOB 06/12/1989, Obtained from Middlesex County, New Jersey, Generated 9/17/21; Deed for 418 Old Stage Rd East Brunswick, NJ, 12/14/89]

1 Check boxes that apply: ☒ New Registration ☐ Name Change ☐ Address Change ☐ Signature Update ☐ Political Party Affiliation or Non-affiliation Change

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Clerk
Registration #
Office Time Stamp
☐ by mail ☐ in person

2 Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☒ Yes ☐ No *(If No, DO NOT complete this form)*
Will you be 18 years of age by the next election? ☒ Yes ☐ No *(If No, DO NOT complete this form)*

3 Last Name: MOWERS | First Name: MATTHEW | Middle Name or Initial: DANIEL | Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)

4 Date of Birth: 6/12/89

5 NJ Driver's License Number or MVC Non-driver ID Number: [redacted]
If you DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License or MVC Non-Driver ID, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.
☐ "I swear or affirm that I DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License, MVC Non-driver ID or a Social Security Number."

6 Home Address *(DO NOT use PO Box)*	Apt.	Municipality	County	State	Zip Code
1217 WASHINGTON ST	19C	HOBOKEN	HUDSON	NJ	07030
7 Mailing Address if different from above	Apt.	Municipality	County	State	Zip Code
8 Last Address Registered to Vote *(DO NOT use PO Box)*	Apt.	Municipality	County	State	Zip Code
NA					

9 Former Name if Making Name Change
a. Day Phone Number *(Optional)*
b. E-Mail Address *(Optional)*

10 Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation? *(Optional)*
☒ Yes, the party name is REPUBLICAN
☐ No, I do not wish to be affiliated with any political party.

11 Gender ☐ Female ☒ Male

Declaration - I swear or affirm that:
- I am a U.S. Citizen
- I live at the above address
- I will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- I will have resided in the State and county at least 30 days before the next election
- I am not on parole, probation or serving a sentence due to a conviction for an indictable offense under any federal or state laws
- I understand that any false or fraudulent registration may subject me to a fine of up to $15,000, imprisonment up to 5 years, or both pursuant to R.S. 19:34-1

Signature: Sign or mark and date on lines below
X [redacted] Date 3/22/16

If applicant is unable to complete this form, print the name and address of individual who completed this form.
Name
Date
Address

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SUPT OF ELECTIONS
COMM. OF REGISTRATION
HUDSON COUNTY, NJ

Important Instructions for sections 5, 6 and 10

5) Registrants who are submitting this form by mail and are registering to vote for the first time: If you do not have any of the information required by section 5, or the information you provide cannot be verified, you will be asked to provide a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, or a document with your name and current address on it to avoid having to provide identification at the polling place.

Note: *ID Numbers are Confidential and will not be released by any governmental agency. Any person who uses such numbers illegally shall be subject to criminal penalties.*

6) If you are homeless, you may complete section 6 by providing a contact point or the location where you spend most of your time.

10) You may declare a political affiliation or you may declare to be unaffiliated, regardless of any prior party affiliation. Completing section 10 is OPTIONAL and will not affect the acceptance of your voter registration application.

Need More Information? Check boxes below if you would like to receive more information about:

☐ voting by mail
☐ becoming a poll worker
☐ polling place accessibility
☐ voting if you have a disability, including visual impairment
☐ available election materials in this alternative language:

For further information visit **www.NJElections.org** or call toll-free **1-877-NJVOTER** (1-877-658-6837)

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[New Jersey Voter Registration Form for Matthew D. Mowers DOB 06/12/1989, Obtained from Middlesex County, New Jersey, Submitted 3/22/16]