



Brandon Williams NY-22 Research Report

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Brandon Williams

Republican Candidate in New York's 22nd Congressional District

Research Memo - 2022

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Brandon Williams (NY-22) Research Memo

Significant Findings

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- ✓ Williams: The Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs V. Jackson was a "monumental victory" that "[sent] the issue of abortion back to the states, where it belongs," which meant he supported letting states ban abortions with no exceptions.
- ✓ Williams said he did not support abortion rights, that it should be left to the states, and that it was "not a federal issue."
- ✓ June 2022: Williams said if Roe v. Wade got overturned, "nothing's gonna change in New York, unfortunately."
- ✓ Williams said he was "pro-life" "without any qualification" but also said he would allow exceptions for rape, incest, or the life of the mother.
 - ✓ Williams: "I'm pro-life by faith, pro-life, I'm the pro-life candidate, I, I say that without any qualification."
 - ✓ Syracuse.com: Williams opposed abortion rights but would allow exceptions in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.
 - ✓ Williams said "abortion eliminates all future possibilities of the life that it takes" and said the unborn were the most vulnerable and must be protected.
- ✓ Williams opposed federal funding for any abortion provider.

Williams Was Co-Founder Of And Executive At A California-Based Software Company That Has Worked With Big Oil And A Company With Ties To The Chinese Government

- ✓ Williams was Co-Founder of California-based software company, CPLANE.ai, also known as CPLANE Networks, Inc., where he previously worked as CEO and where, as of August 2022, he reportedly still worked as an Executive Vice President.
- ✓ CPLANE.ai was a company that created software for "a single, integrated cloud environment" spanning private and public clouds.
- ✓ Williams said his software company, CPLANE, modernized production facilities and capabilities including in the oil and gas industry, and said his company was "in the middle of" incidents like a Russian cyber-attack to take out American infrastructure.
 - ✓ Williams: "And if you look at what Russia did, they had a cyber-attack first to take out as much infrastructure as possible, and I can tell you, my company is right in the middle of this."
- ✓ 2020: CPLANE.ai worked with ExxonMobil Corp to accelerate digital infrastructure, improve cybersecurity, and help "solve the complex digital life-cycle problems."



- ✓ CPLANE's goal was to use automation to install software needed to "deploy the control system of a simulated chemical plant."
- ✓ 2016: CPLANE was selected to provide various services, such as "distributed cloud offerings" to PCCW Global, a company that had ties to the Chinese government.
 - ✓ Williams said CPLANE was excited to work with PCCW Global to tackle "networking services across multiple data centers."
 - ✓ CPLANE NETWORKS was selected by PCCW Global provide "multi-tenant networking" and "lifecycle service orchestration" for "distributed cloud offerings."
 - ✓ 18% Of PCCW Global's parent company, PCCW, was owned by China Unicom, a company whose U.S. unit was owned and controlled by the Chinese government.
 - ✓ The FCC revoked authorization for its China Unicom's U.S. unit because it was deemed a threat to the security of U.S. telecommunications networks.
- ✓ As a tech entrepreneur and software company co-founder of CPLANE.ai, Williams said he supported reforming Big Tech's Section 230 Protections.
- ✓ Williams's campaign website said that even though his software company was "at an inflection point of growth," he "made a courageous decision" to run for Congress.

Williams Criticized Pandemic Relief Funding After The Company Williams Co-Founded And Worked As An Executive At Accepted \$209,917 In COVID-19 Relief Loans

- ✓ Williams called Biden's American Rescue Plan "unnecessary" and said Biden was "basically buying votes by printing money."
- ✓ Williams said Americans didn't show up to work after COVID-19 because the government "pays them to stay home."
- ✓ Williams was Co-Founder of California-based software company, CPLANE.ai, also known as CPLANE Networks, Inc., where he previously worked as CEO and where, as of August 2022, he reportedly still worked as an Executive Vice President.
- ✓ 2020-2022: CPLANE Networks, Inc accepted two Disaster Assistance Loans totaling \$199,500 and one Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$10,417.
- ✓ Williams reported having earned a total of \$34,500 in 2021 from his salary at CPLANE Networks, Inc.
- ✓ 2022: Williams reported having made a personal loan to CPLANE valued at between \$50,001 and \$100,000, holding incentive stock options in CPLANE valued at between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000, and having received compensation in excess Of \$5,000 from CPLANE.

Williams Has Been Attacked For Holding Investments In A Company That Shipped Jobs To China

✓ Williams disclosed that he owned up to \$15,000 worth of stock in Apple, a company that shipped American jobs to China when it shifted its Mac Pro assembly from the U.S. to China.



✓ Congressional Leadership Fund ran an attack ad hitting Williams for having personally invested in companies that have shipped jobs to China—likely a reference to his Apple investment.

Williams Acknowledged That Biden Won The 2020 Election, But At Other Times Promoted The Big Lie And Downplayed The January 6th Insurrection

- ✓ When asked about the 2020 Election, Williams acknowledged Joe Biden as the elected president but said he believed "legitimate questions ha[d] been raised about election rules" and did not answer whether Pence acted appropriately in certifying the results.
- ✓ Williams did not answer when asked if he believed Trump incited the Jan. 6th insurrection but said he wouldn't have voted to impeach Trump in 2019 or 2021.
- ✓ Williams referred to the January 6th hearings as "partisan."
- ✓ Williams supported voter ID laws, which disenfranchised low-income individuals, racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities.

Williams "Openly Embrac[ed] Trump" And Said He Would Welcome His Endorsement, Despite Previously Saying His Campaign Wouldn't Focus On Trump Or His Policies

- ✓ February 2022: Williams said his campaign wouldn't focus on Trump or his policies.
 - ✓ Williams: "In this election, Trump's not on the ballot. [...] I don't think this election is about Trump."
- ✓ July 2022: Syracuse Post-Standard: Williams "openly embrac[ed] Trump" and said he would welcome Trump's endorsement and support.
- ✓ Syracuse Post-Standard: Williams viewed Trump "as the leader of the Republican Party."
- ✓ Williams said he voted for Trump twice, and he would vote for him again.
 - ✓ Williams' 2022 primary opponent Steve Wells accused him of not voting for Trump in 2016, but Williams Later explained and provided records showing he voted via absentee ballot in California In 2016.

Williams Was A Pro-Gun Extremist Who Opposed Common Sense Measures To Crack Down On Violent Gun Crime

- ✓ Williams said he was a "proud gun owner" and "lifelong shooter" and said there were "solutions out there to solve gun violence without restricting [...] anyone's rights."
- ✓ Williams opposed gun safety measures to crack down on violent gun crime.
 - ✓ Williams said "the goal of the left is gun confiscation."
 - ✓ Williams opposed common sense gun safety measures following mass shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, including enhanced background checks for buyers under 21.
 - ✓ Williams said red flag laws violated constitutional rights.



- June 24th, 2022: Williams announced he opposed the gun control bill passed by Congress which, among other things, would help keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers.
- ✓ Williams referred to New York's SAFE Act as "infamous" and "bad." The act banned highcapacity magazines and assault weapons and would help keep guns out of the hands of people who mental health officials reported might harm themselves or others.
- ✓ Williams called SCOTUS' decision striking down New York's restriction on conceal carry a step towards "common-sense" that restored New Yorkers' rights to defend their families.
- ✓ Williams said he would support a national concealed carry bill.

Williams Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Will Help Fight Inflation And Lower Costs For **Working Families**

- ✓ Williams retweeted a post that called for "kill[ing]" the Inflation Reduction Act.
- ✓ Economists agreed the Inflation Reduction Act would lower inflation.
 - ✓ Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget President, Maya MacGuineas: The Inflation Reduction Act "most certainly will" fight inflation.
 - ✓ A group of 126 economists agreed the Inflation Reduction Act would decrease inflation and wrote a letter to Congressional Leadership urging them to pass the Inflation Reduction Act.
- ✓ The Inflation Reduction Act will help increase fairness by cracking down on corporate and ultra-wealthy tax dodgers.
- ✓ The Inflation Reduction Act was expected to relieve supply chain bottlenecks and lower energy costs.
- ✓ The Inflation Reduction Act will help lower drug and health costs for seniors, including by allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices.
- ✓ The Inflation Reduction Act extended ACA subsidies, helping to make health care more affordable.

Williams Lived On A Truffle Farm Outside Of The District, And Williams' Wife Appears To Have Promoted Williams' Campaign On Social Media Accounts Related To The Farm

- ✓ Williams didn't live in New York's 22nd district and cultivated Burgundy truffle on the property he owned.
 - ✓ Williams was registered to vote at In Auburn, NY. Williams' property in Sennett, N.Y. 13021 was a truffle farm with beehives and was "a major agricultural tourism destination."
- ✓ Williams said he would move to the 22nd Congressional District if elected to Congress and that he would vote for Claudia Tenney in the NY-24 primary because he couldn't vote for himself.
- ✓ 2016: Williams said he planned to move from his central New York farm to California to be a Silicon Valley CEO.

- ✓ Williams's 2022 campaign website said that while serving as CEO of CPLANE.ai, he had to split his time between New York and California, before hiring someone to replace him as CEO in 2019.
- ✓ As Of March 2022, Williams still owned the truffle farm where he and his wife ran a truffle hunting experience.
- ✓ Williams' wife, Stephanie, also ran the online store "Rooted Shares" where she sold products from the farm. Williams' wife shared a post about her husband's campaign on the company's social media.
 - ✓ Rooted Shares wanted to "get closer to the source of food" and had a website that sold products including honey, granola, jams, jellies and heirloom garlic.
 - ✓ April 2022: Stephanie Williams' post about a "Meet the Candidate" event for Brandon Williams was reposted on Rooted Shares' Facebook page.
 - ✓ Williams disclosed Rooted Shares as an asset worth between \$50,001 and \$100,000 on his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure.
- ✓ Williams' wife, Stephanie, also ran a company called Bee Attitudes Honey where she produced honey and Williams' wife appeared to share a post about her husband's campaign on the company's social media.
 - ✓ August 2022: Bee Attitudes Honey's Facebook page reposted a Facebook post encouraging early voting for Brandon Williams and adding "let's vote Brandon Williams For Congress!"

Williams Supported Using Taxpayer Money For Private And Charter Schools And Peddled Extreme, Right-Wing Rhetoric On Education

- ✓ Williams supported using taxpayer money for parents to send their children to private, charter or home schools instead of public schools.
 - ✓ Williams: "We can't keep sending public funds to support a failing system."
- ✓ Williams said education should be free of Leftist indoctrination.
- ✓ Williams said parents deserved a say in children's education and sought to eliminate "cultural Marxism" from curriculum nationwide.

Williams, Who Was A Former Wall Street Banker, Received Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars From Wall Street And Related Industries.

- ✓ 1997-1999: Williams worked as an investment banker at Citibank.
- ✓ During his 2022 campaign, Williams received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Wall Street and related industries.
 - ✓ According to Open Secrets, Williams has accepted \$17,500 from the securities & investment industry.
 - ✓ According to Open Secrets, Williams has accepted \$16,450 from "miscellaneous finance."



- ✓ According to Open Secrets, Williams has accepted \$2,250 from the real estate industry.
- ✓ According to Open Secrets, Williams has accepted \$1,300 from commercial banks.

Williams Said He Would Have Voted Against The Respect For Marriage Act, Which Codified The Right For Same-Sex Couples To Marry

✓ Williams said he would have voted against the Respect for Marriage Act, calling it unnecessary and a distraction.

Williams Suggested That The Military Was Too "Woke" And Pointed Out A Navy Training Video On Pronouns Usage As An Example Of Their Non-Readiness To Fight A War

- ✓ Williams said we needed a prepared military, rather than a "woke" one and said we must end the "social engineering" that decreases military readiness.
- ✓ In response to a navy training video on pronouns, Williams implied pronouns don't deter war and it saddened him to see military readiness pushed aside for pronouns.

Williams Was A Founder Of IgnitelP, A \$20 Million Venture Capital Fund That Looked For Technologies That Could Be Licensed To Big Companies.

- ✓ Williams was the founder of IgnitelP, a venture capital firm with \$20 million in capital from high-networth individuals that looked for technologies that could be licensed to big companies.
- ✓ Williams' single largest asset on his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure was a loan he made to IgniteIP worth between \$1 and \$5 million.
 - ✓ Williams held other assets involving the company.
 - Williams disclosed Capital I LP, 50% interest valued between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000.
 - Williams disclosed IgniteIP, LLP with a location of Palm Bay, Florida and a description of "Ownership of PE Fund General Partner" valued between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000.
- ✓ According to his LinkedIn, Williams was Founder and Managing Director of IgnitelP up until April of 2022.

Background

- FULL LEGAL NAME: Brandon McDonald Williams
- **BORN:** May 1967 (Age 55)
- **FAMILY:** Stephanie McRee Williams (wife), Hailey and Marshall Williams (two adult children)
- **HOME:** Auburn, NY 13021-9324
- **EDUCATION:** Pepperdine University, Bachelor of Arts Degree (1990); Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, MBA (1996-1998)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Business Development, and Director, CPLANE.ai (2019 to present); Co-Founder, CEO, Chairman, And Chairman Director, CPLANE.ai (2013- 2019),; Founder and Managing Director, IgnitelP (Sep. 2005-April 2022); Board Member, Precision Ventures (March 2013-April 2016); Investment Banker, Citibank (July 1997-Nov. 1999)



- MILIATRY: Nuclear Submarine Officer, United States Navy (1991-1996)
- **LICENSES:** Florida Hunting and Fishing License, Issued: 3/1/2013, #302258546; Florida Hunting and Fishing License, Issued: 7/31/2002, #003422553

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Brandon Williams Commends SCOTUS For Dobbs Decision

Syracuse, NY –Today, NY-22 Republican candidate and political outsider Brandon Williams reacted to the Supreme Court's ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson. The Supreme Court has reversed Roe v. Wade, which resulted in millions of innocent lives lost over the last 49 years. Today's decision is a monumental victory for the protection of life.

Brandon Williams released the following statement:

"Today is a historic day in our battle against abortion. I am pro-life by faith. Abortion eliminates all future possibilities of the lives that it takes. We protect other groups of our society who have no voice, the unborn deserve the same protections— as they are the most vulnerable of all. We are morally obliged to protect their rights. Today's Supreme Court decision sends the issue of abortion back to the states, where it belongs.

Our fight to protect the unborn is not over. I will always fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. As the only pro-life candidate in this race, the people of NY 22 have a clear choice when it comes to who will stand up for the unborn and those without a voice."

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[Twitter, Brandon Williams, 6/24/22]

Williams Said He Did Not Support Abortion Rights, That It Should Be Left To The States, And That It Was "Not A Federal Issue"

August 2022: Williams Said He Did Not Support Abortion Rights And Said The Matter Should Be Left To The States. "They were asked if they would support codifying, or inscribing, a woman's right to abortion into federal law. The Supreme Court recently overturned Roe v Wade, leaving it up to states to decide whether to ban abortions. Williams said he does not support abortion rights because he is a pro-life candidate. Wells said decisions about abortion should be left up to the states. 'I believe the people should decide that themselves, meaning the states. It's not a federal issue,' he said." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 8/2/22]

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Residency:	Domestic	State:	DEL		
REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION Name: CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY					
Address:	251 LITTLE FAI		•		
City:	WILMINGTON	County:	New Cas		
State:	DE	Postal Code:	19808		
Phone:	302-636-5401				

[Delaware Secretary Of State, Business Search, file number 4144812, accessed <u>8/8/22</u>]

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Status	Active	
Standing - SOS	Good	
Standing - FTB	Good	
Standing - Agent	Good	
Standing - VCFCF	Good	
Formed In	DELAWARE	
Entity Type	Stock Corporation - Out of State - Stock	
Principal Address	1160 INDUSTRIAL RD #9 SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	
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Statement of Info Due Date	08/31/2022	
Agent	1505 Corporation 1257 INCORP SERVICES, INC. 5716 CORSA AVE SUITE 110 WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362	

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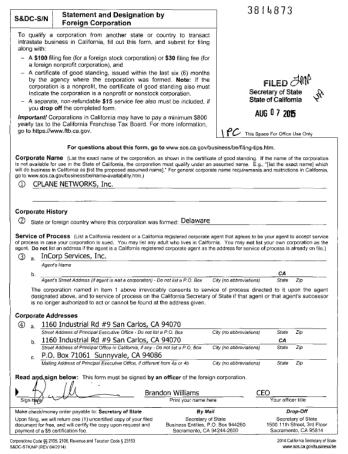
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According To The California's Secretary Of State, CPLANE NETWORKS, INC.'s Initial Filing Was Dated August 7th, 2015.



[California Secretary of State, Entity #: 3814873, History, Initial Filing, Control ID #3814873, accessed <u>8/8/22</u>]

August 7th, 2015: CPLANE NETWORKS, INC.'s Initial Filing Was A "Statement And Designation By Foreign Corporation" Which Named Brandon Williams As CEO.



[California Secretary of State, Initial Filing, Control ID #3814873, accessed 8/8/22]



Williams Said He Split His Time Between California And Central New York, Before Hiring A CEO For His "Software Company" To Replace Him In 2019. "Brandon is also a pioneer in innovation, founding a software company that now helps large industrial manufacturers modernize their production plants, secure their critical infrastructure from cyber attacks, and paves the way for reduced emissions through advances in artificial intelligence. His responsibilities with his company again required him to split-time between Central New York and California before hiring management to replace him as CEO in 2019." [Brandon for Congress, About, accessed 8/8/22]

• Williams Described CPLANE As The "Software Company" He Was Leading In Silicon Valley, California. "The Williamses are hoping someone will use the property as a supplemental business, Brandon said. The family is selling because Brandon is now CEO of a software company in Silicon Valley and he needs to be there. Brandon runs a technology investment firm, IgniteIP. The software company he is leading, Cplane Networks, is one of the firm's major investments." [Syracuse Post Standard, 1/1/16]

2018: "CPLANE Networks" Changed Its Named To "CPLANE.ai"

Published on March 21, 2018

2018: Williams Wrote A LinkedIn Article Titled "CPLANE Networks Is Now CPLANE.ai."

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Digital transformation? It never stops changing, growing or advancing- and neither could we. CPLANE Networks is now CPLANE.ai.

[LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, 3/21/18]

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As Of August 2022, Williams Had A Profile On CPLANE.ai's Website Which Listed Him As "Co-Founder, Business Development."



[CPLANE.ai, Our Team, accessed 8/9/22]

- Williams Oversaw Business Development And Marketing At CPLANE.ai. "Williams balances his farm duties with his day job overseeing business development and marketing for the software company he cofounded. The company, CPLANE.ai, is based in California and develops software to assist industrial manufacturers modernize their production systems, he said." [Auburn Pub, 4/6/22]
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Which included food and beverage, which includes bulk paper, power generation, power distribution. And if you look at what Russia did, they had a cyber-attack first to take out as much infrastructure as possible, and I can tell you, my company is right in the middle of this." [YouTube, Brandon for Congress NY 22, 4/10/22] (VIDEO)

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2020: CPLANE.ai Worked With ExxonMobil Corp "To Accelerate The Development Of Digital Infrastructure Orchestration For Industrial Automation Systems" Which Would Improve Cybersecurity. "CPLANE.ai (San Carlos, Calif.) announced that it has engaged with ExxonMobil Corp. (Irving, Tex.) in CPLANE.ai's efforts to accelerate the development of digital infrastructure orchestration for industrial automation systems. Increasing global competition and cybersecurity risks are driving process industries to create Open Process Automation (OPA) Systems with best-in-class components, simplified management, and improved cybersecurity. Digital infrastructure orchestration is a critical component of these new, open systems." [Chemical Engineering, 6/4/20]

• Chief Engineer For Process Control At ExxonMobil Said Their Collaboration With CLANE.ai Would Advance Their R&D Initiatives. "Don Bartusiak, Chief Engineer for Process Control at ExxonMobil Research and Engineering said, 'CPLANE.ai's technology will help ExxonMobil advance our R&D initiative to define a standards-based, open, secure, interoperable process automation architecture. Through this collaboration, we will gain important data and knowledge on how digital infrastructure can be securely and reliably managed in a multi-vendor, process control system." [Chemical Engineering, 6/4/20]

ExxonMobil Research And Engineering Leader Said CPLANE's Restoration Pilot Platform Was "Ambitious" And "Was Deployed To Solve The Complex Digital Life-Cycle Problems." "Steve Bitar, an automation leader at ExxonMobil Research and Engineering, said 'this was an ambitious project from the beginning. And the results have really given us a vision for how complex open industrial control systems can be managed and automated.' In this pilot, the CPLANE.ai orchestration platform was deployed to solve the complex digital life-cycle problems of managing large edge computing, distributed clouds, and Industrial IoT environments. It was customized to meet the needs of industrial systems. CPLANE.ai has been actively involved in the Open Process Automation Forum over the past three years and is an important contributor to the Open Process Automation Standard." [International Society Of Automation, November 2020] *No specific date of publication was given

• CPLANE's Goal Was To Use Automation To Install Software Needed To "Deploy The Control System Of A Simulated Chemical Plant." "The goal of the pilot was to use automation (via the CPLANE.ai industrial orchestrator) to correctly install all the software necessary to deploy the control system of a simulated chemical plant. The CPLANE.ai orchestrator should complete this 'startup phase' operation in approximately 10 minutes. Manual installation of a similar system often takes a team of two or three engineers several days or a week." [International Society Of Automation, November 2020] *No specific date of publication was given



2016: CPLANE Was Selected To Provide Various Services, Such As "Distributed Cloud Offerings" To PCCW Global, A Company That Had Ties To The Chinese Government

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CPLANE NETWORKS Was Selected By PCCW Global Provide "Multi-Tenant Networking" And "Lifecycle Service Orchestration" For "Distributed Cloud Offerings." "CPLANE NETWORKS, a leader of cloud service orchestration, today announced that PCCW Global has selected CPLANE's OpenStack Product Suite to provide its worldwide Multi-Site and Multi-Tenant Networking and Lifecycle Service Orchestration for components of its distributed cloud offering. Showcased at the Metro Ethernet Forum GEN15 show in Dallas, PCCW Global's Inter-Domain Cloud Federation solution allows customers to quickly and easily build clouds that span multiple sites using a self-service interface. The customer can continue to adjust their compute, storage, and network connectivity configuration to meet dynamic business and operational demands across multiple continents." [CPLANE.ai, PCCW, 1/12/16]

18% Of PCCW Global's Parent Company, PCCW, Was Owned By China Unicom, A Company Whose US Unit Was Owned And Controlled By The Chinese Government

2020: China Unicom Owned An 18% Share In PCCW Global's Parent Company, PCCW, "PCCW Global is owned by Hong Kong Telecom (HKT), which itself is owned by PCCW – formerly Pacific Century Cyberworks, run by Hong Kong businessman Richard Li. China Unicom owns an 18% share in PCCW, the parent company." [Capacity Media, 8/9/20]

• According To The FCC, China Unicom Americas, China Unicom's U.S. Unit, Was "Owned And Controlled" By The Chinese Government. "The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Thursday voted to revoke the authorization for China Unicom's (0762.HK) U.S. unit to operate in the United States, citing national security concerns. [...] The FCC said China Unicom Americas is ultimately owned and controlled by the Chinese government and provides mobile virtual network operator services and international private leased circuit and Ethernet private line services along with IP transit, cloud and resold services in the United States. "[Reuters, 1/27/22]

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As A Tech Entrepreneur And Software Company Co-Founder Of CPLANE.ai, Williams Said He Supported Reforming Big Tech's Section 230 Protections

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As A "Tech Entrepreneur", Williams Said He Would Support Reforming Section 230 To Hold Big Tech Accountable And "Rein In Their Abuse." "As a tech-industry entrepreneur, I would seek to rein in the abuse, power, and censorship of 'big-tech.' They should never be allowed to sell our personal data, censor our free speech, or tilt an election. I support reforming Section 230 so Big Tech is held accountable for their actions." [Brandon For Congress, Criminal Justice Reform, accessed 8/3/22]

- Section 230 Shielded "Websites From Liability For Content Created By Their Users" And Allowed Companies To Moderate Their Sites "Without Being On The Hook Legally For Everything They Host." "The First Amendment protects free speech, including hate speech, but Section 230 shields websites from liability for content created by their users. It permits internet companies to moderate their sites without being on the hook legally for everything they host. It does not provide blanket protection from legal responsibility for some criminal acts, like posting child pornography or violations of intellectual property." [New York Times, 12/15/20]
- Section 230 "Allowed The Modern Internet To Flourish" Without Being Liable For Content Posted By Visitors "Section 230 has allowed the modern internet to flourish. Sites can moderate content set their own rules for what is and what is not allowed without being liable for everything posted by visitors." [New York Times, 12/15/20]

2022: Williams' Campaign Website Said That Even Though His Software Company Was "At An Inflection Point Of Growth," He "Made A Courageous Decision" To Run For Congress

Williams Claimed That His Company Was At "At An Inflection Point Of Growth," But He Made The Courageous Choice To Run For Congress. "Today, Brandon's small software company is at an inflection point of growth, but he has made a courageous decision to step into this Congressional race to offer his leadership to help save our country. Unlike career politicians, he is willing to sacrifice to serve rather than simply advancing a political career."



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Brandon brings his full experience of military service, education, entrepreneurship, and community service to the U.S. House of Representatives. His experience and skills will serve the citizens of NY 22 with a fresh perspective and with fresh ideas. An outsider has the best chance of winning this race, raising money, and turning the tide against the liberal Left. Please support Brandon for Congress NY 22 by volunteering, giving, and praying. Let's win!



[Brandon for Congress, About, accessed <u>8/8/22</u>]

Williams Criticized COVID-19 Funding After The Company Williams Co-Founded And Worked As An Executive At Accepted \$209,917 In COVID-19 Relief Loans

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Biden Signed The \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act That Provided \$1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds

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

The American Rescue Plan Provided Increased Affordable Care Act Marketplace Premium Subsidies For People "At Every Income Level" Up To And Above 4 Times The Poverty Level. "Under ARP, ACA marketplace premium subsidies are substantially enhanced for people at every income level and, for the first time, offered to those with income above 4 times the federal poverty level (FPL). [...] Premium subsidies will also increase for people at higher income levels among those currently eligible for help with incomes up to 400% of the poverty level. Premium tax credits will increase for people at every income level. (Figure 1) People with income of 200% FPL had been required to contribute \$1,664 toward the cost of the benchmark marketplace plan this year; now under the ARP they will have to contribute just \$510. At income of 400% FPL, people were required to contribute up to \$5,017 toward the benchmark plan premium, now they will be required to contribute no more than \$4,338 toward that plan. People with income above 400% FPL will be newly eligible for marketplace premium subsidies. Under the ACA, people with income above 400% FPL were not eligible for marketplace premium subsidies. Now, they will be required to contribute no more than 8.5% of household income toward the benchmark plan." [Kaiser Family Foundation, 3/17/21]

The American Rescue Plan Provided Silver Health Insurance Plans Under The Affordable Care Act "For Zero Premium With Vastly Reduced Deductibles" To People Up To 1.5 Times The Poverty Level. "Under ARP, ACA marketplace premium subsidies are substantially enhanced for people at every income level and, for the first time, offered to those with income above 4 times the federal poverty level (FPL). People up to 150% FPL can now get silver plans for zero premium with vastly reduced deductibles. Previously, marketplace premium subsidies were partial; no matter how poor, people had to contribute something toward the cost of the benchmark silver plan (i.e., the second lowest cost silver plan in their area). Those with income at 100% FPL had to contribute 2.07% of household income (\$264 per year in 2021) toward a benchmark plan; at 150% FPL that amount increased to 4.14% of household income (\$792 per year). Now under ARP, the benchmark marketplace plan will be fully subsidized for people earning up to 150% FPL. Cost sharing subsidies were already most generous at this income level (the average silver plan deductible for people at 150% FPL is \$177 this year). As a result, low income people now can qualify for premium-free silver plans with modest deductibles for covered health benefits." [Kaiser Family Foundation, 3/17/21]

The American Rescue Plan Provided "Enhanced" Health Insurance Subsidies For People Who Receive Received Unemployment Benefits



The American Rescue Plan Provided "Enhanced Marketplace Subsidies For People Who Receive Or Are Approved To Receive Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits." "The ARP provides for enhanced marketplace subsidies for people who receive or are approved to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits during any week in 2021. The ARP also extends the current federal supplement (\$300 per week) to state UI benefits through September 6, 2021. The federal UI supplement is not taken into account in determining eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP. When UI recipients apply for marketplace subsidies, special rules will be in effect during 2021." [Kaiser Family Foundation, 3/17/21]

The American Rescue Plan Expanded 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." "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 6/1/22]

The American Rescue Plan Expanded The Earned Income Tax Credit From \$543 To \$1,502. "Many Americans will pocket some extra money this year and next courtesy of changes the American Rescue Plan made to a handful of tax credits. [...] The earned income tax credit is a refundable tax credit for lower-earning working families. Its amount depends on income and number of kids. Changes to the credit will largely go workers without kids, experts said. Their maximum benefit was tripled, to about \$1,502 from \$543, according to the Tax Foundation. That's a function of raising the income level at which taxpayers can get the maximum credit and at which the maximum credit begins to phase out. (Those levels are now \$9,820 and \$11,610, respectively, for non-joint filers.)" [CNBC, 4/3/21]

New York Received More Than \$3 Billion In ARP Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding To Support K-12 Schools

New York Received \$3 Billion In ARP Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding To Support K-12 Schools. "Today, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) announced the approval of New York's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) plan and distributed remaining ARP ESSER funds to them. New York's plan details how the state is using and plans to use ARP ESSER funds to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and equitably expand opportunity for students who need it most, particularly those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] Earlier this year, the Department distributed two thirds of the ARP ESSER funds, totaling \$81 billion, to 50 states and the District of Columbia. The remaining third of the funding to states will be made available once state plans are approved. New York is receiving \$8.9 billion total in ARP ESSER funds, and today's approval of their plan will result in the release of the final \$3 billion. Additionally, the Department approved plans for Hawaii, Montana, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. Today's approvals mean a total of 22 ARP ESSER state plans have been approved since June." [U.S. Department of Education, 7/15/21]

The American Rescue Plan Provided Tax-Free Student Loan Forgiveness And \$2.7 Billion For New York's Colleges And Universities

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$2.7 Billion For New York's Colleges And Universities. "Today, the Department of Education announced that colleges and universities in New York have received over \$2.7 billion in American Rescue Plan funds – one of the largest one-time infusions of funding ever provided to the state's colleges and universities. These funds were provided through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) over the past year. The American Rescue Plan requires half of these funds to be used to provide direct financial relief to students; the Department of Education expects far more will ultimately be used for that purpose. In addition to \$2.6 billion provided under previous coronavirus relief legislation, these funds are already being used by colleges and universities in New York to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic." [White House, American Rescue Plan, accessed 8/6/22]



• New York 22 Received \$126,638,060 For Their Colleges And Universities. [White House, American Rescue Plan, accessed 8/6/22]

The American Rescue Plan Included Tax-Free Student Loan Forgiveness. "The \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 legislation includes several provisions that benefit college students, not just tax-free status for student loan forgiveness [...] All types of student loan forgiveness will be tax-free through December 31, 2025. This includes the loan forgiveness after 20 or 25 years in an income-driven repayment plan, since most other forms of student loan forgiveness were already tax-free. It will also apply to future student loan forgiveness programs, such as President Biden's proposal for \$10,000 in student loan forgiveness per borrower." [Forbes, 3/14/21]

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Williams Was Co-Founder Of California-Based Software Company CPLANE.ai, Also Known As CPLANE Networks, INC, Where He Previously Worked AS CEO And Where, As Of August 2022, He Reportedly Still Worked As An Executive Vice President

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[CPLANE.ai, Author, Brandon Williams, accessed 9/2/22]

As Of August 2022, Williams Had A Profile On CPLANE.ai's Website Which Listed Him As "Co-Founder, Business Development."





[CPLANE.ai, Our Team, accessed 8/9/22]

CPLANE.ai Created Software That Made "A Single, Integrated Cloud Environment That Spans Both Private And Public Clouds." "CPLANE.ai creates a single, integrated cloud environment that spans both private and public clouds. When the private cloud reaches capacity, CPLANE.ai transparently expands elasticity into the public cloud. This provides the control and security of a private cloud and the elasticity of a public cloud. Without the need to buy excess, private cloud capacity to handle peak demands, total cost of ownership is lower than either a pure private cloud or public cloud. CPLANE.ai's software platform provisions, coordinates, and automates across multiple layers of digital resources simultaneously including security, networking, virtualization, and applications." [CPLANE.ai, About CPLANE.ai, accessed 9/1/22]

A 2022 Article In Chemical Industry Digest Listed Williams As Executive Vice President Of CPLANE.ai In San Carlos, CA. "Brandon Williams is executive vice president of CPLANE.ai, San Carlos, Calif." [Chemical Industry Digest, 4/30/22]

2018: Williams Wrote A LinkedIn Article Titled "CPLANE Networks Is Now CPLANE.ai."



CPLANE Networks is now CPLANE.ai

Published on March 21, 2018





Digital transformation? It never stops changing, growing or advancing- and neither could we. CPLANE Networks is now CPLANE.ai.

[LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, 3/21/18]

2020-2022: CPLANE Networks Inc. Accepted Two Disaster Assistance Loans Totaling \$199,500 And One Paycheck Protection Program Loan For \$10,417

2020-2022: CPLANE NETWORKS, INC. Was Awarded \$199,500 In Disaster Assistance Loans

7/23/20: The SBA Awarded A \$146,800 Disaster Assistance Loan To CPLANE NETWORKS, INC Located At 1160 Industrial Rd Ste 9 San Carlos, CA 94070-4128. According to USAspending.com, CPLANE NETWORKS, INC., located at 1160 Industrial Rd In San Carlos, CA, received \$146,800 Disaster Assistance Loan "To provide loans to the survivors of declared disasters for uninsured or otherwise uncompensated physical damage and economic injury." [USAspending.com, CPLANE NETWORKS, INC, FAIN 7468258101, accessed 8/24/22]

4/11/22: The SBA Awarded An Additional \$52,700 Revision Disaster Assistance Loan To CPLANE NETWORKS, INC Located At 1160 Industrial Rd Ste 9 San Carlos, CA 94070-4128. According to USAspending.com, CPLANE NETWORKS, INC., located at 1160 Industrial Rd In San Carlos, CA, received \$52,700 revision Disaster Assistance Loan to "AWARDTYPE: Direct Loans Activities To Be Performed: Provide loans to businesses impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic for uninsured or otherwise uncompensated economic injury. Deliverables: Loans Expected Outcomes: Expected Outcomes: Enable Businesses To Fund Post-Disaster Ordinary And Necessary Operating Expenses Until Normal Operations Resume Intended Beneficiaries: Survivors Of Disaster." [USAspending.com, CPLANE NETWORKS, INC, FAIN 7468258101, accessed 8/24/22]

California's Secretary Of State Showed That CPLANE NETWORKS, INC. Was Located Primarily At 1160 Industrial Rd In San Carlos, CA.



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CPLANE NETWORKS, INC.

[California Secretary Of State, Business Search, Entity #: 3814873, accessed <u>8/8/22</u>]

March 2021: CPLANE Networks Inc. Accepted \$10,417 In Paycheck Protection Program Loan

In March 2021, Williams' Company CPLANE Networks Inc., Located At E 3rd Ave Ste 200 In San Mateo, CA, Accepted \$10,417 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans. CPLANE Networks Inc. in San Mateo, California received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$10,417 which was approved in March 2021. This loan retained three jobs and has been fully repaid or forgiven as of February 2022. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed 8/8/22]

• On His 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Williams Disclosed The Location Of CPLANE Networks, Inc. As San Mateo, CA.

CPLANE Networks, Inc. [OP] \$500,001 - None \$1,000,000

DESCRIPTION: Incentive Stock Option CPLANE Networks, Inc. San Mateo, CA Call Option Strike Price \$0.0176 Total grant - 775,000 options Vested to date - 435,937 options Expiration Date - May 2030

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Reported Having Earned A Total Of \$34,500 In 2021 From His Salary At CPLANE Networks, Inc.



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Williams Disclosed \$34,500 Of Earned Income In 2021 From His From CPLANE Networks, Inc. According to his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Williams disclosed earned income as "salary" of \$34,500 from CPLANE Networks, Inc. in the preceding year. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Note: Williams did not disclose any earned income for the current year to filing.

2022: Williams Reported Making A Personal Loan To CPLANE, Holding Incentive Stock Options In CPLANE, And Receiving Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 From CPLANE

Williams Reported Making A Personal Company Loan To CPLANE Networks Inc. Worth Between \$50,001 And \$100,000

Williams Reported A Personal Company Loan To CPLANE Networks Inc. Worth Between \$50,0001 And \$100,000. According to his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Williams disclosed a joint company loan to CPLANE Networks, Inc with the description "Personal loan to CPLANE Networks, Inc" valued between \$50,0001 and \$100,000. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Company Loan [DO]	JT	\$50,001 - \$100,000	None
DESCRIPTION: Personal loan to CI	PLANE Networks, I	nc.	

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Reported Holding Incentive Stock Options In CPLANE Networks Inc Valued Between \$500,001 And \$1,000,000

Williams Reported Incentive Stock In CPLANE Networks Inc Valued Between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000. According to his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Williams disclosed Incentive stock options with a description "Incentive stock option CPLANE Networks Inc. San Mateo, CA call option strike \$0.0176 total grant-77500 options vested to date- 435,937 options expiration date-May 2030" valued between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

CPLANE Networks, Inc. [OP]	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	None	
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[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

• Williams Had An Agreement With CPLANE Networks Inc. Regarding The Incentive Stock Options. According to his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure Under Agreements, Williams had an agreement with "CPLANE Networks Inc" with terms of agreement as "Incentive Stock Option Agreement Monthly vesting over 48 months" in May of 2020. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]



SCHEDULE F: AGREEMENTS

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
August 2006	B Williams, J Marble, V Dabija	Payments not yet received for previous work.
May 2020	B Williams, CPLANE NETWORKS Inc.	Incentive Stock Option Agreement Monthly vesting over 48 months

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By CPLANE Networks Inc; New Candidates Disclosed Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 When They Were A Member Of A Firm And Had To Disclose "The Association To Whom He Or She Directly Provided Services"

Williams Disclosed One Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By CPLANE Networks Inc As An Officer Employee. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

SCHEDULE J: COMPENSATION IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 PAID BY ONE SOURCE

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
CPLANE NETWORKS, Inc (San Mateo, CA, US)	Officer Employee

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

• New Candidates Disclosed Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 When They Were A Member Or Partner Of A Firm That Provided Services, And Had To Disclose "The Association To Whom He Or She Directly Provided Services." New officers and employees and candidates must disclose any compensation in excess of \$5,000 received from a single source other than the United States.46 Reporting individuals need disclose only their own compensation in this section, not that received by their spouses or children. The information must cover two calendar years. Specifically, a reporting individual who was a member or partner of a firm or association that provided services (such as legal, architectural, or accounting services) must disclose the clients or customers of that firm or association to whom he or she directly provided services. The clients or customers of a filer who was the sole proprietor of a business or professional practice must be disclosed in the same manner. The nature of the duties performed only need be described generally. Thus, a client name (which may be a company name, if the client is a corporation) and "legal services" would be sufficient for services rendered by an attorney. The amount of compensation also need not be disclosed.

Williams Has Been Attacked For Holding Investments In A Company That Shipped Jobs To China

Williams Disclosed That He Owned Up To \$15,000 Worth Of Stock In Apple, A Company That Shipped American Jobs To China

As Of July 2022, Williams Reported Between \$1,001 And \$15,000 Worth Of Apple Inc. Stock On His Personal Financial Disclosure. [United States House Of Representatives Clerk, Brandon Williams, Personal Financial Disclosures, 7/24/22]

June 2019: Apple Shifted Its Mac Pro Assembly From The US To China. "Apple is assembling its new Mac Pro models in China, shifting production from the U.S. where its older models were assembled, CNBC confirmed Friday following a report in The Wall Street Journal. Apple introduced the new Mac Pro earlier this month. It will go on sale later this year. The news of the production shift comes shortly after Apple warned U.S. trade



representative Robert Lighthizer that tariffs on China would hurt its contribution to the U.S. economy. Escalating trade tensions between the two countries has forced Apple to consider shifting some of its production outside of China, Nikkei and The Wall Street Journal reported last week." [CNBC, 6/28/19]

• CNBC HEADLINE: "Apple Moves Its Mac Pro Production From The Us To China." [CNBC, 6/28/19]

Congressional Leadership Fund Ran An Attack Ad Hitting Williams Having Personally Invested In A Big Tech Company That Shipped Jobs To China

Congressional Leadership Fund's Attack Ad Called Williams An "Out-Of-Touch Phony." And Said "As A Former Wall Street Banker, Williams Invested In A Big Tech Company That Shipped Jobs To China And Attacked Conservatives." [00:00] CLF ATTACK AD VOICEOVER: "Brandon Williams is an out-of-touch phony. A former Wall Street banker, Williams invested in a big tech company that shipped jobs to China and attacked Conservatives." [Auburn Pub, 8/21/22] (VIDEO)

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Link To CLF Ad Attacking Williams Calling Him An "Out-Of-Touch Phony." [Auburn Pub, 8/21/22]

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CLF's Ad Attacked Williams For Living In "Liberal" Silicon Valley "After living in liberal Silicon Valley, Williams moved to New York.' Williams is the co-founder of a software company that is based in California. He lived in California before buying a farm in Sennett, Cayuga County. He has owned the farm for more than a decade." [Auburn Pub, 8/21/22]

Link To CLF Ad Attacking Williams For Being An "Out-Of-Touch Phony." [Auburn Pub, 8/21/22]

Williams Acknowledged That Biden Won The 2020 Election, But At Other Times Promoted The Big Lie And Downplayed The January 6^{th} Insurrection

When Asked About The 2020 Election, Williams Acknowledged Joe Biden As The Elected President But Said He Believed "Legitimate Questions Ha[d] Been Raised About Election Rules" And Did Not Answer Whether Pence Acted Appropriately In Certifying The Results

Williams Broke With Trump On Claims That The 2020 Election Was Stolen And Acknowledged Joe Biden As The Elected President...

Williams Broke With Trump On Claims That The 2020 Election Was Stolen, But Said It Brought Up Legitimate Questions About Election Rules. "Williams, who won the Conservative Party's line in the redrawn 22nd District, breaks with Trump only when it comes to his false claims that the 2020 election was stolen. 'The Electoral College rules were followed,' Williams said. 'Joe Biden is our president.' Williams said he believes legitimate questions have been raised about election rules, which tend to vary from state to state. He wants those issues to be addressed. But he won't make it a priority of his campaign." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

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... And Williams Did Not Answer When Asked If Mike Pence "Acted Appropriately" In Certifying The 2020 Election

Williams Did Not Answer When Asked If He Believed Vice President Mike Pence "Acted Appropriately In Certifying The Election." "Williams has Trump issues he won't touch, either. He did not answer when asked if he believes Trump incited the Jan. 6 mob attack on the Capitol or whether Mike Pence acted appropriately in certifying the election." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

Williams Did Not Answer When Asked If He Believed Trump Incited The Jan. 6th Insurrection, But Said He Wouldn't Have Voted To Impeach Trump In 2019 Or 2021

Williams Did Not Answer When Asked If He Believed Trump Incited Jan. 6th And Told The Syracuse Post-Standard That He Would Not Have Voted To Impeach Trump In 2019 Or 2021. "Williams, 54, a tech



executive from Cayuga County, said that he supports Trump, would not have voted to impeach him in 2019 or 2021, and views him as the leader of the Republican Party. Williams has Trump issues he won't touch, either. He did not answer when asked if he believes Trump incited the Jan. 6 mob attack on the Capitol or whether Mike Pence acted appropriately in certifying the election." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

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Williams Referred To The Jan. 6th Hearings As A "Partisan Congressional Hearing" And Called Out Francis Conole For "Pandering."



[Twitter, Brandon Williams, 7/23/22]

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Williams Said We Needed "To Strengthen The Integrity Of Our Elections" And Must End Ballot Harvesting And Allowing Elections Rules To Be Changed In The Middle Of Elections. "Voter ID laws are needed to strengthen the integrity of our elections. If you need an ID to buy alcohol and tobacco, it makes sense to require one to vote. We must end the practice of ballot harvesting, and never allow election laws to be changed in the middle of an election." [Brandon For Congress, Stances, Election Integrity, accessed 8/2/22]

Voter ID Laws "Disenfranchise[d]" And "Disproportionately Impact[ed] Low-Income Individuals, Racial And Ethnic Minorities, The Elderly, And Individuals With Disabilities"

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Williams "Openly Embrac[ed] Trump," Who He Called "The Leader Of The Republican Party," And Said He Would Welcome His Endorsement, Despite Saying His Campaign Wouldn't Focus On Trump Or His Policies

February 2022: Williams Said His Campaign Wouldn't Focus On Trump Or His Policies

February 2022: Williams Said Trump Wouldn't Focus On Trump Or His Policies During His Campaign. "In his meeting with GOP and Conservative leaders, Williams said, he made it clear that he doesn't plan to focus his campaign on President Donald Trump or his policies. 'In this election, Trump's not on the ballot,' Williams said. 'I think in this election, it really has to be about what we're for. I don't think this election is about Trump.'" [Syracuse Post-Standard, 2/24/22]

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July 2022: Williams "Openly Embrac[ed] Trump" And Said He Would Welcome Trump's Endorsement And Support

Syracuse Post-Standard: Williams "Openly Embrac[ed] Trump"

Syracuse Post-Standard: Williams "Openly Embrac[ed] Trump." "The other candidate in the GOP primary election – Brandon Williams – has taken the opposite approach, openly embracing Trump." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

The Chairman Of The Onondaga Conservative Party Said He Planned To Ask Trump To Endorse Williams, Which Williams Said He Would Welcome

The Chairman Of The Onondaga Conservative Party Said He Planned To Ask Donald Trump To Endorse Brandon Williams Over Steve Wells. "Bernie Ment, chairman of the Onondaga County Conservative Party, puts it this way. 'Steve doesn't directly answer questions, and you're left speculating what he will do when he gets to Washington,' said Ment, a Trump supporter. 'I think he figures he'll coast to a victory if nobody knows who he is.' Ment said he plans to ask Trump to back Williams, an endorsement that has had mixed results nationwide." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

Williams Said He Would Welcome Trump's Support. "Ment, chairman of the Onondaga County Conservative Party, said he's going to do his best to make sure any Trump endorsement goes to Williams. Williams said he would welcome Trump's support." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

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Williams Said He Voted For Trump Twice, And He Would Vote For Him Again

Williams Told The Republican Constitutional Caucus In Utica That He Voted For Trump In 2016 And 2020, And Would Vote For Him Again. "In Central New York, Wells and Williams made their pitches to Trump's base



of support when they addressed the Republican Constitutional Caucus in Utica on different nights last month. Wells and Williams told the caucus they were Trump supporters in 2016 and 2020, voted for him both times, and would vote for him again." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

• Williams Said Trump Being An Outsider Was A Reason He Voted For Him Both Times. "Williams is making his first bid for elected office and has portrayed himself as a political outsider looking to make change in Washington. He said that was a big reason why he voted for Trump in 2016 and 2020." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

Williams' 2022 Primary Opponent Steve Wells Accused Him Of Not Voting For Trump In 2016, But Williams Later Explained And Provided Records Showing He Voted Via Absentee Ballot In California In 2016

Williams Was Accused Of Not Voting For President Trump By Primary Opponent Steve Wells. "Syracuse, N.Y. – Steve Wells is directly attacking his opponent in the Republican primary campaign for Congress in a mailer that includes false information sent to GOP voters. The mailer encouraged voters to 'oppose Brandon Williams' in Tuesday's primary election because 'he does not represent our values' and 'does not live in the district he seeks to represent.' The ad listed reasons to back up its claims, including, Did not vote for President Trump in 2016." [Syracuse Post Standard, 8/18/22]

Williams Voted For Trump By Absentee Ballot In 2016 In California. "Williams did vote in 2016 in California, according to an electronic copy of his voting record he provided to 31idwest31.com | The Post-Standard. He previously said he voted for Donald Trump twice for president. The record shows Williams voted by absentee ballot, received Oct. 24, 2016, in San Mateo County, California. 'If it's wrong, then I stand corrected,' Wells said when informed his opponent had indeed voted in 2016." [Syracuse Post Standard, 8/18/22]

Williams Was A Pro-Gun Extremist Who Opposed Common Sense Measures To Crack Down On Violent Gun Crime

Williams Said He Was A "Proud Gun Owner" And "Lifelong Shooter" And Said There Were "Solutions Out There To Solve Gun Violence Without Restricting [...] Anyone's Rights"

Williams Supported The Right To Own Guns And Said He Was A "Proud Gun Owner" And "Lifelong Shooter." "The 2nd Amendment isn't just about hunting, it's about protecting our homes and our families. I support the rights of law-abiding Americans to own guns and am a proud gun owner, lifelong shooter, and hunter; I was also U.S. Navy expert marksman in both rifle and pistol." [Brandon for Congress, Stance, 2nd Amendment, accessed 8/1/22]

• Williams Said The Second Amendment Was About "Protecting Our Homes And Our Families." "The 2nd Amendment isn't just about hunting, it's about protecting our homes and our families." [Brandon for Congress, Stance, 2nd Amendment, accessed 8/1/22]

Williams: "No Government–Federal, State Or Municipal–Should Have The Power To Negate" A Person's Rights Under The 2nd Amendment. "Well, I like to say that I'm pro 2nd Amendment by birth, because I'm a native of Texas. But, uh, the truth is is that I think I have an obligation to protect my home and my family, and no government–federal, state, or municipal–should have the power to negate that right that I have, and the 2nd Amendment protects that right." [YouTube, Brandon for Congress NY-22, 4/9/22]

Williams Said "There Are Solutions Out There To Solve Gun Violence Without Restricting Or Endangering Anyone's Rights." "Williams said he is pro-life and believes 'abortion eliminates all future possibilities of the life



that it takes.' He added that he supports the Second Amendment and thinks 'there are solutions out there to solve gun violence without restricting or endangering anyone's rights.'" [Auburn Pub, 7/23/22]

Williams Opposed Common Sense Gun Safety Measures To Crack Down On Violent Gun Crime

Williams Said "The Goal Of The Left Is Gun Confiscation"

Williams: "The Goal Of The Left Is Gun Confiscation, And They Approach It From That Perspective." "Williams said in a public meeting in Utica that 'the goal of the left is gun confiscation, and they approach it from that perspective." [Syracuse.com, 8/19/22]

Williams Opposed Common Sense Gun Safety Measures Following Mass Shootings In Buffalo And Uvalde, Including Enhanced Background Checks For Buyers Under 21

Syracuse.com: Williams Said He Opposed Gun Safety Measures Proposed In Response To Mass Shootings In Buffalo And Uvalde, TX. "When asked about gun safety measures proposed in response to mass shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas, Williams said that he opposed those measures. The House passed a bill that included enhanced background checks for firearm buyers under age 21 and incentives for states to expand red-flag laws, allowing authorities to temporarily take guns from people found by a judge to be a danger to themselves or others." [Syracuse.com, 8/19/22]

• The House Legislation Included Enhanced Background Checks For Firearm Buyers Under Age 21 And Incentives For States To Expand Red-Flag Laws. "The House passed a bill that included enhanced background checks for firearm buyers under age 21 and incentives for states to expand red-flag laws, allowing authorities to temporarily take guns from people found by a judge to be a danger to themselves or others." [Syracuse.com, 8/19/22]

Williams Said Red Flag Laws Violated Constitutional Rights

Williams Said Red Flag Laws Gave "The Authority To Confiscate Guns In A Non-Judicial Process That Has No Due Process Of Law." [06:24] WILLIAMS: "And, and red flag laws give them the authority to confiscate guns in a non-judicial process that has no due process of law, which we're guaranteed under, you know, under the Constitution. We have to step back and say, 'what are we doing? Is the cure even worse than the issues that it's trying to solve?" [WUTQ Talk of The Town, 6/24/22] (AUDIO)

Williams Said The Government "Misuses" Its Authority With Red Flag Laws, "Turns Regular Citizens Into Suspects," And Allowed Judges To Take Away Guns Based On "Suspicion"

Williams: "Red Flag Laws Sound Terrific" But They Showed "How The Government Misuses [Its] Authority." [03:43] WILLIAMS: "The red flag laws—I'm gonna make a comparison here in just a second—but the red flag laws sound terrific. Oh, this is great, we're gonna be able to find that needle in a haystack and get in front of it and be able to stop that person from committing this act—and that's how everybody things about it, but that's not what happens in real life. When you grant a broad power of confiscation to the government and you do it outside of due process, which is guaranteed in the, in the Constitution, you're really asking for, for abuse, and that's exactly what these red flag laws are gonna do. And so when you look at, they say 'hey, we put in a lot of money to make sure those red flag laws are not abused'—I just want to pause for a minute, can, you know, can you stomach an analogy to see how the government misuses this authority? Is that alright if I jump into that?" [WUTQ Talk of The Town, 6/24/22] (AUDIO)

Williams Compared Red Flag Laws To The PATRIOT Act And Said "It Turns Regular Citizens Into Suspects." [04:53] WILLIAMS: "Yeah, well, let, let me dive in, because I think this is very relevant—and again,



it's an analogy—but I want to read from the ACLU website. Ready? I mean it's, this is the ACLU liberal—it used to be about protecting free speech, and now it's about, you know, taking away free speech—but here's how they described the PATRIOT Act. Remember the PATRIOT Act. This is what they say, 'They hastily passed 45 days after 9/11. In the name of national security, the PATRIOT Act was the first of many changes to the surveillance laws that made it easier for the government to spy on everyday Americans'—and I'll skip to the end—'most Americans think it was created to catch terrorists, but the PATRIOT Act actually turns regular citizens into suspects.' Now, if you take that verbiage from the ACLU and you substitute the 2nd Amendment argument, you know, hastily passed after X days after Uvalde shootings, in the name of protecting children, you know, this gun control act is the first of many changes to gun control laws that made it easier for the government to restrict gun ownership. And while most Americans think that this was to, to prevent mass shootings, this gun control act actually turns regular citizens into criminals." [WUTQ Talk of The Town, 6/24/22] (AUDIO)

Williams Said Red Flag Laws Allowed A Judge To Take Away Guns From An Individual "Based On The Suspicion That They Will Use It To Hurt Themselves Or Others," Such As Domestic Abusers And People Committed To Mental Institutions. "If an emerging bipartisan Senate deal on guns becomes law, one of the most significant provisions will be a federal push for states to set up red-flag laws. These laws allow a judge to take away someone's gun based on the suspicion that they will use it to hurt themselves or others. [...] That's in contrast to federal law and laws in most other states that require someone to have been convicted of a felony, committed to a mental institution or on the receiving end of a domestic violence protection order before they can lose their right to a firearm, even temporarily." [Washington Post, 6/14/22]

June 24th, 2022: Williams Announced A Statement In Opposition To The Gun Control Bill Passed By Congress, Which Among Other Things Would Help Keep Guns Out Of The Hands Of Domestic Abusers

In A Statement On Gun Control, Williams Said He "Announced His Opposition To The Democrats' Gun Control Bill That Has Now Passed Congress."





I released the following statement on the Democrats' gun control bill:

Brandon Williams Opposes Democrats' Gun Control Bill and Calls on Primary Opponent To Clarify His 2-A Stance

Syracuse, NY –Today, NY-22 Republican candidate and political outsider Brandon Williams announced his opposition to the Democrats' gun control bill that has now passed Congress. This legislation does very little to actually curb gun violence in America. Red flag laws invite bureaucratic abuse and government overreach by bypassing the due process rights of law-abiding gun owners. This bill gives federal dollars to state and local governments to enact unconstitutional gun control measures, even strengthening NY's infamous SAFE Act. This is an open invitation to chip away at our constitutional rights.

Brandon Williams made the following statement:

"We must do all that we can to address the real causes of these monstrous and abhorent crimes. However, this bill fails to make Americans safer while the red-flag provision clearly violates our Constitutional rights under the second, fifth and fourteenth amendments. Millions of gun owners will be at risk for government seizure without due process of law.

I call on my opponent, Steve Wells, to clarify his stance on the gun control bill that has passed Congress. The voters of New York's 22nd district deserve to know where he stands on this important bill."

Steve Wells has directly and indirectly bankrolled the campaigns of anti-gun liberals like Governor Cuomo, who signed the infamous NY SAFE Act into law. If Steve Wells will not denounce this bill, he has proven yet again that he will be John Katko 2.0. The people of Central New York's 22nd Congressional District deserve common-sense leadership, and not liberal champions of downstate values . That's exactly why U.S. Navy Veteran Brandon Williams is running for Congress. We need a political outsider to clean up Washington D.C. and send liberal Republicans packing.

Central New Yorkers have a clear choice on August 23rd, a principled political outsider or Cuomo supporter - Katko 2.0 - Steve Wells.

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[Twitter, @Brandon4ny22, 6/24/22]

- June 25th, 2022: Biden Signed The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Into Law After It Passed Both Houses Of Congress. "On June 25, Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act after the House and the Senate approved the measure. The package represents the most significant federal legislation to address gun violence since the expired 10-year assault weapons ban of 1994" [CNN, 7/30/22]
- The Bipartisan Safer Communities Allowed Red Flag Laws For Courts To Seize Firearms From Anyone Believed To Be A Danger To Themselves. "On June 25, Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act after the House and the Senate approved the measure. The package represents the most significant federal legislation to address gun violence since the expired 10-year assault weapons ban of 1994. [...] Red flag laws, approved by the federal measure, are also known as Extreme Risk Protection Order laws. They allow courts to temporarily seize firearms from anyone believed to be a danger to themselves or others. The legislation encourages states to include juvenile records in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would provide a more comprehensive background check for people between 18 and 21 who want to buy guns." [CNN, 7/30/22]
- The Bipartisan Safer Communities Barred Anyone Convicted Of Domestic Violence In A Serious Romantic Relationships. "On June 25, Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act after the House and the Senate approved the measure. The package represents the most significant federal legislation to address gun violence since the expired 10-year assault weapons ban of 1994. [...] The law bars guns from anyone convicted of a domestic violence crime who has a 'continuing serious relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.' The law, however, allows those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes to restore their gun rights after five years if they haven't committed other crimes." [CNN, 7/30/22]



Williams Referred To New York's SAFE ACT As "Infamous" And "Bad;" The Act Would Help Keep Guns Out Of The Hands Of People Who Mental Health Officials Thought Might Harm Others And Banned High Capacity Magazines And Assault Weapons

Williams Said The Democrat's Bill Passed In Congress Strengthened New York's "Infamous" SAFE Act. "Today, NY-22 Republican candidate and political outsider Brandon Williams announced his opposition to the Democrat's gun control bill that has now passed Congress. [...] This bill gives federal dollars to state and local governments to enacts unconstitutional gun control measures, even strengthening NY's infamous SAFE Act." [Twitter, @Brandon4ny22, 6/24/22]

Williams Called New York's SAFE Act "Bad" For New York. "Williams is seeking the Republican nomination for the Congressional seat that is currently occupied by Congresswoman Claudia Tenney. Tenney is now seeking a seat in the 24th congressional district following redistricting earlier this year. [...] 'Here in New York, the Safe Act is bad enough, but the most recent laws enacted by Governor Hochul have nothing to do with making our cities safe, or our State safe, or our citizens safe. It is only to wage war against political opponents. Which quite frankly, is all of us in this room." [WKTV, 8/8/22]

- New York's SAFE Act Required Mental Health Officials To Report Patients Likely To Cause Serious Harm To Themselves Or Others And Put In A Gun Registration Database. "Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced legislation Monday, called the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (NY SAFE ACT), to give New York State the most comprehensive gun laws in the nation, which will keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous mental health patients and ban high capacity magazines and assault weapons. [...] Under the legislation, mental health professionals will be required to report to local mental health officials when there is reason to believe a patient is likely to engage in conduct that will cause serious harm to themselves or others. This information will then be crosschecked against the new comprehensive, and regularly updated, gun registration database." [Huffington Post, Op-Ed, Howard Glaser, 1/15/13]
- New York's SAFE Act Outlines Stricter Definitions On Assault Weapons And Implemented A Ban On Such Weapons. "Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced legislation Monday, called the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (NY SAFE ACT), to give New York State the most comprehensive gun laws in the nation, which will keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous mental health patients and ban high capacity magazines and assault weapons. [...] The legislation outlines a stricter definition of assault weapons, and implements an immediate ban of defined assault weapons. Under the stricter definitions, semi-automatic pistols and rifles with detachable magazines and one military style feature will be considered assault weapons." [Huffington Post, Op-Ed, Howard Glaser, 1/15/13]
- New York's SAFE Act Created A Strong Ban On High Capacity Magazines With A Limit Of Seven Rounds. "Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced legislation Monday, called the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (NY SAFE ACT), to give New York State the most comprehensive gun laws in the nation, which will keep guns out of the hands of potentially dangerous mental health patients and ban high capacity magazines and assault weapons. [...] Under the legislation, New York will have the strongest ban on high capacity magazines in the country, with a limit on capacity of seven rounds, down from the current limit of 10." [Huffington Post, Op-Ed, Howard Glaser, 1/15/13]

Williams Called SCOTUS' Decision Striking Down New York's Restriction On Conceal Carry A Step Towards "Common-Sense" That Restored The New Yorkers' Rights To Defend Their Families

Williams Called SCOTUS' Decision Striking Down The Restriction NY Placed On Conceal Carry Law A Step Towards "Common-Sense" That Restored The Rights Of New Yorkers To Defend Their Families.





[Twitter, Brandon Williams, <u>6/23/22</u>]

Williams Said He Would Support A National Concealed Carry Bill

Williams Said He Would Support A National Concealed Carry Bill. [00:06] WILLIAMS: "I would support a national conceal carry bill, just from my own experience. I have a conceal carry permit here in New York state, and if you drive out of state, you end up in a Hodgepodge of different laws." [YouTube, Brandon Williams for Congress 22, 4/8/22] (VIDEO)

Williams Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Will Helped Fight Inflation And Lower Costs For Working Families

Williams Retweeted A Post Saying "Kill" The Inflation Reduction Act

Williams Retweeted A Post Saying "Kill The Manchin-[Schumer] Bill."



[Twitter, Brandon Williams, <u>8/6/22</u>]

• The Inflation Reduction Act Was Legislation Joe Manchin And Chuck Schumer Announced After Earlier Negotiations Had Stalled. "The sweeping bill -- named the Inflation Reduction Act -- would represent the largest climate investment in US history and make major changes to health policy by giving Medicare the power for the first time to negotiate the prices of certain prescription drugs and extending expiring health care subsidies for three years. [...] Manchin played a key role in shaping the legislation -- which only moved forward after the West Virginia Democrat and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced a deal at the end of July, a major breakthrough for Democrats after earlier negotiations had stalled out." [CNN, 8/7/22]

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Economists Agreed The Inflation Reduction Act Would Lower Inflation

Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget President, Maya MacGuineas: The Inflation Reduction Act "Most Certainly Will" Fight Inflation

Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget President, Maya MacGuineas: The Inflation Reduction Act "Most Certainly Will" Fight Inflation. "The extent to which the package, known as the Inflation Reduction Act, could alleviate the most rapid price gains in 40 years remains to be seen. But many economists agreed that the tax and other provisions would likely help reduce price pressures somewhat, although the overall effect is likely to be modest and potentially will not be felt for months or years. [...] 'To fight inflation, we want policies that will increase supply or reduce demand. And this does both,' said Maya MacGuineas, president of the Center for a Responsible Federal Budget in Washington, which has pressed lawmakers to support policies that reduce the deficit. 'Almost every one of these policies, in and of itself, will fight inflation. And on net, the entire package most certainly will." [New York Times, 7/28/22]

• CRFB President, Maya MacGuineas Stated The Inflation Reduction Act Could "Make The Fed's Job Easier" In Fighting Inflation. "The best thing Congress and the President can do to help avoid a recession is to help the Fed fight inflation. Lawmakers should be focused on legislation like the Inflation Reduction Act that could make the Fed's job easier. Improved tax collection, drug savings, and deficit reduction would put downward pressure on inflation and help ensure fiscal policy and monetary policy are rowing in the same direction. [...] With inflation and the national debt both far too high, it's long past time that policymakers stop adding to the debt and shift focus to deficit reduction. The Inflation Reduction Act is exactly the kind of package lawmakers should put in place to help the economy in a number of ways." [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Press Release 7/29/22]

A Group Of 126 Economists Agreed The Inflation Reduction Act Would Decrease Inflation And Wrote A Letter To Congressional Leadership Urging Them To Pass The Inflation Reduction Act

In A Letter To Congressional Leadership Urging Passage Of The Inflation Reduction Act, 126 Economists Agreed The Inflation Reduction Act Would Put "Downward Pressure On Inflation" And "Set The Stage For Strong, Stable, And Broadly-Shared Long-Term Economic Growth." "We write to strongly urge you and your colleagues in Congress to swiftly pass the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. This historic legislation makes crucial investments in energy, health care, and in shoring up the nation's tax system. These investments will fight inflation and lower costs for American families while setting the stage for strong, stable, and broadly-shared long-term economic growth. [...] This proposal addresses some of the country's biggest challenges at a significant scale. And because it is deficit-reducing, it does so while putting downward pressure on inflation. We strongly recommend Congress act decisively to build a stronger economy by passing the Inflation Reduction Act as soon as possible." [Letter to Congressional Leadership from Group of Economists, 8/2/22]

• 126 Economists, Including Former Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Obama Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, And Moody's Analytics Chief Economist Mark Zandi, Sent A Letter To Congressional Leadership Urging Them To Pass The Inflation Reduction Act. "Congressional Democrats' climate and health care package is getting a boost from a group of top economists, who wrote in a new letter that the so-called Inflation Reduction Act will lower prices for American consumers amid high inflation. "This



historic legislation makes crucial investments in energy, health care, and in shoring up the nation's tax system. These investments will fight inflation and lower costs for American families while setting the stage for stro,ng, stable, and broadly-shared long-term economic growth,' 126 economists said in a letter sent to congressional leadership Tuesday, which was first obtained by CNN. The letter was signed by key economists including former Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Obama Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, Obama Labor Department chief economist Betsey Stevenson, Moody's Analytics chief economist Mark Zandi, former Congressional Budget Office Director Doug Elmendorf, and Nobel prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz, among others." [CNN, 8/2/22]

The Inflation Reduction Act Will Help Increase Fairness By Cracking Down On Corporate And Ultra-Wealthy Tax Dodgers

The Inflation Reduction Act Invested In Increased Tax Enforcement On "Corporate And High-Net-Worth Tax Dodgers"

The Inflation Reduction Act Invested In Increased Tax Enforcement On "Corporate And High-Net-Worth Tax Dodgers." "Part of President Joe Biden's agenda, the Inflation Reduction Act allocates \$79.6 billion to the agency over the next 10 years. More than half of the money is meant for enforcement, with the IRS aiming to collect more from corporate and high-net-worth tax dodgers. The remainder of the funding is earmarked for operations, taxpayer services, technology, development of a direct free e-file system and more." [CNBC, 8/8/22]

The Top One Percent Of U.S. Taxpayers Evaded More Than \$160 Billion In Taxes, Annually, And Middle-Class Families Were Paying For It

The U.S. Treasury Department Estimated The Top One Percent Of U.S. Taxpayers Evaded Paying More Than \$160 Billion In Taxes, Annually. "U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on Tuesday endorsed the proposal, saying it would make it harder for wealthy Americans to hide sources of income from taxation, allowing the IRS to target them for audits. The Treasury estimates that the cost of tax evasion among the top 1% of taxpayers exceeds \$160 billion annually, part of a 'tax gap' between taxes owed and those collected estimated at more than \$7 trillion over a decade." [Reuters, 10/19/21]

Catherine Rampell Op-Ed: When Some People Don't Pay Their Bills, The Rest Of Us Have To Pay More To Make Up The Shortfall [...] Which Effectively Means It's Really Being Paid By You, My Fellow Taxpayer." "Inversely, when some people don't pay their bills, the rest of us have to pay more to make up the shortfall. If, say, the chief financial officer of a real estate company doesn't pay taxes on the personal car that his company gifts to his wife; or on the rent for the luxury apartment that his employer is funding; or on the wads of cash his company slips him for holiday bonuses, off the books; or on the private-school tuition his boss pays for the CFO's grandkids, all that means the government is paying roughly half the bill, based on the CFO's likely marginal tax rate. Which effectively means it's really being paid by you, my fellow taxpayer. You are paying for his wife's Mercedes, his holiday tips, his grandkids' tuition. You are paying for his luxury apartment. And you don't even get to live there!" [Washington Post, Catherine Rampell Op-Ed, 7/8/21]

• Catherine Rampell Was A Policy And Politics Columnist At The Washington Post And Received An Award For Evidence-Based Journalism. "She frequently covers economics, public policy, immigration and politics, with a special emphasis on data-driven journalism. She is also an economic and political commentator for CNN, a special correspondent for the PBS NewsHour and a contributor to Marketplace. Before joining The Post, she wrote about economics and theater for the New York Times. Rampell received the 2021 Online Journalism Award for Commentary and the 2010 Weidenbaum Center Award for Evidence-Based Journalism, and she is a six-time Gerald Loeb Award finalist. [Washington Post, Accessed 8/8/22]



The Inflation Reduction Act Was Expected To Relieve Supply Chain Bottlenecks And Lower Energy Costs

Center For American Progress Expected The Inflation Reduction Act To Help Supply Chain Bottlenecks. "The Inflation Reduction Act relieves the threat of supply chain bottlenecks by investing in domestic manufacturing and deployment of reliable clean energy that will bring down long-term costs. Expanding domestic clean energy capacity means that energy prices will be less vulnerable to global supply shocks in the future." [Center for American Progress, Fact Sheet, 7/29/22]

A Resources For The Future Study Found That The Inflation Reduction Act Would Reduce The Average American Household's Electricity Costs By \$170-\$220 A Year. "In this issue brief, RFF researchers model the impact of the proposed Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on consumer electricity prices, finding that it reduces the average American household's electricity costs by \$170-\$220 a year. [...] Retail costs of electricity are expected to decline 5.2-6.7 percent over the next decade, saving electricity consumers \$209-278 billion, given expected natural gas prices. The average household will experience approximately \$170-\$220 in annual savings from smaller electricity bills and reductions in the costs of goods and services over the next decade. Ratepayers are insulated from volatility in natural gas prices, with electricity rates projected to decrease even under a high natural gas price scenario." [Resources For The Future, 8/3/22]

• Goldman Sachs Report: Business Owners Needed Lower Energy Costs. "Small business owners believe Congress can better support small businesses with more modern programs, said Joe Wall, the national director of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Voices.. "Small businesses are sending a clear signal that the economy and the challenges they face – like inflation, workforce, supply chain and energy costs – are going from bad to worse," Wall said." [Business Record, 4/27/22]

The Inflation Reduction Act Will Help Lower Drug And Health Costs For Seniors, Including By Allowing Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices

Center For American Progress: The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Lower Drug Prices, Which Had Been Prohibited For Nearly 20 Years. "Allows Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. The IRA empowers Medicare to negotiate with drug companies so that they can no longer take advantage of Americans, who currently pay 2 to 3 times more for the same drugs than people in other wealthy countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Allowing the federal government to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies has been prohibited for nearly 20 years." [Center for American Progress, Fact Sheet, 8/1/22]

- Center For American Progress: The IRA Capped Out-Of-Pocket Drug Prices For Seniors. "Caps out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors. Medicare beneficiaries receive better financial protection by capping out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs at \$2,000 annually. The cap would save roughly a million seniors about \$1,000 each year." [Center for American Progress, Fact Sheet, 8/1/22]
- Center For American Progress: The IRA Prevented Higher Health Care Costs. "Prevents higher health care costs. Health coverage will be more affordable for more than 10 million people because the IRA extends enhanced Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace subsidies through 2025. The average enrollee will save about \$700 per year on premiums. Thanks to the ACA, the uninsured rate is near a record high, and the subsidy extension will prevent 3 million people from becoming uninsured." [Center for American Progress, Fact Sheet, 8/1/22]

The Inflation Reduction Act Extended ACA Subsidies, Helping To Make Health Care More Affordable



The Inflation Reduction Act Extended ACA Subsidies To Help Make Health Care More Affordable. "The Inflation Reduction Act, which cleared the Senate on Sunday, includes an extension of temporarily expanded health insurance subsidies — technically tax credits — that were put in place for 2021 and 2022. The vote was 50-50 with no Republican support. Vice President Kamala Harris cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the legislation. Assuming the House approves the measure — which it is expected to do later this week — and President Joe Biden signs it into law, the more generous subsidies would remain available through the end of 2025. 'Without the extension, the vast majority of the 13 million people who get subsidies ... would see premium payments rise,' said Krutika Amin, associate director for the Kaiser Family Foundation's Affordable Care Act program. 'This would avert the massive premium increase [those] people would have seen otherwise.' Nearly 13 million of the 14.5 million people enrolled in private health insurance through the public marketplace — which was authorized by the Affordable Care Act of 2010 — are receiving subsidies in 2022. Some people also may qualify for help with cost-sharing such as deductibles and copays on certain plans, depending on their income." [CNBC, 8/8/22]

Williams Lived On A Truffle Farm Outside Of The District, And Williams' Wife Appears To Have Promoted Williams' Campaign On Social Media Accounts Related To The Farm

Williams Lived On A Farm Outside The District Where He Cultivated Burgundy Truffles And Where He Was Registered To Vote

Williams And His Wife Owned A Hazelnut Tree Orchard Where They Cultivated Burgundy Truffles.

"Williams is running for public office for the first time after a business career as a technology entrepreneur and six years of service in the U.S. Navy as a strategic missile officer on a nuclear-powered submarine. The Dallas native moved to Central New York with his wife, Stephanie, in 2010. The couple own an orchard in Cayuga County where they grow hazelnut trees to cultivate for Burgundy truffles." [Syracuse-Post Standard, 3/4/22]

• HEADLINE: Syracuse Post Standard: "House Of The Week: Truffle Farm With 67 Acres Near Skaneateles." [Syracuse Post Standard, 1/1/16]

As Of August 2022, Williams Lived In The Town Of Sennett In Cayuga County, Which Was "Outside Of The 22nd Congressional District." "When Brandon Williams fills out his ballot in Central New York's primary election on Aug. 23, the Republican congressional candidate won't be able to vote for himself. Williams lives in the town of Sennett in Cayuga County, outside of the 22nd Congressional District where he is campaigning for the GOP nomination against Steve Wells, of Cazenovia." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 8/5/22]

Williams Was Registered To Vote At 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY

According To The New York Secretary Of State's Board Of Elections, Williams Was Registered To Vote In Vote At 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY [New York Secretary of State, Board Of Elections, Voter Lookup, accessed 8/22/22]

Voter Information

Name: WILLIAMS, BRANDON M
Address: 3711 E GENESEE ST RD, AUBURN 13021
Mailing Address (if any):
Political Party: Republican
Voter Status: Active

[New York Secretary of State, Board Of Elections, Voter Lookup, accessed <u>8/22/22</u>]



Williams' Property At 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021 Was A Truffle Farm With Beehives And Was "A Major Agricultural Tourism Destination"

Williams' Property At 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021 Was A Truffle Farm. "What began for Stephanie and Brandon Williams as a spot to escape from city life later became a major lifestyle change. The couple bought some land near Skaneateles back in 2008 with the idea of building a getaway spot. They were living in New York City at the time, but have family in Central New York. They also wanted to farm the land and eventually settled on burgundy truffles. The Williamses considered grapes, but the market is already crowded and truffles are in high demand, Brandon Williams said. [...] Address: 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021" [Syracuse Post Standard, 1/1/16]

• 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021 Had 22 Beehives And "Became A Major Agricultural Tourism Destination." "They began cultivating other crops as well, including lavender. Stephanie Williams completed a master beekeeping program from Cornell University and began producing honey. The operation grew to 22 hives and the business, Bee Attitudes Honey, became a major agricultural tourism destination. The farm welcomed bus tours and Stephanie ran classes on honey production." [...] Address: 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021" [Syracuse Post Standard, 1/1/16]

Williams Said He Would Move To The 22nd Congressional District If Elected To Congress, And That He Would Vote For Claudia Tenney In The NY-24 Primary Because He Couldn't Vote For Himself

Williams Lived Outside Of The New York 22nd District. "Williams lives in Auburn, outside the current 22nd District. When he entered the race, Cayuga County was included in the initial district map territory." [LocalSYR.com, 7/21/22]

• Williams Said He Would Move To The 22nd Congressional If Elected To Congress. "Williams lives in the town of Sennett in Cayuga County, outside of the 22nd Congressional District where he is campaigning for the GOP nomination against Steve Wells, of Cazenovia. Williams, 54, a tech executive who bought a 67-acre farm near Skaneateles Lake in 2008, told syracuse.com | The Post-Standard that he will move with his family into the district if he's elected to Congress." [Syracuse-Post Standard, 8/5/22]

Williams Said He Would Be Voting For Claudia Tenney In The 2022 Primaries Because He Wouldn't Be Able To Vote For Himself. "When Brandon Williams fills out his ballot in Central New York's primary election on Aug. 23, the Republican congressional candidate won't be able to vote for himself. [...] Williams said he plans to vote on Primary Day for Tenney because he won't be able to vote for himself. 'I'm excited,' he said. 'I get to vote for Claudia Tenney. The only heartbreak will be if I lose by one vote." [Syracuse-Post Standard, 8/5/22]

• Claudia Tenney Ran In New York's 24th Congressional District. "Tenney is now running in a district where she doesn't live, the 24th District that includes most of Cayuga County and stretches to Western New York. Her primary opponent has called her a 'carpetbagger.'" [Syracuse-Post Standard, 8/5/22]

Williams Was Registered To Vote In New York's 24th Congressional District And Claudia Tenney Was On His Republican Primary Ballot

According To The New York Secretary Of State's Board Of Elections, Williams Was Registered To Vote In Vote In Auburn, NY [New York Secretary of State, Board Of Elections, Voter Lookup, accessed 8/22/22]

2016: Williams Said He Had Planned To Move From His Central New York Farm To California To Be A Silicon Valley CEO



2010: Williams And His Wife Moved To Central New York

Williams And His Wife Moved To Central New York In 2010. "Williams is running for public office for the first time after a business career as a technology entrepreneur and six years of service in the U.S. Navy as a strategic missile officer on a nuclear-powered submarine. The Dallas native moved to Central New York with his wife, Stephanie, in 2010. The couple own an orchard in Cayuga County where they grow hazelnut trees to cultivate for Burgundy truffles." [Post Standard, 3/6/22]

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Williams Said That He Split His Time Between California And New York Before Hiring Someone To Replace Him AS CEO Of His Software Company In 2019

Williams Said His Responsibilities At His Company Had Him Split His Time Between California And Central New York, Before Hiring A CEO To Replace Him In 2019. "Brandon is also a pioneer in innovation, founding a software company that now helps large industrial manufacturers modernize their production plants, secure their critical infrastructure from cyber attacks, and paves the way for reduced emissions through advances in artificial intelligence. His responsibilities with his company again required him to split-time between Central New York and California before hiring management to replace him as CEO in 2019." [Brandon for Congress, About, accessed 8/8/22]

As Of March 2022, Williams Still Owned The Truffle Farm Where He And His Wife Ran A Truffle Hunting Experience

March 2022: Williams And His Wife Owned A Hazelnut Tree Orchard Where They Cultivated Burgundy Truffles. "Williams is running for public office for the first time after a business career as a technology entrepreneur and six years of service in the U.S. Navy as a strategic missile officer on a nuclear-powered submarine. The Dallas native moved to Central New York with his wife, Stephanie, in 2010. The couple own an orchard in Cayuga County where they grow hazelnut trees to cultivate for Burgundy truffles." [Syracuse-Post Standard, 3/6/22]

March 2022: Williams Said He And His Wife Had Been Growing The Farm Since 2010 With His Wife, Who Ran A Project She Called "The Ultimate Farm To Table Truffle Hunting Experience." "Today on #NationalAgDay I am proud to be part of this amazing Agricultural Family. We have been growing our farm since 2010. We are proud to present our new project run by my fabulous wife Stephanie: The ultimate Farm to table Truffle Hunting experience! dininginsideout.com" [Twitter, Brandon Williams, 3/22/22]



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[Instagram, Dining Inside Out, accessed <u>8/3/22</u>]

William's Wife, Stephanie, Also Ran The Online Store "Rooted Shares" Where She Sold Products From The Farm And Shared A Post About Her Husband's Campaign On The Company's Social Media

Rooted Shares Wanted To "Get Closer To The Source Of Food" And Had A Website That Sold Products Including Honey, Granola, Jams, Jellies, And Heirloom Garlic

Rooted Shares' Website Had A Shop And Blog.

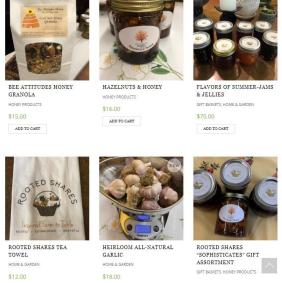


[Rooted Share, accessed 8/1/22]

Rooted Shares Hoped To "Get Closer To The Source Of The Food On The Table And To Build Sustaining Relationships." "My mother and father both grew up in agricultural communities. Mother in Arkansas and Daddy in North Carolina. Eating from the garden, canning produce for the winter, and making use of every resource was just everyday life. Those roots pass through generations, but can get lost. Rooted Shares is meant to recall and grow the rootedness in others and in communities. It is meant to get closer to the source of the food on the table and to build sustaining relationships in these turbulent times. Come grow with us, there is room for everyone." [Rooted Shares, About, 8/1/22]



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[Rooted Shares, Shop, accessed <u>8/22/22</u>]

Stephanie Williams Was "The Main Root" On Rooted Shares Website.

ROOTED TEAM



THE MAIN ROOT

STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

Email: stephanie@rootedshares.com

Stephanie is an Army brat, entrepreneur, mother of two, wife, and a mentor to dozens of young women.

[Rooted Shares, About, 8/1/22]



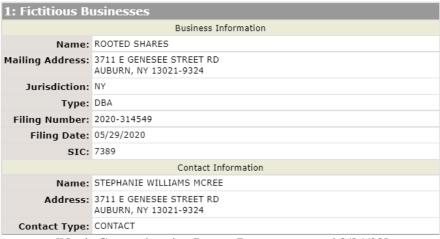
April 2022: Stephanie Williams' Post About A "Meet The Candidate" Event For Brandon Williams Was Reposted On Rooted Shares

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[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 8/24/22]

Note: A thorough search of New York Secretary of State business search returned no registration under "Rooted Shares."

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joint "Farm" asset with the description: "farm business" valued between \$50,001 and \$100,000. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed That Rooted Shares Generated Between \$5,001 And \$15,000 On His 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure. According to his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Williams disclosed Rooted Shares as a joint "Farm" asset with the description: "Small farm for specialty food production and agritourism" valued between \$50,001 and \$100,000 that generated between \$5,001 and \$15,000 during the current year to foiling [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

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• According To Bee Attitudes Honey's Pinterest Page, The Business Provided Honey And Educated The Public About Honeybees.



Bee Attitudes Honey

beeattitudeshoney.com · @stephmwms26 · We delight in naturally caring for the tens of thousands of bees on our farm. We are committed to educating the public about honey bees and providing the best honey available.

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Created Saved [Pinterest, Bee Attitudes Honey, accessed <u>8/23/22</u>]

- The Link For Bee Attitudes Honey's Website Was Suspended. [Bee Attitudes Honey, accessed 8/23/22]
- It Appeared That Stephanie Williams Sold Bee Attitudes Honey's On Her Rooted Shares Online Store.





[Rooted Shares, Shop, accessed <u>8/23/22</u>]

Bee Attitudes Honey Facebook Page Reposted A Facebook Post Encouraging Early Voting For Brandon Williams In The Congressional Primary

Bee Attitudes Honey Facebook Page Reposted A Facebook Post Encouraging Early Voting For Brandon Williams In The Congressional Primary, Adding "Let's Vote Brandon Williams For Congress!"





[Facebook, Bee Attitudes Honey, <u>8/13/22</u>] *Note: as of September 2022, this link was no longer working.*

Note: A thorough search of New York Secretary of State business records returned no registration under "Bee Attitudes Honey" Or "Bee Attitude."

Williams Supported Using Taxpayer Money For Private And Charter Schools And Peddled Extreme, Right-Wing Rhetoric On Education

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Williams Supported Using Taxpayer Money For Parents To Send Their Children To "To Private, Charter Or Home Schools Instead Of Public Schools." "Williams is calling for broad reforms to education. He supports making taxpayer money available to parents who choose to send their children to private, charter or home schools instead of public schools. 'We can't keep sending public funds to support a failing system,' Williams said. 'Parents need to be able to vote with their pocketbook. The resources advocated by the federal government and state should be portable.'" [Syracuse.com, 8/19/22]



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Williams Said Education Must Be Free From "Leftist Indoctrination." "To address prosperity, he wants to support entrepreneurship, assist small and medium-sized businesses and focus on education. 'The long-term competitiveness and generational prosperity of this area really depend on the quality of the people that live here,' Williams said. 'That is from education. It's the best thing we can do.' He added that education must be free from 'leftist indoctrination.'" [Auburn Pub, 4/6/22]

Williams Said Parents Deserved A Say In Children's Education And Sought To Eliminate "Cultural Marxism" From Curriculum Nationwide

Williams Said He Homeschooled Both Of His Children And Said Parents Deserved A Say Children's Education And Sought To Eliminate "Cultural Marxism" From Curriculum Nationwide. "Parents deserve to have a say in the curriculum and education of their children. As a homeschooling parent who homeschooled both of our children, I know that we must aggressively seek to eliminate cultural Marxism (in all its forms) from our school curriculums nationwide and end the woke culture permeating the public education system." [Brandon For Congress, Stances, Parental Rights, accessed 8/2/22]

• Williams Said He Homeschooled His Children Because A Teacher Belittled His Children's Christian Faith. Williams and his wife home-schooled their two children. 'Our decision to home school was based on a bad experience between a teacher and our child, who was actively belittling our children's Christian faith,' Williams said. [Syracuse.com, 8/19/22]

Williams, Who Was A Former Wall Street Banker, Received Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars In Campaign Cash From Wall Street And Related Industries

Williams Was A Former Wall Street Banker

1997-1999: Williams Was An Investment Banker At Citibank In New York City. According to Williams' LinkedIn profile, Williams was an Investment Banker at Citibank in New York City from July of 1997 to November of 1999. [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]



Citibank

Jul 1997 - Nov 1999 · 2 yrs 5 mos New York, NY

Global Capital Structure Group

[LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]



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According To Open Secrets, Williams Has Accepted \$17,500 From The Securities & Investment Industry. [Open Secrets, accessed 9/1/22]

According To Open Secrets, Williams Has Accepted \$16,450 From "Miscellaneous Finance." [Open Secrets, accessed 9/1/22]

According To Open Secrets, Williams Has Accepted \$2,250 From The Real Estate Industry. [Open Secrets, accessed 9/1/22]

According To Open Secrets, Williams Has Accepted \$1,300 From Commercial Banks. [Open Secrets, accessed 9/1/22]

According To Open Secrets, 76.4% Percent Of Williams' Donations Came From Outside Of New York As Of September 2022. [Open Secrets, accessed 9/1/22]

Williams Suggested That The Military Was Too "Woke" And Pointed To A Navy Training Video On Pronoun Usage As An Example Of Their Non-Readiness To Fight A War

Williams Said We Needed A Prepared Military, Rather Than A "Woke" One And Said We Must End The "Social Engineering" That Decreases Military Readiness

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Williams Said We Must End The "Social Engineering" That "Erodes Morale And Greatly Decreases Military Readiness." "Having made six strategic-deterrent patrols on a Trident submarine, I believe in a strong and prepared military that deters our enemies, and which is prepared to defend our interests around the world. We must end the social engineering of our military that erodes morale and greatly decreases readiness." [Brandon For Congress, accessed 8/2/22]

In Response To A Navy Training Video On Pronouns, Williams Implied That Pronouns Don't Deter War And Said It Saddened Him To See Military Readiness Pushed Aside For Pronouns

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[Twitter, Brandon Williams, <u>6/20/22</u>]

• In A Response To The Same Navy Pronoun Training Video, Williams Said It Saddened Him To See "Military Readiness" Being Pushed Aside For Pronouns.



It saddens me to see our Military readiness being put on the back burner to satisfy a woke liberal agenda. As a Naval Officer, I learned the meaning of nouns — honor, courage, commitment — not pronouns. We need leaders in Washington who will stand up to the Woke mob.

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[Twitter, Brandon Williams, 6/20/22]

Williams Was A Founder Of IgnitelP, A \$20 Million Venture Capital Fund That Looked For Technologies That Could Be Licensed To Big Companies

According To His Bio On CPLANE.ai's Website Williams Was The Founder Of IgnitelP, A Technology Commercialization Investment Team



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[CPLANE.ai, Our Team, accessed 8/9/22]

January 12th, 2006: IgnitelP Was Formed In Delaware

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Entity Details						
	THIS IS NOT A STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING					
File Number:	4097658	Incorporation Date / Formation Date:	1/12/2006 (mm/dd/yyyy)			
Entity Name:	IGNITEIP, LLC					
Entity Kind:	Limited Liability Company	Entity Type:	General			
Residency:	Domestic	State:	DELAWARE			
REGISTERED AGENT I	REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION					
Name:	CORPORATION	SERVICE COMPANY	(
Address:	251 LITTLE FALLS DRIVE					
City:	WILMINGTON	County:	New Castle			
State:	DE	Postal Code:	19808			
Phone:	302-636-5401					

[Delaware Secretary Of State, Business Search, file number 4097658, accessed <u>8/8/22</u>]

IgniteIP LLC Was A Venture Capital Firm With \$20 Million In Capital From High-Net-Worth Individuals That Looked For Technologies That Could Be Licensed To Big Companies

According To Epix Ananlytics, IgniteIP LLC Was A Venture Capital Firm. [Epix Ananlytics, IgniteIP LLC, accessed <u>8/8/22</u>]



IgniteIP LLC Was A Fund With \$20 Million In Capital From High-Net-Worth Individuals That Looked For Technologies That Could Be Licensed To Big Companies. "A maverick fund manager offers a new spin on investing. Calling venture-capital financing broken model, an executive of a fund that invests in intellectual property last week made the case for pumping money into technology rather than companies. Each year in North America there's about \$20 billion in technology licensing deals, said Brandon Williams, a managing director at IgniteIP LLC in New York City. However, here is no private equity set up to take advantage of that, Williams told people attending a Venture Association New Jersey session in Whippany. Williams said venture capitalists in the aggregate either break even or lose money. That because companies in which venture capitalists invest may have good technology, but the management team is upside down, or may be employing the wrong business model, he said. [...] Williams said his fund works with \$20 million in capital from high-net-worth individuals, including Joel Peterson, chairman of the airline JetBlue. He said the fund looks for technologies that can be licensed to big companies, a practice that is common in the pharmaceutical industry." [NJ Biz, 6/23/08]

Williams' Single Largest Asset On His 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure Was A Loan He Made To IgniteIP Worth Between \$1 And \$5 Million

Williams' Single Largest Asset Was His Loan To Ignite IP Worth Between \$1 Million To \$5 Million. "Williams, on the other hand, has most of his money invested in his own businesses. His single largest asset is a loan he made to IgniteIP worth \$1 million to \$5 million. Williams is founder and managing director of the venture capital firm based in New York City." [Syracuse.com, 8/9/22]

• Williams Loaned IgniteIP A Company Loan Valued Between \$1,000,001 And \$5,000,000. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Company Loan [DO]	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	None	
DESCRIPTION: Loan to IgniteIP, LLC			

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Held Other Assets Involving The Company

Williams Disclosed Capital I LP, 50% Interest Valued Between \$500,001 And \$1,000,000. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]



[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed IgniteIP, LLP With A Location Of Palm Bay, Florida And A Description Of "Ownership of PE Fund General Partner" Valued Between \$500,001 And \$1,000,000. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

IgniteIP, LLC [OL]	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	None
LOCATION: Palm Bay, FL, US DESCRIPTION: Ownership of PE Fund General Partner		

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]



Williams Was Founder And Managing Director Of IgnitelP Up From 2005 To April 2022

Sep. 2005-Apr. 2022: Williams Was Founder And Managing Director Of IgnitelP

Williams Was Founder And Managing Director Of IgnitelP. According To Brandon Williams' LinkedIn, he was founder and managing director of IgniteIP from September 2005 to April of 2022. [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]



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[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

2022: Williams Said He Would Have Voted Against The Respect For Marriage Act, Which Codified Protections For Same-Sex Marriage

Williams Said He Would Have Voted Against The Respect For Marriage Act Calling It Unnecessary And A Distraction. [12:26] HOST: "How would you vote on The Respect For Marriage Act that currently bin Washington?" WILLIAMS: "Well, I'd say I don't have to vote on it, because I've been married for 30 years. And I have a lot of respect for marriage. [...] I would vote against it. I think it's unnecessary. I think it's a distraction. And it actually accomplishes nothing." [100.7FM, 7/21/22] (AUDIO)

• The Respect For Marriage Act Would Federally Protect Same-Sex And Interracial Marriage. "History was made last month when 47 House Republicans joined all Democrats in passing legislation that would federally protect same-sex marriages and roll back a 25-year-old law that defines marriage in the United States as between one man and one woman. While an overwhelming majority of the House GOP conference opposed the Respect for Marriage Act — which would also protect interracial marriages — the bipartisan support was considered significant when Congress remains bitterly polarized over many issues. Many in the supportive group of Republicans are retiring or represent districts in Democrats' sights in the midterms." [Washington Post, 8/8/22]

Williams Criticized His Primary Opponent, Steve Wells, For Turning Down Debates, Being Silent On Issues, And Being A "Self-Funded Candidate"



Williams Compared His Republican Primary Opponent Steve Wells To Joe Biden "Hiding In The Basement" For Turning Down Three Debate Invitations

Williams Compared His Republican Primary Opponent Steve Wells To Joe Biden "Hiding In The Basement" For Turning Down Three Debate Invitations. [00:40] HOST: "So I'm reading this article in syracuse.com. Steve Wells is too busy for congressional race debates. What the heck is this guy thinking?" WILLIAMS: "Well, you know, it worked for Joe Biden, kind of hide out in the basement, spend money on TV, and maybe people won't notice. But he's turned down three, debate invitations, all which I've accepted. And just not a very democratic process, I'd say but the words getting out." [NewsRadio 570 WSYR, 8/4/22] (AUDIO)

Williams Called Primary Opponent Steve Wells' Refusal To Debate Appeared "To Be Part Of A Deliberative Strategy To Avoid Having To Answer Tough Questions From Republican Voters." "Cazenovia businessman Steve Wells, backed by Republican leaders in the 22nd Congressional District's primary campaign, has rejected invitations to debate his opponent before the Aug. 23 election. [...] Wells did not respond when asked by syracuse.com if he plans to debate Williams. His campaign also has not answered questions about why he rejected the syracuse.com debate. Williams said his opponent's refusal to debate appears to be part of a deliberate strategy to avoid having to answer tough questions from Republican voters. Instead, he said, Wells is going to rely on TV ads to put out a heavily scripted message to voters. 'Because he's a self-funded candidate, he's hoping money can overwhelm any kind of public discourse or dialogue,' Williams said. 'It's repulsive. I'm pretty straightforward. When I appear in public, I answer any questions and I'm not afraid of it.' Wells has already been criticized by some Oneida County Republicans for ducking questions about Donald Trump at a meeting last month, and refusing to clearly state whether he supports or opposes abortion rights." [Syracuse.com, 7/21/22]

• Wells Did Not Respond To Local Media's Inquiries As To Why He Declined To Debate. "Wells outright rejected the invitations from syracuse.com and WUTQ-FM, according to the sponsors, and has not yet said whether he will participate in a WSYR debate. Wells is the only one of the six Republican and Democratic candidates running for the 22nd Congressional District seat who is ducking the debates. Wells did not respond when asked by syracuse.com if he plans to debate Williams. His campaign also has not answered questions about why he rejected the syracuse.com debate. Williams said his opponent's refusal to debate appears to be part of a deliberate strategy to avoid having to answer tough questions from Republican voters. Instead, he said, Wells is going to rely on TV ads to put out a heavily scripted message to voters. [Syracuse.com, 7/21/22]

Williams Said Republican Primary Opponent Steve Wells Didn't Want To Reveal His Policies Or Be Asked Tough Questions After Wells Refused To Take Part In A Planned Primary Debate

Williams Said Republican Primary Opponent Steve Wells Didn't Want To Reveal His Policies Or Be Asked Tough Questions After Wells Refused To Take Part Of A Planned Primary Debate. "Republican Steve Wells today refused to participate in a third planned debate in the GOP primary election in Central New York's 22nd Congressional District. [...] Williams said that Wells is ducking the debates because he doesn't want to reveal his policies or be asked tough questions important to Republican primary election voters. The lack of debates is a disservice to voters in the district, which spans all of Onondaga, Madison and Oneida counties, and part of Oswego County, Williams said." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/21/22]

Williams Criticized Wells For Being Silent On Issues Including Abortion, His Past Political Donations, And Hiding His True Policies "Hoping For Low-Information Voting"

Williams Accused Primary Opponent Steve Wells Of Being Silent On Issues And Donating To Former Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo. "In a rare moment of bipartisanship on the campaign trail, members of both major parties in the 22nd Congressional District are taking aim at Republican candidate Steve Wells for not revealing his positions on abortion and gun rights. Wells' Republican primary opponent, Brandon Williams, accused him of being silent on the issues. [...] But Williams didn't stop there. He slammed Wells for past donations



to former Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Wells' campaign contributions were raised as an issue during his last campaign for Congress in 2016. [...] Wells' campaign did not respond to multiple requests for comment." [Auburn Citizen, 7/15/22]

July 2022: Williams Criticized Primary Opponent Steve Wells For Being Silent On Abortion. "In a rare moment of bipartisanship on the campaign trail, members of both major parties in the 22nd Congressional District are taking aim at Republican candidate Steve Wells for not revealing his positions on abortion and gun rights. Wells' Republican primary opponent, Brandon Williams, accused him of being silent on the issues. Williams, R-Sennett, issued a statement in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade and ended the constitutional right to an abortion. It also followed congressional approval of a gun safety bill — the first major federal action on guns since the mid-1990s." [Auburn Citizen, 7/15/22]

Williams Accused Primary Opponent Steve Wells Of Hiding "[His] True Policies" And "Cynically Hoping For Low-Information Voting." "Cazenovia businessman Steve Wells, backed by Republican leaders in the 22nd Congressional District's primary campaign, has rejected invitations to debate his opponent before the Aug. 23 election. 'He's completely ducking the debates and any public vetting of the Republican ticket,' said Brandon Williams, the Cayuga County tech executive challenging Wells. 'Why would any politician hide from the public? It's because they don't want to be asked hard questions,' Williams told syracuse.com | The Post-Standard. 'They don't want to reveal their true policies. And they're cynically hoping for low-information voting.' Williams accepted requests to participate in three separate debates in August that would be sponsored by syracuse.com, WSYR-TV (Channel 9) in Syracuse and radio station WUTQ-FM in Utica. Wells outright rejected the invitations from syracuse.com and WUTQ-FM, according to the sponsors, and has not yet said whether he will participate in a WSYR debate." [Syracuse.com, 7/21/22]

Williams Criticized Primary Opponent Steve Wells For Being A "Self-Funded Candidate"

Williams Criticized Primary Opponent Steve Wells For Being A "Self-Funded Candidate" Who Was "Running A Multimillion-Dollar, Self-Funded Campaign." "Because [Wells] is a self-funded candidate, he's hoping money can overwhelm any kind of public discourse or dialogue," Williams said. "It's repulsive. I'm pretty straightforward. When I appear in public, I answer any questions and I'm not afraid of it.' [...] Williams said that Wells, who promised to invest \$400,000 of his own fortune in his campaign, appears content to buy TV ads that define him as a candidate rather than answer questions. [...] Conole, who won the backing of local and national Democratic leaders for the primary election, said all candidates should participate in public debates and forums to be accountable to voters. He said Wells has taken a deliberate strategy to duck that responsibility. 'I think it's a complete disservice to the voters of Central New York,' Conole said of Wells. 'He's running a multimillion-dollar, self-funded campaign and staying in the shadows.'" [Syracuse.com, 7/21/22]

Williams Said We Should "Re-Fund" Police And Complained That "Criminals Now Have More Rights Than Victims"

Williams Said He Would "Re-Fund" Police And Said Woke Polices Of Other Cities Had No Place In Central New York

Williams Said He Would "Re-Fund" Police And Said Woke Polices Of L.A., Seattle And New York Had No Place In Central New York. "Public safety is also a priority for Williams. 'Prosperity and freedom are meaningless if you can't go out on the streets, if you can't be safe in your neighborhoods,' he said. 'We need to refund the police and enforce the law. The woke policies of Los Angeles and Seattle and New York, they don't have any place in central New York communities. I think that's driving a lot of violent crime. It's not like this is a right or left issue. This is hurting all of us." [Auburn Pub, 4/6/22]



Williams Attended A "Back The Blue" Rally And Said He Would Fight For Law Enforcement In Congress

Williams Attended A "Back The Blue" Rally And Said He Would Fight For Law Enforcement As Congressman. "Great being at the 'Back the Blue' rally this morning in Utica! Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line everyday to protect us. As your next Congressman, I'll have their back and fight for them. #LetsVoteBrandon" [Twitter, Brandon Williams, 7/23/22]

Williams Said "Criminals Now Have More Rights Than Victims" And Called For Restoring Commitment To The Rule-Of Law

Williams Said "Criminals Now Have More Rights Than Victims" And Called For Restoring Commitment To The Rule-Of Law. "Americans have been left feeling powerless by the lawlessness that prevails in our judicial and regulatory systems. White-collar criminals pay fines and escape prison, bureaucrats brazenly break laws and go unpunished, and criminals now have more rights than victims. We must restore fairness and a commitment to the rule-of-law in order to restore faith in America." [Brandon For Congress, Criminal Justice Reform, accessed 8/3/22]

Williams Supported Term Limits In Congress And Implied Supporting Statehood For Washington D.C. And Puerto Rico Was Against Supporting Democracy

Williams Signed The Term Limits On Congress Pledge And Said A Constitutional Amendment Was Needed To Prevent Career Politicians Like Biden And Pelosi

Williams Signed A Term Limits Pledge To Only Serve Three Terms In The House Of Representatives.



Williams Said A Constitutional Amendment Was Needed To Prevent Career Politicians Like Biden And Pelosi. "I have signed the 'Term Limit Pledge' and believe our Founding Fathers never intended for people to make



a career out of being in Congress. Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi (and many, many more) are all the proof that is needed for this urgent and essential Constitutional Amendment." [Brandon for Congress, Stances, Term Limits, accessed 8/2/22]

Williams Implied That Supporting Statehood For Washington D.C. And Puerto Rico Was Against Supporting Democracy

Williams Implied That Supporting Statehood For Washington D.C. And Puerto Rico Was Against Supporting Democracy Because They Would Be One-Party States. "This morning I realized that Democrats only support democracy in 1-party states. They choose Iran over Israel, Venezuela over the USA, support DC and Puerto Rico statehood, and are destroying New York State. Vote Republican to restore democracy. @NewYorkGOP@cpnys#israel @GOP" [Twitter, Brandon Williams, 4/10/22]

COVID-19

Williams Criticized Democrats For Using The COVID-19 Pandemic To "Drive Through Mandates" To "Reinforce The Fear"

Williams Criticized Democrats For Using COVID-19 Pandemic To "Drive Through Mandates" To "Reinforce The Fear." "As a candidate for Congress, he has prioritized three issues: freedom, prosperity and public safety. On freedom, he criticized Democrats for using the COVID-19 pandemic to 'drive through mandates that were meant to reinforce the fear.' Generally, he believes the government has taken too many rights away from its citizens and that censorship is 'very alarming.' [Auburn Pub, 3/2/22]

Immigration

Williams Said He Supported Building The Wall On The Southern Border And Enforcing Immigration Laws

Williams Said "Illegal Immigration" Was Tearing Country Apart And Supported Building The Wall On The Southern Border And Enforcing Immigration Laws. "Legal immigration built America, but illegal immigration is tearing our country apart. I support building the wall on our Southern border and enforcing immigration laws so that we have a robust and fair system that doesn't reward law breakers." [Brandon for Congress, Stances, Immigration, accessed <u>8/1/22</u>]

Williams Said "Our Southern Border Is Open" And "Citizenship And Immigration, They've Lost Their Meaning Under The Biden Administration"

Williams Said "Our Southern Border Is Open" And "Citizenship And Immigration, They've Lost Their Meaning Under The Biden Administration." "(R) NY 22nd Congressional Candidate Brandon Williams: 'Our southern border is open. Citizenship and immigration, they've lost their meaning under the Biden Administration. America is in trouble." [WKTV.com, 8/4/22]

Williams Supported Resuming The "Remain In Mexico" Policy Because The Humanitarian Crisis Was Fueled Without It

Williams Supported Resuming The "Remain In Mexico" Policy Because The Humanitarian Crisis Was Fueled Without It. "Williams also wants to beef up border security and supports resuming construction of the



border wall. He wants to resume the 'Remain in Mexico' policy. Without the policy, he said, it fuels a humanitarian crisis among people held in camps on the U.S. side of the border." [Syracuse.com, 8/21/22]

Professional History

2013-Present: Williams Held Multiple Positions At CPLANE.ai, A Company He Helped Found

Sep. 2019-Present: Williams Was Co-Founder And Business Development, And Director Of CPLANE.ai

Williams Was Co-Founder And Business Development, And Director Of CPLANE.ai. According To Brandon Williams' LinkedIn, he was co-founder and Business Development, and Director of CLANE.ai from September of 2019 to the present. [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]

Dec. 2013-Aug. 2019: Williams Was Co-Founder, CEO, Chairman, And Chairman Director Of CPLANE.ai

Williams Was Co-Founder, CEO, Chairman, And Chairman Director Of CPLANE.ai. According To Brandon Williams' LinkedIn, he was co-founder, CEO, Chairman, and Chairman Director of CPLANE.ai from December 2013 to August of 2019. [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]

Sep. 2005-April 2022: Williams Was Founder And Managing Director Of IgnitelP

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Williams Was Founder And Managing Director Of IgnitelP. According To Brandon Williams' LinkedIn, he was founder and managing director of IgniteIP from September 2005 to April of 2022. [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]

March 2013-April 2016: Williams Was A Board Member At Precision Ventures

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Williams Was A Board Member At Precision Ventures. According to Williams' LinkedIn profile, Williams was a board member at Precision Ventures [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]

July. 1997-Nov. 1999: Williams Was An Investment Banker At Citibank

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Williams Was An Investment Banker At Citibank. According to Williams' LinkedIn profile, Williams was an Investment Banker at Citibank in New York City from July of 1997 to November of 1999. [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]

1991-1996: Williams Was A Nuclear Submarine Officer At The US Navy Where He Made Six Patrols In The Pacific And Trained In Nuclear Engineering

1991-1996: Williams Was A Nuclear Submarine Officer At The US Navy And Made Six Patrols In The Pacific Where He Said He Was An Expert Marksman "In Both Riffle And Pistol."



Williams Was A Nuclear Submarine Officer At The US Navy. According to Williams' LinkedIn profile, Williams was a nuclear submarine officer for the US Navy from 1991 to 1996. [LinkedIn, Brandon Williams, accessed 8/1/22]

During His Military Career, Williams Said He Made Six Patrols In The Pacific And A Strategic Missile Officer. "In August of 1990, during the build up to the first Gulf War, Brandon volunteered to serve as a nuclear submarine officer for the Navy. [...] During his military service, he made six strategic-deterrent patrols in the Pacific aboard the USS Georgia, serving as the Strategic Missile Officer." [Brandon for Congress, About, accessed 8/1/22]

Williams Was A U.S. Navy Expert Marksman "In Both Riffle And Pistol." "I support the rights of law-abiding Americans to own guns and am a proud gun owner, lifelong shooter, and hunter; I was also U.S. Navy expert marksman in both rifle and pistol." [Brandon for Congress, Stance, 2nd Amendment, accessed <u>8/1/22</u>]

Williams Said He Volunteered To Serve In The Navy During The Build Up Of The Gulf War Where Her Trained In Nuclear Engineering

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Williams And His Wife Stephanie Were Associated With Rooted Truffles Of New York, A Business Associated With Stephanie Williams That Hosted Truffle Events And Shared Events About "Dining Inside Out"

Rooted Truffles Of New York Was A Fictious Business Associated With Stephanie Williams

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2: Fictitious B	2: Fictitious Businesses				
	Business Information				
Name:	ROOTED TRUFFLES OF NEW YORK				
Mailing Address:	3711 E GENESEE STREET RD AUBURN, NY 13021-9324				
Jurisdiction:	NY				
Type:	DBA				
Filing Number:	2020-314548				
Filing Date:	05/29/2020				
	Contact Information				
Name:	STEPHANIE WILLIAMS MCREE				
Address:	3711 E GENESEE STREET RD AUBURN, NY 13021-9324				
Contact Type:	CONTACT				

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 8/24/22]

Note: A thorough search of New York Secretary of State business search returnted no registration under "Rooted Truffles" Or "Rooted Truffles Of New York."

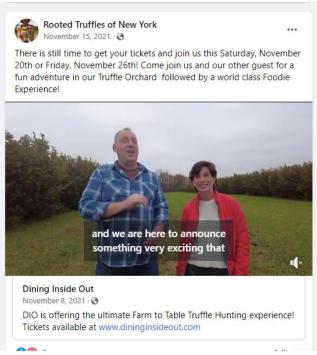


Rooted Truffles Of New York Was Started By Brandon And Stephanie Williams And Offered "The Freshest Authentic Burgundy Truffles In The Northeast USA"

According To Their Facebook Page, Rooted Truffles Of New York Was Started By Brandon And Stephanie Williams And Offered "The Freshest Authentic Burgundy Truffles In The Northeast USA." "Rooted Truffles started as a dream between two people, Brandon and Stephanie Williams, and has become a reality through the diligent hands of many family members and friends. Rooted Truffles of New York offers the freshest authentic Burgundy Truffles in the Northeast USA. We are ROOTED, ESTABLISHED & GRATEFUL!" [Facebook, Rooted Truffles of New York, About, accessed 8/24/22]

Rooted Truffles Of New York Shared Posts About "Dining Inside Out" Events

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[Facebook, Rooted Truffles of New York, 11/15/21]

Williams 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure

Williams Had A Net Worth Of Between \$2,833,015 And \$9,285,998

According To Williams' 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, He Had A Net Worth Of Between \$2,833,015 And \$9,285,998. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed Assets Worth Between \$3,148,015 And \$9,411,000 And "Unearned" Income Of Between \$21,004 And \$67,700

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Williams 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure Assets And "Unearned" Income					
Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year To Filing	Income Preceding Year
Apple Inc. (AAPL.)	DC	\$1,001-\$15,000			
			Dividends	\$1-\$200	\$1-\$200
CD2 College	DC	\$15,001-\$50,000		\$1,001-	
Account [5P]			Dividends	\$2,500	\$1,001-\$2,500
Chase Checking	JT	\$1,001-\$15,000			
Account [BA]			None		
Community Bank	SP	\$15,001-\$50,000			
Account [BA]			None		
Company Loan [DO]	JT	\$50,001-\$100,000			
Description:					
Personal loan to					
CPLANE Networks,					
Inc.			None		
Company Loan [DO]		\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000			
Description: Loan to					
IgnitelIP, LLC			None		
CPLANE Networks,		\$500,001-\$1,000,000			
Inc. [OP]					
Description:					
Incentive stock option					
CPLANE Networks					
Inc. San Mateo, CA					
call option strike					
\$0.0176 total grant-					
77500 options vested					
to date- 435,937					
options expiration					
date-May 2030			None		
Cryptocurrency [OT]	DC	\$1-\$15,000			
Description: Bitcoin			None		
IgnitelP Capital I LP,	JT	\$500,001-\$1,000,000			
50% Interest [HE]			None		
IgnitelP LLP [OL]		\$500,001-\$1,000,000	None		
M&T Checking	JT	\$1-\$1,000			
Account [BA]			None		
Rooted Shares [OL]	JT	\$50,001-\$100,000			
Description: farm					
business			Farm		
Rooted Shares Farm	JT	\$500,001-\$1,000,000			
Description: Small					
farm for specialty					
food production and				\$5,001-	\$5,001-
agritourism			Farm	\$15,000	\$15,000
USAA Checking	JT	\$15,001-\$50,000		\$15,001-	\$15,001-
[BA]			None	\$50,000	\$50,000



Visant Medical, Inc.	\$1,001-\$15,000			
[PS]				
Description: Shares				
in private company		None		
			\$21,004-	\$21,004-
Total:	\$3,148,015-\$9,411,000	0 Total:	\$67,700	\$67,700

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed \$34,500 In Earned Income From His From CLPANE Networks, Inc.

Williams Disclosed \$34,500 In Earned Income From His From CLPANE Networks, Inc. According to his 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Williams disclosed earned income as "salary" of \$34,500 from CPLANE Networks, Inc. in the preceding year. [House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed Between \$125,002 And \$315,000 In Liabilities On His 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure

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	Williams 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure Liabilities					
Owner	· Creditor Type			Amount Of Liability		
			Date Incurred	Type		
JT	USAA Federal	Credit Card		\$15,001-\$50,000		
	Savings Bank		May 2021			
SP	Barclays	Credit Card	May 2021	\$10,000-\$15,000		
JT	Wayne Bank	Farm Mortgage	Nov. 2010	\$100,001-\$250,00		
			Total:	\$125,002-\$315,000		

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed Four Positions At CPLANE Networks And IgnitelP On His 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure

Williams Disclosed Four Positions At CPLANE Networks And IgnitelP On His 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure.

Williams 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure Positions Disclosure			
Position	Name Of Organization		
Director	CPLANE Networks, Inc.		
Managing Member	IgnitelP, LLC		
General Partner	IgnitelP Capital I LP		
Officer/ Employee	CPLANE Networks, Inc.		

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed Two Agreements On His 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure

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Williams 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure Agreements			
Date Parties Terms Of Agreement			
August 2006	B.Williams, J Marble, V Dabija	Payments not yet received for previous work	



	B.Williams, CPLANE	Incentive Stock Option Agreement Monthly vesting
May 2020	Networks Inc.	over 48 months

[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24/22]

Williams Disclosed Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By CPLANE

Williams Disclosed One Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By CPLANE.

Williams 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure Positions Disclosure		
Position Brief Description Of Duties		
CPLANE Networks Inc. (San Mateo, CA, US)	Officer Employee	
[House Clerk, 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 7/24//		

Endorsements

Williams Was Endorsed By David Bossie And Citizens United Political Victory Fund

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[Twitter, @David_Bossie, 7/11/22]

• @cupvf Was The Twitter Account For Citizens United Political Victory Fund. [Twitter, Citizens United Political Victory Fund, accessed 8/22/22]

Williams Received An Endorsement From The New York Conservative Party

HEADLINE: Auburn Pub: NY Conservative Party Endorses Williams, Auburn-Area GOP Candidate For Congress. [Auburn Pub, 3/5/22]

Williams Received An Endorsement From The New York Conservative Party. "Following the recommendation from local Conservative Party leaders, the state Conservative Party has endorsed Brandon Williams, a Cayuga County Republican, in the 22nd Congressional District race." [Auburn Pub, 3/5/22]

Williams Was Endorsed By Assemblyman John Salka

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[Twitter, Brandon Williams, 8/8/22]

Political Career

2022: Williams Was A First Time Candidate

Williams Was A First Time Candidate When He Declared His Candidacy For The 22nd Congressional District In New York. "First-time candidate Brandon Williams has declared his candidacy for the 22nd Congressional District in New York in the U.S. House of Representatives. Williams, a Republican, is from the Town of Sennett in Cayuga County. He runs an orchard with his family and works for a California software company that he helped found after serving in the United States Navy." [Ithicavoice.com, 2/25/22]

Williams Won The Conservative Party's Endorsement, Which Guaranteed Him A Spot On The General Election Ballot

Auburn Citizen: "Williams Already Has The Conservative Party's Endorsement, Which Guarantees Him A Spot On The General Election Ballot." "Wells and Williams are squaring off in the Aug. 23 primary election. The winner will be the GOP nominee. Williams already has the Conservative Party's endorsement, which guarantees him a spot on the general election ballot." [Auburn Citizen, 7/15/22]

Syracuse Post-Standard: "Williams Won The Designation For The New York Conservative Party's Ballot Line And Could Choose To Stay On That Line In November Even If He Loses The Republican Primary Election." "Williams won the designation for the New York Conservative Party's ballot line and could choose to stay on that line in November even if he loses the Republican primary election. Before that designation, Trump sent a handwritten note to Ment offering to help back a local candidate who would challenge Katko in a primary election." [Syracuse Post-Standard, 7/14/22]

Williams Won The Republican Primary For New York's 22nd Congressional District

Williams Won The Republican Primary For New York's 22nd Congressional District. "Political novice Brandon Williams pulled off a stunning upset over Steve Wells on Tuesday in the Republican primary election in the new 22nd Congressional District." [Syrcuse.com, 8/24/22]



Williams Said He Admired Claudia Tenney And Posted A Picture With Her On Twitter

Williams Said He Admired Representative Claudia Tenney. [17:54] HOST: "Outside the leadership in Congress, what member of Congress do you admire most as a role model?" [...] WILLIAMS: "I have not spent anytime on Capitol Hill. Hope that qualifies me. Until Recently, I have enjoyed and admired Congressman Jim Banks, Congressman Ralph Norman and Congresswoman Claudia Tenney." [The Citizen & Syracuse.com, GOP Candidate Forum, Vantage, 8/2/22] (VIDEO)

Williams Posted A Picture With Claudia Tenney With The Caption "A Picture Of Redistricting."



[Twitter, Brandon Williams, <u>6/2/22</u>]

Election Results

2022 Republican Primary 22 nd Congressional District				
	Percentage	Votes (by Candidate)		
Brandon Williams	57.91%	13,8686		
Steve Wells	41.33%	9,896		
Blank	0.14%	33		
Void	0.08%	18		
Write In	0.55%	131		
Total:	100%	23,946		

[New York State Board Of Elections, accessed <u>8/31/22</u>]

Campaign Finance



Williams Raised A Total Of \$169,160.06 And Spent A Total Of \$ 56,811.15 In His Run For Federal-Level Office

According the Federal Election Commission, Williams raised \$169,160.06 and spent \$56,811.15 in their run for federal elected office.

	Williams Federal Campaign Finance History				
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent		
2022	Brandon for Congress	\$214,202.28	\$78,232.34		
	Total:	\$214,202.28	\$78,232.34		

[FEC.gov, accessed 8/3/22]

Williams Loaned His Campaign \$2,915 And Paid \$2,000 Back Toward The Loans Balance, With An Outstanding Balance Of \$915.81. According to the Federal Election Commission, Williams loaned his campaign \$2,915 on March of 2022, and had a balance of 915.81. [FEC, Brandon for Congress, Loan Information, accessed 8/1/22]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Williams Has Given \$2,915.81 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Williams loaned given \$2,915.81 to his federal campaign.

Williams Political Giving History - Federal					
Date Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee Party Amo					
3/31/22	3/31/22 Brandon for Congress				
		Total	\$2,915.81		

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed <u>8/1/22</u>]

Williams Has Given \$500 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to New York Secretary of State, Williams has given \$500 to state-level candidates.

Williams Political Giving History - State					
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount		
3/29/22	Syracuse Republican Committee	R	\$500		
		Total	\$500		

[New York Secretary of State, accessed <u>8/1/22</u>]

Voter Activity

Williams Was Registered To Vote In New York's 24th Congressional District

According To VoteBuilder, Williams Was Registered To Vote In Auburn, NY VoteBuilder, accessed 7/26/22]



According To The New York Secretary Of State's Board Of Elections, Williams Was Actively Registered In New York's 24th Congressional District. [New York Secretary of State, Board Of Elections, Voter Lookup, accessed 8/22/22]

- Williams' Address Was Located In New York's 24th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 7/26/22]
- Williams' Address Was Located In New York's 24th Congressional District. [Washington Post, 2022 Congressional District Map, accessed 7/26/22]

Williams Lived Outside Of The New York 22nd District But Said He Would Move If Elected To Congress

Williams Lived Outside Of The New York 22nd District. "Williams lives in Auburn, outside the current 22nd District. When he entered the race, Cayuga County was included in the initial district map territory." [LocalSYR.com, 7/21/22]

- Williams Said He Would Move To The 22nd Congressional If Elected To Congress. "Williams lives in the town of Sennett in Cayuga County, outside of the 22nd Congressional District where he is campaigning for the GOP nomination against Steve Wells, of Cazenovia. Williams, 54, a tech executive who bought a 67-acre farm near Skaneateles Lake in 2008, told syracuse.com | The Post-Standard that he will move with his family into the district if he's elected to Congress." [Syracuse-Post Standard, 8/5/22]
- Williams Said He Would Be Voting For Claudia Tenney In The 2022 Primaries Because He Wouldn't Be Able To Vote For Himself. "When Brandon Williams fills out his ballot in Central New York's primary election on Aug. 23, the Republican congressional candidate won't be able to vote for himself. [...] Williams said he plans to vote on Primary Day for Tenney because he won't be able to vote for himself. 'I'm excited,' he said. 'I get to vote for Claudia Tenney. The only heartbreak will be if I lose by one vote.'" [Syracuse-Post Standard, 8/5/22]

2008 - 2021: Williams Voting History

Williams Voting History (2008-2021)				
Year	Description			
2021	Did not vote			
2020	Voted In the general election			
2019	Did not vote			
2018	Did not vote			
2017	Did not vote			
2016	Did not vote			
2015	Did not vote			
2014	Did not vote			
2013	Did not vote			
2012	Voted in the general election			
2011	Did not vote			
2010	Voted in the general election			
2009	Did not vote			
2008	Voted in the general election			

[VoteBuilder, accessed 7/26/22]



According To Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Williams Was Registered To Vote In Florida From 2007 To 2016

According To Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Williams Was Registered To Vote As A Republican In Florida From 2007 To 2016.

Voter Registrations - 11 records	found View Voter Registration Sources
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	60-51-XXXX	
Date of Birth: 5/1	5/1967	
Age: 45	15-54	
Gender: Ma	1ale	
Race: Wh	VHITE	
	Voter Information	
Registration Date: 12	2/7/2007	
Last Vote Date: 8/3	/30/2016	
Party Affiliation: RE	EPUBLICAN	
Active Status: IN		

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 7/26/22]

Williams Reportedly Voted In California In 2016 For President Trump

Williams Voted In California In 2016 For President Trump By Absentee Ballot. "Williams did vote in 2016 in California, according to an electronic copy of his voting record he provided to syracuse.com | The Post-Standard. He previously said he voted for Donald Trump twice for president. The record shows Williams voted by absentee ballot, received Oct. 24, 2016, in San Mateo County, California. 'If it's wrong, then I stand corrected,' Wells said when informed his opponent had indeed voted in 2016." [Syracuse Post Standard, 8/18/22]

Public Records

Property Records

As of August 2022, the following was a list of potential properties where Williams may have lived:

Williams Property Records			
ADDRESS	DATE(s)		
AUBURN, NY 13021-9324 CAYUGA COUNTY	10/2008 - 2021		
970 MILLIE AVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025-4419 SAN MATEO COUNTY	8/2016 - 8/2016		
10770 S TROPICAL TRL MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32952-6930 BREVARD COUNTY	1/2008 - 8/2016		
PO BOX 372160 SATELLITE BEACH, FL 32937-0160	10/2011 - 8/2016		



BREVARD COUNTY	
317 W 89TH ST APT 3W NEW YORK, NY 10024-2137 NEW YORK COUNTY	2007 - 7/2011
251 W 92ND ST APT 8E NEW YORK, NY 10025-7336 NEW YORK COUNTY	5/2008 - 2010
PO BOX 99831 SEATTLE, WA 98139-0831 KING COUNTY	4/2007 - 8/2007
2235 W VIEWMONT WAY W SEATTLE, WA 98199-3951 KING COUNTY	2001 - 5/2007
31 ATLANTIC AVE GROTON, CT 06340-8802 NEW LONDON COUNTY	11/1992 - 9/1993
4004 EUCLID AVE DALLAS, TX 75205-3136 DALLAS COUNTY	5/1989 - 5/1996
1482 HERNDON CIR NE PALM BAY, FL 32905-4336 BREVARD COUNTY	5/2000 - 5/2008
2748 NE 91ST ST SEATTLE, WA 98115-3468 KING COUNTY	1999 - 4/2002
12712 39TH AVE NE SEATTLE, WA 98125-4612 KING COUNTY	2000 - 2/2001
305 W 86TH ST APT 10A NEW YORK, NY 10024-3110 NEW YORK COUNTY	9/1998 - 11/2000
149 S ROCKBERRIE DR # 207 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 LOS ANGELES COUNTY	3/1997 - 1/1999
399 PARK AVE APT NEW YORK, NY 10043-0001 NEW YORK COUNTY	12/1998 - 1/1999
101 NAUDAIN ST PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147-2406 PHILADELPHIA COUNTY	6/1996 - 1/1997
16982 SCANDIA CT NW POULSBO, WA 98370-7050 KITSAP COUNTY	7/1993 - 7/1993
404 4TH AVE S APT 2 EDMONDS, WA 98020-3507 SNOHOMISH COUNTY	1/1993 - 1/1993



7927 SAINT IVES RD APT CHARLESTON, SC 29406-9310 CHARLESTON COUNTY	4/1992 - 4/1992
1266 MARINA PT APT 310 CASSELBERRY, FL 32707-6479 SEMINOLE COUNTY	7/1991 - 11/1991
14 CRAIGIE SIDE ENTR ST SIDE ENTR CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140 MIDDLESEX COUNTY	10/1989 - 12/1990
18702 NORTH CREEK PKWY APT BOTHELL, WA 98011-8019 KING COUNTY	5/1989 - 5/1989
3920 SHANNON LN DALLAS, TX 75205-1735 DALLAS COUNTY	N/A
5830 LAS VIRGENES RD APT 482 CALABASAS, CA 91302-3441 LOS ANGELES COUNTY	9/1987 - 9/1987
149 S ROCKBERRIE 207 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 LOS ANGELES COUNTY	N/A

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 7/26/22]

Williams Owned Property In Cayuga County New York

October 6th, 2008: Williams Bought Real Property 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY 13021-9324 in Cayuga County From Boar Enterprises. "According to the Cayuga County Clerk, Williams and his wife Stephanie bought property at 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY 13021-9324 for consideration of \$1 from Boer Enterprises. [Cayuga County Clerk, Instr #: 2008-94073, Warranty Deed, recorded 6/30/20]

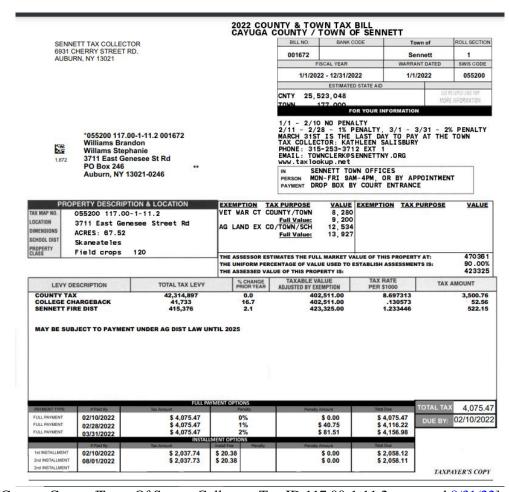
- June 30th, 2010: Williams Had A Mortgage With USNY Bank Mortgage For \$350,000 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY 13021-9324 in Cayuga County. According to the Cayuga County Clerk, Williams and his wife Stephanie had a mortgage for their property at 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY 13021-9324 with USNY Bank for consideration of \$350,000 in Cayuga County on June 30th of 2010. [Cayuga County Clerk, Instr #:2010-108826, Mortgage, recorded 6/30/20]
- Williams And His Wife Moved To Central New York In 2010. "Williams is running for public office for the first time after a business career as a technology entrepreneur and six years of service in the U.S. Navy as a strategic missile officer on a nuclear-powered submarine. The Dallas native moved to Central New York with his wife, Stephanie, in 2010. The couple own an orchard in Cayuga County where they grow hazelnut trees to cultivate for Burgundy truffles." [Post Standard, 3/6/22]

Williams' Tax History 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY

In The 2022 Tax Year, Williams Owed \$4,075.47 In County Taxes For 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY And Was Due On February 10th, 2022. [Cayuga County/Town Of Sennet Collector, Tax ID:117.00-1-11.2, Bill No. 001672, accessed 8/31/22]



- Williams Collected A Veterans Exemption With A Value \$8,280 Toward His County Taxes For 3711 E
 Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY. [Cayuga County/Town Of Sennet Collector, Tax ID:117.00-1-11.2, accessed 8/31/22]
- Williams Collected An Agricultural Land Exemption With A Value Of \$12,534 Toward His County
 Taxes For 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY. [Cayuga County/Town Of Sennet Collector, Tax
 ID:117.00-1-11.2, accessed 8/31/22]
- Copy Of Williams' 2022 County Taxes Bill For 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY.



[Cayuga County/Town Of Sennet Collector, Tax ID:117.00-1-11.2, accessed 8/31/22]

In The 2022 Tax Year, Williams Owed \$5,533.87 In School And Library Taxes For 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY And Was Due On October, 1st 2021. [Cayuga County/Town Of Sennet Collector, Tax ID:117.00-1-11.2, Bill No. 000709, accessed 8/31/22]

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Copy Of Williams' 2022 School Taxes Bill For 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY



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[Cayuga County/Town Of Sennet Collector, Tax ID:117.00-1-11.2, Bill No. 000709, accessed 8/31/22]

2012-2021: Copy Of Williams' Tax History For 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY.



			Tax Summary			
		Taxes reflect	exemptions, but may not include rec	ent changes in assessment.		
Tax Year	Tax Type	Original Bill	Total Assessed Value	Full Market Value	Uniform %	Roll Section
2022	County	\$4,075.47	\$423,325.00	\$470,361.00	90	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2022				
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		Taxes reflect	exemptions, but may not include rec	*		
Tax Year	Tax Type	Original Bill	Total Assessed Value	Full Market Value	Uniform %	Roll Section
2021	School	\$5,533.87	\$423,325.00	\$470,361.00	90	1
2021	County	\$4,133.98	\$423,325.00	\$460,136.00	92	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2021				
2020	School	\$5,561.39	\$423,325.00	\$460,136.00	92	1
2020	County	\$4,062.24	\$423,325.00	\$431,964.00	98	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2020		'		
2019	School	\$5,400.02	\$423,325.00	\$431,964.00	98	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2019		'		
2018	School	\$6,183.40	\$423,325.00	\$460,136.00	92	1
2018	County	\$4,234.09	\$423,325.00	\$452,657.00	93.52	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2018		'		
2017	School	\$6,401.91	\$423,325.00	\$452,657.00	93.52	1
2017	County	\$4,262.02	\$423,325.00	\$436,418.00	97	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2017		'		
2016	School	\$6,579.73	\$423,325.00	\$436,418.00	97	1
2016	County	\$11,843.33	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2016				
2015	School	\$6,737.14	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
2015	County	\$4,079.85	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
Display Detail	for Taxes Levie	d in 2015				
2014	School	\$5,976.57	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
2014	County	\$4,019.80	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
Display Detail	s for Taxes Levie	d in 2014				
2013	School	\$5,910.96	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
2013	County	\$3,854.14	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
Display Detail	for Taxes Levie	d in 2013				
2012	School	\$5,700.34	\$423,325.00	\$423,325.00	100	1
Display Dotail	for Taxes Levie	d in 2012				

[Cayuga County Tax Bill Information, Tax ID:117.00-1-11.2, accessed 8/31/22]

• Tax Map Number, 117.00-1-11.2 Was Associated With Brandon And Stephanie Williams' Property At 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY.



[Cayuga County Tax Map Number: 117.00-1-11.2, accessed <u>8/31/22</u>]

Note: Williams' tax history does say if taxes were paid and if they were on time or not. Requesting copies of the receipts from Cayuga County are needed to confirm payment.

Property At 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021 Was A Truffle Farm With Beehives And Was "A Major Agricultural Tourism Destination"

Williams' Property At 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021 Was A Truffle Farm. "What began for Stephanie and Brandon Williams as a spot to escape from city life later became a major lifestyle change. The couple bought some land near Skaneateles back in 2008 with the idea of building a getaway spot. They were living in New York City at the time, but have family in Central New York. They also wanted to farm the land and eventually settled on burgundy truffles. The Williamses considered grapes, but the market is already crowded and



truffles are in high demand, Brandon Williams said. [...] Address: 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021" [Syracuse Post Standard, 1/1/16]

• 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021 Had 22 Beehives And "Became A Major Agricultural Tourism Destination." "They began cultivating other crops as well, including lavender. Stephanie Williams completed a master beekeeping program from Cornell University and began producing honey. The operation grew to 22 hives and the business, Bee Attitudes Honey, became a major agricultural tourism destination. The farm welcomed bus tours and Stephanie ran classes on honey production." [...] Address: 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021" [Syracuse Post Standard, 1/1/16]

2016: Williams Planned To Move From The Farm To California To Be CEO Of CPLANE Networks

Williams Planned To Sell The House And To Move To Silicon Valley To Be CEO Of CPLANE Networks And Wanted A Buyer To Keep The Farm Going. "The Williamses are hoping someone will use the property as a supplemental business, Brandon said. The family is selling because Brandon is now CEO of a software company in Silicon Valley and he needs to be there. Brandon runs a technology investment firm, IgniteIP. The software company he is leading, CPLANE Networks, is one of the firm's major investments. [...] The Williamses are looking for a buyer that will keep the farm going. The truffle orchard requires some tending in the summer and the harvest happens in November, but the operation is largely hands-off otherwise. [...] Address: 3711 E. Genesee St. Road, Sennett, N.Y. 13021" [Syracuse Post Standard, 1/1/16]

Williams' Real Property At 3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY 13021-9324 Was The Location Of Both Of His Wives Business

3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY 13021-9324 Was The Location Of Bee Attitudes Honey. "Bee Attitudes Honey, 3711 E. Genesee St. Rd., Auburn NY Beekeeper Stephanie Williams handcrafts every step of her honey products. Granola, lavender honey, biscotti and 'untouched' honey as well as lavender products are available." [Syracuse Post Standard, 5/8/13]

3711 E Genesee Street Rd Auburn, NY 13021-9324 Was The Location Of Rooted Shares

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3711 E Genesee Street Road Auburn, NY 13021 USA

Phone: (315) 294-0765

Email: admin@rootedshares.com Web: rootedshares.com

[Rooted Shares, Contact Us, Accessed 8/22/22]

Williams Also Owned Real Property In Florida

November 3rd, 2011: Williams Also Owned Real Property At 10770 S Tropical Trl Merritt Island, FL 32952-6930. According To Brevard County Clerk Records, Brandon and Stephanie Williams purchased property at 10770 S Tropical Trl Merritt Island, FL 32952-6930. from Charlotte and Damion Hobgood for consideration of \$460,000



on November 3rd, 2011. [Brevard County Clerk, Clerk File Number: 2011198980, Warranty Deed, recorded 11/3/11]

August 18th, 2016: Williams Sold 10770 S Tropical Trl Merritt Island, FL 32952-6930. According To Brevard County Clerk Records, Brandon and Stephanie Williams sold property at 10770 S Tropical Trl Merritt Island, FL 32952-6930 to Wade Stafford for consideration of \$593,000 on August 18th, 2016. [Brevard County Clerk, Clerk File Number: 2016161865, Warranty Deed, recorded 8/18/16]

Note: Williams' tax history on this property was not available online. Requesting copies of bills and receipts from Bravard County are needed to confirm payment.

Associated Entities

As of July 2022, Williams was potentially associated with the following entities.

Williams Associated Entities				
Entity Name	Persons Associated	Years		
CDI ANE National de La	John Casey – Chief Technology Officer Robert Keahey – Vice President/ Officer	2006 - present		
CPLANE Networks, Inc.				
IGNITEIP LLC	Vlad Daiga – Managing Director Jeff Gilfoy – Chief Financial Officer	2007-Present		

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 7/26/22]

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

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of July 2022, Williams was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, accessed 7/26/22]

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

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of August 2022, Williams is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 8/8/22]

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