

Monique DeSpain (OR-04) Message #1 Backup

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DeSpain: “I Was Very Pleased With The U.S. Supreme Court Dobbs Decision To Return The Regulation Of Reproductive Health Care To The State.” HOST: “What are your thoughts on reproductive health care in our country?” DESPAIN: “Well, health care is essential for everyone. It’s a very sensitive issue for all people and it’s not to be taken lightly at all. And I was very pleased with the U.S. Supreme Court Dobbs decision to return the regulation of reproductive health care to the state. Oregon’s made it very clear it’s a pro-choice state, and as Oregon’s Congresswoman, I have no intention to take any action to return the regulation of reproductive health care to the federal government.” [KVAL News, YouTube, 17:16, [11/16/23](#)] (VIDEO)

DeSpain Said She “Believe[d] And Concur[red] With The Supreme Court” On Dobbs, Saying “I Fully Support The Court’s Decision.” HOST: “Let’s talk a little bit about abortion because on the national scale, it’s obviously been an issue that’s influenced elections. For Oregonians, they consistently say it’s--since Roe v. Wade was overturned-- one of the most important issues for them. They’ve repeatedly come out in support of legalizing abortion within the state of Oregon. But if a federal ban were to come before you as a Congresswoman, a federal Congresswoman, how would you vote on that?” DESPAIN: “I believe that the regulation of abortion is best left to the states. I believe and concur with the Supreme Court that that should be left to the state. I believe in life and I believe in the U.S. Constitution, and there’s nothing in the Constitution that supports the federal government should get involved in this topic. And so I fully support the Court’s decision that it is left to the people who can elect their state representatives and express themselves that way as they have in Oregon it’s very clear. And I will do nothing to return the regulation of abortion to the federal government, including the funding of abortion by the government.” [KMTR, 10:58, [4/18/24](#)] (VIDEO)

...And Is Backed By Republican Extremists In Washington, DC...

DeSpain: “I Am Proud And Honored To Announce That Speaker Johnson Has Officially Endorsed Our Campaign!” “I am proud and honored to announce that Speaker Johnson has officially endorsed our campaign! His endorsement is a testament to the strength of our message and the momentum we are building together. Speaker Johnson stated, ‘I am proud to endorse Monique DeSpain for Congress in Oregon’s 4th Congressional District. As a political outsider, a retired Air Force Colonel, and a mom, she is uniquely qualified to take on career politician Val Hoyle. Monique is committed to securing our southern border, reducing crime, and addressing the homeless crisis in Oregon. I am confident she will put Oregon first and deliver for voters of the 4th District.’” [Monique DeSpain, Fundraising Email, 5/15/24]

- **Mike Johnson Endorsed DeSpain.** [Monique DeSpain for Congress, Endorsements, accessed [8/15/24](#)]

The following individuals and organizations have proudly endorsed Monique DeSpain for Congress.

Congressional Republican Leaders:



Rep. Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House



Rep. Steve Scalise
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Rep. Tom Emmer
Majority Whip

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DeSpain: “It’s My Distinct Honor To Have The Endorsement Of Republican Majority Leader Steve Scalise.” “Today, GOP Majority Leader Steve Scalise of the U.S. House of Representatives announced his endorsement of Republican candidate Monique DeSpain to represent Oregon’s Fourth Congressional District. ‘As a retired Air Force Colonel, attorney, and single mother, Monique DeSpain knows what it means to roll up her sleeves and get things done. She will fight to secure our border, rebuild our economy, reduce crime, and support law enforcement. Unlike her democrat opponent, Monique will deliver for the people of Oregon and I am proud to endorse her in her race for Congress in Oregon’s 4th Congressional District,’ said Majority Leader Steve Scalise. ‘It’s my distinct honor to have the endorsement of Republican Majority Leader Steve Scalise in my campaign to unseat corrupt career politician Val Hoyle and bring my commonsense, accountability-focused, problem-solving leadership to Congress on behalf of the people of Oregon’s 4th District,’ said Monique DeSpain.” [Monique DeSpain for Congress, Press Release, [4/29/24](#)]

DeSpain: “I’m Very Pleased And Honored To Receive The Endorsement Of Republican House Conference Chair Elise Stefanik In My Campaign.” “‘I’m very pleased and honored to receive the endorsement of Republican House Conference Chair Elise Stefanik in my campaign to oust corrupt career politician Val Hoyle and launch a new era of commonsense, results-oriented leadership that listens and acts on the top priorities of the people of Oregon’s 4th District in Congress,’ said Monique DeSpain. ‘Chairwoman Stefanik has set a high standard in Congress with her tireless work ethic, policy leadership, genuine grassroots connection with constituents, and laser focus on delivering real results. She is unapologetic about fighting every day to give her constituents a seat at the absolute highest levels of government,’ added DeSpain.” [DeSpain for Congress, Press Releases, [5/15/24](#)]

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DeSpain On Why She Chose To Run For Congress Instead Of A Local Position: “I’m Just Going To Be Perfectly Honest, I Was Picked. [...] The NRCC And Organizations In DC [...] Need Reinforcements, And I Couldn’t Say No.” HOST: “I’ve asked this question of newer candidates on both sides of the aisle numerous times over the years. How did you pick running for Congress maybe instead of something more local in Lane County?” DESPAIN: “Well, Kyle, I’m just going to be perfectly honest, I was picked. If you had asked me one year ago if I was thinking about going to DC and representing my neighbors and people of the 4th District, I would have told you were crazy. [...] The NRCC and organizations in DC that support sitting Congresspeople, you know, they need reinforcements, and I couldn’t say no. I just feel called to serve in this way and I was asked to do so, and I am prepared, so I’m doing it.” [KQEN News Radio, 7:07, [5/9/24](#)] (AUDIO)

... Who Want To Pass A National Abortion Ban, Making It Illegal In Every State Even In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And To Save The Life Of The Woman

118th Congress: Johnson Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act, Which “Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person.” Johnson cosponsored the Life at Conception Act, which “would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [H.R. 431, Cosponsors, [1/20/23](#); Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

- **117th Congress: Tom Emmer And Mike Johnson Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act.** [H.R. 1011, Cosponsors, introduced [2/11/21](#)]

Johnson, Scalise, Stefanik, And Emmer Were Members Of The Republican Study Committee (RSC). [Republican Study Committee, Membership, accessed [8/15/24](#)]

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Endorsed The Life At Conception Act. “The RSC Budget applauds the following measures designed to advance the cause of life: [...] Rep. Alex Mooney’s (R-WV) Life at Conception Act, which would provide 14th amendment protections at all stages of life.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

- **Rewire: The Life At Conception Act “Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person.”** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]
- **Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act Signaled That Many Members “Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.”** “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

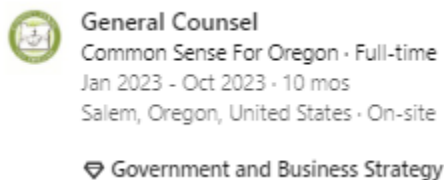
Monique DeSpain (OR-04) Message #2 Backup

Monique DeSpain was a lobbyist within a right-wing coalition that has included the Oregon Family Council and Oregon Right to Life. The coalition’s groups have supported tax breaks for corporations and the wealthiest 5% of Oregonians, restricting access to abortions, banning gay marriage, and undermining workers organizing for higher pay in Oregon.

Monique Despain Was A Lobbyist Within A Right-Wing Coalition...

January 4-September 15, 2023: DeSpain Was Registered As An Oregon State Lobbyist For Common Sense For Oregon. [State of Oregon, accessed [8/15/24](#)]

2023: DeSpain Reported Working As “General Counsel” For Common Sense For Oregon. [Monique DeSpain, LinkedIn, accessed [8/15/24](#)]



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2023: Common Sense For Oregon Was In The Oregon Liberty Alliance. [Oregon Liberty Alliance via Internet Archive, archived [4/2/23](#)]



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- **August 2024: Common Sense For Oregon Continued To Be A Member Of The Oregon Liberty Alliance.** [Oregon Liberty Alliance, accessed [8/15/24](#)]



[Oregon Liberty Alliance, accessed [8/15/24](#)]

...That Has Included The Oregon Family Council And Oregon Right To Life

Oregon Family Council Was A Member Of The Oregon Liberty Alliance. [Oregon Liberty Alliance, accessed [8/15/24](#)]



[Oregon Liberty Alliance, accessed [8/15/24](#)]

2015: Oregon Right To Life Was Part Of The Oregon Liberty Alliance. “The Oregon Liberty Alliance (OLA) is an Oregon coalition of conservative organizations - many who have been working together for years - who formalized their coalition last year. The member organizations are the Oregon Family Council, Oregon Right to Life, Common Sense for Oregon PAC, Parents Education Association,

Taxpayer Defense Project, Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance PAC and the Oregon Women's League.” [The Oregon Catalyst, [3/16/15](#)]

- **Oregon Right To Life Participated In The Oregon Liberty Alliance’s Freedom Rally As Recently As 2018.** “Oregon Congressman Greg Walden joined the fifth annual Freedom Rally hosted by the Oregon Liberty Alliance, a coalition of conservative organizations that support conservative candidates and causes. Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, emceed the rally along with Liberty Pike, the communications director for Oregon Right to Life.” [Statesman Journal, [2/3/18](#)]

The Coalition’s Groups Have Supported Tax Breaks For Corporations And The Wealthiest 5% Of Oregonians...

Common Sense For Oregon Raised Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars To Get Measure 84, An Initiative To Repeal Oregon’s Estate Tax, On The Ballot. “It directly hits fewer than two in 100 taxpayers and, most likely, 2 percent of the state's discretionary income. No wonder supporters and opponents are tugging on emotions to get the average voter interested in Measure 84, which would repeal Oregon's estate tax. [...] Measure 84 would repeal Oregon's tax over four years. It would also bar ‘any tax’ on property sold between relatives. Experts say that second provision could enable landowners to get around capital gains taxes on stocks and other property. That clause ‘may create an opportunity to game the income tax system,’ Jeff Cheyne, a Portland estate-planning attorney, wrote in an Oregon State Bar newsletter. Farm bureaus, most business associations and conservative groups back the measure. Common Sense for Oregon, a nonprofit co-founded by Mannix, raised nearly \$500,000 to get the measure on the ballot. The group has contributed most of the additional \$325,000 the Yes on 84 campaign has raised since August. Mannix declined to reveal who donates to Common Sense.” [The Oregonian, [10/31/12](#)]

- **Oregon’s Estate Tax Only Affects The Richest 5% Of Estates And Over Half The Revenue Comes From Estates Valued At More Than \$4.5 Million.** “So all in all, very few Oregonians are subject to the estate tax. It only affects the richest 5 percent of estates. Among those paying the estate tax, over half of the revenue comes from estates valued at more than \$4.5 million.” [Oregon Center for Public Policy, [5/23/23](#)]

Common Sense For Oregon Organized Against Republicans Who Voted For Income Tax Increases In Measures 66 And 67. “Ross Day of Keizer, director of Common Sense for Oregon, called for 100 volunteers willing to work one Saturday against the two House Republicans who voted for the budget-balancing income-tax increases that voters upheld Jan. 26 in Measures 66 and 67. Reps. Bob Jenson of Pendleton and Greg Smith of Heppner face challengers in the May 18 primary; the House Republicans are taking no official stance.” [Statesman Journal, 4/16/10]

- **Measure 67 Increased Income Taxes For Corporations With Profits Over \$10 Million And Raised The Minimum Corporate Income Tax From \$10 To 0.1% Of Oregon Sales.** “Measure 67 temporarily increases the marginal corporate income tax rate for corporations with Oregon profits over \$250,000 and permanently increases the marginal rate for corporations with over \$10 million in Oregon profits. Measure 67 also raises the minimum corporate income tax from \$10 to \$150 for small companies (and for larger firms with few in-state sales) and from \$10 to about 0.1 percent of Oregon sales for all other corporations.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [2/17/10](#)]

Common Sense For Oregon Sought Caps On Corporate And Individual Income Taxes. “We advocate for eliminating the Oregon death tax, other ‘super’ taxes imposed on top of other taxes, and the cap-and-trade taxation system as well as, establishing caps on income taxes for businesses and individuals

and clarifying exemptions from personal property taxes, especially for farm equipment.” [Common Sense for Oregon, Current Issues, accessed [8/15/24](#)]

...Restricting Access To Abortions...

Oregon Right To Life “Oppose[d] Abortion At Any Point Of Gestation.” “Oregon Right to Life believes in the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Abortion ends the life of a genetically distinct, growing human being. We oppose abortion at any point of gestation. In rare cases, a mother may have a life threatening condition in which medical procedures intended to treat the condition of the mother may result in the unintended death of her preborn baby. At the same time, ORTL recognizes that modern medical practice has and will continue to increase the ability to save both the life of the mother and the baby.” [Oregon Right to Life, Positions, accessed [8/16/24](#)]

Oregon Right To Life’s Mission Was To Protect “All Innocent Human Life From Conception To Natural Death.” “Oregon Right to Life advocates for the most vulnerable human beings whose right to life is denied or abridged under current law. We work to reestablish protection for all innocent human life from conception to natural death.” [Oregon Right to Life, Who We Are, accessed [8/16/24](#)]

Regarding Abortion, Oregon Family Council Was “Committed To Encouraging A Culture Of Life.” “The Oregon Family Council affirms that all individuals — regardless of their size or age — are valuable and have a right to live. Furthermore, we are committed to encouraging a culture of life in the state of Oregon.” [Oregon Family Council, Pro-Life, accessed [8/16/24](#)]

Oregon Family Council Spoke Against Abortion And “Affirm[ed] That All Individuals—Regardless Of Their Size Or Age—Are Valuable And Have A Right To Live.” “In 1969, Oregon became the first state to legalize abortion, and in 1994, the first government in the world to legalize physician–assisted suicide. Currently, there are no restrictions on abortion in Oregon, and taxpayer dollars fund both abortion and assisted suicide. The Oregon Family Council affirms that all individuals — regardless of their size or age — are valuable and have a right to live. Furthermore, we are committed to encouraging a culture of life in the state of Oregon.” [Oregon Family Council, Pro-Life, accessed [8/16/24](#)]

Oregon Family Council Was Considered “An Anti-Abortion And Anti-LGBTQ Extremist Organization.” “The executive directors of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon (PPAO) and NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon filed a formal complaint Tuesday against the the Oregon Family Council (OFC), an anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQ extremist organization, for elections law violations contained in a Referendum 301 mailer.” [The Lund Report, [8/3/17](#)]

...Banning Gay Marriage...

Oregon Family Council’s Website Said Marriage “Must Not Be Redefined To Include Anyone But A Man And A Woman.” “Marriage is one of the essential building blocks of society. It provides a healthy and nurturing environment where current citizens, as well as future generations, are cared for, loved, and brought up to become productive members of society. As such, marriage must be protected and nourished. It must not be diluted by alternate living arrangements, and it must not be redefined to include anyone but a man and a woman.” [Oregon Family Council, Marriage & Family, accessed [8/16/24](#)]

2004: Oregon Family Council Spearheaded A Campaign For An Initiative Banning Same-Sex Marriage. “Ten years ago, the Oregon Family Council was a whirlwind of activity as the group spearheaded the campaign to qualify an initiative banning same-sex marriage.” [Oregon Live, [7/2/14](#)]

...And Undermining Workers Organizing For Higher Pay In Oregon

Freedom Foundation Was A Member Of The Oregon Liberty Alliance. [Oregon Liberty Alliance, accessed [8/15/24](#)]



[Oregon Liberty Alliance, accessed [8/15/24](#)]

Freedom Foundation’s Mission Was To Undermine Public-Sector Unions. “The Freedom Foundation promotes free markets and limited, accountable government at every level. We do this by taking on the largest, most relentless obstacle to these objectives — public-sector unions that claim to represent workers but only want to plunder their paychecks and use the money to fund radical political candidates and causes.” [Freedom Foundation, About Freedom Foundation, accessed [7/3/24](#)]

Freedom Foundation Argued Against Allowing Legislative Assistants In The Oregon Legislature To Unionize, Saying It Would Violate Separation Of Powers Provisions Of The State Constitution. “On Tuesday, the Oregon Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on the Oregon Employment Relation’s Board’s (ERB’s) decision to create a single labor union for all legislative assistants. The union ERB certified is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 89. Attorneys for the Freedom Foundation argued that ERB’s decision violates the separation of powers guaranteed by the Oregon Constitution because the executive branch, in the form of ERB, will insert itself between the legislators and their employees, thus imposing on a separate, coequal branch of government.” [Freedom Foundation, Press Releases, [6/7/23](#)]

2016: Freedom Foundation Visited More Than 10,000 Childcare And Home-Care Workers In Washington And Oregon To Get Them To Opt Out Of Paying Union Dues. “A conservative group, the Freedom Foundation, has dispatched activists to visit the homes of more than 10,000 childcare and home-care workers in Washington and Oregon to advise them that under a two-year-old supreme court decision, they can opt out of paying union dues.” [The Guardian, [3/10/16](#)]

The Guardian: Freedom Foundation Was “Door-To-Door Union Killers.” “The door-to-door union killers: rightwing foundation takes labor fight to the streets The Freedom Foundation says its goal is to offer choices, but union leaders say it’s part of a conservative effort to flip Washington and Oregon from blue to red.” [The Guardian, [3/10/16](#)]

Val Hoyle (OR-04) Message #1 Backup

In Congress, Val Hoyle has worked across party lines to preserve, protect and expand Social Security and Medicare and she is fighting to lower the cost of prescription drugs and bring down prices for families by taking on corporations who price gouge consumers.

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Hoyle Introduced Legislation To Expand Social Security Benefits By \$2,400 Per Year And Fully Fund Social Security For 75 Years. “As Republicans threaten cuts to Social Security and other essential federal programs, U.S. Representatives Jan Schakowsky (IL-09) and Val Hoyle (OR-04), along with U.S. Senators Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), are introducing legislation that would expand Social Security benefits by \$2,400 a year and ensure Social Security is fully funded for the next 75 years – all without raising taxes by one penny on over 93% of American households that make \$250,000 or less.” [Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Press Releases, [2/13/23](#)]

- **Hoyle Was An Original Cosponsor On The Social Security Expansion Act.** [H.R. 1046, Cosponsors, introduced [2/14/23](#)]

Hoyle Cosponsored The Social Security Fairness Act Of 2023, Which Would Repeal Provisions That Reduce Social Security Benefits For Individuals Who Receive A Government Pension. “This bill repeals provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits, such as a pension from a state or local government. The bill eliminates the government pension offset, which in various instances reduces Social Security benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own. The bill also eliminates the windfall elimination provision, which in some instances reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes. These changes are effective for benefits payable after December 2023.” [H.R. 82, Summary, introduced [1/9/23](#); H.R. 82, Cosponsors, introduced [1/9/23](#)]

- **The Social Security Fairness Act Of 2023 Was Introduced By Republican Garret Graves.** [H.R. 82, Summary, introduced [1/9/23](#)]

...And Medicare...

Hoyle Cosponsored The Medicare For All Act, Which Would Expand Medicare. “The Medicare for All Act builds upon and expands Medicare to provide comprehensive benefits to every person in the United States. This includes primary care, vision, dental, prescription drugs, mental health, substance abuse, long-term services and supports, reproductive health care, and more.” [H.R. 3421, Cosponsors, introduced [5/17/23](#); Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Press Releases, [5/17/23](#)]

Hoyle Cosponsored The Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, Which Would Allow Medicare To Cover Early Cancer Detection Screening Tests. “This bill allows for Medicare coverage and payment for multi-cancer early detection screening tests that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration and that are used to screen for cancer across many cancer types, if the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determines such coverage is appropriate.” [H.R. 2407, Summary, introduced [3/30/23](#); H.R. 2407, Cosponsors, introduced [3/30/23](#)]

- **The Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act Was Sponsored By Republican Jodey Arrington.** [H.R. 2407, Summary, introduced [3/30/23](#)]

...And She Is Fighting To Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs And Bring Down Prices For Families By Taking On Corporations Who Price Gouge Consumers

Hoyle Introduced Legislation To Combat Pharmaceutical Price Gouging By Requiring Federal Agencies To Secure Affordable Prices On Drugs Developed With Taxpayer Dollars. “Today, U.S. Representative Val Hoyle (OR-04) and U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett (TX-37) announced they will introduce legislation to combat price gouging on prescription drugs developed with taxpayer dollars. The Affordable Pricing for Taxpayer-Funded Prescription Drugs Act would require federal agencies to secure affordable pricing agreements from drug manufacturers before granting exclusive rights to develop prescription drugs or other healthcare products.” [Rep. Val Hoyle, Press Releases, [5/4/23](#)]