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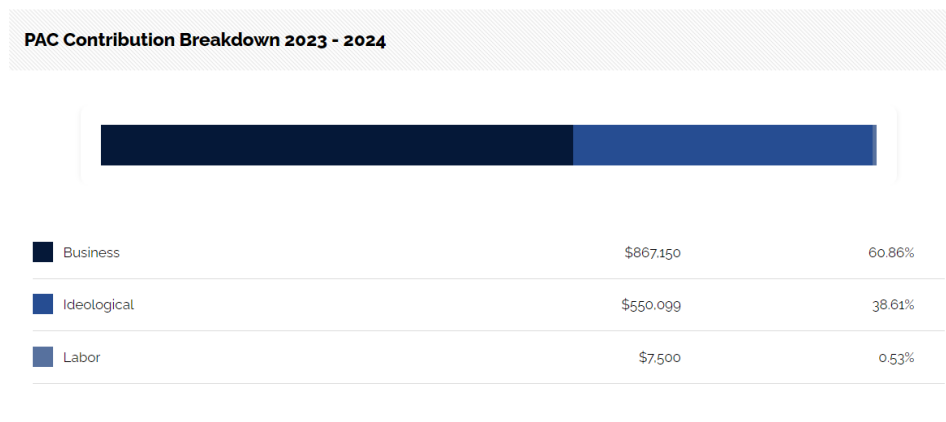
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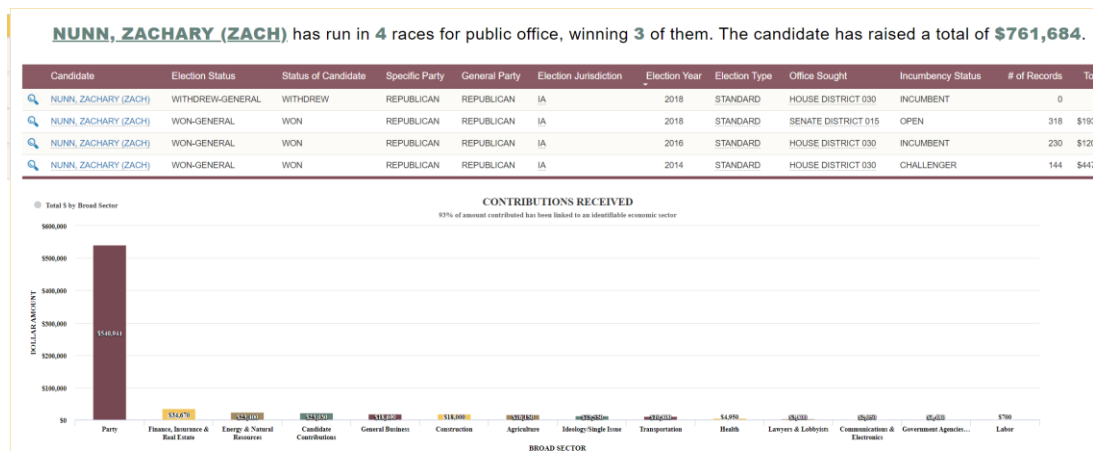
2022: Nunn Took \$78,250 In Business PAC Contributions. [Open Secrets, accessed [9/13/24](#)]

## Fundraising Totals

Candidate	Business	Labor	Ideological
Cindy Axne (D)	\$536,650	\$234,000	\$780,346
Zach Nunn (R)	\$78,250	\$0	\$345,924

[Open Secrets, accessed [9/13/24](#)]

**2014-2018: Nunn Received \$110,910 From Corporate Special Interests.** [Follow the Money, accessed [9/13/24](#)]



[Follow the Money, accessed [9/13/24](#)]

**Nunn Has Taken \$105,091 From The Oil & Gas Industry Throughout His Career.** [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [9/23/24](#)]

- Nunn Voted For The Lower Energy Costs Act.** In March 2023, Nunn voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and critical minerals, accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, and reverse or repeal certain recent policies related to energy and climate change. Among provisions to boost oil and gas leasing and production, the bill would require the Interior Department to resume quarterly oil and gas lease sales on federal lands; complete certain proposed sales on the Outer Continental Shelf; and implement at least two lease sales per year in each of the Gulf of Mexico and the Alaska regions of the Shelf. It would roll back increased fees and royalties for onshore and offshore oil and gas development and production established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package (PL 117-69). It would adjust revenue sharing requirements for onshore and offshore production to generally decrease federal shares and increase state shares, particularly for coastal states...” The bill passed by a vote of 225-204, with 221 Republicans and 4 Democrats voting for the bill, 1 Republican and 203 Democrats voting against the bill, and six Democrats not voting. [H.R. 1, [Vote #182](#), 3/20/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]
- HEADLINE: “House Republicans Pass Energy Bill To Roll Back Regulation Of Fossil Fuel Production.”** [PBS, [3/30/23](#)]
- National Parks Conservation Association: The Lower Energy Costs Act Was Bad For Climate Change, Environmental Laws, And Air And Water Pollution.** “The Lower Energy Costs Act should be a nonstarter for anyone who wants to preserve our national parks and everything they protect. Here are

five reasons why: 1. The act would worsen climate change [...] The Lower Energy Costs Act would deepen our nation's dependency on fossil fuel energy, slowing the benefits from our efforts to transition to clean energy, such as wind and solar. If enacted, hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands and waters would be vulnerable to mining and oil and gas development, with little regard to the effects these activities would have on our national parks, communities and climate. [...] 2. The act would gut existing environmental laws Even worse, the Lower Energy Costs Act would undercut bedrock environmental laws that address the impacts of climate change on our environment and give people a voice in how their public lands are managed. 3. The act would pollute air and water The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 40 percent of the watersheds in the western United States are already contaminated by pollution from hard rock mines. For decades, mining and drilling activities across the country have wreaked havoc on our environment and communities, polluting the air we breathe and water we drink. The Lower Energy Costs Act would make matters worse, opening up swaths of public lands for unabated mining and oil and gas drilling.” [National Parks Conservation Association, Blog, [3/27/23](#)]

**Nunn Voted Against An Amendment No. 92 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing By Contributors To Oil And Gas Price-Gouging.** In January 2023, Nunn voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 92 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from authorizing the participation, including in any lease auction, of any corporation or entity that the Energy Department determines to have contributed to oil and gas price-gouging in 2022.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 201-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #88](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

**Nunn Received \$177,641 From Insurance Companies.** [OpenSecrets.org, accessed [9/23/24](#)]

- **Nunn Voted For The Passage Of The Bill Allowing Employers More Flexibility In Deciding What Type Of Healthcare To Provide Employees.** In June 2023, Nunn voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would create additional flexibilities for employers providing health insurance. The bill would allow groups of employers to establish and maintain group health plans for employees. It would require such groups to provide coverage to at least 51 employees and to have been in existence for at least two years prior to establishing the health plan. It would allow self-employed individuals to establish a group for the purpose of maintaining a group health plan. The bill would also allow employer-financed health reimbursement arrangements (HRA) to be used by employees to purchase insurance plans on state exchanges. It would also deem such HRAs compliant with requirements under current law for employers to provide health insurance coverage. To be eligible, it would require employers to offer the same HRA plan to all employees of a certain class, as defined by the bill, including full- and part-time employees, employees under the same collective bargaining agreement, and non-resident alien employees. It would also require employers to give eligible employees 90 days’ written notice prior to the beginning of the plan year of their rights and obligations. Among other provisions, the bill would rescind \$245 million in fiscal 2024 from the Health and Human Services Department’s Prevention and Public Health Fund, specify that stop-loss policies obtained by a self-insured group health plan or plan sponsor do not qualify as health insurance coverage under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and require the Treasury Department, within one year of enactment, to notify employers of the availability of tax-advantaged flexible health insurance benefits, with an initial focus on small businesses. HR 3799 also contains the text of the Small Business Flexibility Act (HR 3798), the Association Health Plans Act (HR 2868) and the Self-Insurance Protection Act (HR 2813).”The bill passed 220 to 209. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]
  - **H.R. 3799 Was Identified As “Yet Another Attack On The Affordable Care Act And Its Critical Health Care Protections.”** “The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 3799, which is yet another attack on the Affordable Care Act and its critical health care protections. This legislation is just the latest in a long line of attacks on Americans’ ability to access the health care they need.” [White House, Memo, [6/21/23](#)]
- **Nunn Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year**

**Growth.** In April 2023, Nunn voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

- **The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Leave Over Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance.** “More than a half million of the poorest Americans could be left without health insurance under legislation passed by House Republicans that would require people to work in exchange for health care coverage through Medicaid. It’s one of dozens of provisions tucked into a GOP bill that would allow for an increase in the debt limit but curb government spending over the next decade. The bill is unlikely to become law, though. It is being used by House Republicans to draw Democrats to the negotiating table and avoid a debt default.” [ABC News, [4/30/23](#)]

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**Nunn Received \$153,687 From The Insurance Industry.** [Open Secrets, accessed [7/18/24](#)]

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**Zach Nunn A Member Of The Republican Study Committee.** According to the Republican Study Committee, Zach Nunn was a member. [Republican Study Committee, accessed [6/15/23](#)]

- **The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Advocated For The “Full Repeal Of The Disastrous Inflation Reduction Act.”** “The RSC Budget opposes the price controls enacted by the Inflation Reduction Act. Rather than enact reforms to lower costs through increased competition in the pharmaceutical industry, President Biden and Congressional Democrats have embraced socialist price controls that will limit access to life-saving drugs for those who desperately need them. Several companies have already abandoned research into new cures for drugs treating diseases such as blood cancer and Stargardt disease. According to the University of Chicago, the price-control provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act would reduce medical research and development spending by as much as 60 percent and result in 342 fewer life-saving medical treatments. As part of the full repeal of the disastrous Inflation Reduction Act, the RSC Budget would ensure continued access to these life-saving treatments by removing these price controls.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 Per Month.** “The Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket spending at \$35 per month’s supply of each insulin product covered under Medicare. These provisions are making insulin more affordable for many people covered by Medicare.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices.** “For the first time in history, Medicare has the ability to directly negotiate the prices of covered prescription drugs due to the Inflation Reduction Act.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Medicare Costs To \$2,000.** “Starting in 2024, there will be a cap on annual out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D. In 2025, this annual cap will drop to \$2,000 and will be indexed annually thereafter. The Inflation Reduction Act also includes other provisions designed to decrease spending for Part D enrollees and taxpayers.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

## And He Voted To Let Credit Card Companies Charge Nearly Four Times As Much In Fees

**Nunn Voted For H.J. Res 122 In The House Financial Services Committee.** [GOP Financial Services, YouTube, [4/17/24](#)]

- **This Legislation Would Block The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Rule Capping Credit Card Late Fees.** “Lawmakers advanced legislation to block the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s rule capping credit card late fees at \$8, setting up a vote in the US House of Representatives. The House Financial Services Committee voted 28-22 along party lines Wednesday to approve a measure (H. J. Res. 122) from Rep. Andy Barr (R-Ky.) that would repeal the CFPB’s rule under the Congressional Review Act and bar the agency from introducing a similar proposal.” [Bloomberg Law, [4/17/24](#)]
- **Credit Card Issuers Were Able To Charge Up to \$32 Before \$8 Caps.** “Lawmakers advanced legislation to block the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s rule capping credit card late fees at \$8, setting up a vote in the US House of Representatives...Major credit card issuers were able to charge \$32 on average for late fees in 2022, up from \$23 in 2010, partly as a result of the yearly increases, according to the CFPB.” [Bloomberg Law, [4/17/24](#)]

NOTE: This credit card fee cap prevented charges four times higher than before the cap.

- **Banks Could Have Lost \$11 Billion If The Deal Went Through.** “The CFPB estimates that around 45 million Americans are charged credit card late fees each year, and that the rule will save them up to \$220 per year. On the flip side, banks stand to lose about \$11 billion of the \$14 billion in credit card late fees they generate annually, according to Bloomberg Intelligence.” [Bloomberg Law, [4/17/24](#)]

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**Baccam Was A Combat Engineer That Served In The U.S. Army And Iowa National Guard.** “Baccam, a native of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is a military veteran and spent eight years in the U.S. Army and Iowa National Guard and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2004-2005. During his time in the Army, Baccam held leadership roles as a unit movement officer and served as a combat engineer in charge of explosive demolitions.” [U.S. Department of Agriculture, Press Release, [10/21/15](#)]

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**Baccam Lived In Des Moines With His Wife And Daughter.** “Baccam currently lives in Des Moines with his wife, Alissa Brammer, and their daughter, Freya.” [U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, accessed [9/23/24](#)]

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**Baccam Said We Have To Codify The Rights Found Under Roe V. Wade And Protect Reproductive Health.** "We have to pass the Women's Health Protection Act," Baccam said. "We have to make sure that we codify the rights found under Roe v. Wade. We have to make sure we also protect access to contraceptives and IVF. That also has to be a component here for whatever we get done in Congress." [Des Moines Register, [8/12/24](#)]

**HEADLINE: "Election 2024: Lanon Baccam Says He Won't Raise Retirement Age."** [KCRG.com, [8/13/24](#)]

- **Baccam Said He Was Running To Protect Social Security.** "Monday, a challenger in Iowa's competitive 3rd Congressional District took the stage at the state fair. One issue Democrat Lanon Baccam is running on is protecting social security." [KCRG.com, [8/13/24](#)]
- **Baccam Said That We Need To Protect Social Security And Medicare.** "We need to protect Social Security and Medicare so that our seniors can afford the increasing cost of living and retire with dignity. This is a no-brainer. Folks who paid into this system should not have to fight for what they earned." [Lanon Baccam, Website, [9/23/24](#)]



**Baccam Said That He Would Work To Lower Costs, Including Those For Groceries And Gas.** “The cost of gas and groceries is still too high for working families. We need to lower costs while creating good-paying jobs everywhere: especially in our small towns and rural communities. Jobs like factory work, manufacturing, building trades, and more should be able to support a family.” [Lanon Baccam, Website, [9/23/24](#)]

**Baccam Helped Provide Low-Interest Loans For Thousands Of Veterans To Start Farms Or Ranches And Launched An Apprenticeship Program To Provide Technical Training For Veterans To Ensure Quality Of Farm Commodities.** “Low-interest loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), of which more than \$505 million has been issued to over 7,400 veterans since 2009, providing them with the credit needed to start a farm or ranch...and finally, this year we launched an apprenticeship through the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), targeted at veterans, that will increase our ability to hire them here at USDA. The AMS commodity grader apprenticeship is a Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship program that provides technical training to help veterans join the USDA team that ensures the quality of our farm commodities in commerce. The apprenticeship is also recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which allows veterans to use their G.I. Bill benefits with this apprenticeship.” [USDA, Lanon Baccam Blog Post, [11/10/16](#)]

**Baccam Said Congress Should Address Border Security And Appeared To Support Bipartisan Immigration Efforts.** “Baccam said he agrees Congress needs to address border security, but he said the state’s representatives in Washington, D.C., missed an opportunity to do something about it. He blames Republicans in Congress for the failure of a potential legislative solution when they allowed a bipartisan immigration overhaul to stall in the U.S. Senate.” [Iowa Public Radio, [8/14/24](#)]