

Joe Mitchell Overview Message Backup

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Costs Were Rising In Iowa

JEC Minority: “The Average Household In Iowa Has Had To Spend \$3,000+ More On Goods And Services” Since January 2025. “As of June 2026, the average household in Iowa has had to spend \$3,000+ more on goods and services under President Trump. Despite President Trump’s repeated pledges on the campaign trail that his administration would ‘end inflation’ and bring down costs for families, Trump and Republicans in Congress have instead caused costs to continue to rise significantly, including through Trump’s reckless tariffs and war in Iran.” [JEC Minority, Iowa Fact Sheet, [7/22/26](#)]

HEADLINE: “Working But Still Struggling: New Report Finds One In Three East Central Iowa Households Can’t Afford Basic Needs.” [KCRG, [6/16/26](#)]

2022: Mitchell Voted To Cut Taxes For Corporations Whose PACs Donated Thousands To His State Legislative Campaigns

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March 1, 2022: Governor Reynolds Signed HF 2317 Into Law. “On March 1, 2022, Governor Kim Reynolds signed HF 2317 into law. The new tax law will reduce individual and corporate income tax rates, provide exemptions from Iowa tax for certain forms of retirement income—including retired farmer rental income—and scale back certain tax credits. These changes have different effective dates, but most changes will begin phasing in during the 2023 tax year. This post summarizes key provisions of the new law.” [Iowa State University Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation, [3/3/22](#)]

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- **Iowa Capital Dispatch: “Corporate Taxes Will Also Decrease Gradually” To 5.5% Because Of The Bill.** “Surrounded by dozens of Republican lawmakers, Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a major tax

cut into law Tuesday afternoon, securing a legislative priority hours before delivering a national address Tuesday night. Republicans reached a compromise on the package Thursday, passing a final deal through the House and Senate in a one-day sprint. The law will change Iowa's income tax rate to a flat 3.9%, reduce corporate taxes and eliminate the state tax on retirement income. Corporate taxes will also decrease gradually, based on the amount the state collects each year. Every year Iowa has more than \$700 million in net corporate income tax receipts, the top rate will decrease, working its way down to 5.5%." [Iowa Capital Dispatch, [3/1/22](#)]

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- **Iowa Business Record: The Iowa Real Estate Developers Association’s Goal Was “Advocating For A Positive Environment For Economic Investment” For Real Estate Developers.** “Several Iowa developers have formed the Iowa Real Estate Developers Association, a group whose goals include advocating for a positive environment for economic investment and providing professional development opportunities to other developers, members announced. The group’s founding members want to use their collective voice to focus on issues important to property development in Iowa, they said in a news release.” [Iowa Business Record, [1/25/23](#)]

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Against Tenants Based On Their Sources Of Income. “Legislation that would block city ordinances that prohibit landlord discrimination against renters using federal housing vouchers passed the Senate Wednesday. The amended Senate File 252 now heads to Gov. Kim Reynolds’ desk. The House passed the bill on Monday after amending it to delay the effective date for two years for existing leases. The Senate agreed to that change, giving the cities of Iowa City, Marion and Des Moines time to prepare for the new regulations. Those cities passed ordinances that prohibit landlords from discriminating based on the source of income tenants use to pay rent. Those laws will be negated if Reynolds signs the bill, and cities will be prohibited from passing similar local laws in the future.” [Iowa Capital Dispatch, [3/17/21](#)]

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Joe Mitchell Was A Real Estate Developer

2020: Mitchell Founded J Mitchell Real Estate, A Real Estate Development Company

August 2020: Mitchell Founded J Mitchell Real Estate. [Iowa Secretary of State, J. Mitchell Real Estate Certificate of Organization, filed 8/27/20]

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Certificate of Organization - LLC

Information

CODE 489 DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Chapter

J. Mitchell Real Estate, L.L.C.

Name of Entity

8/27/2020 12:00:00 AM

Effective Date and Time

Perpetual

Expiration Date

No

Does the limited liability company hold an interest in agricultural land in Iowa?

Registered Agent and Registered Office Address

Joseph Mitchell

Full Name

1331 E Monroe Street

Address1

Address2

Mt. Pleasant

City

IA

State

52641

Zip

USA

Country

Principal office

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Signature(s)

Joseph Mitchell

Organizer

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Date

Iowa Legislature: J Mitchell Real Estate “Has Rental Properties And Also Does Multi-Family Housing Developments.” “Profession: Currently self-employed with J. Mitchell Real Estate, L.L.C. J. Mitchell Real Estate, L.L.C. has rental properties and also does multi-family housing developments.” [Iowa Legislature, Representative Joe Mitchell, accessed [8/23/26](#)]

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- **SF 619 Expanded The State’s Workforce Housing Tax Credit From \$25 Million To \$35 Million After FY22.** “SF 619—Reducing taxes benefits Iowa families and makes our state more competitive. [...] Builds high quality homes in rural and urban Iowa by increasing the Workforce Housing Tax Credit to \$40 million for FY22 and \$35 million going forward. The Workforce Housing Tax Credit went from \$25 million to \$40 million in the next fiscal year, with \$12 million earmarked for rural communities. The program provides incentives to developers to build homes in the \$200,000 to \$285,000 range to increase housing stock for working professionals.” [Build Des Moines, Pages 40-41, [June 2021](#)]
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Mitchell Had Been Involved With BAM Development Since 2021, And Helped Found Boussetot & Mitchell Company In 2024

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1. Filer's Positions Held Outside United States Government						
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1	J Mitchell Real Estate LLC	Des Moines, Iowa	Corporation	Managing Partner	8/2020	Present
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6	Iowa Real Estate Developers Association	Des Moines, Iowa	Non-Profit	Chairman/Executive Director	11/2022	3/2025
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April 2024: Mitchell Helped Found Boussetot & Mitchell Company. [Iowa Secretary of State, Certificate of Organization, filed 4/29/24]

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Date **4/29/2024 01:18 PM**
Corp No **786401**
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Certificate of Organization - LLC

Information

CODE 489 DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Creator
Boussetot & Mitchell Company, LLC
Name of the limited liability company

Principal office

4003 SW 4th Street
Address1 Address2
Ankeny IA 50023 USA
City State Zip Country

The mailing address of the entity's principal office

4003 SW 4th Street
Address1 Address2
Ankeny IA 50023 USA
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Effective Date and Time
Expiration Date
No
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Registered Agent and Registered Office Address

Michael Boussetot
Full Name
4003 SW 4th Street
Address1 Address2
Ankeny IA 50023 USA
City State Zip Country

The mailing address of its registered office

4003 SW 4th Street
Address1 Address2
Ankeny IA 50023 USA
City State Zip Country

Signature(s)

Joseph Mitchell
Organizer Date 04/29/2024 13:18:05

March 2025: Mitchell Said He Been Involved With Boussetot & Mitchell Company Since Its Founding In April 2024. [Joseph Mitchell Executive Branch Personnel Financial Disclosure, Page 2, filed [3/17/25](#)]

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FY2024-2025 Workforce Housing Tax Credits Received By Joe Mitchell's Real Estate Entities

Applicant	Entity	City, County	# of Units	Total Tax Credit Award (\$)
BAM Development, LLC	Sunset St Development	Grinnell, Poweshiek	16	\$610,080
BAM Development, LLC	Emerald Place Development	Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo	30	\$1,000,000
Bousselot & Mitchell Company	2nd Ave SE Dyersville Development	Dyersville, Dubuque	20	\$949,800
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During Debate On SF 252, Mitchell Voted Against Two Amendments Which Would Have Prevented Landlords From Discriminating Against Veterans And People With Disabilities

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- **Bleeding Heartland: The Amendment “Would Have Exempted Vouchers Provided To Veterans” From Being Discriminated Against.** “Senate File 252 continues a pattern of Iowa GOP lawmakers pre-empting local governance [...] The one-page bill states that cities or counties ‘shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that prohibits an owner, lessor, sublessor, managing agent, or other person having the right to lease, sublease, or rent out a dwelling unit from refusing to lease or rent out the dwelling unit to a person because of the person’s use of a federal housing choice voucher issued by the United States department of housing and urban development.’ [...] House Republicans voted down Democratic amendments that would have exempted vouchers provided to veterans, to non-elderly people with disabilities, and to children in foster care or aging out of foster care.” [Bleeding Heartland, [4/27/21](#)]

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2025-2026: Housing Costs Increased By 2.2 Percent Nationwide

May 2025-May 2026: US Housing Prices “Rose 2.2 Percent.” “U.S. house prices rose nationwide in May, up 0.3 percent from the previous month, according to the U.S. Federal Housing (FHFA) seasonally adjusted monthly House Price Index (FHFA HPI®). House prices rose 2.2 percent from May 2025 to May 2026.” [Federal Housing Finance Agency, Press Release, [7/28/26](#)]

Joe Mitchell Message #3 Backup

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See Appendix

Mitchell's Campaign Has Received Thousands From PACs Representing Corporate Special Interests

HEADLINE: "Joe Mitchell Has Received Thousands Of Dollars In Donations From Corporate Interest PACs." [Iowa Independent, [7/30/26](#)]

Iowa Independent: Mitchell Repeatedly Took Money From PACs "Which Are Funded By Corporate Members And Advocate For Corporate Interests." "Former Iowa state Rep. Joe Mitchell, the Republican nominee for Iowa's open 2nd Congressional District seat, has said frequently that he is not taking any donations from corporate political action committees during this campaign. However, an Iowa Independent review of campaign finance disclosures shows that he has repeatedly taken money from trade association PACs, which are funded by corporate members and advocate for corporate interests." [Iowa Independent, [7/30/26](#)]

- **Mitchell's Campaign Received \$2,500 From The Mortgage Bankers Association PAC Which "Represents The Entire Real Estate Finance Industry."** "When Mitchell's campaign filed its July 15 quarterly report with the Federal Election Commission, it listed several donations accepted from trade association PACs representing corporations. These included \$2,500 on June 29 from the Mortgage Bankers Association PAC, which calls itself 'the only PAC that directly represents the entire real estate finance industry in our nation's political system.'" [Iowa Independent, [7/30/26](#)]
- **Mitchell Received At Least \$16,500 From Associations Representing Bankers, Insurance Agents & Brokers, CHS Inc, And Mutual Insurance Companies.** "Mitchell previously worked in President Donald Trump's administration as chief of staff at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which regulates Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Bank System, and as a regional director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. His disclosure filing also lists a \$5,000 contribution from the Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers PAC, \$5,000 from the National Electrical Contractors Association PAC, \$2,500 from the Association of Credit and Collection Professionals PAC, \$2,000 from CHS Inc. PAC, \$2,000 from the Trucking PAC of the

American Trucking Associations, and \$1,000 from the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies PAC.” [Iowa Independent, [7/30/26](#)]

Iowa Starting Line: Mitchell “Took \$17,500 From The Housing Industry He Used To Regulate.”
“Joe Mitchell promised no corporate PAC money. Then he took \$17,500 from the housing industry he used to regulate.” [Iowa Starting Line, [7/27/26](#)]

Joe Mitchell Message #4 Backup

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Mitchell Will Sell Out To Anyone

Rhetoric

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Mitchell’s Campaign Received Thousands From Two Known Fraudsters And Convicted Felons, One Of Which Had Ties To The Mob

Mitchell’s Campaign Received Over \$6,000 From Adam Kidan, A Known Fraudster Who Was Sentenced To 70 Months In Prison For His Role In The Scheme

Mitchell’s Campaign Received \$6,615.70 From Adam Kidan. [FEC Receipts, accessed [8/18/26](#)]

- **2005: Kidan Pleaded Guilty To Fraud And Conspiracy Charges For Defrauding Lenders Of \$60 Million In The Purchase Of The SunCruz Casinos Gambling Boat Fleet.** “A former business associate of Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty Thursday to fraud and conspiracy charges related to a deal to buy a fleet of Florida-based gambling boats, the latest twist in a federal inquiry that has reached to Congress. Adam R. Kidan, who had entered a plea of not guilty after he was indicted in August, said he and his onetime partner defrauded lenders of \$60 million five years ago by faking a \$23-million wire transfer to get financing to buy the SunCruz Casinos fleet. Abramoff pleaded not guilty in August to a six-count federal fraud and conspiracy indictment stemming from his role in the purchase. ‘Did you intentionally do what the government says you did in this case?’ U.S. District Judge Paul C. Huck asked Kidan, 41, on Thursday. ‘Yes, your honor,’ Kidan said. When asked what revised plea he wanted to enter, the New Yorker said, ‘guilty, your honor.’ Kidan could receive as much as five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each of the two counts.” [Los Angeles Times, [12/16/05](#)]
- **Kidan Was Sentenced To 70 Months In Federal Prison And Ordered To Pay \$21.7 Million In Restitution For His Role In The Fraudulent Purchase Of The SunCruz Casinos Cruise Ship Line.** The New York Times reported, “The disgraced Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff was sentenced to nearly six years in federal prison today for his role in a fraud scheme involving the purchase of a cruise ship line. Mr. Abramoff, 47, and his partner, Adam Kidan, 41, were each sentenced to 70 months, the lowest punishment under federal guidelines, by Judge Paul Huck of

Federal District Court here. They were also placed on three years' probation and ordered to pay a total of \$21.7 million in restitution." [The New York Times, [3/29/06](#)]

- **Florida Bulldog: Kidan Was A Felon.** "With the sweep of President Donald Trump's pardon pen, sweet payback arrived Friday night for South Florida's semi-infamous felon, Adam Kidan. The Palm Beach Gardens resident, who served less than half of a 70-month federal prison sentence for fraud and conspiracy in the 2000 purchase of SunCruz Casinos, immediately saw both his status as a felon and his obligation to pay restitution (\$21.7 million plus interest that's been accumulating since his March 2006 conviction) dissolve. He pleaded guilty along with ex-super lobbyist Jack Abramoff." [Florida Bulldog, [7/5/26](#)]

Mitchell's Campaign Accepted \$5,000 From Felix Sater, A Convicted Felon Who Had Ties To The Mob

March 2026: Mitchell's Campaign Received \$5,000 From Felix Sater. [FEC Receipts, accessed [8/18/26](#)]

- **Sater Was Convicted Of First-Degree Assault In New York In 1991 After Stabbing A Commodities Broker In The Face With The Stem Of A Broken Margarita Glass.** ABC News reported, "Sater had already served prison time for a grisly 1991 assault at the El Rio Grande restaurant and bar in New York. According to court documents, Sater allegedly told a man at the bar, 'I'll kill you. I'll rip your f***** head off and stick it down your throat.' Sater then allegedly grabbed a frozen margarita from the bar, flung the contents in the air, smashed the glass on the bar, and stabbed the man in the cheek and neck, breaking his cheek and jaw, lacerating face and neck and severing nerves. He was convicted of first degree assault." [ABC News, [12/10/15](#)]
 - **In New York State, "Assault In The First Degree Is A Class B Felony."** "Assault in the first degree. [...] Assault in the first degree is a class B felony." [Laws of New York, Consolidated Laws of New York, Chapter 40 Part 3, Title H, Article 120, [9/22/14](#)]
- **Sater Worked At A Trump Tower Development Firm While Awaiting Sentencing In A Federal Racketeering Case; He Later Pled Guilty To Participating In A \$40 Million "Pump and Dump" Stock Scam With Mob Members.** ABC News reported, "As he began his work with Bayrock, Sater was also awaiting sentencing for his role in what authorities called a \$40 million 'pump and dump' stock scam. Federal prosecutors announced in a March 2, 2000 press release that Sater had pleaded guilty in the federal racketeering case, and was found to have been collaborating with members of four New York mob families. Sater and others had 'planned and carried out a series of fraudulent securities schemes and then laundered tens of millions of dollars in illicit profits,' the release said. Prosecutors said Sater and others had 'enlisted the help of individuals affiliated with organized crimes families of La Cosa Nostra to protect and promote their criminal activities.'" [ABC News, [12/10/15](#)]
 - **Pump And Dump Was "A Type Of Stock Fraud" Scheme.** "'Pump and Dump' is a type of stock fraud involving the use of false or misleading statements to increase stock prices and then sell the inflated stocks to the public. Stocks of microcap companies, which have low capitalizations and limited assets, are highly vulnerable to 'pump and dump' because they can be easily manipulated. Microcap stocks often lack reliable public information about the company and have a limited historical record. Many of them trade on the over-the-counter (OTC) markets such as the OTC Bulletin Board (OTCBB) or OTC Link LLC (OTC Link). OTC markets lack transparency in trading and have lax financial standards." [Cornell Law School, accessed [8/18/26](#)]

- **Sater's Racketeering Case Was Sealed By The Federal Government After He Became A "Cooperator" On A Range Of Matters, Keeping Much Of His Role In The Scheme Secret Until A 2007 Article Exposed His Mafia Ties.** ABC News reported, "Sater's alleged ties to organized crime were more widely publicized in December 2007 when The New York Times published an article featuring Sater's ties to Trump and describing his 'tangled past.' The article reported that Sater 'had been an 'unindicted co-conspirator' and a key figure in a \$40 million scheme involving 19 stockbrokers and organized crime figures from four Mafia families.' Sater told the Times that activity was in the past. 'I'm trying to lead an exemplary existence,' he said then. 'Old, bad luggage is not something anyone wants to remember.' While Sater's criminal conviction had been publicized, much of his role in the racketeering case had until that point been kept secret — sealed by the government because Sater had become a 'cooperator' on a range of matters." [ABC News, [12/10/15](#)]

...And A Hedge Fund Manager Who Shipped American Jobs To China

FEC: Mitchell's Campaign Received \$7,000 From John Paulson, President Of Paulson Capital Inc. [FEC, Joe Mitchell for Congress Q3 2025 Report, Receipts, filed [10/14/25](#)]

The Guardian: John Paulson Planned To Offshore An Ohio Manufacturing Plant To China Despite Defending Domestic Manufacturing, Eliminating 150 Union Jobs. "John Paulson, a hedge fund billionaire and one of Donald Trump's earliest Wall Street backers, is planning to offshore an Ohio manufacturing plant to China despite heavy pushback from employees. Workers at the plant call the move 'a slap in our face', after Paulson vocally defended domestic manufacturing, and are fighting to keep the plant open. Conn Selmer, the largest US manufacturer of brass and orchestra instruments, told the union it planned to offshore most work at its Eastlake, Ohio, plant to China by the end of June 2026, eliminating 150 jobs. United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 2359, which represents the 150 employees, said workers were informed of the closing when it first sat down to bargain over their new union contract last month." [The Guardian, [2/16/26](#)]

- **Washington Post: "The 150 People Who Still Worked At The Plant Were Losing Their Jobs, And Seeing Many Of Them Offshored To China."** "But in the small hours of June 30, he lay awake in bed. A little before 5 a.m., he rose and packed his lunch. Ahead of Klima was his last shift at the Conn Selmer plant in Eastlake, Ohio — everyone's last shift, because the factory was closing. At a time when the president of the United States said the country was in the midst of a manufacturing renaissance, the 150 people who still worked at the plant were losing their jobs, and seeing many of them offshored to China." [Washington Post, [8/1/26](#)]
- **June 30, 2026: The Conn Selmer Plant In Eastlake, Ohio Closed Down.** "But in the small hours of June 30, he lay awake in bed. A little before 5 a.m., he rose and packed his lunch. Ahead of Klima was his last shift at the Conn Selmer plant in Eastlake, Ohio — everyone's last shift, because the factory was closing. At a time when the president of the United States said the country was in the midst of a manufacturing renaissance, the 150 people who still worked at the plant were losing their jobs, and seeing many of them offshored to China." [Washington Post, [8/1/26](#)]

Appendix

Mitchell's Campaign Received \$305,266 In Contributions From Corporate Special Interests. [FEC Receipts, accessed [4/21/26](#)]

Recipient	Contributor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Ackman, William	Pershing Square Capital Management	CEO Hedge Fund	10/7/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Andelkovic, Katarina	Medical Results Online	President	2/22/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Anderson, Chelsy Snyder	Dean Snyder Construction	Business Development	12/31/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Arnott, Robert D.	Research Affiliates	CEO	2/19/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Bech, Douglas Y.	Raintree Resorts International	CEO	10/2/25	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Berlin, James R.	Logistics Plus	CEO	3/25/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Bernau, Thomas R.	Bernau Capital Partners	CEO	9/24/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Bjurstrom, Edward	CompassioNow	Founder	9/4/25	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Burkentine, Paul	Burkentine Builders	Land Developer	9/29/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Burkentine, Rajean	Burkentine Builders	Land Developer	9/29/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Bystry, Douglas	Clearinghouse CDFI	President	12/26/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Chaves, Richard	Parking Company Of America	CEO	12/7/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Chawla, Suresh	DLG	President	12/5/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Christenson, Cris	Acco	Owner	9/29/25	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Cox, Edward A. III	Streblov Boat Holdings, LLC	Owner	12/29/25	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Coyne, Ryan	Starboard	CEO	3/30/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Craig, Steven L.	Craig Realty Group	Real Estate Developer	12/26/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Crivello, Frank P.	Phoenix Investors	Founder & Chairman	3/25/26	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Crivello, Reece	Phoenix Investors	Executive Director	3/25/26	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Damasceno, Grazia	Self-Employed	Entrepreneur	3/10/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Deeds, David	JSA Development	President	9/26/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Deering, Anthony James	Pegasus Steel	CEO	9/29/25	\$7,000

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Joe Mitchell for Congress	Evans, Riley	Aaron Mining LLC	CEO	2/21/26	\$6,650
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers Of America, Inc. Pac (InsurpPAC)			3/31/26	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Ingram, Michael K.	El Dorado Holdings, Inc	Founder	12/11/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Johnson, Kevin	Accurate Development Inc.	Developer	9/23/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Junaid, Ansir	Supply Side	CEO	9/30/25	\$3,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Kading, Rick D.	Kading Properties	Founder	9/30/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Kidan, Adam	Atlantic Solutions Group	Executive	11/25/25	\$3,616
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Kirke, Gerald M.	Kirke LLC	Owner	12/29/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Kirke, Sue	Shaffers Bridal	Owner	12/29/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Koellner, Kevin P.	Focus Real Estate Development	Owner	9/29/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Larson, Kenneth R.	Slumberland	CEO	10/17/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Long, Jenny	Self-Employed	Investor	12/31/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Massimino, Michael	MB Financial Group	Real Estate Developer	11/17/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Milivojevic, Filip	Denver Cargo Inc	President	2/22/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Mitchell, John R.	Md Orthopaedics, Inc.	Owner	9/15/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	National Apartment Association PAC			3/25/26	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Neal, Patrick K.	Neal Communities Realty Inc.	President	3/16/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Needham, Steve	Needham Roofing	President	9/15/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Paulson, John	Paulson Capital Inc	President	9/12/25	\$7,000

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Joe Mitchell for Congress	Portillo, Richard J.	R+S Growth Management Office	President	12/10/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Pratt, Brandon	Lion Development Group	Owner	10/17/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Rehnert, Geoffrey	Audax Group	CEO	3/30/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Reily, Caroline T.	Aluminum Technologies	CEO	10/1/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Reily, William B. Iv	The Reily Companies	CEO	9/30/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Rich, John W. Jr.	Reading Anthracite Co	Chairman	3/31/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Romare, Joseph A.	Whiskey River	Owner	9/15/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Romare, Nicole L.	Whiskey River	Owner	9/15/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Rubinov, Uriel	Rubinov Group	CEO	3/4/26	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Rypma, Timothy B.	Rypma Realty	President	9/29/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Schostak, Robert I.	Schostak Brothers And Co.	CEO	10/14/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Stevenson, Paul K.	Clear Lake Bank	Chief Credit Officer	9/29/25	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Thornhill, Barbara Hale	Impact Design	President	8/4/25	\$7,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Troutt, Kenny A.	Mt Vernon Investments	Investments	12/26/25	\$3,500
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Voss, Brent	Voss Concrete Inc	Owner	9/23/25	\$5,000
Joe Mitchell for Congress	Zeman, Edward C.	Zeman Homes	Chairman	9/4/25	\$7,000
TOTAL:					\$305,266