

Mike France (CT-02) Research Report

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Mike France

Republican Candidate in Connecticut's 2nd Congressional District

Research Memo – 2022

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Significant Findings

Time And Again, France Sided Against The Interests Of Connecticut Women.

- ✓ France supported overturning Roe v. Wade – which lets states ban abortion even in cases of rape, incest, and when a woman’s life is in danger – and advocated to repeal pro-choice laws in Connecticut.
- ✓ France’s allies supported abortion laws like Texas’ vigilante six-week ban.
- ✓ 2021: France voted against banning so-called “crisis pregnancy centers” from handing out misleading information and using other deceptive advertising about abortion.
- ✓ France voted against bipartisan bills to protect victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault.
 - ✓ 2021: France voted against “Jennifer’s Law,” a widely bipartisan bill to provide greater protections to victims of domestic abuse.
 - ✓ 2019: France voted against the widely bipartisan “Time’s Up” Act that provided greater legal protections to victims of sexual assault – including a longer statute of limitations for victims of child sex crimes – and mandated sexual harassment training in Connecticut workplaces.
- ✓ 2018: France voted against ensuring Connecticut women could get birth control without a co-pay.
- 2017: France voted against a bill to protect pregnant women from discrimination or retaliation at work, calling it “window dressing.”
- ✓ France voted against protecting women’s health and pay equity for women.
 - ✓ 2016: France voted against a widely bipartisan bill to require health insurers cover 3D mammograms, which physicians have since recommended over traditional mammography.
 - ✓ 2017: France voted against a widely bipartisan bill to promote pay equity between men and women, though he voted for the same bill one year later.

In The Legislature, France Made A Habit Of Voting Against Overwhelmingly Bipartisan And Broadly Popular Proposals.

- ✓ France voted against bipartisan bills to protect kids.
 - ✓ 2021: France voted against advancing a widely bipartisan bill to require youth sports coaches, instructors, and athletic trainers submit background checks as part of the hiring process.

- ✓ 2021: France voted against a bipartisan bill to establish a youth suicide prevention training program and other youth mental health initiatives.
- ✓ 2017: France was one of only eight Assembly members to vote against a widely bipartisan bill to ban gay conversion therapy in Connecticut.
- ✓ France voted against popular consumer proposals, including bans on price gouging and the undisclosed corporate sale of personal data.
 - ✓ 2021: France voted against a widely bipartisan bill to combat price gouging in Connecticut.
 - ✓ 2021: France voted against advancing a consumer privacy bill that would have extended to consumers the right to know information companies collected about them, the right to delete it, and the right to stop the sale of it to third parties.
- ✓ 2019: France voted against a widely bipartisan bill authorizing the development of offshore wind in Connecticut.
- ✓ 2017: France voted against a widely bipartisan bill to permanently ban the storage and disposal of fracking waste in Connecticut.

France Consistently Voted Against Laws That Kept Firearms From Felons, Violent Individuals, And Kids.

- ✓ France repeatedly voted against bills to ensure perpetrators of domestic violence were not allowed to possess firearms.
 - ✓ 2016: France voted against a bill enabling judges to order the removal of firearms from a home upon issuance of an ex parte restraining order.
 - ✓ 2021: France voted against expanding Connecticut's "red flag" law to seize firearms from at-risk individuals before violence occurred by allowing family members, roommates, and intimate partners to be acceptable complainants.
- ✓ 2019: France voted against banning so-called "ghost guns," partially completed weapons that were "a path to gun ownership" for felons and violent individuals.
- ✓ 2019: France voted against "Ethan's Law," a widely bipartisan bill designed to keep guns out of kids' hands by imposing strict storage requirements.
- ✓ 2019: France voted against a gun storage bill aimed at addressing rising numbers of gun thefts from vehicles.
- ✓ 2021: France sponsored a bill to ban municipalities from regulating firearms.
 - ✓ At least two towns in CT-02 had adopted ordinances regulating the use of firearms, including in recreational areas and near housing and public streets.
- ✓ France said "assault rifle" was an "emotional term that was created by gun control activists to scare people" and questioned whether psychotropic drug use caused mass shootings.

- ✓ France criticized Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy's work to address gun violence, calling it "part of the problem."

France Was Dangerous For Connecticut's Health Care.

- ✓ France supported repealing the Affordable Care Act, which threatened healthcare protections for 529,000 Connecticut adults with pre-existing conditions.
- ✓ France voted against widely bipartisan bills expanding the number of young adults able to stay on their parents' dental, vision, and medical insurance until age 26.

Despite Moving To Eliminate Connecticut's Public Financing Program, France Benefitted From The Program To The Tune Of Over \$113,000.

- ✓ France and his conservative caucus supported eliminating the Connecticut Citizens' Election Program, but France himself benefitted from public financing to the tune of \$113,140.

France Voted Against Wage Hikes, Hazard Pay, And Allowing Additional Retirement Benefits For Police Officers.

- ✓ 2019: France voted against a resolution recommending approval of a labor agreement for the Connecticut State Police Union which called for a 6.5% wage increase over three years, established a \$100 monthly hazardous stipend for employees in major crime units, and established a paid lunch period for troopers.
- ✓ 2019: France voted against allowing Connecticut municipalities to provide additional retirement compensation to retired public safety employees who suffered permanent disability in the line of duty.

France Was An Anti-Vax Extremist Who Favored Allowing Parents To Refuse Common Childhood Immunizations Required In Schools.

- ✓ 2021: France sponsored a bill to allow people to claim a "moral and philosophical objection" to refuse vaccines, including common childhood immunizations required in schools.
 - ✓ The bill text did not mention the COVID-19 vaccine and appeared to apply to all immunization requirements in the state of Connecticut.
- ✓ 2021: France voted against eliminating a religious exemption that some parents used to choose not to vaccinate their kids against various diseases.

France Joined Republican Efforts To Challenge The Results Of The 2020 Election And Make It Harder To Vote In The Future.

- ✓ While running for Congress, France said he did not suspect widespread voter fraud occurred in Connecticut during the 2020 election...
- ✓ But months after the 2020 election, France sponsored a bill to make sweeping changes to the state's election system, including by requiring "risk-limiting post-election audits."
- ✓ When asked whether he would have supported certifying the 2020 election, France dodged the question, saying objections to certification were normal.

- ✓ France supported other reforms to make it harder to vote, including implementing voter ID and signature verification and eliminating the use of no-excuse absentee ballots.

France Was Connecticut State Chair Of A Shady, Corporate-Funded Nonprofit That Pushed Dangerous Bills To Repeal The Minimum Wage And Privatize Social Security.

- ✓ 2020-2022: France was Connecticut State Chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).
- ✓ ALEC, a corporate “bill mill,” pushed legislation to weaken and repeal state minimum wage laws, privatize Social Security and Medicare, and eliminate waiting period for gun sales.

September 2020: France Sued Gov. Ned Lamont Over The Continuation Of The Public Health Emergency In Connecticut, Arguing The State Was Not Facing “Major Disaster” From COVID-19.

- ✓ September 2020: France sued Gov. Ned Lamont over the continuation of Connecticut’s public health emergency, arguing the declaration was “completely meritless” because the COVID-19 pandemic did not constitute a “major disaster.”
- ✓ The suit asked a judge to vacate Lamont’s preparedness orders and executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

France Supported Tax Policies That Benefitted Corporations And The Wealthy.

- ✓ France supported the Republican tax bill, which benefitted corporations and the wealthiest among us.
- ✓ 2020: France tried three times to eliminate the estate tax in Connecticut, a tax exclusively on estates now valued at over \$9.1 million.

France Embraced The Most Extreme Factions Of The Republican Party.

- ✓ France was a strong Trump supporter who opposed impeachment, even after the Capitol insurrection.
- ✓ France was pictured with Ronna McDaniel, called Ron DeSantis a “great patriot,” and praised Rep. Steve Scalise.
- ✓ France was slated to speak at a rally alongside Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, though his name was later removed from the billing.

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Frederick Michael France
- **BORN:** 10/1962
- **FAMILY:** Wife, Heather and six children
- **HOME:** GALES FERRY, CT 06335-1209 NEW LONDON COUNTY
- **EDUCATION:** B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Southern California 1987; M.S., Electrical Engineering, Naval Postgraduate School; M.S., Organizational Management, Eastern Connecticut State University 2005

- **PROFESSIONAL:** Senior Systems Engineer, Progeny Systems Corporation (2005-2008); Engineering Manager, Progeny Systems Corporation
- **POLITICAL:** State Representative, Connecticut House District 42 (2015-Present); Member, Republican State Central Committee, 19th District (2013-Present); Member, Ledyard Town Council (2012-2014); Candidate, Connecticut House District 42 (2012)
- **MILITARY:** Retired Naval Officer (enlisted 1981, retired 2005); Damage Control Assistant in USS MARS (AFS 1); Combat System Officer/Navigator in USS REEVES (CG 24); Three Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf deployments in support of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Southern Watch; Project Superintendent for overhaul of USS DOLPHIN at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; Program Manager Representative for VIRGINIA (SSN 774) Class Submarine Non-Propulsion Electronics System, SUPSHIP Groton
- **COMMITTEES:** Ranking Member, Appropriations Committee; Member, General Administration and Elections Committee; Chairman, Connecticut General Assembly Conservative Caucus
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** Member, Somerset-St. James No. 34 Lodge; Connecticut State Chair, ALEC
- **LICENSES:** Pilot License (2011-Present)

Time And Again, France Sided Against The Interests Of Connecticut Women

France Supported Overturning Roe v. Wade – Which Lets States Ban Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And When A Woman’s Life Is In Danger – And Advocated To Repeal Pro-Choice Laws In Connecticut

France Supported Overturning Roe v. Wade

France Said The Dobbs Decision Was “A Constitutionally Correct Decision.” “‘The Dobbs decision was a constitutionally correct decision. Justice Alito laid that out very clearly that there is no constitutional or federal protection, that is it really a state’s role to legislate that,’ France said.” [CT Examiner, [7/26/22](#)]

France Stood At A Rally With The Executive Director Of The Anti-Abortion Family Institute Of Connecticut On The Day Roe v. Wade Was Overturned. “Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, who is running for Congress against Courtney, and Rep. Brian Lanoue, R-Griswold, stood behind Peter Wolfgang, executive director of the anti-abortion Family Institute of Connecticut, at a rally in Hartford on Friday.” [The Day, [6/24/22](#)]

The Overturn Of Roe v. Wade Allowed States To Ban Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And When A Woman’s Life Was In Danger

National Right To Life Proposed Model Anti-Abortion Legislation For States Which Did Not Include Exceptions For Cases Of Rape Or Incest. “CHANG: I do notice that your group's legislation proposal, it doesn't call for any exceptions in cases of rape or incest, but it would not seek to ban abortions in the case where a mother's life is in jeopardy. That's correct, right? I've characterized that correctly? BELL: That is correct. CHANG: OK, so... BELL: So what National Right to Life has is model - they call this our model legislation.” [NPR, [6/24/22](#)]

After Roe v. Wade Was Overturned, Nearly A Dozen States Banned Abortion, Some With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest. [New York Times, accessed [8/6/22](#)]

France Advocated To Repeal Pro-Choice Laws In Connecticut

CT Mirror: At An Anti-Choice Rally, France “Advocated For Eventually Repealing The Pro-Abortion Laws That Currently Exist In The State.” “State Rep. Mike France, who is running for a U.S. House seat in Connecticut’s 2nd Congressional District, also advocated for eventually repealing the pro-abortion laws that

currently exist in the state. ‘The fight continues, but now it goes to the state legislatures,’ France said.” [CT Mirror, [6/24/22](#)]

France Was Endorsed By An Anti-Abortion Extremist Group That Supported Abortion Laws Like Texas’ Six-Week Ban

2020: Family Institute Of Connecticut Action Committee Endorsed France For State House. [FIC PAC, [10/14/20](#)]

Family Institute Of Connecticut: “Please Join Us In Praying For The Supreme Court To Rule The Legal Regime Of Roe v. Wade Is Unconstitutional.” “The Family Institute of Connecticut is affiliated with Family Policy Alliance and we are excited to support a new initiative called #AfterRoe. Please check it out here to learn more about what our country and our state would look like after Roe. Spoiler Alert: in the short term, not much would change in Connecticut should Roe v. Wade be ruled at least partially unconstitutional. But long term, ❤️ we would finally have a chance to meaningfully discuss abortion, what it truly is, how it negatively affects women and destroys God’s plan for families. Please join us in praying for the Supreme Court to rule that the legal regime of Roe v. Wade is unconstitutional.” [Family Institute of Connecticut, Accessed [3/24/22](#)]

- **Family Institute Of Connecticut Executive Director: “If God Willing, Roe v. Wade Is Overturned This Year, The Battle Will Continue On The State Level, And Places Like Connecticut Will Become The New Front Line.”** “Anti-abortion activists are expected to converge on the Capitol in Hartford on Wednesday, part of the movement’s state-by-state battle plan to limit abortion access if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. ‘If God willing, Roe v. Wade is overturned this year, the battle will continue on the state level, and places like Connecticut will become the new front line,’ said Peter Wolfgang, executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut.” [Hartford Courant, [3/20/22](#)]
- **Headline: “Anti-abortion activists target Connecticut as they gear up for a state-by-state battle, will hold march in Hartford.”** [Hartford Courant, [3/20/22](#)]

The Family Institute Of Connecticut’s Communications Director Said She Was Grateful That Texas’ Extreme Six-Week Abortion Ban Was Allowed To Go Into Effect. “Christina Bennett, an anti-abortion activist and communications director for the Family Institute of Connecticut, said she was grateful to hear of the law going into effect, but she also was not surprised by it. ‘Texas is a very pro-life state. They’ve been pushing for things like this for a while,’ she said. ‘This is the time for the pro-lifers in Texas to really show how committed they are aiding women and families. ... There’s many pro-life organizations across the state, and many of them have been providing support for women and families for decades. ... This is the time for them to step into that gap and help women who might be feeling afraid or alone, or they don’t know what to do.’” [Hartford Courant, [9/1/21](#)]

- **Family Institute Of Connecticut Executive Director: “It’s Not The Role Of Connecticut To Impose On Texas What Its Laws Should Be.”** “‘It’s not the role of Connecticut to impose on Texas what its laws should be. Just as people here in Connecticut would not like it if the pro-lifers of Texas were to impose a pro-life law on pro-abortion Connecticut,’ says Peter Wolfgang, of the Family Institute of Connecticut. That’s exactly what some fear as more abortion laws head to the Supreme Court.” [News 12, [9/17/21](#)]

France Voted Against Bipartisan Bills To Protect Victims Of Domestic Abuse And Sexual Assault

2021: France Voted Against “Jennifer’s Law,” A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Provide Greater Legal Protections To Victims Of Domestic Abuse

2021: France Voted Against “Jennifer’s Law,” A Widely Bipartisan Bill Expanding The Definition Of Domestic Violence To Include Acts Of “Coercive Control” And Establishing A Program To Provide Legal

Representation For Domestic Violence Victims Who File Restraining Orders. On June 4, 2021, France voted against SB 1091, “Jennifer’s Law,” which “expands the definition of domestic violence in state law to include ‘coercive control,’” meaning “that threatening, humiliating, or intimidating acts that harm a person and deprive them of their freedom will now be considered domestic violence, according to officials.” The bill also “will establish a new program to provide legal representation for domestic violence victims who file restraining orders.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 134-8. [SB 1091, Roll Call Vote #302, [6/4/21](#); NBC Connecticut, [6/29/21](#)]

Jennifer’s Law Was “A Bill Of Hope” For Some Domestic Abuse Victims, Giving Them “More Tools To Fight Back Against A Controlling Or Dangerous Relationship Before It Escalates To Violence.” “There is a bill of hope for Sarah. Jennifer’s Law went into effect on Oct. 1, 2021. Its intention is to help save lives by giving domestic abuse victims more tools to fight back against a controlling or dangerous relationship before it escalates to violence. Sarah is one of the many women who hope they can now access protections in family court that weren’t there before.” [Fox 61, [11/23/21](#)]

Op-Ed Headline: “Opinion: ‘Jennifer’s Law’ gives judges more power to halt domestic violence in CT.” [Stamford Advocate, Domestic Violence Crisis Center Executive Director Suzanne Adam Op-Ed, [6/12/21](#)]

- **Jennifer’s Law Was “Milestone” Legislation That “Afford[ed] Greater Rights And Protections To Victims Of Domestic Violence.”** “On June 4, ‘SB 1091,’ informally known as ‘Jennifers’ Law,’ passed in the Connecticut House of Representatives with overwhelming and bipartisan support. The bill is now before Gov. Ned Lamont, and we urge him to sign it into law. SB 1091 mandates a wide-range of important reforms that will afford greater rights and protections to victims of domestic violence. Most notably, it will expand the definition of family violence in Connecticut’s restraining order statute to allow judges to consider acts of ‘coercive control’ in abusive situations that do not involve actual physical harm to victims. [...] This milestone piece of legislation provides comprehensive protections for victims of domestic violence by addressing real experiences of survivors with all forms of domestic violence, not just physical abuse. In addition to recognizing coercive control, the bill establishes a grant program to provide low-income victims with legal representation when applying for a restraining order. It amends the definition of family violence crime to include violations of court orders issued for family violence and requires the court to consider the heightened risk posed to victims when determining bond for violations of court orders. It requires landlords, upon request of the tenant, to change the locks of an individual dwelling unit of a survivor of domestic or sexual violence when they have a court-issued restraining or protective order, or civil protection order.” [Stamford Advocate, Domestic Violence Crisis Center Executive Director Suzanne Adam Op-Ed, [6/12/21](#)]

2019: France Voted Against The Widely Bipartisan “Time’s Up” Act That Provided Greater Legal Protections To Victims Of Sexual Assault And Mandated Sexual Harassment Training

2019: France Voted Against The Widely Bipartisan “Time’s Up” Act. On June 1, 2019, France voted against SB 3, known as the “Time’s Up” Act. The bill passed the House by a vote of 121-23. [SB 3, Roll Call Vote #273, [6/1/19](#); Hartford Courant, [6/19/19](#)]

- **The Bill Extended The Statute Of Limitations For Criminal Prosecution Of Serious Felony Crimes, Including Rape, From 5 Years To 20 Years.** “The ‘Times Up’ bill, which received broad bipartisan support in the legislature, has a number of provisions: --Extends the statute of limitation for criminal prosecution of serious felony crimes, including forced rape and rape involving drugs and sex under a false medical pretense, to 20 years, from the current 5-year limit.” [Hartford Courant, [6/19/19](#)]
- **The Bill Extended The Statute Of Limitations For Misdemeanors, Including Fourth-Degree Sexual Assault, From 1 Year To 10 Years.** “The ‘Times Up’ bill, which received broad bipartisan support in the legislature, has a number of provisions: [...] --Extends the statute of limitations for misdemeanors such as fourth-degree sexual assault to 10 years from one year.” [Hartford Courant, [6/19/19](#)]

- **The Bill Eliminated The Statute Of Limitations For Prosecuting Sexual Assault Against Minors.** “The ‘Times Up’ bill, which received broad bipartisan support in the legislature, has a number of provisions: [...] -- Eliminates the statute of limitations for prosecuting sexual assaults against minors” [Hartford Courant, [6/19/19](#)]
- **The Bill Required Companies To Provide Sexual Harassment Training To All Employees Working 20 Hours Or More Per Week.** The ‘Times Up’ bill, which received broad bipartisan support in the legislature, has a number of provisions: [...] --Stronger training programs to eliminate sexual harassment in the workplace. The law requires two hours of training for all employees at companies with at least three employees. The state would provide a free, two-hour video that would be available online for training — in reaction to objections from some businesses that were concerned about the cost of training. The training is a one-time requirement for new employees within their first six months on the job, while supervisors would need training every 10 years. The training would be required for employees working 20 hours or more per week. Employers who fail to provide training could be fined up to \$1,000.” [Hartford Courant, [6/19/19](#)]

2018: France Voted Against Ensuring Connecticut Women Could Get Birth Control Without A Co-Pay

2018: France Voted Against Ensuring Connecticut Women Could Access Contraception Without A Co-Pay. On April 26, 2018, France voted against HB 5210, a bill that was “an opportunity for Connecticut to stand up for equality and freedom by preserving contraceptive coverage and coverage for other important healthcare services without out of pocket costs, and by expending that coverage to allow people to receive prescriptions for 12 months of contraception at a time without copays.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 114-32. [HB 5210, Roll Call Vote #84, [4/26/18](#)]

2017: France Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Protect Pregnant Women From Discrimination Or Retaliation At Work, Calling It “Window Dressing.”

2017: France Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill Enacting Greater Protections For Pregnant Women In The Workplace. On May 23, 2017, France voted against HB 6668, “an act concerning pregnant women in the workplace.” According to the CT Mirror, the bill “would enact specific protections for pregnant women who are in the workplace or seeking employment. [...] Most significantly, the bill’s backers say, it lists several specific accommodations for pregnant women in the workplace, though it is not an inclusive list. Under current federal law, there are no specific examples of what a “reasonable accommodation” is. Some of the accommodations in the bill include: Being allowed to sit while working More frequent or longer breaks Job restructuring Time off to recover from childbirth Break time and appropriate facilities for expressing breast milk” The bill passed the House by a vote of 120-30. [HB 6668, Roll Call Vote #187, [5/23/17](#); CT Mirror, [5/23/17](#)]

France Called The Bill “Window Dressing.”



Mike France @tubanoiz · May 25, 2017

#HB6668 only real effect changes employee count from 15 to 3. Anti-small business. Rest is mere window dressing. #ReadTheBill #CTHouse42



Lisa Kelly @LisaCKelly · May 25, 2017

Replying to @tubanoiz @Leigh_Appleby and 2 others

Per @CTMirror, "The bill would set more specific definitions and standards" than Fed Act. You are against this?



[Twitter, @tubanoiz, [5/25/17](#)]

2021: France Voted Against Banning So-Called “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” From Handing Out Misleading Information And Other Deceptive Advertising About Abortion

2021: France Voted Against Banning Deceptive Advertising Intended To Mislead The Public On Reproductive Healthcare Services. On May 19, 2021, France voted against SB 835, “legislation that prohibits deceptive advertising by so-called limited pregnancy services centers that is intended to mislead the public on reproductive healthcare services.” Specifically, the “legislation gives the Connecticut Attorney General the authority to seek a court order to stop the deceptive practices.” [SB 835, Roll Call Vote #150, [5/19/21](#); Office of Governor Ned Lamont, Press Release, [5/26/21](#)]

The Law Banned Deceptive Practices Like So-Called Crisis Pregnancy Centers Handing Out Misleading Information About Abortions And Other Women’s Health Services. “The state Senate on Wednesday approved a bill that would ban deceptive practices at so-called crisis pregnancy centers, the faith-based institutions accused of handing out misleading information about abortions and other women’s services. The bill prohibits deceptive advertisements in print publications, online postings, public statements, or ‘any other manner,’ and applies whether the centers do it themselves or someone else does it on their behalf. The proposal gives the Attorney General’s office the power to seek a court order to stop the deceptive practices. Violators would receive a notice to correct the problem within 10 days. If no action is taken, the attorney general could appeal to the courts, seeking fines or other penalties. If the court finds a pregnancy center in violation, the bill allows the state to impose penalties of \$50 to \$500 per incident, along with charging “reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.” The courts could also order the facilities to pay for and disseminate corrective advertising or to post a remedial notice that corrects the deceptive advertising.” [Connecticut Mirror, [5/5/21](#)]

France Voted Against Protecting Women’s Health And Pay Equity For Women

France Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Require Health Insurers Cover 3D Mammograms

2016: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Require Health Insurers Cover 3D Mammograms. On April 28, 2016, France voted against HB 5233, “a bill that would require health insurance carriers to cover 3D mammography.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 139-3. [HB 5233, Roll Call Vote #170, [4/28/16](#); Middletown Press, [4/29/16](#)]

- **2011: The FDA Approved 3D Mammography.** “All women should get them, especially if they have dense breasts; about 50% of women do. The availability and popularity of 3D mammography have grown notably since the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved it in 2011.” [Cedars Sinai, [10/8/19](#)]
- **2019: The American Society Of Breast Surgeons Recommend 3D Mammography Over Traditional 2D Mammography.** [American Society of Breast Surgeons, Position Statement on Screening Mammography, [2019](#)]
- **Headline: “3D Mammograms Outperform Traditional 2D Mammograms, Five-Year Study Shows.”** [BreastCancer.org, [3/20/20](#)]

2017: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Promote Pay Equity Between Men And Women, Though He Voted For The Same Bill One Year Later

2017: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Promote Pay Equity Between Men And Women. On April 12, 2017, France voted against HB 5591, “a measure to promote pay equity among men and women.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 139-9. [HB 5591, Roll Call Vote #59, [4/12/17](#); CT Mirror, [4/12/17](#)]

- **The Bill “Strengthen[ed] Gender Pay Equity Legislation On The Books Since 1963.”** “The bill strengthens gender pay equity legislation on the books since 1963, and puts added pressure on a wage gap that costs Connecticut women an estimated \$5.5 billion per year, said Rep. Robyn Porter, D-New Haven, House chair of the labor committee.” [CT Mirror, [4/12/17](#)]
- **The Bill Strengthened A Requirement That Employers Provide Comparable Pay For Workers Performing Similar Duties And Protected Employees From Using Seniority Based On Time Spent On Maternity Leave, Among Other Provisions.** “The bill, which the House passed 139-9 and now heads to the Senate, would: Ban employers from using a worker’s previously earned wages as a defense against a charge of pay inequity; Protect employees from losing seniority based on time spent on maternity or other family or medical leave; Strengthen the requirement that employers provide “comparable” pay for workers performing similar duties; Clarify the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities’ ability to investigate complaints of discrimination when wages are involved.” [CT Mirror, [4/12/17](#)]

2018: France Voted In Favor Of The Pay Equity Legislation. “The House of Representatives overwhelming approved a bipartisan pay-equity bill Thursday that would place Connecticut in the small but growing ranks of states that bar employers from asking applicants about their pay history. It now goes to the Senate, where a similar measure died last year without a vote. House Majority Leader Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, said the political environment for acting has only grown more favorable since last year, ensuring passage again in the House. The Senate is seen as unlikely to block passage in an election year when every legislative seat is up for election. [...] The vote last year was 139-9. Republicans Mike France of Ledyard, John Fusco of Southington, Robin Green of Marlborough and John Piscopo of Thomaston supported the bill Thursday after voting no in 2017. Another no vote, Republican Cara Pavalock-D’Amato of Bristol, was absent Thursday after recently giving birth. The theory behind the pay equity law is simple: Women historically earn less than men, even for similar jobs, so relying on pay history only will continue inequities. The bill passed Thursday does not bar an applicant from using pay history to negotiate for higher pay.” [Norwich Bulletin, 4/21/18]

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France Voted Against Bipartisan Bills To Protect Kids

2021: France Voted Against Advancing A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Require Youth Sports Coaches, Instructors, And Athletic Trainers Submit Background Checks

2021: France Voted Against Advancing A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Require Youth Sports Coaches, Instructors, And Athletic Trainers To Submit A Comprehensive Background Check As Part Of The Hiring Process. On May 3, 2021, France voted against advancing HB 6511 out of the House Appropriations Committee. According to the bill text, the bill would have “require[d] any prospective employee, except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, who is eighteen years of age or older and applying for a position as a coach or instructor of a youth athletic activity or as an athletic trainer, licensed under chapter 375a, to submit to a comprehensive background check, including state and national criminal history records checks and a check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.” The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 46-2. [HB 6511, House Appropriations Committee Vote, [5/3/21](#); HB 6511 Joint Favorable Report, [5/3/21](#)]

- **The Background Checks Would Have Been Required To Include A Check Of State And National Criminal History And A Check Of The State Child Abuse Registry.** On May 3, 2021, France voted against advancing HB 6511 out of the House Appropriations Committee. According to the bill text, the bill would have “require[d] any prospective employee, except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, who is eighteen years of age or older and applying for a position as a coach or instructor of a youth athletic activity or as an athletic trainer, licensed under chapter 375a, to submit to a comprehensive background check, including state

and national criminal history records checks and a check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.” The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 46-2. [HB 6511, House Appropriations Committee Vote, [5/3/21](#); HB 6511 Joint Favorable Report, [5/3/21](#)]

2021: France Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Establish A Youth Suicide Prevention Training Program And Other Youth Mental Health Initiatives

2021: France Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Establish A Youth Suicide Prevention Training Program And Other Youth Mental Health Initiatives. On June 2, 2021, France voted against SB 2. The bill “would expand mental health services and interventions for kids by implementing suicide prevention training in local and district health departments that will be administered by the Office of the Child Advocate and the Youth Suicide Advisory Board once every three years starting July 1, 2022” and “would also implement mental health training and education for health care professionals — including physician assistants and behavioral analysts — starting Jan. 1, 2022.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 112-34. [SB 2, Roll Call Vote #258, [6/2/21](#); Hartford Courant, [6/3/21](#)]

- **Republicans Argued The Bill Allowed Mental Health Professionals To Treat Kids Without Notifying Their Parents.** “One of the arguments Republicans raised against the legislation is that it would change an existing state statute that allows psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers or family therapists to provide outpatient mental health treatment to a child without notifying their parents for no more than six of the child’s visits. This bill would remove the limit.” [Hartford Courant, [6/3/21](#)]

2017: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Ban Gay Conversion Therapy In Connecticut

2017: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Ban Gay Conversion Therapy In Connecticut. On May 2, 2017, France voted against HB 6695, “a bill that would make Connecticut one of a half-dozen states barring conversion therapy, the discredited practice of trying to change the sexual orientation of young homosexuals.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 141-8. [HB 6695, Roll Call Vote #82, [5/2/17](#); CT Mirror, [5/2/17](#)]

France Voted Against Popular Consumer Proposals, Including Bans On Price Gouging And The Undisclosed Corporate Sale Of Personal Data

2021: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Combat Price Gouging In Connecticut

2021: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Strengthen Connecticut’s Ability To Combat Price Gouging. On March 18, 2021, France voted against HB 5307, a bill “to strengthen the state’s ability to combat price gouging” by “expanding beyond retail,” “clearly defining price gouging behavior,” and amending the statute to “include rentals and leases.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 130-18. [HB 5307, Roll Call Vote #137, [5/18/21](#); Office of Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, Press Release, [5/18/21](#)]

2021: France Voted Against Advancing A Consumer Privacy Bill That Would Have Extended To Consumers The Right To Know Information Companies Collected About Them, The Right To Delete It, And The Right To Stop The Sale Of It To Other Parties

2021: France Voted Against Advancing A Consumer Privacy Bill That Expanded Individual Rights Related To Personal Data. On May 17, 2021, France voted against advancing SB 893 out of the House Appropriations Committee. The bill “would have extend[ed] to Connecticut consumers the right to know the information companies have collected about them, the right to delete that information, and the right to stop the disclosure of certain information to third parties, with additional rights for sensitive data.” The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 34-15. [SB893, House Appropriations Committee Vote, [5/17/21](#); Consumer Reports Advocacy, [5/6/21](#)]

France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill Authorizing The Development Of Offshore Wind In Connecticut

2019: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Authorize The Development Of Offshore Wind Energy In Connecticut. On May 14, 2019, France voted against HB 7156, a bill that “authorizes the development of offshore wind in Connecticut” and “authorizes the state to purchase up to 2,000 MW (or equivalent to 30 percent of state load) – the largest authorization by load of any state in the region.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 134-10. [HB 7156, Roll Call Vote #102, [5/14/19](#); Office of Governor Ned Lamont, Press Release, [6/7/19](#)]

France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Permanent Ban On Storing And Disposing Of Fracking Waste In Connecticut

2017: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Establish A Permanent Ban On Storing And Disposing Fracking Waste In Connecticut. On May 9, 2017, France voted against HB 6329, a bill banning fracking waste from Connecticut. The bill passed the House by a vote of 141-6. [HB 6329, Roll Call Vote #112, [5/9/17](#); CT Insider, [5/10/17](#)]

France Voted Against Advancing A Bipartisan Bill To Impose A One-Year Moratorium On Lobbying By Former State Employees

2018: France Voted Against Advancing A Bill To Impose A One-Year Moratorium On Lobbying By Former State Employees. On March 9, 2018, France voted against advancing out of the Government Administration Elections Committee HB 5174, a bill to impose a one-year moratorium on lobbying by former state employees. The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 14-2. [HB 5174, House Government Administration and Elections Committee, [3/9/18](#)]

France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Create A Tax Credit For Companies That Made Student Loan Payments On Their Employees’ Behalf

2019: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Create A Tax Credit For Companies That Made Student Loan Payments On Their Employees’ Behalf. On June 5, 2019, France voted against SB 72, a bill that “provides eligible employers with a tax credit (for corporate business tax or insurance premiums tax) of up to \$2,625 per employee per year for making eligible education loan payments on a qualified employee's behalf.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 138-8. [SB 72, Roll Call Vote #336, [6/5/19](#); Holland & Knight, [7/17/19](#)]

France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Require Connecticut Public High Schools To Offer Courses On Black And Latino Studies

2019: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Require Connecticut Public High Schools To Offer Courses On Black And Latino Studies. On May 22, 2019, France voted against HB 7082. The bill “directs all regional and local boards of education to include an elective course of studies at the high school level that provides students with a better understanding of the African-American, Black, Puerto Rican, and Latino contributions to United States history, society, economy, and culture.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 122-24. [HB 7082, Roll Call Vote #180, [5/22/19](#)]

France Consistently Voted Against Laws That Kept Firearms From Felons, Violent Individuals, And Kids

France Repeatedly Voted Against Bills To Ensure Perpetrators Of Domestic Violence Were Not Allowed To Possess Firearms

2016: France Voted Against A Bill Enabling Judges To Order The Removal Of Firearms From A Home Upon Issuance Of An Ex Parte Restraining Order

2016: France Voted Against A Bill Enabling Judges To Order The Removal Of Firearms From A Home Upon The Issuance Of An Ex Parte Restraining Order. On April 27, 2016, France voted against HB 5054, a bill “that enables a judge to order the removal of firearms from a home upon issuance of an ex parte restraining order. Upon service of the ex parte restraining order the offender is required to transfer, deliver or surrender the firearms and/or ammunition within 24 hours. The hearing on the restraining order must be held within 7 days of service and if the restraining order is not granted, the firearms are returned.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 104-42. [HB 5054, Roll Call Vote #154, [4/27/16](#); End Sexual Violence Connecticut, [2016 Legislative Session Update](#)]

- **In Connecticut, An Ex Parte Restraining Order Is A Temporary Protective Order Issued As Soon As Someone Is Arrested On Domestic Violence Charges.** “In the interest of protecting alleged victims of domestic violence from further harm, courts in Connecticut almost always move to institute a temporary protective order as soon as possible after someone is arrested on domestic violence charges. This order—known as an ex parte protective order—will be issued at the initial arraignment hearing that occurs on the next business morning following an arrest, and it lasts until the defendant’s criminal case concludes. Once the ex parte protective order expires, the court may choose to issue a standing criminal protective order to replace it. As opposed to ex parte orders, which are expressly designed to be temporary, standing criminal protective orders last indefinitely and can only be modified or nullified by a subsequent court order.” [Law Offices of Mark Sherman, accessed [8/8/22](#)]

2021: France Voted Against Expanding Connecticut’s “Red Flag” Law To Seize Firearms From At-Risk Individuals Before Violence Occurred

2021: France Voted Against Expanding Connecticut’s “Red Flag” Law. On May 12, 2021, France voted against HB 6355, a bill to “expand Connecticut’s ‘risk warrant’ or ‘red flag’ law, a first-in-the-nation statute that became a model for seizing firearms from at-risk individuals before violence occurs.” According to the Connecticut Mirror, the “updated version would allow the weapons to be held in perpetuity if deemed necessary, permit police to seize weapons other than firearms and bar the subject of a risk warrant from purchasing new firearms while the warrant is in effect.” [HB 6355, Roll Call Vote #108, [5/12/21](#); Connecticut Mirror, [5/12/21](#)]

- **The Expansion Included Allowing Family Members And Medical Professionals – As Well As Prosecutors And Police Officers – To Raise The “Red Flag” As Evidence For A Judge To Have A Person’s Guns Removed From Their Possession.** “State legislators voted Wednesday to expand Connecticut’s groundbreaking ‘red flag’ law that allows firearms to be temporarily seized from troubled gun owners who are thought to be suicidal or in danger of hurting others. The law would be expanded to allow family members and medical professionals to raise a ‘red flag’ that would provide evidence to a Superior Court judge to issue a risk protection order and seize firearms. The expansion would include concerns raised by household members and professionals such as doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, clinical social workers and physician assistants. Currently, the law allows only a prosecutor or any two police officers to file a complaint with a judge in order to have a person’s guns removed. Only a judge can order the actual seizure of the guns.” [Hartford Courant, [5/21/21](#)]
- **The Expansion Bill Also Treated Roommates And Intimate Partners As Acceptable Complainants.** “The wide definition of family members in the bill would now include complaints by parents, grandparents, siblings, in-laws, children, stepchildren and grandchildren, among others. The bill also includes roommates and dating or intimate partners.” [Hartford Courant, [5/21/21](#)]

A Duke University Study Showed The Original Red Flag Law Had “Prevented Dozens And Dozens Of Suicides” In Connecticut Over 14 Years. “Those living with a person may have more firsthand knowledge than a police officer or prosecutor regarding a person’s state of mind at the time, said Rep. Steven Stafstrom, a Bridgeport Democrat who co-chairs the legislature’s judiciary committee. Depending on the circumstances, the order could be signed within ‘minutes or half an hour’ in order to help a suicidal person who has access to firearms, Stafstrom said. [...] A study by Duke University showed that the law had ‘prevented dozens and dozens of suicides between 1999 and 2013’ in Connecticut, he said.” [Hartford Courant, [5/21/21](#)]

2019: France Voted Against Banning So-Called “Ghost Guns,” Partially Completed Weapons That Were “A Path To Gun Ownership” For Felons And Violent Individuals

2019: France Voted Against Banning So-Called “Ghost Guns.” On May 7, 2019, France voted against HB 7219, a “bill that would ban so-called ‘ghost guns,’ which are essentially homemade firearms.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 108-36. [HB 7219, Roll Call Vote #75, [5/7/19](#); CT News Junkie, [5/7/19](#)]

“Ghost Guns” Were Partially Completed Weapons That Could Be Easily Finished With Materials From A Hardware Store. “Ghost guns are partially completed weapons that do not meet the federal definition of a firearm and can be sold to anyone without background checks. They have no serial number and can be a path to gun ownership for felons or people with mental illness, or those who have been convicted of domestic violence. [...] Advocates of the bill state that what many gun owners are doing is going to websites online and getting three-quarters of the materials needed to make a gun sent to their home. Then they go to their local hardware store to get the necessary parts to finish building the homemade gun.” [CT News Junkie, [5/7/19](#)]

CT News Junkie: Because “Ghost Guns” Can Be Sold To Anyone Without A Background Check, They “Can Be A Path To Gun Ownership For Felons Or People With Mental Illness, Or Those Who Have Been Convicted Of Domestic Violence.” “Ghost guns are partially completed weapons that do not meet the federal definition of a firearm and can be sold to anyone without background checks. They have no serial number and can be a path to gun ownership for felons or people with mental illness, or those who have been convicted of domestic violence.” [CT News Junkie, [5/7/19](#)]

“Ghost Guns” Were Not Recorded As Gun Sales, Making Them Impossible To Trace If The Firearm Was Used In A Crime. “Ghost guns also aren’t recorded as a gun sale, making them impossible to trace if the firearm is used in a crime, lawmakers claim.” [CT News Junkie, [5/7/19](#)]

2018: France Voted Against Banning Bump Stocks Like Those Used In The Las Vegas Mass Shooting

2018: France Voted Against Banning Bump Stocks In Connecticut. On May 1, 2018, France voted against HB 5542, which “bans the sale, purchase, possession and manufacturing of bump stocks” and the “sale, purchase, possession, and manufacturing of enhancements that increase the rate of fire for semiautomatic weapons.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 114-35. [HB 5542, Roll Call Vote #149, [5/1/18](#); NBC Connecticut, [10/1/18](#)]

2017: A Mass Shooter In Las Vegas Used Bump Stocks To Fire His Guns At A Rapid Rate. “Authorities said the shooter in Las Vegas had bump stocks, which allow guns to fire at a rapid rate, similar to an automatic weapon, on several guns.” [NBC Connecticut, [10/1/18](#)]

2019: France Voted Against “Ethan’s Law,” A Widely Bipartisan Bill Designed To Keep Guns Out Of Kids’ Hands By Imposing Strict Storage Requirements

2019: France Voted Against The Widely Bipartisan “Ethan’s Law,” Which Applied Gun Storage

Requirements To Unloaded Firearms. In May 2019, France voted against HB7218, which “expands the firearm safe storage laws. Under current law, the legal duty to securely store a firearm applies when the weapon is loaded and the person in control of the premises knows or reasonably should know that a minor under age 16 is likely to gain access to it without his or her parent's or guardian's permission. The bill applies the storage requirement to unloaded firearms and increases the age of a minor for these purposes to under age 18.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 127-16. [HB 7218, Roll Call Vote #74, [5/7/19](#); Connecticut General Assembly, HB 7218, [5/23/19](#)]

- **Ethan’s Law Was Designed To Keep Guns Out Of The Hands Of Kids.** “Michael and Kristin Song of Guilford, whose 15-year-old son’s accidental shooting death was the impetus for the Connecticut law, and all seven members of the state’s congressional delegation joined in a video conference Wednesday to renew their campaign for a federal version. Ethan’s Law made a relatively modest change in state firearms laws, which already had required loaded guns to be safely locked if available to a minor child. It extended the provision to unloaded weapons and expanded the definition of a minor from 16 to 18.” [CT Mirror, [2/3/21](#)]

2019: France Voted Against A Gun Storage Bill Aimed At Addressing Rising Numbers Of Gun Thefts From Vehicles

2019: France Voted Against A Bill Requiring Handgun Owners To Better Secure Their Weapons When Left Unattended In Vehicles. In May 2019, France voted against HB 7223 which, “prohibits storing or keeping a pistol or revolver (i.e., a handgun) in an unattended motor vehicle if the firearm is not in the trunk, a locked safe, or a locked glove box. A first offense is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison, up to a \$2,000 fine, or both. Any subsequent offense is a class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison, up to a \$5,000 fine, or both. For the bill’s purposes, a motor vehicle is unattended if no one who is at least age 21 and who is the owner, operator, or a passenger of the vehicle is inside the vehicle or in close enough proximity to prevent unauthorized access to the vehicle.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 98-48. [HB 7223, Roll Call Vote #83, [5/8/19](#); Connecticut General Assembly, HB 7223, [5/23/19](#)]

- **The Law Was Written To Address Rising Numbers Of Gun Thefts From Vehicles Across The Country.** “The second bill, Public Act 19-7, attempts to address the rising numbers of gun thefts from motor vehicles that cities around the country have been experiencing in recent years. The law prohibits storing a pistol in an unattended motor vehicle unless that pistol is in the trunk, a locked glove box, or a locked safe. It makes first-time offenses a class A misdemeanor and subsequent offenses a class D felony. Law enforcement and certain security personnel receive are exempt from these requirements.” [Office of Governor Ned Lamont, Press Release, [6/7/19](#)]

2021: France Sponsored A Bill To Ban Municipalities From Regulating Firearms; At Least Two Towns In CT-02 Had Adopted Such Regulations

France Sponsored A Bill Banning Municipalities From Adopting Ordinances To Regulate Firearms

2021: France Sponsored A Bill To Ban Municipalities From Regulating Firearms. On January 28, 2021, France sponsored HB 5970, a bill “to prohibit municipalities from adopting ordinances to regulate firearms.” [HB 5970, Introduced [1/28/21](#)]

At Least Two Towns In CT-02 Had Adopted Ordinances Regulating The Use Of Firearms, Including In Recreational Areas And Near Housing And Public Streets

Norwich, CT Ordinance Restricted The Firing Of Any Gun Near Houses And Public Streets Within City Limits. “It shall be unlawful for any person to fire any firearm of any description within the city at less distance than 50 rods from any dwelling house or public highway or street, without a written permit from the chief of police;

provided, nothing in this section shall be construed to extend to the members of any military company when under the command of any military officer, nor to prevent the firing of any gun for the destruction of any noxious birds or animals by any person upon his premises, nor to any person exempted under G.S. § 53-206 or any other section of the General Statutes.” [Norwich, CT Code of Ordinances, Sec. 13-8, [1/19/22](#)]

Norwich, CT Ordinance Restricted The Display, Carry, Or Firing Of Any Gun In Mohegan Park And Other Recreation Areas. “No firearms, air rifles, gas weapons, slingshots, bows and arrows, or any other weapon shall be displayed, carried, or discharged in Mohegan Park, parklets, or recreation areas.” [Norwich, CT Code of Ordinances, Sec. 14-5, [1/19/22](#)]

Enfield, CT Ordinance Restricted The Carrying And Firing Of Any Gun On The Town Green Or In Any Park, Playground, Or Recreational Area. “(a)It shall be unlawful for any person using the Town Green, Joseph E. O'Connor Gazebo, any park, playground or recreational area to either perform or permit to be performed any of the following acts: [...] (16)Hunt, or carry or discharge any firearms.” [Enfield, CT Code of Ordinances, Sec. 54-4, [6/16/21](#)]

France Said “Assault Rifle” Was An “Emotional Term That Was Created By Gun Control Activists To Scare People” And Questioned Whether Psychotropic Drug Use Caused Mass Shootings

France Said He Supported The Second Amendment. FRANCE: “We see this every time something like this happens, whether it's a shooting in a school, like Sandy Hook or Uvalde, or it's in a mall or any other situation where a large number of people are killed. Immediately the Democrats come out, bring out the gun control license, and then the constitutional conservatives argue the Second Amendment, which I support and is appropriate. The challenge is that then you end up with two diametrically opposed positions and none of those positions look at the why.” [Lee Elci Voice of Freedom Podcast, Interview with Mike France, [5/27/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:00:00

France Said “Assault Rifle” Was An “Emotional Term That Was Created By Gun Control Activists To Scare People.” FRANCE: “The simple answer is, there is no definition of an assault rifle. It's an emotional term that was created by gun control activists to scare people. AR15 is AR stands for ArmaLite rifle, it is the brand. It is a scary looking weapon. But at the end of the day, it is a semi-automatic rifle. No different than any other semi-automatic rifle. But what has happened is the gun control activists have taken a term, a scary term and it looks scary. But the fact is, in fact, it was recently this week they had a question in Congress of a individual coming before Congress, asked them what's the definition of an assault rifle and they did not have a definition. And to that point, they've thrown this term around. And as we all know, no matter what you're doing in law and statute, if you don't define the term, it doesn't exist as an enforceable act. So just short answer is, there are single action weapons, there are semi automatic and fully automatic weapons. Assault Rifle has no definition in law or anywhere else, it is a made up term. And they assume AR stands for assault rifle and it does not.” [Lee Elci Voice of Freedom Podcast, Interview with Mike France, [5/27/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:00:00

France: “Let’s Say We Do Ban AR-15s. They’ll Find Another Tool. Will It Be A Shotgun? Will It Be A Pistol? Will It Be – Whatever.” FRANCE: “And instead of waiting for law enforcement to investigate to find out what happens, we play politics with people's lives. And we take a tragedy instead of allowing the families to mourn, to support the families. In the immediate aftermath of this. We play politics. And a classic example of this was Beto O'Rourke going down to interrupt the press conference of Governor Abbott in Texas and the mayor of Uvalde and play politics. This is not the time for politics, it's the time for mourning, it's the time for supporting the families and finding out truly what's the solution to this problem. Because it is not the tool. [...] Let's say we do ban AR-15s. They'll find another tool. Will it be a shotgun? Will it be a pistol? Will it be whatever, but it doesn't deal with what is causing it predominantly young men to grow up and think that it's okay to take a life.” [Lee Elci Voice of Freedom Podcast, Interview with Mike France, [5/27/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:07:00

France Questioned Whether Psychotropic Drug Use Caused Mass Shootings. FRANCE: “There is a part of it that is the home life that is what, how kids are raised in their family. But there are other causes, potentially. Many

of these individuals who are perpetrating these horrific acts are on psychotropic drugs. So what are the effects of those? How are those being monitored? Is there any research on the effect on the brain? [...] And those are things that I think are aspects that we need to go look at the why.” [Lee Elci Voice of Freedom Podcast, Interview with Mike France, [5/27/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:00:00

France Criticized Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy’s Work To Address Gun Violence, Calling It “Part Of The Problem”

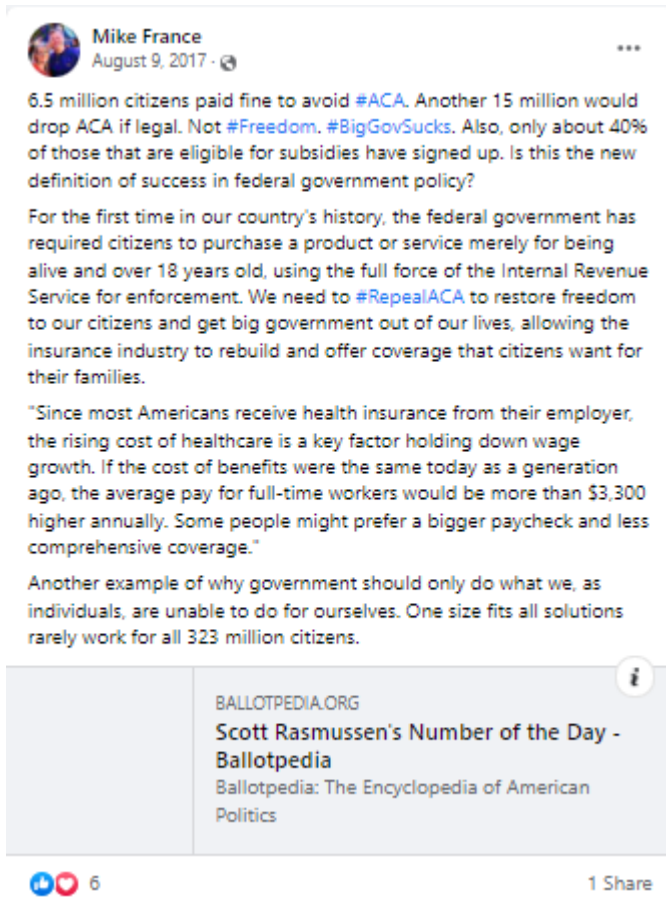
France Criticized Senator Chris Murphy’s Work To Address Gun Violence. FRANCE: “We need to look at all gun violence, and when you have people like Senator Murphy coming out and basically dismissing mental illness as an issue, that is part of the problem. It isn’t the total answer, but you can’t dismiss this and immediately jump to, I’m going to take away guns and that’s going to solve the problem.” [Lee Elci Voice of Freedom Podcast, Interview with Mike France, [5/27/22](#)] (AUDIO) 1:11:00

France Was Dangerous For Connecticut’s Health Care

France Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, Which Threatened Healthcare Protections For 529,000 Connecticut Adults With Pre-Existing Conditions

France Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act

France: “We Need To #RepealACA To Restore Freedom To Our Citizens And Get Big Government Out Of Our Lives, Allowing The Insurance Industry To Rebuild And Offer Coverage That Citizens Want For Their Families.”



[Facebook, Mike France, [8/9/17](#)]

France Praised Rep. Mo Brooks' "Simple Solution To #RepealObamacare."



[Facebook, Mike France, [3/28/17](#)]

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Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Increase Healthcare Costs, Increase The Federal Deficit, And Hurt Job Growth

CBO: Repeal Would Raise Deficit By Over \$100 Billion Over 10 Years. “Congressional budget analysts said Wednesday that repealing ObamaCare would increase the deficit by scrapping the law’s taxes, fees and spending cuts. [...] Director Doug Elmendorf pointed to an estimate from July 2012 that abolishing healthcare reform would raise the deficit by \$109 billion over 10 years.” [The Hill, [5/15/13](#)]

Repeal Could Result in to 400,000 Jobs Lost Annually. “The baseline estimates show that 250,000 jobs will be lost annually if health reform is repealed. Annual job losses would average 400,000 using the greater estimate of 1.5 percentage point cost increases annually resulting from repeal.” [Center for American Progress, [1/07/11](#)]

Repeal Would Raise Health Insurance Costs By 6 Percent For Small Businesses. “The Rand report found that, with the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, workers at firms employing fewer than 100 workers are expected pay almost 6 percent less in premiums in 2016 than without the health care reform law. Nationally, the report said, average premiums for equal plans would cost \$5,837 with Obamacare in effect and \$6,192 without it – a \$355 savings under the Affordable Care Act. Premiums at large companies weren’t examined in the report.” [USA Today, [8/29/13](#)]

USA Today: “Repealing Health Care Law Would Mean Higher Costs.” “Republicans may not agree with President Obama’s State of the Union call to drop the idea of repealing the Affordable Care Act, but health experts say the law has taken such hold that it may be impossible to get rid of it. The consequences of repeal, health care officials and industry analysts say, go beyond the fact that 9 million people would suddenly lose their insurance or that anyone with a pre-existing condition would either lose insurance or pay much higher premiums. All consumers would take a huge financial hit, because health care costs would continue to rise, and insurers would probably recoup their losses by charging higher premiums.” [USA Today, [2/01/14](#)]

France Voted Against Widely Bipartisan Bills Expanding The Number Of Young Adults Able To Stay On Their Parents’ Dental, Vision, And Health Insurance Until Age 26

2021: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Expand The Number Of Young Adults Allowed To Remain On Their Parents’ Dental And Vision Insurance Plans Until Age 26

2021: France Voted Against A Widely Bipartisan Bill To Allow All Young Adults To Remain On Their Parents’ Dental And Vision Insurance Until Age 26. On June 7, 2021, France voted against SB 1004, a bill that “requires fully insured policies, such as individual and group plans on the state’s health insurance exchange, to extend [dental and vision] coverage through age 26” and “ensures that children can remain on their parents’ dental and vision coverage even if they are offered plans through their employer. Current law does not include stepchildren and other dependent children and allows policies to terminate coverage for young adults before age 26 if they obtain coverage through their employer.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 131-16. [SB 1004, Roll Call Vote #340, [6/7/21](#); Connecticut Mirror, [6/8/21](#)]

2021: France Voted Against Advancing A Bipartisan Bill To Allow Stepchildren To Stay On A Stepparent’s Medical Insurance Until Age 26

2021: France Voted Against Advancing A Bill To Allow Stepchildren To Stay On A Stepparent's Health Insurance Until Age 26. On May 3, 2021, France voted against advancing SB 1045 out of the House Appropriations Committee. According to the bill text, the bill would have allowed stepchildren to stay on a stepparent's health insurance until age 26. The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 31-14. [SB 1045, House Appropriations Committee Vote, [5/3/21](#); SB 1045, Joint Favorable Report, [5/3/21](#)]

Despite Moving To Eliminate Connecticut's Public Financing Program, France Benefitted From The Program To The Tune Of Over \$113,000

France And His Conservative Caucus Supported Eliminating The Connecticut Citizens' Election Program...

2018: France Voted To Advance A Bill To Eliminate The Connecticut Citizens' Election Program. On March 23, 2018, France voted to advance out of the Government Administration Elections Committee HB 5519, a bill eliminating the Citizens' Election Program. The motion failed by a vote of 8-9. [HB 5519, Government Administration Election Committee Vote, [3/23/18](#)]

...But France Himself Benefitted From Public Financing To The Tune Of \$113,140

2012-2020: Over Five Runs For Office, France Benefitted From \$113,140 In Public Financing.

France State Public Financing History		
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Public Financing
2012	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$26,850.00
2014	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$27,850.08
2016	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$0
2018	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$27,865.00
2020	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$30,575.03
Total:		\$113,140.11

[Connecticut Secretary of State, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

France Voted Against Wage Hikes, Hazard Pay, And Allowing Additional Retirement Benefits For Police Officers

France Voted Against Wage Increases And Hazard Pay For Police Officers

May 2019: France Voted Against A Resolution Proposing Approval Of A Labor Agreement Between The State Of Connecticut And The Connecticut State Police Union. On May 27, 2019, France voted against HR 33, a resolution proposing approval of an interest arbitration award between the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police Union. The resolution was agreed to by the House by a vote of 90-45. [HR 33, Roll Call Vote #194, [5/23/19](#)]

The Labor Agreement Called For A 6.5 Percent Pay Increase Over Three Years For Connecticut State Troopers. "A new contract for the 900-plus Connecticut state troopers that calls for a 6.5 percent pay increase over a three-year span starting in fiscal year 2020 was approved by a 90-to-45 vote of the House Thursday, largely along party lines." [CT News Junkie, [5/23/19](#)]

The Labor Agreement Established A \$100 Monthly Hazardous Stipend For Employees In Major Crime Units. "In FY 19 payments to raise the salary of the state police trainee positions to \$50,000 annually and will cost

\$42,617. Employees will receive retroactive payments for annual increments of \$464,757 in FY 19. Employees will receive a half hour of compensation for a paid meal break for each day worked. [...] A monthly \$100 hazardous stipend will be paid to those employees in the major crime units.” [HR 33, File No. 979, [5/22/19](#)]

The Labor Agreement Established A 30-Minute Paid Lunch Period For Troopers. “An arbitrator, who heard testimony from both sides over three days earlier this year, agreed to several new provisions added by the state police union, including a paid 30-minute lunch period. Under the previous agreement, troopers were not paid for lunch and were required to remain ready to jump into duty if their help was needed. The paid lunch period will cost the state \$4 million a year, according to figures provided by the state Office of Fiscal Analysis. The arbitrator denied the union’s request for retroactive raises dating back to July 2018, but agreed to a 2 percent pay increase in fiscal year 2020, and a 2.25 percent pay increase for 2021 and 2022.” [Middletown Press, [5/21/19](#)]

France Voted Against Allowing Additional Pay For Retired Public Safety Employees Who Suffered Permanent Disability In The Line Of Duty

2019: France Voted Against Allowing Connecticut Municipalities To Provide Additional Compensation To Retired Public Safety Employees Who Suffered Permanent Disability In The Line Of Duty. On June 5, 2019, France voted against SB 556, under which: “municipalities may provide additional compensation for certain retired public safety employees, which includes paid firefighters and police officers, as set forth in Public Act 19-111. By a two-thirds vote of a municipality’s legislative body or board of selectmen, a municipality may provide retirement benefits to public safety employees who: 1) has a permanent and severe disability caused by a serious bodily injury which was suffered in the line of duty within the scope of his or her employment as a public safety employee; 2) retired from service as a public safety employee as a result of such disability; and 3) is under the age of sixty-five. Such compensation under this law shall be an amount equal to the difference between workers’ compensation and any other benefits, and the regular rate of pay of such employee at the time of his or her retirement, and shall be paid annually to the employee until he or she reaches age sixty-five. If a municipality provides for compensation under the new law, it shall establish procedures for evaluating a retired public safety employee’s eligibility for such compensation.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 116-27. [SB 556, Roll Call Vote #330, [6/5/19](#); Rose Kallor, [10/1/19](#)]

France Was An Anti-Vax Extremist Who Favored Allowing Parents To Refuse Common Childhood Immunizations Required In Schools

2021: France Sponsored A Bill To Allow People To Claim A “Moral And Philosophical Objection” To Refuse Vaccines, Including Common Childhood Immunizations Required In Schools

2021: France Sponsored A Bill To Include “Moral And Philosophical Objections” As An Acceptable Exemption To Immunization Requirements. On January 26, 2021, France introduced HB 5578, an act including moral and philosophical objections as an exemption to immunization requirements. [HB 5578, Introduced [1/26/21](#)]

- **The Bill Text Did Not Mention The COVID-19 Vaccine And Appeared To Apply To All Immunization Requirements In The State Of Connecticut.** “Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: That section 10-204a of the general statutes be amended to include moral and philosophical objections as an exemption to the immunization requirements. Statement of Purpose: To allow a waiver for moral and philosophical objection to the immunization requirements.” [HB 5578, Introduced [1/26/21](#)]
- **As Of March 2022, The COVID-19 Vaccine Was Not Included On A List Of State-Required Immunizations For School-Aged Children.** “Q3: Does this have anything to do with the COVID-19 vaccine? A3: No, this law pertains to the exemption on religious grounds from the vaccination requirements as outlined

in Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-204a. The COVID19 vaccine is not currently included among this group of required immunizations.” [Connecticut State Department of Education, [5/25/21](#)]

2021-2022 School Year: The State Of Connecticut Required 10 Vaccines For School-Aged Children, Including Polio, MMR, And DTaP. During the 2021-2022 school year, the state of Connecticut required school-aged children to be immunized with the following vaccines at various stages of childhood: DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis); polio; MMR (measles-mumps-rubella); hepatitis B; varicella; Hib; pneumococcal; influenza; hepatitis A; meningococcal. [Naugatuck Public Schools, Immunization Requirements, Accessed [3/23/22](#)]

2021: France Voted Against Eliminating The Religious Exemption That Some Parents Used To Choose Not To Vaccinate Their Kids Against Various Diseases

2021: France Was One Of Two House Lawmakers Who Voted Against Eliminating A Religious Exemption That Allowed Parents To Choose Not To Vaccinate Their Kids Against Various Diseases. “Requiring children to get vaccinated against various diseases as a condition of enrolling in school is sound public policy. It does not infringe on religious freedom. Exemptions to the vaccination requirement should be reserved for those with genuine health issues that prevent their inoculation. That is why the state Senate made the right decision in voting 22- 14 last week to eliminate the religious exemption that an increasing number of parents have used to keep their children from being vaccinated. It leaves in place the health exemption. The House of Representatives had earlier passed the same legislation. [...] This was in stark contrast to the House, where local representatives voted in largely bipartisan fashion to end the religious exemption. Only Rep. Mike France of the 42nd District and Rep. Doug Dubitsky of the 47th, whose brand of conservatism borders on libertarianism, voted to keep it in place.” [The Day, Editorial Board, 4/28/21]

- **The Bill Eliminated The Religious Exemptions For Vaccines Against Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, And Other Shots Required By School Districts.** “H.B. 6243 eliminates religious exemptions from vaccines for students enrolling in all schools in Connecticut, including public schools, private schools, higher education institutions and day care. Beginning in September 2022, all students would be mandated to show proof of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella and other shots required by school districts at the start of kindergarten and seventh grade.” [Yale Daily News, [4/29/21](#)]

2021: France Advocated For Workers Who Claimed They Were Negatively Affected By COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

France Held A Public Hearing To Hear From Workers Negatively Affected By COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements. “A conservative group of lawmakers wants to hold a public hearing this week to hear from workers who say they have been negatively affected by COVID-19 vaccination requirements imposed by their employers. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for noon on Wednesday, Sept. 22, but the Office of Legislative Management still hasn't signed off on the request as of Friday. ‘This is a group of people who are frustrated and feel as though their concerns are falling on deaf ears—that they have nowhere else to turn,’ Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, said. ‘Fortunately, simply ‘listening’ is the first requirement for anyone who signs up to serve in the General Assembly, and it's a responsibility my colleagues and I take seriously. I look forward to the hearing and learning more about what these people have to say, and I hope other members of the legislature will join us.’” [CT News Junkie, 9/20/21]

- **September 2021: France Incorrectly Stated That The Pfizer Vaccine Was Not Approved By The FDA.** ‘Both he and Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, stressed they were there Wednesday to hear from the public. France is chairman of the Conservative Caucus and also is running for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District. Some people who signed up to speak called the vaccine experimental, with Fishbein and France incorrectly saying the Pfizer vaccine hasn't been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration. France said, ‘It was argued that the Pfizer vaccine is approved; it is not in the United States. ‘ It’s the German version, BioNTech, that is approved, and it is not present in the United States.’ [The Day, 9/23/21]

France Joined Republican Efforts To Challenge The Results Of The 2020 Election And Make It Harder To Vote In The Future

France Said He Did Not Suspect Widespread Voter Fraud In Connecticut During The 2020 Election...

France Said He Did Not Suspect Widespread Voter Fraud Or Wrongdoing In Connecticut During The 2020 Election. “France noted that he did not suspect widespread fraud or wrongdoing in Connecticut in terms of the voting process and election results. Still, ‘We believe there ought to be signature verification as part of that constitutional amendment because the five states that do their voting all by mail do a robust electronic signature verification that takes the voter registration signature and electronically verifies it with the signature on the ballot.’” [The Day, 5/6/21]

...But Months After The 2020 Election, France Sponsored A Bill To Make Sweeping Changes To Connecticut’s Election System, Including By Requiring “Risk-Limiting Post-Election Audits”

2021: France Sponsored A Bill Making Wide-Ranging Changes To Connecticut’s Election Systems. On February 1, 2021, France sponsored HB 6325, a bill concerning the Secretary of State, absentee ballots, and election audits. [HB 6325, Introduced [2/1/21](#)]

- **The Bill Included Language To Require The Use Of “Risk-Limiting Post-Election Audits.”** On February 1, 2021, France sponsored HB 6325, a bill concerning the Secretary of State, absentee ballots and election audits. According to the bill text, the bill would amend statute to “(10) require the use of risk-limiting post-election audits.” [HB 6325, Introduced [2/1/21](#)]
- **The Bill Included Language To Ban The Automatic Sending Of Absentee Ballot Applications To Connecticut Voters.** On February 1, 2021, France sponsored HB 6325, a bill concerning the Secretary of State, absentee ballots and election audits. According to the bill text, the bill would amend statute to “(3) prohibit the unsolicited mailing of absentee ballot applications by any state or municipal election official.” [HB 6325, Introduced [2/1/21](#)]
- **The Bill Included Language To Establish A Pilot Program For Signature Verification On Absentee Ballots.** On February 1, 2021, France sponsored HB 6325, a bill concerning the Secretary of State, absentee ballots and election audits. According to the bill text, the bill would amend statute to “(7) establish a pilot program for verification of signatures on absentee ballot envelopes.” [HB 6325, Introduced [2/1/21](#)]

When Asked Whether He Would Have Supported Certifying The 2020 Election In Congress, France Dodged The Question, Saying Objections To Certification Were Normal

When Asked Whether He Would Have Voted To Certify The 2020 Election, France Said Objections To Certifying Elections Were “Just Part Of Our Political Process.” “Had you served in Congress during the previous presidential administration, how would you have handled the impeachment votes, as well as the votes around certifying the presidential election? I think we always need to go back to the Constitution. As an outside observer, I watched Congress go through the process laid out in the Constitution to certify the election. When you look at history, in most elections where there is close turnout, there are objections to the vote, and that’s just part of our political process.” [Connecticut Examiner, [3/2/21](#)]

France Supported Other Reforms To Make It Harder To Vote

2021: France Sponsored A Bill To Require Voter ID

2021: France Sponsored A Bill To Require Voter ID In Connecticut. On January 28, 2021, France sponsored HB 5874, a bill “to provide that, prior to receiving and being able to cast a ballot at the polling place, each elector shall present to the official checker or checkers a current and valid photo identification, which identification clearly displays such elector’s name and residential address.” [HB 5874, Introduced [1/28/21](#)]

France Opposed The Use Of No-Excuse Absentee Ballots

France Voted Against A No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting Resolution. “The state House of Representatives approved a no-excuse absentee voting resolution on Tuesday night, but could not reach the 75% threshold of votes needed to put the question on the ballot in 2022. The resolution passed by a vote of 104-44 with three representatives absent or not voting. State Reps. Kathleen McCarty, R-Waterford, Holly Cheeseman, R-East Lyme, and Devin Carney, R-Old Lyme, broke Republican ranks to vote in favor of the resolution. Without 75% of both the House and Senate voting in favor of the resolution, legislators will have to revisit the question in either 2023 or 2024, Speaker of the House Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, said during a Tuesday morning news conference before the vote. [...] State Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, said he felt there weren’t enough ‘safeguards that deal with the integrity of the vote’ to support the no-excuse absentee voting resolution. He said that while he supported the early voting resolution approved by the House last week, the no-excuse absentee voting measure represented too many large changes to the state Constitution. ‘As I look at the resolution that was passed last week, which was the one we provided initially in the 2019 session, I see an opportunity, I see an opportunity for individuals to come to vote ahead of Election Day,’ he said. ‘I don’t see the need to make multiple changes that are significant.’” [The Day, 5/12/21]

France Opposed Ballot Drop Boxes, Saying They Provided An Opportunity For Vote Harvesting

France Said Ballot Drop Boxes Would Allow For Vote Harvesting. “Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, and other Republicans say they’re wary of possible voter security issues with the measures as they stand. ‘When you look at how the 2020 election went, there were a lot of things dealing with what I call ‘chain of custody’ for ballots,’ France said. ‘What I mean by that is the drop boxes — if you brought an absentee ballot in to the town clerk, the town clerk would only accept yours, they would not accept you dropping off anyone else’s ballot. By putting these drop boxes in, you could literally drop 10 ballots in there that your friends gave to you to drop off.’” [The Day, 5/6/21]

France Voted Against Establishing Same-Day Voter Registration At Polling Places In Connecticut

2019: France Voted Against Advancing A Bill To Establish Same-Day Voter Registration At Polling Places In Connecticut. On May 17, 2019, France voted against advancing out of the House Appropriations Committee SB 1046, a bill to establish same-day voter registration at polling places in Connecticut. At the time (and continuing, as of March 2022), Connecticut offers same-day registration only at designated sites, not polling places. The bill passed out of the Committee by a vote of 28-17. [SB 1046, House Appropriations Committee Vote, [5/17/19](#); Office of Connecticut Secretary of State Denise Merrill, Accessed [3/21/22](#)]

France Supported Requiring Signature Verification For All Absentee Ballots

France Said He Supported Requiring Signature Verification For Absentee Ballots. “France noted that he did not suspect widespread fraud or wrongdoing in Connecticut in terms of the voting process and election results. Still, ‘We believe there ought to be signature verification as part of that constitutional amendment because the five states

that do their voting all by mail do a robust electronic signature verification that takes the voter registration signature and electronically verifies it with the signature on the ballot.” [The Day, 5/6/21]

France Owned A Private Plane And Had A Private Pilot License

As Of March 2022, France And His Wife Owned A 1965 Cessna 182H Aircraft

France And His Wife Own A 1965 Cessna 182H Aircraft, A Fixed Wing Single-Engine Aircraft With An O-470 Series Engine

France And His Wife Own A 1965 Cessna 182H Aircraft. [FAA, Aircraft Registry, N-Number 2069X, Serial Number 18256169, Accessed [3/23/22](#)]

- The Cessna 182H Was A Fixed Wing Single-Engine Aircraft With An O-470 Series Engine. [FAA, Aircraft Registry, N-Number 2069X, Serial Number 18256169, Accessed [3/23/22](#)]



NOTE: This is not an image of France’s specific aircraft. This is an image of the 1965 Cessna 182H model.

[Disciples of Flight, Accessed [3/24/22](#)]

Rough Estimates Showed The 1965 Cessna 182H To Be Worth Between \$100,000 And \$140,000

Hembree Aviation Sales Listed A 1965 Cessna 182H Skylane Aircraft For \$139,900. [Trade-a-Plane, Accessed [3/23/22](#)]

Plane PhD Estimated The Value Of A 1965 Cessna 182H Skylane Aircraft To be \$103,983. [Plane PhD, Accessed [3/23/22](#)]

2011: France Had An Active Private Pilot Certificate

September 1, 2011: France Was Issued A Private Pilot Certificate By The FAA.

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Ratings:

PRIVATE PILOT
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Limits:

ENGLISH PROFICIENT.

[FAA, Airmen Inquiry, Accessed [3/23/22](#)]

France Was Connecticut State Chair Of A Shady, Corporate-Funded Nonprofit That Pushed Dangerous Bills To Reduce The Minimum Wage And Privatize Social Security

2020-2022: France Was Connecticut State Chair Of ALEC

2020-2022: France Was Connecticut State Chair Of The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

[Web Archive, ALEC, Archived [3/7/22](#)]

ALEC Was A Corporate “Bill Mill” That Pushed Dangerous Model Legislation To State Legislatures Across The Country

ALEC Was A Conservative “Bill Mill” Founded In Large Part By Undisclosed Donations From Corporations

For More Than Three Decades, ALEC Has Brought Together Corporations And State Legislators To Write Model Bills They Would Like To Become Law. “For three decades, the American Legislative Exchange Council, the meeting’s host, has brought together corporations (including Pfizer, AT&T, and ExxonMobil) and state legislators to write what it calls model bills—pieces of legislation the industries would like to become law. Often this means protecting favored tax treatment or keeping regulations at bay. ALEC has also approved model bills on social issues, including gun control and voter registration. The bills then get passed around among the 1,800 mostly Republican legislators who are ALEC members. They introduce the model bills about 1,000 times a year in state capitols around the country, the group says. About 200 become law.” [Bloomberg, [5/3/12](#)]

Corporations Made Undisclosed Donations To ALEC, Paying For Lawmakers To Attend Meetings. “ALEC pays for the meetings through membership fees (called donations) that corporations pay. The legislators receive travel stipends (called scholarships) to attend the meetings. ALEC is registered with the IRS as a nonprofit that provides a public service, not as a lobbyist that seeks to influence. This offers two benefits: Corporate members can

deduct yearly dues, which run up to \$25,000—more if they want to sponsor meetings; and ALEC doesn't have to disclose the names of legislators and executives who attend.” [Bloomberg, [5/3/12](#)]

Alec's Model Policies Were Drafted By Lobbyists And Lawmakers To Advance A Pro-Business, Socially Conservative Agenda. Most of the attention has focused on ALEC's role in creating model bills, drafted by lobbyists and lawmakers, that broadly advance a pro-business, socially conservative agenda. But a review of internal ALEC documents shows that this is only one facet of a sophisticated operation for shaping public policy at a state-by-state level. The records offer a glimpse of how special interests effectively turn ALEC's lawmaker members into stealth lobbyists, providing them with talking points, signaling how they should vote and collaborating on bills affecting hundreds of issues like school vouchers and tobacco taxes.” [New York Times, [4/21/12](#)]

ALEC Pushed Model Legislation To Weaken And Repeal State Minimum Wage Laws

ALEC Pushed Multiple Proposals To Weaken Wage Standards, Including Measures To Repeal State Minimum Wage Laws. “ALEC's ‘model legislation’ includes multiple proposals to weaken or repeal wage standards that protect the earnings of low-paid workers. These proposals include measures to repeal state minimum wage laws, reduce minimum wage rates for youth and tipped workers, weaken overtime compensation policies, and block local governments from establishing living wage ordinances.” [National Employment Law Project, [2/13](#)]

ALEC Promoted A Model Resolution Opposing Local Minimum Wage Laws. Under model legislation on their website, ALEC listed A Local Resolution In Support Of State Minimum Wage Law with the summary: “Minimum wage laws have been a matter of great debate in our nation. Most scholars on federalism would agree that if a minimum wage was necessary, it would be the responsibility of the states to enact such a law. This resolution upholds the belief that local governments do not have the authority to set a minimum wages for their citizens and if necessary should be managed by the state.” [ALEC, Model Legislation, A Local Resolution In Support Of State Minimum Wage Law, Finalized [9/12/16](#)]

ALEC Pushed Model Legislation To Privatize Social Security And Medicare

ALEC Wrote A Model Resolution To Privatize Social Security Through “Personal Retirement Accounts.” The Center for Media and Democracy posted text for ALEC's Resolution Urging Congress to Modernize the Social Security System With Personal Retirement Accounts (PRA's). “NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State/Commonwealth of {Insert State} urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation amending the Social Security Act and other statutes to allow workers to allocate a portion of their Social Security taxes to personal retirement accounts that they themselves would own and control, and to reject legislation that raises federal retirement taxes, broadly reduces Social Security benefits, or fails to lower Social Security's unfunded liability; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to each member of Congress.” [Center For Media and Democracy, Resolution Urging Congress To Modernize The Social Security System With Personal Retirement Accounts (PRA's), Accessed [3/24/22](#)]

ALEC Wrote A Model Resolution To Privatize Medicare Through “Private Individual Medical Accounts.” The Center for Media and Democracy posted text for ALEC's Resolution Urging Congress to Create Private Individual Medical Accounts. “The Resolution urges Congress to enact legislation that would amend the Medicare program so as to authorize the use of Private Individual Medical Accounts to assist individuals in saving the resources necessary to pay for their health care needs in retirement. [...] WHEREAS, it is widely agreed that the Medicare program is in need of major structural changes if it is to remain a viable alternative for the health care needs of future generations; and [...] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State/Commonwealth of {Insert State/Commonwealth Name} urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation amending the Medicare program to allow for the creation of a system of Individual Medical Accounts wherein individuals will build a fund over their working careers that will provide the resources to pay for their health care needs in retirement.” [Center for

Media and Democracy, Resolution Urging Congress to Create Private Individual Medical Accounts, Accessed [3/24/22](#)]

ALEC Pushed Model Legislation That Opposed Waiting Periods For Gun Sales

ALEC Wrote A Model Resolution That Opposed Waiting Periods For Guns. The Center for Media and Democracy posted text for ALEC’s Resolution On Firearms Purchase Waiting Periods. “THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council recommends the rejection, by federal, state, and local governing bodies, of further restrictions on law-abiding American citizens in the form of ‘waiting periods’ of any length; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council supports the conclusions of the Report of the Attorney General on Systems for Identifying Felons Who Attempt to Purchase Firearms and recommends that the states immediately allocate the resources necessary to upgrade the criminal justice reporting system; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council recommends instead that the scarce resources of the law enforcement and criminal justice systems be focused upon uniform, consistent, and just sentencing, speedy trials, and increased punishment and incarceration for those who commit violent crime; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk of the (House of Representatives or the Senate) transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Attorney General of the United States, and to each Member of Congress of the United States.” [Center For Media And Democracy, Resolution On Firearms Purchase Waiting Periods, Accessed [3/28/18](#)]

July 2021: Two Good Government Groups Filed A Campaign Finance Complaint Against France Regarding His Use Of ALEC Software, Though France Claimed It Was Baseless

July 2021: Two Good Government Groups Filed A Campaign Finance Complaint Against France Regarding His Illegal Use Of Software Provided By ALEC. “Multiple organizations have filed a campaign finance complaint against state Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, who is challenging Joe Courtney for his 2nd District U.S. House seat. Common Cause in Connecticut and Center for Media and Democracy filed the complaint with the state Elections Enforcement Commission alleging that the American Legislative Exchange Council illegally gave, and France illegally received and utilized, campaign software connected to the Republican National Committee. The American Legislative Exchange Council is a tax-exempt, conservative political organization. As a 501(c)(3) organization, it is barred from participating in political campaigns. The Center for Media and Democracy is a progressive watchdog and advocacy nonprofit group. Common Cause in Connecticut describes itself as a nonpartisan, nonprofit group focused on fostering accountable government. The complaint states that the conservative group provided free RNC-linked software to France amounting to an ‘in-kind campaign contribution worth between \$2,376 and \$3,000’ and violated the law ‘as an entity barred by federal law from engaging in political activity and prohibited from making contributions.’” [The Day, 7/31/21]

- **France’s Campaign Claimed They Had Never Received Or Used Software From ALEC And Relied Exclusively On Campaign Software Made Available By The Connecticut Republican Party.** “France’s campaign denied the claims of the complaint in a statement after The Day asked if France or his campaign received free voter management and campaign software for the 2020 election from the conservative group. ‘No, Mr. France’s campaigns have never used nor received voter management and campaign software from ALEC,’ the statement reads. ‘Mr. France’s campaigns have exclusively used voter management campaign software made available by the Connecticut Republican Party.’” [The Day, 7/31/21]
- **ALEC Claimed France Had Never Had An Account, Attended A Training, Or Had Any Direct Knowledge Of Its Software.** “Alexis Jarrett, a spokesperson for ALEC, pushed back on the complaint in an email to The Day. ‘The wild assumptions and frivolous allegations made in the complaint are reckless and made with no real knowledge of the constituent management platform,’ Jarett wrote. ‘Representative France

has never had an account, attended a training or had any direct knowledge of the constituent management platform.” [The Day, 7/31/21]

2020: France Sued Gov. Ned Lamont Over His Continuation Of The Public Health Emergency Related To COVID-19, Arguing The State No Longer Faced “Major Disaster”

September 2020: France Sued Gov. Ned Lamont Over Continuing The State Of Public Health Emergency In Connecticut, Arguing The State Was Not Facing “Major Disaster”

September 2020: France Sued Gov. Ned Lamont Over His Continuation Of Public Health Emergency Powers, Arguing The Declaration Was “Completely Meritless” Because The State Was Not Facing A “Major Disaster” In COVID-19. “State Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, is suing Lamont, arguing his continuation of the public health emergency that grants him extraordinary powers during the pandemic is ‘completely meritless’ because the state is not facing a ‘major disaster.’ The lawsuit, in which France is represented by two fellow Republican lawmakers, cited Connecticut’s recent coronavirus metrics, including a low infection rate as evidence that it was unwarranted to extend Lamont’s emergency powers through February. A spokesman for the governor declined to comment.” [Hartford Courant, [9/14/20](#); Connecticut Superior Court, Victoria Station Café, LLC Et Al v. Lamont, Ned, Case No.: UWY-CV20-6056981-S, Filed [9/11/20](#)]

The Suit Asked A Judge To Vacate Lamont’s Civil Preparedness And Executive Orders Related To The COVID-19 Pandemic

The Suit Asked A Judge To Vacate Lamont’s Civil Preparedness Orders And Executive Orders Related To Safety Measures During The COVID-19 Pandemic. “The suit, filed Friday in Superior Court in Hartford, asks a judge to vacate Lamont’s civil preparedness orders and executive orders and prevent the governor from filing similar declarations again if he does not meet the criteria laid out in state statute. Lamont first declared a state of emergency on March 10 and on Sept. 1 he extended it to Feb. 9, 2021. The lawsuit, which names Lamont as the sole defendant, alleges that the conditions outlined by statute were not present when Lamont declared a civil preparedness emergency. The legislature also did not approve Lamont issuing a public health emergency.” [Hartford Courant, [9/14/20](#)]

The Suit Argued The COVID-19 Pandemic Did Not Meet Criteria Under State Law For A “Serious Disaster”

The Suit Argued The COVID-19 Pandemic Did Not Meet Criteria Under State Law For A “Serious Disaster.” “The lawsuit argues that the pandemic does not meet criteria under state law for a ‘serious disaster.’ ‘Despite declaring a civil preparedness emergency, the defendant has not identified any incident of ‘serious disaster or ... enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action within the state or a neighboring state, or ... the imminence of such an event,’ the lawsuit states.” [Hartford Courant, [9/14/20](#)]

As Of March 2022, 10,740 People In Connecticut Had Died Of COVID-19

As Of March 24, 2022, 10,740 People In Connecticut Had Died Of COVID-19. [New York Times, Accessed [3/24/22](#)]

France Supported Tax Policies That Benefitted Corporations And The Wealthy

2017: France Supported The Republican Tax Bill, Which Benefitted Corporations And The Wealthy

France Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Bill

On Facebook, France Posted In Support Of The 2017 Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.



Mike France

December 20, 2017 · 🌐

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Well stated perspective from [State Representative Rob Sampson](#) on the #TaxPlan.

Sustained economic growth is the key to the continued success of our country. We are already seeing companies paying bonuses and when the average worker sees a reduction in tax withholding starting in February, they will all understand that the tax cuts were for everyone.



State Senator Rob Sampson

December 20, 2017 · 🌐

Despite significant frustrations in recent months, particularly with the failure to repeal President Obama's signature legislation (Obamacare) that continues to decimate our healthcare and insurance industries, I stand with my Republican colleagues in Washington today. Thank you to each member who had the courage to stand up to the misrepresentations and distortions about the GOP tax plan and to vote on behalf of hard working American citizens.

Pay no attention the naysayers or the ridiculous bias in the media, and definitely ignore the screeching from elected Democrats, particularly Connecticut's federal delegation. The louder and more vigorous the attacks, the clearer it becomes just how good this bill is.

It is about time Republicans stood on their principles and passed tax reform based on the American ideals of freedom, limited government, and letting people keep more of their own money.

This GOP tax plan will put more money in just about every single person's paycheck, create jobs, and grow the economy. It will also prove, as it did when President Reagan did it, that cutting taxes, making America competitive for industry, encouraging free markets and getting government out of the way is the answer to solving our economic problems and growing our way out of deficits.

Ignore the claims of "tax cuts for the rich." That is pure baloney and the words of anti-freedom, anti-free market, big government, socialists. There are tax cuts for everyone in this plan. It only makes sense that the tax cuts are larger for those who pay more taxes.

This is not about "favors" for rich corporations! It is about America competing on the world stage and creating jobs!

If you are angry that someone else is getting a tax cut, you should think hard about what kind of world you want to live in!

Remember that it is "their" money! - not the governments. Any day that anyone gets to keep more of their own money and prevent the government wasting it or using it to manipulate special interests, it's a good day.

Ignore the foolish and simply wrong view of politics that suggests that somehow there is only one pot of money and if someone has more of it than you, that is why you have less. One thing has absolutely nothing to do with the other!

America is founded on the premise that everyone, every single person, should have the opportunity to achieve greatness, succeed, and become wealthy.

I am thrilled that some people in our federal government still believe in the promise of America and have trust and faith in individual citizens to let them keep their own money and spend it as they see fit.

<https://fairandsimple.gop/>

[Facebook, Mike France, [12/20/17](#)]

The 2017 Republican Tax Bill Benefited Corporations And The Wealthy

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Corporate Tax Cut In The 2017 Republican Tax Bill Cost Roughly \$1 Trillion. “It still amounts to roughly a \$1 trillion tax cut for businesses over the next decade. Republicans argue this will make the economy surge in the coming years, but most independent economists and Wall Street banks predict only a modest and short-lived boost to growth.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

According To Tax Policy Center, In 2018, Households Earning \$1 Million of More Would Receive 16.5 Percent Of Total Benefit Of Changes To Individual Tax Rates. “Put another way, in 2018, households earning \$1 million or more — or, 0.4 percent of all tax filers — would be getting 16.5 percent of the total benefit from the bill.” [NPR, [12/19/17](#)]

- **In 2027, The Top One Percent Would Claim 83 Percent Of The Benefits Of The Bill, And Would See An Average Tax Cut Of \$20,660.** “The rich and ultrarich, by contrast, would continue to see massive tax breaks due to the corporate provisions. The top 1 percent would claim 82.8 percent of the benefit of the bill, and receive an average cut of \$20,660. The top 0.1 percent, the richest of the rich earning \$5.1 million or more a year, would get \$148,260 back on average.” [Vox, [12/18/17](#)]

2019: 99% Of The Top 1% Of Connecticut Taxpayers (Income: \$1.03M+) Were Projected To Receive A Tax Cut Due To The Republican Tax Bill, With An Average Cut Of \$72,440. [CNBC, [12/21/17](#)]

2020: France Tried Three Times To Eliminate The Estate Tax In Connecticut, A Tax Exclusively On Estates Now Valued At More Than \$9.1 Million

France Cosponsored Three Bills To Eliminate The Estate Tax

2020: France Cosponsored Three Bills To Eliminate The Estate Tax. In 2020, France cosponsored three bills with the intent of eliminating the estate tax: HB 5034 (“an act eliminating the estate tax”), HB 5108 (“an act eliminating the estate tax”), and HB 5230 (“an act eliminating the estate and gift taxes”). [Web Archive, Connecticut General Assembly, Bills Sponsored by Mike France, Archived [10/23/20](#)]

The Estate Tax Applied Exclusively To Multimillion Dollar Properties

2020: Connecticut’s Estate Tax Applied To Estates Valued At More Than \$5.1 Million. [Connecticut Office of Legislative Research, [9/2/20](#)]

2021: Connecticut’s Estate Tax Applied To Estates Valued At More Than \$7.1 Million. [Connecticut Office of Legislative Research, [9/2/20](#)]

2022: Connecticut’s Estate Tax Applied To Estates Valued At More Than \$9.1 Million. [Connecticut Office of Legislative Research, [9/2/20](#)]

2023 And Thereafter: Connecticut's Estate Tax Would Apply To Estates Valued At More Than \$11.58 Million. [Connecticut Office of Legislative Research, [9/2/20](#)]

France Embraced The Most Extreme Factions Of The Republican Party

France Was A Strong Trump Supporter Who Opposed Impeachment, Even After The Capitol Insurrection

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France Praised Trump's Comments After The Nazi Rally In Charlottesville, VA.



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Compare [President Donald J. Trump](#) comments on [#Charlottesville](#) with President Obama's comments on [#Ferguson](#). Now compare the POTUS post-comment activity: Ferguson riots vs Charlottesville relative calm. I know which I would prefer if I lived in either town. How soon we forget history and cause & effect. Words matter and POTUS getting it wrong has consequences beyond the [#EchoChamber](#). No matter what President Trump does, it is deemed wrong.

I've said since the election that every action or statement that President Trump made would be stated to be unconstitutional, or it would be the first time any President has ever done it (revolutionary, and not in a good way), or he is only promoting his self-interest (narcissist). What I didn't expect was impeachment talk to surface less than 100 days into his first term.

We have become so used to politics as usual and political correctness that we have simply accepted that Washington DC knows best how we should live our lives and we have become like lost sheep following a shepherd who has lost his way (blind leading the blind). We need to stand up for [#Freedom](#) and stop looking for government to solve all our problems. It would also help if we stopped trying to rewrite history. [#BigGovSucks](#)



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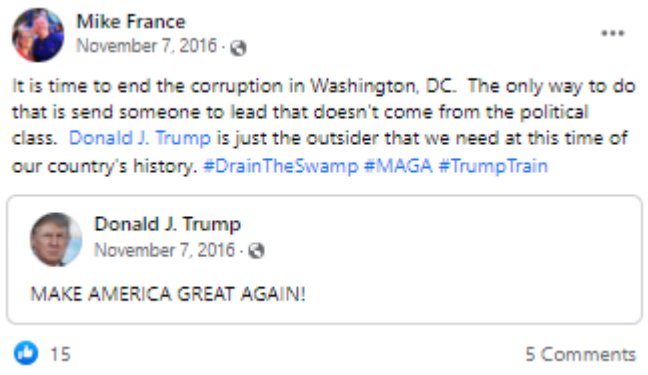
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[Facebook, Mike France, [8/13/17](#)]

2016: France Said He Supported Trump For President Even After He Insulted Khizr Khan, Largely Because He Did Not Trust Hillary Clinton. “Khizr Khan's claim that Trump ‘sacrificed nothing’ for his country prompted the presidential candidate to assert that he has, in fact, ‘made a lot of sacrifices.’ But state Rep. Mike France, a Republican from Ledyard who served two decades of active duty in the U.S. Navy, said civilian leaders from both political parties often fail to fully grasp the sacrifices made by members of the military and their families. ‘Unless you have served or are in the direct family of someone who has served, you can't understand it,” France said. Despite Trump's comments, France said he supports him, largely because he does not trust Clinton.” [Hartford Courant, 8/2/16]

2016: France Said Trump Brought Something New To The Table And Was Able To Act Presidential. “Clinton ‘doesn't bring anything new to the table,’ said Mike France, a Republican state representative from Ledyard. ‘That's what Donald Trump brings.’ France said Trump answered critics who questioned his ability to ‘look presidential’ by remaining calm and even-tempered throughout the 90-minute debate. ‘I think he passed that threshold,’ France said. ‘That was the question on a lot of people's minds.’” [Hartford Courant, 9/28/16]

2016: France: “Donald J. Trump Is Just The Outsider That We Need At This Time Of Our Country’s History.”



[Facebook, Mike France, [11/7/16](#)]

France Said Neither Impeachment Charge Against Donald Trump Had Merit

France Said Neither Of The Two Impeachment Charges Brought Against Donald Trump Had Merit.

“Similarly, our founding fathers said impeachment was a political process, and that’s what we saw. Congress is within its rights to offer the articles of impeachment, hold a trial and vote, and we saw the merits of the case born out both times in the Senate with no conviction. That is part of our constitutional process, and the founding fathers put that in place for reason. I didn’t hear all of the testimony, but to me, it did not appear that there was merit in either impeachment case, and I did not see sufficient evidence to warrant the charges brought, so I think that’s why the Senate voted the way they did.” [Connecticut Examiner, [3/2/21](#)]

- January 2021: In A Bipartisan Vote, Trump Was Impeached For Inciting An Insurrection At The U.S. Capitol.** “President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with ‘incitement of insurrection’ over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office. With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president’s calls for them to ‘fight like hell’ against the election results. Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of a ‘clear and present danger’ if Congress should leave him unchecked before Democrat Joe Biden’s inauguration Jan. 20.” [AP, [1/13/21](#)]

- **December 2019: Trump Was Impeached For Abuse Of Power And Obstruction Of Congress Related To His Solicitation Of Election Assistance From Ukraine.** “The House of Representatives on Wednesday impeached President Trump for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, making him the third president in history to be charged with committing high crimes and misdemeanors and face removal by the Senate. On a day of constitutional consequence and raging partisan tension, the votes on the two articles of impeachment fell largely along party lines, after a bitter debate that stretched into the evening and reflected the deep polarization gripping American politics in the Trump era. Only two Democrats opposed the article on abuse of power, which accused Mr. Trump of corruptly using the levers of government to solicit election assistance from Ukraine in the form of investigations to discredit his Democratic political rivals. Republicans were united in opposition. It passed 230 to 197, with Speaker Nancy Pelosi gaveling the vote to a close from the House rostrum. On the second charge, obstruction of Congress, a third Democrat joined Republicans in opposition. The vote was 229 to 198.” [New York Times, [12/18/19](#)]

France Was Pictured With Ronna McDaniel, Who Spearheaded A Republican Resolution Calling The Capitol Insurrection “Legitimate Political Discourse”

France Was Pictured With Ronna McDaniel. “Thank you Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel for your visit and investment in Connecticut! Your support of the Connecticut Republican Party and Eastern Connecticut will make a significant impact November 8th!”



[Facebook, Mike France for CT2, [3/9/22](#)]

As RNC Chairwoman, Ronna McDaniel Spearheaded An Effort To Censure Reps. Liz Cheney And Adam Kinzinger For Engaging In “A Democrat-Led Persecution Of Ordinary Citizens Who Engaged In Legitimate Political Discourse,” Referring To The Capitol Insurrection On January 6, 2021. “On Feb. 5, the members of the Republican National Committee censured Reps. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., and Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., for sitting on the House Select Committee investigating the breach of the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel told the Washington Post that Cheney and Kinzinger were ‘not sticking up for hard-working Republicans.’ ‘We’ve had two members engage in a Democrat-led persecution of ordinary citizens who engaged in legitimate political discourse.’ McDaniel said Feb. 4.” [PolitiFact, [2/4/22](#)]

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[Facebook, Mike France, [5/29/21](#)]

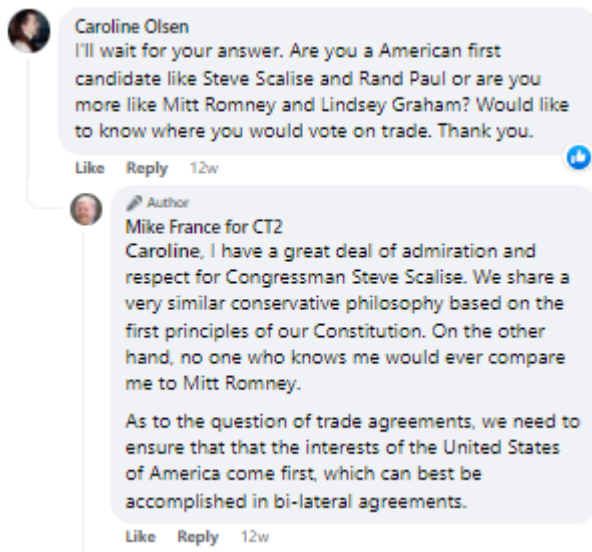
France Was Slated To Speak At A Rally Alongside Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, Though His Name Was Later Removed From The Billing

France Allegedly Agreed To Speak At A Rally Held Alongside Marjorie Taylor Greene, Though His Name Was Later Removed From The Billing. “U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia, an outspoken and controversial conservative, is set to speak at a rally in Plainfield on Oct. 23. The event is called the QCA America First Rally, and it will start at noon at 1221 Norwich Road, Route 12, Plainfield. The Quinebaug Citizens Alliance, a loose political organization, which did not answer a request for comment but did confirm that Greene's visit was still on last week, is hosting the event. [...] State Rep. Mike France, R-Ledyard, originally was listed as an additional speaker for the event in an invitation sent in September, but later versions of the invitation did not carry his name. France is running for Congress against U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2nd District. ‘The Mike France campaign declined the invitation months ago,’ France campaign spokesman Alex Avetoom said of the event. ‘You can’t back out of something you never agreed to be in.’ France and his campaign declined to comment further.

Former state Rep. and Griswold First Selectman Kevin Skulczyck said he has ‘definitely’ been involved with organizing the event. He is the host of a podcast, ‘The Kevin Alan Show.’ The latest event flyer features only Greene, Skulczyck and his podcast host, Kyle Reyes. Skulczyck said he didn’t deal with France directly on why he decided not to participate. But, he said, ‘I can promise you the initial flyer was put together with folks from his organization involved. A commitment was made, and shortly after they asked to be removed.’ ‘I do know that he was on originally, but certainly, he didn’t stay on,’ he added.” [The Day, 10/14/21]

France Praised Rep. Steve Scalise And Distanced Himself From Sen. Mitt Romney

France: “I Have A Great Deal Of Admiration And Respect For Congressman Steve Scalise. [...] On The Other Hand, No One Who Knows Me Would Ever Compare Me To Mitt Romney.”



[Facebook, Mike France for CT2, [12/18/21](#)]

Professional History

France Was An Engineering Manager At Progeny Systems, A Federal Defense Contractor

France Was A Department Of Defense Contractor. “France served in the U.S. Navy for over 20 years and was deployed multiple times to the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf before retiring from the military in 2005. In the private sector, he is a Department of Defense contractor.” [Journal Inquirer, 2/23/21]

France’s Financial Disclosure Showed He Earned \$206,121 In The First Four Months Of 2021 And \$182,089 In CY 2020 At Progeny Systems Corporation.

Source	Type	Amount YTF	Amount Preceding Year (2020)
Progeny Systems Corporation	Salary	\$206,121	\$182,089
State of Connecticut	Salary	\$31,186	\$36,490
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital	Spouse Salary	N/A	N/A
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern CT	Spouse Salary	N/A	N/A

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, Mike France Financial Disclosure for Year 2021, Filed [4/30/21](#)]

Political Career

Election Results

2020: France Won Re-Election With 53.4% Of The Total Vote.

2020 Connecticut General Assembly District 42 Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Matt Geren (D)	5,134	43.33%
Mike France (R)	6,013	50.75%
Mike France (I)	311	2.62%
Matt Geren (Working Families)	294	2.48%
Robert W. Lawrence (Petitioning)	96	0.81%

[Connecticut Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/3/20](#)]

2018: France Won Re-Election With 56.72% Of The Total Vote.

2018 Connecticut General Assembly District 42 Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Elizabeth Schwebel (D)	3,616	40.33%
Mike France (R)	4,810	53.65%
Mike France (I)	275	3.07%
Elizabeth Schwebel (Working Families)	264	2.94%

[Connecticut Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/6/18](#)]

2016: France Won Re-Election, Running Unopposed.

2016 Connecticut General Assembly District 42 Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Mike France (R)	6,489	85.45%
Mike France (I)	1,105	14.55%

[Connecticut Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/8/16](#)]

2014: France Won Election To HD-42 With 55.6% Of The Total Vote.

2014 Connecticut General Assembly District 42 Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Timothy Russell Bowles (D)	2,891	41.1%
Mike France (R)	3,585	50.9%
Mike France (I)	328	4.7%
Timothy Russell Bowles (Working Families)	232	3.3%

[Connecticut Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/4/14](#)]

2012: France Ran To Represent HD-42, Losing With 48.4% Of The Total Vote.

2012 Connecticut General Assembly District 42 Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Timothy Russell Bowles (D)	4,439	48.9%
Timothy Russell Bowles (Working Families)	246	2.7%
Mike France (R)	4,065	44.8%

Mike France (I)	323	3.6%
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[Connecticut Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/6/12](#)]

Campaign Finance

2021: France Raised \$242,228 And Spent \$150,679 For His Campaign For Congress

According to the FEC, France raised \$242,228 in his campaign for Congress through year-end 2021, though \$10,000 of that total was from a candidate loan.

France State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2022 Cycle	Mike France CT2 (CT-02)	\$242,228	\$150,679
	Total:	\$242,228	\$150,679

[FEC, 2021 Year-End Report Amendment, [2/24/22](#)]

France Raised A Total Of \$140,053 Over Five Runs For General Assembly, Though Over \$113,140 Of That Total Was Received Through Public Financing

According to the Connecticut Secretary of State, France raised \$140,053 over his five campaigns for General Assembly, though \$113,140 of that total was received through public financing.

France State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2012	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$32,285	N/A
2014	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$33,551	N/A
2016	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$3,132	N/A
2018	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$33,740	N/A
2020	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$37,345	N/A
	Total:	\$140,053	N/A

[Connecticut Secretary of State, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

NOTE: The above numbers include public financing, which France appears to have taken advantage of for four of his five campaigns for General Assembly. He did not take advantage of public financing for the 2016 election, when he ran unopposed. The below chart shows how much public financing he received per campaign.

France State Public Financing History		
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Public Financing
2012	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$26,850.00
2014	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$27,850.08
2016	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$0
2018	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$27,865.00
2020	Mike France (General Assembly District 42)	\$30,575.03
	Total:	\$113,140.11

[Connecticut Secretary of State, accessed [3/15/22](#)]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

France Has Given \$11,308 To Federal Political Candidates And Committees

According to the Federal Election Commission, France has given \$11,308 to federal political candidates and committees.

France Political Giving History – Federal			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
2014	Connecticut Republican State Central Committee	R	\$371.50
2015-2021	Connecticut Republican Party*	R	\$7,776
2016	Dan Carter (U.S. Senate – CT)	R	\$350
2020	Donald Trump (President)	R	\$580.70
2020	Margaret Streicker (CT-03)	R	\$250
2020-2021	NRCC	R	\$1,230
2021	Dan Crenshaw (TX-02)	R	\$500
2021	Peter Lumaj (U.S. Senate – CT)	R	\$250
		Total	\$11,308.20

NOTE: *\$2,500 from campaign committee

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [3/23/22](#)]

France Has Given \$6,820 To State-Level Political Candidates And Committees

According to the Connecticut Secretary of State, France has given \$6,820 to state-level candidates and committees.

France Political Giving History – State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
9/18/18	Bob Stefanowski (CT Governor)	R	\$100
6/29/21	Bridgeport Republican Town Committee	R	\$250
4/17/20	Carlos for CT (CT Senate – 10)	R	\$270
8/13/21	Carlson For Mayor	R	\$30
8/17/20	Carter 2020 (CT House – 2)	R	\$250
2019-2020	Connecticut Federation of College Republicans	R	\$350
2017-2021	Connecticut Republican Party	R	\$600
9/21/16	Crouch for Senate (CT Senate – 19)	R	\$75
2019	Enfield Republican Town Committee	R	\$150
8/21/20	Espinosa for CT (CT House – 139)	R	\$100
1/25/21	Esses for State Senate (CT Senate – 27)	R	\$270
5/8/20	Ethan Brook for Bridgeport	R	\$100
2021	Fairfield Republican Town Committee	R	\$150
2/25/14	Foley for CT (Governor)	R	\$50
2/26/14	French for Senate 2014 (CT Senate – 29)	R	\$100
1/19/19	GB For Senate (CT Senate – 6)	R	\$100

9/5/19	Groton Republican Town Committee	R	\$50
1/25/18	Hatfield 2018	R	\$100
2019-2020	Hebron Republican Town Committee	R	\$70
2017-2020	House Republican Campaign Committee	R	\$195
8/22/16	Independent Party of CT – State Central	I	\$100
4/17/20	Jameson for CT	R	\$270
4/8/19	Josh 4 Bridgeport	R	\$100
1/23/19	Kat for New London	R	\$100
7/19/19	Killingly Republican Town Committee	R	\$40
7/11/18	Kurt for CT	R	\$100
2/21/20	LaPorta for CT	R	\$250
2020-2021	Ledyard Republican Town Committee	R	\$320
9/27/16	Libero 2016	R	\$100
12/29/16	Lumaj Explore	R	\$100
8/24/18	Make Way for State Rep Holloway 2018	R	\$100
1/19/19	Muska for State Senate 2019	R	\$100
11/23/16	Realtors PAC	NP	\$250
12/1/21	Sampson for CT	R	\$100
4/8/20	Saunders for Senate	R	\$100
5/19/20	Slade for State Senate	R	\$270
6/29/20	Smith for Milford	R	\$100
8/23/21	Stamford Republican Town Committee	R	\$500
8/22/20	Susan Chapman For State Senate	R	\$100
4/25/20	Suzio 2020	R	\$100
5/3/18	Tim for Connecticut 2018 (Governor)	R	\$100
2/24/16	Waterford Republican Town Committee	R	\$40
9/21/21	Westbrook Republican Town Committee	R	\$120
		Total	\$6820.00

[Connecticut Secretary of State, accessed 3/24/22]

Voter Activity

France Was Registered To Vote In Connecticut's 2nd Congressional District

France Was Registered To Vote In Gales Ferry, CT. [VoteBuilder, accessed 3/23/22]

France's Address Was Located In Connecticut's 2nd Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 3/23/22]

2006 – 2021: France Voting History

France Voting History (2006-2021)	
Year	Description

2021	Voted in the municipal election
2020	Voted in the primary and general elections
2019	Voted in the municipal election
2018	Voted in the primary and general elections
2017	Voted in the municipal election
2016	Voted in the presidential primary and general elections
2015	Voted in the municipal election
2014	Voted in the primary and general elections
2013	Voted in the municipal election
2012	Voted in the primary and general elections
2011	Voted in the municipal election
2010	Voted in the general election
2009	Did not vote
2008	Voted in the general election
2007	Voted in the municipal election
2006	Voted in the general election

[VoteBuilder, accessed 3/23/22]

Public Records

Associated Entities

As of March 2022, France was potentially associated with the following entities.

France Associated Entities		
Entity Name	Persons Associated	Years
Department of Social Services/42 nd Assembly District	Mike France (State Representative)	
US Navy	Mike France (EO3)	

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 3/23/22]

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

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of March 2022, France was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 3/23/22]

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

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of March 2022, France is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 3/23/22]

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

Important Note On This Document

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